

# Education for success



Seth Collins checks out the prices on his course text books at the College of Southern Idaho book store. Collins is one of the lucky few who receives a scholarship to help out with his tuition, but he still has to pay for the expensive books for his classes.

## CSI financial program helps students

**By Robert Mayer**  
**Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — He's not sure if he wants to earn his degree from Albertson College of Boise State University.

In the meantime, Seth Collins, 18, is spending his first two years at the College of Southern Idaho. While his parents provide the roof over his head, it's the bounty of scholarships that are paying for his education.

Collins has landed some \$4,000 in scholarships for this school year, nearly half of which comes directly from the CSI Foundation.

College of Southern Idaho Foundation numbers	Scholarships awarded	Amount	Number of awards
1985-86	439	\$82,064	75
1991-92	439	\$150,221	403
1997-98	439	\$498,287	633
2001-02	439	\$738,205	605

Contributions	Amount
Year ending June 2002	\$1,279,221
Year ending June 2001	\$2,912,341
Year ending June 2000	\$3,001,624

"Right now I'm very thankful that I don't have to take out loans right now," Collins said. "The scholarship money that I was provided with by the College of Southern Idaho has given me a

**Herrett Center plans growth, observatory**

**By Robert Mayer**  
**Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — Expansion of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science is moving forward, with a new observatory, community meeting space and archive center promised to be delivered this year.

No earth has been moved yet

## High court keeps copyright extension intact

**Los Angeles Times**

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court gave Hollywood studios a big victory Wednesday when it upheld a law that extends the copyrights of movies, songs and books that appeared in the 1920s and 1930s.

The 7-2 ruling is a setback for the Internet industry as well as for the scholars, librarians and students who look to the new technology to learn about the past.

Under pressure from Hollywood, Congress has repeatedly extended the copyrights of creative works that were about to go into the public domain. The most recent such law, the 11th in the past 40 years, was the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act of 1998, named for the late singer and House member from Palm Springs. It added 20 years to all copyrights, both old and new.

1998 copyright legislation's effect on copyright terms

Years after the death of the work's author or creator

For properties owned by a corporation, years after first publication	50	70
Here is a sampling of properties directly affected by the court's decision, as their copyrights would have been set to expire soon	75	95

Songs and compositions: "Rhapsody in Blue", "Stardust", "Yes Sir! That's My Baby"

Movies: "Casablanca", "Gone With the Wind", "The Wizard of Oz"

Cartoon characters: Disney's Goofy, Donald Duck and Pluto

Films are now protected for 95 years after their release. Works by individuals are protected for 70 years after the author or composer's death.

For most of American history, copyrights lasted for a period of

1930s are long forgotten and have no commercial value.

This copyright shield prevents Internet archivists and scholars from scanning those books and articles on to Web sites, where they could be used freely.

These scholars and archivists are not especially interested in books such as "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald or "A Farewell to Arms" by Ernest Hemingway. These literary classics of the 1920s remain in print and can be easily obtained.

But copyright experts said only 1 percent of the books of that era remain in print, and many have all but disappeared. In 1930, for example, 10,027 books were published in the United States. Only 174 of them remain in print.

Not surprisingly, however, the congressional debate focused on the creative works of the early 20th century whose commercial value has been retained or has grown.

## Study: Operating room stress, surgical emergencies lead to items left behind

**The Associated Press**

BOSTON — Surgical teams accidentally leave clamps, sponges and other tools inside about 1,500 patients nationwide each year, according to the biggest study of the problem yet.

The mistakes largely result not from surgeon fatigue, but from the stress arising from emergencies or complications discovered on the operating table, the researchers reported. It also happens more often to fat patients, simply because there is more room inside them to lose equip-

ment, according to the study.

Both the researchers and several other experts agreed that the number of such mistakes is small compared with the roughly 28 million operations a year in the United States. "But no one in any role would say it's acceptable," said Dr. Donald Berwick, president of the Boston-based nonprofit Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

The study — in today's New England Journal of Medicine — was done by researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard School of Public

### Left inside the body

Medical instruments are left inside about 1,500 surgery patients a year, a new study shows. Surgical sponges and clamps are the objects most often left behind.

Where objects are left

Chest	7%
Abdomen	54%
Vagina	22%
Other, including spinal canal, face, brain	17%

SOURCE: New England Journal of Medicine AP

## Bill would benefit ag businesses

Issue centers on 'local public interest' section of Idaho water law

**By Julie Pence**  
**Times-News writer**

BOISE — Budget woes have most legislators' attention, but lobbyists representing agriculture aren't wasting any time on their plans to change how three words in Idaho water law are used.

Drafts of how to alter the intent of "local public interest" in Idaho's water law are circulating among Magic Valley lawmakers and dairy protesters.

Agricultural interests want to limit the use of the phrase, which they say has been subject to too broad an application over the past couple of years. Local environmental activists and homeowners from the Magic Valley have used it to successfully slow down the water transfer process for operators of large dairies. They maintain that when water rights transfers are being processed by the Idaho Department of Water Resources, it should consider requests to local populations as dairy odor, traffic, noise and flies.

So far, transfers for two Magic Valley dairies — the K and W Dairies in Gem County and a proposed dairy by Mark and Mike Hensley in northwestern Twin Falls County — have been stalled because hearing officers for the Department of Water Resources held that neighbors should not have to be subjected to more dairy odors.

It was clear on Wednesday at the Idaho Environmental Forum in downtown Boise the contention between ag interests and environmental groups is not waning. Though the wording has been used by residents to protest coal-fired generating plants and more recently a ski resort, the speakers quickly zeroed in on dairies.

Norm Semanko, director for the Idaho Water Users Association, said his group will bring forth legislation, though it may have to wait a couple of months until a state budget has been finalized. Such powerful organizations as the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, Idaho Cattle Association, Milk Producers of Idaho and Idaho Dairyman's Association are aligned with the Water Users. They maintain the protests clog up a water transfer and application process that is already overtaxed. But more importantly, they say water should have to do with water and nothing else.

Kimberly Republican Sen Laird Nor, chairman of the

**WEATHER**  
 Boise: Mostly clear, 44-52  
 Twin Falls: Partly cloudy, 44-52  
 Dec 14, 2003

**MAGIC VALLEY**  
 Councilman Wendell Hoffman signs to purchase Hispanic overcity clinic

**WEST**  
 Arctic drilling: Senate Republicans consider changes to increase the possibility of oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge



**NATION**  
 Hitting Iraq: The U.S. and Britain have stepped up attacks on Iraqi military sites in the no-fly zone.

**MONEY**  
 Dollars for giving: A Twin Falls bank launches a charitable foundation with a million-dollar donation.



**OUTDOORS**  
 Heads and tails: Hunting treks to exotic lands pay off with trophies and wild stories.

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 Eagles: The CSI women's basketball team readies for it's 'biggest game' of the season.

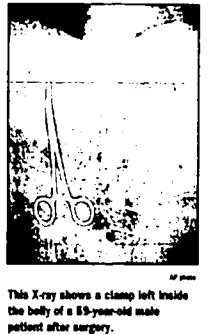
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 A costly plan: State government proposal to buy new office space creates excessive long-term debt, today's editorial says.

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This X-ray shows a clamp left inside the body of a 59-year-old male patient after surgery.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the 40s.

Tonight: Fair skies and dry conditions. Lows in the 20s.

Tomorrow: Fairly cloudy and mild. Highs in the lower to the mid 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Seasonal temperatures with quiet conditions expected. Highs near 40.

Tonight: Chilly and dry. Lows in the teens.

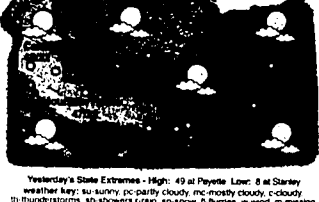
Tomorrow: Mild with fair to partly cloudy skies. Lows in the 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. The atmosphere starts to dry out for the rest of the week and takes the moisture with it to the east of the region. What we will be left with are partly to mostly cloudy skies and seasonal temperatures.

BOISE Mild temperatures with more sunshine are in the forecast for the region as we head toward the weekend compliments are a more quiet and dry weather pattern moving in.

NORTHERN UTAH Drier air and more sunshine move in for the rest of the week with temperatures near if not above normal for the middle of January.



Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 49 at Payette Lake. Low: 1 at Starkey weather lake. Sun: partly cloudy, m: mostly cloudy, c: cloudy to overcast, sn: snow, s: shower, f: flurries, w: wind, m: misting

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TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Today: Fair to partly cloudy. High 44, Low 26. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with dry conditions. High 45, Low 27. Wednesday: Breezy with scattered clouds. High 47, Low 28. Thursday: Breezy with scattered clouds. High 47, Low 28. Friday: Mostly sunny with light winds. High 49, Low 30.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature: Today 44, Tomorrow 45, Wednesday 47, Thursday 47, Friday 49. Precipitation: Today 0.1", Tomorrow 0.1", Wednesday 0.1", Thursday 0.1", Friday 0.1". Humidity: Today 42%, Tomorrow 43%, Wednesday 45%, Thursday 45%, Friday 47%. Barometric Pressure: Today 30.1, Tomorrow 30.1, Wednesday 30.1, Thursday 30.1, Friday 30.1.

Moon Phases: Jan 18 Last Day, Jan 26 Full Moon, Feb 1 First Day, Feb 9 New Moon.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, etc.

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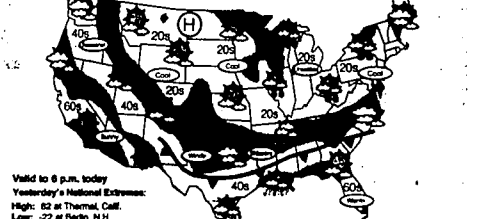
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CANADIAN FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Herrett

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on the \$1.4 million project. The plan is still in the design phase with architect plans being faxed back and forth on a daily basis.

Should the mild winter weather continue, construction can begin as early as March and be finished by fall, Director Jim Woods said Wednesday at a Rotary Club presentation.

More than an expansion, this project is more of a completion to the Herrett Center, Woods said.

When Norman Herrett donated the center, which then was on Kimberly Road, to the College of Southern Idaho in 1975 the dream was to bring the center to the college campus as a comprehensive complex complete with observatory.

The new center was built in 1980, but it's only now that enough funds have been raised to add on to the observatory.

However, there's some concern that building an observatory in the middle of an urban area with its bright nocturnal lights may be questionable.

"It's a concern that Woods acknowledges.

"Is this the best place for an observatory? No, it is the best place for a public observatory? Yes."

Among the efforts to reduce ambient light includes working with the college to reduce night time campus lighting.

Also part of the project is the Rick Allen meeting space, which will allow for 260 people in auditorium-style seating or 230 at round tables for dining.

Kent Just, executive director for the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, waxed enthusiastically over the prospect of adding

meeting space to Twin Falls.

He said two convention center studies during the last few years have indicated the need for such space.

"To tell you the truth, we need to be able to offer the space big enough for 500 people at a convention," he said. "We really need that in this community badly."

Such, the Rick Allen Hall will be "a great filler toward that."

Not to mention, the possibilities of holding meetings within the Herrett Center, which would allow individuals to browse through the museum's collections before or after the meeting, would make it easy to sell the space, Just said.

"It'll be a great space," he said. "It's a unique and it's a wonderful setting."

As the final part of the expansion project, the new archive space will offer greater protection to center's collection of archeological finds. Currently they reside in the basement at a location that has long been a cause of worry over the possibility of flood damage.

And the threat is real, Woods said.

Because CSI and the center are built on wetlands, for years there've been problems with water seeping through the cracks in basement walls. Adding to the threat is a high-pressure water pipe that runs underground right next to the center. City officials told Woods that even a tiny puncture would fill the building within minutes.

"We have a real problem," Woods said.

Curtis Eaton, executive director of the CSI Foundation, said all \$100,000 has been raised for the project. The foundation is still seeking donors, wanting to make sure that the enterprise is executed completely with donations.

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Idaho

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Senate Resources and Environment Committee, has said he would oppose any legislation that would enable out-of-state interests to grab Idaho's water.

The local public interest wording was put into Idaho's water law some 25 years ago in order to give Idaho residents the ability to protest and block that from happening, he explained.

But Semanko emphasized on Wednesday the objective is not to take out the wording entirely - as has been attempted over the past two years. Instead, he said he would make sure even such things as water recreation and fishing and water quality issues would remain protected. He characterized issues such as neighbors' concerns about dairy odor and flies as "secondary" to the real issue, which should center on how much harm a water right or a transfer would have on another water right.

"He didn't dispute that odor from large dairy operations can be problematic, but he said that issue is better addressed by county planning and zoning commissions.

"If the county planning process is broken, fix it," he said.

However, Attorney Rich Carlson, who has represented people protesting large dairies based upon odors and flies, said, "If a government agency sees a wreck about to happen that another government agency didn't see, it had better not turn a deaf ear to the public that is trying say something about it."

Rick Johnson of the Idaho Conservation League warned that lawmakers, too, focused on money problems could create an environment for dairy lobbyists to "create mischief."

"What dairies are really saying instead of 'got milk' is 'got water,'" Johnson quipped.

He said he was concerned the issue would not get a fair hearing because there are so many cattlemen and dairymen on committees that would be studying the issue of local public interest. The biggest challenge for lawmakers, Johnson said, would be in trying to find out what the public wants, not just what the dairy lobbyists and lawyers want.

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Watchdog group decries slip toward 'Big Brother' society

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Tape: Bomb drop worried U.S. pilots

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AP) - U.S. pilots who dropped a bomb on Canadian allies in Afghanistan last April quickly grew worried that they had made a mistake, according to recordings of the accident played at a military hearing Wednesday.

About three minutes after the bomb hit, killing four Canadians, Illinois National Guard Maj. Harry Schmidt said: "I hope that was the right thing to do."

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Wasting it on administrative expenses." Last year, \$100,000 went toward operating expenses.

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"One of the traditions of the CSI Foundation is that the active participation by the members is part of the heritage and the folklore," Eaton said. "I think people know that when they agree to serve on the board, it's with the idea that they're going to be active participants."

Indeed, Ken Roy, board member on the scholarship committee, said that between the meetings, banquets, dinners and other events with donors, it's difficult to calculate the amount of time he's dedicated toward the foundation.

"I think it's a pretty important function," he said. "If we can take people and make them more productive members of the community, we all benefit from it."

Scholarships are the largest priority for the foundation, as 5 percent of the endowment goes toward scholarships. It is hoped that next year's awards can be even more numerous and involve even larger sums of money.

However, given the poor state of the national economy there's still cause for concern whether that goal can be met.

Remarkably, the foundation has largely been immune from the downturn in contributions that has befallen most charitable organizations nationwide.

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conservative," he said. But most of the foundation's assets come from estates. Just last year, it received \$1.5 million from the Earl Faulkner estate.

As such, the total sum for annual contributions can vary from year to year. The \$1.3 million in contributions from the 2001-02 year was less than the previous year's \$2.9 million.

The difference an estate can make is demonstrated in comparing two years, 2000 and 1999 back to back. June 2000's total of \$3 million and June 1999's total of just around \$200,000, a variation caused by estate donations.

However, given the foundation's dependence on estates, the new federal tax laws add a little fear to the board.

The federal estate tax law, changed two years ago, increases the limit on the value of a home to be passed on to inheritors before estate taxes kick in. That amount will increase each year for the next 10 years to a point that by 2008, an estate would have to be worth \$3.5 million incurring an estate tax.

"The concern is that there may now be less of a motive for people to make charitable contributions in order to stay away from the tax consequences," Eaton said.

In addition to scholarships, the remainder of funding is directed to campus projects that, again, are designed with the student in mind, increasing the quality of academic and social life on campus.

For example, in addition to the student union, building projects such as the Ireton Wing of the Health and Human Services building was aided by foundation money.

In 2001-02, \$400,000 went toward similar projects, refurbishing buildings and purchasing equipment.

In the last few years \$125,000 have been given to faculty in the form of mini-grants for the development of innovative programs.

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WASHINGTON - President Bush Wednesday delivered a strong blow to the use of racial preference in university admissions, declaring that two affirmative action methods used to make it easier for minority students to enter one of the nation's leading public universities are "divisive, unfair and impossible to square with the Constitution."

Bush offered his most explicit articulation of his views on affirmative action, a major social policy tool that he had largely skirted since his presidential campaign. Reiterating his oft-stated assertion that he "supports diversity of all kinds," he went on to say, "the method used by the University of Michigan to achieve this important goal is fundamentally flawed."

The decision that Bush announced carries enormous legal repercussions, if the Supreme Court agrees, and political ripple effects, regardless. It has potential to affect the makeup of college campuses at a time when minorities account for an increasing share of the nation's young people.

In deciding to take sides in the most important affirmative action case to come before the Supreme Court in a quarter-century, administration officials said the legal brief they will file today is "narrowly tailored" to condemn racial-preference policies at the University of Michigan.

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The president is taking part in a roundtable discussion in Washington's Maryland suburbs, and will attend a service at the large, predominantly black First Baptist Church in Glenarden, Md. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Wednesday.

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**White House sees worsening budget picture**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal deficits should balloon to the \$200 billion to \$300 billion range over the next two years, President Bush's budget director said Wednesday, a far bleaker view of the fiscal horizon than the White House had painted.

The White House estimated last July that the red ink could fade to black by 2005.

Budget chief Mitchell Daniels' somber outlook - which would put deficits near record levels - further rolled this year's budget fight between Bush and congressional Democrats, particularly over the president's \$674 billion, 10-year tax-cutting proposal.

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The Washington Post

SEOUL, South Korea - North Korea on Wednesday dismissed the Bush administration's recent offer of a resumption of aid for an abandonment of its nuclear weapons programs...

The U.S. loudmouthed supply of energy and food aid are like a painted cake pie in the sky, North Korea's Foreign Ministry declared in a statement distributed by its official Korean Central News Agency.

Government works to deter missile attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal government is working on plans to prevent terrorists from shooting down commercial airliners with shoulder-fired missiles, a concern among aviation officials even before an unsuccessful attack on an Israeli jet in Kenya in November.

Bush declares 'Sanctity of Human Life'

WASHINGTON (AP) - Pledging to build a culture that respects life, President Bush is declaring a National Sanctity of Human Life Day.

As we seek to improve quality of life, overcome illness and promote vital medical research, my administration will continue to honor our country's founding ideals of equal dignity and equal rights for every American.

The president heralded the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act he signed last year, which amends the legal definitions of "person," "human being," "child" and "individual" to include a fetus that sur-

...vives after a failed abortion attempt. The act also prohibits the abortion of a child who survives after a failed abortion attempt.

Every child is a priority and a blessing and I believe that all should be welcomed in life and protected by law, he said.

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## EDITORIAL

### New state building plans add up to deficit spending

In his budget speech last week, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne noted that his \$2.2 billion spending proposal does not ask citizens to pay more to expand government.

But the fine print tells a different story. Not only is Kempthorne asking taxpayers to keep state government's house in order, he's asking them to buy a few more houses.

taxpayers will pay over time.

Here's another point to consider: The state already owes \$151 million, in principal and interest, for 10 other building projects, including the cavernous old Ada County Courthouse the state recently acquired.

Kempthorne's budget summary says the MK purchase "will save significant dollars in the future by being able to co-locate state programs that are now scattered throughout the state." The governor may have a sound idea to relocate state offices at a lower price. But where is the demonstrated need for this much space, especially when the Ada County building sits empty?

**Our view: The state's real estate and construction proposals add up to costly long-term debt for Idaho taxpayers. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

Consuming this much real estate is practically guaranteed to be a first step toward government expansion, in spite of Kempthorne's stated intentions. The only thing that fills up faster than a new prison is an empty state office building.

State officials proudly tell taxpayers they adhere to a balanced budget requirement, as mandated by the Idaho Constitution.

But this land acquisition proposal amounts to deficit spending through long-term bonding. This kind of financing would be a 180-degree reversal from Idaho's traditional pay-as-you-go approach on construction.

Kempthorne says these funds will come from the permanent building fund, not the general fund. But don't be fooled.

Your taxes will be paying off these buildings for years to come. (The first MK Plaza bond payment would be \$4.8 million in 2004.)

If your family is having a hard time paying the monthly bills, you don't buy a bigger house just because the asking price is good. So why is the state justified in doing basically the same thing?

Legislators should eye these proposals skeptically. Now isn't the time to double the state's real estate debt.

## Congressmen seek military draft to deter war

U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel, a Democrat from Harlem, wants you for the U.S. Army. Actually, what he and his longtime colleague, Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., desire is reinstatement of the draft.

Of course, on anyone's list of things that won't happen anytime soon, a new draft is near the head. The Army doesn't want conscripts, the services are filled to capacity, and nearly everyone



PHILIP TERZIAN

agrees that the all-volunteer force, now 30 years old, has been a success. So what is behind the congressman's proposal? Well, in the midst of the war on terrorism, and on the verge of possible U.S. action against Iraq, the anti-war movement has yet to gain traction: The campuses are comparatively quiet, and Louis Farrakhan draws bigger crowds in Washington. So Congressmen Rangel and Conyers have staged an amusing stunt.

Like many amusing stunts, however, this one has backfired. To begin with, Rangel has taken little trouble to disguise his motive. He is not concerned about conditions in the Army, or the state of the nation's preparedness. What interests him is subversion of administration policy. "If those calling for war knew that their children were likely to be required to serve, and to be placed in harm's way," he wrote in the Times, "there would be more caution and a greater willingness to work with the international community in dealing with Iraq."

To this Rangel adds the notion of "shared sacrifice." Repeating the persistent myth that minorities bear a "disproportionate" burden in fighting America's



wars, Rangel has suggested a kind of affirmative-action program. Presumably, black and Latino youth would be barred from enlisting in the Army until sufficient quota of white, Presbyterians and Italian-Americans had gone through basic training.

