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Statewide numbers show even division

BOISE - Magic Valley people problem a statewide sales tax create more than any other laho region, according to a poll

Valoria VI.V. oppose tax hike

conducted between Nov. 11 and Dec. 13 - found Idaho residents nearly evenly divided over a sales tax increase. Survey parties the state experienced a major revenue shortfall next fiscal year, would you be in favor of or opposed to a 1-cent sales tax increase?

favor and 47.4 percent opposed, while 2.6 percent either did not know or said it depended on how the increase was sused.

Regionally, opposition to a salest ax increase was heaviest in the Magic Valley, where 57 percent opposed it. Meanwhile, 57 percent of posed it. Meanwhile, 57 percent of an increase, the highest of any region in the state.

The 14th annual Idaho Public

Policy Survey polled 530 Idah adults. The margin for error i plus or minus 4 percent. The Boise State Social Science Boise State Social Science Research Center supervised the polling, which cost 59,100 and was purchased with non-general fund money. Idaho faces a \$160 million shortfall in the 2003-04 fiscal

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CSI officials lobby for governor's budget plan

BOISE - While only 30 percent of students in community colleges across the country rely on acholarships, 55 percent of College of Southern Idaho students do.



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Thursday, Gov. Dirk Kempthome prosed an extra Si million in his 2004 budget for idaho college students needing financial aid. CSI President Jerry Si molitor in uncheon that the money is sorely needed and would be greatly appreciated at CSI.

Meyerhoeffer also pointed out to lawnakers that one out of fire students have seen money of the college students are seen consumity colleges national depend upon 10 and 1

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microtic currently in the financial aid office at the College of Southern Idaho. Ruft Calderon is a billin tion student at the college and one of many CSI students who rely on student loans, grants and s ho. Ruth Calderon is a bilingual educa

High-tech solutions help in **blazes**

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TWIN FALLS - Shaving the fire department's response times to some of the more solated sections of Twin Falls could be as simple so rigging the city's stophilits with electronic devices, irrelight resisted Monday.

The fire department's responsition to most areas in the city is 540 or less, said I win Falls I in 540 or less, said I win Falls I in 640 capps. To other areas - especially continuous to the city's area of impact - the tesponse time that of the continuous and in the northeast and west edges of town or the city's area of impact - the tesponse time that are in the city of the city of

its when responding to calls, he said.

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SOLUTIONS

California looks into drinking.

sea water

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LOS ANGELES - California's epic quest for water, made more pressing by a Western drought and a cutback in the Colorado River supply, is turning toward what many see as an obvious source: the Pacific Ocean.

For the most part, desalination has long been prohibitively expensive as a source of drinking demand, dwindling supply, and new technology that makes it cheaper to take the salt out of sea water are changing the economics of desalination.

"It is expensive, but it's not something of the other world anymore," said Adan Ortega, a synchronic property of the property of the property of the control of the property of the control of the property of

lion customers.

The MWD is approving plans to subsidise five desalination

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Experts examine tablet that echoes Bible passage

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2000 over who would be socieign there.

The origin of the stone tablet is
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establish authenticity.

The Israeli daily Haarett on
Monday quoted an unidentified
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in recent years, during renovations carried out by the Muslim
administrators of the mosque
compound known to Muslims as
the Haram as-Sharif, or Noble



at a Jerusalem archeological insti-tute Monday. Israeli geologists said Monday that they have examined the stone tablet detailing repair plaps for the Jewish Temple of King Solomon that, if authenticated, would be a rare piece of physical evidence con

Sanctuary, and to Jews as the Temple Mount. From there, it reached a major antiquities collector in Jerusalem, Haarett said. The Holy Land has a thriving trade in antiquities, often operating on the edge of the law.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Rain showers, possibly mixing with a little's breezy at times. Highs in the upper 30s to near 40 Tonight: A few more snow showers, otherwise con

rrow: Decreasing clouds and cooler. Highs in the

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Rain showers with even a snow flake or two toward evening. Highs in the 40s.

Tonight: Light snow showers, otherwise cloudy. Lows in the

orrow: Cooler with a felt-over flurry or two. Highs near







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White House says energy assistance wouldn't reward N. Korea's attitude

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R also asserted that quick and
verifiable action was required
from North Korea before any
would be taken by the United
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"North Korea wants to take the world through its blackmail playbook, and we won't play." White House press secretary Art Eleischer and. The communist country withdrew from the landmark Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty Lat week and has threatened to resume long range missile tests and to begin reprocessing spent fuel rock from its nuclear reactor to make atomack bomb. An American envoy meeting in Sexul, South Korea, responding to the exalating situation by saying the United States is willing to consider energy aid - if Pyungyang ends nuclear weapons development

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Continued from AL one comes after about a year of research. The study was a routine check and revealed no significant problems, Courtney said.

The council on Monday took no action regarding the fire department's report, which Capps said was purely informational.

But winething might need to be done in the next few years to help shave tresponse times to the outlying areas and other places as the city's population grows, Capps said.

said.

He and Twin Falls Fire Chief Ron Clark presented the council with a few options. The most expensive would be to open an entirely new fire stanon - bringing the city's total number of stations

With the costs of new vehicles figured in, that could cost nearly \$1 million, Capps said, and the annual payroll for another station could nin as high as \$500,000.

Another option would be to move the department's No. 2 sta-tion – which now is near the inter-

section of Falls Avenue and Blue Lakes Boulevard – to a better location, possible farther east, Capps said. That would probably cost at least several hundred thousands oldlars, Capps and Clark said.

But adding signal light controls to stoplights and fire engines would cost far less, Capps said. Such controls allow fire truck drivers approaching intersections to turn the lights red in every direction except those they are coming from, he said. That could save a lot of time over the estimated 12 seconds it takes a truck to otherwise go safely though an intersection.

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The department would need signals in a minimum of five vehicles and at 15 intersections with stoplights. That would cost about \$48,000, be said. To install the system of the stopling of the said of the stopling of the

Animal shelter

form a seven-member city animal shelter advisory committee. That committee will be similar in scope and operated by the similar in scope and operated six such as the sirport board.

One of the new committee's first tasks will probably be to help plan and build a new animal shelter. How the shelter should be run has been a matter of contention hetween the People for Pets organization – which runs the current shelter – and the Sheena Foundation, a Filer-based animal adoption group.

Forming the commission is a good idea, said Bob Powers, the director of the Sheena Foundation. But care should be taken to make sure the committee represents a variety of interests, including Twin Falls County residents, Powers said. The county contributes much of the animal shelter's budget, he said.

Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow said the city will soon send out a call for applicants, but there's not yet a target date for getting the

animal shelter committee up and

amma shelfer committee up and running. In other business, the council voted to award Riedesel and Associates of Twin Falls the engi-neering contracts for three upcom-ing projects at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. They include:

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• New security measures, willch will include better lighting and a perimeter fence – a \$181,639 con-

will include better lighting and a perimeter fence – a \$181,639 cm ract.

*A \$14,700 contract to engineer the installation of two 10,000 gallon water storage tanks for a Bureau of Land Management fire-fighting aircraft base at the aircraft

Times-News reporter Mark Henra in be reached at 735-3238 or by e-ail at mheinz@magicvalley.com.

In another matter, the City Council voted unanimously to

CSI.

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But Meyerhoeffer reminded Majge Valley lawnakers that Dell Computer Corp. came to Twin Falls largely because of what CSI offered the company in terms of training. The company employs more than 700 workers and will have a \$20 million payroll when it wat capacity. It has also contributed to an exceptionally low memployment rate in Twin Falls, Meyerboeffer said. Kempthorne recommended a 4-4 percent increase over last vear's budget for CSI.

Meyerboeffer said Kempthorne recommended a 4.4 percent increase over last year's budget for CSI. Meyerboeffer explained that two-thurds of that increase is payments due to the college for increased

enrollment. Duggan said the college, which had more than 7,000 students last semester, is expecting a 4 or 5 percent increase in enrollment for sectond semestry, though the final figures haven't been added up yet.

"This is only a maintenance budget," Duggan emphasized. "It does not include any money for salary raises.

Lastmakers in general have said colleges and universities took with 10 to 12 percent of the 10 percent had budget holdbacks. Rep. Leon Smith, R.Twin Falls, said CSI secerces the 4.4 percent increase.

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said CSI desertion ... increase. "It would help them get through

this bad situation," Smith said.

It remains to be seen if conservative Mapic Valley lawmakers will go along with Kempthome's recommendation to issue bonds for construction of new buildings on every college campus in the state. CSI officials said they realize it is a new direction for the state, which has traditionally build when it had spare cash.
"Idaho has never been futuristic about bonding for state buildings, that has a law as been a "pay as you go' state," Duggan said. "But we're boping (the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee) will go along with the governor's wishes."

Kempthorne's plan includes \$5.4 million to help expand CSI's Fine Arts Building.

CORRECTION -

Canal company meeting begins at 9 this morning

Degris at 9 this morning
An meeting item in Monday's
This Week at CSI" schedule listed the incorrect time for today's
Twin Falls Canal Co. annus
shareholders meeting
The meeting runs from 9 a.m. to
noon at the College of Southern
The Itemes News regrets the
error.

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school.

The said the nation can "renew the American dream ... if our install are ready to lead, willing to flight for the American people and able to rise above purthean politics to put our inputty first."

country first."

"I'm ready to protect their security, to revive their economy and to uphold their values," he said.

"And to uphold their values," he said.

" Lieberman, a 60-year-old cen-said, on campaigned against violent images in the media and wais a strong supporter of the Gulf War. He has remained and wais a strong supporter of the Gulf War. He has remained and advocate of removing Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, and was teavily involved in homeland Jacurity and corporate accountability leglatation.

While serving as Connecticut attorney general, he became known as a crusader for consumers. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1988, beating Republican incumbent Lowell P. Weicker by about 10,000 votes. Lieberman told the crowd at Stamford High – where he gradu-

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John Edwards are running.
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About two dozen to stand out
in the Democratic prinary. The
president looks forward to welcoming whoever wants to run.
About two dozen protesters
gathered outside the school
Monday.
"I do not support Lieberman's
politics. He's too supportive of
war," said Richard Lion of
Hartford, a member of the
Libertarian Party.
Lieberman, the first Jew on a
major-party presidential ticket,
was not widely known before
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Her refused to campaign on
Saturdays, the Jewish Sabbath,
although he would work or cast
votes if necessary.

Pentagon discounts plan to restart military draft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to head off a proposal to reinistate the military, draft, the Pentagon Monday disputed charges that blacks and poorer Americans bear an unfair burden in fighling the country's wars.

"Contrary to myth, data show that the enlisted force is quite representative of the civillan population," the Defense Department said in an 11-page Defense Defens

Congress would be less likely to support war against Saddam Hussein if their children were the ones to be put in harm's way. He said late last month that military service should be a "shared sacrifice" asked of all able young Americans and that minorities make up a "disproportionate number" of troops. The Pentagon countered Monday that while blacks make up 20 percent of enlistees and only 12 to 14 percent of the general recruit-age population, there tends to be fewer in combat jobs. They make up only 15 percent of the combat force, while accounting for 36 percent of support and administration and 27 percent of medical and dental positions, the Pentagon said, citing a 1999 report.

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ated in 1960 – that he intends "to
talk straight to the American people and to show them that I am a
different kind of Democrat."
"I will not hesistate to tell my
riends when they are wrong and
to agree with my opponents when
they are right."

Lieberman had stressed since 2000 that if Gore ran again, he would not. However, Gore announced in December that he

would not run. He joins a crowded field. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Missouri Rep. Dick Media consortium will end vote-counting service

NEW YORK (AP) – Six major news organizations announced Monday they are disbanding Voter News Service, the consortium they had built to count rotes and conduct surveys on Election Day. The decision follows two major election-night fallures in a row by VNS.

Given the expense of mounting auch operations on their own, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox News Ghannel and The Associated Gress said they were considering atther options for sharing vote-counts and exit poll surveys.

But it will no longer be VNS.

an operation led by Ted Savaglio, a former CBS News producer.

In November 2000, flawed information from VMS twice led television networks to incorrectly declare a winner in the presidential race in Florida, the state that proved to be key to the outcome. The results there weren't determined until weeks later after recounts and a court battle that was resolved by the U.S. Supreme Court in favor of George W. Bush over Al Gore.

Following that embarrassment, VNS contracted with Battelle Memorial Institute, an Ohio-

based research company, to rebuild its system. But in the 2002 election, VNS was unable to provide its members and other clients with results from exit poll surveys. This material is used to help make projections of winners and to supplement the vote count with an analysis of why people toted as they did.

The dissolution of VNS means that the system Battelle was building will not be completed, according to a network executive who spoke on condition of anonymity.

anonymity.
Voter News Service formed in

1993, merging separate companies that counted votes and conducted exit polls. Networks were looking to work together to cut costs - pressures that are just as acute today.

The news organizations are considering entrusting the election night vote count to the AP, which has long conducted its own vote count separate from VNs, the network source saft Relying in part on its own numbers, the AP was the only consurtium member not to declare Bush the winner in Florida early in the morraing after the 2000 election.



Cash-strapped states plan Medicaid cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) - States
'facing tight budgets and growing
Medicaid costs are cutting hack
on prescription drugs and dental
'three while increasing co-payments for people who use the
program, an independent study
released Monday says.

The study found that 49 states
and the District of Columbia
thave cut spending this year on
Medicaid, the health insurance
program that serves 42 million
poor, disabled and elderly
Americans.

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That includes 32 states that made cuts when the fiscal year began last summer and have found it necessary to cut yet again.

"For most states, there aren't any easy solutions left," said Diane Rowland, executive director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, which released the study.

Based on a 50-state survey, her group found that 45 states plan ughter controls on payments for prescription drugs, 37 states plan to reduce or freeze payments to doctors and hospitals, 27 states plan to restrict eligibility for the program, 25 states plan to cut benefits such as dental or vision

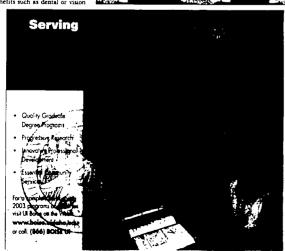
care and 17 states plan to increase copayments required of beneficiaries.

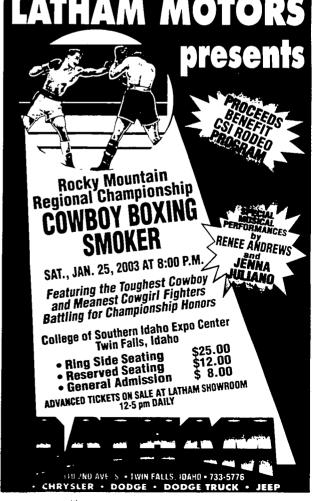
That's on top of similar cuts made last year.

On average, Medicaid spending is projected to grow by 9 percent thus year, almost twice as fast as the property of t

least 560 billion going into the next fixed year. Medicaid makes up an average of 15 percent of state budgets. Legislation introduced last week would provide 510 billion immediately to help states with Medicaid cost A similar bill, sponsared by Sens. Susan Collins, RMaine, and Jay Rockefeller, D. W.Va., was approved easily last year by the Senate but never passed the flowe.







Inspectors say they need months in the

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Top weapons inspectors said Monday they need months to search for Iraq's weapons of mass destruction but getting that time may depend on whether Iraq provides new evidence about its nuclear, chemical and biological programs.

grams.

Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix said Iraq must answer outstanding questions about its weapons programs or may face the possi-

ing questions or may face the programs or may face the programs or may face the politic of war.

Blix said he and Mohamed ElBaradei, directorgeneral of the International Atomic Energy Agency, will deliver this message to the Iraqi government when they visit Baghdad on Sunday and Monday.

"I think they only need look and their borders and they wand their borders and they mand their borders are the borders and they mand their borders are the borders and the borders are the borders are the borders and the borders are the borders are the borders and the borders are the borders are the borders and the borders are the border

they visit Baghdad on Sunday and Monday.

"I think they only need look around their borders and they should realize the scriousness." Blix said in interview with Associated Press Television News, alluding to the huge U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf and neighboring Kuwait.
"We would hope... for a peaceful solution to this, and that mspection can provide that," he said. "I think also what the show of force demonstrates to Iraq is that here is the other alternative."

that here is the other alterna-tive."

"We are perhaps 250 or 300 people on the inspection side. We cost about 280 million a year. If you take the armed path, you are talking about 5100 billion, you're talking about 250,000 men, you're talking about a lot of people killed and injured, a lot of damage. So I think the whole world prefers a peaceful solution if you can have one that is credible," Blix said.

He said those seeking peace include President Bush and



British Prime Minister Tony

Blair said Monday that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein can still peacefully end the standoff over weapons of mass destruction, but warned that he will be disarmed by force if he does not. Blix and ElBaradei reiterated Iraq's 12,000-page weapons declaration didn't contain any new evidence and although Iraq has cooperated in providing access to sites, it hasn't provided the infor-

mation inspectors need to verify its claim that it has no banned weapons and long-range missiles to deliver them.

"There are a great many open questions as to their possession of weapons of mass destruction and the Security Council and the world would like to be assured that these questions be sorted out," Blix said.

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that these questions so arrived out," Blix said. ElBaradei, in Paris for meet-ings with top French officials, said his inspectors "still need a

few months to achieve our mis-sion" but the time frame will depend on Baghdad's willing-ness to supply documents, allow U.N. inspectors to interview Iraqi scientists and show physi-cal evidence of what facilities

cal evidence of what facilities and weapons have been destroyed.

The international community, he said, is "getting impatient that after 11 years, we have not yet brought to a closure this file about Iraq's disarmament.



SOURCE: Associated Press

Drinking

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up to 7 percent of MWD's customers by 2007.
"Even though it only represents a small portion of the water
we use, it's an additional supply."
MWD chairman Phillip Pace said.
"It's something everyone has an
interest in."

MWD chairman Phillip Pace said.
"It's something everyone has an interest in."

The MWD tentatively approved the proposals in December and expects construction to begin by 2005, pending environmental reviews. The fire plants are expected to cost between \$70 million and \$300 million each.

Elsewhere around the nation, a plant in Florida's Tampa Baylant is scheduled to open this month, with a second one in the works. Texas is researching desalination sites, while land-locked New Mexico wants to produce drinking water by wringing salt from its brackish underground water.

Critics say that desalination remains too expensive, in large part because of the power required to run the plants, and that the process damages the environment.

environment.

For every two gallons of water filtered, one gallon of drinking water is produced. The highly concentrated salt water goes back to the sea. In heavy concentrations, that brine can kill small sea creatures, according to the California Coastal Commission.

Scientists are still studying its effects on dolphins and other mammals.

Supporters, however, say desalination is a crucial part of California's search for new sources of water.

The state's population is expected to grow by 6 million by 2010. Also, earlier this month, the federal government rolled back the amount of water California can drew from the Colorado River, which is shared by six other Western states.

The basic process of metric political science professor and water expert at the University of California at San Diego. "The future is recycling and desalination" is not new. Salt water is pumped through filters under high pressure, squeezing out minerals. Israel and Kuwait have relied on desalination for decades, as have military vessels and cruise ships.

More than a doren small plants were built along California's coast during the early 1990s when the state faced its last drought, but most were for industry. Nearly all were shut down or dismantled because of high operating costs and because water agencies found cheaper water elsewhere.

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year. Kempthorne last week proposed a 1.5-cent sales tax
increase, effective May 1.
Sen. Clint Stennett, DKetchum, said Monday a majority
of constituents who have called
him since the governor
announced his plan are from
Gooding County, and they do not
want an increase in the sales tax.
He said about 70 percent of those
contacting him oppose a tax
increase.
Rep Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls,
said from his perspective there
would likely have to be a compromise of a smaller tax increase of
some sort coupled with more curs
in government.

Asked the open question, "In your opinion, what is the single most important problem facing Idaho todays" 24 percent of the expondents said education. The economy was second highest at 22 percent, and a whopping 73 percent said funding for education should be increased for public schools, while 60 percent said oliges and universities should get a boost.

House Education Committee

The survey also addressed the death penalty. While 80 percent of respondents seemed to accept that the death penalty is an appropriate punishment for capital murder cases, they were evenly split on whether there should be a moratorium while issues of administration.

istrative fairness are sorred out.

