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Legislators look at school consolidation

Howard tries to deflect cost-cutting inquiries

The Associated Press

BOISE - State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard asked lawmakers on Monday to maintain the state's commitment to education despite Idaho's current financial crisis.

Good schools are important every year, not just when we're flush," Howard told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee.

But she was put on notice immediately that the House-Senate panel is as committed

to limiting, if not avoiding, a tax increase this year as it was last. Committee members peppered her with questions about where more cash could be trimmed from the budget that

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By Julie Pearce
Times-News writer

BOISE - The issue of school consolidation is getting attention again.

More than a few lawmakers view it as a viable way to not only save money, but to improve education in public schools. The subject tends to surface every time the state's economy heads south.

As early as next week, legislators are hinting the issue of consolidating some of Idaho 114 school districts might get some close scrutiny in the



House Speaker Bruce Newcomb

House Education Committee. "Before we raise taxes, don't you think we ought to take a look at how we could use the money better that we do have?" said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, on Monday.

Specifically, lawmakers are looking at how to put several small school districts together under one administration - or in some cases, put all schools in one county together under one superintendent.

Both Newcomb and Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, are graduates of the Cassia County School District, which has been consolidated since the 1950s. Both say the district has prospered under the arrangement. "We've done quite well," Bedke said, noting that the setup of the countywide district allows each community to retain its own identity with school buildings and athletic teams in each town. At

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RAISING THE BAR

TFHS moves toward higher graduation requirements, schedule change

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Change is coming soon to Twin Falls High School in the form of increased graduation requirements and perhaps longer school days.

In the spirit of demanding more academic performance from its students, high school officials are looking at requiring each student to take three years of science and three years of math, an increase from the current two years for both.

But to do so is going to require a change to the school day. The two plans hatched around are a longer school day with seven periods, an increase over the current six periods, or going to a block schedule of 90-minute classes. Thus, hundreds of educators filled the high school's cafeteria Monday as part of a two-day in-service, learning how to best achieve student learning in 90-minute blocks of time.

Such a move is part of the high school's adoption of "High Schools That Work," a nationwide program that functions as it sounds, it lets participating schools browse and choose from one another's programs or methods that have successful track records.

One of its tenets is creating stiffer graduation requirements. The goal is to have all students taking a rigorous curriculum as if college were the goal, regardless of whether that is a student's aim. Some students might never achieve calculus or advanced chemistry, but they are expected to at least have a background in those subjects.

"That's a different concept for us," Principal Ben Allen said. "By upping its standards, Twin Falls High School would catch up to some of its peers such as Buhl and Kimberly high schools, which already feature the three-year requirements."

A different approach
During Monday's in-service, Michael Hickman of Virginia



Jeanine Berriochoa, left, and Patty Silvers work on an exercise designed to teach students critical thinking skills during an in-service day at Twin Falls High School Monday. The high school is considering a change to a block schedule.

teaching the microphone, speaking on teaching strategies to get students more involved in the lessons at hand, strategies that can be incorporated into any type of schedule, block or otherwise.

Hickman was a faculty member of the first school in Virginia

to adopt a block schedule, changing in 1994 from seven 48-minute periods to four 90-minute periods.

The school did so for the same reason that Twin Falls is contemplating the change: to increase student academic performance.

But this is about more than just higher test scores; it's about taking student knowledge to a deeper level. Rather than learning enough to regurgitate correct answers on tests, students must

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Powell urges Iraq action to Security Council

Knight Ridder News Service

UNITED NATIONS - The United States clashed sharply Monday with its would-be allies over possible military action against Iraq in what could be a preview of a U.N. Security Council meeting next week, when weapons inspectors are to issue a key report.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, addressing a meeting on combating terrorism, urged fellow leaders not to shrink from contemplating the use of force against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"We cannot be shocked into impotence because we're afraid of the difficult choices that are ahead of us," Powell said.

His tough words reflected the Bush administration's determination not to let the 2-month-old inspections process play out much longer, on the grounds that Saddam has shown no sign of fully relinquishing his nuclear, chemical and biological weapons



U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell addresses a United Nations Security Council session on combating terrorism Monday.

programs. Instead, Washington wants the Security Council to debate what to do next, including the option of military action.