Yet to Rangel's dismay, all this has not generated discussion about war, or even war with Iraq, but a general consensus that the draft is a bad idea.

There are many reasons for this, not least of which is that the all-volunteer armed services are exactly what they say: a force of soldiers, sailors and airmen who have deliberately chosen to serve their country. Especially during the Vietnam times of the past two decades, no one has been coerced, by poverty or law, to take refuge in uniform, and anyone who signs up to defend his or her country does so willingly.

No one would seriously argue that a modern equivalent of the draft is a conscript army that was shipped

off to Vietnam is preferable to the present all-volunteer force. Volunteer soldiers are self-motivated, eager to train and serve, committed to their mission, and considerably more likely to make the military their career. They have not enlisted as an obligation, but as a matter of conviction, and the difference is evident in performance and morale.

While most would agree that serving one's country, in any capacity, is a noble endeavor, mandatory national service undermines the ideal. Like compulsory militarism in the schools, it contradicts the principle it purports to exalt, and breeds cynicism and resentment. The last thing America needs is a new generation of 19-year-olds serving, against their will, in the ranks.

And contrary to what Charles Rangel and John Conyers might think, the notion that the all-volunteer force has created a separate country within the Army is problematic at best. On the con-

trary, the military is a genuinely democratic institution, where advancement is generally conferred on the basis of achievement, not accident of birth or friends in high places. One might just as easily argue that the draft would cause for satisfaction, not dismay.

The last time the United States instituted a draft (1940), we were facing the likelihood of world war against the Axis powers — and the draft was renewed by the Senate one year later by a margin of one vote! For the 151 years prior to that (excepting the Civil War) the republic was defended by an all-volunteer, no-conscripts Army and Navy. That, and not the draft of the 1950s and '60s, is the American way.

Philip Terzian is the associate editor of the Providence Journal.

## Wal-Mart tops the modern loathing list of the far left

KATHY READ

this country in five years. It's also enjoying quiet success in Europe and a number of other areas around the globe.

And consumers pour through its doors in record numbers. Wal-Mart's cash registers rang up \$218 billion last year, and the company expects vigorous growth over the next five years. Since it accounted for about 25 percent of U.S. productivity growth in the last part of the 1990s, there are few financial analysts who doubt it won't meet that goal.

All of which is enough to drive people opposed to globalization, SUV's and using recyclable resources like trees delirious with rage. Progressive journals like The Nation annually consume thousands of acres of Canadian pulp forests publishing lengthy tirades decrying its sins.

A labor left activist Web site, Wal-Mart Watch, faults it for not having a unionized work force even though it pays as well or better than as major unionized competitors such as K-Mart, Target

and Kroger — and provides, on average, better comparable health-care benefits and better advancement opportunities.

Historic preservationists in affluent areas state rallies to keep Wal-Mart from locating stores in their communities. They allege its packed parking lots despoil the environment.

Although it seems obvious that its one-stop shopping advantage reduces mileage driven and, hence, traffic congestion and air pollution.

SWFCIO President John Sweeney has launched a multimillion-dollar campaign to pin the union label on Wal-Mart's 1.4-million employees — or associates, as they're colloquially termed. But Wal-Mart's leaders apparently aren't buying the union sales pitch.

I've been to Wal-Mart only twice in my life, chiefly because the nearest one is a good 20 miles away, but I was pleasantly surprised by the experience. The cheerful greeters and checkout staff were a nice respite from the mostly sullen and often scowling unionized workers at my local supermarket. There was a cornucopia of choices and the prices, in most cases, actually seemed to be

lower than closer alternatives.

I think the real reason the professional doomsmongers in our society dislike Wal-Mart so much is based more on snobbery than on objective reason. The stores are teeming with people that the nation's elites once called the "unwashed masses" — and now dismiss derisively as "the middle class."

In other words, my fellow Americans, most of us.

Sweeney's union movement, comprising mostly service workers and government employees, might regain the growth momentum it enjoyed at the end of World War II if it urged its rank and file to adhere to Sam Walton's guiding precepts for success: Quality goods and services at the lowest possible costs delivered by friendly people.

In the meantime, the activists who take such umbrage at American consumers flocking into Wal-Mart — voting with their wallets — ought to chill out a little and get a life.

Kathy Read is former publisher of The Wilson Quarterly, the official journal of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

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## Bankruptcy proceedings hit creditors harder

Could some one please explain why it is that the people who declare bankruptcy are treated as victims, protected by law, from any form of retribution, and their creditors are seen as leeches?

On Jan. 6, 2003, I arrived early for a 2 p.m. meeting of creditors to be held in the Jerome County Courthouse. Several others also waited for court to convene, and finally, after several phone calls, we were told that the meeting had been moved to Twin Falls, as we

had been notified of by mail from Boise two weeks earlier — not of! We all faced to Twin Falls, but my case had already been called and heard without any creditors present. The notification was in my mail box when I later returned home, dated Dec. 30, 2002 (no postmark), sent by the lawyer of the "victim."

I was very vocal in my assessment of the travesty but was advised "to get a lawyer" and I might get a fourth of the judgment awarded.

These "victims" have stolen from their many creditors, cheat

ed and lied in their everlasting role of underdog. I can't afford a lawyer, how can they?

AUDREY VAN LINDERN  
Hagerman

## Tribal gaming opponents aren't listening to voters

When I read the article of Jan. 3, 2003, I was very displeased but not surprised. The filing of a lawsuit against the Indian gaming initiative is nothing more than sour grapes. The voters have spoken and yet, Laird Noh and Maxine Bell seem to assume that they

know what is better for the voters. I'm not a gambler and no one is holding a gun to anybody's head forcing them to gamble. The gaming creates jobs and is a source of revenue for the state. I suspect that Noh and Bell are listening to others outside the state. It's easy to see that they're not listening to Idaho voters. They're using their elected offices to gain the limelight by filing this lawsuit, which could end up costing taxpayers.

Indians are trying to improve their lot. We should support this. When considering how they have been treated, or should I say mis-

treated, in the past and present. I'm also an elected official, but I don't use my office to promote my personal agenda.

TOM STEVENSON  
Gooding

## Maggie eggs brought in quite a bounty around 1934

Around 1934, there was a bounty on magpies and their eggs. First, me and my brother, Tom, took in the heads. We were paid 2 cents each. Then we thought the situation over and decided we could make more by taking in the

eggs. We were paid one penny each for the eggs. In a week or so, the nests would be full of eggs to take in. If you took in the heads, it ended there. Sometimes we made from 15 to 25 cents. We considered this well worth our time. We didn't have much spending money. This went on for some time, but around 1936, we started to help dad with the farming.

We were paid by Mr. Priebe, a local jeweler. He was with an organization that promoted pheasants and fish.

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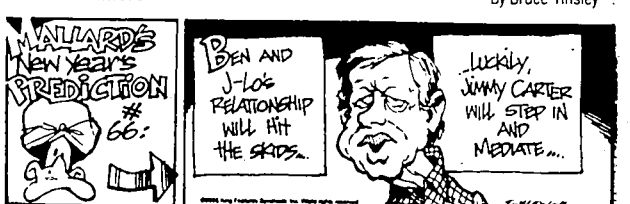
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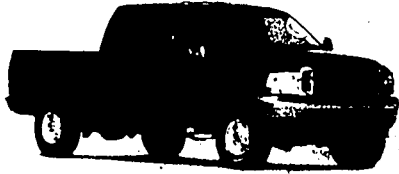
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### RISING STARS

#### Dustin Scott Twin Falls wrestling

Brutus, 160-pound grappler Dustin Scott finds there is more to wrestling than just the competition inherent in his sport. "There are the friendships you build off the mat and the respect you garner when you compete against those same friends."

"He beat Jerome's Tyler Thiessen for third place last weekend at the Buhl Invitational. In their last meeting, Thiessen prevailed."

"It's a good matchup," Scott said. "I love wrestling him. I just got the better end this time."

"There's little to hide from a competitor in a contact sport."

"You learn a lot about people," Scott said. "Some guys wrestle for the fun while others are there for the competition."

Scott simply loves sports, competing in football and track along with the occasional boxing match. Scott is lucky to be able to keep on building those friendships on and off the mat.

As a sophomore last year, too much working out wore down his body to the point where his immune system suffered, he said. It was a disappointing setback after almost qualifying for state as a freshman.

"The year off hurt him on the learning curve, as well."

"We're concentrating on technique," said Bruins head coach Chad Ryan. "We work on conditioning all year."

Scott likes the benefits, but doesn't think the hardest part of wrestling.

"I'm getting better every day," Scott said. "I like to learn and I work really hard at it."

That hasn't hurt his record with only two losses on the season.

"We have a long ways to go but he's doing well for us," Ryan said. "He definitely isn't soft."

— Joe Paisley

#### Kyle Gardner Kimberly wrestling

Call him a quick learner, but don't call him lazy.

Kyle Gardner has climbed to the top of the 130-140 AA rankings in the 130-pound weight class in three short years thanks to a dedicated work ethic.

The Kimberly senior began the sport in the eighth grade, losing more than that year to a thumb injury.

Since joining the high school team as a freshman, Gardner has steadily improved, thanks to his efforts in practice. "He's real aggressive and works hard to improve," Kimberly head coach Troy Palmer said.

For Gardner, his martial arts training, especially in hand holds, gave him some grappling skills, but it is his mental approach to the sport that has helped him catch up to many wrestlers with more experience.

"He's definitely mental," Gardner said. "I still don't know a lot of moves." But he is dedicated to learning more.

A big part of that work is the self-critique after losing in the 130-pound title match at the Buhl Invitational last weekend.

"He was a lot tougher than I thought it would be," Gardner said. "I kept making stupid errors."

The learning continues, with a coach showing Gardner a move that would have countered what his opponent did well Saturday.

"It's a learning experience," Gardner said. "It always is."

As a freshman, Gardner qualified for state, also accomplishing that as a sophomore. Last year, he took fourth place, setting the stage for a super senior season. "He's definitely the guy to beat," Palmer said. "He's worked himself up to the top position."

— Joe Paisley

## CSI prepares for crucial clash with Dixie

Chavez's contribution has helped Lady Golden Eagles to solid conference record

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Diana Chavez battled about the eraser with the same nervous energy she plays with on the basketball court.

Her fearless drives to the basket and inhaled play off the bench have helped the College of Southern Idaho women win five of their last six games and start the Scenic West Athletic Conference season with a 3-1 record.

Now if only the Lady Golden Eagles (8-9

overall) don't get cranked at No. 11 Dixie State College (7-3, 5-1 SWAC) on Friday.

Chavez said the team is focused for their "biggest game" of the season.

"We're just thinking, 'Play smart and play together,'" she said. "Everyone is playing really well and we're playing together as a team. It's looking good right now."

Especially Chavez, who's coming off back-to-back career games of 18 points against Colorado Northwestern and 20 points — including 16-of-22 from the free throw line — against College of Eastern Utah Jan. 4.



Diana Chavez

Her play even rubbed off on a freshman post Melaine Halafua, who broke out with 17 points and nine rebounds in the win over Eastern Utah.

Chavez said she decided over the Christmas break that she could no longer watch the rest of her sophomore season erode on the bench. So she resolved to do something about it. Four workouts with her former high school team at St. Francis High School in Sacramento helped regain her focus.

"I just thought about it," she said. "The season is almost over and I want to keep playing."

She leads the team in field-goal percentage (43.3 percent) and is fifth on the team in scoring at 6.5 points per game despite averaging the seventh-most minutes.

Her recent efforts haven't gone unnoticed by first-year CSI coach Randy Rogers.

### Coming Friday

CSI men don their Streakbusters uniforms.



"She came back from the break with a good attitude and she's not doing what she did in the past when she forced everything," Rogers said. "She's actually taking some good high-percentage shots. She's doing a good job of controlling the offense when she's in there. It's a good change of pace."

The Eagles hope to control the pace with league-leading Dixie, a tough task, considering the run-and-gun Rebels lead the league in scoring (80.9 ppg), scoring margin (+17.4 points), field-goal percentage

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## Vikings hammer Filer

Ritchie sparks Valley victory

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

**HAZELTON** — Warning: This guard can be combustible under extreme pressure. If it doesn't say that somewhere about Jessica Ritchie in the fine print of the Valley girls basketball team program, it should.

After the host Vikings had let a 13-point, first-quarter lead turn into a one-point deficit early in the fourth quarter, Ritchie took over Wednesday night to lead the Vikings to a 54-38 nonconference victory over the Filer Wildcats.

The Class 3A Wildcats (10-5 overall, 6-1 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) made up for a sluggish first quarter by holding the Vikings to just six points in the middle quarters to knot the game at 34-all when sophomore guard Jennica Mecham hit a bucket with 12 seconds left in the third quarter.

Mecham, who paced the Wildcats with 14 points, then hit 1-of-2 free throws attempts to give Filer a 35-34 advantage with 7:16 to play.

But that only set the stage for Ritchie, who scored 10 of her game-high 20 points during an 18-2 Valley run that put the Vikings (13-3, 1-0 Canyon Conference) ahead 52-37. Ritchie scored 10 of the first 12 points of the Viking run, including a pair of 3-pointers. She also hit on a four-point play of sorts when she was fouled making a layup, missed the free throw and then got her rebound and hit a bunny.

"We just ran the plays that were called and I hit the shots," she said, downplaying any personal heroics. "I just knew we needed to get some baskets to fall and to step up our defense."

Even with the Vikings struggling to get any rhythm going against Filer's defense in the middle portion of the game, coach Brian Hardy was thrilled with the play of his star.

"That's as well as we've played in a long time," he said. "Everybody I put in there, did exactly what they were supposed to do. Jessica hit some big shots — and she can get rolling when she



Valley guard Jessica Ritchie (20) drives the baseline Wednesday in the Vikings' 54-38 victory over Filer at Valley High School. Filer's Lacy Miller is screened off by Valley's Katie Wood.

feels it — but the other girls got her open."

Filer coach Kim Remus wasn't nearly as pleased with the performance of her team.

"We just weren't ready to play basketball," she said. "It's hard to play a nonconference game (during the conference schedule) and it's hard to play back-to-back nights. But there's no excuses. We just weren't ready to play."

Senior guard Jenna Dehoney joined Ritchie in double-figure scoring with 12 points for the Vikings, while no one scored

*"That's as well as we've played in a long time. Everybody I put in there, did exactly what they were supposed to do."*

— Valley coach Brian Hardy

more than 5 points in support of Mecham for the Wildcats.

"That was a good nonconference game for us," Remus said. "We learned some lessons and now it's time to go to work."

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## 49ers fire head coach Mariucci

The Associated Press

**SANTA CLARA, Calif.** — Coach Steve Mariucci was fired by the San Francisco 49ers on Wednesday after years of growing division with owner John York.

Just a few days after Mariucci's fourth trip to the playoffs in his six seasons ended in a 31-6 loss to Tampa Bay, York released Mariucci from the final year of his contract. The men hugged Wednesday morning after a 90-minute meeting at team headquarters.

"Dr. York has a very strong idea about how he wants the 49ers to be coached. This is a philosophical split between what John wanted to do and what Steve wanted," general manager Terry Donahue said. "According to Donahue, Mariucci wanted a bigger role in the 49ers' football decisions, including the position of vice president of football operations. But Mariucci's agent, Gary O'Hagan, said Mariucci never made those demands."

York and Mariucci had a phone conversation Monday that went poorly, and York flew from his home in Youngstown, Ohio, to California to complete the first coaching change since he took charge of the team in 1998.

Dennis Green, who coached the Minnesota Vikings from 1992-01, is a logical candidate to replace Mariucci. Green was an 49ers consultant Bill Walsh's staff when Walsh was coaching the NFL team and Stanford.

Mariucci went 57-39 in San Francisco, with a remarkably brief rebuilding period sandwiched between four seasons of double-digit victories. This season, San Francisco went 10-6 and reclaimed the AFC West title before making the second-biggest comeback in NFL playoff history to beat the New York Giants 39-38.

Defensive tackle Steve Moran called Wednesday "a sad day for the players."

"I can't believe they let him go. He's a great coach and a wonderful fun human being," Moran said outside the team's training complex.



Steve Mariucci

## Kings crush league-leading Mavs

The Associated Press

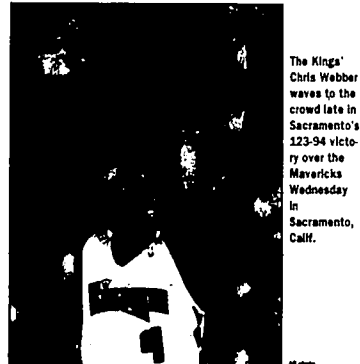
**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** — Although Chris Webber and the Sacramento Kings don't have the NBA's best record, they sure look like the NBA's best team.

Webber had 29 points, 15 rebounds and 11 assists, and Peja Stojakovic scored 23 points as the Kings reminded the league-leading Mavericks of their place in the NBA's hierarchy with a 123-94 victory over Dallas on Wednesday night.

Led by Webber's 16th career triple-double — and the second of his spectacular season — the Kings jumped to a huge early lead that demoralized Dallas in the season's first meeting between the Western Conference's division leaders.

They still trail the Mavericks (31-6) for the NBA's best record, but the Kings (29-10) have met every big test they've faced this season. Sacramento beat the Los Angeles Lakers on Christmas Day, then trounced East champion New Jersey by 36 points last week.

Webber was nearly unstoppable — from



The Kings' Chris Webber waves to the crowd late in Sacramento's 123-94 victory over the Mavericks Wednesday in Sacramento, Calif.

## White Sox get Colon in three-team trade

Expos end up with Yankees' Hernandez

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Bartolo Colon got traded Wednesday but not to the Boston Red Sox or New York Yankees.

Instead, Colon went to the Chicago White Sox in a three-team deal that included the Yankees and provided New York with the fringe benefit of keeping Colon away from the Red Sox.

In the three-way swap, the Yankees sent pitcher Orlando Hernandez and \$2 million to Chicago for reliever

Antonio Osuna and minor league pitcher Delvis Lantigua. Then the White Sox packaged Hernandez with right-handed pitcher Rocky White, outfielder Jeff Liefer and cash to Montreal for Colon, who went 20-8 with a 2.93 ERA last season, and minor league infielder Jorge Nunez.

The architect of the deal was White Sox general manager Ken Williams, who pursued Montreal GM Omar Minaya once it became clear that the Expos would be trading either Colon or pitcher Javier Vazquez to reduce payroll.

The Yankees and Red Sox were believed to be in the best position to get Colon.



Bartolo Colon

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## TAEKWONDO TROPHIES



David Scott displays trophies he earned at Sean Kay's Regional Taekwondo Championships hosted in October in Burley. Scott earned a second place in men's forms and men's sparring and first place in open weapons forms. Scott trains at Master Hartwell's Intermountain Martial Arts where he is also an instructor. Scott is a second-degree black belt and has been training in the martial arts in various styles since he was a teenager.

Courtesy photo

## BLUE BELT

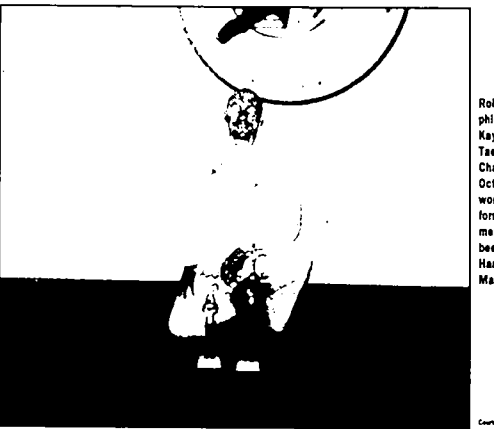


Keith Thompson (left) recently earned his blue belt in the art of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu under Jiu-Jitsu instructor Pedro Sauer of Salt Lake City. Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is a ground fighting art developed by the Gracie family of Rio De Janeiro. Thompson has been training constantly for the last two years to receive his blue belt. Keith Thompson is an Idaho state trooper and a captain in the Idaho National Guard.

He is shown with Keith Owen from the American Self-Defense Systems in Twin Falls. For more information, call Owen at 736-9946.

Photo courtesy of KEITH OWEN

## FANTASTIC FORMS



Robert Dyer displays trophies he earned at Sean Kay's Regional Taekwondo Championships held in October in Burley. Dyer won first place in men's forms and second place in men's sparring. Dyer has been training at Master Hartwell's Intermountain Martial Arts since July.

Courtesy photo

## SECONDS ALL AROUND



Craig Bevel displays trophies he earned at Sean Kay's Regional Taekwondo Championships held in October in Burley. Dyer won second place in men's forms, men's sparring and open weapons forms where he was pitted against black belts. Bevel trains at Master Hartwell's Intermountain Martial Arts. For more information, call 736-7100.

Courtesy photo

# Eye problems don't stop M.V. man from bowling

Giving up bowling just wasn't an option for a Magic Valley man suffering from a severe eye disease. Madison Hayes took up bowling in 1960 prior to moving to Twin Falls in 1973, joining his first bowling league — the Commercial League — at the Bowladrome. He remained on that league until admitting that he was old enough to bowl on a senior-aged team. Must be 55 to do that. He joined the Magic Valley Senior League on Wednesdays and bowled with the Friday PM Seniors on Fridays and also the Fifty Plus League at Magic Bowl on Thursdays.

Three days a week. If you needed to contact him he was bowling. Hayes came to me last spring with a sad story. He was afraid he was going to have to give up bowling because of an eye condition called macular degeneration. The blood vessels were leaking behind his eyeballs, preventing him from seeing the pins, let alone barely seeing the foul line. The condition forced him to give up driving his car. But bowling, well, that was another thing. And thanks to some fantastic people Hayes, 84, is back on the leagues this year with Guy Matsuoaka driving him to the bowling center on Fridays and Joan Sorenson doing the same on Wednesdays. Just imagine being able to only



see the foul line on your approach. He knows where to stand on the approach but as you know, where the ball goes is entirely a different story. A really great friend, Ralph Hann, who is 10 months Hayes' senior, bowls with him. Hann tells his friend what board the ball rolled over at the arrows and where it entered the bowling pin setup. This allows Hayes to adjust his approach. Hann tells him what pins are left after the first ball, if there are any, so that Hayes knows where to stand for the conversion for the spare.