Answers to the questions regarding the death penalty seem to contradict each other, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Denton Darrington said. While 80 percent of the respondents support the death penalty, about half want to see it delayed until there is some assurance of fairness and accuracy.

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is some assurance of fairness and accuracy,
"I was real surprised that the two didn't match up," said Darrington, who is sponsoring legislation that would restore Idaho's death penalty, making it conform to a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision. Idaho has 21 inmates waiting on death row.

The Declo Republican acknowledged that outgoing Illinois Republican Gox. George Ryan gunted clementy to everyone on that state's death row last week, exiting problems with trials, sentencing, the appeals process and Illinois "spectacular failure" to reform a system that has conformed innocent ment of cemmed innocent ment of cemmed innocent ment of cemmed innocent ment of cemmed innocent ment of uncert ment of the conformation of the

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Senate Majority leader Bart
Davis, and Idaho Falls attorney,
said the survey results do not necessarily mean the respondents
have a muddled view.
"I think it means Idahoans
want to make sure they do not
execute innocent people," he
said.

want to make suice surgery execute innocent people," he said.

Preliminary results of the survey released Monday also indicate a shift as Idaho residents view the federal government in a more favorable light than they have in the past.

Boise State political science professor Jim Weatherby said the indiging that more Idahoans trust the federal government was perhaps the most significant revelation of this year's results.

"I think you can attribute that to the fact that in this state, Republicans are more comfortable with the Republican administration than the hated Clintons," Weatherby said.

in government.

The key issue that will deedle whether legislators raise taxes is characton. Stennett said.

"Education is the operative word," he said "Once people see we've got to make a choice, there will be a choice for some sort of revenue enhancement."

Education was clearly on the minds of ladho residents, according to the ISU survey results.

House Education Committee

House Education Committee Chairman Fred Tilman of Boise said the survey doesn't heip him from a policy-making perspective. "What is the quality of the peo-ple coming out of the system, that's what's important," Tilman said. "And how does spending relate to student performance?"

Other issues

biblical text."
Several other inscriptions excavated in recent years refer to characters or events from the Bible. A stone inscription found in northern Israel includes the phrase "house of David." Most experts consider this to be the first ancient writing outside the Bible that refers to King David or the Davidic line of kings, which has corroborated the basic history of the Hebrew Scriptures.

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The sandstone tablet has a 15-line inscription in ancient Hebrew that resembles descriptors in Kings II, 12-16, 11-17, said Israel's Geological Survey, which examined the arrifact. The words refer to King Joash, who ruled the area 2800 years ago.

In it, the king rells priests to take "holy money... to buy quarry stones and limber and copper and labor to carry out the duty with faith." If the work is completed well, "the Lord will protect his people with blessing," reads the last sentence of the inscription.

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Gabriel Barkai, a hiblical archaeologist, said the collector archaeologist, said the collector asked the Israel Museum to determine the authenticity of the inscription and was told the museum's experts could not rule out a forgery. The Israel Museum declined comment Monday the tablet to Israel's Geological Institute, whose experts studied it over the past year. Your findings show that it is authentic, said Slimon Ham, who performed geological tests on the inscription. Carbon dating confirms the writing goes back to the 9th century B.C., he said.

In the outer layer, Ilani and his colleagues found microscopic flecks of gold that could have been burnt into the stone when a building containing both the board and of gold of the control of the stone of the side of gold of the tould have been burnt into the stone when a building containing both the

This could mean the tablet was actually part of Solomon's Temple, which was destroyed by

the Babylonians in 586 B.C., said Amos Bean, director of the insti-

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"These specks of gold are not natural material, but a sign of human activity," said Bean. They could be from gold-plated objects in the home of a very rich man, or a temple. ... It's hard to believe that anyone would know how to do these things to make it look real."

The stone itself was probably

from the Dead Sea area and was originally whiter than its current dark gray, Bean said.

Hershel Shanks, editor of the Washington-based Biblicial Archaeology Review, said the tablet, if authentic, would be "visual, tactile evidence that reaches across 2,800 years."

Barkai said the inscription's resemblance to biblical passages whas far-reaching implications of the historical importance of the

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Sagittarius regains sense of direction, finds answers

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
Power play! You get your way
and the authority to do things

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your way. Focus on organization, recognition of priorities, Relationship intensifies, could lead to partnership or marriage. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Offer to travel to foreign nation is legitimate; give it serious thought. You will gain added recognition and could be "madly in love." If married, love spark will reignite. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do things "differently." Add your personal touch, express yourself freely, in and out of love. You will encounter a Leo who fascinates you with knowledge of astrology.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You regain sense of direction. Tonight you will know where you are going and why. Partnership and marriage emphasized. If you meditate, answers will come from within.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Good news received concerning employment, health. People want to be with you, and some will wine and dine you. Express humor, laugh at your own foibles. Gemini will play fantastic role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Rewrite, review and tear down in order to rebuild. You are on solid ground despite what others might indicate. Make intelligent concessions without abandoning principles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will be participating in sale or purchase of property. Get commitments in writing. Fiirtation is getting hot and heavy; if not serious, it might be best move on.

Tearing up wedding dress means divorce for Balantas

Q. Didn't dinosaurs stick to

mild climates?

A. Evidently not. Their bones have been found on Alaska's North Slope. There's no place on earth anybody can say dinosaurs eren't. Q. What are the three most



Q. What are the three most common order, of U.S. newspapers?
A. News, Times and Herald.
Q. Don't hippos fight by butting beads?
A. No, sir, two males, facing oppositely, stand side by side. Each has two huge canine teeth in the lower jaw. Each swings its bead, jabbing a tooth in its opponent's flank. The bloodbattle is seldom fatal. Loser is opponent's flank. The bloody battle is seldom fatal. Loser is whichever sidesteps out of

range.

How a wife in Africa's

Balanta tribe gets a divorce

these days I do not know, but not so long ago she could do that thing merely by tearing up her wedding dress.





1.09 ANGELSE (AF). NEC's Ted," a fruchy will they orwidthey tango between lovelors Ed and his would be flame, gained depth this season with the addition of Daryl 'Chill' Mitchell.

He plays Ell, a bowling alley manager who is a paraplegic. The actor ("Gallaxy Quest," Veronica's Closer! was left paralyzed and in a wheelchair after a 2001 motorcycle accident. His character combines a breezy confidence with unavoidable vulnerability, all the more touching because we know Mitchell understands him.

Now, a twist in another actor's

Mow, a twist in another actor's life has brought "Ed" (7 p.m. MST Wednesday) another chance to feature an unusual and unusually well-realized character.

acter.
Michael Genadry knew he was facing a crisis - at 5-foot-9, he was pushing 500 pounds.
Recognizing that his health was at risk, the 24-year-old actor chose to undergo gastric bypass surgery.

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What's happened in life is being reflected in drama. A supporting player on "Ed" since its 2000 debut, Genadry - and his battle with obesity - were pushed center stage when producers decided to put his character through surgery as well.
Mark, the smart-aleck high school student played by Genadry, was confronted by friends in a Dec. 11 episode about his weight. In one brave scene, he pulled off his shirt for an unflinching look in the mirror.

subsequent episodes are tracking Mark's preparation for the surgery and its aftermath. Genadry himself had the operation Sept. 18

to Sept. 18. "The situation kind of forced itself," said "Ed" executive producer Jon Beckerman. "An actor cells you he's going to have a procedure that causes a dramatic change in his appearance, you're going to have to deal with it in some way.

"We didn't want to Ignore it or tell viewers he did this from Weight Watchers or cutting out the chips. It felt dishonest," Beckerman said, adding: "The



Actor Michael Genadry poses in this undated publicity photo. Genadry, a sup-porting actor in the NBC series 'Ed,' underwent gastric bypass in mid-September 2002.

September 2002.
guy really did this thing, so why tell any other story than the one we had?"

The series' producers, including Rob Burnett and David Letterman (Letterman's Worldwide Pants Inc. is one of the companies behind "Ed"), were careful to depict the procedure's pros and cons.

There are surgical risks and optential side effects, and life after the stomach is reduced in size requires a careful and disciplined approach to eating. Doctors are divided over the procedure, Beckerman said.

Genadry armed himself with information before making a decision. His father, also obese, shared his own research into the

shared his own research into the surgery, while the producers of

"Ed" put the actor in touch with

"Ed" put the actor in touch with physicians.
"The more I looked at it, the more I realized this is probably the last chance I have left." Genadry said. "I wasn't having major health problems but I have a history of diabetes and heart disease on both sides of my famly."
(Both Genadry's father and the actor who plays his dad in "Ed" have since undergone the procedure, in which the stomach is reduced to a small pouch and attached to the small intestine. The surgery gained increased attention after singer Carnie Wilson underwent it in 1999.)
Genadry also thought hard about seeing a version of his story unfold on "Ed."

us actor's real-life struggle

"Dm not the kind of person who likes to have anything to hide," the affable actor said in a phone interview from his home in Ossining, N.Y., near the show's New Jersey set. But he was concerned about being "defined by the surgery."
"I'm an actor first and a shrinking person second. I was really worried about how they (the producers) would handle it, and I thought between the publicity and writing it into the show it would be too much.
"But after talking to Rob and Jon, I realize if there was anyone who could handle it correctly, these guys would do it," Genadry said.
The confident, bright Mark never was merely a stereotype on "Ed." Genadry said that when he auditioned for characters in other projects, "fat was always associated with stupid. It was kind of upsetting."
His operation went smoothly and the few problems he's had involve adapting to his new regimen – four to five small meals per day. From his high of 473 pounds, he was down to 374 by the end of December. His target weight, which he expects to reach in a year or so, is 240 pounds.
"It's a funny feeling at this."

pounds.
"It's a funny feeling at this point. ... I look deflated, that's the way I put it," he said wryly.
Genadry realized that becoming thinner would increase the

ing thinner would increase the competition for acting jobs. "You have a worry or two, but eventually you have to realize it's not about your career or anything like that. It's about you."

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He's gained resolve from working with Mitchell, sho displays what Genadry calls "true hravery. He handles eventhing he's been through in such a positive high. He can't help but be an inspiration."

Unquestionably, the series has gained a creative spark from the two sparks of the particular of the spark of the mental without fear of heing labeled "cheesy or corny," Beckerman said without fear of heing labeled "cheesy or corny," Beckerman said.

said "Whatever those criticisms might be, they just wouldn't even bother me. Ed say. This is a real gay and I've been injusted by him. The same goes with Michael. There's something empowering about the fact this is really happening."

Woman wanting marriage wastes her time in affair

DEAR ABBY: I must respond to "I've Got a Secret in Texas." She's the woman who has been dating a married man for seven jears and hopes he will leave his wife for her, despite the fact that he told her he won't because of his children. She asked if she should "sit tight and wair." She has already wasted seven years of her life. I hope she doesn't waste any more. She needs to get her act together and dump that bum. If she ever is unlucky enough to marry him, he will turn around, meet another woman and tell her the same les. Ife's using his kids as an excuse. I het when they find out what he's up to, they'll be glad to get nid of him, too. My kids certainly were.

—SPEAKING FROM
EXPERIENCE IN INDIANA
DEAR SPEAKING: It is sad hat some women are so guilbile and needy they believe only what they are told, refusing to recognize that their lover's words do not match his actions. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: That "Texas" woman is wasting her time. My dad cheated on my mother for most of their married life. He and



his girlfriend dated for years. She had two children with him while he and Mom were still married. When Mom died, Dad didn't marry the girlfriend. Instead, he began dating other women. Dad is dead now. The girlfriend never married.

Please urge "I've Got a Secret" to kick lover boy to the curb and get on with her life.

life. - DAPHNE IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR DAPHNE: I said it dif-ferently. I told her not to hold her breath because he seemed to like things as they are. Several other readers shared similar stories.

DEAR ABBY: Please wake that foolish woman up. She is only hurtung herself. She's addited to the excitement of the secret affair. Hers is a fantasy relationship, not a real one. It is very easy to maintain romance on a part-time basis. When the affair becomes public, the pain and the shame involved are never worth the excitement.

I hope she does the right thing for herself, her child and his children. It's time for her to end the affair and look for a real partner. Ispeak from experience.

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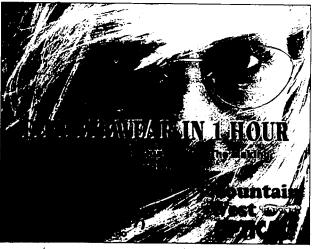
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DEAR RECOVERING: 1, 100, hope she finds the strength to do, hope she finds the strength to do the right thing. If my mail is any indication, she's fighting a losing battle. Even if she should beat the odds and "win" - because of the children, her husband would

always be fied to the woman he betrayed

DEAR ABBY: Our son's home married in June. We are now in the process of preparing the guest list. Two of our close relatives live in musing homes and do not get out to visit animote. One is a dear aunt, the other is the groom's uncle.

Should we send them invariance? Should we send them invariance? We would like to, but we're affand it would appear we're asking for a gift.

EAR UNDECIDED: Instead of sending them invitations, send a card or charty letter bringing them invitations, send a card or charty letter bringing the relatives up-trodate on what's happening in your family and an animancement after the wedding so they remain "in the loop." That way, they can share in your joy without feeling obligated in any way.



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Simpson needs to keep an eye on big spending

ongressman Mike Simpson's new seat on the much-covet-ed House Appropriations Committee may excite some Idahoans, who are eager to pick juicier fruits from the federal yunyum tree.
That, however, shouldn't be the case. The Idaho resental Republican's promotion to Our view: As a new Appropriations

Appropriations means an opportunity for the third-term control for member of the House Appropriations. Committee, Rep. Mike Simpson should protect taxpavers first, and Idaho's needs second What do you think?

his political skill

cant reward for his political skill and others and diligence. Idaho has not had a House Appropriations member since Burley's Henry C. Dworshak in the 1940s. With Larry Craig already a member of the Senate appropriations panel, Idaho's clout in top committees is growing.

The House Appropriations Committee approves much of the government's discretionary spending – usually about \$600 billion annually, a third of the total budget. Simpson will be one of only 35 GOP members.

Unfortunately, both the House and Senate appropriation committees can be havens

for pork-barrel politics. Members too often deliver unnecessary bacon to their home states at the expense of

home states at the expense of American taxpayers.
Simpson should take a stand against the perennial pork binge. It's tempting to be a sugar daddy for your own constituents. What's rare is a representative who critically assesses his expensed to the property of the prope

As a new home state's needs - and dismisses the wants. S i m ps o n already acknowledged this. Sometimes you have to say no to your own constitute in the plague of pork. The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory has certainly garnered its share of government spending over the years. But Idaho isn't a pork poster child in the manner of Alaska, Hawaii, West Virginia or the new prize piglet. South Dakota.

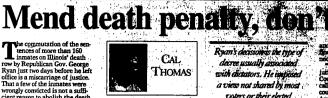
To serve effectively on Appropriations, Simpson needs to focus first on regulating Uncle Sam's consumption of taxpayer money. Then he

derers. The flaws can be fixed without eliminating the death penalty.

Incoming Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich was right when he called Ryan's blanket clemency "a big mistake." Blagojevich said these cases should have been considered individually, because, "You're talking about people who have committed murder." Among those spared a death sentence are a man and woman who murdered a pregnant woman, her 10-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son. They also cut the baby, who survived, from the woman's womb. If the notion of "just deserts" ever matters, it should matter in this case. Depriving people of liberty who have deprived others of their right to live is not equal justice under the law.

Ryan's decision is the type of decree usually associated with dictators. He imposed a view not shared by most voters or their elected representatives. Four of hove spared were pardoned. Cook County State's Attorneys block Devine said their cases!

The commutation of the sentence of more than 180 immates on Illinois' death now by Republican Gov. George Ryan just two days before he left of the sentence of



"they were ripped away from (the courts) by a man who is a pharmacist by training and a politician by trade. Yes, the sys tem is broken and the governor broke it today."

politician by trade. Yes, the system is broken and the governor broke it today."

Groups opposed to the death penalty want to convince the public that the state is executing innocent people who might be exonerated if there was more time to investigate their cases. This sounds reasonable until the facts are examined.

Death-penalty opponents claim there is a 68 percent "error rate" in capital cases. They base this on a case the control of the control of

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Thus, the most important error rate - the rate of mistaken executions - is zero."

Death penalty opponents, like Ryan, frequently point to the number of murder convictions overturned by appeals courts as evidence of the system's unfairness. A 1995 study by the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation looked at cases where the US. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (a notorious-y liberal court) overturned sentences based on disagreement with state court over crimalely resolved the disagreement. On all but one of a dozen issues, the state court decision upholding the sentence was judged correct.

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of taxpayer money. Then he can make sure Idaho and other Western states get their fair share for needed projects. The wrong man for Resources

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this

and other issues.

estern Rep-ublicans in the U.S. House got a break last week, when Rep. Jim Saxton, RN J., took his name out of the running to chair the House Resources Committee. That committee deals heavi-ly with issues critical to western states, such as multi-ple use of public lands, natu-

ral resources and agriculture. Saxton was next in line for the post, but his Eastern, proenvi-rommental background didn't fit the bill for Western states that are involved in the resource debate.

Now, the new chairman will come from either Tennessee or California. Not exactly high mountain country – but an improvement over New Jersey.

Bush presents economic plan that adds up

President Bush's critics reacted in predictably uniform fashion to his latest economic proposal: Playing the classwarfare card. Good luck making that charge stick. America isn't France. The politics of hate-and-envy doesn't resonate here like it does in Europe. We want more freedom and opportunity. Consider the president's call to end the double taxation of dividents, which is sure to give the stock market a boost and improve

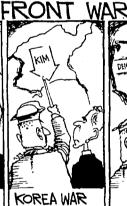
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American competitiveness. Under his plan, businesses will still pay tax on corporate income, but indi-vidual stockholders no longer

tax on corporate income, but indi-vioual stockholders no longer would have to pay a second layer of tax on that income when it's distributed as dividends. There's no question that a divi-dend tax cut would produce growth. Even Marrast economists recognize that investment is the key to long-run growth and rising wages. Yet the tax code punishes investment by taxing the same dollar of corporate income twice. Indeed, it's possible for the same dollar of income to be taxed up of four times. Discarding one of these extra layers of taxation will encourage businesses to invest more. This will lead to more jobs and higher living standards. It also will mean higher stock prices. The value of funancial assets is determined by how much affect ast income businesses can expect. Removing the second tax on dividends will increase that future income flow and therefore business on the proper some the same that future income flow and

can expect. Reliably the second area of dividends will increase the form of the composition of the compositi







The president's plan promises several other benefits. Under current tax law, for instance, companies are encouraged to use the first promises are encouraged to use the first promises are encouraged to use the first promises are encouraged to use and interest of a constant of the constant of the first promises and companies will have a strong approved, this bias disappears and companies will have a strong incentive to strengthen their balance sheets. This would mean fewer bankruptices.

The tax code also creates a perverse incentive for companies to hoard earnings. Why? Because the double tax on the earnings they keep (capital gains) is lower than the doubletax on the earnings they keep (capital gains) is lower than the doubletax on the earnings they distribute (dividends). The president's plan would entity and this anti-dividend bias, giving companies an incentive to attract investors by offering dividends instead of promising capital gains. This would improve corporate governance (fewer Eurons, anyone?) since firms no longer would feel as much pressure to boost share prices by making unwarranted claims about future

revenue. Instead, investors would judge a company by the amount of cold, hard cash it pays its shareholders.

ologie a company of the amount of cold, hard cash it pays its shareholders. Perhaps most important, the Bush plan also would boost U.S. competitiveness abroad. According to a Casto Institute survey, only three of the world's 30 developed nations. America, Sometheest and the cold of the cold of

tal for American companies.

Of course, the president's opponents began criticating the proposed abofore it was even introduced. But their class warfare arguments don't make much sense in a global economy. You don't help the poor by imposing high taxes on the rich. Such policies simply drive money from the U.S. economy and benefit our competitors.

