

Survey: Most in M.V. oppose tax hike

Statewide numbers show even division

By Times-News Staff
The Associated Press

BOISE — Magic Valley people oppose a statewide sales tax increase more than any other Idaho region, according to a poll

by Boise State University. And while Magic Valley legislators say they have not had a groundswell of opposition to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposal to increase the sales tax by 1.5 cents, not one of the phone calls or e-mails they've received from constituents favored it. Rather, those who've contacted local legislators said they do not want any tax increase at all,

GOP lawmakers said. Statewide, the BSU survey — conducted between Nov. 11 and Dec. 13 — found Idaho residents nearly evenly divided over a sales tax increase. Survey participants were asked: "If 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?" Some 49.7 percent were in

favor and 47.4 percent opposed, while 2.6 percent either did not know or said it depended on how the increase was used. Regionally, opposition to a sales tax increase was heaviest in the Magic Valley, where 57 percent opposed it. Meanwhile, 57 percent of Panhandle residents favored an increase, the highest of any region in the state. The 14th annual Idaho Public

Policy Survey polled 530 Idaho adults. The margin for error is plus or minus 4 percent. The Boise State Social Science Research Center supervised the polling, which cost \$9,100 and was purchased with non-general fund money. Idaho faces a \$160 million shortfall in the 2003-04 fiscal year. See SURVEY, Page A4

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CSI officials lobby for governor's budget plan

By Julie Peace
Times-News writer

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



Idaho Legislature 2003

That's according to a survey conducted by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development, a Texas-based nonprofit organization for higher education institutions. The project surveyed 48 community colleges nationwide. The survey included 833 students from CSI. Besides being much higher than the national average in reliance on scholarships, 32 percent of CSI students depend upon loans, compared with only 15 percent of students in other community colleges. On the other hand, CSI students have less money to put toward their own education than those who live in other areas of the country, according to the survey.

On Thursday, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne proposed an extra \$1 million in his 2004 budget for Idaho college students needing financial aid.

CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said Monday when he met with lawmakers during an annual information luncheon that the money is sorely needed and would be greatly appreciated at CSI.

Meyerhoeffer also pointed out to lawmakers that one out of five students in lower-division college classes in the state attends CSI.

Michael Burke, president of North Idaho College, said a recent survey that NIC paid for shows the college adds \$106 million to the five counties it serves. CSI's athletic director, Jeff Duggan, said in the spring CSI plans to conduct a survey with its own staff to determine what CSI contributes financially to the eight-county region it serves.

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Michelle Calderon, 8, plays with baby brother Andrew, 4, in the hallway as their mother, Ruth Calderon, fills out paperwork in the financial aid office at the College of Southern Idaho. Ruth Calderon is a bilingual education student at the college and one of many CSI students who rely on student loans, grants and scholarships.

High-tech solutions help in blazes

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Shaving the fire department's response times to some of the more isolated sections of Twin Falls could be as simple as rigging the city's stoplights with electronic devices, firefighters said Monday.

The fire department's response time to most areas in the city is 5:40 or less, said Twin Falls Fire Department Battalion Chief Dale Capps. Trouble areas — especially on the northeast and west edges of town or the city's area of impact — the response time is about a minute more, he told the Twin Falls City Council.

Those response times were calculated by a computer program that takes in numerous factors, including the locations of the stoplights around the city and the speed limit on the roads leading to the route, Capps said. It's department policy to drive no more than 5 mph over posted speed limits when responding to calls, he said.

The response times are calculated to include everything that happens from a person calling 911 for help until the first fire engine pulls up at the scene, he said. For instance, it usually takes about 10 seconds from the time someone calls 911 until an emergency response is heard in a fire station, Capps said. It takes about another minute and a half for crews to gear up and get trucks rolling to the scene.

The city periodically orders comprehensive studies of response times, City Manager Tom Courtney said, and the latest

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California looks into drinking sea water

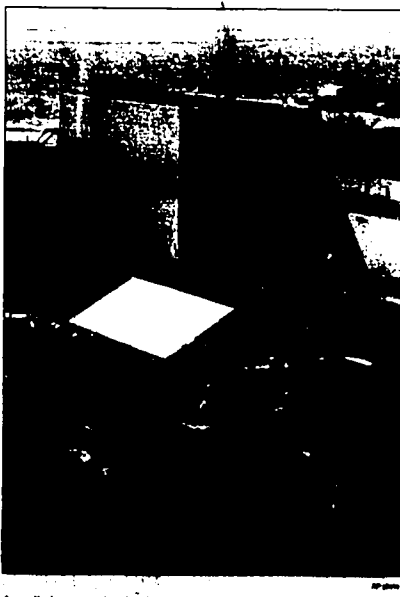
The Associated Press

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 water in California. But rising 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 spokesman for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which serves 18 million customers.

The MWD is approving plans to subsidize five desalination plants, proposals that were submitted by local water agencies. Together, the plants could supply



A small, modern desalination plant, seen under the canopy, here, operates at the El Segundo Power Plant in El Segundo, Calif., Sept. 18, 2002.

Experts examine tablet that echoes Bible passage

The Associated Press

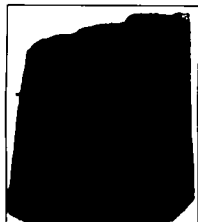
JERUSALEM — Israeli geologists said Monday they have examined a stone tablet detailing repair plans for the Jewish Temple of King Solomon that, if authenticated, would be a rare piece of physical evidence confirming biblical narrative.

The find — whose origin is murky — is about the size of a legal pad, with a 15-line inscription in ancient Hebrew that strongly resembles descriptions in the Bible's Book of Kings. It could also strengthen Jewish claims to a disputed holy site in Jerusalem's Old City that is now home to two major mosques.

Muslim clerics insist, despite overwhelming archaeological evidence, that no Jewish shrine ever stood at the site. That claim was made by Palestinian officials in failed negotiations with Israel in 2000 over who would be sovereign there.

The origin of the stone tablet is unclear, making it difficult to establish authenticity.

The Israeli daily Haaretz on Monday quoted an unidentified source as saying it was uncovered 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



An ancient stone tablet is displayed at a Jerusalem archaeological institute Monday. Israeli geologists said Monday that they have examined the stone tablet detailing repair plans for the Jewish Temple of King Solomon that, if authenticated, would be a rare piece of physical evidence confirming biblical narrative.

Sanctuary, and to Jews as the Temple Mount.

From there, it reached a major antiquities collector in Jerusalem, Haaretz 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 snow and breezy at times. Highs in the upper 30s to near 40.
Tonight: A few more snow showers, otherwise continued cloudy. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Decreasing clouds and cooler. Highs in the lower 30s.

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 20s.
Tomorrow: Cooler with a light over flurry or two. Highs near 30.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Those of you heading to the slopes will be in for some fresh powder over the next day or so as moist air and weather disturbances combine to form snow showers in the High Country.

Today Highs 25 to 35 Tonight's Lows 8 to 9
BOISE Rain showers are a good bet today as the moist atmosphere remains in place. Late tonight and early Wednesday, temperatures will drop enough for a lot of scattered snow showers as well.

Today Highs/High 35 to 40 / 21 to 26
NORTHERN UTAH Good news is on the way for the region with snow showers a good bet through at least Wednesday morning.



Yesterday's State Extreme - High: 57 at Mada; Low: 23 at Chalk. weather key: sun/sunny; pc/partly cloudy; mc/mostly cloudy; c/cloudy; th/thunderstorms; sh/showers; s/snow; fl/flurry; w/wind; m/mixing

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today Mixed precipitation with mostly cloudy skies	Tonight A few snow showers possible	Wednesday Chilly with decreasing clouds	Thursday Partly to mostly cloudy skies, breezy at times	Friday Mostly dry with partly sunny	Saturday A mix of sun and clouds with light showers
High 42	Low 25	30/19	38/21	42/30	41/28

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature Yesterday's High: 33 Yesterday's Low: 24 Normal High/Low: 36/18 Record High: 58 in 1980 Record Low: -4 in 1984	Precipitation Monthly to Date: 0.15" Normal: 2.15" Wettest Year to Date: 4.19 in 1984 Average Year to Date: 2.15"	Humidity Yesterday's High: 47% Normal: 75% Wettest Year to Date: 87% Average Year to Date: 75%	Barometer Yesterday's Reading: 30.12 Normal: 30.12 Wettest Year to Date: 30.32 Average Year to Date: 30.12	Barometric Pressure Yesterday's Reading: 30.12 Normal: 30.12 Wettest Year to Date: 30.32 Average Year to Date: 30.12
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Temperature and Precipitation valid through 6pm yesterday

Temperature
 Jan. 18 Full Moon
 Jan. 25 Last Cr.
 Feb. 1 New Moon
 Feb. 9 First Cr.

Moonrise and Moonset

Today: Moonrise: 5:54 PM; Moonset: 6:54 AM
Wednesday: Moonrise: 2:55 PM; Moonset: 6:53 AM
Thursday: Moonrise: 6:56 AM; Moonset: 6:54 AM

Snowpack

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 The higher the index the more sun protection needed.
 Today: 1
 Tomorrow: 1

Regional and National Forecasts

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
	HI LO W HI LO W HI LO W		
Boise	37 23	31 22	36 22
Bozeman Ferry	36 24	32 21	31 22
Burley	42 28	18 13	32 15
Challis	20 13	21 6	10 9
Colter of Alene	37 28	23 18	32 24
Elko, NV	50 30	38 9	38 9
Expone, OR	42 31	47 29	49 21
Gooding	44 26	32 20	32 20
Graceland	45 28	33 19	32 20
Hagerman	45 28	33 19	32 20
Healy	40 13	33 10	33 16
Idaho Falls	35 20	14 10	32 16
Katapauf, MT	43 28	18 13	32 16
Malad City	41 29	40 11	37 30
Malad City	39 17	26 6	29 5
Maria	40 21	10 10	27 20
McCall	30 10	23 9	24 10
Meridian, MT	38 21	27 10	29 19
Pocatello	48 33	49 33	48 34
Rupert	32 22	21 16	18 14
Renburg	42 28	30 20	32 20
Robson	42 28	30 20	32 20
Sarnum	28 14	23 7	25 10
Shoshone, UT	36 24	33 23	32 22
Spokane, WA	40 21	31 23	32 12
Stanley	34 13	25 5	27 16
Sun Valley	34 13	25 5	27 16
Yellowstone, MT	27 10	2 2	17 3

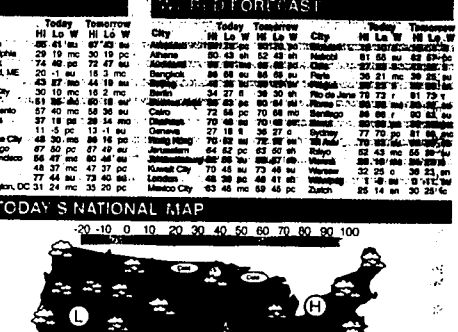
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
	HI LO W HI LO W	
Atlanta	48 32	49 28
Baltimore	44 24	31 14
Baltimore	30 18	32 18
Birmingham	50 30	48 28
Birmingham	51 32	50 29
Boston	32 22	29 21
Chicago	20 7	30 28
Chicago	20 7	30 28
Chattanooga, TN	50 21	29 14
Charlotte, NC	51 32	50 29
Chesapeake, VA	20 14	21 13
Dayton	31 26	30 10
Denver	22 18	24 13
Des Moines	35 25	30 28
Detroit	31 26	30 10
Fort Worth	50 30	48 28
Houston	44 24	31 14
Houston	44 24	31 14
Indianapolis	58 33	55 32
Jacksonville	58 33	55 32
Kansas City	33 14	24 13
Las Vegas	51 28	47 33
Little Rock	51 28	47 33
Los Angeles	48 29	41 31
Los Angeles	48 29	41 31
Memphis	71 55	72 59
Memphis	71 55	72 59
Minneapolis	44 27	37 20
Nashville	44 27	37 20
New Orleans	68 38	64 49
New Orleans	68 38	64 49
New York	28 19	29 21
New York	28 19	29 21
Oakland, CA	53 31	49 31
Oakland, CA	53 31	49 31
Orlando	51 31	49 31
Orlando	51 31	49 31

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
	HI LO W HI LO W	
Calgary	30 18	1 8
Edmonton	3 13	3 13
Halifax	22 25	8 17
Lethbridge	27 12	21 7
Regina	2 13	4 17
Saskatoon	1 6	1 7
Vancouver	11 14	23 14
Victoria	40 36	46 36
Winnipeg	1 9	0 11

Randy Hansen Chevrolet Cadillac
Poleline At Blue Lakes North

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

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration walked a diplomatic tightrope Monday, talking of energy assistance and other help for North Korea while insisting such tantalizing prospects wouldn't be a prize for Pyongyang's increasingly belligerent behavior.