On Friday, Jan. 3, Hayes came to bowl his regular league. Not feeling any different than usual, he started a game. Well, during the first few frames he thought maybe he could get a 300 game. When he stepped up in the ninth frame with already eight strikes to his credit, the bowling center suddenly hushed. At that point, Hayes said he realized he was working on a perfect 300 game but the 10 pin did not cooperate. It wiggled but stayed

standing. With Hann's instructions, he covered the spare. Now, Hayes likes to do a little dance on his approach with his strikes and spares and there was plenty of that going on along with the whole league, which joined in after every strike. When he rolled the ball in the ninth frame, you could just feel the tension in the air. Whether the ball struck the pocket a loud cheer arose from all, then that silly six pin fell rocky and stayed there. The dis-appointment echoed across the alleys.

By this time, nerves had taken over and his 10th frame went flat. Total score for the game: 257. Hann said it was fun just watching his nearly blind buddy enjoy a spectacular game. "He dances a war hoop after the bow, practically every league contacted me about their excitement over it.

Fantastic job, Madison. Not only was it an exciting day for you, but you, practically every league contacted me about their excitement over it.

Theine's column appears regularly for YourSports. Contact her at 733-4357, by e-mail at [theine@magick.com](mailto:theine@magick.com) or fax at (208) 733-3197.

# YOUR SCORES AND STATS

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**AROUND THE VALLEY**

**Deputies search for man linked to burglary**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Deputies Wednesday were looking for a man wanted for questioning in connection with a Dec. 30 burglary and assault in a Bull home.



Montana Lyon, 21, is described as white, 6 feet 2 inches tall, 150 pounds with blue eyes and brown hair. He is known to drive a 1987 blue-gray Pontiac Grand Am. Idaho license plate No. ZTF1930.

An unidentified suspect entered the home at 4000 N. 1400 W. at about 8 a.m. Dec. 30, punched a 13-year-old girl who was there alone, tied the girl up and stole some items from the house, according to reports. Assault, kidnapping, burglary and robbery charges might stem from the case.

Anyone with information about Lyon's whereabouts or anything else regarding the case should call Twin Falls County sheriff's detective Becky White - 736-4109 - or detective Kelly Hanson - 736-4188. Or call Crimestoppers at 732-5387. Callers to Crimestoppers may remain anonymous and might qualify for a reward.

**Flu outbreak shuts down Murtaugh elementary**  
**MURTAUGH** - An apparent influenza outbreak infected several teachers and students at Murtaugh Elementary School Wednesday, prompting a school closure today and Friday.

Superintendent Dennis Osman said six teachers were home sick Wednesday and the substitutes who filled in came down with symptoms, too. Several students also became sick, he said.

**Education coalition president steps down**  
**TWIN FALLS** - In yet another shakeup at the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, its president Eric Steigers stepped down Wednesday.

Steigers said his decision was made for personal reasons and not based on any internal strife within the nonprofit technical coalition of regional high schools.

"I'm very proud of what ARTEC is and what it has accomplished," he said. "But at this point I need to step back from things."

The move comes right after the December resignations of former-executive director David Sass and board member Ken Edmunds.

Thus, the weight falls even heavier on the shoulders of interim director Claire Major to lead the organization into its fifth year.

Major maintains an upbeat attitude and said ARTEC will maintain its current course while the board seeks a new president.

"Everybody's attitude is so good," Major said.

**Twin Falls Canal Company sets budget at \$4.5 million**  
**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Canal Co. has set a \$4.5 million operating budget for the 2003 fiscal year, which amounts to about a 3 percent increase over 2002.

Shareholder assessments will remain at \$19 a share.

# Panel attempts to save cash

**Bell votes with Dems, urban Republicans against extra money for Ag Department**

**The Associated Press**  
**BOISE** - Legislative budget writers underscored the state's financial crisis Wednesday with their intense scrutiny of emergency spending requests.

The Finance Joint Finance Appropriations Committee went to work on filling the holes in the 2002-03 Idaho budget, hearing extra attention on the urgent

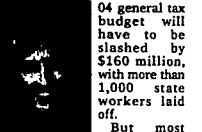
requests and illustrating its devotion to minimizing the need for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed tax increase.

"They're all wanting to make the appropriate decision," House Appropriations Chairwoman Maggie Bell of Jerome said.

Kempthorne has proposed raising the state sales tax to 6.5 percent to maintain essential government services, and he has



already tapped all major state reserves to cover a nearly \$200 million deficit in the current budget. Kempthorne has warned that without more revenue, the 2003-



04 general tax budget will have to be slashed by \$160 million, with more than 1,000 state workers laid off.

But most Republican lawmakers remain unconvinced, and the House-Senate budget committee started doing what it could Wednesday to free up cash and reduce the new bud-

get's looming deficit.

The panel had little choice but to approve \$4.3 million in spending from general tax money along with another \$2 million from federal and other sources to pay for fighting last summer's wildfires and a moth infestation that threatened to destroy timber in north-central Idaho.

The money had already been spent, but committee members put off those votes until they had all the details on just how the bills were run up.

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## Crapo, others introduce bill to expand child alert

**By David Ehrlich**  
**Status News Service**

**WASHINGTON** - A bipartisan group of senators introduced legislation this week to help state and local law enforcement agencies, including those in Idaho, set up programs to locate abducted children.

Sponsored by 27 senators including Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, the bill would allot \$25 million to help law enforcement agencies around the country establish statewide Amber Alert systems.

Supporters of the bill said the money, which federal agencies would provide in the form of matching funds to states, would pay for electronic highway signs and emergency-alert systems that broadcast or display messages about abducted children.

The money also would be used to help train local police and emergency-response workers.

In addition, the legislation would create a national Amber Alert coordinator in the U.S. Department of Justice, who would be responsible for disseminating information about missing children and abductors among states.

"This program will provide half the funding for voluntary alert systems in Idaho and other states that do not now offer them," Crapo said.

The House and Senate both passed versions of the bill last year, but it died when congressional negotiators could not agree on its details.

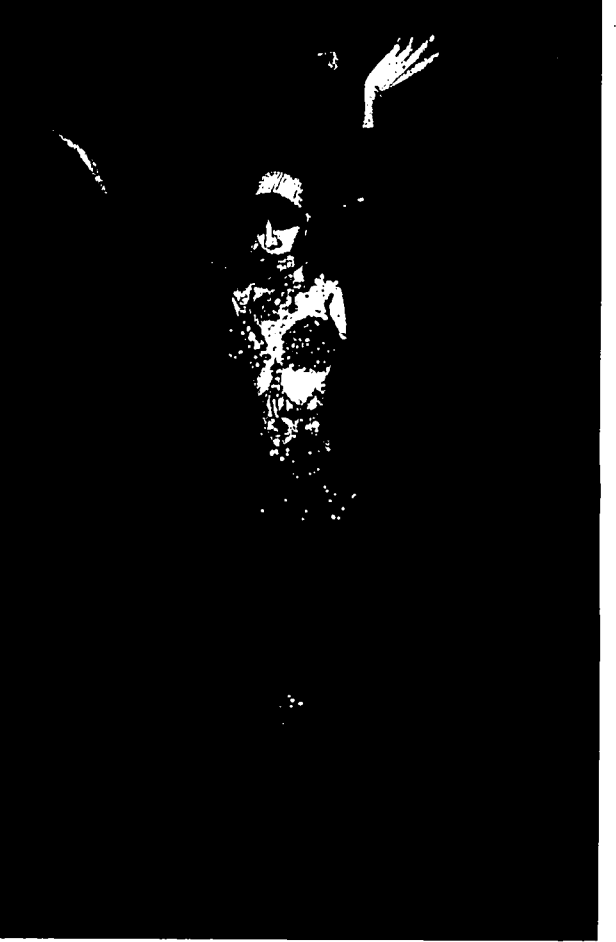
One child in Idaho was abducted last year by someone other than a family member, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Nicole Hayes, a spokeswoman for the center, said that is a typical number for most states. The Amber system is not used in cases involving abductions by family members.

Idaho is in the process of setting up a statewide Amber Alert system modeled on successful programs in California and Texas, said Tom Thompson, a major with the Idaho State Police.

The state is encountering some obstacles as it prepares its system. To be able to air Amber

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## BELLY SHAKE



Connie Jones performs a belly dance at the opening night gala for the Magic Valley Arts Council's 15th annual Foreign Film Festival at the Lamphouse Theater in Twin Falls. The festival ends with the last showing of 'Secret Ballot' on Feb. 16. In all, five foreign films will be screened.

## Family waits on word about ashes

**By Shelley Ridenour**  
**Times-News Writer**

**BURLEY** - The death of their husband and father was a terrible blow for Norma Baker and Nancy Damron. But the two women and other family members are now dealing with another loss they say no one who is grieving should ever have to face.

The two Mini-Cassia women say they're nearing the breaking point as the owner of a local funeral home and Greyhound bus official search for the missing ashes of William Baker, Norma Baker's husband and Damron's father.

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**Greyhound officials plan to look at every bus stop where the bus that was carrying Baker's ashes stopped, Plaskett said.**

*They will search all the cargo areas, counters and other parts of the bus stations looking for the package.*

Crematory in Blackfoot for cremation. Hansen works with a number of area crematories when his customers request cremation. He knows the owner of Grove, and the two funeral homes have worked together on many previous occasions.

Baker's ashes were taken to the Greyhound bus station in Idaho Falls by a Grove City Crematory

employee for shipment back to Burley before the Jan. 2 service, along with the ashes of another Hansen client. The bus doesn't stop in Blackfoot and the employee had to be in Idaho Falls for other business anyway, so Hansen used that shipping mode.

Hansen said he's received six packages of ashes shipped on Greyhound in the last two months. He ships ashes with many companies.

Hansen is nearly as upset as the Baker family. He spent all day Monday driving between Burley and Idaho Falls stopping at bus stops searching for the package. Nothing like this has ever happened to his family funeral home business, he said.

He's also filled out all the necessary paperwork with Greyhound. "They've assured me

## Ketchum man sues after being asked to leave city hall

**The Associated Press**

**KETCHUM** - Mayo: Ed Simon and the resort city have been sued by a computer technician who alleges his freedom of speech was violated.

Steve Linden, a computer specialist who has worked on the Ketchum Police Department system for years, filed suit on Monday in 5th District Court.

It is the second time in his relatively short tenure with the city that Simon has been named in a lawsuit.

City Hall on Dec. 24 to work on the police computer network and was asked to leave and not return. He had worked on the network for at least the previous five years.

"Let's put it this way: It wasn't for lack of performance," he said. "I'm sure it was retribution."

"It's not retribution. I believe in freedom of speech," Simon said. "If he's going to undermine my authority without approaching me or asking me to clarify something, I don't want him working in the police department."

Police Chief Cal Nevlund and Assistant Police Chief Mike McNeil sued Simon and the city last summer, after Simon hired Blaine County Deputy Sheriff Ron Taylor to be the city's assistant chief. That lawsuit was settled out of court. The new assistant chief served for only seven days.

## Snowpack levels

Watershed	Jan. 15	Jan. 16
Upper Snake River	72%	37%
Salmon Falls	68%	34%
Salmon	90%	44%
Oakley	58%	29%
Blackfoot	100%	52%
Little Wood	128%	62%
Henry's Fork/Teton	72%	37%
Big Lost	113%	54%
Little Lost	73%	37%

As of Jan. 15  
 A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with 20-year averages. An asterisk indicates that snowpack is above the 20-year average. A double asterisk indicates that snowpack is above the 50-year average.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Idaho State Police director: Budget cuts affect protection

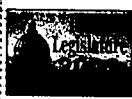
BOISE (AP) — More than \$1 million in budget cuts over the past 18 months have compromised public protection, the newly appointed State Police director told lawmakers Wednesday.

retired Ed Strickland, told the Senate Judiciary Committee that 17 of the 130 trooper positions currently are vacant. Charboneau said he's leery of filling them because of the state's budget uncertainty.

He unanimously recommended the appointment by the full Senate. Charboneau declined to provide specific impacts beyond saying that investigations are taking longer and response times have increased.

Direct layoffs of on-the-road officers have been avoided by focusing past contracts on administration and maintenance. But Charboneau told lawmakers that legislators' staff has been pared back as far as possible. Future cuts would affect highway patrols, he said.

The agency, which has a budget of just under \$1 billion, has more than 10,000 employees. Aggravating the staff problem, Charboneau said, is the state of the State Police command staff.



State Police Col. Dan Charboneau, who's replacing the

HAGERMAN



Emma 'Joline' Winegar, 73, a resident of Hagerman, died Monday, January 13, 2003, at Bridgewater Estates in Twin Falls.

Joline was born on July 7, 1929, in Hagerman, the daughter of Sam and Sarah Thornton. She was raised and educated in Hagerman, graduating from Hagerman High School in 1948.

Joline started Howard Winegar on August 31, 1946, in Hagerman. Together they raised four daughters: Dee, Rhonda, Debra and Sandra.

Joline was a member of Hagerman Community Church (formerly R.L.D.S. Church).

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Howard Winegar of Hagerman, three daughters, Dee, Rhonda and Sandra, and her mother, Sarah Thornton.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Hagerman Community Church on Friday, January 17, 2003, at 2 p.m. by Pastor J. Wayne Bunt.

Burial will be in the Hagerman Cemetery, Hagerman, Idaho, on Friday, January 17, 2003, at 4 p.m. at Declo Chapel.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Farmers Funeral Chapel in Buhl. A private family service will be held at a later date.

SHIRLEY

to say her good byes Shirley met no stranger. She was the neighborhood grandma to all the children who lived by her. Shirley who truly was missed.

Survivors include two daughters, Sarah Vincent, Deborah (Hedger) Doerr, and one son, Robert Vincent. One sister, Marjorie Calvert (Walt) and one grandson, Chance Vincent. Many two very close friends Terry and Doreen Maier.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Clara Evelyn Harvey, one sister, Eleanor Yale and one aunt, Hazel Wohl.

Graveside services will be held at Buhl Cemetery on Friday, January 17th, 2003, at the hour of 11 a.m., with good friend, George Shannon officiating.

Shirley, Your Family and Friends

DECLO



Delilah Pearl Frost Ingram, 90, of Declo died on Tuesday, January 14, 2003, and will be graciously missed by family and friends.

She was born January 22, 1912, at Marvan, Idaho, the daughter of Charles Frost and Lakeva Warner Frost. She was the 9th of 11 children, three brothers and seven sisters.

She married Bert L. Ingram on January 26, 1931, in the Salt Lake City LDS temple. They lived and farmed in Declo for many years, then Bert started working at the Almagamated Sugar Company in Paul and was transferred to the Nampa factory in Nampa.

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by 35 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren and one brother, Sammy Keith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bert, a son, Charles Ingram, 2 daughters, Betty Jo Lower and Carla Ingram, one grandson Dale Sanderson, her sisters and 2 brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 18, 2003, at the Declo LDS Stake Center, with Bishop Steven Darrington officiating.

Burial will follow at the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call Friday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Declo LDS Stake Center and one hour prior to the service. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Buhl Chapel.

TWIN FALLS

Martha Reed Holmquist, 85, of Twin Falls died Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, Heritage Retirement Center. She was born March 2, 1917, in Heyburn, Idaho, the third child and only daughter of A.K. and Elsie May Friesen.

She graduated from Rupert High School in 1934 and was a saleslady in various stores until 1937, when she enrolled at Boise Business University, transferring to the Twin Falls branch to complete her courses.

Martha was married to Robert Reed, June 5, 1938 in Rupert and became what she had always aspired to be, wife, mother, and homemaker for 35 years. After Bob died, June 10, 1975, she made the decision to move to Twin Falls to be nearer her daughter who lived in Buhl, making that move in January 1978.

She had worked at the Bell Insurance Agency in Rupert since 1967, and continued in that line of work in Twin Falls, first at the Burg Agency and then as claims secretary at Anderson-Blake until her retirement in 1987.

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TWIN FALLS

Elko, Nevada. They lived in Twin Falls, ID where they owned and operated Norge Valley Laundry and cleaned until they retired in 1992. They recently moved to Irigon, Oregon in May 2002 to be with family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister: Mandine Lutz. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2003, at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston, Oregon.

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She married Richard Farnsworth at Raton, NM in July of 1956. She worked for Dixon Paper Co. in Denver as an executive secretary and retired after 31 years.

Physicians Laboratory Wanda was an avid bowler and went to the Women's National Bowlers Tournament for 25 straight years. She is survived by her husband Richard Farnsworth of Twin Falls, one son, Kerry (Jacqueline) Farnsworth of Wichita, Kansas, two grandchildren, Angelique and Tra, two brothers Duane Fox of Oklahoma, Scott Fox of Missouri, two sisters, Dorothy of Raton, NM and Judy of California.

Her parents and one sister preceded her in death. Funeral services for Wanda Farnsworth will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2003, at White Mortuary, a Chapel by the Park, with Rev. Mike Steward officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Friends may call at White Mortuary-Friday, January 17, 2003, from 4-8 p.m. The family suggests memorials to First Choice Hospice, 147 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

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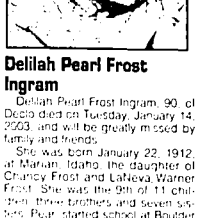
TWIN FALLS



Shirley L. Jacobsen, 67, Twin Falls, ID, died Monday, January 13, 2003, at Magic Valley Memorial Hospital.

She was born February 2, 1936, in Midwest, Wyoming, the daughter of Vernon and Clara Evelyn Harvey. She attended school in Midwest, WY. She married Robert L. Vincent in 1962 in Midwest, WY. They moved to Buhl, ID to raise their family. She and Robert later divorced. Shirley had and married Martin Jacobsen in 1986 at Rome, NY. They resided in Buhl until...

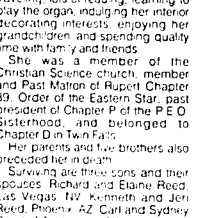
TWIN FALLS



Charles J. Hruby, 76, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Tuesday, January 14, 2003, at his home in Twin Falls, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Chuck was born March 31, 1926 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Charles Hruby and Rose (Schmidt) Hruby. He grew up and attended schools in Cleveland, graduating from the Benedicene High School in 1944. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country during World War II. Upon returning from his tour of duty, he took a job with American Airlines in Boise, Arizona, and served as Radio Communications and Flight Scheduler for over 30 years. He then took a job with America West Airlines and worked five years for them until his retirement in 1989, when he and wife, Mickey moved to Twin Falls. Chuck enjoyed arts and crafts, jokes and going fishing. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

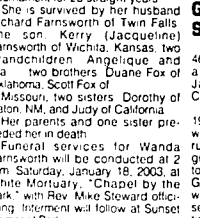
TWIN FALLS



Gwen (Wendy) Mae Stuart, age 46, of Twin Falls, passed away after a long battle with diabetes Tuesday, January 14, 2003, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Wendy was born on January 14, 1957, in Jerome, Idaho. Her youth was spent in several small cities in rural Idaho, where she achieved good academic grades and decided to do something more with her life. Gwen first received her EMT license where she worked in ambulance services. She continued her education and received her nursing credentials. Gwen served hundreds of patients as a nurse in Colorado, Utah, Arkansas and Idaho. Her family and friends worked with the seasoned members of our culture.

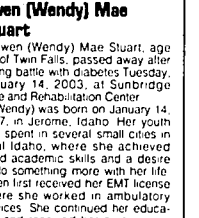
TWIN FALLS



Elizabeth M. Shirts, 80, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS



Racine Mae Jensen was born on April 19, 1927, in Parnell, Oklahoma, to parents, Raymond and Bertha Burnes Hornaday. She died on January 12, 2003, at her home in Irigon, Oregon at the age of 75 years.

She was raised and attended schools in Oklahoma and later moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. Racine was united in marriage to Clinton G. Jensen on February 25, 1947 in Irigon, Ore.

DEATH NOTICES

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The Times-News

# Paul sewer will now serve Magic Valley Produce

By Matt Johnson  
Times-News writer

**PAUL** — The city still plans to take the muddy water generated at Magic Valley Produce in its new sewer system, even though it did not receive a grant to pay for some equipment and upgrades for the system.

"This sure we'll put them on the system," Paul Mayor Randy Jones said. "We will probably have to ask them to help us out."

When the Environmental Protection Agency officials told Magic Valley Produce President Pete Delis he couldn't continue to dump water into a canal without a permit, Delis asked the City Council if the plant's effluent could go into the city's sewer system. The city applied to the Idaho Department of Commerce for a job retention grant to address the problem. If Magic Valley Produce had nowhere to put the mud it washed off potatoes, it would have to close down, putting about 50 full-time employees out of work, city officials reasoned.

Paul officials also applied to the Department of Commerce for two grants, both funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Department of Commerce officials have not made a decision on the \$500,000 grant for the new city sewer system, though they denied the \$445,000 job retention grant.

The Department of Commerce didn't award Paul the job retention grant for two reasons, commerce department Community Development Specialist Pat Madarieta said. First, the EPA had not denied Magic Valley Produce's permit application to continue dumping into the canal, and second, the department did not understand why both grants were asking for money to pay for the same lift stations. If the EPA had denied the permit, the threat to jobs would be more dire, Madarieta said.

Though the EPA is still reviewing the discharge permit, officials have told Delis he will have to stop allowing water to flow into the ditch.

"That's pretty dire, I think," he said.

If Magic Valley Produce had to stop cleaning potatoes while it waited for the sewer system, it would be closed for six months, Delis said.