Other critics claim that tax cuts will explode the deficit – a classic cart before the horse argument. As President Kennedy explained more than 40 years ago, the purpose of cutting taxes is not to incur a deficit, but to achieve the more prosperous, expanding economy that can bring a surplus. President Bush understands that economic growth is the first priority. His plan to eliminate the double-tax on dividends is a bole and visionary step. His plan will make our nation stronger and improve the living standards of all Americans.

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LETTER

Society ignores impact of alcohol, promisculty

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On April 10, 2002, this paper had an article headlined, "Study focus on college alcohol death." The figures of 1,400 students engaging in unprotected sex are in print. It has been a matter of great concern to me, but I have seen little or no evidence that others feel the same way.

With Vietnam, we sent our children to college to avoid the draft; today, it is the other way around. Our young people are safer in Afghanistan than at Harvard. Why has this come to pass? Are we so afraid of prohibition that we will not take a stand to pro-

tect our young and their future?

tect our young and their future?
And thereby giving power to a
new call for prohibition. Is our
access to alcohol that important,
more important that the welfare
of our children?
The Califation Report from
Columbia University has also had
no impact that I have seen. It
tells of present consumption of
drugs and alcohol by our young
people, ending with a statement
that if young people do not abuse
alcohol or drugs before they are
21, they are virtually fail safe
never to do so (parents, note).
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know how could I ever feel sate again? Police and emergency lines are proving over and over again that rhey are lacking in funding, training, management and, most important and an admitted that the same and the same and the same and emergency personnel treat: a reporting a cime. Why no blue and emergency personnel treat: victims as if we are to blame for what had happened to us. I am grateful for the police's help and with them the best in their investigating, but I believe they are in desperate need of improvement, especially if they treat all victims as I was treated. especially if they treat as I was treated. MARY J. HUGHES Hollister

Social Security abuse is terribly unfair

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and pay into Social Security, but
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leaves you disabled for life. You
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U.S. doesn't want Libya to head meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States intends to chal-lenge a move by African coun-tries to promote Libya as chair of the annual meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, set to begin in March.

Commission, set to begin in March.

"We are opposed to Libya's candidacy," said State Department spokesman Richard Boucher, citing what he said was Libya's role as an abuser of human rights and as the presumed architecr of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 in 1986.

"We cannot reward such terrible conduct with a leadership position, in this case, in the foremost international human rights body," he said.

The commission chair will be chosen at a meeting in Geneva on

The commission chair will be chosen at a meeting in Geneva on Jan. 20. African countries now hold the rotating presidency of the commission and are autho-rized under procedures to nomi-nate a country from the continent to preside at the March meeting.

Death penalty opponents praise move

LONDON (AP) - Opponents of capital punishment praised Illinois Cov. George Ryan's decision to empty death row, asying Monday it was a historic step that could lead to the abolition of the death penalty in the United States.

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The Colosseum in Rome was bathed in golden light, in keeping with a sysarold tradition of casting a tint on the building at right cach time a death sentence is communed somewhere in the world.

The Colosseum in the world with the control of the most of the cach time a leaf the thirty of the death penalty in the United States," said Marco Bertotto, who heads the Italian branch of Amnesty International.

Ryan, who leaves office Monday, announced Sarurday that he was communing the sentences of 167 condemned inmates. He called the death penalty process "arbitrary and capricious, and therefore immoral," the broadest U.S. attack in decades on capital punishment.

Mexican President Vicente Fox – who has been a strong opponent of the death penalty rehuned Ryan to thank him for the decision to spare the prison-though a strength of the decision to spare the prison-though a process of 167 condensions.

In a statement released Sunday, Fox said he called the governor to "express his prodund appreciation for the historic decision."

Last week, Mexico asked the World Court in the Hague to resolve the case of 54 Muccans on death row in the United States who allegedly were denied their nights to consular representation.

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"We think the fundamental human right to life should be respected and no human brain," and there is not the programment of the fundamental human right punishment is a barbance punishment and we are surprised that any country with such a civilized legal system the whole of the United States, said Matter Fundamental human right spoul human right spoul human right spoul but the head of the United States,

good for the country's political culture."

But, it added in an editorial, "the hard core of death penalty supporters in America is not going to be swayed by Ryan's decision."

Noting that Ryan's more came only as he was about to step down. Noting that Ryan's more came only as he was about to step down, it said "the light against the death penalty will only be won when a politician goes into an election campaign with a 'Ryan program' with a chance of succeeding."

The Times of London agreed that American sentiment was divided, but said Ryan had recognized "that public opinion is in flux."

"America's use of the death penalty is the product of public opinion, and it will cease only when that opinion alters," the newspaper said in an editorial.

Normally the commission chair is chosen by acclamation without controversy. This is the first time the selection by a regional grouping will have come under challenge.

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"We seek to actively engage and strengthen the moral author-ity of the Human Rights Commission so that it once again proves to be a useful advocate for

human rights ground the world."
Bouchet said.
The United States suffered an embarrassing defeat when it was excluded from the 33-member commission for last year's annual meeting for the first time since its inception in 1947. The United States accepted observer status and will be back as a full member for this year's meeting.

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BUHL — The Buhl Police
Department reported two arrests
arous a Sunday moning drug bust.
—Claude Vance, 46, and Devin
Ance, 18, were arrested, Police
Chief Ron Romero said.

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Court continues Bowcut court conference

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Bowcut remains in jail in Fresno
swating future court appearances on
a federal charge of conspiring to senably exploit chidren. Bowcut was one
\$1.20 people in the United States
pudicted Aug 9 as part of an international child pornography ring following an investigation by the U.S.
Customs Service.

Bowcut was taken to Fresno last.

Customs Service.

Bowcut was taken to Fresno last agouth from Boise, where he is serving a 3-30 years to life sentence in the falso State Penitentary following has guilty pleas in 5th District Court in Cassia Country to 14 counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child younger than 16.

Bowcut has appealed the sentence kanded down by Judge Roger Bordick, calling it "excessive."

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

ment sales tax might be coming

Idaho lawmakers examine issue

By Julie Pence

BOISE - With retail sales flat and internet sales soaring, it's not going to be long before shop-pers will be paying sales taxes on all their online purchases, says a



Internet commerce in 2001, and that figure will escalate to \$152 million by 2006. That is not earth money. that money represents lost business



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Negative feedback on sales tax plan - A1

ogether an Intermet sales tax system they hope to present to Congress by November. Idaho is the first state the group has visited since it made its decision last month to go to Congress with a plan this year.

'I think if you look at the projections, you can see we have to have this,' Newcomb said.

In 1967 and again in 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states can't impose a use tax col-

lection obligation on sales to their residents by out-of-state mail order companies. However, the court indicated that Congress is better qualified to resolve this issue and left the door wide open for lawmakers to do so.

do so.

But those decisions came before the day of the Internet, and Newcomb said if the states don't act now to recapture the sales taxes they are losing to online sales. Congress will enact a national Internet sales tax.

Board plans

governance

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board is moving forward with a study of different types of hospital ownership and gover nance.

nance.
Last year, Twin Falls County
commissioners and Hospital
Board members agreed to educate themselves on how other
county hospitals, as well as nonprofit and for-profit hospitals,

operate.
The Hospital Board Monday

The Hospital Board Monday approved a schedule for looking at different types of governance—and a process for evaluating governance structures.

"It allows for a pretty rational step-by-step process to look ahead," Hospital Board Chairwoman Vesta Maughan sod

Hospital

study on

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

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TO WEAR THE ROBE

New magistrate already faces full schedule

By Mark Heinz Times/Heins writer

TWIN FALLS - He has reached his goal of getting behind the bench, but Randy J. Stoker won't have any time to

behind the bench, but Randy J. Stoker on Monday was sworn. In as the newest magistrate judge in the 5th Judicial District. And today - on his first full day of work - his calendar includes four civil cases, 47 pre-trial motions and any sitemoon arraignments that might come up. Stoker said. "That's typical," said Stoker, adding that he was well aware of the hectic schedules magint at the was well aware of the hectic schedules magint at the was well aware of the hectic schedules magint at the was well aware of the hectic schedules magint at the was well aware of the hectic schedules magint at the was well aware of the hectic schedules magint at the was well aware of the hectic schedules magint at the said was a supported for the job. It will just he hectic schedules magint at the said was a supported for the job. The will was the said was a supported to the sa

him don his robe for the first time.

District Judge John Mohnhorst offered Stoker a series of humorous tips, including a suggestion to watch the hem of his robe while he walks up the steps to take the bench during hearings.

"If you step on the front of your robe, you will go down like a sack of bricks, and you will cut your head," Hohnhorst said. Stoker often had to pause to keep from choking up during his acceptance remarks. He said he hopes to bring humility and even-handedness to the bench.

"My view of being a judge is to do one thing — to serve the public," he said.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebs said he thinks Stoker will take well to his new job.

"He's learned everything he

job.
"He's learned everything he probably needs to learn as an attorney to make this a smooth transition," Loebs said.



New Sth District Ma odge John Hohnhesst at Stoker's eath of glisse ceremony in Twin Falls Monday. Hob adge on subjects such as how not to fall when climbing stairs when waring a robe.

jodge on subjects such as how not to Stoker previously practiced law for 26 years in Twin Falls. The 5th District Magistrate Commission in December picked Stoker, 52, from among four finalists to replace Magistrate Judge R. Michael Redman - who retired after 24 years of service. The commission includes judges, attorneys and public officials from across the 5th District, which includes Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln, Gooding, Blaine, Camas, Mindoka and Cassia counties. A magistrate judge hears

Minidoka and Cassia counties, a magistrate judge hear's civil cases in which the amount of damages requested does not exceed \$10,000, criminal misidemeanor cases, and small claims cases. A magistrate also may conduct preliminary hearings in felony cases. The standard yearly salary for a magistrate judge – set by the Legislature – is \$90,718.

Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-3238 or by e-mail at mheinz@magic-valley.com.

Mikesell becomes newest Twin Falls County commissioner

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - There's a new face on the Twin Falls County Commission.

Tom Mikesell, owner of Tom's 50-Minute Photo, Monday was worn in to a two-year term representing District 2, replacing Marvin Hempleman, who retired after more than two decades in the office.

"I'm excited to be here for the citizens of the county," Mikesell

said.

The 48-year-old Twin Falls native said during his campaign that the reason he ran for the office is that the thinks he can office is that he thinks he can make a difference and that his experience in business and pub-lic office will enable him to get to the source of an issue. He and his wife, Dana, have three chil-dren.



Commission. Mikesell said Tom Mikesell said there are a number of issues on the commissioners' plate, including jail overcrowding, county wages, the county budget and confined ani-

county budget and contined animal feeding operations.

"We have a lot on our table,"
Mikesell said Monday. "I'll enjoy
working with the other individu-als to resolve these issues."

Here's how Mikesell respond-

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Chairwoman Vesta Maughan said.

Hospital leaders previously have pished to convert the county-wined hospital to a "commung-wined hospital to a "commung-based" mouprofit organization. At the same time, county-committee to establish corrects in 2001 appointed an advisory committee to establish criteria for lease proposals from fortreria for lease proposals from fortreria for lease proposals from fortreria and nonprofit organizations interested in operating Magic Valley Regional. Those efforts were put on hold after Magic Valley Regional bought the Twin Falls. Clinic and Hospital, but the issue is expected to come back to the fore this year. year. A come back to the love this year.

Here's a schedule of hospital representatives who will be traveling to Twin Falls to talk about their hospitals. Times and places will be set later.

• Feb. 3 - Pat Hermanson will speak with board members about the county-owned Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello.

• March 10 - Doug Crabtree will discuss the for-profit Eastern Idaho Medical Center in Idaho Falls.

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April 14 - Joe Morris will speak to the Hospital Board about Kootenai Medical Center, a district hospital in Coeur d'Alou in Coeur d'Alou 12 - Dr. Nicholas Wolter will talk about the Deaconess Billings Chinic, a nonprofitionation-run organization in Montana.

June 9 - Someone, yet to be named, will discuss the not-for

The Hospital Board will evaluate the entities, giving them scores in a number of areas,

are the entities, giving them scores in a number of areas, including:

• Service excellence - The Hospital Board will look at each entity's patient satisfaction ratings.

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School district will hire more reading specialists

TWN FALLS - Given the new demands that the federal No Child Left Behind Act places on schools, the Twin Falls School District elected to hire several new reading specialists with its share of the extra federal money. One new reading specialist at each elementary school, seven in all, will be contracted for the rest of this year, Superintendent

Terrell Donicht told board mem-bers at Monday's School Board

Terreil Donum to be bers at Monday's School Board meeting.
Students in grades K-3 already receive extra emphasis on reading with the help of reading specialists throughout the district. However, once students move onto the fourth grade, that added individualized instruction largely distances.

individualized instruction largely disappears.

Donicht said he hopes to immediately start hiring college students who just graduated in December.

The amount spent has yet to be determined but will equate to 3.5 full-time beginning salaries. The specialists' role will be to pre-test students' reading abilities, identify the troublesome areas, and help and coordinate intervention.

While merely an experiment, it is hoped that the reading specialist effort will stem the flow of students who graduate from the third grade reading below grade level.

level.
"It this doesn't work, we'll do



something different next year,"
Donicht said.
Also Monday, Donicht updated the board on the latest moves by lawmakers in Boise regarding public education.
The only noteworthy news, Donicht said, was Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's budget, while the would provide 58694 million increase over this year's budget.
"It you add it all up, it's almost Pease see SPECIALISTS, Page B3

Students, colleagues remember popular teacher, coach killed in wreck By Robert Mayer Times-News writer



JEROME - Students and teachers I Jerome High School were left sales after learning that a popular sacher died Friday in a car acci-ent.

dent.
Paul Rosenberg, 50, was killed
when he lost control of his pickup
on an icy stretch of Interstate 84
Friday.
"I was stunned. He's one of the

good guys," JHS head football coach Terry Weitley said. Waitley said the'll remember Rosenberg as "always being a great joy, always being in good mood." Many spoke of Rosenberg in a similar manner, including senior Cody Webb.
"He would have an impact on anyone who knew him," Webb said.
In his five and e half years at JHS, Rosenberg served as the freshman

football coach, wrestling coach, dri-ver's education teacher and special education teacher. He also taught study skills classes, which provided close academic supervision for struggling students. Before going to work in Jeroms, Rosenberg – who lived in Hansen – taught in Kimberly.

lived in Hansen – raugint in Kimberly. JHS Principal Patti O'Dell said she remembers Rosenberg as a com-passionate man. O'Dell said her interactions with Rosenberg were

minimal, which was actually a testament to his work ethic. That is, his job was done so conscientiously and his needs from administration so minimal that rarely did the two paths cross, she said.

Just last week, Rosenberg hose done through his coursework in his classes and aligned it with the state standards.

"He had done a really outstand-ing job on that," O'Dell said.

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Lincoln commissioners OK regional water plan

By Lorraine Cavener and Jeanette Chambers Times-News corresponde

SHOSHONE - Lincoln County commissioners Monday were the first in Magic Valley to adopt a linal revision of the Middle Snake River regional coordinated water resource management plan.

Groundwater quality was incorporated into the new document.

incorporated into the new usu-ment.

The plan was revised after completion of a nearly \$300,000 U.S. Geological Survey study, which was started in 1995. The study, which includes a map with indications of nitrates, showed the need for the revision, said Neal Bowman, Lincoln County representative on the six-Magic Valley counties' Middle Snake group.

group.

The study shows that nitrate levels are particularly high in Minidoka County within the

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perched or shallow aquifer area.

The Middle Snake plan names agriculture as the primary water user in the region and the mainstay of the economy in south-central Idaho.

One of the reasons for concern about nitrate levels is the possibility of a condition called blue baby syndrome, which causes a problem with a newborn's hemoglobin, not allowing enough oxygen to circulate in the blood, Bowman said. Blue baby syndrome is potentially fatal.

There is no way for nitrates to

There is no way for nitrates to be removed from the water, but

the study will help control the volume of nitrates getting into the water, Bowman said.
Goals within the plan include encouragement of conservation of water to allow for future tasks within the Middle Snake region. A second goal is to reduce the amounts of biological, chemical and physical contaminants being amounts of biological, chemical and physical contaminants being discharged in irrigation return flows. Strategies to accomplish this goal include encouragement of the use of best management practices such as irrigation management, water conservation and residue management. Those are just a couple of the goals and strategies in a long list in the plan.

A red zone on the new the second

plan.
A red zone on the map shows areas vulnerable to nitrates, said Bob Muffley, executive director of the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission. The map has more than 30 layers with a myriad of information, including geology, rock structure

and soil depth.

"What this system does 1.50 puts overything together," buffley said. Developers will coulty be shift, to see a case to increase the state of increase shift of the said of increase the said of t

He pointed out areas in Twin Falls, Minidoka and Cassia coun-

Falls, Minidokal and Cassia counties.

"They have a real problem with groundwater," he said.
"They will have to deal with their problems differently."

But Jerome and Gooding counties don't have a great deal of the said. They will have a great deal of the said with the said with the said with the said. While the aquifer area, Muffley said. While the aquifer flows dister, there are more nitrates. faster, there are more nitrates being dumped into the river from Jerome and Gooding counties. "They are going to have to find ways to deal with it," Muffley

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to as mainy as \$2 agencies for permits or approvals.

"If they know what is there, engineers can approve questions before they go to \$82," he said.
"I think it's going to be a wonderful tool for the counties."
Commission Chairman Jerry Nance agreed that the map would be an asset.
"This has go to be a huge benefit," Nance said.

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Lincoln County struggles with ag building exemption

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News corresponde

SHOSHONE – County com-issioners Monday postponed a ecision to adopt a new building ode ordinance for Lincoln

County.

Commissioners are still working on the definition of what is considered to be an agricultural building before adopting an ordinance that would exempt agbuildings from building code requirements.

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requirements.
County Attorney E. Scott Paul
drafted an ordinance exempting
ag buildings so that Lincoln
County's ordinance will be in
line with other Magic Valley
county ordinances – and with a
new state law.

Commissioners are still working on the definition of what is considered to be an agricultural building before adopting an ordinance that would exempt ag huildings from building code

requirements. "That particular statute means that Lincoln County can no longer collect building permits for agri-culture buildings," Paul wrote in a memo to commissioners. The definition of agricultural building is not included in the

"I have no doubt that this matter will be instantly challenged in District Court in some county and the resulting decision should give us some guidance." Paul said. "But until then, the commission needs to decide whether to continue to require building permit fees for agricultural buildings or to waive building fees as pursuant to the statute."

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Commissioners said they thought definitions of ag buildings must be part of the ordinance.

nance.
Carol Boudreau, who is the
Lincoln County planning and
zoning administrator, said that
if the building inspector isn't
going to inspect every aspect of

each building, then commission-ers couldn't sign the ordinance. Commissioners said the defin-ition of an agricultural building was one such as a granary, where there were no people working. Only buildings used

working. Only buildings used strictly to store equipment would fit the definition, commis-sioners said. Buildings such as dairy barns or free stalls that have people working in them do not fit the exemption, Boudreau said. With that definition, the ordi-nance would be impossible to enforce because commissioners would have no way of knowing whether there are people work-ing in some buildings, she said. Commissioners wanted to con-fer with Paul some more before

making a decision.
"If you have any pull with local legislators, I would suggest that you contact them to have this particular provision either better defined or eliminated totally," Paul said.

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The six-year contract would provide no-cost health insufance, a 60 percent pensith increase and a pay raise that would allow the average long-shoreman to earn \$90,000 a year.

year.

Ballots will be collected at the
ILWU's headquarters in San
Francisco, where they will be idlied Jan. 2. The contract only
needs a simple majority to be
approved and would go into
effect immediately, union officiels said.

cials said.

The agreement with shipping companies ended a dispute that shut down West Coast ports for 10 days last year.



SERVICES -

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

Theon Price of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today at the Heyburn 1st and 2nd Ward Church, 530 villa Drive; burial will follow at 3 p.m. at the Samaria Cemetery; friends may call from 10-10-45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Paul Robert Rosenberg of Hansen, service at 1 p.m. today at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. Twin Fall; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Twin Falls). Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at his home.

Lawrence "Larry" D. Yost of Arrangements will be Arrangements will be Mountain Home, memorial service at 4 p.m. today at Summers Foneral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home.