But Powell was virtually alone

in insisting that Saddam is guilty unless proven innocent, and that the time is near to consider war on Iraq.

Iraq made the U.S. case harder Monday with an offer of greater cooperation, just one week before the inspectors' report on the first two months of renewed weapons inspections. The government promised to encourage its scientists to talk with U.N. inspectors in private and said it would turn over more documents and clarify others. The Iraqi government also announced it would form its own teams to search for banned weapons.

"We believe today nothing justifies envisaging military action," French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin said Monday. France holds the rotating council presidency in January.

De Villepin urged the United States not to act in Iraq without international backing.

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Hospital considers facility planning

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Long term facility planning is an ongoing process for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

There are many questions that have to be answered before ground is broken on any new project. Is the current building strong enough to withstand renovation? Is there room to grow? What additional services is the hospital planning on adding down the road?

"If we can provide better services, we can improve health care," said Hospital Board member Terry S. Buhler, chairman of the board's Planning and Community Relations Committee, a 10-plus member committee made up of a cross section of the community.

The hospital most plan not just a few years ahead, but 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ahead, said Hospital Board Chairman Aristo Maughan. She said long term facility planning has been a continuing discussion during the 10 years she has been on the board. But things are starting to move ahead.

"In the last six months, we have driven hard to get out there and find out what our choices might be," Maughan said.

The Hospital Board Monday heard from two design build firms - one of which it will eventually

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What's next

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board will meet Monday to discuss facility planning.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the boardroom of the hospital, 1000 E. Main St., Twin Falls.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS ON RACE



President Bush speaks during a tribute to the life and legacy of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden in Landover, Md., near Washington, Monday. Bush was invited to the altar by Pastor John K. Jenkins Sr., right. For details on what Bush said, see Page C3.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and breezy with a small chance for a rain or snow shower. Highs in the lower to middle 40s.
Tonight: Cloudy with increasing wind and isolated snow showers. Lows in the upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and brisk with more rain or snow showers possible. Highs in the middle 40s.

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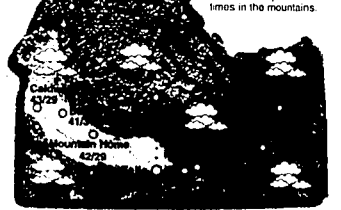
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
A very snowy weather pattern will develop this week in the mountains. Snow will be expected mostly overnight and it could be quite heavy at times. Travel will be difficult at times.

Today Highs 23 to 28 Tonight's Lows to 28
BOISE
Cloudy, brisk and unsettled over the next several days. Isolated rain or snow showers will be possible at times. Highs well and slick roads are possible.

Today High/Lows 34 to 44/28 to 34
NORTHERN UTAH
Mostly cloudy and brisk over the next few days. Snow will be possible at times in the mountains.



Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 42 at Lower Lew. 1st Snow weather key: sun/sunny; pt/partly cloudy; mc/mostly cloudy; c/cloudy; in/thunderstorms; sn/snow; r/rain; s/snow; fl/flooding; w/wind; m/mist

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Hospital

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...renovating and building hospitals for more than 40 years. Now, the typical hospital stay is about four days.

...board decided to withhold its final decision until its Feb. 3 meeting to give board members time to pore through all the information presented Monday.

...The Hospital Board must look at a number of things during the planning portion of the design-build process. It must examine the hospital's location, its function and its budget, said Terry Wright, Jacobson's vice president of estimating.

...The board makes the decisions, and then we facilitate those decisions," Wright said.

...One thing the hospital has learned in the process is that there's a good chance it could effectively remodel and reconstruct on its current property and that it would cost significantly less than building a new hospital.