Department of Commerce officials also said they wondered how the city was planning to pay for



Magic Valley Produce President Pete Delis stands on the barrier between the two settling ponds behind his plant. The plant, which washes mud off potatoes, has asked the city of Paul to handle the water in its municipal sewer system.

the same lift stations twice, once with each grant. Lift stations are pumps, which lift the sewage to a higher elevation. If Paul had received the job retention grant, the city would have used it to pay for lift station improvements and used the other grant to pay for another part of the \$2 million sewer project, said Dave Works, Director Rich Rawn.

"These grants weren't coordinated really," he said.

The city can apply for the grant again on March 17, Madarieta said.

If Paul had received the job retention grant, it would have used some money to connect Magic Valley Produce directly to one of the lift stations. Connecting the business to the main sewer line is cheaper, but the city would not have the option of closing off the pipe, Rawn said. By hooking into the lift station the city could isolate the plant if there was a problem, Delis said.

The city might ask Magic Valley Produce to improve its settling ponds before the muddy water goes into the sewer, said Dave Anderson, regional manager for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's engineering division. The dirt needs to come out sometime, he said.

# Sound death

Can you hear your next  
with Flea and Game

**HEYBURN** — The Minidoka County commissioners are scheduled to meet with Idaho Fish and Game officials at the post near Interstate 84 exit 208 at 9 a.m. Friday.

The meeting is open to the public.

Nearly five acres of 55 county-owned acres at that site have been deemed a wetland by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and commissioners have been wrestling with what to do with the property. The county land sits inside the city limits of Heyburn.

— compiled from staff reports

# Judge orders gay father to pay court costs

**BOISE (AP)** — A gay Idaho father has been ordered to pay his ex-wife's court costs while he waits for the Idaho Supreme Court to hear his precedent-setting appeal.

Theron McGriff and his ex-wife Shawn McGriff divorced six years ago. But the custody over their two daughters remains in legal limbo. Theron McGriff says that is because he is gay and being discriminated against.

The case centers on Theron McGriff's desire to live with the man he loves. When the two moved in together Shawn McGriff sued for primary custody of the kids, claiming the children would suffer because of backlash from the conservative town.

Last year, Judge L. Mark Riddoch gave custody to Shawn McGriff and ordered that the children not visit Theron McGriff as long as he lives with his partner.

Theron McGriff appealed the ruling, and Idaho's Supreme Court has agreed to hear the case.

But on Dec. 31, Riddoch ordered Theron McGriff to begin paying his ex-wife's legal fees associated with the appeal — estimated to reach \$30,000. Theron McGriff paid \$750 to his ex-wife's attorney on Wednesday, and is expected to pay \$500 a month until all the fees are paid.

Under Idaho legal procedures, a judge can order that legal fees be paid by either party in custody cases if there is a financial need.

# Budget

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Agriculture was dealt an unexpected setback when the panel voted 11-9 to replace \$40,000 in general tax money earmarked in the Agriculture Department budget for predator control with the same amount from fees ranchers and woolgrowers pay on stock they sell.

The livestock industry wanted the authority to spend the extra cash, on top of the money already designated for predator control.

# Amber

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"Everybody is going to be on board," he said. "I think we'll have close to 100 percent compliance spring."

The legislation introduced this week does not authorize federal money to pay for broadcasters' software upgrades, a National Association of Broadcasters spokesman said. But some of the bill's backers said some money probably would be used for that purpose.

In addition to airing TV and radio alerts, Idaho and other states are deploying electronic highway signs that can tell drivers to look out for cars that are suspected of transporting abducted children.

More than a dozen such signs are already in use in parts of Idaho, Thompson said, including four in the Twin Falls area. But they can't be operated remotely.

The extra money accumulated because of increasing dairy cow sales.

"It's a little amount, but this is the year we're looking for little amounts," said Bell, a former board member of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation who joined forces with the panel's four Democrats and urban Republicans to form a narrow majority.

The budget committee also unanimously approved diverting

\$129,500 in fees paid by pesticide companies to operate in Idaho to cover pest control programs dealing with great-northern spruce and Mormon crickets. The administration had proposed using general tax money, but Bell said there was enough extra cash from the license fees to cover the cost.

Democrats backed the law-back and pest control measures as ways to save general tax revenue that they might be able to earmark for education and other programs.

and so a police officer has to manually enter a message to be displayed on each sign. The process can take hours and by the time the alert is displayed, the abductor and child might have left the area.

Signs that can be updated remotely "are really expensive to put in," Thompson said. But if the federal legislation passes, the earliest any new funding would be available is October, when the new fiscal year starts.

In reality, congressional and state officials said, grants are unlikely to be distributed until 2003.

Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden has voiced strong support for the legislation, but Bob Cooper, the attorney general's spokesman, said it is "purely a matter of when we will and we won't" apply for grants if the legislation passes.

**T.F. parks and waterway**  
**new books board members**

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls County Parks and Waterway Department is looking for two individuals to fill vacancies on

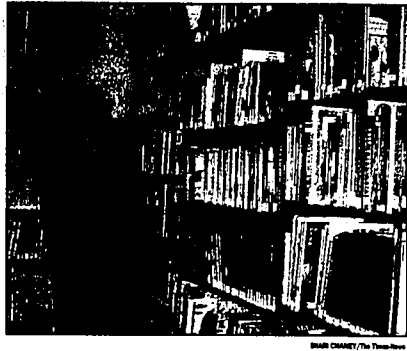
the board. The candidates must be unopposed by the board.

Applicants should send a resume to the Twin Falls County Commission, P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83301 or fax to 736-4176.

**Neighborhood architect will help design youth center.**

**HAILEY** — Kerchum architect Carolyn Wicklund, has been selected to redesign part of the old Wood River High School into a community youth center.

Wicklund will donate part of



DeMary Memorial Library employee Sharon Kimber stands in the youth section where bookshelves are taller than children can reach. The yellow walls and the brownish-pink behind the shelves will all come off-white, and shorter shelves will be installed when the library is renovated in the next few days.

**Library closes**

The DeMary Memorial Library will be closed Jan. 18-23 for renovations, including new paint and carpet.

That price includes materials and labor to install the carpet and paint.

Library Director Tessie Fowler said the money is coming from the library maintenance budget.

The Friends of the Library will donate time to move shelves and remove the old carpet, saving the library \$300 to \$400, Linard said.

Gifts from the Idaho Youth Ranch are also helping book books to be put away during the project.

"It's going to be a lot of work, but the library needs it," Linard said.

# Rupert library receives facelift

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** — When a child wants a book, he doesn't want to have to ask for help to get it.

And soon the DeMary Memorial Library will have child-size shelves in the children's section allowing children to reach books without asking an adult for help.

The library is undergoing a slight facelift, receiving new paint and carpet along with the new shelves in the youth and adult fiction areas, library officials said. The work means the library will be closed for a few days — Friday through Wednesday.

In the youth area, the goal is to create a more user-friendly room. Library employee Sharon Kimber said the books on the top shelves of the children's section aren't read often because children can't get to them. Shorter book shelves should bring books to children's levels.

Throughout the library, a unified and updated look is sought. Jean Linard, a member of the Friends of the Library, said that when the library was built every room was painted a different color.

Now yellow walls, with a section of brownish-pink hid behind some shelves, will all turn to off-white. Carpet, now lined in places with tape, will be replaced.

Every room is going to have some of the same design. Linard said. "This room will look a lot different," she said, looking over the youth and adult fiction section.

But most books will be in the same place. Library users won't have to search to find their old favorites, Kimber said.

The renovation project is estimated to cost \$4,000, Linard said.

# Wendell

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with her husband before thinking about continuing her career.

The mayor's decision to not reappoint Barr set off a ruckus Tuesday with the nearly 40 audience members who attended the meeting in a show of support for Barr.

Many disrupted the meeting demanding Isaacson offer some type of explanation as to why he didn't submit Barr's name for reappointment.

"You're not going to give a reason, Paul, to the public who's sitting here tonight," Dennis Barr, Marina Barr's husband, asked.

"They're here tonight and they want to know tonight what your reason is for getting rid of Marina."

At first Isaacson said he was bound by law to not publicly discuss his reasons for dismissing Marina Barr. Later, City Attorney Craig Hobbey said that Isaacson could explain his position as long as Marina Barr agreed to have the matter discussed in a public forum. But Isaacson remained tight-lipped.

Isaacson said, "I have no further comment on this."

Marina Barr offered some of

her own thoughts about why she wasn't reappointed.

"I would check on things and question the legality of some of his ideas and decisions," she said. "When I checked on things, he would question why I was doing that."

After the meeting, City Council Fred McCloud said that Isaacson's decision to not reappoint Marina Barr came as no surprise. McCloud said that Isaacson had come to him more than a week ago with the news that he had no intention of submitting her name for reappointment.

Isaacson last week told *The Times-News* he was considering not reappointing Barr but denied having made any kind of a decision about who he would appoint to the city clerk's position.

McCloud said Isaacson's reasons for not reappointing Marina Barr were financial in nature. The city could save money by hiring Stacy at a monthly salary that was \$400 less a month than Marina Barr's \$2,200 monthly salary.

Isaacson admitted the difference in salary was a consideration in replacing her.

Isaacson's decision comes at a

time when he faces a recall campaign initiated by Marina Barr's sister, Lisa Espinoza.

Espinoza started a recall effort last week alleging that Isaacson has fallen delinquent on his property taxes dating back to 1999 and totaling \$2,115.77.

Espinoza said she also believes that Isaacson has used his elected office to purchase personal property, specifically a walnut desk, credenza table and chair. The purchase of the office furniture in June is under review by the State of Idaho Federal Surplus Property.

Isaacson, who was elected to office in November 2001, admits he has fallen behind on his property taxes but says he is working to get caught up. He also says he purchased the office furniture for the mayor's office not for his personal use.

The Tuesday night meeting was reminiscent of a January 1999 City Council meeting when former Mayor Gwen Rost did not reappoint Isaacson as head of the city's public works department along with Police Chief Philip Cowell. As with Isaacson, Rost did not publicly discuss her reasons for dismissing the two men.

But, she again cautioned, "These things take a little while." "They say they're looking, but we don't know where he is," Dion said. "This has caused my family a lot of grief."

"We're doing all we can," Plaskett said.

Hansen was expecting two packages of ashes back from Blackfoot on the same day and had an employee at the bus station to pick them up. One package arrived. It is marked "one of two," indicating that William Baker's ashes were logged into the Greyhound system.

Greyhound operates a cargo

shipping business, Greyhound PackageXpress. Greyhound and Greyhound PackageXpress have a good record for not losing baggage in packages, Plaskett said. But, she acknowledged, "It does happen and we're disappointed when it does."

Greyhound works with parties to arrange compensation or restitution on lost packages, Plaskett said. "This particular situation hasn't occurred previously, she said.

"I don't know how much of this I can stand," Norma Baker said. "I can't believe this is happening to me and my family."

# Ashes

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they'll find the package," Hansen said.

Greyhound assigns tracking numbers to all cargo. Greyhound Senior Manager of Corporate Communications Kim Plaskett said.

The number for this particular package is known, and Greyhound employees are looking for it, she said. Packages are logged in at the starting point, at any transfer points and at the end destination, she said.

Both Hansen and Plaskett said it will take a bit of time to talk to every Greyhound employee who

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Jerome planners OK height of Catholic church

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent
JEROME — St. Jerome's Catholic Church got the OK's week to exceed the city's 35-foot height limit.

St. Jerome's congregation has outgrown its current chapel and is building a new facility which incorporates the old church into a new design. The seating capacity will double from 350 to 700.

City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said most of the churches in the city were built between 1920 and 1930. The three-story immediate neighborhood is more than 35 feet tall.

Conservators plan revision — The commission will be revising the city's comprehensive plan for mostly of 2003. Any changes will eventually go to the City Council for approval.

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Burley marijuana plant growers head to prison

By Shelley Rideout Times-News writer
BURLEY — Two Burley men who were ordered Tuesday to turn themselves into police to begin serving prison sentences were both in the custody of the Cassia County Sheriff's Office by early Wednesday afternoon.

which led to the Sowers' arrests. The appeals court said there was no violation of the men's constitutional rights. They had argued that false antistale information had been included in the search warrant affidavit which led to their higher than 35 feet arrest.

SERVICES

- Francisco "Frank" Rendon Jr., of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 312 E. Main St.
Demary's Gooding Chapel.
Gwendolyn "Wendy" Stuart of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary.

Burley men were arrested in January 1999 after police officers seized 750 marijuana plants from three buildings at their Burley meat packing business — End of the Road Packing. That number of plants made it the largest indoor marijuana seizure in southern Idaho and the third-largest in the state.

Officer rescues retired TV news veteran from house fire

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Retired television news veteran David Brinkley was rescued from his burning home by a persistent police officer who broke into the home through a window, authorities said.

guard's report of a fire at the town house complex and found flames shooting out of the chimney. The security guard had not believed the residence was occupied, but Sachse said he pounded on the door and looked in window.

Plants were found at three different growth stages, police said, leading authorities to believe the growing operation had been under way for quite some time. Each of the 750 plants was estimated to have had the capacity to produce 2 pounds of marijuana three or four times a year.

When he saw a television set on the floor, he entered through a window and shouted, waking the caregiver, then found Brinkley in bed and carried him to his patrol car, he said.

Shelley Rideout is editor of The Times-News Mini-Cassia Bureau. She can be reached at 208-677-4042. Ext. 642, or by email at srideout@magicvalley.com.

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Pedestrians walk past newly installed Sundance Film Festival banners along Main Street in Park City, Utah, earlier this month.

## Sundance opens as haven for stars, not film types

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - For the past 22 years, this ski resort town has served as the center of the independent - and not so independent - film world for 10 days in January.

The Sundance Film Festival, which begins today and runs through Jan. 26, hasn't always been the star-studded party it's become.

Rick Anderson, owner of The Eating Establishment, a restaurant nestled for 30 years among the shops lining the sloping Main Street at the foot of the Wasatch mountains, remembers when only a few film types dressed in dark duds would dot the tables at his restaurant.

"You used to see people show up without winter coats, without winter boots," Anderson said.

Now, A-listers like Al Pacino, Billy Bob Thornton and Holly Hunter - each of whom are expected to attend this year's festival - know what to wear in Park City in January.

Anderson's eatery has hosted dozens of famous faces during Sundance over the years. A quick survey of longtime wait-staff brings up names like Julianne

Moore, Michael Stipe, Nick Nolte and Daryl Hannah.

Such sightings at any other time of the year would cause a stir in tiny Park City. But during Sundance, the town of about 7,300 people - which shares the festival with nearby Salt Lake City, Ogden, and the Sundance Ski Resort - bulges at the seams, and becomes a mini-Hollywood.

More than 20,000 actors, filmmakers and cinema fans will converge on the region for screenings, panel discussions and parties before the festival peaks with an awards ceremony Jan. 25.

Nearly 130 feature-length films are scheduled, while short films and other programs will push the number of works to well above 200.

The Sundance Institute, which employs a year-round staff of 55 at its offices in Salt Lake City, adds more than 150 extra workers between September and March to prepare for the festival. Another 11,000 volunteers take tickets, direct traffic and perform other chores in exchange for free movies and major-league elbow-rubbing.

## Ex-mayor's cattle stampede him into court

BOVILL (AP) - When the grass on the range dries out, former mayor Lloyd Lee Hall's cows allegedly head to town to graze on the greenery.

Lawns are trampled and flowers munched in the Latah County town of 300. Satellite dishes are knocked over and manure left in their wake.

And Hall faces five misdemeanor cow-at-large infractions. "He's an irresponsible cattle owner," Mayor Brad Dorendorf said of Hall. "He has no respect for others in the community."

Several frustrated families and a city councilman recently corralled some of the cows reportedly owned by the 77-year-old rancher. At the same time, a sheriff's deputy handed Hall five citations.

Bovill is surrounded by unfenced range land. For the past six years, when the range dries out, some of Hall's herd of about 20 cows head to town, city leaders say.

"You can pretty much set your calendar by them," Dorendorf said.



**Designer genes?**

Science gives parents some control over children's DNA

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# Oil makes new drilling push

## Legislative procedure would prevent Dems from blocking move

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Republicans intend to push speed to open an Arctic wildlife refuge to oil drilling, this time using a legislative procedure that would prevent Democrats from blocking their move with fewer than 50 votes.

The plan has been discussed in detail by two key Senate committee chairmen - Sens. Pete Domenici of New Mexico and Don Nickles of Oklahoma - both of whom would play a central

role in the maneuver, Senate sources said.

Attempts to lift the ban on oil development in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge were thwarted last year when Democrats vowed a filibuster against the measure, meaning 60 votes would be needed to get the legislation through.

Domenici, who is taking over as chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said in an interview Wednesday that "there will be an effort" to include the refuge provision in the annual budget reconciliation process, which is not subject to filibuster.

That process could lead to a showdown vote on refuge

drilling by late February or early March, according to sources familiar with the process.

Nickles spokeswoman Gayle Osterberg acknowledged discussions between Domenici and Nickles over the use of the reconciliation process for the refuge provision.

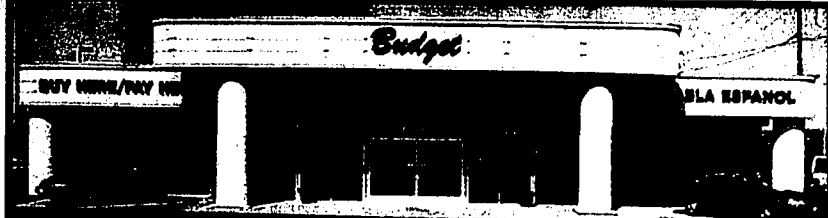
But Osterberg said it's "only an option the senator is looking at."

Depending on which side one is on, the Arctic refuge is either a pristine landscape that demands to be protected or the home of the largest remaining pools of domestic oil that need to be developed for energy independence.

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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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**Pregnant high schooler**

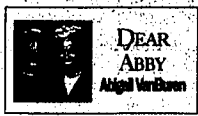
**DEAR ABBY:** This is in response to "D.B. in Ohio," the 16-year-old unmarried, pregnant high school student. You were correct in telling her that she is entitled to an education. Under federal law, it is illegal for a school to treat a student differently because of pregnancy or related conditions, childbirth or marital status.

Pregnant and parenting students have the right to remain in their regular school and participate in all school activities, such as honors programs, clubs and graduation programs. Moreover, participation in special programs or schools for pregnant and parenting students must be completely voluntary and must provide the student with an education comparable to that which she would have received at her regular school.

As to D.B.'s absences for doctor's appointments, the law requires her school to excuse her absences due to pregnancy or parenting, including medical appointments for her or her child.

It is unfortunate that at a time when it needs an education the most, pregnant and parenting students are illegally denied their educational rights.

To educate school officials, students and advocates, the California Women's Law Center has written a "Model Policy on the Civil Rights of Pregnant and Parenting Students," which can be accessed at [www.cwlc.org](http://www.cwlc.org). This document clearly explains the legal rights of pregnant and



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby Cadabby

parenting students.

Thank you for educating the public about these important civil rights.

— NANCY SOLOMON,  
WOMEN'S LAW CENTER,  
LOS ANGELES

**DEAR NANCY:** You're welcome. However, in many cases it's readers like you who educate me.

Readers, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that protects pregnant students from discrimination. The federal government acknowledged that pregnant teenage girls are often treated differently than the teenage fathers. Of course, that is blatant sex discrimination — and grounds for you-know-what. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I run a program that includes a support group for teen parents. The only reason D.B.'s school should notify her mother of absences is if they are unexcused truancies. Therefore, she should make sure her absences are excused by either her mother or the doctor's office,

...immediately following her appointments that cause her schooling to be school.

She should also know that you can fully excuse absences for attending alternative education programs for pregnant teens. In many cases, they should be placed along with students who have been kicked out of regular schools because of disciplinary or emotional issues.

If that's the case in her community, she should insist on real education and stay in regular school, big belly and all.

Just because she's in a difficult situation doesn't mean she can't get a great education and raise a wonderful child. Working with teen moms has enabled me to develop an even greater respect for my mother-in-law, a former single teen mom who successfully raised my wonderful husband.

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**DEAR SOMEONE:** Thank you for your heartfelt advice. I agree that with planning and determination it can be done.

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**Capricorn: You should change your routine**

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**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You will be "on the move." Open lines of communication. Get thought and ideas on paper. You exude vibrance of personality, sex appeal. Sagittarius is involved.

**TALCUM** (Apr. 20-May 20): You obtain luxury items at bargain price. Beautiful home, surroundings. You also receive expensive gift; this could be the start of something big. Change of residence is possible.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Avoid self-deception; all that glitters is not gold. Some of your romantic "illusions" will prove to be real. You will be elated, but you must realize you will eventually come down to earth.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Look behind scenes; a clandestine

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Sydney Omarr

...is taking place, and you should have been invited. Don't be bitter, but if in stride. Relationship is serious, could lead to marriage.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Relationship will begin or end; avoid being depressed. There is separation, but later there will be dramatic reunion. You will learn more of the "meaning of love." Aries represented.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make fresh start, highlight independence and original thinking. Wear brighter colors, make personal and professional appearances. Many are attracted to you; be selective, discriminating.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What seemed far away will be at your doorstep. Love and marriage involved along with exciting journey. Capricorn, Cancer natives play sensational roles, these letters in names: B, K, T.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Light touch wins for you. People will comment, "It is so wonderful, your sense of humor!" Mystery concerning money will be solved; you will be happier as result. Gemini represented.

**SAGITARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Loner position highlights partnership, marriage. You will overcome obstacles and win admirers as result. Beat the odds and win the game 4.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Change of routine necessary, especially in connection with employment. Popularity increases; member of opposite sex will propose partnership, marriage. Sagittarius figures prominently.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Beauty surroundings; you will be entertaining guests at home — people you admire. Individual confesses attraction, declares: "I can hardly keep my hands off you!" Libra plays role.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Your intuitive intellect serves as reliable guide. Individual you trust will deceive you — if you so permit. Get commitments in writing. Outline boundaries. Another Pisces featured.