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Kenneth H. Johns of Mountain Home, service at 2 pm. Wednesday at the Mountain Home LDS Stake Center; burial will be at the Mountain View Cemetery, viewing from 58 pm. today at Summers Funcral Home in Mountain Home and from

12:30-1:45 p.m. Wednesday before Wednesday at the funeral home, the service at the church.

Almeda L. Race of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 68 p.m. today and one hour before the service

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.

Guss Rudolph Rice of Buhl, interment will be held at 11 am. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Willis H. Castle Jr. of Hagerman, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall in Fairfield (Demaray

DEATH NOTICES

Thomas William Burkhardt

GOODING - Thomas William Burkhardt, 83, of Gooding died Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, at his

James Douglas Stephens
ISLAND PARK - James
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Douglas Stephens, 45, of Island
Additional Medical
Center in Twin Falls.
Cremation and private inurament are under the direction of
the Parke's Magic Valley
Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Harold Lee Mowies

BURLEY - Harold Lee Mowles, 55, of Burley died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003, at his daughter's home in Burley.

At Mowles' request, no services

Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Rocio Carola and Ariana

KOCAO CAPOIA and Ariana Camila Arias Diaz HAILEY - Rocio Carola Arias Diaz, 30, and her 17-day-old child, Ariana Camila Arias Diaz, of Hailey, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, as the result of an automobile accident on Highway 75 south of Bellevue.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, at St. Charles Catholic Church, Hailey, with the Rev. John Morgan officiating. Cremation will follow the ser-

vices.
Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of care of Hailey.

Lawrence LaVern

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GOODING - Lawrence LaVern
Hollenbeck, 80, died Monday, Jan.
13, 2003, at Gooding Living and
Rehabilitation Center in Gooding.
Cremation and private inurnment are under the direction of
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Dorothy Pauline Stiles Kimbali

Dorothy Pauline Stiles Kimball, 80 died peacefully in her sleep at her home Sunday evening, January

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The old topic they tackled?
and at houses by and 208.
Oldy of Heyburn officials talked
this county commissioners about setti county commissioners about the property at Monday's meet-ing. The city is in a position to take the property over, Mayor Cleo Cheney seid. It The property, which is owned

the city would use a property became a burden for the county.

"208 is a valuable area for our whole community," Cheney said.

Heyburn officials be included as the county continues to discuss the wetland designation and what to do with the land.

"Our superintendent and the other people need to be involved in that," Cheney said.

Commissioner Dan Stapelman.

in that," Chency said.

Commissioner Dan Stapelman said there is a possibility of being sallowed to fill in some areas on the edge of the wetland, but details weren't known.

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RUFERT - h's hat one squire mile, but Burley and Heyburn both want to caured it. The mile in dispute runs from 650 West to 750 West and 250 South to 350 South. It bumps against Hoyburn's set of impac-tes hall-mile, Heyburn's city, im-its for a half-mile and Burley's area of impact for a mile.

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Lands designated as areas of import are no within toly limits, but a city can exercise some rep-latory control on land outside its limits if the land is included in that city area of import.

Heyburn Mayor Cleo Cheney saked Minidoka County commis-sioners Monday why the mile was taken out of Heyburn's area of impact. But he learned it might never have been in the city's area of impact.

impact. But the impact have been in the city's attended in the city's attended in the city's attended in the city's area of impact including the city's area of impact including the disputed area. Now the area has been taken away, Cheney said, and the council would like to know why.

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know why.

Minidoka County Director of
Community Development Paul
Aston confirmed the Heyburn
ordinance includes the disputed
faile in Heyburn's impact area.
The county Planning and Zoning
Commission recommended the
approval of Heyburn's area of
impact. But the county commission never officially acted on that
recommendation, Aston said.

Burley said they were interested in the property, Aston said. A mediation process began.

Aston said the county has waited nearly 15 months now for an outcome, but there has been none. City attorneys have been working on the issue.

The county wanted to move forward with area of impact agreements, Aston said, and decided to leave the disputed mile out of anyone's area of impact. Within 30 to 5 days the area could be added to either city's area of impact if either city comes up with a plan for development.

After the meeting, Burley City Administrator Mark Mitton said burley is interested in the property for a future public development further.

To avoid the problems of having

project. He declined to comment urther.

To avoid the problems of having the disputed area in two cities' areas of impact, Burley officials asked the county to leave the area out of anyone's area of impact, Mitton said.

If the plans for development do not come to fruition — which they should know within the year — Burley officials would be glad to let Heyburn take the property into Heyburn's impact area, Mitton said.

Aston told commissioners leav-

Mitton said.

Aston told commissioners leaving the area out of anyone's area of impact leaves the door open to

of impact leaves the door open to either city. However, Cheney said, the solu-tion seemed clear – Heyburn offi-cials already approved an ordi-nance which declared the area in Heyburn's area of impact.

Idaho. • Milford Terrell, the Boise businessman who headed the 25-member committee that looked into the school building problem three years ago. • Geoffrey Thomas, superinten-

Minidoka chief joins

BOISE - Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallett will help try to settle a lawsuit over the state's system for school construction.

for school construction.
Hallett was appointed Monday to the eight-member School Facilities Lawauit Settlement Task Fore, joining.

• Former Republican State Schools Superintendent Jerry Evans, the only person to serve four terms as the state's chief education officer.

education officer.

• Darrel Deide, former state senator from Canyon County and retired school superintendent who played a key role in passage of legislation intended to help ease the financial pinch facilities.

Mike Friend, director of the Idaho Association of School Administrators.

• Stan Kress, superintendent of Cottonwood Joint School District who leads the districts suing the

who leads the districts suing the state.

• Randy Nelson, president of the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho.

panel on schools lawsuit

parmit as Sumyabope Child Care was cancaled. Attorney Jason Walker withdraw the appeal and said Kristina Rogars, owner of Sunnyalope Child Care, is planning to file a new application. Rogars had applied for a special use permit to espand her day care near Faul. In considering the permit, it was determined Rogers needed to have a permit to operate unless she was caring for five or fewer children. The permit application went to the county Planning and Zoning Commission and was denied. However, the Paul Planning and Zoning Commission ould have reviewed the application before the county board ruled. The city board reviewed it after it had been denied. Walker said there are questions about the procedure the permit went through, and even if an appeal were favorable for his client, there could be problems and additional appeals. Cassia County officials start terms in office

BURLEY - The dock has been shuffled at the Cassia County Dramissioners' desk.
There are two new people at the commissioners' desk, and the least are sitting in different places. With a new chairman,

new commissioner, new county clerk and a fairly new adminis-trator, the board has a fresh look for 2003.

for 9 a.m. Friday. Anyone may

other commission business included:

Day care hearing – An appeals hearing for a special use parmit at Sumyslope Child Care was canceled.

for 2003.

Burley resident Clay Handy replaced Shirley Danner as District 2 county commissioner. Larry Mickelsen of Oakley began his term as county clerk. Incumbents Marty Holland,

assessor; Gayle Erekson, trea-surer; and Paul Young, coro-ner; were also sworn in on Monday, as was re-elected Commissioner Paul Christ-

when the new board of com-missioners assembled, Christensen suggested they elect a new chairman.

been chairman for the last four years, 'Christensen said. "It's my opinion this position should be passed from person to person."

Handy nominated Paul Crane

for the job and after a vote, Crane took the chairman's spot in the middle of the three com-missioners.

Internet

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"This is what I would call a preemptive strike so we already
have this on line before the feds
get their plan together," he said.
The plan calls for sales taxes to
be collected on items in the
states where they are delivered.
Newcomb predicted that states
would never see the sales tax
money if the federal government
passed laws taxing Internet sales
first.
The work on simplifying a

first.

The work on simplifying a national collection system for state sales taxes is 95 percent completed, said Bruce Johnson, a member of the NCSL committee and a tax commissioner for Utah.

Idaho's sales tax system is one

of the simplest in the nation, Johnson noted, and would be easy to align with the system the group has put together.

Basically, the group would not ask Congress to force states to have the same sales tax rates, though there would be rules on uniform definitions of what could be taxed and what could not in the 6.500 sales tax jurisdictions throughout the nation.

nation.

For example, in New York, sales clerks are required to study the lips of people who want to buy lip balm. If the person's lips are chapped, the balm is not taxed because it is considered to be medicinal.

In Utah, dog food for working

dogs is exempt from sales tax, but people whose dogs lie down on the job - or qualify as pets - have to pay sales tax on chow.

Those kinds of idiosyncrasies would go away for the states that participate.

participate. States would be required to use a certified collection company, or businesses would use certified software for collecting taxes to be sent back to the states where the purchasers live.

live.

NCSL is asking for a minimum of 10 states that represent at least 20 percent of the population of the United States to pass legislation that requests their national delegations go forward with the streamlining plan.

Members of the task force predicted that Congress could ask for as many as 25 states representing 30 to 40 percent of the population in order to make all states comple.

An incentive to draw state into the plan, which the experts said has been surprisingly popular with most state legislators, is that the first 10 states to align will be included on the board that regulates it.

The control of the control of

Mikesell

ed when asked about some of those issues during his campaign in October:

take the question to voters in a bond issue. It should not go for judicial review because spending two-times of the county budget is not ordinary and necessary.

• Hospital – It's running well right now. He said he has no problem with looking at different forms of governance has no problem with looking at different forms of governance for profit or profit or profit or profit or portion because a for-profit wouldn't be as generated to the profit wouldn't be as generated to the profit or profit or post to the community as a locally controlled hospital.

• Budget – He wants to know in October:

**Daintes - Both rural residents and dairy owners need to compromise. The technology is beginning to work at Hank Hafliger's dairy. You can't fix the past; you can only amend it.

**Jail - The county needs to look at other ways of incarcerating nonviolent offenders other than putting them behind bars, such as halfway houses. If the county wants a new jail, it must

Budget - He wants to know

where and how the money is being spent, not just how much. Fifth District Administrative Judge Roger Burdick was on hand Monday to swear in Bob Fort to another four-year term as county clerk. Then Fort took over the duties, swearing in incumbent county officials – District I Commissioner Gary Grindstaff, Assessor Gerry Bowden, Treasurer Debbie Kauffman and Coroner Dennis Chambers - to four-year terms.

Chambers - to four-year terms.

"Every two years I get to do
this," Fort joked. "It lets me be

in charge for about two min-

in charge for about two minutes."

All the positions pay \$42,619 a year, except for the coroner's position, a part-time job which pays \$19,885 a year.

Also Monday, Grindstaff was appointed chairman of the commission, and Commissioner Bill Brockman was appointed vice chairman. Mikesell nominated both of them to the posts.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Specialists

ntical to the amount appropri-d two years ago," Donicht

ated two years ago," Donicht said.

That said, at this point the district might be spared having to cut any positions. Restoring previously cut positions. Restoring previously cut positions remains uncertain.

The budget essentially allows a maintenance of the operations, with no added money for additional programs, Donicht said. J But Donicht said her ecognized it was too early to put too much weight in the numbers, as the budget will likely go through tumerous transformations before the link is dry.

"This is probably a beat-case scenario," Donicht said. "We

know that it's going to change, but we hope to martial enough influence to at least get this

much."
Other action items Monday included:

included:

City agreement - Board members agreed on a three-year agreement between the district and the city of Twin Fells to share facilities. That is, the district can use such city-owned facilities as the golf course and Harmon Park while the city can use such school district-owned facilities as school gymnasiums.

Tit's been a very good agreement for both parties," Donicht said.

A few kinks had to be worked

out during the last year, however, the largest concern was with the swimming pool. When the city pool, which sits on school district property, was first bull; the agreement was that for the use of district property and its geothermal water, district students would pay lower entrance fees than the general public. That practice started to diminish, but has since been resolved, Donicht said.

• Farm leases - Board mem

* Farm leases - Board mem-bers renewed three-year leases for farming on district property. The district bought land in the early '90s during a period of rapid growth in students to pre-pare for the time when the need

for new schools would eventual-

ly arise.

Among the property purchased was 55 acres east of town, 60 acres just north of the College of Southern Idaho and 80 acres west of the city, all of which is farmed "(It's) so we could have a building site whichever (direction) the city population is growing." Donicht said.

Having the property farmed at

ing." Donicht said.

Having the property farmed at 5100 per acre essentially maintains the payments for the water shares attached to the land.

"The big benefit is that we can keep this property backedly for ever without having to pay money annually to keep it," he said.

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The task force has been given until the end of February to recommend settlement options to the state and the school districts.

A year ago, 4th District Judge Deborah Bail found that the state's current system of financing school buildings was unconstitutional; ruling that it fails to assure all students a safe environment suitable for learning.

Idaho is the only state in the mation that does not provide any direct state financing for school buildings and requires local districts to secure two-thirds voter approval to issue bonds.

The lawsuit dates back to 1990, when districts from throughout the state sued over inequitable financing of all aspects of public education. The issue has been arrowed to financing of school construction. Last November, Bail ordered an architect to assess the safety of 351 buildings and report back to her. The state has challenged her directive that it pay for the assessment.

"Over the last four years we have been moving forward posi-

or the assessment.
"Over the last four years we have been moving forward positively with many successes, and now we need to move forward to a settlement," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said in announcing the panel members with State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard.

Library Board names officers

The Times-News

put on districts.

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library Board of Trustees announced officers who will serve during 2003. Debbie Park will serve as board chairwoman, Tom

Kershaw as vice chairman, David Chestnut as treasurer, Rance Haight at secretary and Gale Kleinkopf as liaison to the Library Foundation. Gloria Galan serves as City Council liaison to the Library Board.

Hospital

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Physician relations - The Hospital Board will examine pri-mary care support, specialty sup-port, recruitment and retention, information technology integra-tion and physicians' influence in decision making.

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Staff relations - The board will evaluate the entities on employee satisfaction, benefits, productivity, staff development and recruitment and retention.

Finances - The board will look at balance sheet strength, income statement strength, tax implications and market share for each hospital.

Community - The board will evaluate the entities on common values and missions with their communities, scope of services, alignment with community health priorities, cost of health care, local control of health care, support of regional efforts and what they're doing to encourage philanthropy.

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• Clinical excellence

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• Clinical excellence – The board will look at clinical outcomes and patient safety.

Also Monday, the board approved moving \$1.5 million out of the hospital's \$145 million reserve fund into the hospital's \$5 million capital expenditures budget to speed up a project that will make the hospital's diagnostic imaging department completely digital.

The hospital will spend almost \$26 million to buy the new digital equipment for both its Addison Avenue and Shoshone Street locations. Because digital imaging is faster and more efficient, it would require fewer technicians. The hospital estimates it could save \$2.1 million over a five-year period in Nray film and labor costs alone.

Ancillary Services Director Susan Morris, who along with Diagnostic Imaging Manager Jacob Rice explained the plan to the hospital's Finance Committee last week, said the high-tech equipment will help recruit radiology technicians.

who are extremely hard to come by.

There are benefits for patients and physicians, too. Radiologists will be able to see an image immediately, resulting in less time the patient must spend on the table. Physicians can see the test results with the click of a mouse, resulting in quicker diag, nois for the patient. If a physician wanted a second opinion from a doctor outside the area, the doctor could send the image via the information superhighway.

"I don't think we cannot afford to do it," said Hospital Board member Dr. Harry Brumbach But Maughan cautioned about borrowing from the hospital's

"We don't want to open the door and advance capital pro-jects across the board," Maughan

said.

The Hospital Board approved the expenditure but will reduce next year's capital expenditures to replenish the reserve fund.

Other Hospital Board action included: New member - The board

welcomed new County Commissioner Tom Mikesell as an ex-officio member of the · Resignation - Mauchan

Resignation - Maughan announced that board member Ruch Stvers had decided to not serve another term on the board. Rich gave long and generously of his time, and we hat to see him go, "Maughan sud.
Purchase - The board approved a sole-source procurement to buy electronic inventory equipment for the hospital's central supply department from the Pyxis Corp., the only company that can provide the equipment. The action allows the hospital to bypass the bidding process. The expenditure will not exceed \$35,000.
CEO recovering - Maughan

CEO recovering - Maughan announced that Chief Executive Officer John Kee is on the mend after having both knees replaced just before Christmas.

Teacher.

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While he was meticulous about his work at school, Rosenberg placed great importance on his family life, too. Many described Rosenberg, a native of Minnesota, as a "strong family man."

He was proud of his new

family man."

He was proud of his new granddaughter who was born during the Christmas break; Rosenberg was quick to show her picture to his colleagues at school, O'Dell said.

In sad, twist of irony, Rosenberg wrote a letter to the editor of The Times-News in

April 2001 about the impor-April 2001 about the impor-tance of wearing scatbelts. He concluded his letter with, "Now I don't care if you wear your seat belt or not, but I have a wife, son, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter whom I love very much. So I choose to wear my seat belt."

very much. So I choose to wear my seat belt: Rosenberg was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the acci-dent, according to the Idaho State Police. He is survived by his wife, two children and three grandchil-dren. Funeral services are today.

More infants share beds with parents, study says

CHICAGO (AP) – More infants in the United States are sleeping in their parents' beds – a practice that can be deadly for babies.

The percentage of infants who usually slept in a bed with an adult more than doubled from 5.5 percent to 12.8 percent between 1993 and 2000, according to a study led by Marian Willinger of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

The practice is strongly influenced by cultural factors

The study found black infants were four times as likely as white babies to share an adult's bed, and the state of the state o

Babies In the bed

Bed-sharing between infants and family members is increasing, a new study shows. Researchers cite both benefits and risks. Benefits include increased breast-feeling duration and possible risks include suffocation.

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SOURCE Archives of Pediatric and Addissiont Medicine

while sleeping in bed with their parents or other adults.

Some have suggested bed-sharing has benefits, such as promoting breast-feeding.

In this study, researchers from the National Institutes of Health concluded there needs to be more study on the benefits or hazards.

The study was based on a telephone survey of a nationally representative group of 8,453 people.

Pope: War in Irac shor

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope John Paul II issued his strongest criticism yet of a possible war with Iraq, saying Monday that military force and nuly be used as "the very last option" - and then only under certain conditions.

Amid a buildup of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf. John Paul unged political leaders to step up their diplomatic efforts to avoid war, which he said would only harm ordinary Iraqis "already sorely tried" by 12 years of U.N. sanctions.

"War is not always inevitable. It is always a defeat for humanity," the pope told Vatican-based diplomats in his annual speech on issues of concern to the Roman Catholic Church.

"As the charter of the United Nations organization and international law itself remind us, war cannot be decided upon, even when it is a matter of ensuring the property last opposition, except as the property last opposition to work the confidence with very strict conditions, without ignoring the consequences for the civilian population both during and after the military operations."

It was the pope's strongest message yet in opposition to war, and it was the first time since the crisis crupted that he has publicly mentioned Iraq by name.

Previously, John Paul has only referred in general to the threats of war and, in his Christmas message, called on the world to



his arrival in the Sala Regia of the plomate at the Vatican Monday. Apostolic Palace during his m

"extinguish the ominous smoldering of a conflict."
Other Vatican officials have been more explicit, saying in recent newspaper interviews that a "preventive war" against Baghdad would have no moral or legal justification, and would

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only create antagonisms between Christians and Muslims. The U.S. ambassador to the Holy See, James Nicholson, said the United States agreed with the pope's comment that war isn't always inevitable. Tresident Bush has said war is

nent og tise 1991; Gall War sin has frequently spikenisone skot the plight of krejts jufferin under sanctions imposed rifts Begindad invaded Kuwati in 1984. In his speech, the pape all touched on other issues of context to the church, including the "to siz" in Vatican-Russian visition and what he called the risks roth dignity of human lift; abortion contextuals and human cloring. The three, he said, "risk readusing the human person to a re-

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When all moral criteria are removed, scientific research involving the sources of lifebecomes a denial of the beain and the displomats gathered in the freezeed Sala Regia of the Vatican's Apostolic Palsos.

The Vatican has recently entered the debate of cloning and research using stem cells from human embryos.

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Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls, for example, called the recent claims that a cloud-baby had been born "an expression of a brunal memality, devoid of smy ethical and human consideration."