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High 43 Low 29 45/31 45/27 42/31 45/30

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Temperature: Yesterday's High 32, Low 24. Precipitation: Yesterday 0.00". Humidity: Yesterday High 102%, Low 67%. Barometric Pressure: 5 p.m. Yesterday 30.10". Sunrise and Sunset: Today Sunrise: 6:58 AM, Sunset: 5:26 PM.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, Challis, etc. with high/low forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Boise: High 42, Low 28. Burley: High 40, Low 26. Challis: High 38, Low 24. Coeur d'Alene: High 40, Low 26. Elgin: High 38, Low 24. Eugene: High 36, Low 22. Graceland: High 34, Low 20. Hayden: High 32, Low 18. Idaho Falls: High 30, Low 16. Ketchikan: High 28, Low 14. Jerome: High 26, Low 12. Lewiston: High 24, Low 10. Madras: High 22, Low 8. Malheur: High 20, Low 6. Moscow: High 18, Low 4. Nampa: High 16, Low 2. Oakesdale: High 14, Low 0. Pocatello: High 12, Low -2. Power: High 10, Low -4. Prater: High 8, Low -6. Rexburg: High 6, Low -8. Shoshone: High 4, Low -10. Teton: High 2, Low -12. Twin Falls: High 0, Low -14. Victor: High -2, Low -16. Wallace: High -4, Low -18. Waiilatpe: High -6, Low -20. Weiser: High -8, Low -22. Yellowstone: High -10, Low -24.

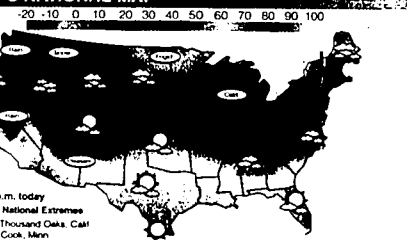
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WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Schedule

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...going beyond rote memory and truly understand what they're learning, Hickman said.

...It's one thing to know, it's another thing to understand," he said. "With the understanding, they can use it later on."

...Ninety-minute periods allow teachers to slow down, to teach more effectively and have time to debrief and reflect at the end of the periods. That's a change from the "quickly lecture and then assign homework" method that many teachers must apply in their 55-minute class periods.

...Going to the block schedule has caught on with several high schools throughout the Magic Valley. Both Hagerman and Kimberly are in their first year.

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Iraq

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...Unilateral military intervention will be perceived as a victory for the law of the strongest," he said.

...While France has long been cautious about using force to disarm Saddam, de Villepin's words telegraphed France's apparent determination to block any U.S. move to get U.N. authorization for war.

...France - along with China, Russia, Britain and the United States - holds veto power in the Security Council.

...China and Germany agreed

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Bin Laden used ruse to flee U.S. forces, Moroccans say

The Washington Post
...RABAT, Morocco - With U.S. forces closing in on him during the battle of Tora Bora in late 2001, Osama bin Laden employed a simple feat against sophisticated U.S. spy technology to vanish into the mountains that led to Pakistan and sanctuary, according to senior Moroccan officials.

...A Moroccan who was one of bin Laden's longtime bodyguards took possession of the al Qaeda leader's

...satellite phone on the assumption that U.S. intelligence agencies were monitoring it to get a fix on their position, said the officials, who have interviewed the bodyguard, Abdallah Tabaarak.

...Tabarak moved away from bin Laden and his entourage as they fled; he continued to use the phone in an effort to divert the Americans and allow bin Laden to escape. Tabarak was captured at Tora Bora in possession of the phone, officials said.

...concerned that this increased focus on academics may have the cascading effect (sic) of providing less Professional/Technical electives."

...The letter was signed by Ken King of Latham Motors, Renee Bullen of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Rob Holmgren of ConAgra Foods and Marty Hand of Dell Computer Corp.

...Without an extended day, electives indeed would have to be cut, Allen said.

...In fact, just the opposite might occur. High Schools That Work was spawned from vocational schools that performed exceptionally well academically.

...Thus, another one of its stipulations is that students must take a fair amount of professional/technical classes. While there's no shortage of students taking college-prep courses at Twin Falls High School, interest in professional/technical classes remains low, Allen said.

...That's an area that we're going to have to look into and see if we really feel that's important for the students here in Twin Falls," Allen said.

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School

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...school district can choose as part of its budgeting process how much money to put into contingency reserves and how much to spend," he said.

...Newcomb believes two-thirds of the state's school district administrations could be eliminated and up to \$5 million could be saved. He pointed to Twin Falls County with its eight school districts as an ideal candidate for consolidating administration. The largest - Twin Falls School District - has over 7,000 students, and the smallest - Three Creek - runs at around 10 students.