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Because of its seasonal nature, the jobs seem perfect for college students, Sabela said. The work starts June 1 and finishes at the end of August.  
The work pays \$8.90 an hour, with fire suppression workers also earning hazard pay. That means workers can make between \$5,000 to \$7,000 for the summer, the BLM reported.  
Job applicants must be age 18 or older, be American citizens and have a high school degree or general educational development (GED) equivalent.  
Fire fighters must complete a physical examination, drug testing and a fitness test consisting of a 3-mile walk with a 45-pound pack within 45 minutes. They also must complete a three-week fire training program in Twin Falls and are paid during the training.  
Annually, the southern Idaho region has about 150 fires that burn almost 90,000 acres of public land, the BLM reported.

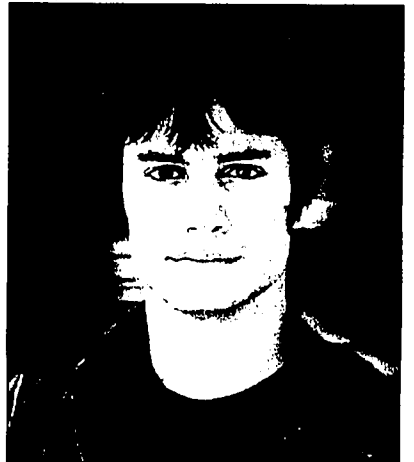
**Bilingual skills are helpful for** the mitigation and education team. The BLM is looking for bilingual educators to work with the public. The team will spend the summer visiting homeowners to advise them on how to protect their property against wild fires, and some of those homeowners only speak Spanish, he said.  
"Having one or two people on the team who is bilingual would be beneficial to our team," he said. Two people in the Burley office who spoke Spanish are not returning this year.  
The team also conducts fire-

education presentations at county fairs and appears in parades to heighten public awareness about fire prevention.  
The mitigation and education team is only one part of the summer fire crew. The federal public-land managers also are hiring for engine crews, aviation crews, dispatch and fire suppression.  
About 50 people will be hired for the summer fire crew, which will work out of offices or stations located around southern Idaho.

# Mexican actor blazes trail to stardom in foreign films

By Lorenza Muñoz  
Los Angeles Times

TEMUCO, Chile — Gael García Bernal, 23, has starred in some of Mexico's most celebrated films. Beginning two years ago with "Amores Perros," last year's "Y Tu Mama Tambien" and this year's "El Crimen del Padre Amaro," he has come to represent Latin America's new breed of filmmaking — daring, visceral, subtly political.  
It was his debut as the working-class street thug in Alejandro González Inarritu's Oscar-nominated "Amores Perros" that first grabbed Hollywood's attention. Like a Mexican Marlon Brando, García Bernal transmits vulnerability beneath a bad-boy sexuality.  
As director González Inarritu sees him: "There is this internal complexity that he reflects in his eyes. He reminds me very much of River Phoenix; he has the same tenderness but also this sense of being on the edge. He has an ambivalence that is very interesting and that the camera loves — it is a cinematic animal — a type of animal that is almost extinct."  
But his path to stardom has been unusual, considering that his feature films have been small and — outside Mexico — foreign. If his luck holds, and he continues to land the right roles, he could be on his way to becoming a new breed of international movie actor. His current project, "The Motorcycle Diaries," for example, is British-financed, directed by a Brazilian, about an Argentine revolutionary, starring a Mexican, with dialogue in Spanish and developed by an American company.  
Given all this, I set out to interview García Bernal in Chile on the location of "The Motorcycle Diaries." Based on Ernesto "Che"



Gael García Bernal has been compared to Marlon Brando and is in one of Mexico's largest grossing movies, "El Crimen del Padre Amaro."

Guevara's personal record of his pilgrimage across South America, the film chronicles the seven-month journey in 1951-52 with his friend Alberto Granado that marked a turning point in young Guevara's life — a trip that would eventually transform Guevara from optimistic doctor-in-training into a stern Marxist insurgent.  
Although the actor says he is turned on by politics, he's uncomfortable with overtly political movies. He was disappointed with "El Crimen del Padre Amaro," which was playing in Temuco's only movie theater during our visit.  
The film, which is the highest-grossing Mexican movie ever in its home country, raised the neo-conservative Catholics and endured calls for boycotts and protests. It is Mexico's official entry for the 7th Academy Awards' foreign-language film category. In the United States, the film has done well, grossing \$3.1 million in limited release. But García Bernal says he disliked the movie's lack of ambiguity and subtlety.

# Ohio fan promotes Brazilian jazz

By John Nolan  
Associated Press Writer

CINCINNATI — Rick Warm's long fascination with Brazilian jazz turned into a recording label that promotes and sells the music — from his home near this Ohio River city.

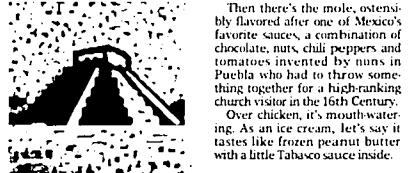


Warm and his other full-time employee, brother Mike Warm, run the company, coordinate musicians' tours and handle mail orders.  
Their featured artists include guitarists Paulinho Nogueira and Ulisses Rocha, drummers Duduka Da Fonseca and Turley Moore, and groups Trio Da Paz and Terra Brasil. Da Fonseca's "Samba Jazz Fantasia" received a Grammy nomination this month for Latin jazz album of the year.  
Malandro Records' "malandro" is loosely translated as a shy or lovable trickster portrayed in some sambas — sells its music through record stores, a Web site and promotions with companies, mostly coffee distributors and sales outlets.  
There were early signs that Warm would wind up trumpeting the virtues of Brazilian jazz. He recalls being hooked in the 1960s when his first heard music from the collaboration of Antonio Carlos Jobim with Stan Getz.  
"It started something in me," he said. "The music just took over."  
Warm then landed overseas jobs after college in cities like Vienna, where he went to an Austrian club that featured Brazilian music, and Japan, where

# Mexican town expands its ice cream tastes

By Hugh Dolino  
Chicago Tribune

DOLORES HIDALGO, Mexico — A revolutionary artfaster lingers here in the hometown of Father Miguel Hidalgo, the rebel priest whose battle cry of "Viva Mexico!" from his parish desks launched Mexico's war of independence in 1810. Only it's not colonial exploitation that's at issue now. It's confectionery delight.  
The ice cream vendors of Dolores Hidalgo have thrown off the chains of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry to peddle such flavors as beer, cheese, cactus petal, avocado, aquia, corn, black and red mole, shrimp and — brace yourself — pigskin. Hidalgo would be proud, no matter what the motives behind it.  
"It's to draw attention," said Jose, one vendor offering little wooden-spoon taste tests of his mole flavor.  
"It's mostly for the tourists," said Cesar, his partner, eyes cast down in embarrassment.  
Today, the seat of Mexico's independence from Spain might be any other dusty but bustling central Mexican town if not for the trickle of tourists who come to see when Hidalgo lived when he changed the country's history.



# Reporte de Mexico

coctions as Dolores Hidalgo. Even in the nearby tourist plaza of San Miguel de Allende, haza vendors selling from the back of draft-horse wagons get only as adventurous as cactus flavor.  
It takes nerve to try some of the flavors. For better or worse, the vendors give out taste tests, even if just to get a chuckle out of the tourists' startled and face-contorting reactions.  
The shrimp flavor is little more than a frozen shrimp cocktail or seiche, complete with cilantro. The beer-flavored variety tastes like, well, beer.  
The Mexican snack chicharron — deep fried and crunchy pigskin — is a national favorite, popped into the mouth like potato chips. The very idea of it is difficult for many foreigners to digest, but the chicharron ice cream takes the challenge to a new level, mostly because of the little chewies your teeth encounter inside.

# Civilians arm in anti-migrant effort

## Dispute stirs border fears

By Ray Quintanilla  
Chicago Tribune

NOGALES, Ariz. — The battle over immigration policy is heating up in the Arizona desert, where humanitarian organizations are setting up water stations to aid illegal immigrants, and self-described "gun-toting patriots" are trying to catch people crossing the border illegally.  
The dispute is expected to grow as border traffic increases this month, with illegal immigrants returning to the U.S. after visiting their families in Mexico or Central America.  
The newly formed Civil Homeland Defense group is conducting armed patrols of the border, citing the area as a prime spot for terrorists to enter as well.  
But organizations aiding the immigrants call these patrols dangerous and say they are a throwback to the Old West, when

"All we want is for our border to be secure from terrorists or anyone who wants to harm the United States."  
— Chris Simcox, leader of the Civil Homeland Defense group  
armed posses carried out vigilante-style justice across the southwestern U.S.  
"All we want is for our border to be secure from terrorists or anyone who wants to harm the United States," said Chris Simcox, the homeland defense group's founder, a loaded .45-caliber pistol holstered on his right hip.  
"Letting everyone enter is just not good policy," he added.  
When the flow of immigrants steps up in coming days, many of Simcox's 300 followers — some on

horseback — will try to stop people at the border. They must not make citizens arrests and detain the thousands who are expected to enter Arizona illegally along a desert trail just west of here.  
It's become such a hot topic in these parts that Rep.-elect Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., has asked the U.S. Border Patrol to keep close tabs on Simcox's group because he fears "innocent people could get shot."  
Grijalva said this section of the border has seen a large increase in foot traffic since Sept. 11, 2001, because the Border Patrol has cracked down on the flow of illegal immigrants at major crossing points.  
But this 20-mile trail is already fraught with danger, most of it from the desert's harsh elements. Bandits also roam the area in four-wheel drive vehicles and are suspected in numerous robberies and unexplained deaths in recent months.  
In all, 133 illegal immigrants have died attempting to enter this area in the last 12 months, officials say. Most of them perished from dehydration after becoming lost in the desert.

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Twins were considered proof of infidelity once

Q. How did primitive peoples explain the birth of twins?

A. Infidelity. Some thought nothing but that could cause it. Poor mother! Those who so believed punished her in accordance with local custom.

Q. Do elephants lie down to sleep?

A. Most do. Mostly.

To the root beer and vanilla ice cream in an ordinary root beer float, add a little cream and chocolate syrup - and what you've got is what your grandmother called a Brown Cow. Everybody knew that, everybody. When pollsters recently asked young Americans nationwide to identify the nomenclature, none knew.

An Algonquin word meaning "twig eater" wound up in English as "moose." You've heard, frequently maybe, of "natural-born salesmen." Generic term, that, meaning male or female. Lot of women are natural-born salesmen, too. You hear less often, if ever, of "natural-born buyers." But there are people who'll buy anything. The top boss in a department store once told me that's why his firm survives. The natural-born salesman does not need the natural-born buyer to survive, but it helps to bump into oneself on a bad day.

Many a lady of the 1850s - those were the Swooning Years - carried a special bottle with twin comments. One for perfume, the other for smelling salts. Such a bottle is worth a pretty penny now. Don't know how exactly pretty.

Among decorations given to that American hero of the Mexican War, President Franklin Pierce, was one for falling off his horse.

Have you ever been "moved to tears" by a greeting card? Three out of four people pulled say yes to that one.

Crusaders of 1,000 years ago tried out iron horseshoes. Dandy. Horses have had to do with same ever since. But a dentist recently invented a plastic stick-on horseshoe that's said to be better. Absorbs shock. Your horse will thank you to buy some. Four.

You've had too much to drink, if you can't easily pronounce "truly" or "rural" or "biblical" or "retro" or "thought policemen" of yesteryear.

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Proposed rule bans 'stinking' on city buses

BEND, Ore. (AP) - You better hit the shower before you board the bus in Bend.

Proposed new city rules would ban spitting, defecating, smoking, skateboarding, and stinking on city buses.

The regulations ban anyone who "emanates a grossly repulsive odor that is unavoidable by other Bend Extended Area Transit customers" from being in the bus station or on a bus.

It's an effort to keep the riding experience as pleasant and safe as possible, said city attorney Jim Forbes. He noted that the city already has an ordinance prohibiting people from releasing "highly objectionable odors" from their property.

The city's transit system is currently reservations-based. Last year, the city expanded the transit service for seniors and the disabled into a service for the general public, but no scheduled routes have been established.

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### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### Washington Federal reports earnings

**SEATTLE** - Seattle-based Washington Federal Inc. - parent of Washington Federal Savings - on Wednesday announced earnings of \$37.118 million, or 58 cents per diluted share, for the quarter that ended Dec. 31.

That compares with \$35.385 million, or 55 cents per diluted share, a year ago - a 5 percent per-share increase.

Earnings of \$37.118 million represent a quarterly performance increase.

Washington Federal's first fiscal quarter produced a return on assets of 2.03 percent, while return on equity amounted to 16.41 percent. The company's efficiency ratio improved to 17.2 percent for the quarter, compared with 18.4 percent a year ago. Capital ratio increased to 13.2 percent as of Dec. 31.

"We are pleased to report record earnings for the seventh consecutive quarter, despite a mortgage market that is not ideal for fixed-rate portfolio lenders," Chief Executive Officer Roy M. Whitehead said. "Reduced interest income is attributable to an acceleration of prepayments on our long-term assets, which was driven by historically low interest rates. Offsetting that trend were reduced funding costs and an increase in the accretion of discounts on mortgage-backed securities and deferred loan fees."

On Friday, Washington Federal will pay a cash dividend of 23 cents per share to common stockholders of record Jan. 3.

#### KeyCorp announces fourth-quarter gains

**TWIN FALLS** - Cleveland-based KeyCorp on Wednesday announced fourth-quarter net income of \$24.5 million, or 57 cents per diluted common share.

That compares with a net loss of \$17.4 million, or 41 cents per share, for fourth quarter 2001.

Key's 2002 net income was \$976 million, or \$2.27 per diluted common share. Net income in 2001 totaled \$132 million, or 31 cents per share. Last year's results reflect charges connected with initiatives to strengthen the company's future financial performance by emphasizing core relationship businesses and more conservative risk management.

"Key delivered consistent quarterly earnings all year long despite continued weakness in the economy and financial markets," said Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Henry L. Meyer III. "I believe this consistency demonstrates that the difficult steps we took in 2001 are having their desired effect on our performance."

Revenue growth was \$26 million in the fourth quarter, driven by increases in both net interest income and noninterest income. Average core deposits rose by an annualized 22 percent. Expenses were at their lowest level for any year since 1998. Nonperforming loans decreased.

#### V-1 Propane parent company reports earnings

**TULSA, Okla.** - Heritage Propane Partners LP - the new owner of V-1 Propane operations in Twin Falls and Rupert - reported record earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) of \$20.8 million for the fiscal first quarter that ended Nov. 30, an increase of more than 50 percent from the \$13.7 million EBITDA for the same quarter of fiscal 2002.

Total revenues and gross profit also were first-quarter records, the Tulsa-based partnership said.

"Net income for the most recent period was \$1.1 million, or 6 cents per limited partner unit, compared with a net loss of \$4.8 million, or 32 cents per limited partner unit, for the first quarter of fiscal 2002."

The partnership also established a volume record for the first quarter, with 76.7 retail gallons sold, an increase of 1.9 million gallons over the year-earlier period.

"Even with weather that is slightly better than normal, continuing efficiency improvements and the recently announced acquisition of the propane-related assets of V-1 Oil should provide the opportunity for a partnership to reach record EBITDA for fiscal 2003," said H. Michael Krimbill, president and chief executive.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Bank starts charitable foundation

By Virginia S. Heathorn  
Times-News writer

### First Federal finances - D2

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley's schools and youngsters, its seniors and its economy - along with other community sectors - could benefit from the formation of a new Twin Falls-based charitable foundation.

With a corporate contribution of a million dollars, First Federal Savings Bank established the First Federal Foundation nonprofit charitable trust.

Bank employees had encouraged the company to do so. C. Alan Horner, president of First Federal Savings Bank, said Wednesday.

"I'm excited that the board and employ-

ees took a position like this, to serve the Magic Valley. That's a big step for us. It came out of our earnings and our capital. However, it does not jeopardize our well-capitalized status," Horner said. "So we have not jeopardized the safety and soundness of the bank at all by making our donation."

The foundation is meant as a vehicle to allocate large charitable gifts in a more disciplined, centralized way, said Greg Edson, the bank's marketing and advertising director.

Potential beneficiaries may contact the foundation through First Federal Savings Bank's marketing department, which will create grant application forms for the foundation. The nonprofit's newly formed governing board will meet at least twice a year to consider the applications and distribute grants, Horner said.

A member of the bank's board, Steve Westfall, will lead the foundation's new nine-member regional board as chairman. Three bank employees - Mary Fort, Brenda Holmes and Jim Thompson - will also serve on the foundation's board, along with five other people - Charlie Creason, July Felton, Otto Florence, Debbie Hetherington and Kevin Moss.

The foundation aims to spend only the earnings of the million-dollar corpus, which will be invested by the bank's investment officer, with help from advisers, Horner said.

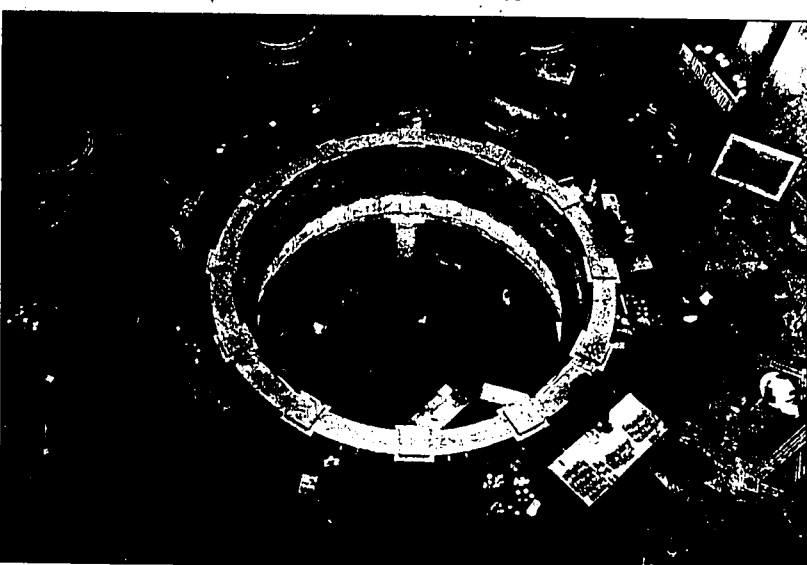
Each year First Federal Savings Bank will evaluate its own income statement and, in all likelihood, donate more money to the foundation, he said.

The bank also expects the foundation to receive gifts from bank employees and directors. Other donations will be accepted, but not solicited.

Horner said the foundation is meant to do its giving along the lines of youth support, educational institutions, homeowner

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### STATEHOUSE SAMPLES



Merchants from all over the state of Idaho show off their goods and services to lawmakers and the public inside the Statehouse rotunda Wednesday during the 13th annual Buy Idaho Show. Approximately 90 booths were set up on three levels of the Statehouse to give out samples, demonstrate products and hand out brochures and information on products and services created in Idaho.

# Idaho safeguards property for Magic Valley residents

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Ronald Kelsey and Fay S. Marlow have something in common.

The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for them and for many people or businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

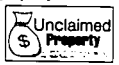
The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

### What to do

**S**ee your name on Idaho's unclaimed property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these things:

- Call 1-800-912-7660, Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627.
- Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.
- Send e-mail to [lostandfound@tax.state.id.us](mailto:lostandfound@tax.state.id.us).



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**BOISE** - An IDACORP subsidiary has delivered a fuel cell system to the Propane Education and Research Council that transforms propane into electricity.

Bend, Ore.-based IdaTech is a sister subsidiary of Idaho Power Co.

The objective of the program, Electrolysis splits water into hydrogen and water.

But fuel cells can use hydrogen to create water and electricity. IdaTech's device converts propane into nearly pure hydrogen, which is then transformed into power.

"We selected IdaTech for this program because its advanced fuel processing capabilities accommodate a variety of system

# IDACORP arm supplies propane education council with fuel cell

### Money in brief

and application designs," Council President Roy Willis said.

The grant supports research and development of clean, efficient equipment using propane.

Fuel cells can be used to convert substances such as propane into power for remote applications such as microwave relay stations.

IdaTech's fuel cell is a modular design which accommodates updated components.

**Disaster assistance is available for businesses**

JEROME - Small businesses in Blaine, Jerome, Lincoln and Minidoka counties are eligible to apply for low-interest disaster loans to offset economic losses because of reduced revenue to

farmers and ranchers caused by drought conditions beginning Jan. 1, 2002, the U.S. Small Business Administration announced Wednesday.

Small businesses may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$1.5 million.

"Eligibility for these working capital loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only, and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4 percent, a maximum term of 30 years, and are restricted to businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," said Alfred E. Judd, SBA's disaster area director.

The deadline to apply is June 24.

For information and application forms, write to SBA at P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95833-4795; or call (800) 488-5323. Hearing impaired individuals

may call (916) 566-7388.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are ineligible for SBA disaster assistance.

### Albertsons names new executive vice president

**BOISE** - Albertsons, which has stores in Burley, Hailey and Twin Falls, is adding a new face to its executive team.

C.J. "Gabe" Gabriel has been named the company's new supply chain executive vice president. He replaces Tom Brother, who has announced plans to retire after 29 years with Albertsons.

Gabriel is the former president, CEO and chairman of Austin, Texas-based Newgistics Inc., a company that advises other companies on how to efficiently handle the return of products from customers.

In addition to his experience with Newgistics, Gabriel also has

many years of experience in supply chain management, logistics and operations at major companies, including Pepsi-Cola, American Hospital Supply and Corporate Express.