Study: More young people take Ritalin, other psychiatric drugs

CHICAGO (AP) - The number of U.S. children and adolescents on Ritalin, antidepressants or other psychiatric drugs surged between 1987 and 1996, a trend

activeen 19% and 1996, a trend some experts and to the termine whether the youngsters were properly diagnosed and treated. Some experts have warned that American children are being overmedicated. But others say not all youngsters who really need treatment are getting it. The study expands on previously published data on previously distributed on the following the properties of the p

ications are proving to be," she said. "Safety for young children

must also be assessed because children are not 'little adults' when it comes to drug safety."

An accompanying editorial said that the findings may reflect a broader awareness of mental problems in youngsters.

But the editorial author, Dr. Michael Jellinek of Massachuserts General Hospital, said the study reveals some disturbing irends, including increases in drug use in children at a time when research supporting such use was scant.

Movies

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The Who's Townshend faces child porn suspicion

LONDON (AP) — Pete Townshend, the legendary rock guitarist and co-founder of The Who, was arrested Monday on suspicion of possessing indecent images of children, pollee said. Townshend has acknowledged using an Internet Web site advertising child pomography, but said he was not a pedophile and was only doing research for an autobily orgaphy dealing with his own suspected childhood sexual abuse.

Formerly conjoined twins head for home

LOS ANGELES (AP)—
Wearing princess tieras over
their bandages, twin giles born
fused at the skull left the hospital
for their native Guatermalan
Monday, five months after they
were surgically separated in a
marathon operation.
Draped in pink and blue feathers, the 17-month-old sisters
emerged in matching strollers
from Mattel Children's Hospital
at the University of California at
Los Angeles. They and their parents, Alba Lettica Alvarez, 23,
and Wenceslao Quiej Lopez, 21,
left for Guatemala City aboard a
Federal Express business jet.

"I am very grateful to all the
staff." Lopez said before boarding the plane.

The father, who previously
worked as a hunana packer, earning the equivalent of just 564 a
week, said the was especially
grateful to a charitable group
that has been building a new
home for the family in their village in Guatemala.

The toddlers, Maria Teresa
Joney Alvarez and Maria de
Jesus, were separated Aug, 6 in a
23-hour operation. Their return
home was delayed to give them
time to recover and allow
Guatemalan health authorities to
prepare for their arms.

The cost of the surgery and
medical cane totaled \$2 million,
said UCIA spokesnan Dan Page,
of that, \$470,000 was defrayed
by donations = mostly an anonymous \$450,000 gift.

"We are happy to we them go,
of that, \$470,000 was defrayed
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all therapy at a private hospital.

The town will also face years of
follow-up operations, including
scalp surgery to allow them to
grow full heads of hair.

Couple's secret love is revealed when brother discovers messenger dog

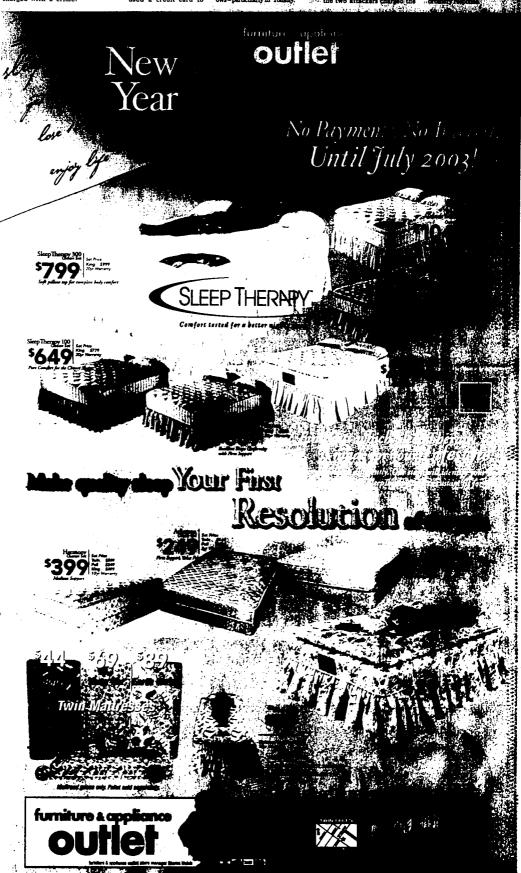
AMMAN, Jurdan (AP) — A Jordanian couple who kept up a secret relationship by using a dog to carry their love letters were revealed when the woman's brother discovered one of the motes, sparking an argument in which the pet was killed. The tale had a bitterweet ending, a friend of the couple reported Mondos The woman's father agreed to let the couple marry. The proposal came in the last letter delivered by the man's 3 year old German shepherd. Big Joe. "They keep saying, "We'll never torget him," neighbor Nashaat't al-Majali told The Associated Press. He identified the man by his first name only, Thamer, and would not give the woman's name.

As the dog had done often in the last year, Big Joe walked a few blocks. Saturday from Thamer's home to the woman's after in a cloth pouch strapped to his back. The two lived in a community north of the capital Amman is predominantly conservative Muslim, where dating is prohibited and marriages are usually arranged by parents. The Jordanian news agency Petra said the woman's brother surprised her, snatched the letter and read it, in a screaming match that ensued, the dog attacked the toroher. The borther grabbed a stone, and hit the dog on the lead, killing him.

Segistors in Targa, 17 miles a specific proposal to his dayler, and read at the proposal to his dayler and pressed to take place soon, said Alweight. Big Joe was buried Sanurday in the backyard of Thamer's house, al-Majali said.



Onder British isw, suspects are not charged immediately upon arrest and some people who are streeted are eventually released without charge. Townshend was being held at a southwest London police station. In a statement on Saturday, Townshend said that on one occasion he used a credit card to



Diesale Hannay (4) 2003 Competitions, service, fun

Shouldone BPA club is off to busy school year

SHORDONE - The Shoetone Subilities - The Shoetone Subilities - Trice salignals - of America cho has survived a new year of activities an the high school and his the publication. The officers for 20th 2013 are fourther, Secretary - The officers for 20th 2013 and fairs lavin, accepting the subilities of the subilities

The Shouldes BPA is prepar-ing for regional compension. Because there was such a big jurnover with seniors from last year, it will be a learning experi-ence this year for the profession find out what the contests are

competitive at regionals," she said.

Regional competition will be said.

Regional competition will be held at the College of Southern Make, on Jan. 20. State competition will be held March 13-15 in Bite. Mational competition will be held March 13-15 in Bite. Mational competition will be held March 13-15 in Bite. Mational competition will take place April 29 through May jin Dallas, Texas.

The club's main fund-raisers are coming up soon. The club members work the concession stand for the Shoshone Education Foundation during basketball tournaments, and then the foundation donates money to the club for its work.

The club also conducts a Valentine fund-raiser in which members sell bags of candy to be

s left, Michael Sandoval, Wendy Schwendiman, Gunner Jensen, Luke Peterson, Jorf Fleming, Amber Bowers, Kayla nilli and Andrew Hurtado show food Items that students collected for Christimas baskets for neady families.

Students lend hand in holiday project

HOLIDAY MEMORIES

Shitchesh BPA members isclude from left, heak row: Korky Geolds Brittney Montgomery, Melles loors, Josk Jensen and Sreck Actio second row: Breen Roberts, Chante Rugor, Rache



STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Medical Center

Sofia Mercedes Gonzalez,
daughter of Manuel and Tammi Gonzalez of Jerome, was born
Friday, Dec. 27, 2002.
Kaine Robert Steve Henson,
on of Jared Henson and Megan
Jensen of Twin Falls, was born
Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002.
Eliana Dora Perotto, daughter
Dean Perotto of Twin Falls, was
born Saurday, Jan. 4, 2003.
Tylina Sue Rimkus, daughter
of Leann Beth and Henry J.
Rimkus Jr. of Jerome, was born
Monday, Jan. 6, 2003.
Shakira Dawn Martinez,
daughter of Michael Bawn and
Ron Phillip Martinez of Twin
Falls, was born Monday, Jan. 6,
2003.

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Joscelyn Kate Rosenberg, daughter of Sabrina Marie and Brandon Paul Rosenberg of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 7,

Stormy Sott Russell, son of Stormy Sott Russell, son of Naturn M. and James R. Russell of Eder, was born Tuesday, Jan 7, 2003. Benjamin Daniel Storenson, son of Amber and Daniel Eden Storenson of Tom Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan 7, 2004. Alex Christian Carpenter, son of Ana and Michel Leroy

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Carpenter of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003.

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Kaithu Rose Wheeler, daughter of Sheda K, and Amthors B.
Wheeler of Burley, was born Friday, Jan. 3, 2003
Bodee Ward Spencer, son of Dallan and Jennifer Spencer of Malta, was born Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003

Paige Leann Bailey, daughter of Tate and Sarah Barley of Burley, was born Monday, Jan. 6, 2003

Eric Juarez, son of Ayde Arteaga and Noel Juarez of Burley, was born Monday, Jan. 6, 2003.

2003. Anthony Rangel, son or Jose and Patricia Rangel of Raft River, was born Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003.

St. Luke's Wood River **Medical Center**

Reese Zenoniani Bradshaw, son of Jenniter and Rick Bradshaw of Hailey, was born Monday Dec 30, 2002 Cole Isaac Shenk, son of Natasha and Dustin Shenk of Hailey, was born Treesday, Jan 2, 2003 Loshia & Miraham son of

Hailey, was born Dresday, Jan 2,2003. Joshua K, Alraham, son ed Joshua K, Alraham, son ed Anna Marthews, and John Alraham of Hailey, was born Sauriday, Jan 4,2003. Anthony John Everett Flora, son of Stephane Deferiest and Joseph Flora of Gooding, was born Inseday, Jan 7,2003. Britta Nune Heighty, dandition of Susan and Peter Heighty of Hailey, was born Dresday, Jan 7,2003. Sherri Jacob Equavil Trese daughter of Nelida Tessa and Jacob Equavil of Kerktinin, was born Wednesday, Jan 8,2003.

WENDELL - Students at Wendell Middle School got out in force to collect cans of food for the Wendell Christmas Basket Community Drive. Each year, community mem-bers in Wendell sponsor Christmas baskets for needy families. At Wendell Middle School, the first-period classes held a contest to see which class could bring in the most canned food. Trina Ciocca's health class and Wendy Schwendiman's science class each donated more than



600 cans of food. These two classes each will receive a pizza party.
Altogether, the 182 students at Wendell Middle School collected more than 2,800 cans of food to

donate to the holiday community baskets project this year

ol Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) organization and the nutrition and foods class held the annual Canned Food Drivs in December. Almost 5,000 items were donated, and then given to the Salvation Army and Neighbors in Need. Pictured are Principal Ben Allen, back row, and members of the class. Judy Schroeder is the FCCLA adviser and the nutrition and foods teacher.





CSI North Side offers variety of classes

GOODING - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering adult enrichment and credit courses ranging from gardening to doi obedence to computers to you.

Creating Porcelain Dolls instructor Shirley Peterson will guide students through the complete process of making their own doll; from fring and pointing the bisque to making the body, and adding special features to make their doll unique the class will meet from 6.30 9.30 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 6 to March 20 at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. The fee is \$50 plus supples, which may be purchased from the instructor, Register by Jan. 21 an ossure a place in class.

Sign Language 1 introduces the non-signer, monprofessional o "survival communication" with signs. It combines the vocabulary and features of American Sign Language with English word order. This com-

Want more information?

Coll the CSI North Side Center at 1934 F678 I contupibly the office 17 12 14th Ave. Eartin Golding

mon form of social communica-tion between deal and hearing adults is known as Pides Samed English he omestedit contro-nstructed by Dermis Cation, will will be social to the property of the Wednesd Associal of the North Side Center. The tees is \$77.50 plus the teetbook.

Ceramics 1, Ceramics 2 and Studio Art/Ceramics 3, Ceramics 3, Studio Art/Ceramics will be field from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Hursdays, Jan. 28 to March 20 at Wendell High School Leads course is two credits and costs \$155 plus supplies. Ceramics 1 and 2 cover busine methods and Studio Art is a continued special institution to crums. ization in ceramics.
Other art offerings include

"Pen and Ink with Watercolor Wash," "Paining on Feathers," "Polymer Clay U and "Wosins Anwhere" Cooking Choices invlind "Dutch Oven Cooking," in no class on healthy caura, "What's and Memories Keepsike For Dinner" and "Meals and Memories Keepsike Cookbooks," another new class To deal with stress, there's Basic Swedish Massage," "Yoga' of a voga weekend work shop

Basic Sweens and Computer Stop To be autify your home outside and in, "Faux Painting Techniques I and 2" and "Litestyle Decorating I," "Horal Design," "Garden Art Plowerport," or "Howers and Shrubs Done Right" will be offered Computer courses inclinder Computer Computer Computer State Office of Computer Computer Computer Computer Made Simple" and "Internet Made Simple" and "Basic Computer Mantenance"

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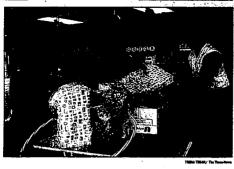


Thom Stimpson, the 'Singing Janitor,' presents Verlee Frost of the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council with a check for \$550 from the proceeds of his Christmas CD. This was Stimpson's second album. His patriototimpson is second aloum, His patrio lc CD sold in early summer of 2002, and raised money for Rupert's fire-works display. He plans another CD later this year with proceeds going to

HOLIDAY GIVING

Community

Employees of Bonanza Motors in Burley and sev-eral other community resi-dents banded together to make Christmas meny for Mini-Cassia area. Gifts were purchased for the were purchased for the children. Items were deliv-ered to the families on Christmas Eve. This group effort has become a holi-day tradition for those involved, organizers say. involved, organizers say. From left are some of the participants, Susar nmerman, Chris Galley and Bruce Breshears



Cadet Squadron Leader John Doherty and 2nd Lt. lean Nodacker of the T Air Patrol present Buh Head Start family educator Lana Phillips and Garnet Myers with clothing and toys for the Head Start fam-Illes. Items were purchased and wrapped by Twin Falls adron cadets and senior abers. For more informa-tion about the Civil Air strol, call Milt Nodacker at 543-8354 or 731-5781



Buhl names students of the month

BUHL - Buhl High School announced its students of the month for November and December. -The students and the reason they were honored are as follows:

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Angela Henson, citizenship
Brittany Jacobson, cinzenship
Steve Brown, mprocement
Brachael Linderman, great attitude and citizenship
Karl Eggleston, attitude and
great help
Veronica Ruyts, great help and
attitude and outstanding help
Angela Oglesbee, cinzenship and
academic excellence
Layne Woodruf, citizenship
Matt Bushy, extra effort
Thomas Melitize, improvement
Michelle Vola, citizenship and
academic excellence
Andrew Hurchinson, citizenship
and academic excellence
Layne Georyed
Andrew Hurchinson, citizenship
and academic excellence

Shyla Cantrell, citizenship and improvement Rachael Rabine, citizenship Andrianna Billings, citizenship and great attitude Kristi Chements, improvement and cheerfulness Pedro Baptista, hard work and extra effort Jessica Brown, dedicated work ethic each day

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lence Veronica Bettencourt, citizenship Joe Popplewell, academic excel-lence Nick Popplewell, academic excel-lence

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Katie Martinez, great help Jami Nicholson, great help

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Boyd School of
Law at the
University of
Nevada Las
Vegas.
He passed
the Idaho Bar
in August 200

Randy Neal
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Resident States of Legal Council, U.S.
Justice Department in Washington, D.C. for two years.
Neal is a 1980 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

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Robins is selected for 'Who's Who' honors

Jordan Robins has been selected for the "Who's Who Among



Students in American Universities and Colleges" publication in recognition of outstanding merit and accomplish-ment. ment.
Robins is a

Jordan Robins Southern Virginia University in Buena Vista, Va.
He is the son of son of Gary and Karen Robins of Burley.

Robins receives Eagle award for school project

award for school project
Quinn Robins, 18, received his
Eagle Scout award at a court of
honor held Nov. 13 at the Pella
LDS Church.
Robins has completed 21 merit
badges. For his Eagle project, be
erected a marquee at Mountain
View Elementary School. The
project took 78 hours to com-



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Troop 118. His leaders are Beck and Craig Turner.
Robins is a 2002 graduate of Burley High School, where he bedy body secretary and Burley High School, where, he was student body secretary apid active in drama and varsity soccer. He served as a staff councies of at the Duty to God camp. He also is attending the College of Southern Idaho, and will transfer to BYU-Idaho for the winter

semester.

He is employed at Lee's Furniture Outlet in Burley.

His parents are Gary and Karen Robins of Burley.

BETHEL SUPPORT

Kirsten Wright, honored gueen of Twin Falls Rethel S6 International Order of Job's Daughters, presents a check to Patti Clark, left, director of the Magic Valley Crisis Center in Twin Falls. During Wright's fall term, the Bethel has supported the center through proceeds from a car wash and a portion ed the center through proceeds from a car wash and a portion of its Christmas weath sales. The Crisis Center provides edu-cational services for women regarding domestic violence and self protection, and houses families in times of domestic cri-sis. Job's Daughters is a leadership organization for girts ages 11-19. For information about Job's Daughters or the Magic Valley Crisis Center call 734-7307.



Magic Valley Singles Square Dunce Club-7 pm. Toesdays at the Methodist Church at 211 S. Bichanan St. in Jerome, call Vera at 734 4647 or Tom at 324 6440. Couples wel-

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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JEROME - Bessie Sirucek
Fidal of Jerome celebrated her
102nd birthday on Jan 2
She was horn in 1901 in
Milligan, Neb. to Katerina
(Slaby) and
Jacob Sirucek
The year
Jefore, her parents had come
by ship from
Visnova, Czech
Republic. The
Suruceks settled
in 1911, the
family moved
to South
Dakota and later to Montana
near Moore, where Bessie went
to school in a one-room cabin
located at their place. The
teacher roomed with the family.
On March 14, 1923, she married Miroslav Filal in Twin Falls.
They moved to Jerome and
farmed. Her busband died in

June 1976. Fiala lived on the farm until March 2002 when she moved to St. Benedicts Long Term Care Unit in Jerome. She has three children, 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, Two of her great-grandchildren are deceased.

CSI offers class on Russlan Art

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TWIN FALLS - The College of
Southern Idaho will offer the
zero-credit enrichment class,
'East Meets West ... Russian Art'
from 79 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 23
through March 13 in Shields
Room 203.

Room 203.
Students will trace Russian art's connection with Eastern and Western art. Subjects covered will be Scythian gold, icons and architecture and how Russian art is a meeting ground between two distinct cultures.

Instructor Swetlana Schuckert is Russian. The cost is \$50.
For more information or to register, call 732-6288.

Wild game feed benefits

Wild game feed benefits scholarships, officers
TWIN FALLS - The James Moulson Wild Game Feed will be held at 3 pm. Feb. 2 at the Rock Creek Restaurant, 200 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.
Wild game donations are needed. Area chefs will use the game to prepare a wide vanety of dishes. Donations of raffle items for prepare as wide vanety of dishes. Donations of raffle items for prepare as wide vanety of dishes. Donations of raffle items for prepare as wide vanety, which is the control of the control

CSI offers 'Computers for Seniors' class

TWIN FALLS - The College of

Southern Idaho will offer "Computers for Seniors" from 9 am. to 12 pm. Saturdays. Jah. 25 through Feb. 22 in Shields Room 101 at CS1.
Seniors will get the chance to learn computer basics at a slow and easy pace. This course has been especially designed for seniors who want to get started with computers, but feel a need to build extra confidence to proceed.

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The instructor is Sue Ellis, and the cost is \$60.

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appraisal fair Saturday

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TWIN FALLS - The Second
Time Around Antique Mall will
hold a free appraisal fair from 10
a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at its
store at 689 Washington St. N. in
Twin Falls.
A certified appraiser and several
antique dealers will be on
hand to appraise antiques and
collectibles.

For more information, call 734-6008.

Wendell blood drive takes place Monday

WENDELL - An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 1-6 p.m. Monday at the Wendell LDS Church, 605 N.

Wendell LDS Church, 605 N. Idaho St. For more information, call Shirley or Mike Albertson at 536-6151.

January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. In addition to responding in emergency situents adminst. the Red Cross also says in meets blood needs of accident victims, premature babies, people undergoing treatment for cancer and other hospital patients.