...Newcomb said the entire county could be under one administration, but he also said the county

Changing methods

Twin Falls High School is entering its second year of the High Schools That Work program. Among the changes made in the last year:

- Teachers have trained as advisers.
• The school and its coaches will be working on small groups of students to help go beyond academics and career.

...hours go into that day of work.

...Normally, changing the schedule doesn't require negotiating higher pay," Donicht said.

...However, it could mean hiring more teachers to accommodate the increase in teaching responsibility. Allen, adding extra teaching periods requires more prep time from teachers.

...Extending the school day would also allow the school to continue offering professional/technical electives, something that might ease the fears of local business leaders.

...A December letter addressed to Allen said, "It has come to our attention that you and others are making aggressive efforts to raise the graduation requirements at Twin Falls High School... We are

...responsibilities, he predicted.

...That's what happened when the Bruneau and Grand View school districts consolidated, said Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View. The two districts had been only 18 miles apart.

...We've had thought we would have saved money with only one administration," Field said. "But we found it cost us more to consolidate."

...It cost more to run the lunch programs, Field said, and the district found itself hiring assistant superintendents for each school.

...But we found there was one good thing about the whole thing," she said. "We have a better curriculum."

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HACKER TRAPPERS

New software aims to snare intruders

The Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A suspected crooked insider at a New York software company sells consumer-credit reports to identity thieves, at roughly \$30 a pop, in a high-tech scam that prosecutors say victimizes thousands.

An unemployed British computer administrator fights extradition to face federal charges in Virginia and New Jersey that he hacked into 92 separate U.S. military and government networks, often getting past easy-to-guess passwords to download sensitive data.

These and other recent data intrusions, whose authors are typically intent on theft, sabotage or cyberterrorism, have given rise to a promising profiling strategy aimed at preventing online break-ins as they happen.

Just as authorities use profiling to guard against criminals at ports and borders, researchers at the State University of New York at Buffalo are developing software that can generate highly personalized profiles of network users by analyzing the sequences of commands entered at each computer terminal.

The system — a prototype is likely to be ready for intensive testing this summer — could provide a high-grade layer of protection for military installations and government agencies as well as



Shambhu Upadhyaya, of the State University of New York at Buffalo, looks over one of the computer labs in Buffalo, N.Y., Thursday. The Buffalo school is one of 36 research and teaching centers designated by the National Security Agency since 1998 to help safeguard America's information technology systems.

banking or other commercial networks that require especially tight monitoring.

The software draws up regularly updated profiles by closely tracking over time how each person performs an array of routine tasks, such as opening files, sending e-mail or searching archives.

Designed to tell if someone has strayed into an unauthorized zone or is masquerading as an employee using a stolen password, the program keeps watch for even subtle deviations in behavior.

Alerted to anomalies, network administrators then begin monitoring more aggressively to assess whether pilferage is in progress.

"The ultimate goal is to detect intrusions or violations occurring on the fly," said chief researcher Shambhu Upadhyaya, a SUNY

Buffalo computer science professor. "There are systems that try to do this in real time but the problem is it results in too many false alarms."

Keeping false alarms to a manageable minimum is key, but extremely difficult to achieve, said Bruce Schneier, a network security and cryptography expert and author of "Secrets & Lies: Digital Security in a Networked World."

"These systems live and die on false alarms," said Schneier. "You see this problem in facial recognition, trying to catch terrorists by recognizing faces in airports. All those trials failed miserably."

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mation technology systems.

Aided by doctoral student Ramkumar Chinchani and Kevin Kwiat of the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, N.Y., Upadhyaya began examining in 1999 whether monitoring simple user commands instead of network traffic might produce faster, more effective monitoring.

Some computer-security products that feature user-profiling seek out deviations on the basis of huge amounts of data flowing through entire networks. They're typically 60 percent to 80 percent reliable, whereas simulation tests indicated the new software would be up to 94 percent reliable, Upadhyaya said.

The software borrows from risk-analysis economic models. And even if it proves successful, the software would be just one tool of the many needed to defend computer security, Upadhyaya said.

"Hackers are a step ahead of you always," he explained, noting that the military "is especially worried about the insider who's been there a long time and learned all the loopholes."

Mike Kurdziel, an information security specialist at Harris Corp., which makes tactical military radios, thinks Upadhyaya has come up with a solid way to curtail false alarms.