The administration argued this time point that talking with North Korea about its willingness to back off its nuclear weapons programs is different from negotiating over what the impoverished nation would get in return.

It also asserted that quick and verifiable action was required from North Korea before any would be taken by the United States.

Solutions

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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 something might need to be done in the next few years to help save response times to the outlying areas and other places as the city's population grows, Capps 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 station — bringing the city's total number of stations to four.

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

Another option would be to move the department's No. 2 station — which now is near the inter-

CSI

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But Meyerhoeffer reminded Maple Valley lawmakers 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 is at capacity. It has also contributed to an exceptionally low unemployment rate in Twin Falls, Meyerhoeffer said.

Kemphorne recommended a 4.4 percent increase over last year's budget for CSI. Meyerhoeffer explained that two-thirds 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 second semester, 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."

Lawmakers in general have said colleges and universities took enough of a hit last year with 10 to 12 percent budget holdbacks. Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, said CSI deserves the 4.4 percent increase.

It would help them get through

Animal shelter

In another matter, the City Council voted unanimously to

sector 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 dollars, Capps and Clark said.

But adding signal light controls to stoplights and signs figures 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 through an intersection.

The department would need signals in a minimum of five vehicles and at 15 intersections with stoplights. That would cost about \$45,000, he said. To install the system in seven vehicles and at all 32 intersections with signals would cost about \$100,200, Capps said.

Canal company meeting begins 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. annual shareholders meeting.

The meeting runs from 9 a.m. to noon at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Presidential bid

White House

Two years ago, we were promised a better America, but this promise has not been kept. Lieberman, the Democratic vice-presidential nominee in 2000, told students at his old high school.

He said the nation can "renew the American dream... If our leaders are ready to lead, willing to fight for what's right for the American people and able to rise above partisan politics to put our country first."

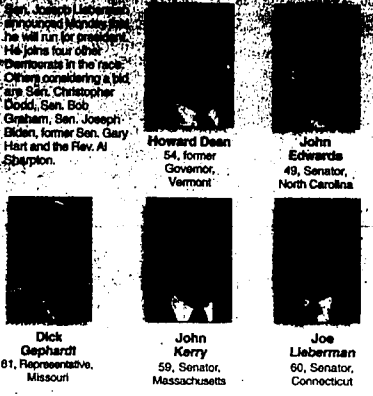
"I'm ready to protect their security, to revive their economy and to uphold their values," he said.

Lieberman, a 60-year-old centrist, had long campaigned against violent images in the media and was a strong supporter of the Gulf War. He has remained an advocate of removing Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, and was heavily involved in homeland security and corporate accountability legislation.

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-

White House



SOURCE: Associated Press

Dick Gephardt, 81, Representative, Missouri

John Kerry, 59, Senator, Massachusetts

Howard Dean, 54, former Governor, Vermont

John Edwards, 49, Senator, North Carolina

Joe Lieberman, 60, Senator, Connecticut

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

White House

Gehardt, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards are running.

Among others considering a bid are Connecticut's senior senator, Christopher Dodd; Sen. Bob Graham of Florida and Joseph Biden of Delaware; former Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado; and the Rev. Al Sharpton, a New York City civil rights activist.

Asked about Lieberman's comments, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said: "There are many things many Democrats are going to say in order to stand out in the Democratic primary. 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 policies. 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 Gore picked him to be his running mate in 2000, although he drew wider national attention when he criticized President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky from the Senate floor.

Pentagon discounts plan to restart military draft

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

"Contrary to myth, data show that the enlisted force is quite representative of the civilian population," the Defense Department said in an 11-page paper arguing the merits of the all-volunteer force that has been in place for nearly 30 years.

The position paper was in response to a proposal by Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., to require military service and other types of national service.

A veteran of the Korean War and opponent of military action in Iraq, Rangel says he believes 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 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.

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 votes and conduct surveys on Election Day. The decision follows two major election-night failures in a row by VNS.

Given the expense of mounting such operations on their own, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox News Channel and The Associated Press said they were considering other 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 VNS 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 voted 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.

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 said. Relying in part on its own numbers, the AP was the only consortium member not to declare Bush the winner in Florida early in the morning after the 2000 election.

Cash-strapped states plan Medicaid cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) - States facing tight budgets and growing Medicaid costs are cutting back on prescription drugs and dental care 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 have cut spending this year on Medicaid, the health insurance program that serves 42 million poor, disabled and elderly Americans.

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 tighter 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 co-payments required of beneficiaries.

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

On average, Medicaid spending is projected to grow by 9 percent this year, almost twice as fast as legislatures assumed when writing their 2003 budgets, the survey found.

Overall, states are facing massive budget shortfalls totaling at

least \$60 billion going into the next fiscal year. Medicaid makes up an average of 15 percent of state budgets.

Legislation introduced last week would provide \$10 billion immediately to help states with Medicaid costs. A similar bill, sponsored by Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., was approved easily last year by the Senate but never passed the House.

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Inspectors say they need months in Iraq

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.

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

Blix said he and Mohamed ElBaradei, director general 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 around their borders and they should realize the seriousness," Blix said in an interview with Associated Press Television News, adding 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 inspection can provide that," he said. "I think also what the show of force demonstrates to Iraq is that here is the other alternative."

"We are perhaps 250 or 300 people on the inspection side. We cost about \$80 million a year. If you take the armed path, you are talking about \$100 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 yearns for a peaceful solution if you can have one that is credible," Blix said.

He said those seeking peace include President Bush and



A member of the U.N. weapons inspectors team peers into a tiny shelter Monday before entering to inspect more closely at the al-Amer factory in Ramadi province, Iraq, 56 miles northwest of Baghdad.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Blix 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 information 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.

ElBaradei, in Paris for meetings with top French officials, said his inspectors "still need a

few months to achieve our mission" but the time frame will depend on Baghdad's willingness to supply documents, allow U.N. inspectors to interview Iraqi scientists and show physical 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."

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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 draw from the Colorado River, which is shared by six other Western states.

"There's only so much you can conserve," said Steven Erie, political science professor and water expert at the University of California at San Diego. "The future is recycling and desalination."

The basic process of 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 dozen 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.

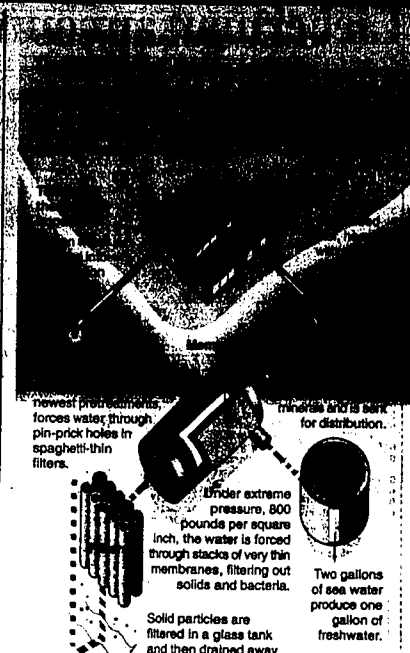
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Drinking

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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."

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

Elsewhere around the nation, a plant in Florida's Tampa Bay plant is scheduled to open this month, with a second one in the works. Texas is researching desalination sites, while landlocked New Mexico wants to produce drinking water by bringing 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.

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.

Survey

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year. Kemphorne last week proposed a 1.5-cent sales tax increase, effective May 1.

Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, 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 cuts in government.

The issue that will divide whether legislators raise taxes is education, Stennett said.

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

Education was clearly on the minds of Idaho residents, according to the ISL survey results.

Asked the open question, "In your opinion, what is the single most important problem facing Idaho today?" 24 percent of the respondents 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 colleges and universities should get a boost.

House Education Committee Chairman Fred Tilman of Boise said the survey doesn't help him from a policy-making perspective.

"What is the quality of the people coming out of the system, that's what's important," Tilman said. "And how does spending relate to student performance?"

Other issues

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 administrative fairness are sorted out.

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The sandstone tablet has a 15-line inscription in ancient Hebrew that resembles descriptions in Kings II, 12:13, 11:17, said Israel's Geological Survey, which examined the artifact. The words refer to King Joash, who ruled the area 2,800 years ago.

In it, the king tells priests to take "holy money" to buy quarry stones and timber 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.

The Jerusalem collector has declined to come forward, and David Zaiter, a lawyer for the collector, would not say where the tablet was found or give any further details.

Gabriel Barkai, a biblical 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.

The collector then took the tablet to Israel's Geological Institute, whose experts studied it over the past year. "Our findings show that it is authentic," said Shimon Ilani, 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 gold and gold objects was

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Spotlights actor's real-life struggle

Man battles obesity, undergoes gastric bypass surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC's "Ed," a frothy wit who plays a parody of himself, says he's glad they can't see his weight problems. Ed says he would be flummoxed if he were to lose weight, and he's glad that the show's success is due to his wit, not his weight.

He plays Eli, a bowling alley manager who is a paraplegic. The actor ("Galaxy Quest," "Veronica's Closet") 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 life has brought "Ed" (7 p.m. MST Wednesday) another chance to feature an unusual and unusually well-realized character.

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.

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.

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.

"The situation of forced itself," said "Ed" executive producer Jon Beckerman. "An actor tells 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 supporting actor in the NBC series "Ed," underwent gastric bypass in mid-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 potential 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 surgery, while the producers of

"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 family."

(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."

"I'm 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's 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 point. ... I look deflated, that's the way I put it," he said wryly.

Genadry realized that becoming 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."

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

Unquestionably, the series has gained a creative spark from the two actors. Beckerman said Mitchell allows them the confidence to write about a disability without fear of being labeled "obnoxious or corny," Beckerman said.

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

Monday's Puzzle Solutions

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Sagittarius regains sense of direction, finds answers

IF JANUARY 14TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are intuitive, a natural psychologist and journalist. Your vibrations equate to personality and sex appeal. You are always willing to give romance another chance. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius individuals play outstanding roles in your life, could have these letters in names: E, N, W. During this cycle, questions concerning partnership and marriage are spotlighted. June will be your most memorable month.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Highlight versatility, ask questions and obtain answers, not evasions. You will be dealing with relatives, and that could involve short trip.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Your memory returns regarding lost item. The article in questions had sentimental value; it will be retrieved tonight. Financial picture brightens considerably.

GEMINI (May 21-June 22): Cycle moves up; events will transpire to bring you closer to success, happiness. Read, write and teach. Material will be published. Keep the faith!

CANCER (June 23-July 22): Attention revolves around where you live and with whom. You receive gift that brightens home. This could be the start of something big. Be ready to give romance another chance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Imagination will be transformed into "creative expression." This means what had been elusive will become available. Circumstances favor your efforts; proceed accordingly.

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. 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. Flirtatious 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. Evidence not. Their bones have been found on Alaska's North Slope. There's no place on earth anybody can say dinosaurs weren't.

Q. What are the three most common names, in order, of U.S. newspapers? A. News, Times and Herald.

Q. Don't hippos fight by butting heads? A. No, sir, two males, facing oppositely, stand side by side. Each has two huge canine teeth in the lower jaw. Each swings its head, jabbing a tooth in its 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.

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

DEAR ABBY: Please respond to "I've Got a Secret in Texas." She's the woman who has been dating a married man for seven years 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 wait."

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 he ever is unlucky enough to marry him, he will turn around, meet another woman and tell her the same lies. He's using his kids as an excuse. I bet when they find out what he's up to, they'll be glad to get rid of him, too. My kids certainly were.

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

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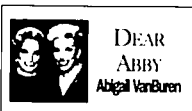
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Woman wedding marriage wastes her time in affair



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DEAR ABBY: Please wake that foolish woman up. She is only hurting herself. She's addicted 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 I speak from experience.