Jerome Co. Historical

Society sells calendars

From County Historical Society 2003
calendars are available at the
Jerome County Historical

Museum, 220 N. Lincoln in Jerome.

Jerome.
The calendar focuses on the World War II-era and the Japanese-American relocation camp near at Hunt.
The cost is \$6. Supplies are limited. For more information about the society or calendars, call 324-5641.

The complete roundup of support groups, civic clubs, military organizations and more.

Check out the Club Calendar Wednesday in Community.

Lucsday, January 14, 2003

Tech-lovers ogle robots, electric curs at Vegas show

By Ine Krane Acceptated Press write

LAS VEGAS – Download your favorite. It's show and take it on the road for viewing. Or wirelessly stream music from your computer hard drive to the living room stereo. Too lary to fetch those peanus from the kitchen? Send your personal robot.

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disks.

"Panasonic's palm-sized DVD VDR-M30 records up to an hour's worth of video on each disk. It's

A watch that tells you the time, and

Microsoft is promoting its new Smart Personal Objects Technolor SPOT, which will bring enhanced functions to ordinary de, The first SPOT-enabled watches will be produced by three companies – Fosall, Citizen and Suund — and are expected to his deptay counters by the fall. Here's an example of how sorp

to hit deptay counters by use them.

The watch owner logs onto the SPOT Web site to customize the content his watch will receive. If he's planning a fire, he can adult his preferences to receive information specific to his destination city.

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The watch has a built-in ratio americal receives data on the FM band. It can re instant messages, news updates and is synchronized to atomic clock accuracy.



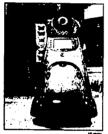
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Sony also introduced an upgraded \$800 Clic handheld computer with a 2-megapixel autofocus camera — more sophisticated than cameras on other organizers and phones. It hits stores next month. Garmin, maker of global positioning satellite receivers, touted a \$589 GPs-enabled handheld called the iQue that lets users know where they are — as long as they're within range of a satellite signal. The iQue uses voice guidance to give street-thy-street directions and is expected to start selling in midyear.

Both organizers use the Palm 5 operating system. The CES show floor was lousy with DVD playerts and personal video recorders. A few stood out, like SONIChluc's Go-Video D2730, a DVD player that networks with a PC.

Bevilder recording television programs onto a hard disk or a DVD, the \$249 machine lets users shuttle pictures, music and video from a computer to a TV screen.



The Evolution Robotics ER2 robot is shown Friday at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. It is capable of wheeling Itself into a room and transmitt

expected to sell for \$899 in March. Sony's three similar models, fea-turing top-of-the-line Carl Zeiss

The machine can even stream wirelessly if users purchase an addon network card that uses the light-speed 80.211h, or Wiff, network standard. Once networked, the PC can be searched by dicking on the Go-Video's remote control. The machine is supposed to reach stores before April. Hewlett-Packard announced a similar slim box, the \$259 Digital Media Receiver 5000, which also can be wirelessly networked with multiple PCs via WiFf. (A wiresonly version will sell for \$199.) HP's spring release of the device has the PC maker playing the home networking game from both sides. Its Media Center PC has many of the same capabilities but is centered on the computer. The Digital Media Receiver is for those more comfortable with a TV-centered living room.

In the same category, Toshiba displayed its \$1,000 DVD.RAM

the Ligitum Necoda textested with a TV-centered living room.
In the same category, Toshiba displayed its \$1,000 DVD-RAM BD-X2 recorder, which allows folks to burn DVDs or record TV programs to an 80-gigabyte hard drive, edit out the commercials, then burn them to a DVD.
Video recording eats lots of disk space.
For hoarders, hard disk maker Maxtor offers its 5000 XT external hard drive, a \$400 unit the size of Roget's Thesaurus that holds a mind-bending 250 GB of data.

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the telemarketer would need one, too.

To hold roving videoconferences inside the home, Evolution Robotics demonstrated its vague-ly humanoid ERZ robot, which can wheel itself into, say, the bedroom of a sleeping child or aging aunt and transmit audio and video.

video.

The machine can be sent on other errands, of course, and can read books held up to its eye-sensor and play music from a CD when you show it the disc's

Evolution Robotics has no plans yet to produce or sell the ER2 but offers a stripped down, unprogrammed model for \$499.

What will technology hold for us in 2003? even reach the level of consumer awareness that is enjoyed today by antivirus software. Wireless communications will become more prevalent in a wider variety of consumer electronic devices. Bluetooth, for example already appears in some cell phones, PDAs and printers. We'll begin to see wireless in other consumer electronic devices such as digital cameras and cameorders that will wirelessly download their video images into a PC, as well as cordless microphones and speakers.

In light of the new year, I feel the annual rug on my prediction string to write down what I believe will occur in the world of computing and technology for the upcoming year. So here goes:

With Apple Computer offering only dual processors in all their tower models in 2002, and with modern operating systems like their Mac OS X, and Microsoft's Windows XP able to support multiple processor machines, dual processors will begin to appear in all popular level PCs. Less likely are dual processor practices and produce too much power and produce too much beat with just one microsofte.

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Junk email, better known as
"SPAM" will become worse than
it's ever been, despite all the filters, controls and software that's

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BSL and other broadband services will see a huge increase in must part, become totally vices will see a huge increase in subscribers, going into many more households across America. Now I ask you, have you actually ever heard anyone say they absolutely love their dadap connection, especially after they've experienced broadband species? Also, the competition between cable modem and DSL will use any advantages to be found within their technologies that already bring TV images into the house and Mal street with the such as the such companies will promote any advantages to be found within their technologies that already bring TV images into the such as the such

Hotmail can get too hot for acceptable use by kids

. Q.1 am a mom, fairly computer literate but not super high-tech. My 12-year-0ld daughter has her own Hormail.com account to reterive e-mail from her friends. About a month ago, she began receiving mail from ber friends. About a month ago, she began proceiving when the could not germ "naxy" e-mails from some type of porno person. We were shocked and, of course, deleted these right away.

porno person. We were shocked and, of course, deleted these right away.

Unfortunately, the blocked sender button doesn't work on hotomail - I can highlight the addresses and then go into the block sender list and copy them to that list, but I have to do it each time, and yet they still keep coming. These porno people must have a million different addresses. The heard about something called spam, but I haven't been successful in downloading this to her Lessie Griffin, Tampa, Pa.

Lessie Griffin, Tampa, Pa.

A. It's not the job of a propellerhead computer columnist to profer childratising advice, Ms. G. but let me go out on a limb and give you to stop letting such a young child use such a potentially devastating latterner feature as Microsoft Corp.'s Hotmail.com Webbased email site.

There is no way that Hotmail could ever be rendered completed to the control of th

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the fact that Hotmail works through a Web browser immerced in the filth and chaos as well as the greatness and glory of the Internet. Seepage is inevitable. Let me suggest another approach:

Let me suggest another approach:
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You can, for example, set up your 12-year-old's account so that she sees notes only from specified senders such as the friends and other senders about whom you

other senders about whom you both agree.
Probably better, if you use POP mail, you can sequire some of the powerful anti-spam software like Symantee's robust Internet Security 2003, which contains a new Spam Alert feature that will let you quickly isolate the creeps and cut them off without needlessly blunting your own access to grown-up material.

for instant-message technology

NEW YORK - America Online has received a patent on its popular instant-messaging technology.

The request had been filed in 1997 by Mirabilis, the developer

1997 by Mirabilis, the developer of the ICQ instant-messaging service. AOL bought Mirabilis a year later, and the U.S. government approved the patent in September. AOL, however, won't say whether it will try to collect royalties or shut down rivals like Yahuol and Microsoft. The company, through its Netscape Communications Inc. unit, already has patents on key Internet technologies, including Secure Sockets Layer, a protocol for secure transmissions, and cookies, data files used to

identify and track repeat Web visitors. Yet Microsoft and other companies freely use those technologies in their browsers. Companies often tetain patents for defensive reasons—they can trade rights should they be challenged on some other technology.

AOL has more than 135 milion registered ICQ users and some 180 million on AOL Invatant Messenger, the service it developed in-house. Some question whether AOL's new patent would even stand if AOL tried to enforce it. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Zephyr and other instant messaging systems existed long before Mirabitis applied for the patent.

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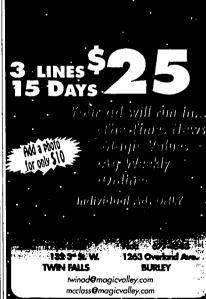
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The crowd broke into cheers, and Harpring said: "I shot it, and the crowd started going crazy, and I'm like. Wow, they must

really like my jump shot."

"

Utah's Mark Jackson passed to Matt Harbring recently for Jackson's 10.000th assist.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who preceded John Wooden as UCLA's basketball coach?

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball Sho-Ban at Raft River,

7:30 p.m. Wood River at Valley, 7:30 p.m.

berly at Declo, 7:30 p.m High school girls basketball

Jackpot, Nev. at M.V.
Christian, 6 p.m.
ISDB at the Community School
JV, 6 p.m.
Eliss at Carey, 6 p.m.
Castleford at Hansen,
730 p.m.

30 p.m. Oakley at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m. Richfield at Camas County,

7:30 p.m.
Dietrich at Shoshone,
7:30 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Wendell,

30 p.m. Filer at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m. Gooding at Wood River,

7:30 p.m.
Burley at American Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Jerome at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.

High school wrestling

Jerome at Burley, 7 p.m. Gooding, Valley at Buhl, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

USOC chief Ward retains position

DENVER - Lloyd Ward will remain head of the U.S. Olympic Committee despite trying to steer Pan Am Games business to a company with ties to his broth-

The 23-member USOC execu-tive committee reprimanded Ward on Monday, saying he "cre-ated the appearance of a conflict of interest."

Ward on Monday, saying he "created the appearance of a conflict of interest."

"Lloyd's job was not in danger at any point," USOC vice president Bill Stapleton said. "This group of people understands that he committed an error in judgment and that is to be dealt with in a process that any other executive would have to go through. But for us, we looked at it as his job was never ever in danger."

A resolution passed by the

danger."

A resolution passed by the executive committee said the findings of the report will be addressed "in the ordinary course of business" when Ward course of business" when warugsts his annual employee performence review.

"Ward, a former Maytag CEO the was hired in November 2001

to was hired in November 2001 of take over the tumultuous BBOC organization, is the BBOC's fourth chief executive ance 2000 and its 12th since

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Fred Cosens, 1919-21, Caddy Forks, 1921-1939, and Wilbur ohns, 1939-1948.

Serent survives rare first-round scare

MRI BOURNE, Australia (1) Seems Williams but for her fourth praisin Grand Slam title is alive – breaky Williams survived a second-set lebroscore and thally prevailed 56, 76 (5), 75 over 56th-maked, Brillia Loit of France on Duesday in the first round of the Australia Ones. isn Open. n't think I was playing

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Withfolders and U.S. Open last year—the tide tot lose even a see in raking those last two championstips.

But with her mother watching from the stands, Williams almost was chased from the only Grand Slam event she's never won.

Holding all four Grand Slam titles at once last was accomplished Steffi Grat, who added the 1934 Australian title to her victories in the other majors in 1939.

victories in the only three 1993.
Graf also is one of only three women with a true Grand Slam. She did that in 1988, following Maureen County in 1953 and Margaret Court

in 1970.

In other women's matches, Kim Clijsters, who beat both Williams sisters two months ago, surged into the

occond round with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over American Samantha Reeves. Clijsters needed just 52 minutes to win with her heavy groundstrokes, ending when Reeves hit a serve return into the net.

After a season in which Serena williams beat elder sister Venus in the championship matches at the French and U.S. Opens and Wimbledon, Clijsters beat Venus in the semifinals and defeated Serena in the final at the WTA Tour Championships in November.

The number of likely challengers to the sisters was reduced Monday when Jenuifer Capriati, the 2001 and 2002. Australian winner, became the first women's defending champion to lose in the first round of this tournament.

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Serena Williams hits a shot to Emilie Loit at the Australian

Bucs insist

turn tables

TAMPA, Fla. - To win the NFC championship, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will have to buck some ugly trends; four straight losses to the Philadelphia Eagles and an 0.6 road record in the

postseason.

Then there's that 1-21 record when the temperature is 40 or

But after setting a franchise record for vectories in the regular season and dominating the San Francisco 49ers in the second tound of the playoffs, the Bucs are confident that Sunday's trip to Veterans Stadium will be dif-ferent.

they can

on Philly By Fred Goodali Associated Press Writer

Section D

The cream rises



The Eagles' James Thrash runs away from Atlanta's Johndale Carty for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of the Eagles' playoff win over the Falcons Saturday In

After turbulent season, order emerges in NFL playoffs

When the Philadelphia Eagles last went to the Super Bowl 22 years ago, they ran into the Oakland Raiders. The odds say that could hap-pen again.

pen . The Eagles and Raiders earned The Eagles and Raiders earned home-field advantage throughout this season's playoffs and that should help them in Sunday's conference championship games. In the NFC, Philadelphia is an early three-point favorite over

early three-point favorite over Tampa Bay, which has lost four straight games to the Eagles. In

the AFC, Oakland is favored by 7.5 points over Tennessee, a team it beat by 27 in September. Those matchups seem relatively lopsided – the antithesis of the regular season, when no one could correctly predict anything from week to week.

They also defy the trend of the previous few seasons, when teams like the Patriots, Giants or Ravens (and even the Titans and Rams in 1999) came out of the woodwork to make it to the Super Bowl. This time, all four semifinallists were considered contenders before the season, although Pitriburgh and St. Louis

Conference championships

Sunday

NFC Championship
ampa Baylat Philadelphia.
1 p.m. (FOX)

AFC Championship
Tennessee at Oakland,
4:30 p.m. (CBS)

vontes. le game is a rematch of a regular-season contest. The Raiders routed the Titans 52-25

on Sept. 29 in Oakland, and the Eagles beat the Bucs 20-10 on Oct. 20 in Philadelphia. Each also pits teams with identical records the Eagles and Bucs are both 134, the Raiders and Titans both 12-5, after home teams swept the weekend's games.

games. Veterans Stadium, which will host its last NFL game Sunday, has been a house of horrors for Tampa Bay.

The Bucs were knocked out of the playoffs there the last two seasons, and they haven't scored an offensive touchdown there in Passe see PLAYOFFS. Page 02

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round of the playoffs, the Bucare confident that Sunday's trip
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we're going to get on the
force and we're going to get on the
plane, and we're going to go to
Philadelphia one more time."
coach Jon Gruden said "It saw
Barry Bonds I saft in the stands in
PatBell Park and watched him
strike out three times. He didn't
duck in the muth inning, though.
"He went up there, he took his
cuts in the muth ming, and I've
seen him deliver That's kind of
how I look at this situation. You
either ask for a pinch hitter or
you take your cuts That's what
we have to do. We have ended
fampa Bay's eason the past two
years, ourscoring the Bucs 52-12
in a pair of lopuded first round
playoff games that ultimatels
you former coach Tony Dungs
his job
Gruden was hirted laxt
February and is already weary of
answering questions about the
club's recent history in
Philadelphia. The Bucs 13-41
have failed to score an offensive
couchdown in their last three visits to the Vet, dating to the 2000
playoffs.
Philadelphia also won a meaningless regular-reason finale
between the teams in Tampa last
year. Starriers for both clubs
played just one series because
the following week in the playoffs.
"None of that matters now. If
we win on Sunday, that erases
Peace see BUCS Fage D2

Syracuse upsets No. 11 Missouri

Oklahoma State topples No. 5 Oklahoma, 48-46

The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Syracuse's first game as a ranked team was the first against a ranked team was the first against a ranked team was the first against a ranked team and the Orangamen delivered as mance on both ends of the court.

Hakim Warrick had 20 points to lead all five surrers in double figures and the 25th-ranked Crangamen (11-1) won their lith straight, a 7669 victory over No. 13 Missourio ni fondey right.

Byracuse moved into the Top 25 just hours before tipoff and quickly proved it belonged, holding the Tigars (10-2) to 35 percent shooting, wall of their 48.3 mark entering the game and 12 points shooting well off their 40.0 mm; entering the game and 12 point helow their average for the see



eny, right, chall nouse, N.Y., Mc Syracuse's Carmolo Anthony during the first half in Syrac

earing the first haff in Synesses, NY.

con. The Tiggers also had a seasonhigh 20 turnovers.

Warrick had 10 rebounds and be
was joined in a double-double by
restman Carmalo Anthony, who
had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Freshman Gerry McNamars added
14 points and serven assists for
Syracuses, while Owig Forth had 11
points and serven assists for
Syracuse, while Owig Forth had 11
points and Koeth Duany 10.

Ricky Clemons had 26 points, 10 above his season sverage, and seven sasists for Missouri. Center Arthur Johnson finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Warrick scored on a nice spin move with 10:58 left to give Syracuse a 61-48 land. Missouri then went on a 90 run - with five

Unbeaten Blue Devils remain atop AP poll

By Jim O'Connell Associated Press Writer

Duke won the matchup of the last two unbeaten teams and held the No. 1 ranking Monday in The Associated Press college basket-ball cell

Associated riess tourge countries bull poll.

The Blue Devils (11-0) best Georgetown 93-86 on Wednesday, then convincingly downed Wake Forest 74-55 on Sunday, handing the Demon Deacons their first loss of the sea-

Deacons their first loss of the second.

Duke, which moved into the No. 1 spot last week for the first time this season, received 57 first-place votes and 1,785 points from the national media panel.

Arisona (11-1), which best Washington State and Washington stome last week, held second with 15 first-place

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votes and 1,737 points.

A flurry of changes followed, with three teams – two ranked the preseason Top 10 – dropping out and LSU, Oklahoma State and Syracuse moving in.

Michigan State (9-5), ninth in the preseason poll, dropped out after a loss to lowa. Navier (10-4), 10th to open the season, fell out after a loss to Richmond.

Texas Tech (10-2), a 88-44 loser to Kansas State on Sanurday, also dropped out after a two-week stay.

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Pittsburgh moved to No. 4 and Oklahoma's win over Connecticut saw the Sooners jump to No. 5.

Connecticut dropped three Please see POLL Page D2



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The crowd broke into cheers, and Harpring said: "I shot it, and the crowd started going crazy and I'm like.

Wow, they must really like my jump shot,"

Utah's Mark Jackson passed to Matt Harpring recently for Jackson's 10.000th assist.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who preceded John Wooden to UCLA's basketball coach? ...anguer belou

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball

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Sho-Ban at Raft River, 7:30 p.m. ISDB at The Community School JV, 7:30 p.m. Jackpot, Nev. at M.V. Christian, 7:30 p.m. Bliss at Carey, 7:30 p.m. Hagerman at Gooding, 7:300 m.

7:30 pm.
Wood River at Valley,
7:30 pm.
Kimberly at Declo, 7:30 pm.

High school girls basketball Jackpot, Nev. at M.V. Christian, 6 p.m. ISDB at the Community School JV, 6 p.m.

V, 6 p.m.
Bliss at Carey, 6 p.m.
Castleford at Hansen,
330 p.m.
Oakley at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
Richfield at Camas County,

30 p.m. Dietrich at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Wendell,
7:30 p.m.

Grenns Ferry at Wendell, 7:30 p.m. Filer at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m. Gooding at Wood River, 7:30 p.m. Burley at American Falls, 7:30 p.m.

Table at American Falls, 730 p.m.
Jerome at Twin Falls, 730 p.m.

High school wrestling

Jerome at Burley, 7 p.m. Gooding, Valley at Buhl,

IN BRIEF

USOC chief Ward retains position

DENVER - Lloyd Ward will remain head of the U.S. Olympic Committee despite trying to steer Pan Am Games business to a company with ties to his broth-

a company with ties to his brothit.

The 23-member USOC executive committee reprimanded
Ward on Monday, asying he "cresued the appearance of a conflict
of interest."
"Lloyd's job was not in danger
at any point," USOC vice predident Bill Stapleton said. "This
group of people understands
that he committed an error in
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A resolution passed by the

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A resolution passed by the executive committee said the findings of the report will be addressed "in the ordinary course of business" when Ward gats his annual employee performance review.

name review.