"Other intrusion techniques require something like looking at audit logs after the damage has already occurred," Kurdziel said. "The advantages offered by this approach is an intruder with malicious intent can be identified very early and a system operator can contain the damage, repair it in real time and shut out the intruder."

Mac's take a backseat

By James Costas
Chicago Tribune

Computer Q&A

Q: I enjoy your column but can't help wonder why very little, if any, questions regarding the Mac line make it to your column. Secondly, would you comment on income tax software, good and bad, for PCs and Macs?

—Bill Toft

A: At last count Apple Computer Inc. accounted for 2.3 percent of all U.S. computer sales, compared with the 9 percent it had when I first started writing computer columns on my Macintosh Quadra back in 1992. So I find myself in the strange position of being somebody who spends probably 40 percent of his own time in front of computers at a Mac, and yet I only write a tiny portion of my work about them.

I heard about this recently from Barbara Passman, a longtime leader of The Rest Of Us, the Chicago Area's leading Mac user group (www.trou.org). She suggested that I could at least try to mention whatever Macintosh parallels might exist while writing about topics in the world so dominated by Windows.

Quicken Turbo Tax Deluxe for Mac and PC stands out this season. The \$40 price tag includes separate software for one state's tax forms of your choice along with roughly 1,000 IRS publications. The software also communicates with the Quicken for Mac personal finance software that lets users extract home budget data to complete tax forms.

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Unwanted AOL, MSN CDs keep on coming

By Phillip Robinson
Knight Ridder News Service

In the late 1800s the streets of major cities were sometimes knee deep in horse ... er, droppings. More people meant more transients meant more horses meant more droppings. The smell was an annoyance, the cleanup was a big expense, the filth was a serious health threat. Only the technological revolution of the automobile saved us.

In the early 2000s the homes of America face a similar threat, this time from another kind of, well, droppings: tens of millions of unwanted and unnecessary AOL and MSN CDs. Call it solid SPAM.

Technology could save us again. But only if we ignore the marketing blather of AOL and MSN.

Way back in the mid-1960s you needed a diskette or CD to get on the Internet, because you needed software that would dial up an Internet connection phone number, e-mail software to see and respond to messages and Web browser software to view Web pages. The CD held that software. For years, most computers, home time equipped with standard dialing, e-mail, and browser software, CDs are no longer necessary. So why are we still mandated with new CDs, packaged with magazines, dropped in our shopping bags, popping out of our mailboxes, falling on us at video stores, copy shops and post offices?

Because the two biggest brands — AOL and MSN — don't want you to use standard Internet software. They want you to have, install and stick with their own particular software. They claim that their

software is easier and better than the standard stuff.

Funny thing: They don't mention that using their software will make it harder for you to switch to other Internet access providers. Other, lower-cost Internet providers.

AOL is the worst offender here, with Instant Messaging software that refuses connection to other IM systems and e-mail software that won't cooperate with standard e-mail systems. But MSN is headed in the same direction, away from standards.

So they'll keep shoveling CDs into the streets and into the mailboxes, hoping you'll insert one into your computer and catch the non-standard Internet. And our desks and closets and landfills will continue to choke on CD trays while postal workers will suffer from the pointless bulk mail (some AOL CDs now come in metal cases!).

How can we fight the CD plague?

One way is to join with NoMoreAOLCDs.com. The guys behind this site ask you to mail them your AOL CDs. When they get a million, they intend to dump them at AOL headquarters in a

"put a cork in it" statement.

Another way would be to tell AOL and MSN to put more worthwhile stuff on the CDs. The latest AOL CD I just received, for example, has nearly 300 megabytes of blank space. That could have held hundreds of classic books as e-texts. Or it could have contained first-aid information, government databases, encyclopedias, all sorts of things. Then the CDs would be worth keeping. If AOL had a clue about the life-and-death struggle it is in with Microsoft's MSN, those megabytes would contain free software such as OpenOffice.org that would eat into Microsoft's soft-

ware monopoly.