### Grant will help laid-off high-tech workers

**MERIDIAN** - The federal government will provide relief for workers affected by the closure of Jabl Circuit.

A National Emergency grant of up to \$600,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor will help 350 Idaho workers displaced by the closure.

The grant will be used to provide job search assistance, job placement, skills training and counseling services.

The Idaho Department of Labor will distribute the money.

- compiled from staff and wire reports

# RadioShack's sales boost drives ad strategy

Knight Ridder News Service

**FORT WORTH, Texas** - RadioShack said fourth-quarter sales rose 2 percent in stores open at least a year, aided by sales of computer accessories, digital cameras, home networking products, and its popular ZipZap radio-controlled cars.

Company executives also outlined a new advertising, marketing and merchandising strategy during a two-day analyst conference in Fort Worth, and reiterated their earnings and sales forecasts for the next three years.

Chief Executive Leonard Roberts acknowledged that the company - which has Magic Valley operations - had sometimes strayed from its primary goal of becoming a one-stop shop to connect people, products and services, but it has refocused on providing total solutions for homes and offices.

"We had to go back to the strategy drawing board, and I'm damn glad we did," said Roberts, who has been tinkering with the company's formula for the past two years. He said the company has been working with the new strategy in the past year, and it has reenergized the company.

The Fort Worth-based retailer's total sales were down 1 percent.

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MONEY

Stocks fall on Intel, DuPont news

NEW YORK (AP) - Mixed earnings news from Intel jolted Wall Street Wednesday, sending stocks sharply lower as investors unloaded stocks on worries that corporate profits might not be so strong after all.

The Dow Jones industrial average declined 119.44, or 1.4 percent, to close at 8,722.18, falling 56 points Tuesday.

Meanwhile, DuPont, another Dow component, lost \$1.50 to \$42.50 after the company lowered its fourth-quarter earnings forecast, citing weaker-than-expected operating results in the second half.

disappointing profit news could quickly change that dynamic. Still, many analysts believe the market is generally moving upward and should see strength by year's end, particularly if President Bush's proposal to cut taxes by \$674 billion over 10 years is passed by Congress.

Charity

Continued from D1 education forums, art and humanities, minority support, senior citizens, economic development and health services. The new board, when it first meets, might set more specific criteria.

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People in their 20s buy pieces of American dream

CHICAGO (AP) - Recent college graduates are buying their first homes in their early 20s, something they hadn't thought possible as their "age-by" a home.

Homebuyers - low interest rates, payments of \$100,000 that would be paid over 25 years.

Christa Cole recently moved into a little two-bedroom house in Safety Harbor, Fla. - "just perfect for a single girl like me," the 23-year-old says.

Real estate industry statistics show the impact. The median age of the first-time homebuyer has been dropping - from age 32 in 1999 to 31 in 2001, according to a survey done every other year by the National Association of Realtors.

"Most people my age realize that renting is silly when you think about it," says Lischick who got a 5 percent interest rate that makes his monthly mortgage payments comparable to - or even less than - he would have paid in rent.

Though it's creating headaches for apartment landlords in some cities who rely on twentysomethings for rent - experts say financially stable young people who buy property have an unprecedented opportunity - to get loans at record rates and to begin building equity in a home earlier than some of their parents did.

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# Wholesale prices stay steady in December

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices held steady in December as the sprawling economy made it difficult for some commodities to charge more.

The flat readings in the Producer Price Index, which measures prices paid to factories, farmers and other producers, came after wholesale prices fell by 0.3 percent in November, the Labor Department reported Wednesday.

Excluding energy and food prices, which can swing widely, core wholesale prices dipped by 0.3 percent in December, the second straight month, suggesting some good deals are out there.

The Federal Reserve, meanwhile, painted a picture of a lackluster economy in its latest survey of business conditions. It found "subdued growth" in economic activity from mid-November through early January and little change in overall conditions.

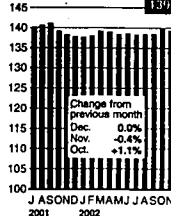
The Fed said its regional banks used such words as "sluggish," "soft" and "subdued" to characterize growth. The Fed said the weakest report came from Dallas, which said activity "remained anemic."

Policy-makers will consider those findings when they next meet, Jan. 28-29, to decide the course of interest rates. Economists believe the Fed, which has pushed rates to a 4 1/2-year low, will leave them unchanged, preferring to see whether it has done enough to energize the economy.

In the Labor Department report, wholesale costs were flat.

## Producer prices

Here is a look at the Producer Price Index of finished goods. Prices are seasonally adjusted. 1982 = 100.



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, AP

Falling prices for computers and cars offset higher prices for gasoline and other energy products.

Those declining prices — if passed on to shoppers — benefit consumers but, as squeeze some companies' profits.

Businesses whose product prices are dropping may feel more pressure on already strained profit margins. But companies buying those lower-price goods might get a break through lower costs of doing business.

"With demand uncertain, many businesses have very weak, very uncertain pricing power," said economist Clifford Waldman, president of Waldman Associates. "Businesses, especially manufacturers, are struggling with the up and down recovery."

## Strategy

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hurt by lackluster sales at its franchise stores. But company executives emphasize that sales increased each month during the quarter, and the company is seeing good sales this month.

The financial results were stronger than some rivals, who cited pressure from low-cost chains like Wal-Mart and Target for a difficult holiday season. Last quarter, Best Buy announced a December same-store sales increase of just 0.4 percent, while competitor Circuit City announced a 6 percent drop in December sales.

RadioShack plans to add 10 to 15 new specialty products each year because ZipZaps and its air purifier, the Environizer, sold extremely well this holiday season, Roberts told analysts attending the conference at the company's headquarters.

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Commodity	Unit	Price	% Chg.
Aluminum	lb	1.25	+0.2
Copper	lb	1.15	+0.1
Gold	oz	380	+5
Iron	lb	0.05	+0.1
Nickel	lb	0.15	+0.1
Palladium	oz	120	+2
Platinum	oz	80	+1
Silver	oz	12	+0.5
Vanadium	lb	0.10	+0.1
Zinc	lb	0.12	+0.1

Commodity	Unit	Price	% Chg.
Wheat	bu	3.50	+0.1
Corn	bu	2.20	+0.1
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Swiss	lb	0.55	+0.1
Mozzarella	lb	0.40	+0.1
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## LIVESTOCK

Commodity	Unit	Price	% Chg.
Cattle	lb	0.80	+0.1
Hog	lb	0.60	+0.1
Pork	lb	0.70	+0.1
Chicken	lb	0.50	+0.1
Turkey	lb	0.60	+0.1
Lamb	lb	0.70	+0.1

## FOSSIL FUELS

Commodity	Unit	Price	% Chg.
Crude Oil	barrel	25.00	+0.5
Gasoline	gal	1.20	+0.1
Heating Oil	gal	1.50	+0.1
Propane	gal	0.80	+0.1

## CHEESE

Commodity	Unit	Price	% Chg.
Cheddar	lb	0.45	+0.1
Swiss	lb	0.55	+0.1
Mozzarella	lb	0.40	+0.1
Provolone	lb	0.50	+0.1
Monterey	lb	0.45	+0.1

## POTATOES/ONIONS

Commodity	Unit	Price	% Chg.
Potatoes	bu	1.50	+0.1
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## METALS/CURRENCY

Commodity	Unit	Price	% Chg.
Gold	oz	380	+5
Silver	oz	12	+0.5
Platinum	oz	80	+1
Palladium	oz	120	+2

## MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Name	Assets	YTD % Chg.	12-Month % Chg.
ABC Mutual	\$1.2B	+15%	+20%
DEF Mutual	\$0.8B	+10%	+15%
GHI Mutual	\$1.5B	+20%	+25%
JKL Mutual	\$0.9B	+8%	+12%
MNO Mutual	\$1.1B	+12%	+18%
PQR Mutual	\$0.7B	+5%	+10%
STU Mutual	\$1.3B	+18%	+22%
VWX Mutual	\$0.6B	+7%	+11%
YZA Mutual	\$1.4B	+22%	+28%
BCD Mutual	\$0.5B	+4%	+9%
EFG Mutual	\$1.6B	+25%	+30%
HIJ Mutual	\$0.4B	+3%	+8%
KLM Mutual	\$1.7B	+28%	+35%
NOP Mutual	\$0.3B	+2%	+7%
QRS Mutual	\$1.8B	+30%	+38%
TUV Mutual	\$0.2B	+1%	+6%
WXY Mutual	\$1.9B	+32%	+40%
ZAB Mutual	\$0.1B	+0%	+5%

## YOUNG 'EINSTEINS'



"Einstein's" for the month of November at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls are, from left, top row: Brooke Silgar, Kellion Stewart, Alexis Elliott, Elizabeth Latig, Harley Trout, Shandra Holton, Joe Bourn, Tim Dixon and Kaylee Silgar; middle row: Autumn Schroeder, Millie Ferguson, Carlos Garcia, Jeremy Abramowitz, Kelly Adams, Jazmya Gomez, Dino Hukic and Hinzo Haracic; bottom row: Luke Young, Whitney Tighe, Ashley Van Orden, Austin Schmah, Sal Salazar, Vanessa Cortes, Jed Hadden, Tijana Radjenovic, Eric Bryan and Megan Guyman.

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Businesses provide better holiday for families

Twin Falls Reformed Church would like to publicly thank the United Dairyman of Idaho, Lamb Weston, Seneca Foods, Louisa's Ice, Chuck Jensen and Fred Meyer for their contribution to our Christmas Assistance Shopping Spree. We are grateful for their partnership in assisting less fortunate families in our community during the holidays.

**KELLY GOLAY**  
Director of Education/Missions  
Twin Falls Reformed Church  
Twin Falls

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helped with the Lincoln County Christmas Basket Program.

Approximately 700 cards were collected. Gerry Howell with BME was our contact with KIM/IMPACT Christmas for Kids. Each child received two presents. We delivered cards to 35 families in Lincoln County.

On Dec. 20, volunteers stayed after lunch and filled boxes to be delivered on Dec. 21. Deliveries were made by Head Start volunteers, and driveway volunteers Jerry Nance, Chuck and Marie Buttance, Betty and Max Piper, Russ and Glenda Excell and Gary Ruxton.

Funds were donated by Magic Lake Recreation Club, Christ Church Guild, St. Peter's Catholic Church, St. Peter's Women's Council, Pete Skanar, June Nielsen and Hazel Rane. Additional food donations were made by Bob Lewin and Rich Bowerman. Glanbia Foods Inc. donated cheese for each box.

Thank you, Lincoln County residents for all of your help and support of this annual program.

**VIRGINIA CHURCHMAN**  
Coordinator  
Christmas Basket Program  
Shoshone

### People demonstrate what Christmas is all about

To friends and supporters of East End Presbyterian.

Christmas is all about loving and sharing, and you have demonstrated both in your support of this year's operation. We cannot thank you enough.

This year, we were able to help 198 families living in Kimberly, Hansen and Murtaugh. Toys, clothing and food were delivered, providing a brighter Christmas for 50 children and 374 adults, of which 66 were senior citizens in our communities.

We are only able to meet the many needs because you care. In addition to your donations, many of you donated hours of labor to make this outreach possible.

What a blessing you are to each of your neighbors, for all your truly representative and all about neighbors.

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Twin Falls  
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Vice Chairman, Operations  
Kimberly

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### Volunteer, staff devotion makes festival a success

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation would like to thank everyone for the wonderful help they have given us.

Just to name a few are the fire, police and medical personnel that responded to our house.

Just to name a few that donated: Everton Mattress; Ashley Furniture; O'Leary Junior High Teachers Association; Oregon Trail Elementary staff, students, teachers and Parent Teachers Association; the Malaga and Sugar Co.; Simply Foods; Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue; local churches; Magic Valley Bank; the Red Cross; Transystems and all the wonderful friends and family.

Thank you all so much.

**EDIE BALES**  
**REBECCA BALES**  
**VANCE BALES**  
Twin Falls

### Care center thanks people who helped children

BridgeView Estates would like to thank all those who participated in Operation Christmas Child. Millions of children around the world had extra big smiles on their faces on Christmas Day due to your and many others' generosity.

We would like to especially thank several local and surrounding area churches, with emphasis on the Church of the Nazarene, whose helpfulness and willingness to participate in this program have been truly inspirational.

In addition, a special thank you to Kim Semrad for his selflessness and time in coordinating the Gifts of Love. Our residents and many others are so fortunate to have so many that care and work in their behalf all the time.

Thank you all so much. You helped us to remember what Christmas is all about. We look forward to sharing this experience again, and may we continue with this kind of love in our hearts throughout the year.

**JODI THOMAS**  
Director, Sales and Marketing  
BridgeView Estates  
Twin Falls

### Many provide donations to Elks for holiday baskets

The Snake River Elks Lodge 2807 BPOE would like to thank the following businesses and also those of you who wished to remain anonymous for your generous donations. Because of your support, we were able to help several families in the community with Christmas baskets.

China Village; D&B Supply; Aviation Sports; Gypsey Sun Bath & Body; Image Arts; Jaker's; J.P. Penney; Johnny Carino's; John's Barber Shop; Little Red Hen; On Stage; Pacific Steel & Recycling; Signed, Sealed & Delivered; Snake River Harley Davidson; TDK Auto Service; Underwood Recycling; Victoria's Secret and Watkins Distributing.

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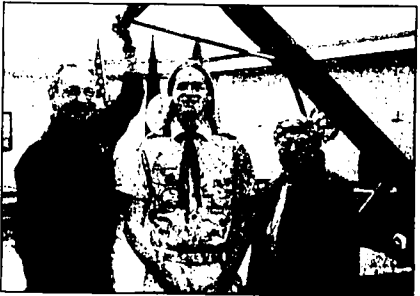
### Family appreciates help of people after house fire

The people of this valley are

### Almost 400 families receive Christmas baskets

Thank you to everyone that

## BUILDING BENCHES



Trevor Jones of Boy Scout Troop 9 of Buhl presented the Buhl City Council with three park benches that he made for his Eagle Scout project. From left is Council President Chuck Geska, lifting one of the benches, Jones and Mayor Barbara Gletzen. Jones said he appreciated the help from Langdon Inc., Citizens Building Supplies and his friends, along with the donations to buy the materials.

## CSI will offer computer workshops

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer several zero-credit workshops during January for those interested in learning computer skills in a hassle-free setting and without the pressure of a grade. For more information or to register, call 732-2808 or 732-6290.

Starting with Online Auctions will instruct students in how to buy and sell on-line using such auction services as eBay and auction houses, how to find a niche and which sites cater to that niche, the pros and cons, how to protect themselves, how to create the perfect descriptions, tips on bidding prices, how to set up

accounts to receive money, how to pack and ship and what it costs, and what equipment is needed, such as digital cameras and software. The class will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 21 to Feb. 11 in Shield Room 101 at CSI. The instructor is Paula Meunier. Cost is \$45.

Image Editing will show how to "jazz up" images using the Adobe Photoshop software. Students will learn how to use a scanner for photos, illustrations or even 3D objects, and use of a digital camera. Topics include restoring old photos, creating collages on the computer, changing pictures and basic imaging

concepts, such as resolution, pixels, file types and compression, as well as how to print, e-mail or import images in a presentation. The course will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 23 to Feb. 20 in Aspen Room 144 at CSI. The instructor is Edit Stanto. Cost is \$80.

E-Mail: the Easy Way to Keep in Touch will show how to use e-mail to stay in touch with family, friends and associates quickly and inexpensively. The workshop will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Jan. 23 and Jan. 30 in Evergreen Room A23 at CSI. The instructor is Sue Ellis. Cost is \$35.

### Gooding man celebrates birthday on Sunday

GOODING - Dick Cole will celebrate his 80th birthday with a party from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding. If you are unable to attend, cards can be mailed to him at 541 California St., Gooding, Idaho 83330. His family is hosting the event.

### Art Guild of Magic Valley meets today

TWIN FALLS - The Art Guild of Magic Valley will meet at 7 p.m. today at the Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S. in Twin Falls. The program will be given by Gilbert DeKlotz of Gilb's Wood Art. There also will be a door prize.

### CSI Mini-Cassia Center offers safety workshops

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center, 1600 Parke Ave. in Burley, is offering a series of personal safety workshops. Home Security will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. The course will cover assessing safety in the student's neighborhood and on his property, smart landscaping and lighting, fences and dogs, contact with law enforcement and

the legal issues involved in personal defense.

Refuse to be a Victim will be held from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 29. The course covers mental awareness and planning, available area self-defense training suggestions, use of weapons and legal issues.

Rape Prevention For Women will be held from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 5. The course is designed to enable women to protect themselves, and provides information about never giving up, attitude projection, self-defense and using weapons as protection.

Safe Traveling in a Terrorist World will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 12. Skills covered include the need for cultural education, threat and mental awareness and what constitutes unsafe travel. Travelers will learn about embassy resources and how to contact help outside the United States.

The instructor is Rich Neuz, and each course costs \$15. All classes have limited sizes, and early registration is recommended. For more information, call 678-1400.

### DAV Auxiliary will hold dance on Friday night

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music.

### CSI will offer beginning, intermediate German

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer zero-credit enrichment German classes on Mondays, Jan. 27 through May 5 in Shields Room 105 on the CSI campus. Cost is \$65 each.

Beginning German will meet from 6-8 p.m. The class is designed to help adults learn the language without the pressure of a grade.

Intermediate German will meet between 8-10 p.m. The class is a continued study of the language with stress on verb tenses and higher-level conversations and language uses.

Instructor Eldora Miller has a bachelor's degree in German and a master's degree in adult education.

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

### Gooding High School will host word power challenge

GOODING - The Reader's Digest Word Power Challenge Idaho State Championship will start at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the multi-use room at Gooding High School, 1050 Seventh Ave. W. The public is invited. Sixteen students from across Idaho will compete for the state champion title and the opportunity to compete at the national championship March 24-25 at

Williamsburg, Va. First prize at the national event is a \$25,000 college scholarship; second place is a \$15,000 scholarship and third place is a \$10,000 scholarship.

The state championship is the culmination of in-school contests that took place throughout the state. Students compete first in their classrooms, and then in a grade-level competition. The grade-level winners took a qualifying test which was returned to Reader's Digest for scoring. The results determined which students were invited to the state championship.

Doug Maughan, public information director at the College of Southern Idaho, will serve as Idaho's official moderator for the event. AI Roker of NBC's Today Show will serve as official Quiz Master at the national event.

For more information, call Richard Thompson, state coordinator, at 934-8443.

### CSI offers 'A-B-C's of Photography' class

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer the zero-credit enrichment class, "The A-B-C's of Photography" from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 30 through March 20 in Art Complex 102 on the CSI campus. The cost is \$65. Students will learn the foundations of taking a great picture. Subjects covered will be lenses,

light meter, flash, filters, f-stops, shutter speeds and composition. Students should have a camera that has fully adjustable shutter and lens aperture. The class is taught by Rod Mathis.

For more information or to register, call 732-3290 or 732-6288.

### Magic Breathers Club will meet Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Breathers Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Office on Aging at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Kurt Bywater at 734-9330.

### 'Discover' classes will take place at Herrett Center

TWIN FALLS - The Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho will hold the Saturday afternoon "Discover" classes for sixth-through eighth graders. Darcy Thornborrow, the Herrett Center education facilitator, will teach the classes beginning with "Fall of the Gods" on Jan. 25. Using chocolate nibs and other raw elements of chocolate, students will learn the importance of chocolate in the pre-Columbian diet. Future classes will be "Writing the Old-Fashioned Way: Hieroglyphics to Alphabets" on Feb. 12 and "This subject is too

hard: Rock Art" on March 22.

\*Activities will be very hands-on as students discover how archaeologists and other pre-historians research the continuum of history." Thornborrow said.

Each class will be held from 1:30-5 p.m. in the Frost Classroom.

Cost is \$20 per class, which includes all materials. Pre-registration is required.

For information or to register, contact Thornborrow at 732-6664 or by e-mail at dthornborr@csi.edu.

### CSI student wins prize of education.



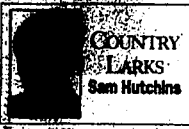
Sunday in Community.

Thursday, January 16, 2003

Section E

## Hunting or Robo-Duck?

I've been thinking about canned duck hunting for a couple of years. It's not as fun as real hunting, but it's a lot more affordable. I've always been a fan of the Robo-Duck. I've always been a fan of the Robo-Duck. I've always been a fan of the Robo-Duck.



COUNTRY MARKS  
Sam Hutchins

The Robo-Duck is one of the more expensive of several models and since I've always been a sucker for whatever new gadget purports to be the best, I've been seriously considering buying one.

There is some controversy over the ethics of using such a device to lure ducks to their doom. That, along with the price tag, are the major factors in my wife's objections to it. But I will confess, there have been days when I really didn't care.

I've bagged a lot of ducks without one but I've also spent a lot of duck-less days sitting in the blind watching those high flyers pass by. During those long dry spells it's fun to imagine that a Robo-Duck would help. I can't say for sure what makes me hesitate to get one. Perhaps I'm a little afraid it wouldn't work and I'd be out 150 bucks. It could also be that I'm a little afraid it might work too well. As a wise old woodsman once said, "Huntin' ain't supposed to be a sure thing, 'eise we'd just call it gettin'."

Maybe this sounds a little corny, but I've always felt that all those hours and days spent waiting and searching in vain actually do count somehow. In a way they might be the dues we pay towards those special moments when everything comes together and the green heads seem to drop out of the sky like magic. I don't know if good hunting is really earned that way, as a reward for enduring being hung.

I do know that a duck that comes along in the 11th hour, when all hope seems gone, always means more than a whole limit of birds brought down in the first hour. When you look at it that way, what's the difference really, between good and bad hunting?