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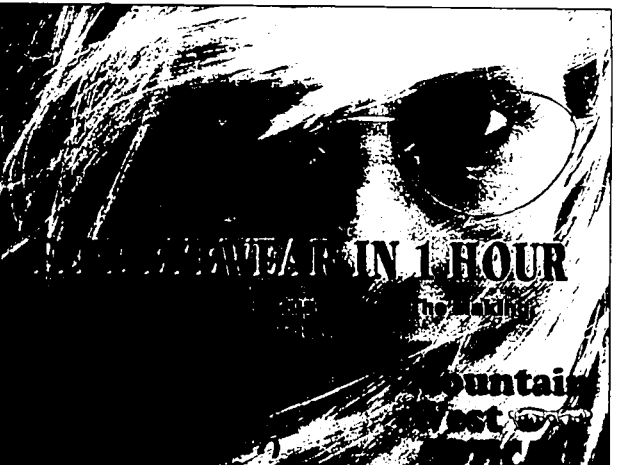
DEAR RECOVERING: I, too, hope she finds the strength to do the right thing. If my read is any indication, she's fighting a losing battle. Even if she should beat the odds and "win" — because of the children, her husband would

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EDITORIALS

Simpson needs to keep an eye on big spending

Congressman Mike Simpson's new seat on the much-coveted House Appropriations Committee may excite some Idahoans, who are eager to pick juicy fruits from the federal yum-yum tree. That, however, shouldn't be the case. The Idaho Republican's promotion to Appropriations means an opportunity for the third-term congressman to represent taxpayers first, followed by the interests of Idaho and other Northwest states. Simpson's jump into Appropriations represents a significant reward for his political skill and diligence.

for pork-barrel politics. Members too often deliver unnecessary bacon to their 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 home state's needs — and dismisses the wants. Simpson already acknowledged this. "Sometimes you have to say no to your own constituents because what they want may not be in the interest of the country as a whole," he said. Idaho isn't entirely immune to 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 can make sure Idaho and other Western states get their fair share for needed projects.

Our view: As a new member of the House Appropriations Committee, Rep. Mike Simpson should protect taxpayers first, and Idaho's needs second. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

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

The wrong man for Resources

Western Republicans in the U.S. House got a break last week, when Rep. Jim Saxton, R-N.J., took his name out of the running to chair the House Resources Committee.

That committee deals heavily with issues critical to Western states, such as multiple use of public lands, natu-

ral resources and agriculture. Saxton was next in line for the post, but his Eastern, pro-environmental 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.

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LETTER

Society ignores impact of alcohol, promiscuity

On April 10, 2002, this paper had an article headlined, "Study — focus on college alcohol deaths." The figures of 1,400 students dead, 500,000 injured, 70,000 date rapes and 400,000 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 draft 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? 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 Cahillan Report from Columbia University has also had an 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 avoid alcohol or drugs before they are 21, they are virtually fail safe never to do so (parents, note).

The rules of addiction are don't feel, don't trust and don't talk — it is time to end our denial, the backbone of addiction; let's talk! **ARCHIE WALKER**
Glenns Ferry

Mend death penalty, don't mend it

The commutation of the sentences of more than 160 inmates on Illinois' death row by Republican Gov. George Ryan just two days before he left office is a miscarriage of justice. That a few of them were wrongly convicted is not a sufficient reason to abolish the death penalty as society's ultimate weapon to punish convicted murderers. The laws 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.

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Craig County State's Attorney Dick Devine said their cases should have been decided by the courts. "Instead," said Devine,



Cal Thomas

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

Critics 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 study by Columbia University Law School, whose lead author, Prof. James Liebman, opposes capital punishment. But as Paul G. Cassell, a University of Utah law professor, wrote in The Wall Street Journal on June 16, 2000: "The 68 percent factoid is quite deceptive. For starters, it has nothing to do with 'wrong man' mistakes — that is, cases in which an innocent person is convicted for a murder he did not commit." Cassell notes that the most crucial statistic is ignored: "After reviewing 23 years of capital cases the study's authors (like other researchers) were unable to find a single case in which an

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innocent person was executed. 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 U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (a notoriously liberal court) overturned sentences based on disagreement with state courts over capital sentencing law, and where the Supreme Court ultimately resolved the disagreement. On all but one of a dozen issues, the state court decision upholding the sentence was judged correct,

and the federal court decision was overturned.

"Apparently imprudent" is the judgment in what Governor Court Justice Antonio Scalia has called the shifting standards of courts used to decide capital cases. Appeals courts that overturn the ruling of trial courts frequently impose an anti-death penalty bias and find "errors" to justify their preferred outcome. Error indicated by anti-death penalty courts should be seen in this context.

When the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to proceed after earlier ruling it unconstitutional, it said "The decision that capital punishment may be the appropriate sanction in extreme cases is an expression of the community's belief that certain crimes are themselves so grievous an affront to humanity that the only adequate response may be the penalty of death."

Injustices and inequities can, and should be repaired. But two brothers who beat a sleeping couple to death with baseball bats... and a father who tortured his mute, severely retarded and handicapped stepdaughter for five years until she died (these were among the death-row inmates whose sentences were commuted by Ryan) deserve to have their lives taken from them and not to be permanent "guests" of the state and a burden to taxpayers for the rest of their lives.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

Bush presents economic plan that adds up

President Bush's critics reacted in predictably uniform fashion to his latest economic proposal: Playing the class-warfare card.

Cowd 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 dividends, which is sure to give the stock market a boost and improve



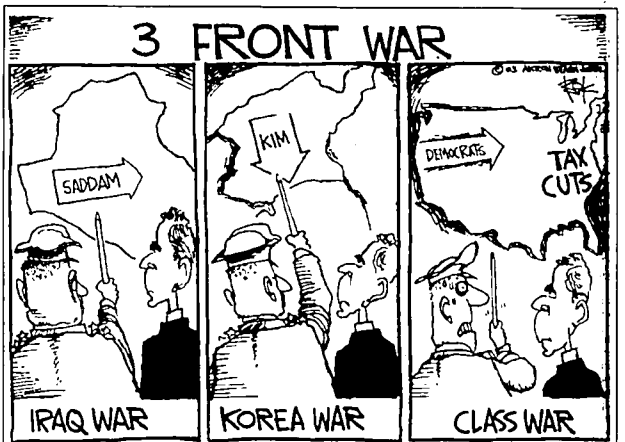
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American competitiveness. Under his plan, businesses will still pay tax on corporate income, but individual stockholders no longer would have to pay a second layer of tax on that income when it's distributed as dividends.

There's no question that a dividend tax would produce growth. Even Marxist 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, but individual stockholders no longer would have to pay a second layer of tax on that income when it's distributed as dividends.

It would mean higher stock prices. The value of financial assets is determined by how much after-tax income businesses can expect. Removing the second tax on dividends will increase that future income flow and therefore help the stock market. Financial experts say the stock market could expand by about 10 percent under the Bush plan, boosting national wealth by nearly \$1 trillion — welcome news for workers who have watched their IRAs and 401(k) accounts shrink.

But this isn't just an economic issue. Repealing the double tax on dividends is the right thing to do. It's high time government stopped imposing penalties — or granting preferences — depending on how people get or spend their income.



The president's plan promises benefits. Under current tax law, for instance, companies are encouraged to use debt, not equity, to finance investments. Why? Because dividends are taxed twice and interest on corporate bonds is taxed only once. If Bush's plan is approved, this bias disappears and companies will have a strong incentive to strengthen their balance sheets. This would mean fewer bankruptcies.

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 double-tax on the earnings they distribute (dividends). The president's plan would end 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 Enrons, 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.

Perhaps most important, the Bush plan also would boost U.S. competitiveness abroad. According to a Cato Institute survey, only three of the world's 30 developed nations — America, Switzerland and Ireland — double-tax corporate income. And since Switzerland and Ireland have lower corporate tax rates, this means America has the most punitive and anti-growth dividend tax in the industrialized world.

This is an embarrassment — and it clearly puts America in a disadvantageous position. About one-fourth of our competitors don't impose any double-taxation on dividends, while almost all the rest have policies that provide at least partial protection from double-taxation. By ending the double-taxation of dividends, President Bush hopes to bring America from last place to first place in this critical measure of global competition. This means more jobs for American workers and more capi-

tal for American companies.

Of course, the president's opponents began criticizing the proposal before 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 can-by-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 bold and visionary step. His plan will make our nation stronger and improve the living standards of all Americans.

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By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



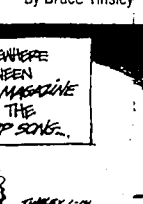
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U.S. doesn't want Libya to head meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States intends to challenge a move by African countries to promote Libya as chair of the annual meeting of the United Nations Human Rights 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 architect of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 in 1988.

"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 Jan. 20. African countries will hold the rotating presidency of the commission and are authorized under procedures to nominate a country from the continent to preside at the March meeting.

Death penalty opponents praise move

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

"The Colosseum in Rome was bathed in golden light, in keeping with a 4-year-old tradition of casting a tint on the building at night each time a death sentence is commuted somewhere in the world.

"It is one of the most important gestures of the last 25 years in the history 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 Saturday that he was commuting 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 — phoned Ryan to thank him for the decision to spare the prisoners, who include three Mexicans.

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

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

Kenya's new government announced Monday it hoped to abolish the death penalty within the next six months and praised Ryan.

"We think the fundamental human right to life should be respected and no human being should have the authority to take the life of another," said Justice Minister Karutu Mwangi.

"Capital punishment is a barbaric punishment and we are surprised that any country with such a civilized legal system like the United States still maintains this penalty in its statute books, so we commend the decision by Ryan."

Few other governments commented on the outgoing governor's decision, but the head of Europe's leading human rights group welcomed it.

"I sincerely hope that this is a step forward to the abolition of the death penalty in the whole of the United States," said Walter Schwimmer, secretary general of the 44-nation Council of Europe.

The European Union opposes capital punishment, and there is no strong political movement in Europe to restore it.

Germany's Frankfurter Allgemeine newspaper said Ryan's decision "will heat up the debate about the ultimate penalty in America, which can only be 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 move came only as he was about to step down, it said "the fight 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.

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

human rights around the world," Boucher said.

The United States suffered an embarrassing defeat when it was excluded from the 53-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.

Bishop admits vote

BOSTON (AP) — A bishop accused of misbehavior in an abuse investigation admitted two years later that he had been lobbying for one of them during a campaign that the priest had apparently lost.

Bishop Robert J. Banks, now in Green Bay, Wis., said he did not know of any sexual abuse allegations against the Rev. Paul Shanley when he wrote a letter

to the archbishop in 1997. The letter accused Shanley of sexual abuse and urged the archbishop to remove him from his position as pastor of St. Ignace parish in Green Bay.

Banks served as paragonary





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Internet sales tax might be coming

Idaho lawmakers examine issue

By Julie Pentec
 Times-News writer

BOISE — With retail sales flat and Internet sales soaring, it's not going to be long before shoppers will be paying sales taxes on all their online purchases, says a national task force that has studied the issue.

It is estimated that Idaho has

\$44 million in online taxes from Internet commerce in 2001, and that figure will escalate to \$152 million by 2006. That's not such money, that money represents lost business to local retailers. It also means more

emphasis on income and property taxes to replace the loss in sales taxes, lawmakers were told Monday.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, and Senate President Pro Temp Bob Geddes, R-Boise Springs, brought to Idaho a group of experts associated with the National Conference of State Legislatures. The panel has worked with 46 states over the past four years to pull

Negative feedback on sales tax plan - A1

together an Internet 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.

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.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Disaster relief

BOISE — Farmers in Cassia and Blaine counties are among growers in 10 Idaho counties eligible for federal drought relief, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Monday.

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman designated Bear Lake, Butte, Cassia, Spadkin, Latah, Blaine, Pocatello, Power, Teton, and Twin Falls counties as disaster areas because of drought and losses resulting from drought. Cassia and Blaine counties are eligible for assistance because they are contiguous to disaster counties.

"This designation will allow producers to receive assistance to help them recover from extreme weather conditions," Veneman said. "USDA continues to use all available programs to assist farmers and ranchers."

Qualifying farmers are eligible for interest-free emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency. Farmers have eight months from the date of the disaster declaration to apply for the loans to help cover part of their annual losses. Other relief programs also are available.

Contact local FSA offices for more information. Find information online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pds/waassistance.htm>.

Police officers

make pair of drug arrests

BUHL — The Buhl Police Department reported two arrests from a Sunday morning drug bust.

Claude Vance, 46, and Devin Vance, 18, were arrested, Police Chief Romero said.

They were arraigned Monday on two counts each of manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance where children are present, according to court records. They were held Monday in the Twin Falls County jail in lieu of \$1,500 bond each.