Ward, a former Maytag CEO figo was hired in November 2001 that ke over the tumultuous EBOC organization, is the EBOC's fourth chief axecutive since 2000 and its 12th since 278.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Fred Cosens, 1919-21, Caddy Works, 1921-1939, and Wilbur Johns, 1939-1948.

Serem survives rare first-round scare

MELEOURNE, Australia - Beress Williams Wallen - Beress Williams Wallen - Beress Williams Wallen - Beress Williams Survived a second-set televesker and finally revealed 56, 76 (5), 75 ower Sohr-anised Emille Loit of France on Theeday in the first round of the Australian Open. "I don't think I was playing nearly at 100 percent," Williams said. "I think I was a bit lucky to but the first round of a Grand Siam." Williams over loss of the bere lost in the first round of a Grand Siam." Williams overcame 55 unforced errors. The top-ranked woman in the world had been almost unbestable in winning the French Open,

mouning all four Grand Slam titles at once last was accom-plished Steffi Graf, who added the 1994 Australian title to her victories in the other majors in 1993.

Graf also is one of only three women with a true Grand Sizm. She did that in 1988, following Maureen Connolly in 1953 and Margaret Court in 1970.

In other women's matches, Kim Chisters, who beat both Williams sis-ters two months ago, surged into the

socond round with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over American Samantha Reeves.
Clipters needed just 62 minutes to win with her heavy groundstrokes, ending when Reeves hit a serve return into the net.
After a season in which Serena Williams best elder dister Venus in the championship matches at the French and U.S. Opens and Wimbledon, Clipters beat Venus in the semifinal and defeated Serena in the final at the WTA Tour Championships in November.
The number of likely challengers to the sisters was reduced Monday when Jennifer Capriati, the 2001 and 2002. Australian winner, became the first women's defending champion to lose in the first round of this tournament Please see AUSTRAIMA, Page 10 sees and Minutan.

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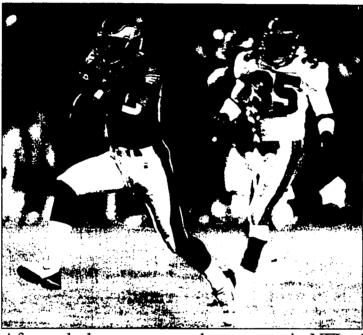
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on Philly

By Fred Goodall Associated Press Writer

The cream rises



The Eagles' James Thrash runs away from Atlanta's ndale Carty for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of the Eagles' playoff win over

TAMPA, Fla. - To win the NFC championship, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will have to buck some ugly trends: four straight losses to the Philadelphia Engles and an 0-6 road record in the patterns. postseason.

Then there's that 1-21 record when the temperature is 40 or now. But after setting a franchise But after setting a franchise record for victories in the regular season and dominating the San Francisco 49ers in the second round of the playoffs, the Bucs are confident that Sunday's trap to Veterans Stadium will be dif-

are confident that Southay's trap
to Veterany Stadium will be different.
"We're going to get on the
plane, and we're going to go to
Philadelphia one more time,"
coach Jon Gruden vaid "I vaw
Barry Bond's 1-sat in the stands in
PacBell Park and watched him
rike out three times. He didn't
duck in the minh minn, though.
"He went up there, he took his
cuts in the minh minn, and I've
een him deliver. That's kind of
how I look at this situation. You
either ask for a pinch hitter or
you take your cuts. That's what
we have to do. We have to go
take our swings."

The Eagles (13-4) have ended.

The Eagles (13-4) have ended Tampa Bay's season the past two years, outcomp the Bucs 52-12 in a pair of lopuded first-round playoff games that ultimately cost former coach Tony Dungs his job.

Gruden was hired last February and is already weary of answering questions about the club's recent history in Philadelphiar. The Bucs (13-4) have failed to score an offensive touchdown in their last three visits to the Vet, dating to the 2000 playoffs.

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Philadelphia also won a mean-ingless regular-season finale between the teams in Tampa last year. Starters for both clubs played just one series because the clubs were going to meet the the clubs were going to meet the following week in the playoffs.

"None of that matters now....! we win on Sunday, that erase

After turbulent season, order emerges in NFL playoffs

When the Philadelphia Eagles last went to the Super Bowl 22 years ago, they ran into the Oakland Raiders. The odds say that could hap-nes again.

Ine oous sa, pen again.
The Eagles and Raiders earned home-field advantage throughout this season's playoffs and that should help them in Sunday's conference championship games.
In the NFC, Philadelphia is an the NFC, Philadelphia is and the NFC, Philadelphia is and the NFC, Philadelphia is and the NFC.

early three-point favorite over Tampa Bay, which has lost four straight games to the Eagles. In

the AFC, Oakland is favored by 7.5 points over Tennessee, a team it beat by 27 in September. Those matchups seem relatively lopided - the antitheps seem relatively lopided - the antitheps is the regular season, when no one could correctly predict anything from week to week.

They also defy the trend of the previous few seasons, when teems like the Pariots, Giants or Ravens (and even the Tirans and Rams in 1999) came out of the woodwork to make it to the Super Bowl. This time, all four semifinalists were considered contenders before the season, although Pitraburgh and St. Louis

Conference championships

Sunday
- NFC Championship
Tampa Baylat Philadeiphia
- Ilipim (FOX)
- AFC Championship
Tennessee at Oakland,
- 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

probably were the consensus con-ference favorites. Each title game is a rematch of a regular-season contest. The Raiders routed the Titans 52-25

on Sept. 29 in Oakland, and the Eagles beat the Bucs 20-10 on Oct. 20 in Philadelphia Each also pits teams with identical records: the Eaglet and Bucs are both 13-4, the Raiders and Titians both 12-5, after home teams swept the weekend's games.

teams swept the weeksmingames.
Veterans Stadium, which will host its last NFL game Sunday, has been a house of horrors for Tampa Bay.
The Bucs were knocked out of the playoffs there the last two seasons, and they haven't scored an offensive touchdown there in Page see PLAYOFS, Page D2

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Syracuse upsets No. 11 Missouri

Oklahoma State topples No. 5 Oklahoma, 48-46

The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Syracuse's first game as a ranked team was its first against a ranked team and the Orangemen delivered an impressive performance on both each of the court.

Haidm Warrick had 20 points to lead all five scarcer in double figures and ranked team on the court of t



Syrpouse's Carmolo Anthony, right, challe during the first half in Syrpouse, N.Y., Me

son. The Tigers also had a season-high 20 turnovers.

Warriet had 10

was joined in a double-double by freshman Carnelo Anthony, who had 16 points and 11 rebounds. Preshmen Gerry McNamers added 14 points and seven essists for Syracuse, while Craig Porth had 11 points and Kneth Duarry 10.

Ricky Clemons had 26 poi 10 above his season average,

Ricky Clemons had 26 points, 10 above his season everage, and seven assists for Missouri. Center Arthur Johnon finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Warrick scored on a nice spin move with 10:58 left to give 5yracuse a 61-48 lead. Missouri then went on 8-9 run - with five Peess see HOOPS, Page D2

Unbeaten Blue Devils remain atop AP poll

Duke won the matchup of the last two unbeaten teams and held the No. 1 ranking Monday in The Associated Press college basket-ball poll.

The Blue Devils (11-0) beat Georgatown 93-86 on Wednesday, then convincingly downed Wake Forest 74-55 on Sunday, handing the Demon Deacons their first loss of the season.

Deacons their first loss of the sea-son.

Duke, which moved into the
No. 1 spot last week for the first
time this season, received 57
first-place votes and 1,785 points
from the national media panel.

Arisona (11-1), which best
Washington State and
Washington at home last week,
held second with 15 first-place

Basketball poll - Page D3

votes and 1,737 points.

A flurry of changes followed, with three teams – two ranked the preseason Top 10 – dropping out and LSU, Oklahoma State and Syracuse moving in.

Michigan State (9-5), minth in the preseason poil, dropped out after a loss to lowa. Kavier (10-4), 10th to open the season, fell out after a loss to Richmond.

Texas Tech (10-2), a 68-44 loser to Kansas State on Saturday, also dropped out after a two-week stay.

Pittsburgh moved to No. 3, Texas moved to No. 4 and Oklahoma's win over Comercicut saw the Scomers jump to No. 5.

Connecticut dropped three

Plesse see POLL Page 02

Medina's 27 paces Castleford win

Castleford - The Castleford Wolves hit their free throws down the stretch as Local they knocked off the Wendell Trojans in sports non-conference boys basketball action Monday night. Elvis Medina tossed in a game high 27 points while Robert Comer nailed five three-pointers, inishing with 23 points. "It was one of our better games. Defensively we played real well," said Castleford coach Andy Wiseman. Castleford by the Company of the Wolves went 12-15 from the free throw line in the final period was a considered to the control of the company of the company of the control o

od.

Jysen Lancaster paced
Wendell with 19 points while
Tyrel Davis chipped in 14.
Castleford (3-1, 9-2) travel to
Oakley on Friday.

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Shoshone 46, Richfield 35

SHOSHONE - Tony Pereira netted 15 points to lead the Shoshone Indians over Richfield 46-35 in Northside boys basket-ball Monday in Shoshone. Mike Fitzgerald added seven

Mike Fittgerald added seven points. Indian coach Larry Messick said that Pereira and Phillip Royal made the difference in the end. "Phillip Royal and Periera each scored six points in the fourth to hold Richfield at bay,"

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he said.
Victor Vasques scored 13
points for the Tigers.
Shoshone (5-5, 4-0 Northside)
hosts The Community School
Thursday.

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Oakley 73, Dietrich 57

OAKLEY - Oakley defeated Hetrich 73-57 in boys basketball

Monday in Oakley.

Eric Elison led the Hornets
with 28 points. Teammate
Ammon McBride added 12

points.
Oakley coach Roger Caresia said the first quarter made the

said the first quarter made the difference.
"We just got off to a good start with good energy," he said. "We caught the furnovers and turned them into easy shots and that made the difference."
Film Dill scored 18 points for the Blue Pevils.
The Hornets (6-4, 3-2 Magic Valley Conference) hosts Castleford Thursday.

Oakley 73, Districts 57
Devon

Twin Falls Christian Acadmey 62, Hansen 52

TWIN FALLS - Austin Nickens scored a game-high 25 points as Twin Falls Christian Acadmey downed Hansen 62-52

before the withdrawal by Golmard, who also hurt his back in the control of the co

"I'm not trying to make excuses, that's for sure," Capriati said.
"But I have to say it had a lot to do with my preparation for com-

Nickens also had nine boards.

Jake Walker added 10 boards and Pete McMullen contributed

six.
Warriors coach Brent Walker
said it was an inside game.
"Nickens had a very good
game scoring inside the paint,"
he said. "We did very well over-

all rebounding." Huskey Tyrel King nerted 17

points. TFCA (6-2) visits Murtaugh Friday.

Twin Falls Christian Academy 82, Hansen 82

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Glenns Ferry 89. Wood River 69

GLENNS FERRY - The Glenns Ferry Pilots outlasted Wood River 89-69 in non-conference boys basketball Monday in

boys baskerball Monday in Glenns Ferry. Pilot Zach Simons had a triple double with 36 points, 19 rebounds, and 13 steals. Teammate Heath Cameron con-ributed 16 points. Refugio Regalado led the Wolverines with 14 points. Clenns Ferry (5-6) hosts Valley for its first Canyon Conference game Friday

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ing here."
Capriati's ouster came on a day when Yenus Williams and Lindsay Davenport won, as did three-time winner Andre Agassi.
Capriati figures she still needs up to a month to get back in shape after the operation.
Probably, if wasn't the defending champion, I wouldn't have shown up, "he said.
Capriati struggled with her seve but opened a 6-2, 42 lead. Then Weingartner began finding the range.

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Lighthouse Christian JV 27
GOODING - The Idaho School for the Deal and Bilind picked up their second victory of the season, topping Lighthouse Christian 40-27 girls non-conference baskeball Monday night.

"We played well together rought and never game up," said ISDB coach Beth Price.
Aubrer Dhompson, who led the Raptors with 15 points, nalled a pair of three-pointers in the first period as ISDB jumped out to a Ja-4 lead after one. They would hold the lead for the rest of the game.

ame. Jessica Febus chipped in 11 points for the Raptors. Raquel Bartlett paced Lighthouse Christian with 12. ISDB (2-7) travels to Ketchum

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"I think I deserved it." Weingarmer said. "I played really well, and lyss went for it."

The last defending men's champion to lose in the first round at the Australian Open was Boris Becker in 1997.
Agassi, the 1995, 2000 and 2001 champion, didn't even get to the first round last year. He went home with a wrist injury from a tuneup event.

event.
This time, Agassi scored a 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Brian Vahaly, a former All-American at

"It has, unfortunately, been a lot longer than I wish it was. It was good to get out there again," Agassi said.

envirting that has happened. We just cart jut jup there and ablood curvelyes in the front "Inches in Control Process and "Front Control Process" in the Additional Process and Control Process of different team that we there exists there in the season. They have a different team that we faced, and I think ent team that we faced, and I think ery player recognises that."
Some of the Eagles feel the

Some of the Engles feel the sme way.

"All the points we scored, all the times we've stopped then, we can't bring that to the game on Sunday," Philadelphia corner, back Bobby Taylor said.

"This is the first time we play them for the NFC chempion below." The Bucs long have been haunted by a history of fullion in cold weather. They were winless in games in which the temperature dipped to 40 or below before breaking the streak with a 15-0 victory at Chicago on Dec. 29.

The forecast for Sunday calls

for a parameter of the parameter of the

stretch.

That gives the Bucs confidence they'll have more success against the tough Eagles' defense this

the tough Eagles' defense this time.
"I think we closify are a better team. We've set a franchise record for wins, and we've done a lot of things this year that we've never done before," safety John Lynch said.

Playoffs

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their past three trips (Derrick Brooks' fumble return accounted for the only TD in October's

or the only TD in October's game).

Tampa Bay's players SAY that doesn't bother them, a stance that has been drummed into them by coach Jon Gruden for the past month.

What they really think is another matter.

"We're a different team than we were last year. We're a different team than we were how many weeks ago that we played them." cornerback Ronde Barber said after the Bucs routed San Francisco 31-5 Sunday.

"We were in this position three years ago when we had a chance to go on the road to play for an NFC championship and go to the Super Bowl. I can't imagline us being denied again."

That game in 2000 was indeed

imagine us again."

That game in 2000 was indeed a classic - an 11-6 loss in St. Louis in which the Bucs' defense almost totally shut down an offense that had dominated the NFL.

nated the NFL.

But it also was played indoors
on decent artificial turf. The
field at the Vet almost universally is detested by visiting
players; Atlanta coach Dan
Reeves and quarterback
Michael Vick made a point of
blaming it for some of their

offensive troubles in Saturday night's 20-6 loss to the Eagles. Oakland proved its legitimacy with a 30-10 win over the New York Jets in a game that was 10-10 at halftime.

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More important, the Raiderek Chead Pennington look like what he is – a first-year starter at quarterback. Oakland's two interceptions were as many a Pennington had thrown in his previous 10 games.

This week will be a different story. Tennessee's Steve McNair is far more experienced than Pennington. McNair's reputation as a scrambler has overshadowed his ability as one of the NFL's top clutch QBs. He was just that in the 34-31 cvertime win over the Steelers on Saturday.

Like the Bucs with the Eagles, the Titans have to prove they

Like the Bucs with the Eagles, the Titans have to prove they can stay with the Raiders. But that big loss to Oakland this season was the third game of a four-game slide that left the Titans at 1-4. Since then, they've won 11 of 12. The way favorites have been winning and the way home-field advantage really has been advantage, it looks like it could be the Eagles and Raiders playing for the NFL title in two weeks.

Poll

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places into a tie for sixth with Florida, which made the biggest jump in the poll.
Illinois, Alabama and Notre

Aminots, Alabama and Notre Dame rounded out the Top 10. Missouri was 11th, followed by Kansas, Creighton, Mississippi State, Louisville, Kentucky, Maryland, Indiana, Wake Forest

and Georgia.

Marquette, Oregon, LSU, Oklahoma State and Syracuse rounded out the Top 25.

Oregon (10-4) lost 88-72 to California and 81-57 to

California and 81-57 to Stanford and fell from 12th to No. 22, the week's biggest drop The Ducks were No. 5 earlier

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Continued from D1 in the Open cra. In other women's matches, No. 10 Chanda Rubin overcame tumparan Melinda Crain 64, 75; Mary Pierce, winner of the 1995 Australian Open and 2000 French, beat Austra's Patricia Amy Frazier, playing in her 56th Grand Slam tournament, needed only 43 minutes to out Spain's Conchita Martinez Granados. On the men's side, Wimbledon runner-up David Nalbandian moved quickly into the second round when France's Jerome Golmard quit after three sets with a back injury. Nalbandian led 3-6, 6-3, 6-1 Hamilton leads Pistons to road win over Orlando

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) Richard Hamilton scored 27
points and Ben Wallace had 19
rebounds as the Detroit
Pistons defeated the
Orlando Magic 101.86

Pistons of defeated the Orlando Magic 101.86 Monday night.

Hamilton scored 23 of his points in the second and third quarters, when the Pistons rallied from a 13-point deficit to take control. Cliff Robinson added 17 points and Chauncey Billups 16 for the Pistons, who have won five of their last six.

Grant Hill, who had missed seven of the last eight games with ankle trouble, had 12 points in the first half to help the Magic take a 39-26 lead with nine minutes left in the second quarter.

That's when Hamilton carried the Pistons to the lead. After scoring only four points the first 18 minutes, he hit eight of his next nine shots and had all 27 of his points by the end of the third quarter.

players scoring – to get within 61-57 with 8:15 to play. Syracuse responded with a 10-0 run of its own that made it 71-57 with 5:59 to play. No. 24 Oklahoma St. 48.

No. 5 Oklahoma 46

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STILLWATER, Okla. – Victor Williams made a disputed bank shot with 36 seconds to play, giving No. 24 Oklahoma State a 48-46 victory over fifth-ranked Oklahoma ocach Kelvin Sumpson ran onto the court to protest Williams' shot, which came just as the 35-second shot clock expired. The officials rejected his claims and then Ebi Ere missed a 3-point try at the buzzer. McFarlin gave the Cowboys a 64-31 lead with a tipin at the 143 mark. Hollis Price sank a free

Hoops

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Timberwolves 89.

Nuggets 75 MINNEAPOLIS - Anthony Peeler scored 20 points off the bench and Kevin Garnett added 14 points and 15 rebounds to lead

Minnesota.
Peeler had been shooting just 27.5 percent and averaging 4.1 points over his previous 11 games.

games.
Juwan Howard had 19 points and eight rebounds and Ryan Bowen had 14 points and nine rebounds for Denver.

Rockets 101, Celtics 92

HOUSTON - Steve Francis scored 26 points, including eight of his team's final 12, and the Rockets overcame Boston's 3-

Rockets overcame Boston. — point barrage. Cuttino Mobley added 24 points, James Posey had 12 and Yao Ming blocked five shots as the Rockets won their second in

throw with 1:17 left, then hit a short jumper in the lane with 40 seconds remaining to tie it at 46. After an Oklahoma State time-out, Williams dribbled alone near midcourt before driving left of the lane and shooting. Television replays appeared to show that the ball was still in his hand as the shot clock huzere sounded. Price, averaging 18.5 points per game, was 1-ol-8 in the first half and finished with six points. Ere also scored just six.

No. 1 Duke 79. Georgia Tech 59

ATLANTA - Alana Beard bounced back from a sluggish start, scoring all but two of her 19 points in the second half to lead No. 1 Duke to a 79-59 victory over Georgia Tech on Monday night.

a row and sent Boston to its eighth loss in 10 games.

Then Weingartner began finding the range.
Weingartner reached match point with a forehand serve return down the line. She then hit deep to the corner, and Capriati sent the ball into the net.

Bulis 101, Knicks 94

CHICAGO – Jalen Rose scored 28 points and Tyson Chandler had a career high 19 rebounds as

the Bulls nearly blew a 20-point fourth-quarter lead before beating the Knicks.

ing the Knicks.