Last I start sounding too high-brow here, let me assure you that I do like to bag my game just as much as the next guy. If I think there's a better way to hunt or a more effective method, I'm all for it - to a point. I don't get overjoyed at the prospect of waiting all day in a duck blind for nothing, or traipsing miles of ditch banks vainly trying to put up a pheasant, but I'm also filled with that bullheaded faith we hunters have. It's the faith that says no matter how long I must wait in that cold duck blind, or how many miles I must traipse along ditch banks that it really is never for nothing.

I've never bought into the notion that hunting is just about being outside, enjoying nature, and that it really doesn't matter if you get anything or not. If it doesn't matter why bother?

I'm not saying that a day in the field without bagging game is a waste, certainly not, but the reason it's not a waste is precisely because it does matter if we get something. We are on a quest. The pursuit is the very thing that gives intensity and meaning to our time in the field and elevates it from more than just a casual stroll through the countryside.

So as far as that Robo-Duck is concerned, I'm opting out for now, and I won't even blame my wife. I still reserve the right to toy with the idea on those dreary days when the ducks seem determined to ignore me, and don't think me a sellout if I happen to weaken and hunt over one sometime but, for now, I'll forgo.

I love to hunt ducks but that doesn't mean I love to kill ducks. I have my doubts that any contraption like a Robo-Duck would really benefit my quest, and after all, the quest is what hunting is all about.

Sam Hutchins is an outdoors writer from Twin Falls.

# Ice climbers know the nature of their medium

## Plans for Utah ice festival move forward as organizers hope for good conditions

By Bryce Pevsner  
Specialized Contributor

OGDEN, Utah - Ice is fickle. It can be thick or thin or nonexistent. It can be out or in or in-between. The same climb can be extremely difficult or quite easy.

All depends on weather conditions that can change drastically at any time.

Unlike its relatively stable climbing cousin, rock, ice can make a climber feel like a lit red lover.

"You can never count on it,"

said Richard Harrison, manager of High Adventure Specialties.

Yet the Ogden climbing shop plans its annual Bridal Veil Falls Ice Festival months in advance. The sponsors, Black Diamond, La Sportiva, Petzl and The North Face to name a few, the instructors, like professional climbers Sean Isaac, Jared Ogden, Guy Lacelle and Sven Krebs; and about 100 volunteers are set to go Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bridal Veil Falls in Provo Canyon is a picturesque setting for ice climbing.

The organizers just have to

hope for the best.

The spot is one of the most consistent ice walls in the state. But even the most consistent ice is, well, fickle.

As of this writing, the ice was thick and planners were prepared for over 1,000 participants. They are offering free instruction and free use of top-of-the-line equipment.

All the sponsors will have demo equipment available and a few climbers, those with a reservation, will have advanced, personal training from some of the best in the sport.

But a few days has been known to change everything. Last year, for instance, one week before the festival, a featured climber had a bad experience in nearby

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Santaquin Canyon. The ice was loose and dangerous. He pulled out of the festival and left town. Afford of liability, the sponsors pulled out and High Adventure Specialties was left almost without prizes for the annual raffle - the event's one source of income.

The ice firmed up in time for the event and free lessons and equipment were still available on man-made ice walls near the falls, but numbers were down

from over 1,000 in the inaugural 2001 festival to about 450 last year.

This year, the raffle will take place. The prizes - including lots of gear from the sponsors are in hand. And there is a chance that even poor ice conditions will not stop the featured climbers - set to exhibit their skills to the public between noon and 1 p.m. that day.

Every one is world-renowned for mixed climbing, a specialized form of ice climbing that uses a variety of protection to scale almost anything - ice screws where there is ice and traditional gear to protect bare rock.

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# Wild trophies hang on Burley wall

## Furniture man has traveled the world on hunting trips

By Shelby Ridenour  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - If only the heads could talk. Surely the tall tales would flow freely if the mounted animal heads which fill a back room at Skaggs Furniture could only speak.

Luckily, the man who bagged the trophy animals can - and does - speak freely about his adventures tracking down the animals.

Chuck Skaggs considers himself lucky to have traveled to several foreign countries in the past 10 or so years to hunt all kinds of big game. He bided his time, hunting in Idaho, working in the family furniture business and raising a family. Although not retired, with his two adult sons working at the store, Skaggs can now afford to take some time off to hunt.

For years Skaggs had his animal mounts scattered throughout the store. People kept suggesting he group them together, so Skaggs created space in the back of the store. The separate room allows for group tours, something Skaggs welcomes, as long as the children are supervised. For teachers or Scout leaders, he is willing to schedule advance visits. Skaggs tries to be available to serve as tour guide.

In the trophy room, Skaggs has grouped the animals by the country he hunted in. One wall features animals killed in England, another features New Zealand critters and one is from the United States. Much of the space is dedicated to trophies from Africa.

Skaggs has made four trips to Africa, hunting in Zimbabwe, Zambia and all over South Africa including Zululand and Natal. His latest African venture in Zimbabwe was to hunt for the suni, the smallest antelope in the world. The animals weigh six or seven pounds.

Scattered among the animals are maps of the region those animals came from. His wife, Delta, took care of the decorating, adding artifacts and souvenirs specific to various countries. Each animal has a small plaque near it, which includes the species name it was shot in and the month and year of the kill.



Chuck Skaggs stands among the animal mounts he has on display at Skaggs Furniture in Burley. Skaggs bagged nearly all the animals in the trophy room.

## A range of beasts

Animals displayed behind the cedar fence range from tiny to huge. He's got a hippopotamus, a 12 1/2-foot crocodile, two cape buffaloes, a spring hare, a brown bear, a muskox, fallow deer, roe deer, a rock rabbit, a few wildebeests, an ostrich, a mountain goat, caribou, javelina and a wild boar. A few game birds are also displayed.

Two of the few antelope mounts are of a lynx catching a guinea and a wart hog attacking a hyena.

The crocodile always gets plenty of attention from visitors, Skaggs said. They're tricky animals to kill, and a shot to only two spots on the body will kill and paralyze a crocodile, which is the only way to guarantee the croc won't slip back into the water where few hunters are willing to venture to snag their trophy. Skaggs spent two days trying to sneak up on the crocodile he finally killed. It weighed between

## If you go...

Where: Skaggs Furniture, 149 E. 23rd Drive, Burley  
When: Mondays-Fridays 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Info: 678-5100

700 and 800 pounds.

Skaggs has also hunted the largest antelope in the world - the Livingstone Eland, which is the size of an Alaskan moose. "They're humongous," he said. He spent six hours tracking the Livingstone Eland which hangs on the wall.

Cape buffalo "are the most exciting animal I ever hunted," Skaggs said. "You stalk them and get pretty close. It really gets your adrenaline going. They get mean." Two weeks before his first cape buffalo hunt, a hunter and guide were killed by a cape buffalo. The animals

*"You stalk them and get pretty close. It really gets your adrenaline going. They get mean."*

- Chuck Skaggs, on hunting cape buffalo

weigh about 2,000 pounds each

## A guest among nations

Skaggs uses professional hunters and local guides on his out-of-country excursions. Essentially, he says, you spend 24 hours a day with those folks when you're on a hunting trip.

He has high praise for the professional trackers he's traveled with. "They are

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# Sea kayaking off Kauai proves well worth the effort

By Paul West  
The Baitmore Sun

After kayaking 17 miles down Kauai's stunning Na Pali coast, every one of Cindy Chase's muscles hurt - in her face. She and her paddling partner, Jamie Klein, had spent the entire day grinning. "We couldn't wipe the smiles off," she said.

Cindy and Jamie are seasoned whitewater boaters. A death-defying plunge down experts-only rivers is routine to the Morgantown, W.Va., couple. But sea-kayaking the waters off Hawaii's oldest, wettest and most beautiful island was an entirely new thrill for them. And for me except I wasn't sure I was up to the challenge.

It's been called the most scenic stretch of coastline in the world. Our outfitter's Web site described the daylong paddle down Na Pali's remote shores as "the Everest of sea kayaking." But what about all those Himalayan expeditions that have ended badly?

The trip sounded exhausting: six hours of flat-water paddling - if the heaving swells off Kauai can be considered flat. Sunburn and incapacitating seasickness are real dangers. Would this be the best use of a precious vacation day in paradise? After my teen-age sons agreed to come along, though, there could be no backing out.

The northernmost island in the Hawaiian chain, Kauai is less developed



Kayaking along the Na Pali coast of Kauai, Hawaii, allows tourists to enjoy sights that others never get to see, such as sea caves that are inaccessible when the surf is up.

than its neighbors. But travel to the "garden isle" is growing rapidly - as is traffic congestion, particularly on the road that connects the north shore to the rest of the island. Expect rain; the quieter and more remote north shore averages 85 inches of it annually.

At 6 a.m. on a dark, soggy morning, our paddling crew gathered at the outfitter's shop in Hanalei, a post-hypic north shore tourist town that, with poetic license, became Hanalei in the classic song "Puff,

the Magic Dragon."

We had been lured by the prospect of kayaking impossibly blue waters past mountains that drop thousands of feet down to perfect, and perfectly deserted, golden beaches.

My sons and I had stopped by the outfitter's shop, at their request, the day before. We would be the youngest and oldest on the trip, and they apparently wanted to look us over and see whether we could survive the ordeal. But the only question they

asked when we got there was whether we wanted a turkey sandwich or vegetarian for the lunch break - assuming we made it that far. It wasn't uncommon, I learned, for someone to be put ashore less than an hour into the trip, usually because of seasickness. Sorry, no refund.

After a brief van ride to a nearby beach, and some rudimentary orientation, we climbed into our kayaks and launched. It was not yet 8 o'clock.

The tropical shores of Na Pali have inspired Hollywood filmmakers, who have used it as backdrops for movies from "South Pacific" to "Jurassic Park." Fluted mountains covered in lush vegetation shoot 4,000 feet into the air. Showy waterfalls pour down the slopes.

No roads cross Na Pali's cliffs and hidden valleys, just the treacherous Kalanau Trail, a narrow footpath above the shoreline. Most tourists choose a helicopter fly-by as their Na Pali adventure. Unfortunately, choppers buzzing the canyons, like the motorized tour boats plugging its waters, greatly diminish the area's wilderness quality.

Far better, then, to paddle - it's the best way to see the entire coast in a single day, including places no motorboat, helicopter or hiker can go. Our party of 14, including two guides, was the maximum allowed under state regulations.

The outfitter, Kayak Kauai, which helped pioneer this trip in the late 1980s,

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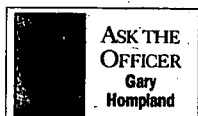
OUTDOORS

# Hunters struggle to get land access

**Question:** The last several years it's gotten incredibly difficult to get access to hunt on private property or cross private property to hunt on public land. I've heard the department is working on a program to purchase public access to private property. Please tell me how this program works and what it's all about.

**Answer:** Hunting and fishing access on or across private property has become very difficult the last several years. Landowners that still allow hunting and fishing access should be applauded and complimented for they are in the minority. Many of them do it because they feel morally obligated to promote our hunting and fishing heritage and encourage wise resource use.

The program you are referring to is called "Access Yes." It is still in the conceptual stage but the essence of the program is to pay for public access onto



**ASK THE OFFICER**  
Gary Hompland

or through private property. If this program goes forward I would expect it to be one to three years away from implementation. The downfall of many well-intentioned programs is "How do you pay for it?" One method being explored is from the proceeds of a lottery of 44 super-tags. Thirteen super-tags each would be available for deer, elk, and antelope, and 9 tags for moose. The super-tags would be valid for that species anywhere in the state the season for that species is open. The Department would administer a lottery for the 44 super-tags. It's expected

the lottery could generate nearly one million dollars to be used to buy public access to private property.

Conceptually landowners would annually submit bids to the department for public access to or through their land. Department staff would verify landownership, evaluate the habitat value, and pass them onto a sportsmen review committee. This committee would compare bids to the available dollars and value of public access to sportsmen. The sportsmen review committee would in turn recommend to the department which bids to accept and reject.

Some issues the commission is grappling with are the added time required by department staff to verify acreages and monitor compliance with an access contract. The intent of this program is to increase public access to or through private property. One legitimate concern is pri-

ivate property already open to public access may now be closed.

In summary this program is still on the drawing board. There are many pros and cons to presenting landowners with sportsmen dollars for access to or through private property. There are also many pitfalls and abuses of similar programs in other states. The lottery of super-tags also poses a biological concern for big game managers. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game commission will be discussing this program and its future at their next meeting. Stay tuned; you should hear more about this in the future.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at (209)324-4350. E-mail your questions at the Fish and Game Web site at [www2.state.id.us/dfishgame](http://www2.state.id.us/dfishgame).

## Minidoka Bowmen Hunt hand out awards

The Minidoka Bowmen met for their annual Christmas fund-raiser Dec. 5, 2002. Bill Hutchison and Maynard Wall cooked their famous shrimp gumbo for all members who paid for dinner by bringing canned goods to be donated to local food banks. Awards for the summer bow league were awarded after dinner.

Youth winners were Chet Jackson in first place, Brody Osterlund second, Candice Jackson third, Ryan Jones fourth, and Josh Fetzler fifth. Adult winners were Randy Daniel and Bill Hutchison in first, Randy Jackson and Matt Fetzler second, and Garth Peterson and Arnold Peterson third. All of the summer league winners were awarded an engraved mug.

Winter raffle prizes were awarded with Bill Jackson winning a compound bow donated by Bunker Trading Post, Leta Jackson winning a bow stand donated by Advantage Archery of Twin Falls, and Maynard Wall won a painted deer hide painted

by Fanny Bryngelson.

Some of the raffle proceeds from 2002 were donated to the new women's shelter in Rupert and some of the proceeds were used for 4-H shooting sports awards.

Earlier this year the club raffled a hand made bow, crafted and donated by Maynard Wall. Randy Daniel was the lucky winner of this bow. The indoor league is just beginning and those interested can come to the indoor range, at 205 K Street in Rupert, on January 8th between 7 and 9 p.m. The indoor range is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Time to liquidate?**  
Use *The Times-News* Marketplace classifieds to turn possessions into cash.

## Hunt

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unbelievable. They can track anything through hundreds of sets of tracks."

Africa is an amazing place, Skaggs said. "It's desert land and every bush has got thorns. You come back like a stuck pig!"  
"Everywhere he's been in Africa he's constantly seeing game animals, Skaggs said. "Five to six species at a time. Africa is the most exciting country I've ever been to."

Hunting is a fairly major source of revenue to most African countries, Skaggs said. A percentage of each trophy fee is paid to the local villages. The animals are skinned soon after the hunt and the meat is distributed to residents of nearby villages, where food is often scarce. A skinner accompanies

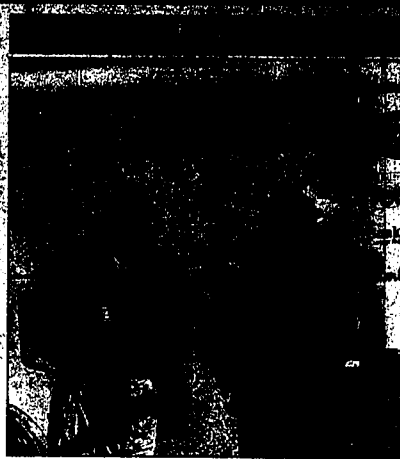
hunters on every trip.

The hunting party also eats the meat from the animals killed by its members. Skaggs has tried a lot of unusual meat. The most common trait? "Most of them have no wild game taste."

Meat from the Livingston Eland has become his favorite. He's tried hippo - "it was not good," and wart hog bacon, "it tastes good, but it's tough as hell."

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Tom Schiermeier, left, and Ryan Schiermeier were 2002 place of the Magic Valley Bowmen's 7th tournament at C.J. Griffin Reservoir in September 2002, with a stringer weighing 12.23 pounds. Tom Schiermeier also won the big fish with a 5.12-pound largemouth bass. Second place went to Wade Reiter and Steve Young with a 22.06-pound stringer, followed by Leann Lipoff and Kerry Kirshenwitz with 9.84 pounds.

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# Utahn targets Everest

**PLEASANT GROVE, Utah (AP)** — Aaron Ollivier has a deceptively simple dream. He wants to stand supreme on the peaks of the seven tallest mountains in the world before he dies.

Since he's already reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa and Mount Olympus in Russia and he's only 25, he thinks the odds are pretty good.

Plus, the lean 6-foot-3-inch Timpview High School graduate who works as a financial consultant for First Western Advisors on track to get the chance to climb Mount Everest in 2003.

All he has to do is beat out the other finalists of the 400 who signed up for the Global Extremes Mount Everest 4Runners Adventure survival competition sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales and the Outdoor Life television network.

He's already survived two tiers of the four-stage competition that even the experts were slowed down by the mud, so I was right with them."

His friend didn't recognize his bike when Ollivier returned. The third day was an all-out foot and bicycle race day running up a Castle Valley trail to an 11,000 foot pass. By the end, Ollivier was in great pain and in need of oxygen.

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He doesn't know yet if he'll be included in the next phase of competition, but even if he isn't, he's already been approached by another group to participate in their extreme sports event. He'll come back to the Global Extremes contest if he's invited.

He's seen great beauty and felt a wonderful kinship with nature. He's made great friends and gained some new insights.

"I know now I won't get on any mountain with anyone I don't totally trust," Ollivier said. "You need to know who you're with, and totally trust the team."

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that round. I think I got points for resupplying my teammate. I hung onto Jerry because it was easier than going to get him."

On the runs, Ollivier's familiarity with the area also proved useful.

"I was out front, not because I was fast but because I was familiar," he said. "I could also get up over those boulders. Rock climbing is where I'm confident."

The next day's 30 miles of mountain biking was almost all through mud and snow in cold and miserable weather. Most of the riders burned out their brakes because there was no traction. Cameras were knocked over and a number of contestants were in tears. One man ended up carrying his bike rather than riding through the sludge.

"By the end, by then, I was, like, I'll just go home. I was thinking of my warm bed at home," Ollivier said. "But the weather probably actually helped me. Even the experts were slowed down by the mud, so I was right with them."

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## Climbing

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It's a challenge, but it eliminates the stubborn reliance on fickle ice.

"It's nice because in the winter you can say, 'Yeah, the ice is bad, but I can still climb,'" Harrison said.

This year, if the ice is bad, the show may still go on.

Isaac is touted as able to scale rock, ice and snow in demanding combination. He is one of Canada's leading young alpinists and mixed climbers.

Krebs is known for his ascent of "Evil Knows No Boundaries" at the Ouray Ice Park — one of the most technical mixed routes in North America.

Lacelle climbs almost exclusively solo up ice and mixed routes in the Canadian Rockies.

"So if the ice doesn't hold up? We'll just take everybody mixed climbing. Say, 'You're going climbing and you're going to have fun,'" Harrison joked.

In general, ice climbers must be flexible. Be ready to mixed climb or be ready to wait. Recent events at Bridal Veil illustrate the point.

On Dec. 16, the ice was in fine early season form: a little thin but plenty to drive an ice tool into.

A planned Dec. 19 outing looked like a go. Then, the rains came.

By the date of the excursion, a thin ribbon of ice at the bottom of nearby "Stairway to Heaven" was all that was still thick enough to climb. Bridal Veil Falls was flowing freely, and all persistent patches of ice were much too unstable for a safe climb.

As quick as it leaves, it returns.

A week later, the ice was back. Solid and thick. Several climbs just to the right of the falls were in, though as the day warmed, ice chunks thundering off the main falls, a few feet to the left, became more common.

The violent crashes are disquieting but nothing to fear, said Pablo Stein, a local ice climber employed at Mountain Works in Provo, Utah.

That section is rarely frozen and rarely climbed. There is one circumstance, however, that makes it extremely unwise to climb in certain areas, including Bridal Veil Falls.

That circumstance is high avalanche danger. Avalanches have claimed two lives at Bridal Veil in the last decade. The last was that of 27-year-old Doug Hall, a Salt Lake City climber who was killed by a small avalanche in 1997.

Waterfall ice is prone to avalanches from above. The river that forms the fall also forms a perfect avalanche path that can bring monsters down, especially in warm, wet conditions or after extremely heavy snows.

"On the one hand, that's a very dangerous place to be, but on the other, it's the only place there's ice climbing," Harrison said.

Still, avalanches are no more dangerous to ice climbers than they are to skiers and snowmobilers.

A quick call to the avalanche forecast center and a close look for slide activity on similar, nearby slopes can alert climbers to dangerous conditions.

As far as Saturday's event, Harrison says he's assured, if the threat is great, the show would not go on.



George Draby of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., skates on Kirby Park pond as a flock of ducks frolics nearby Sunday in Wilkes-Barre.

## Kayak

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uses sit-in, tandem sea kayaks. These classic touring boats are faster and more stable than the sit-on-top models other outfitters use. (They're also heavy; even with two people sharing the load, lugging a 95-pound boat across a wide beach isn't easy). Each paddler sits below the waterline, with a spray skirt stretched over the cockpit opening to keep the water out. The person in the stern steers, using foot pedals rigged to a rudder.

"I was fortunate to share a boat with John Morris, a 32-year-old native of Kauai who has been an ocean guide since the mid-1990s. He was in constant radio contact with our other guide, Harmony Harwell. Morris' commentary about the ancient Hawaiians, who considered Na Pali a sacred place, enriched the experience."

Because of dangerous surf conditions the rest of the year, kayaking the coast is permitted only in the summer. We had almost ideal conditions. Overcast skies — only briefly did we experience the dubious thrill of riding the crest of 6-foot swells — let us explore sea caves that are too dangerous to enter when the surf is up.

Each cave was different, and surprising. In one, a waterfall poured through a hole in the roof. The ceiling of another cave collapsed long ago, opening it to the sky and leaving a pile of rocks in the center; they were strewn with faded tropical blossoms, left from the recent wedding of a kayak guide and his bride.