A baggy of marijuana and a baggy of marijuana seeds were seized along with a scale, weighing materials, some cash and drug paraphernalia, Romero said.

The arrests were made as a result of an ongoing investigation, a police department news release said. A female juvenile was turned over to the Department of Health and Welfare, and another female juvenile was released to her father, the news release said.

Court continues Bowcut

court conference

FRESNO, Calif. — A status conference hearing for Leslie Peter Bowcut in U.S. District Court was continued Wednesday afternoon.

Bowcut, a Burley resident, will now appear in U.S. District Court on Feb. 10, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney John Conklin. Bowcut's attorney, Scott Scandra, asked for additional time to review the discovery documents and prepare motions, Conklin said.

Bowcut remains in jail in Fresno awaiting future court appearances on a federal charge of conducting sexually exploit children. Bowcut was one of 20 people in the United States indicted 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 month from Boise, when he is serving a 30-year life sentence in the Idaho State Penitentiary following his guilty pleas in 5th District Court in Cassia County to 14 counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child younger than 16."

Bowcut has appealed the sentence handed down by Judge Roger Burdick, calling it "excessive."

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Upper Snake River	70%	28%
Salmon Falls	89%	33%
Shoshone	84%	41%
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Harvey Fork/Teton	68%	34%
Big Lost	111%	52%
Little Lost	72%	28%

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READY TO WEAR THE ROBE

New magistrate already faces full schedule

By Mark Heitz
 Times-News writer

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

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 pretrial motions and any afternoon arraignments that might come up, Stoker said.

That's typical, said Stoker, adding that he was well aware of the hectic schedules magistrates face long before he applied for the job. "It will just take some getting used to."

Members of Stoker's family, attorneys and county officials and others filed a court-room to watch Stoker take the oath of office from 5th District Administrative Judge Roger Burdick. Stoker's mother, Shirley Stoker, later helped him don his robe for the first time.

District Judge John Hohnhorst 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-headedness 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 Loebbs said he thinks Stoker will take well to his new job.

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

School district will hire more reading specialists

By Robert Meyer
 Times-News writer

TWIN 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



New 5th District Magistrate Randy Stoker and several members of his family laugh during a speech by District Judge John Hohnhorst at Stoker's oath of office ceremony in Twin Falls Monday. Hohnhorst offered tips for the new judge on subjects such as how not to fall when climbing stairs when wearing a robe.

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, Minidoka and Cassia counties.

A magistrate judge hears civil cases in which the amount of damages requested does not exceed \$10,000, criminal misdemeanor 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.

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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 sworn 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 he thinks he can make a difference and that his experience in business and public office will enable him to get to the source of an issue. He and his wife, Dana, have three children.



Tom Mikesell

Mikesell is no newcomer to politics. He served on the Twin Falls City Council from 1996 to 2000 and put in five years on the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mikesell said there are a number of issues on the commissioners' plate, including jail overcrowding, county wages, the county budget and confined animal feeding operations.

"We have a lot on our table," Mikesell said Monday. "I'm enjoying working with the other individuals to resolve these issues."

Here's how Mikesell responded:

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Students, colleagues remember popular teacher, coach killed in wreck

By Robert Meyer
 Times-News writer

JEROME — Students and teachers at Jerome High School were left shaken after learning that a popular teacher died Friday in a car accident.

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 Waitley said.

Waitley said he'll remember Rosenberg as "always being a great joy, always being in a good mood."

Many spoke of Rosenberg in a similar manner, including senior Cody Webb.

"He was a father figure to anyone. He would have an impact on anyone who knew him," Webb said.

In his five and a half years at JHS, Rosenberg served as the freshman

football coach, wrestling coach, driver'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 Jerome, Rosenberg — who lived in Hinsdale — taught in Kimberly.

JHS Principal Patri O'Dell said he remembers Rosenberg as a compassionate man. O'Dell said his 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, he said.

Just last week, Rosenberg had gotten his first coursework in his classes and aligned it with the state standards.

"He had done a really outstanding job on that," O'Dell said.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Lincoln commissioners OK regional water plan

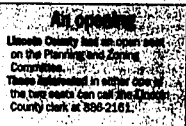
By Lorraine Cavener and Jeanetta Chambers Times-News correspondents

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

Groundwater quality was incorporated into the new document.

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.

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



Lincoln County had an open session on the Planning and Zoning Commission. The map shows the Middle Snake River regional coordinated water resource management plan. County clerk at 886-2161.

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 be removed from the water, but

the volume will help control the study of nitrates getting into the water, Bowman said.

Goals within the plan include encouragement of conservation of water to allow for future uses within the Middle Snake region. A second goal is to reduce the 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 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 is puts everything together, Muffley said. Developers will easily be able to see areas of increasing nitrate levels."

"They are going to have to be careful where things are located to make it nitrate-neutral," Muffley said.

He pointed out areas in Twin Falls, Minidoka 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 nitrate vulnerability problems because those counties are in a fast-moving aquifer area, Muffley said. While the aquifer flows 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

said.

While developers will stop by stopped by the plan, it will make them have to figure things out more, he said. The plan is a good first step, he said.

"The map will help developers the most," Muffley said. When planning new development such as dairies, developers have to go to as many as 12 agencies for permits or approvals.

"If they know what is there, engineers can answer questions before they go to P&Z," 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 got to be a huge benefit," Nance said.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at 436-1351 or lcavener@azblue.net.

Penalty for health insurance on contract

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union finished voting Monday on a contract covering West Coast ports, but results were not expected for another week.

The 10,500 longshoremen covered under the agreement have been voting since Jan. 6 through the mail or at local union halls, said union spokesman Steve Stallone.

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

Balls will be collected at the ILWU's headquarters in San Francisco, where they will be mailed Jan. 22. The contract only needs a simple majority to be approved and would go into effect immediately, union officials said.

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

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Lincoln County struggles with ag building exemption

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - County commissioners Monday postponed a decision to adopt a new building code 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 ag buildings from building code 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 buildings from building code requirements.

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

code, he said.

"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."

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

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 commissioners couldn't sign the ordinance.

Commissioners said the definition of an agricultural building was one such as a granary, where there were no people working. Only buildings used strictly to store equipment would fit the definition, commissioners said.

Buildings such as dairy barns or feed stalls that have people working in them do not fit the exemption, Boudreau said.

With that definition, the ordinance would be impossible to enforce because commissioners would have no way of knowing whether there are people working in some buildings, she said.

Commissioners wanted to confer 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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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 Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Lawrence "Larry" D. Yost of Mountain Home, memorial service at 4 p.m. today at Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtry Chapel, Mountain Home.

Kenneth H. Johns of Mountain Home, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Mountain Home LDS Stake Center; burial will be at the Mountain View Cemetery; viewing from 5-8 p.m. today at Summers Funeral Home in Mountain Home and from

12:30-1:45 p.m. Wednesday before 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 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service

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TWIN FALLS



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

12, 2003, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She is longer in pain. She's going home to Jesus.

Dorothy was born October 19, 1922, in Grenola, Kansas, to Floyd and Ruth Hunt Stiles. She spent her younger years in Kansas, but in 1929 moved to Idaho with her parents and brothers. She went to school in Filer and Twin Falls. In 1949 she married Wayman Kimball at Kimberly, Idaho.

Dorothy had a heart as big as the whole South Hills where she loved to picnic. She was forever ready to go out to eat. She made ailments by the dozens and gave them all away. She was a favorite Aunt to many. She collected everything and kept it all within easy reach. She loved everyone and especially all those kind folks in her church. For years she worked at the Greene Trout Farm doing fish and was proud of her ability to negotiate the harpin turn on that grade! She never drove by the Courthouse without noting that she used to cook for the prisoners there. In her later years she spent

hours doing word search puzzles with her little dog Patchy by her side.

Dorothy is survived by her devoted son Jerry Lee Stiles, Twin Falls, one brother, Harold (Elizabethe) Stiles, Caldwell, and two sisters, Maxine Mogensen, and Donna (Jack) Scott, both of Wendell. Also a loving niece, Ruth Nulting of Jackson.

An infant daughter, Melanie Marie, both her parents, her husband and two brothers, Delbert and Herbert Stiles, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 16, 2002, at Christian Life Fellowship, 450 3rd Ave. West, Twin Falls, Idaho, with Keith McCann officiating. Friends may call from 4 until 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park. Burial will follow in the Twin Falls Cemetery. Family suggest that memorials be sent to the Christian Life Fellowship, 450 3rd Ave. West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 or given to a member of the mortuary staff to forward

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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 their parents' beds rose 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 Asian babies were almost three times as likely. Infants whose mothers were under 18 were more likely to bed-share; the practice was also more common in poor households.

Parents may not have a crib or bassinet for the baby, so the only place the baby can sleep is in the bed," said Dr. Angelita Covington, an Atlanta pediatrician. Some parents, she said, may take their babies into their beds because it is a practice passed down through generations.

Covington, who works in a community health center that sees mostly poor people, said she discourages bed sharing.

The study, which appears in the January issue of Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, warns that babies can fall out of bed and get hurt, or can suffocate when an adult rolls over or the child becomes trapped between the mattress and the bed frame. Other research suggests bed-sharing can raise the risk of sudden infant death syndrome.

According to a 1999 study by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, an average of 64 young children die each year

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-feeding duration and possible risks include suffocation.

Total percent of infants who usually sleep in bed with an adult

93-94	95-96	97-98	99-00
5.8	7.5	10.7	12.5

Percent of infants who usually sleep in bed with an adult, by race/ethnicity



SOURCE: Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent 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 Iraq should be last resort

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II issued his strongest criticism yet of a possible war with Iraq, saying Monday that military force can only 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 urged 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 common good, except as the very last option and in accordance 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 erupted 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



Pope John Paul II delivers his blessing upon his arrival in the Sala Regia of the Apostolic Palace during his meeting with diplomats at the Vatican Monday.

"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

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. "President Bush has said war is

not always inevitable," he said. "War is not always inevitable," he said. "War is not always inevitable," he said.

John Paul was a strong opponent of the 1991 Gulf War that has frequently spoken out about the plight of Iraqi refugees under sanctions imposed after Baghdad invaded Kuwait in 1990.

In his speech, the pope also touched on other issues of concern to the church, including the "crisis" in Vatican-Russian relations and what he called the risks to the dignity of human life: abortion, euthanasia and human cloning.

The three, he said, "risk reducing the human person to a mere object: life and death to order, as it were."

"When all moral criteria are removed, scientific research involving the sources of life becomes a denial of the being and the dignity of the person," he told the diplomats gathered in the frescoed Sala Regia of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace.

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

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls, for example, called the recent claims that a cloned baby had been born "an expression of a brutal mentality, devoid of any 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 some experts say is continuing.

The study did not determine 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 preschoolers and includes findings on young people through age 20.

University of Maryland researcher Julie Magno Zito and colleagues reviewed data on nearly 900,000 patients enrolled in Medicaid programs in two states and a health maintenance organization in the Northwest. By 1996, about 6 percent of all participants had prescriptions for psychiatric drugs.

Psychiatric drug use tripled in the HMO patients and in those in a Medicaid program in the Midwest. It doubled in the second Medicaid program, in a mid-Atlantic state. The states were not identified.

Stimulants such as Ritalin for treating attention deficit disorders were the most commonly prescribed psychiatric drugs for children in 1996, followed by antidepressants and mood-stabilizing drugs for "acting out."

The findings probably reflect nationwide practice, and other figures suggest the trend has continued since 1996, Zito said.

"Increased usage of these medications demands a better understanding of why they are being used and how effective the medications 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 Massachusetts General Hospital, said the study reveals some disturbing trends, including increases in drug use in children at a time when research supporting such use was scant.



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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, police said.

Townshend has acknowledged using an Internet Web site advertising child pornography, but said he was not a pedophile and was only doing research for an autobiography dealing with his own suspected childhood sexual abuse.

Police said they arrested Townshend, 57, under the Protection of Children Act after executing two searches at a business and a home in Richmond, Surrey, the town outside London where he lives. They said they took computers from the home and were examining them.

Townshend was not charged with a crime.



Pete Townshend

Under British law, suspects are not charged immediately upon arrest and some people who are arrested 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

download pornographic images as part of his research and that he reported what he saw to police.

Townshend, who helped form The Who in the early 1960s, said he believed he was "sexually abused between the age of five and six and a half."

"I cannot remember clearly what happened, but my creative work tends to throw up nasty shadows—particularly in 'Tommy,'"

Israeli soldier killed

JERUSALEM (AP) — An Israeli soldier was killed on Monday before being killed by Israeli troops to prevent escalation violence last night weeks before Israel's general election.