Allan Houston led New York with 25 and Kurt Thomas chipped in 19. Latrell Sprewell had 17 but shot just 7-of-22 for the game.

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Rookie goaltender helps Penguins beat Bruins, 2-1

BOSTON (AP) – Jan Hrdina scored the game-winning goal with 5:58 remaining and Sebestien Caron made 31 saves to lead the Pittsburph Penguins to a 2.1 victory over the Boston Bruins on Monday night.

Hrdina scored his 14th goal when Alexel Kovalev fed him a pass coming out of the corner that he wristed past goalie Steve Shields. The victory snapped a three-game losing streak for the Penguins and a four-game losing streak against Boston.

Mano Lemieura returned to the Penguins lineup after missing three games with a strained groin. He played six shifts in the first period, but did not return after that.

Canadiens 4, Flames 2

Canadiens 4, Flames 2
MONTREAL – Rookie Marcel
Hossa had his first career twogoal game and Jose Theodore
made .26 saves to lead the
Montreal Canadiens to their second win in three home games.
Hossa, who has five goals in
four games since being recalled
from the minors, scored a powerplay goal in the first before
adding his second of the game
with 6:35 remaining in the third.

Rangers 5, Maple Leafs 1

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NEW YORK - Petr Nedved
scored three goals, and Eric
Lindros had a goal and assis for
the New York Rangers, who have
won two straight for the first time
since Dec. 1-3.
Nedved, who has 17 goals, completed his seventh career hat
trick with 16.8 seconds left.
Mike Dunham made 23 saves
and assisted on Nedved's final
goal. His shurout bid was spoiled
with 10.09 remaining when Alyn
McCauley scored his third goal of
the season.

Thrashers 7, Flyers 4

Infashers 7, Flyers 4
PHILADELPHIA — Dany
Heatley scored three goals and
Marc Savard added a goal and two
assists as the Atlanta Thrashers
snapped the Philadelphia Flyers'
six game winning streak.
Vyacheslav Kozlov, Jeff Odgers,
and Lubos Bartecko also scored
for the Thrashers.

Capitals 4, Islanders 3, OT

WASHINGTON - Jaromir Jagr

scored two goals, including the winner with 364 seconds to play in overtime.

Jagr also had two assists, giving him 11 points in the past two games that is the best two game stretch of Jagr's career and he is the first person to record 11 points in a two game span since Mario Lemieux in November 1995.

Washington has earned points in 13 straight games and built are here point lead over idle Tangan Bay in the Southeast division.

Jagr scored the power-play winner when Robert Lang sent a crossing pass through the top of the crease.

Devils 6, Panthers 2

Devils 6, Parthers 2

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Michael Rupp celebrated his
23rd birthday by scoring twice in
18 first NHL game.

Jeff Friesen scored twice in a
25-second span in a big four-goal
second period as the Devils
extended their unbeaten streak to
a season-high four games (30-1).

Partik Elias added a goal and
two assists in the third game
between the teams in 13 days.
Jiri Bicek also scored for New
Jersey, who outshot Florida 41-12
in posting a season high for goals.

Red Wings 5,

Blackhawks 4, OT
DETROIT - Nicklas Lidstrom
scored his second goal 47 seconds
into overtime to give the Detroit
Red Wings a 5-4 win over the
Chicago Blackhawks on Monday

Chicago Blackhawks on Monday night.

The defending Stanley Cup champions beat Chicago at home for the first time in 10 meetings. Chicago's last loss in Detroit was April 2, 1999.

Brendan Shanahan and Serger Fedorov assisted on the game-inning goal, which started with a three-on-two rish. Fedorov had three assists.

a three-on-two rush. Fedorov had three assists. Chicago's Phil Housley scoted with 319 left in regulation to discovering. Kyle Calder corralled the puck behind the net and assisted on the game-tying goal. Brett Hull's sixth goal in five games gave Detroit a 4.3 lead with 9.37 left in the third Hull's 19th goal this season and the 698th of his career came when he directed a shot from off Housley's backside just in front of the net.

-SPORTS IN BRIEF-

Buffalo Sabres file for bankruptcy protection

bankruptcy protection

BUFFALO, N.Y. - The
Buffalo Sabr filed for bankruptcy protection Monday,
becoming the second NHL
team in a week to seek relief
from creditors.

Commissioner Gary Bettman
aid the Chapter 11 filing in
U.S. Bankruptcy Court in
Buffalo is a step toward resolving the financial problems that
put the Sabres under the
league's control in June.
The team is for sale, and
Monday's filing could be a step
toward a possible move.
"It will enable the Sabres to
secure financing that will allow
them to continue to operate in
he ordinary course, subject to
league supervision, while that
Bettman, who addressed sabres
employees and the media.
The Ottawa Senators filed for
bankruptcy
protection
Thursday with a debi load of

bankruptcy protection Thursday with a debt load of more than \$160 million.

Officials investigate LeBron James' car

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CLEVELAND - State high
school officials are investigating, whether LeBron James
broke any cligibility rules with
sinew car.
James, expected to be the No.
Jick in this year's NBA draft if
he goes pro, has been driving a
Hummer H2 that he reportedly
got as an 18th birthday gift from
his mother, Gloria.
Clair Muscaro, commissioner
of the Ohlo High School
Athletic Association, said
Monday he was awaiting a
return phone call from Akron
St. Vincent: St. Mary High
School pruncipal bave Ratha to
discuss the cases
OHSAA spokesman Bo
Goldring said Muscaro requested a detailed written report on
how the car was obtained.
The Hummer has a base
retail price of \$49,190.
Muscaro wants to know who
bought the vehicle for James,
and make sure the purchase
didn't violate an OHSAA bylaw
that says an athleto forleits his
or her amateur stanu by 'capitallizing on athletic fame by
receiving money or gifts of

monetary value."

If it is proved that James broke a rule, Muscaro said the two-time Mr. Ohio would be stripped of his amateur status

Kentucky hires former Utah coach McBride

Utah coach McBride

LEXINGTON, Ky
Kentucky hired former Utah
coach Ron McBride as an assison to coach in charge of linebackers on Monday.
McBride was fired on Nov. 25
after 13 seasons in Utah The
Utes win 88 games under
McBride, but lost six in a row
this season and finished at 56
Utah freached six bowl games
under McBride. The best season
came in 1994, when the Utes won
came in 1994, when the Utes won
bowl and finished No. 10 in the
finial Associated Press poll.
The Utes won their finial
three games this season and
carried McBride off the field
after a 13-6 win over BVL on
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NFL won't air Vegas ad

NFL won't air Vegas ad during Super Bowl
LAS VEGAS - The National Football League has refused to accept a Super Bowl commercial from the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.
NFL spokes man Brian McCarthy said Monday that the commercial was rejected last month after league officials reviewed it, though he did not spoke the decided that the commercial was not in our best interest." McCarthy said. "The league office decided that the commercial was not in our best interest." McCarthy said in the NFL has a long-standing policy that prohibits the acceptance of any message standing policy that prohibits the acceptance of any message that makes reference to or mention of sports betting."
McCarthy said the NFL has a contract with ABC that gives be legage the right to reject any advertisement related to sports betting.
People familiar with the commercial - a montage of images from around the city - say there is no reference to gunching and don't undermand why it was rejected.

Notes on the agic Valley report

Car sales slow

ales of new automobiles by dealers in the Magic Valley dropped 8.4 percent from 2001 Other Lere's the breakdown, nas, Gooding and Lincoln coun-had no sales.)

New auto sales in 2002

County	Cars	Trucks	Total
Blaine	61	523	584
Cassia	81	306	387
Jerome	79	308	387
Minidoka	45	219	264
Tw:n Fatts	1,281	1.725	3,006
TOTAL	1,547	3,081	4,628

auto sales in 2001

County	Cars	Trucks	Total	
Blaine	45	590	635	
Cassia	65	320	385	
Jerome	73	395	468	
Minidoka	48	281	329	
Twin Falls	1,202	2,035	3.237	
TOTAL	1,433	3,621	5,054	

Here's a little recent history: Sales of new automobiles in Magic Valley fell 8.8 percent from 2000 to 2001.

Source: Idaho Automobile Dealers Association

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Sonic Corp. will participate in event

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TWIN FALLS - Oklahoma City,

based Sonic Curp. - a restaurant
chain with franchised locations in

frum Falls and Jerome - will participate in SG Cowen's First Annual

Consumer Conference in New York

Cuts today and Wednesday.

The investors resentation by

Sonic's management will be available to investors via a live audio

webcast at 130 pm. Wednesday. A

link to the webcast can be found at

the investor section of the compa
ny's Web site, www.

sonicdriven com, and the event will

be available for replay there.

OSHA Web site gives information for teens

Every year, about 70 teen-agers die from work-related injuries and 77,000 are injured serously enough to require emergency medical treatment, according to the Occupationa. To help keep working teen-agers health administration. To help keep working teen-agers healthy and happy, OSHA earlier this month unveiled a Web site that offers educational resources, such as fact sheets on workplace rights and fact possibilities, work hours, jub testrictions and more.

testrictions and more. In the tree safety and health site is aimed at educating young workers, parents, employers and educators on workplace safety. The teen safety and health site can be accessed from the Department of Labor's YouthRules Webs site at www.youthrule.oli gov or through the OSHA site at www.workpa.gov by cheking on "Youth Workers" or "What's New."

Investors show caution; Wall Street ends mixed

Wall Street ends mixed
NEW YORK - Wall Street meandered through a listless session
Monday, closing narrowly mixed
while investors awaited the start of
foarth-quarter earnings reports.
Investors were also collecting
some profits from the market's
recent advance, but in general,
refrained from making any major
bets.

refrained from making any major bets.

The Dow Jones industrial average eked out a gain of 1.09, or 0.01 percent, to close at 8,785.58, having risen 2.1 percent last week, its second consecutive weekly advance.

But the market's broader gauges were lower. The tech-focused Nasdaq composite index fell 1.68, or 0.1 percent, to 1,446.04, having vared 4.4 percent last week. The standard & Poor's 500 index declined 1.31, or 0.1 percent, to 926.26, having advanced 2.1 percent last week.

926.26, having advanced 2.1 percent last week. Investors were trading cautiously following Wall Street's big New Year's rally, which was fed in part by President Bush's \$674 billion tax cut proposal. The recent buying was also attributable to portfolio managers who typically begin the year buying the control of the proposal of the property of the p

compiled from staff and wire reports

Possible expansions loom

Economic leaders outline progress in job creation

By Mary Lou Potts Times News corresp

WENDELL - Two coalitions promoting local job creation had their heads together recent-

Rural Magic Valley Economic Rural Magic Valley Economic Development Association and Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization have a common goal – bringing jobs and industry to this part of the state. RMVEDA board members met recently with guess speaker Jerry Beck, chairman of SIEDO.

Reck outlined some of SIEDO's

of SIEDO.

Beck outlined some of SIEDO's accomplishments over the past year, including helping to bring Dell Computer Corp. and WOW Logistics Co. to the area. The group is working on possible recruitment leads including Sierra Instruments and Power Print, both of California, and Carter Burgess of Texas.

SIEDO's goal for the second

The Associated Press

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. – A pair of inventors is using Jackson Hole avalanche paths to text a device that may be able to sense when noweldes occur in remote locations.

Two engineers from Sheridan have installed three prototype instruments near Glory Side on Teton Pass and in two locations at the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.

They hope they can fine-tune their device, which uses Coldwar technology to detect low-frequency for "infrasonic" sounds on it will act as a listening post, sounding an alarm when an avalanche has occurred.

One application would be to detect avalanches that block vulnerable mountain highways, sounding an alarm in the middle of the night, closing gates on the highway and summoning workers to clear the road of debris.

And the detector could have a wide variety of other applications, said Bob Comey, an avalanche harard forecaster with the U.S. Forest Service at the Jackson Hole resort.

For example, the device could come into play when firing avalanche artillery in bad weather or in the dark to reduce the side hazard at the ski area.

The instrument could tell ski patrollers which slide paths did not release as a result of the shooting – something they couldn't detect by sight from the gun station.

"If we got results out of shot seven and nine, but eight's still

Detector may prove beneficial

for outdoor enthusiasts, travelers

year is to build a retention and expansion program, he said. Nine local companies have shown an interest in expanding, including Glanbia Foods, Independent Meat and Hamilton

local companies uses local companies uses interest in expanding, including Glanbia Foods, Independent Meat and Hamilton Manufacturing.

In addition to promoting business, SiEDO director Jan Rogers has spoken to service clubs, participated in trade shows and attended conferences throughout the country, Beck said.

"SIEDO has participated in public community projects such as Southern Idaho Telecom Corridor, a 16-mile-long fiber optic cable, anchored by AT&T, Beck said.

Starting atop the Jerome Butte, the corridor is telecommunications infrastructure with virtually untapped broadband capabilities which could provide a bindustrial ompanies, according to promotional on panies, according to promotion of the proposed of the propos ley.
In other business from the

Forecasters then could issue an advisory saying "we're having 15 avalanches an hour," Comey

Known as an "infrasonic avalanche detection system." avalanche detection system," the devices are being developed by Mark Weitz and Ernie Scott, Sheridan residents and University of Wyoming gradu-ates who work for Chinook Engineering

ates who work for Chinock Engineering.
The research and develop-ment firm specializes in innova-tive measurements and is a arm of Inter-Mountain Laboratories Inc., a company that has concentrated on mining and mineral exploration in Woming.
Weitz said the heart of the device is a microphonelike sen-

wentz varia the near of the device is a microphone-like sensor that originally was developed to detect the detonation of nuclear devices around the

globe.

Such sensors have been used by U.S. military and intelligence agencies to determine that various countries have rested nuclear bombs.

nuclear bombs.
Weitz said a scientist with the
National Oceanographic and
Atmospheric Agency got hold of
one of the sensors and wondered
what else it might record - tornados, storms and so on.
After setting it up in Boulder,
Colo., the researcher collected
sound data he could only correlate with one phenomenon late with one phenomenon.

sound data he could only corre-late with one phenomenon— avalanches miles and miles away in Summit County.

The government then put out a proposal and offered a grant sug-gesting that the detector could be developed commercially for use as an avalanche detector.

Wetta, 42, a backcountry skier,

Inventors listen for snow slides

rural Magic Valley coalition's meeting:

• CHIF Long, manager of busicess development for the Idaho Department of Commerce, invited RMYEDA board members to attend a training session on development in Boiso Jan. 23-47. The Commerce Department session is in conjunction with an Idaho travel group. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will be guest speaker at the luncheon on the first day.

• James Scott, RMWEDA facili-

will be guest speaker at the luncheon on the first day.

• James Scott, RMVEDA facilitator, said the past month's activities included attending conferences and training setsions, and he was approved to accept a position on the Scenic Byway Advisory Council.

"We have accomplished a lot in the first year of this association even though some of the physical aspects have not been realized as a fyet, but the board is eager to seek opportunities to enhance their communities," Scott said.
"In comparison to SIEDO, our association is more capable of handling smaller projects, and we support SIEDO to handle the big ones," he said.

• Scott said cutbacks in state government might affect the association in the future, but the three-year grant that enabled the

ural coalition's creation is still eing supported by the governor. Paulos, who is a member of the conomic Advisory Council for, the Commerce Department, said a is assured that the governor upports all the economic-devel-pment organizations in the state.

optications in the state.

* Mayor Paul Essacion told the group that Wendell is trying to maintain some floor area of the damplished school to use as a skateboard park.

We have had many requests for a skateboard park and have researched some other parks to see if we can accommodate the youth, "Issacion said.

youin, Isaacson said.

RMVEDA board member
Julie Oxarango Ingram of
Shoshone said the city is continuing its plans to preserve historic
and cultural aspects.

and cultural aspects.

Rusty Parker, Lincoln County representative, said some business expansions are taking place in the county, including one dairy.

The next meeting of RMVED will be at 6 p.m. in Gooding. check Web site www.rmvidaho.com for the location.

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Joseph Anthony Stachowicz, doing busifiess as Custom Fishing Rod and Repair, and Sharon Lee Stachowicz, doing business as Homespun Arts, 1834 Elmwood, Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 115 creditors, assets \$100,000 or \$500,000, Case no. 03-100,000 to \$500,000.

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ATHUR C. Studer and Jannet Studer, 1132 Wendel is, Twin Falls, individual, norbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$200,000 Case no 0.144022. David William Mathis and Karl Lynn Mathis, 795 Blue Jakes Brd S, Twin Falls, Individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 Case no 0.34022.

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Paul D. Firth, formerly doing bus-ness as Firth Custom Farming, 19.5:
750 W., Paul, and Elizabeth Firth also known as Liz Firth, 645 Fawnbrook, No. 178, Twin Falls, individual, non-business, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assess 55,000 to 5100,000, liabilities 5100,000 to 5500,000. Case no. 03-40228.

Chapter 11, business, \$1 million to \$10 million

Johannes Plantinga, also known as John Plantinga, and Alice Plantinga, 3851 N. 1400 E., Buhl, joint, business (dairy farming), Chapter 11, 16-49 creditors, assets 51 million to 510 mil-lion, liabilities 51 million to 510 mil-lion, liabilities 51 million to 510 mil-lion, liabilities 51 million to 510 mil-

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Stanley Douglas and Mary Kay Douglas, 197 W. 100 S. Rupert, indi-vidual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no 03-40009.

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Connie Holmes, 302 Second Ave.
N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusi-ness, Cuspter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40019.

couldn't detect by sight from the gun station. "If we got results out of shot seven and nine, but eight's still there, we need to keep vigilant on that," Comey said. Also, if a sensor were in the backcountry, forecasters might discover that slides are occur-ring at an alarming rate follow-ing a storm. Weitz, 42, a backcountry skier, Weitz, 42, a backcountry skier, was intrigued. He and Scott applied and received a \$375,000 Small Business Innovation Research grant to develop a Very few situations justify raiding a retirement fund

Question: My wife and I are both 50 and have no debt other than a home equity loan with a \$28,000 balance. Our home is worth \$14,000 and we have \$10,000 in savings. I would like to take \$20,000 out of one of my individual retirement accounts, and use that and our savings to pay off the home equity loan. I'm sure you're not a big fan of prematurely taking money out of retirement accounts, but the market just can't be trusted anymore. The way I see it, I'll be getting a better return by increasing my home equity.

Answer: The time when the market couldn't be trusted was when everybody was making money hand over fits and stock valuations were going through the roof. At least today a little



sanity has returned.

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Regardless of what the market's
doing, there are few situations
where raiding a retirement fund
makes sense – and using the

makes sense – and using the money to pay off a tax-deductible loan certainly isn't one of them.

Think about it. If you're a middleincome earner, you'll be paying at least \$7,400 in income taxes and penalties to withdraw

that money from your IRA, leaving you with just \$12,600 to apply toward your loan. That's a 37 percent loss right off the top. Meanwhile, the debt you're paying off is probably costing you less than 5 percent annually after taxes.

There's no guarantee that home prices will keep going up, by the way, and even if they do, you actually would get a greater benefit by not paying off your loan. That's the beauty of leverage.

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Here's why: Say you own a \$100,000 home outright and it grows 5 percent in value each year, at the end of five years, your home is worth nearly \$128,000. Your equity has grown about 28 percent.

out 28 percent. Your neighbor with the same

type of house put only 20 percent down and took out a loan for the \$50,000 balance. In the same five years, his home is also worth \$128,000, but his equity has more than doubled - from \$20,000 to \$48,000. Then there's the issue of draining your savings, which is rarely a good idea. But if your debt was from high-interest, nondeductible credit cards, it could make sense to devote some of your emergency money to paying it off. Otherwise, you'd be smart to leave your liquid cash alone.

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alone.

If you want to pay off the home equity loan, do it out of your current income, not your retirement kitty. And if you're worried about losses in your retirement funds, then re-allo-

cate the money you've got.
You probably got caught up in all the stock hype of the late 1990s and sailed to sedequately diversity. At your age, and given your risk tolerance (or lack theteof), you probably should have a stock allocation of 50 percent to 60 percent, with the rest of your money in bonds and cash. That might give you the confort level you need to stop fretting – and to keep yourself from making matters worse by pulling out of the market altogether.

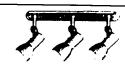
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