Seeing the Na Pali coast up close is worth any aches and pains that might result. If time is short, a steep half-mile climb up the initial stretch of the Kalalau Trail offers a bird's-eye view of much of the shoreline. Allow three hours for a round trip to sandy Hanakapiai Beach, and at least 5 1/2 hours if you add the side trip to Hanakapiai Falls.

The last nine miles of the Kalalau Trail are more strenuous and require a permit, as does overnight camping. Most of the camping permits (five-night maximum) are issued one year in advance and are claimed within a few hours.

For anyone reasonably fit and at home in the water, a sea-kayak tour is an unforgettable way to glimpse some of Hawaii's most splendid scenery. Only about 1,000 of the state's 7 million tourists will paddle the Na Pali coast this year. But bookings are so sharply in line with the growing popularity of adventure travel. According to Mike Hanson of Kayak Kauai, almost 95 percent of the available places on his company's Na Pali tours were filled last summer.

Sea shoulders were the physical price we paid for our paddling indulgences. The first, and longest, stretch of the voyage required about four hours of almost constant paddling. Along the way we saw dolphins and at least a dozen sea turtles, their dark green shells a distinctive



Kayakers get access to special spots along the coast of Kauai.

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Part of the appeal of Kauai is its relative quiet — it is one of the less frequently visited of the Hawaiian Islands.

onto the sand. After a shower and a long drive back around the island, we returned to the outfitter's shop. My son Sam, 16, was moved by the "splendor" of what we'd seen. "Grueling but worth it" was how his brother Max, 18, would remember the adventure.

I was impressed by the pull Na Pali exerted on us. The next day, when we drove to the Kalalau Trail, about six miles beyond the town of Hanalei, my sons encouraged their mother to take the

trail far enough to get a sense of what Na Pali was all about. I eagerly tagged along.

We started up the busy trail, made slick by heavy rains. The mud-smear legs of returning hikers suggested how tough it would be to stay upright.

Half a mile on, and many hundreds of feet higher, we could see the shoreline stretching far into the distance. And coming down the trail toward us were people I'd paddled with the day before.

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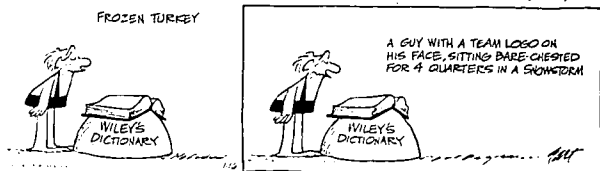
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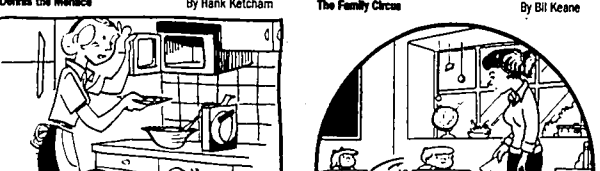


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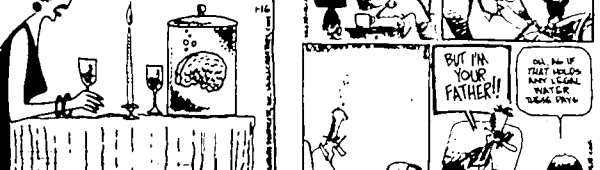
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# Malvo can be tried as adult

**WEDNESDAY, Va.** — A judge ruled Wednesday that a Virginia gunman whose major suspect John Lee Malvo can be tried as an adult, making him eligible for the death penalty.

Juvenile Court Judge Charles Maxfield issued his decision after a two-day hearing in which prosecutors said evidence tied Malvo to three fatal attacks and that he tried to extort \$10 million from schoolbuses during last fall's killing spree.

Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, 42, are accused of killing 13 people and wounding five others in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., last year. They are being tried first in Virginia.

During Wednesday's hearing, a detective who interviewed Malvo for six hours after his arrest identified his voice on tapes recorded of two threatening phone calls to authorities during the attacks.

### Nation in brief

**Effect:**  
 Bubble boy disease — an immune disorder formerly called severe combined immunodeficiency, or SCID — is the only disease ever to be cured with gene therapy. But three months ago, a boy whose life was saved by a SCID gene therapy experiment in France when he was a baby came down with a leukemia-like syndrome at age 3.

Scientists have long warned that cancer is a possible risk from any gene therapy, such as that for SCID, that uses retroviruses, a type of virus that permanently invades cells, to deliver new genes into a patient's body. Still, in one given gene therapy for SCID or other diseases had ever had such a side effect.

### Harvard launches graduate student financial aid plan

**BOSTON** — Harvard University launched a new financial aid plan Wednesday aimed at making it easier for students from less affluent backgrounds to graduate students who hope to enter less lucrative careers in public service.

The program includes a combination of low-interest loans for all graduates, as well as \$14 million in grants for students in public service fields.

It fulfills a long-standing pledge by university President Lawrence Summers to make financing for graduate students just as open as it is for undergraduates.

### Samples of plague reported missing are accounted for

**LUBBOCK, Texas** — The FBI said Wednesday that vials containing samples of lethal plague reported missing from Texas Tech University had been located. "We have accounted for all of those missing vials and we have determined that there is no danger to public safety whatsoever," FBI Agent Luke Gonzalez said.

He said the vials, about 30 in all, were recovered Wednesday but gave few details. He wouldn't disclose whether they were stolen or merely misplaced, but said a criminal investigation was continuing. The school said all work recovered Wednesday was done by Dr. Thomas Butler, chief of its infection disease division, who has been studying the plague for more than 25 years. It said officials had thought it was a hoax until the FBI confirmed involvement because of current concerns about bioterrorism.

### Man sets apartments ablaze, plunges to his death

**PHILADELPHIA** — A man associated with a troubled development was found dead after plunging from the roof of an apartment building he had set on fire.

### Coast Guard issues safety advisory for barges

**ST. LOUIS** — The Coast Guard is asking barge operators to limit operations on 185 miles of the Mississippi because of the ice approaching record low levels in some areas.

The safety advisory, which covers the river from St. Louis to Cairo, Ill., was issued Tuesday after a towed barge loaded with ethanol ran aground near Hartford, Ill. No injuries or pollution problems were reported.

A dry fall and below-normal temperatures in the upper river basin have led to the Mississippi near-historic low levels, says St. Louis, the Army Corps of Engineers said. On Tuesday, the river was nearly 4 feet below the preferred low-water mark of 12.5 feet.

### Billionaire gives ACLU \$8M, no strings attached

**CLEVELAND** — Billionaire insurance executive Peter B. Lewis gave \$8 million to the American Civil Liberties Union, its largest ever individual gift, with no strings attached.

Lewis, who is known for making demands when he makes donations, was already the ACLU's most generous donor and donor, contributing \$7 million in 2001. He has been a member since 1972.

Last month, Lewis gave \$12 million to the Greenbergm Martindale but declined the director to cut costs.

He also gave \$6.9 million toward the Peter B. Lewis Building, home of Case Western Reserve's Weatherhead School of Management, which opened in October. He began the crowd-funding campaign during the building's construction, saying he believed the private university was poorly managed and that his money would do more to help than that of its president.



# U.S. steps up no-fly zone strikes

### The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** — U.S. and British warplanes have bombed more than 80 targets in Iraq's southern "no-fly" zone over the past five months, conducting an escalating air war even as U.N. weapons inspections proceed and diplomats look for ways of heading off a full-scale war.

The air strikes have increased not only in number but in sophistication, with pilots using precision-guided bombs to strike what defense officials describe as mobile surface-to-air missiles, air defense radars, command centers, communications facilities and fiber optic cable repeater stations.

On Monday, the heaviest day of bombing in at least a year, U.S. and British jets for the first time struck five targets in a single day, hitting an air defense command site at Tallil, 170 miles southeast of Baghdad, and four repeater stations in southern Iraq. Iraq says that many of the attacks were against non-military targets and have resulted in civilian deaths. The Iraqis said six people were injured in Monday's air strikes, which they claimed included civilian targets in the southern city of Basra.

U.S. military officials said the attacks are only initiated in response to Iraqi fire, and that the increase mirrors an increase by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's forces in anti-aircraft and surface-to-air missile attacks on U.S. and British jets. But they acknowledged that military planners are taking full advantage of the opportunity Saddam is handing them, targeting Iraq's integrated air defense network for destruction in a "systemic" fashion that will ease the way for U.S. air and ground forces if President Bush decides that war is the only option for disarming Iraq.

The aggressive tactics were ordered by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who disclosed in September that he had urged commanders to focus their retaliatory strikes not just on Iraqi radar and missile systems, but on air defense communications centers in an attempt to degrade Iraq's overall air defense network.

Last month, U.S. military officials acknowledged that they used an incident of Iraqi fire on jets patrolling the northern "no-fly" zone to justify a retaliatory strike in the south. The tactic represented another escalation of enforcement activity by the Bush administration.

"The Iraqi regime has increased its attacks on our coalition, so the coalition has increased its efforts to protect its pilots," said Jim Wilkinson, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command in Tampa. "Every coalition action is in direct response to Iraqi hostility, or against our pilots, or the regime's attempts to materially improve its military infrastructure south of the 33rd parallel."

Anthony Cordesman, a former defense official now at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the increased U.S. air attacks are far more than retaliation, however. "You enforce contain-

ment when you carry out these strikes and you deter Iraq from any kind of military advance," Cordesman said. "And when you conduct these strikes, you are preparing part of the battlefield for a war. But it doesn't mean that you've gone to war, and it doesn't mean war is inevitable." He said in almost any case, upgrading air defenses in southern Iraq, said Loren Thompson, a defense analyst at the Lexington Institute with ties to defense contractors and the Pentagon, will enable the U.S. military "to send in almost anything its wants — bombers, fighters, and helicopters with Special Operations Forces" should Bush decide to go to war.

Freedom of movement across the border for U.S. aircraft would be especially important in a war against Iraq, Thompson said, since the Pentagon envisions flying thousands of troops directly into airfields inside Iraq aboard slow-moving C-17 transporters.

Retired Air Force Col. John Warden, a key figure in planning the U.S. air campaign against Iraq in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, said every radar system and missile destroyed by U.S. aircraft is an indication of conflict will help war planners. "Anything that would need to be knocked out that is knocked out now saves some sorties once the war starts," Warden said. "I suspect some of the attacks are really just an indication of the fit for rat that has gone on for a long time — but with some obvious value in the event of a war."

### Bush will propose increase in primary food aid program

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush will seek a 1 percent increase next year for the government's primary nutrition program for low-income infants, preschoolers and pregnant women, enough to reach an additional 400,000 people, officials said Tuesday.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said the recommendation in the 2004 budget that Bush will send to Congress next month would enable the government to feed nearly 8 million women and children, compared with 7.6 million now under the WIC — Women, Infants and Children — program.

"They are not huge numbers in terms of percentage increases but these are record levels for the WIC program overall, and represent a significant continued trend of increasing the numbers of people that are being funded," Veneman said.

"It looks like it's going to be needed to see the level of need on that out there right now," said Seth Boffelli, a spokesman for Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, the senior Democrat on the Senate Agriculture Committee.

### U.S. officials suspend gene therapy studies

**WASHINGTON** — U.S. officials are suspending 27 more gene therapy studies while they investigate a possible serious risk. A second toddler cured of the deadly "bubble boy disease" by gene therapy in France has come down with an apparent leukemia-like side effect.

The mark is the second time in three months that health officials have interrupted gene therapy studies because of the grave side

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 On the 7th day of May, 2003, at the hour of 10:30 A.M., of said day, (recovered local time) in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho. First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc. an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash or cashiers check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all property, situate in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 11 of G.B. BAR SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book 10 of Plans, Page 10, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
On Monday, April 14, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the office of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., located at 311 2nd Street North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, or money order, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time and date, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2 In Block 27 of Filer Townships, according to the official plat thereof, recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of said Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the trustee has been informed that the street address of 125 6th Street, Filer, Idaho 83328, may sometimes be associated with said real property.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale shall be postponed for a minimum of 10 days to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within the above time, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code § 60-113. A cash sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale appearing on the deed of trust for this sale. This sale is being conducted by **CONNELLY AND CHARLOTTE CONNELLY, Husband and Wife, as Grantor, to ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORPORATION, as Trustee, for the benefit of Debtor, David Smith, a married man as his sole and separate property as Beneficiary, recorded October 2, 2000 as Instrument No. 2000-018854. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(1)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.**

The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to make principal and interest payments as set forth on said deed of trust and promissory note. The original loan amount was \$30,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 9.0% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated September 28, 2000. Payments were in default for the months of October and November of 2002 in the amount of \$304.28 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance of principal plus interest and accrued interest thereon at the rate of 9.0% per annum, from and after October 2, 2002. The total amount due in addition to the above, there is also due any escrow collection fees, late charges, advances, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure and the balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$27,950.56, excluding interest and costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Dated December 8, 2002.

**ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP.**  
s/Bobb O'Neil, Trust Officer  
PUBLISH December 26, 2002, January 2, 9 and 16, 2003

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
FA-15077

On the 7th day of May, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Street North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash or cashiers check (cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States), all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(1) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Section 36. That part of the NE1/4SE14, described as follows:  
BEGINNING at a point on the East line of said Section 36, which is North 0° 17' West 1537.7 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section;  
RUNNING Thence North 45° 31' West 210 feet along the South-westerly boundary of which is designated as Tax No. 175;  
RUNNING Thence North 44° 29' East to the East line of said Section 36;  
RUNNING Thence South 0° 37' East along the East line of said Section to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

EXCEPTING that portion thereof used or dedicated as streets or alleys, all in the Twin Falls County, Idaho, as recorded in the records of the Twin Falls County Recorder, Twin Falls, Idaho.  
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of the County Assessor's office, the address of 406 7th Avenue South, Buhl, Idaho, is sometimes associated with this real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by JOEL MEIERHOFF AND RENEE MEIERHOFF, as grantors to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. an Idaho Corporation, as successsor trustee for the benefit and security of Advanta National Bank, as beneficiary, recorded August 16, 1999, as Instrument No. 1999-0481. This sale is being conducted by **DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Custodian or Trustee for Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A. as Beneficiary and Trustee, as beneficiary, by assignment recorded December 17, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002026441. Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(1)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.**

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal and Interest of \$273.04, due per month for the months of September through November, 2002 and payments under said Deed of Trust, as to date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$29.00, with interest accruing at 6.25% per annum, and continuing to accrue from said date to 2003. Also due are delinquent and unpaid taxes for 2001. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$22,587.77, plus accrued interest, attorney's fees and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amount advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or convey the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.  
Dated December 26, 2002.  
**FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC.**  
s/Elsha M. Rice, Trust Officer  
PUBLISH January 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 2003

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ORDNANCE NO. 2744

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, VACATING THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DEEDS AND THE VESTING OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY SO VACATED.
WHEREAS, ROGER and TERRI MOORE have made application for vacating a 7.5 acre portion of real property located at 1175 Northern Pine Drive in the City of Twin Falls; and
WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, held a Public Hearing as required by law on the 10th day of December, 2002, to consider the vacation of the real property below described; and
WHEREAS, the City Planning and Zoning Commission has made recommendations to the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, and
WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, held a Public Hearing to consider the same matter on the 17th day of December, 2002;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO:
SECTION 1. That the following described real property be and the same is hereby VACATED:
A part of the SW1/4 of Section 5, Township 10 South Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, also a parcel of land located in North Park Subdivision No. 3. Said subdivision plat is recorded in Book 1, Page 1, in the Twin Falls County Recorder's Office, Twin Falls, Idaho. Said parcel is more particularly described as follows:
COMMENCING at the corner common to Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 9 of said North Park Subdivision No. 3; THENCE North 45° 33' 00" East 5' 00" feet along the property line common to Lots 5 and 6 to the Real Point of Beginning;
THENCE South 44° 27' 00" East 70' 75" feet parallel to the property line common to Lots 3 and 6 of said subdivision;
THENCE North 48° 31' 06" East 25' feet parallel to south east property line of Lot 6;
THENCE North 42° 00' West 70' 88" feet along a line parallel to the property line common to Lots 3 and 6 of Block 9 of said subdivision;
THENCE South 45° 33' 00" West 25' feet along a line parallel to the property line common to Lots 5 and 6 of Block 9 of said subdivision and the Real Point of Beginning (containing 0.004 acres);
SECTION 2. That title to the real property by the Ordinance vacated be divided among the adjoining property owners in the portions herebelow described and that deeds be issued to the persons named below, and NAME: Roger L. Moore and Terri A. Moore, husband and wife;
ADDRESS: 1175 Northern Pine Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301
PROPERTY all that property described in Section 1 above;
SECTION 3. That the City Clerk amend duly upon the passage and publication of this Ordinance as required by law, certify a copy of the same and deliver said certified copy to the County Recorder's Office for recording and recording;
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL January 9, 2003
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/Lance W. Cloyd, Mayor
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must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.

Idaho, will sell to general public on February 8, 2003, the contents belonging to: Ted Long & Jill Pathwell, Unit #40, last known address was 605 4th St. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

PUBLISH: January 16, 2003  
LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Idaho Code 45-1506(4)(a), the contents consist of: Household items and tools. Rolfe Sheets, Unit #69, last known address was 479 7/8 Pierce St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY given pursuant to Idaho Code 45-805 that Stash II Mini Storage, 891 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls,

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On Wednesday the 30th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day, (recognized local time), in the lobby of the office of TWIN FALLS TITLE & ESCROW, located at 805 SIOUXHORN STREET NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO 83303, STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC. as Successor Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following property described as follows: A parcel of land located in Block 1 of Industrial Park Subdivision No. 1, west quarter of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 17 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 23; Thence North 0°32'30" East along the West boundary of Section 23 and centere of Eastland Drive South for a distance of 549.72 feet to the intersection of the centerline of Eastland Drive South and the centerline of Warren Avenue; Thence South 89°27'30" East along the centerline of Warren Avenue for a distance of 1597.75 feet; Thence North 00°32'30" East for a distance of 33.0 feet to the Southwest corner of Block 1 of Industrial Park Subdivision No. 1 and being the True Point of Beginning; Thence South 89°27'30" East along the South Boundary of Block 1 for a distance of 622.95 feet; Thence continuing along the South Boundary of Block 1, North 47°57'45" East for a distance of 169.73 feet; Thence continuing along the South Boundary of Block 1, North 62°09'00" East for a distance of 79.87 feet; Thence North 00°05'10" East for a distance of 56.46 feet; Thence North 00°54'50" East for a distance of 109.13 ft; Thence North 00°05'10" East for a distance of 82.63 feet to a point on the curve of the Southerly right-of-way boundary of the Union Pacific Railroad and North boundary of Block 1; Thence Southwesterly along the Southerly right-of-way boundary of the Union Pacific Railroad and North boundary of Block 1 on the Arc of a Curve to the right for a distance of 198.56 feet, said Arc having a long chord bearing and distance of South 78°42'44" West 197.18 ft; Thence North 89°27'30" East along the Southerly right-of-way of the Union Pacific Railroad and North boundary of Block 1 for a distance of 514.96 feet to the Northwest corner of Block 1; Thence South 00°32'30" West along the West boundary of Block 1 for a distance of 250.0 feet to the Southwest corner of Block 1 and the True Point of Beginning.

A parcel of land located in Block 1 of Industrial Park Subdivision No. 1, which is in the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 17 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 23; Thence North 0°32'30" East 549.72 feet along the West boundary of Section 23 to the centerline of Warren Avenue; Thence South 89°27'30" East 1597.75 feet along the centerline of Warren Avenue; Thence North 00°32'30" East for a distance of 33.0 feet to the Southwest corner of Block 1 of Industrial Park Subdivision No. 1; Thence South 89°27'30" East 435.92 feet along the South boundary of Block 1 to the Real Point of Beginning; Thence North 00°32'30" West 20.00 feet; Thence North 00°32'30" East 60.00 feet to a point on the North boundary of said Block 1; Thence South 89°27'30" East 98.97 feet along the North boundary of said Block 1; Thence along a curve left on the boundary of said Block 1, R - 480.87 feet, A - 197.57 feet, C - 197.16 feet, T - 100.72 feet, LCB - North 78°42'44" East; Thence South 00°05'10" West 82.68 feet; Thence South 89°54'50" East 108.13 feet; Thence South 00°05'10" West 56.46 feet to a point on the Southerly boundary of said Block 1; Thence South 82°09'00" West 79.87 feet along the Southerly boundary of said Block 1; Thence South 47°57'45" West 169.73 feet along the Southerly boundary of said Block 1; Thence North 89°27'30" West 186.74 feet along the South boundary of said Block 1 to the Real Point of Beginning.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 50-113. The Trustee has been informed that the street address of 2499 WARREN AVENUE, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by K. ANTHONY TUCKER and REBECCA A. TUCKER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO BAKER A. BAUER, a BATTERED MAN DEALING IN HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantors to STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC. as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of FARMERS NATIONAL BANK, a Beneficiary, dated September 01, 1998, recorded September 01, 1998, as Instrument No. 1998-018021, records of TWIN FALLS County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the monthly payments in the amount of \$2,491.55 for the month of July, 2002, and in the amount of \$2,522.31 per month for August, September and October, 2002, and continuing with each and every month thereafter until date of reinstatement or sale, plus late charges, if any. The original loan amount was \$240,000.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of nine and 5/8% (9.625%) per annum, or as provided in a promissory note dated September 1, 1998. The unpaid principal balance as of November 18, 2002 is \$232,642.11, together with accrued and unpaid interest to November 18, 2002 in the amount of \$744.30. The per item is \$43.78. In addition to the above, there is also due any unpaid or delinquent real property taxes and/or assessments, plus any late charges on the payments, and attorney fees. Trustees fees and costs and any amounts advanced by the Beneficiary herein to protect the interest of the Deed of Trust being foreclosed. Dated December 30, 2002. Stewart Title of Boise, Inc. Successor Trustee By Linda D. Irwin, Trust Officer

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