Clashes a day earlier left 11 dead, nine on the Palestinian side and two on the Israeli side.

In Monday's incident in Gaza, the two attackers charged the soldier.

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Formerly conjoined twins head for home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wearing princess tiaras over their bandages, twin girls born fused at the skull left the hospital for their native Guatemala on 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 Leticia Alvarez, 23, and Wenceslao Quije 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 banana packer, earning the equivalent of just \$64 a week, said he 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 Quije Alvarez and Maria de Jesus, were separated Aug. 6 in a 24-hour operation. Their return home was delayed to give them time to recover and allow Guatemalan health authorities to prepare for their arrival.

The cost of the surgery and medical care totaled \$5 million, said UCLA spokesman Dan Page. Of that, \$470,000 was defrayed by donations — mostly an anonymous \$450,000 gift.

"We are happy to see them go, but it's sad for us because we are losing them," pediatric nurse Gavane Minaman said.

In Guatemala, the girls will undergo physical and occupational therapy at a private hospital. The twins 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 dog

AMMAN, Jordan (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 notes, sparking an argument in which the dog was killed.

The tale had a bitter-sweet ending, a friend of the couple reported Monday. 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 forget him,'" neighbor Nashaat 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, a letter 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 brother. The brother grabbed a stone and hit the dog on the head, killing him.

Neighbors in Zarqa, 17 miles northeast of Amman, rallied around the couple and pressed the father to accept Thamer's proposal to his daughter, Petra said. The marriage was expected to take place soon, said al-Majali.

Big Joe was buried Saturday in the backyard of Thamer's house, al-Majali said.

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Shoshone BPA club is off to busy school year

BEHOLDERS - The Shoshone Business Professionals club has started a new year of activities at the high school and in the community. The officers for 2002-2003 are Courtney Sorenson, president; Josh Jensen, vice president; and Brian Davis, secretary. There are 15 members this year, with only four students who participated last year. The club adviser is Linda Payne. The Shoshone BPA is preparing for regional competition. Because there was such a big turnover with seniors from last year, it will be a learning experience this year for the students to find out what the contests are like, Payne said. "Even though we have new stu-

dents, I expect them to be very competitive at regionals," she said. Regional competition will be held at the College of Southern Idaho on Jan. 20. State competition will be held March 13-15 in Boise. National competition will take place April 29 through May 4 in 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 fundraiser in which members sell bags of candy to be

delivered to students and people in the community. BPA has done this for several years so people look forward to ordering their Valentine's from them, Payne said. Shoshone BPA members include, from left, back row: Koryn Givoda, Brittnay Montgomery, Melissa Moore, Josh Jensen and Brock Astie; second row: Bruce Roberts, Chastel Wright, Wendy Burtzow, Rachel Pastore, Hailey Harris and Courtney Sorenson; front row: Brian Davis, Meghan Sorenson, Kirby Feyman and Sarah Hubamith.

Photo courtesy of Linda Payne



From left, Michael Sandoval, Wendy Schwendman, Gunner Jensen, Luke Peterson, Jori Fleming, Amber Bowers, Kayla Wenmill and Andrew Hurtado show food items that students collected for Christmas baskets for needy families.

Students lend hand in holiday project

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 members 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 Cocca's health class and Wendy Schwendman'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.

HOLIDAY MEMORIES



The Twin Falls High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) organization and the nutrition and foods class held the annual Canned Food Drive 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.



Elementary children from Dietrich School dress as gifts and Santa's reindeer for the annual Christmas program.

STORK REPORT

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Sofia Mercedes Gonzalez, daughter of Manuel and Tammi Gonzalez of Jerome, was born Friday, Dec. 27, 2002. **Kaine Robert Steve Henson**, son of Jared Henson and Megan Jensen of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002. **Eliana Dora Perotto**, daughter of Alma Lydia and Christopher Dean Perotto of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003. **Tylina Sue Rinkus**, daughter of Leann Beth and Henry J. Rinkus Jr. of Jerome, was born Monday, Jan. 6, 2003. **Shakira Dawn Martinez**, daughter of Michael Dawn and Ron Phillip Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Jan. 6, 2003. **Joscelyn Kate Rosenberg**, daughter of Sabrina Marie and Brandon Paul Rosenberg of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2002. **Stormy Scott Russell**, son of Kristine M. and James R. Russell of Filer, was born Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003. **Benjamin Daniel Sorensen**, son of Amber and Daniel Eldon Sorenson of Burley, was born Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003. **Alex Christian Carpenter**, son of Ana and Michel Leroy

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734 5538 Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper, and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper More information? Call Melissa at 735 3278

Paige Leann Bailey, daughter of Tate and Sarah Bailey 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. **Anthony Rangel**, son of Jose and Patricia Rangel of Rait River, was born Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

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

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Noe Leon, son of Guillermo and Jose Leon of Burley, was born Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003. **Erica Rose Brackett**, daughter of Kristin Cotten Brackett and Marc David Brackett of Burley, was born Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003. **Damon Cade Richman**, son of Julie and Cade Richman of Burley, was born Friday, Jan. 3, 2003. **Kathlyn Rose Wheeler**, daughter of Sheila K. and Anthony B. Wheeler of Burley, was born Friday, Jan. 3, 2003. **Bodee Ward Spencer**, son of Dallas and Jennifer Spencer of Malta, was born Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003.

Reese Zenoniani Bradshaw, son of Jennifer and Rick Bradshaw of Burley, was born Monday, Dec. 30, 2002. **Cole Isaac Shunk**, son of Natasha and Dustin Shunk of Burley, was born Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2003. **Joshua K. Abraham**, son of Anna Mathews and John Abraham of Burley, was born Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003. **Anthony John Everett Flora**, son of Stephanie Deforest and Joseph Flora of Gooding, was born Monday, Jan. 5, 2003. **Britta Anne Heaphy**, daughter of Susan and Peter Heaphy of Burley, was born Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003. **Sherrri Jacob Upvald Tasse**, daughter of Nehdia Tasse and Jacob Upvald of Ketchikan, was born Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003.

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 dog obedience to computers to yoga.

Creating Porcelain - Bulk instructor Shirley Peterson will guide students through the complete process of making their own doll; from firing and painting 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 supplies, which may be purchased from the instructor. Register by Jan. 23 to assure a place in class. **Sign Language 1** introduces the non-signer, nonprofessional to "survival communication" with signs. It combines the vocabulary and features of American Sign Language with English word order. This com-

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Call the CSI North Side Center at 735-4678 ext. 400, or visit our website at www.csi.edu

mon form of social communication between deaf and hearing adults is known as Poly-Signed English. The one-credit course, instructed by Dennis Cannon, will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 29 through March 19 at the North Side Center. The fee is \$77.50 plus the textbook. **Ceramics 1, Ceramics 2 and Studio Art/Ceramics** will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 28 to March 20 at Wendell High School. Each course is two credits and costs \$155 plus supplies. **Ceramics 1 and 2** cover basic methods, and **Studio Art** is a continued special instruction in ceramics. **Other art offerings include**

"Pen and Ink with Watercolor Wash," "Painting on Feathers," "Polymer Clay 1" and "Mosses Anywhere." **Cooking choices** include "Dutch Oven Cooking," a new class on healthy eating, "What's For Dinner?" and "Meals and Memories." **Keepsake Cookbooks**, another new class. **To deal with stress**, there's "Basic Swedish Massage," "Yoga" or a yoga weekend workshop. **To beautify your home outside and in**, "Faux Painting Techniques 1 and 2" and "Lifestyle Decorating 1." "Quilting Potpourri," "Floral Design," "Garden Art Flowerpots" or "Flowers and Shrubs Done Right" will be offered. **Computer courses** include "Everything You Need to Know to Buy a Computer," "Computers Made Simple" and "Internet Made Simple" and "Basic Computer Maintenance."

MUSICAL DONATION



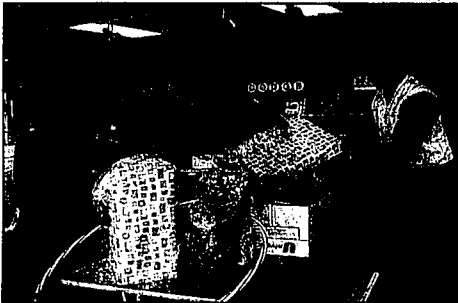
Thom Stimpson, the "Singing Janitor," presents Verlee Frost of the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council with a check for \$550 from the proceeds of his Christmas CD. This was Stimpson's second album. His patriotic CD sold in early summer of 2002, and raised money for Rupert's fireworks display. He plans another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

THOM STIMPSON. THE TIMES NEWS

COMMUNITY

HOLIDAY GIVING

Employees of Bonanza Motors in Burley and several other community residents banded together to make Christmas merry for three needy families in the Mini-Cassia area. Gifts were purchased for the children. Items were delivered to the families on Christmas Eve. This group effort has become a holiday tradition for those involved, organizers say. From left are some of the participants, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Galley and Bruce Breshears.



TRINA THOMPSON/The Times-News

Cadet Squadron Leader John Doherty and 2nd Lt. Jean Nodacker of the Twin Falls Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol present Buell Head Start family educator Lana Phillips and Gamet Myers with clothing and toys for the Head Start families. Items were purchased and wrapped by Twin Falls Squadron cadets and senior members. For more information about the Civil Air Patrol, call Mill Nodacker at 543-8354 or 733-5781.



Photo courtesy of JEAN NODACKER

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:

- Angela Henson, citizenship
- Brittany Jacobson, citizenship
- Steve Brown, improvement
- Madeline Sturgill, improvement
- Rachael Landerman, great attitude and citizenship
- Karl Eggleston, attitude and great help
- Veronica Rusts, great help and attitude and outstanding help
- Angela Oydlebee, citizenship and academic excellence
- Layne Woodruff, citizenship
- Mill Bushy, extra effort
- Thomas McIntyre, improvement
- Michelle Viola, citizenship and academic excellence
- Andrew Hutchinson, citizenship and academic excellence
- Leo Blanco, deserved
- Andrea Beede, deserved

- Shyla Cantrell, citizenship and improvement
- Rachael Rabine, citizenship
- Adrianna Billings, citizenship and great attitude
- Kristi Clements, improvement and cheerfulness
- Pedro Baptista, hard work and extra effort
- Jessica Brown, dedicated work ethic each day
- Abbe Reynolds, academic excellence
- Nick Poppelwell, academic excellence
- Veronica Bettencourt, citizenship
- Joe Poppelwell, academic excellence
- Fernando Morales, academic excellence and improvement
- Amanda Owen, academic excellence
- Shawn Moore, good citizenship
- Schlarline Higgins, hard, consistent work
- Cassie Tipton, good positive attitude

- Tracie Elliott, citizenship
- Sarah Griffith, citizenship
- Amanda Vance, academic excellence
- Ana Cuevas, hard work
- Mandy Belveal, academic progress
- Jocelyn Smith, academic excellence
- Courtney Gemar, academic excellence
- Tracy Franson, academic excellence
- Lucia Serrano, improvement
- Brett Twiss, academic excellence
- Rudy Cuevas, polite and tries to learn
- Adrianna Billings, good Samaritan
- Kacie Sherman, academic excellence
- Laura Dedman, academic excellence
- Katie Martinez, great help
- Janie Nicholson, great help

BETHEL SUPPORT

Kirsten Wright, honored guest of Twin Falls Bethel 56, 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 of its Christmas wreath sales. The Crisis Center provides educational services for women regarding domestic violence and self protection, and houses families in times of domestic crisis. Job's Daughters is a leadership organization for girls ages 11-19. For information about Job's Daughters or the Magic Valley Crisis Center call 734-7307.



Photo courtesy of CINDY JORDAN

Jerome woman celebrates 102nd birthday
JEROME — Bessie Sircucek Fiala of Jerome celebrated her 102nd birthday Jan. 2.

She was born in 1901 in Michigan, Neb. to Katerina (Slaby) and Jacob Sircucek. The year before, her parents had come by ship from Vsnova, Czech Republic. The Sircuceks settled in Michigan and farmed. 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 Fiala in Twin Falls. They moved to Jerome and farmed. Her husband died in



Bessie Fiala

June 1976. Fiala lived on the farm until March 2002 when she moved to St. Benedict's 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 Russian Art
 TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will offer the zero-credit enrichment class, "East Meets West... Russian Art" from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 23 through March 13 in Shields 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 Svetlana Schuckert is Russian. The cost is \$50. For more information or to register, call 732-6288.

Wild game feed benefits scholarships, officers
TWIN FALLS — The James Moulson Wild Game Feed will be held at 3 p.m. 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 variety of dishes. Donations of rifle items for gift baskets also are needed.

Tickets are \$15 per person. The cost covers dinner, which includes salad and dessert. Proceeds will benefit law-enforcement scholarships at the College of Southern Idaho and other needs for area peace officers.

To purchase tickets in advance or for more information, call Robert Moulson at 732-6296, Carol Thomas at 733-3799 or Shirley Noble at 734-8518.

CSI offers 'Computers for Seniors' class
 TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will offer "Computers for Seniors" from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 25 through Feb. 22 in Shields Room 101 at CSI.

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.

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

For more information or to register, call 732-6288 or 732-6290.

Antique store holds free appraisal fair Saturday
 TWIN FALLS — The Second Time Around Antique Mall will hold a free appraisal fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at its store at 685 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls.

A certified appraiser and several antique dealers will be on hand to appraise antiques and collectibles.

4-H HALL OF FAME



Photo courtesy of MARLA LLOYD

county 4-H programs, the State Leaders' Association, Idaho Association of Extension 4-H Agents, Idaho 4-H Endowment Board and University of Idaho State 4-H Office.

Neal graduates with honors, accepts D.C. job
 Randy Neal, the son of Phyllis Black of Twin Falls, graduated with honors from the University of Nevada Las Vegas.

He passed the Idaho Bar in August 2002 and accepted a law assistant position with the Office of Legal Council, U.S. Justice Department in Washington, D.C. for two years. Neal is a 1998 graduate of Twin Falls High School.



Randy Neal

Students in American Universities and Colleges' publication in recognition of outstanding merit and accomplishment.

Robins is a senior at 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
 Quinn Robins, 18, received his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor held Nov. 13 at the LDS Church.

Robins has completed 21 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he erected a marquee at Mountain View Elementary School. The project took 78 hours to complete. Those assisting included Gary Robins, Craig Turner and troop members Jerry Levi Garrett, Bryce Baker and Brennan Sanders.



Jordan Robins

Robins is a member of Troop 118. His leaders are David Beck and Craig Turner. Robins is a 2002 graduate of Burley High School, where he was student body secretary and active in drama and varsity soccer. He served as a staff counselor 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.

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Music
 Snake River Flats BarberShop Chorus: 9 p.m. Tuesdays at 121 K. St. Rupert. Men of all ages invited; call 694-0677.
 Twin Falls Magdoodle BarberShop Chorus: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Methodist Church, 900 S. 1st. Men of all ages invited. Call 734-4647 or Tom at 324-4400. Couples welcome.

Dance
 Magic Valley Single Square Dance Club: 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church at 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome. Call Vera at 734-4647 or Tom at 324-4400. Couples welcome.

Bingo
 Silver and Gold Senior Center: 7:30-9:30 p.m. at 203 Wilson, 1 den. Doors and snack bar open at 8:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 825-5962.
 Golden Years Senior Citizens Center: 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Hill St. W. Shoshone. Must be over 18, call 800-280-9.
 Agnes Senior Center: 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 welcome, call 423-4338.
 Golden Heritage Senior Center: 6-8:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley, age 18 and older, call 878-8446.
 Minidoka County Senior Center: 7 p.m. Fridays, 202 11th St. in Rupert, age 18 and over, call 496-9107.
 American Legion Hall in Twin Falls: 7-11 p.m. Thursdays 447 Seaverson St. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 736-1729.
 Jerome Senior Center: 6-8:45 p.m. Tuesdays, 212 1st Ave. E. in Jerome, snack bar open at 7:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 824-5642.
 American Legion Hall in Wendell: 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, 610 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 7 p.m. Must be over 18, call 596-1642.
 Twin Falls Senior Center: 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays; call 734-5284.

Things to Do

To add a listing, please send a notice with Name of the organization or club, Time, day and place of the activity, Telephone number of a contact person. Send to: Pat Marcantano The Emerald News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls 83403. Or fax to 734-5538. Or e-mail to patm@orangeidaho.com For more information, call Pat Marcantano at 735-3288.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley: 7 p.m. Saturdays. Call Alice at 679-9881.
Snake River Elks 2007: 7-10 p.m. Mondays at Lodge 412 East 200 South. Call 334-0200.
Twin Falls Senior Center: 7-9 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at the center in Burley.
Burley Elks Lodge: 7 p.m. Mondays at 1460 Oakley Ave. in Burley.
Magic Valley Bingo: doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early bird at 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at 803 Second Ave. N. call 736-1876.

Singles
Christian Singles Group: 7 p.m. on Oct 1 and every other Monday, Christian Four-square Center, 191 Morrison St., Twin Falls, 733-2425.
Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles: 8 p.m. Saturdays at Spaulder's Bar for dancing. For other activities, call 735-9444.

Cards
Pinetree: 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Minidoka County Senior Center, 202 11th St. in Rupert, call 496-9107.
Twin Falls Senior Center pinetree: 1 p.m. Thursdays, call 734-5084.
Bridge: 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 733-

Other
Magic Valley Arts Club: meets for luncheon and meeting. Call Glenda at 732-0900 or Vicki at 733-8838. New members welcome. Writers of the Word, Christian writing group: 10 a.m. first Saturday at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Carolyn Lewis at 734-6175.
Pinetree Barrio Club: 6:30 p.m. last Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library. Call Marilyn at 423-5225.
Magic Valley Astronomical Society: 7 p.m. second Saturday in Frost room at Herrett Center on CSI campus, call 736-2447.
Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club indoor range: 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays at 223 5th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to rifle, moderns pistol clubs, call Stu at 324-5960 or Larry at 734-4213.
Snake River Canyon Knovel Club of Idaho: 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday at upstairs meeting room at CSI Treaty building, call Debbie at 736-1181.
Twin Falls Herpetology Society: 7 p.m. the second Tuesday at Herrett Center, call Nick Peterson at 735-9514, Ext. 2671.
Widows' Vigil Fellowship: 2 p.m. Wednesdays at 453 Row St. N., No. 4 at Valley Vista Village in Twin Falls, call Doris at 410-2970.
The Knitting with Pure Wool: 5:30-7 p.m. first Thursday, Spaulder's Bar, 629 Main Ave. N., call Cheryl at 356-2522.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wendell blood drive takes place Monday
WENDELL — An American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday at the Wendell LDS Church, 605 N. Idaho St.

For more information, call 734-6008.

Jerome Co. Historical Society sells calendars
JEROME — The Jerome County Historical Society 2003 calendars are available at the Jerome County Historical

Museum, 220 N. Lincoln in 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.

Gadgets galore

Tech-lovers ogle robots, electric cars at Vegas show

By Jim Krane
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Download your favorite TV show and take it on the road for viewing. Or wirelessly stream music from your computer hard drive to the living room stereo. Too lazy to fetch those peanuts from the kitchen? Send your personal robot.

The gadgets were smarter, cheaper and smaller than ever this year at the trendsetting International Consumer Electronics Show.

In a square silver box that flips open like a compact, Panasonic has managed to fit a digital video camera, a 2-inch color screen, an MP3 player and voice recorder.

A watch that tells you the time, and more

Microsoft is promoting its new Smart Personal Objects Technology, or SPOT, which will bring enhanced functions to ordinary devices.

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

Upon arrival in a new time zone, the watch automatically updates the time. The owner can check local traffic before he rents a car or pull up a weather forecast.

A prototype designed by Fossil. The digital display is customizable.

SOURCE: Microsoft Corp. AP



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 transmitting video and audio.

lenses, will start selling this summer at prices starting below \$1,000.

Sony also introduced an upgraded \$800 Clear-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-by-street directions and is expected to start selling in midyear.

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

Hotmail can get too hot for acceptable use by kids

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. I am a mom, fairly computer literate, but not super high-tech. My 12-year-old daughter has her own Hotmail.com account to receive e-mail from her friends.

Unfortunately, the blocked sender button doesn't work on Hotmail — I can highlight the offending Internet feature, 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.

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the fact that Hotmail works through a Web browser immersed in the filth and chaos as well as the greatness and glory of the Internet. Seepage is inevitable.

Probably better, if you use POP mail, you can acquire some of the powerful anti-spam software like Symantec'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.

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 both agree.

There is no way that Hotmail could ever be rendered completely acceptable for children. Microsoft itself has created a special version of Hotmail as part of its costly MSN Web-access service.

America Online receives patent for instant-message technology

The Associated Press

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 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 Yahoo! 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 retain patents for defensive reasons — they can trade rights should they be challenged on some other technology.

What will technology hold for us in 2003?

By Craig Crossman
Knight Ridder News Service

In light of the new year, I feel the annual tug 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's 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 PCs via WiFi, (which also only 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 RD-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 Maxtor offers its 5000 XT external hard drive, a \$400 unit the size of Roger's Thesaurus that holds a mind-bending 250 GB of data.

For folks who might want to see whether a telemarketer has an honest face, networking hardware maker D-link offered a \$299 videophone, which displays a caller's picture on the home TV.

The device works over a broadband connection — and of course the telemarketer would need one, too.

To hold raving videoconferences inside the home, Evolution Robotics demonstrated its vaguely humanoid ER2 robot, which can wheel itself into, say, the bedroom of a sleeping child or aging aunt, and transmit audio and 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 cover.

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

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 camcorders that will wirelessly download their video images into a PC, as well as cordless microphones and speakers.

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

And more Internet Service Providers (ISPs) will begin to take on the responsibility for controlling SPAM, as well as checking for computer viruses.

And while ISP control of computer viruses will be welcome, many will object to an ISP controlling what email will be filtered. Most consumers will prefer that any email filtering be done by them, and not their ISP.

The cost of flat-screen will become so low that the traditional CRT will for the most part become totally extinct. LCDs that this to be true for conventional televisions as well. Eventually, all television sets, computer monitors and set-top screens will be flat. LCDs that this production may be a bit premature in that I feel there will always be a market for mass-produced CRT models, but they will probably be ousted by flat-panel monitors, most certainly by the end of the decade.

The Linux operating system will become more popular than Windows. I don't think I can say that being more about that one. It is still a bit too early to tell.

Back Operating Systems will be the year 2003. Most consumers will probably not even think about what the value of DOS is, but I will remember that DOS is still out there. Microsoft's success may be the end of DOS. Eventually, NO ONE will use DOS for DOS file management. "DOS" will be a word that will only be used in the context of old-timey tech or nostalgic abs. The only DOS who is R.I.M. is the R.I.M. computers that are still out there.

Linux is an open source operating system, meaning that anyone can view, modify and distribute the code. It is a free operating system, and it is a challenge to the dominant position of Microsoft's Windows.

QuickBooks will continue to be a popular software package for small businesses. It is a simple, easy-to-use accounting software package that has been around for a long time.

NetWorks will continue to be a popular software package for small businesses. It is a simple, easy-to-use network management software package that has been around for a long time.

Help With Internet and I Mail will continue to be popular software packages for small businesses. They are simple, easy-to-use software packages that help with common Internet and email problems.

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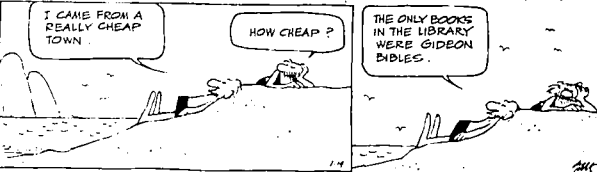
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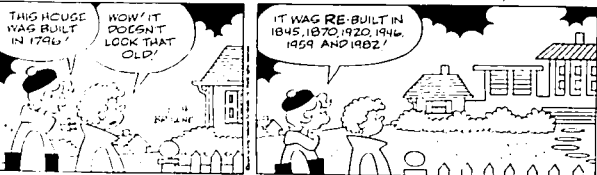
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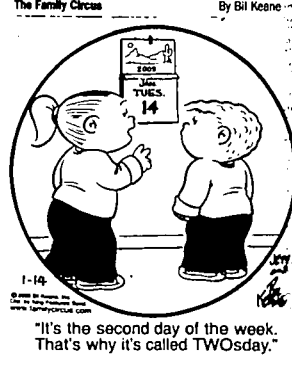
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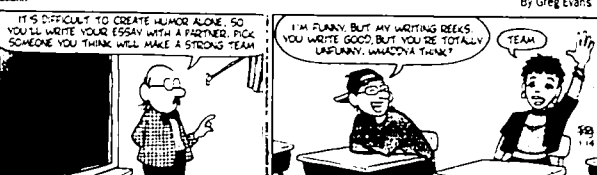
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Serena survives rare first-round scare

MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams’ bid for her fourth straight Grand Slam title is alive — barely. Williams survived a second-set detour and finally prevailed 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5 over 56th-ranked Emilie Loit of France on Tuesday 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 pull that through. I think it was a little bit of the nerves. I had never lost in the first round of a Grand Slam.”

Williams overcame 55 unforced errors. The top-ranked woman in the world had been almost unbeatible in winning the French Open,

Wimbledon and U.S. Open last year — she did not lose even a set in taking those last two championships.

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 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 Slam. She did that in 1988, following Maureen Connolly 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

second round with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over American Samantha Reeves.

Clijsters 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 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.

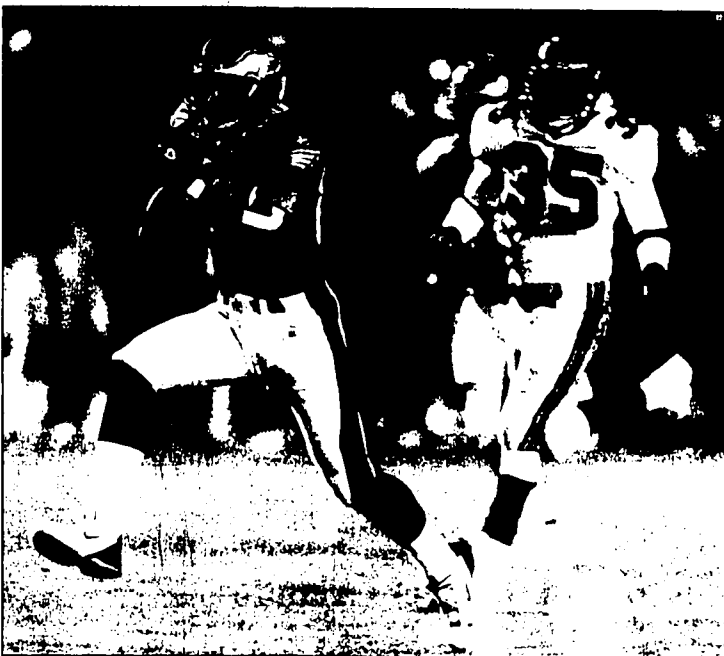
The number of likely challengers to the sisters was reduced Monday when Jennifer Capriati, the 2001 and 2002 Australian winner, became the first women’s defending champion to lose in the first round of this tournament.



Serena Williams hits a shot to Emilie Loit at the Australian Open in Melbourne Tuesday.

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The cream rises



The Eagles’ James Thrash runs away from Atlanta’s Johnnie Carley for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of the Eagles’ playoff win over the Falcons Saturday in Philadelphia.

After turbulent season, order emerges in NFL playoffs

By Dave Goldberg
 Associated Press Writer

When the Philadelphia Eagles last went to the Super Bowl 22 years ago, they ran into the Oakland Raiders.

The odds say that could happen 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 AFC, Philadelphia is an 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 semifinalists were considered contenders before the season, although Pittsburgh and St. Louis

Conference championships

Sunday

NFC Championship p
 Tampa Bay at Philadelphia
 1 p.m. (FOX)

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

probably were the consensus conference 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 Eagles and Bucs are both 13-4, the Raiders and Titans both 12-5, after home teams swept the weekend’s 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

Bucs insist they can turn tables on Philly

By Fred Goodall
 Associated Press Writer

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 below.

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 trip to Veterans 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 said. “I saw Barry Bonds hit on the stands in PacBell Park and watched him strike out three times. He didn’t duck in the ninth inning, though.”

“He went up there, he took his cuts in the ninth inning, 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 to go take our swings.”

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

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

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

“None of that matters now. If we win on Sunday, that erases

See also BUCS, Page D2

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 brother.

The 23-member USOC executive committee reprimanded 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 executive committee said the findings of the report will be addressed “in the ordinary course of business” when Ward gets his annual employee performance review.

Ward, a former Maytag CEO who was hired in November 2001 to take over the tumultuous USOC organization, is the USOC’s fourth chief executive since 2000 and its 12th since 1978.

Compiled from wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

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

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 ends of the court.

Hakim Warrick had 20 points to lead all five starters in double figures and the 25th-ranked Orangemen (11-1) won their 11th straight, a 76-69 victory over No. 11 Missouri on Monday night.

Syracuse moved into the Top 25 just hours before tipoff and quickly proved it belonged, holding the Tigers (10-2) to 36 percent shooting, well off their 49.3 mark entering the game and 12 points below their average for the season.

The Tigers also had a season-high 20 turnovers.

Warrick had 10 rebounds and he was joined in a double-double by freshman Carmelo Anthony, who had 16 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman Gerry McNamara added 14 points and seven assists for Syracuse, while Craig Derry had 11 points and Kuehl Dusty 10.

Syracuse upsets No. 11 Missouri



Syracuse’s Carmelo Anthony, right, challenges Missouri’s Ricky Paulding during the first half in Syracuse, N.Y., Monday.

Ricky Clemens had 26 points, 10 above his season average, and seven assists 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 lead. Missouri then went on a 9-0 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 basketball poll.

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

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.

Arizona (11-1), which beat Washington State and Washington at home 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 (9-9), ninth in the preseason poll, dropped out after a loss to Iowa. Xavier (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 Connecticut saw the Sooners jump to No. 5. Connecticut dropped three

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TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who preceded John Wooden as UCLA’s basketball coach?
...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

- High school boys basketball**
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, 7:30 p.m.
Wood River at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Kimberly at Declo, 7:30 p.m.
- High school girls basketball**
Jackpot, Nev. at M.V. Christian, 6 p.m.
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Bliss at Carey, 6 p.m.
Castleford at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.
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Richfield at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.
Dietrich at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
Flier at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
Gooding at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
Burley at American Falls, 7:30 p.m.
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- High school wrestling**
Jerome at Burley, 7 p.m.
Gooding, Valley at Buhl, 5 p.m.

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The 23-member USOC executive committee reprimanded Ward on Monday, saying he “created the appearance of a conflict of interest.”
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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 gets his annual employee performance review.
Ward, a former Maytag CEO who was hired in November 2001 to take over the tumultuous USOC organization, is the USOC’s fourth chief executive since 2000 and its 12th since 1978.

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Fred Coombs, 1919-21, Caddy Works, 1921-1939, and Wilbur Johns, 1939-1948.

Serena survives rare first-round scare

The Associated Press
MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams’ bid for her fourth straight Grand Slam title is alive — barely. Williams overcame a second-set setback and finally prevailed 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5 over 56th-ranked Emilianne Loit of France on Tuesday 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 pull that through. I think it was a little bit of the nerves. I had never lost in the first round of a Grand Slam.”
Williams overcame 55 unforced errors. The top-ranked woman in the world had been almost unbeatable in winning the French Open,

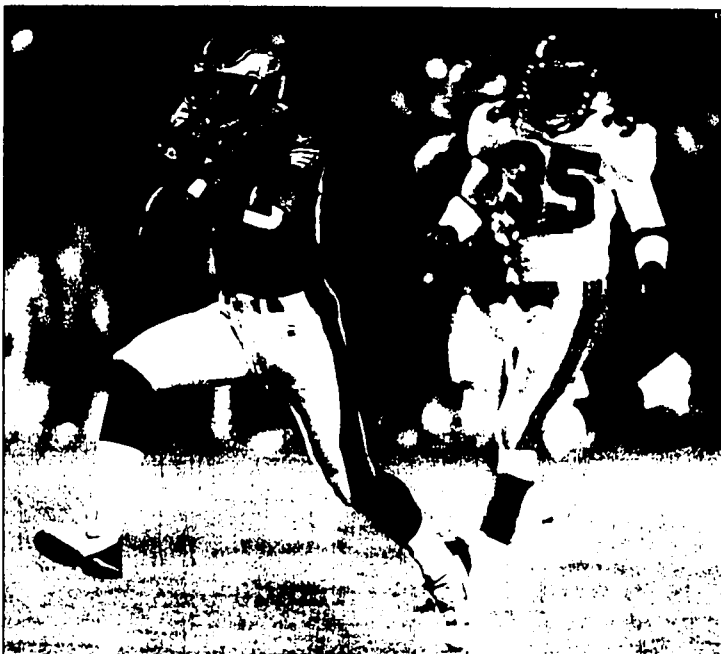
Wimbledon and U.S. Open last year — she did not lose even a set in taking those last two championships.
But with her mother watching from the stands, Williams almost was chased from the only Grand Slam event she’s never won.
Holding all four Grand Slam titles at once last was accomplished Steffi Graf, 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 Slam. She did that in 1988, following Maureen Connolly 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

second 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 Jennifer 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 Emilianne Loit at the Australian Open in Melbourne Tuesday.

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 Philadelphia.

After turbulent season, order emerges in NFL playoffs

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press Writer
When the Philadelphia Eagles last went to the Super Bowl 22 years ago, they ran into the Oakland Raiders.
The odds say that could happen 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 AFC, Philadelphia is an 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 semifinalists were considered contenders before the season, although Pittsburgh and St. Louis

Conference championships
Sunday
- AFC Championship
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 1 p.m. (FOX)
- AFC Championship
Tennessee at Oakland, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

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 13-4, the Raiders and Titans both 12-5, after home teams swept the weekend’s 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

Bucs insist they can turn tables on Philly

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press Writer
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 below.
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 trip to Veterans 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 said. “I saw Barry Bonds hit in the stands in PNC Park, and we’ve had him strike out three times. He didn’t duck in the ninth inning, though.”
“He went up there, he took his cuts in the ninth inning, 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 to go take our swings.”
The Eagles (13-4) have ended Tampa Bay’s season the past two years, outscoring the Bucs 52-12 in a pair of lopsided first-round playoff games that ultimately cost former coach Tony Dungy his job.
Gruden was hired last February and is already wading through questions about the club’s recent history in Philadelphia. The Bucs (13-4) have failed to score an offensive touchdown in their last three visits to the Vet, dating to the 2000 playoffs.
Philadelphia also won a meaningless 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 following week in the playoffs.
“None of that matters now... If we win on Sunday, that erases

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 ends of the court.
Haidm Warrick had 20 points to lead all five starters in double figures and the 25th-ranked Orangemen (11-1) won their 11th straight, a 76-69 victory over No. 11 Missouri on Monday night.
Syracuse moved into the Top 25 just hours before tipoff and quickly proved it belonged, holding the Tigers (10-2) to 36 percent shooting, well off their 43.3 mark entering the game, and 12 points below their average for the sea-



Syracuse’s Carmelo Anthony, right, challenges Missouri’s Ricky Padgett during the first half in Syracuse, N.Y., Monday.
The Tigers also had a season-high 20 turnovers.
Warrick had 10 rebounds and he was joined in a double-double by freshman Carmelo Anthony, who had 16 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman Gerry McNamara added 14 points and seven assists for Syracuse, while Craig Forth had 11 points and Keith Dusterio 10.
Rickey Clemons had 26 points, 10 above his season average, and seven assists 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 lead. Missouri then went on a 9-0 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 basketball poll.
The Blue Devils (11-0) beat Georgetown 93-86 on Wednesday, then convincingly downed Wake Forest 74-55 on Sunday, handing the Demon Deacons their first loss of the season.
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.
Arizona (11-1), which beat Washington State and Washington at home last week, held second with 15 first-place

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 Iowa. Xavier (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 Connecticut saw the Sooners jump to No. 5.
Connecticut dropped three

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SPORTS

Medina's 27 paces Castleford win

The Times-News

Castleford - The Castleford Wolves hit their free throws down the stretch as they knocked off the Wendell Trojans in sports basketball action Monday night.

Elvis Medina tossed in a game high 27 points while Robert Connor nailed five three-pointers, finishing with 23 points. "It was one of our better games. Defensively we played real well," said Castleford coach Andy Wiseman.

Castleford built the lead to eight heading into the final. The Trojans were forced to foul, but the Wolves went 12-15 from the free throw line in the final period. Mysen Lancaster paced Wendell with 19 points while Tyrel Davis chipped in 14. Castleford (31-9, 2) travel to Oakley on Friday.

he said. Victor Vasquez scored 13 points for the Trojans. Shoshone (5-5, 40 Northside) hosts The Community School Thursday.

Shoshone 46, Richfield 35
POCATELLO - Victor Vasquez scored 13 points for the Trojans. Shoshone (5-5, 40 Northside) hosts The Community School Thursday.

Oakley 73, Dietrich 57
OAKLEY - Oakley defeated Dietrich 73-57 in boys basketball Monday in Oakley.

Oakley coach Roger Caresia said the first quarter went the difference. "We just got off to a good start with good energy," he said. "We caught the turnovers and turned them into easy shots and that was the difference."

Flint Dill scored 18 points for the Blue Devils. The Hornets (6-4, 3-2 Magic Valley Conference) hosts Castleford Thursday.

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

in Twin Falls Monday. 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 overall rebounding."

Husky Tyrel King netted 17 points. TFCA (6-2) visits Murtaugh Friday.

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Glenns Ferry 89, Wood River 69
GLENN'S FERRY - The Glenns Ferry Pilots outlasted Wood River 89-69 in non-conference boys basketball Monday in Glenns Ferry.

Pilot Zach Simons had a triple double with 36 points, 19 rebounds, and 13 steals. Teammate Fred Cameron contributed 16 points.

Refugio Regalado led the Glenns Ferry with 14 points.

Wolverines Ferry (5-6) hosts Valley for its first Canyon Conference game Friday

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Late game Highland 60, Twin Falls 50
POCATELLO - Cole Nielson netted a game-high 13 points as the host Highland Rams plated a 60-50 defeat on Twin Falls in boys Region III basketball in Pocatello late Saturday.

Chris Haringer scored 10 points to lead the Bruins (1-1 Region III), who play at Pocatello on Friday.

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Girls ISDB 40, Lighthouse Christian JV 27
GOODING - The Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind picked up their second victory of the season, topping Lighthouse Christian 40-27 girls non-conference basketball Monday night.

"We played well together tonight and never gave up," said ISDB coach Beth Price.

Aubree Thompson, who led the Raptors with 15 points, nailed a pair of three-pointers in the first period as ISDB jumped out to a 13-4 lead after one. They would lead the lead for the rest of the game.

Jessica Febus chipped in 11 points for the Raptors. Raquel Bartlett paced Lighthouse Christian with 12.

ISDB (2-7) travels to Ketchum today.

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Bucs

anything that had happened. We just can't get up there and shoot ourselves in the foot," head coach Derrick Brooks said.

"I've never played two different games in my life. I've never had to play that hard, and I've never been that tired before. It's just a matter of time before we get back to our normal selves."

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

"This is the first time we play them for the NFC championship," receiver Antonio Freeman added. "None of the other games matter."

The Bucs long have been haunted by a history of futility 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

Playoffs

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their past three trips (Derrick Brooks' fumble return accounted for 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 31-6 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 imagine us being denied 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.

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.

More important, the Raiders' defense was the first to make Chad Pennington look like what he is - a first-year starter at quarterback. Oakland's two interceptions were as many as the NFL's top clutch QBs.

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 overtime win over the Steelers on Saturday.

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 advancing and the way home-field advantage really has been an 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 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.

Pennion (10-4) lost 88-72 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 this season.

Castleford 71, Wendell 56
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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 basketball Monday in Shoshone.

Mike Fitzgerald 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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in the Open era. In other women's matches, No. 10 Chanda Rivkin defeated Hungarian Melinda Czink 6-4, 7-5. Mary Pierce, winner of the 1995 Australian Open and 2000 French, beat Austria's Patricia Wirth 6-4, 6-4, and American Amy Frazier, the third-seeded woman, lost 2-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4 Monday to 90th-ranked Marlene Weingartner of Germany.

The match came about two months after eye surgery that kept her out of the sunlight for two weeks. "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 coming here."

before the withdrawal by Golmard, who also hurt his back in a tournament in India at the end of last year.

No. 13 Fernando Gonzalez, who moved up 117 places in the rankings last year, advanced with a 6-2, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over France's Julien Varlet.

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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 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.

Timberwolves 89, Nuggets 75
MINNEAPOLIS - Anthony Peeler scored 20 points off the bench and Kevin Garnet 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.

Jwan 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-point barrage.

Cuttino Mobley added 24 points, James Posey had 12 and Yao Ming blocked five shots as the Rockets won their second in

ing here." Capriati's ouster came on a day when Venus 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 I wasn't the defending champion, I wouldn't have shown up," she said.

Capriati struggled with her serve but opened a 6-2, 4-2 lead. 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.

"I think I deserved it," Weingartner said. "I played really well, and I just 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.

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

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

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

Bulls 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.

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

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players scoring - to get within 61-57 with 8:15 to play.

Syracuse responded with a 100-run of its own that made it 71-57 with 5:59 to play.

No. 24 Oklahoma State 48, No. 5 Oklahoma 46
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 on Monday night.

Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson 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 Eri Bere missed a 3-point try at the buzzer.

McFarlin gave the Cowboys a 46-43 lead with a 3-point in the 1:43 mark. Hollis Price sank a free

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 timeout, 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 buzzer sounded.

Price, averaging 18.5 points per game, was 1-of-8 in the first half and finished with six points. Ere also scored just six.

Women 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.

SONIC drive-in advertisement for Brown Bag Special. Features a price of \$5.99 and contact information for 3700 S. Lincoln & JEROME, 324-7733, and 2392 Addison Ave. E. & TWIN FALLS, 735-8080.

Polaris advertisement for a Triple Your Deal on a new Polaris. Features a price of \$250 down and \$400 financing, and contact information for Gary's Freeway RV, 1186 E 900 S • 800-826-5336.

Notes on the economy



Magic Valley report

Car sales slow
Sales of new automobiles by dealers in the Magic Valley dropped 8.4 percent from 2001 to 2002. Here's the breakdown. (Camas, Gooding and Teton counties had no sales.)

New auto sales in 2002				
County	Cars	Trucks	Total	2001
Blaine	51	523	584	584
Cassia	81	306	387	387
Jerome	79	308	387	387
Mindoka	45	219	264	264
Twin Falls	1,281	1,725	3,006	3,006
TOTAL	1,547	3,081	4,628	

New auto sales in 2001				
County	Cars	Trucks	Total	2001
Blaine	45	590	635	635
Cassia	65	320	385	385
Jerome	73	395	468	468
Mindoka	48	281	329	329
Twin Falls	1,292	2,025	3,317	3,317
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

TWIN FALLS — Oklahoma City-based Sonic Corp. — a restaurant chain with franchised locations in Twin Falls and Jerome — will participate in SG Cowen's First Annual Consumer Conference in New York City today and Wednesday.

The investor presentation by Sonic's management will be available to investors via a live audio webcast at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. A link to the webcast can be found at the investor section of the company's Web site, www.sonicdrivein.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 7,000 are injured seriously enough to require emergency medical treatment, according to the Occupational Safety and 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 responsibilities, work hours, job restrictions and more.

The teen 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 Web site at www.youthrules.dol.gov or through the OSHA site at www.osha-slc.gov by clicking on "Youth Workers" or "What's New."

Investors show caution; Wall Street ends mixed

NEW YORK — Wall Street meandered through a listless session Monday, closing narrowly mixed while investors awaited the start of fourth-quarter earnings reports.

Investors were also collecting some profits from the market's recent advance, but in general, 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 8,785.98, 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 soared 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.

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 stocks to replace shares sold by the end of December.

Possible expansions loom

Economic leaders outline progress in job creation

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Two coalitions promoting local job creation had their heads together recently.

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 guest speaker Jerry Beck, chairman 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

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 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 Buttes, the corridor is telecommunications infrastructure with virtually untapped broadband capabilities which could provide a bonus for industrial and light industrial companies, according to promotional literature.

SIEDO board member Con Paulos told RMVEDA leaders that a Safelink Technical Wireless Data Transfer tower has been installed at his car dealership in Jerome to enhance communications throughout the valley.

In other business from the

rural Magic Valley coalition's meeting:

• **Cliff Long**, manager of business development for the Idaho Department of Commerce, invited RMVEDA board members to attend a training session on development in Boise Jan. 23-24. 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**, RMVEDA facilitator, said the past month's activities included attending conferences and training sessions, 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 of yet, 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

rural coalition's creation is still being supported by the governor.

Paulos, who is a member of the Economic Advisory Council for the Commerce Department, said he is assured that the governor supports all the economic development organizations in the state.

• **Mayor Paul Isaacson** told the group that Wendell is trying to maintain some floor area of the demolished 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," Isaacson said.

• **RMVEDA board member Julie Oxerango Ingram** of Shoshone said the city is continuing its plans to preserve historic 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 RMVEDA** will be at 6 p.m. in Gooding, Idaho. Web site: www.rmvidaho.com for the location.

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COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

SOBE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

• **Anthony Harold Pickett and Linda Elaine Pickett**, also known as Linda Pickett, Larson, 40 Ranch Drive, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40013.

• **Marcelino Sanchez and Blanca Sanchez**, 2001 First, Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40012.

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Inventors listen for snow slides

Detector may prove beneficial for outdoor enthusiasts, travelers

The Associated Press

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

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

They hope they can fine-tune their devices, which uses Cold-War technology to detect low-frequency or "infrasonic" sounds so 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 hazard 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 slide hazard at the ski area.

The instrument could tell ski patrolrollers 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 there, we need to keep vigilant on that," Comey said.

Also, if a sensor were in the backcountry, forecasters might discover that slides are occurring at an alarming rate following a storm.

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

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

The research and development firm specializes in innovative measurements and is an arm of Inter-Mountain Laboratories Inc., a company that has concentrated on mining and mineral exploration in Wyoming.

Weitz said the heart of the device is a microphone-like sensor that originally was developed to detect the detonation of nuclear devices around the globe.

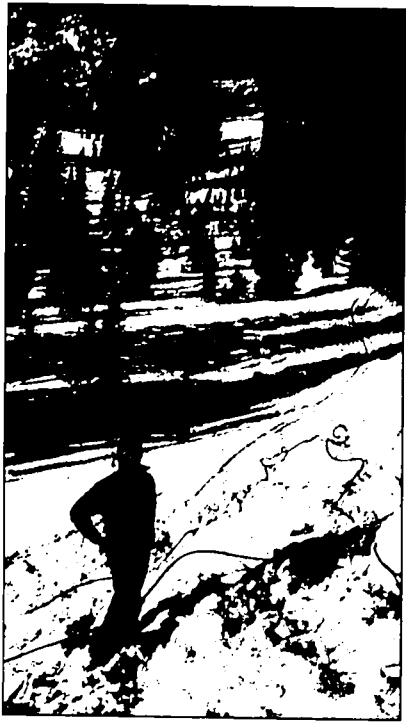
Such sensors have been used by U.S. military and intelligence agencies to determine that various countries have tested nuclear bombs.

Weitz said a scientist with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency got word of one of the sensors and wondered what else it might record — tornadoes, storms and so on.

After setting it up in Boulder, Colo., the researcher collected sound data he could only correlate with one phenomenon — avalanches miles and miles away in Summit County.

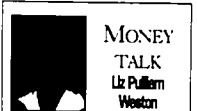
The government then put out a proposal and offered a grant suggesting that the detector could be developed commercially for use as an avalanche detector.

Weitz, 42, a backcountry skier, was intrigued. He ran Scott applied and received a \$375,000 Small Business Innovation Research grant to develop a device.



Mark Weitz of Chinook Engineering stands in Montana's Bridger Mountains, at the site of a test of an "infrasonic avalanche detection system" used to predict avalanches. In this January 2001 photo, the cables with Weitz are used to detect low-frequency sound waves underneath the snow.

Very few situations justify raiding a retirement fund



sanity has returned. But that's not the real issue. Regardless of what the market's doing, there are few situations where raiding a retirement fund 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 middle-income earner, you'll be paying at least \$700 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, your equity would get a greater benefit by not paying off your loan. That's the beauty of leverage.

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.

type of house put only 20 percent down and took out a loan for the \$80,000 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, non-deductible 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.

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-alloc-

ate the money you've got.

You probably got caught up in all the stock hype of the late 1990s and failed to adequately diversify. At your age, and given your risk tolerance (or lack thereof), you probably should use a stock allocation of 50 percent to 60 percent, with the rest of your money in bonds and cash. That might give you the comfort level you need to stop fretting — and to keep yourself from making matters worse by pulling out of the market altogether.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston at asklizweston@hotmail.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 200 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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