Ever considered collecting the CDs? Then you might be happy to see new ones arrive. There are several thousand variations that AOL has emitted since the beginning. I don't know how many CDs MSN has pushed out in its shorter lifetime) and the Internet plays host to folks who want to swap and store their way to complete catalogues of the line. Just search on "AOL CDs" at Google or other search engine. Or check eBay. That's right. People pay for CDs. "Sparky" has a site called <http://www.aolcollecting.com/> and offers a book on the subject.

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EDITORIAL

Affirmative action policies conflict with King's ideals

Few political topics have spanned as long or burrowed as deep in America's soul as the issue of race.

The irony is that Bush is criticized as an anti-civil-rights president for filing the brief, when his principle is the same one King preached from the Lincoln Memorial in his "I Have a Dream" speech: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Our view: Race-based admissions policies in higher education violate the constitutional principle of equal protection under law.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

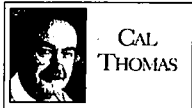
When a public university openly gives admission preferences to students of color, while merit and achievement receive a lower priority, it violates the ideals for which King stood. The Michigan law school policy and others like it around the country blatantly tell applicants the content of their character is less important than the color of their skin.

Those who defend race-based admissions policies contend these policies are the best way to assure a diverse student body and fairness for minorities. But that argument clashes with the principle of equity that defined the Civil Rights Era. The only way to achieve that equity is to make admission policies colorblind.

Bush and other opponents of race-based policies (which include some prominent African-American leaders) are accused of trying to destroy the legacy of King and the Civil Rights movement. That kind of intolerance for ideas only intensifies racial tensions. Just the opposite is true. By opposing an internal system of racial preferences, Bush is trying to take down walls of racial division — not build them back up.

How to read those meaningless Gallup polls

The latest Gallup Poll shows President Bush's approval rating has fallen below 60 percent (to 58 percent) for the first time since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America. The poll is as unrealistic as the one that showed 90 percent of the public approved of his performance after that fateful day.

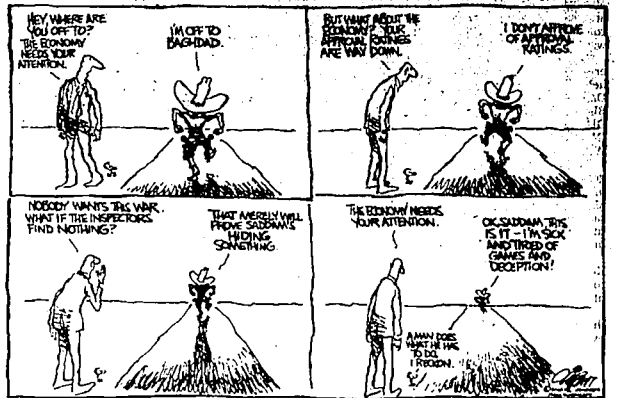


Cal Thomas: Polling has become a type of meat thermometer. The pollster, like the thermometer, is more tuned to the process than to the result. At least the meat thermometer is more likely to be accurate than the pollster, which measures opinion not on the level of the respondent's knowledge or expertise but feelings and impressions: 1002 adults, aged 18 or over, were surveyed, but the possibility of ignorance (in addition to error) is contained in two statements buried within the poll. "In addition to sampling error," begins the disclaimer, "questions involving any practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls."

The first question in the Gallup survey asks, "Based on what you have heard or read, please say whether you favor or oppose each of the following economic proposals."

Heard or read? Heard from whom and read in what? Do we know where the respondents are getting their information? If it is from the broadcast networks, or newspapers like The New York Times and The Washington Post, the likelihood is they will reflect the bias against Bush's domestic and foreign policies contained in those media.

What qualifies those surveyed to have an opinion on Bush's economic or foreign policies? Is it



anything more than subjective conclusions? The poll doesn't say. Indeed, it cannot say.

Amazingly, the poll reveals that while Gallup's measure of the president's approval has declined, most people support the very economic and foreign policies he is pursuing. An earlier Gallup Poll, conducted Jan. 3-5, just before either party announced its economic "stimulus" proposal, found that 86 percent of those surveyed want to expand tax credits for families with children and nearly as many (80 percent) support reducing additional taxes married couples may pay when both spouses work. Sixty-five percent want the tax cuts approved in 2001 to take effect immediately and not over several years, which is precisely what the president has asked from Congress.

When it comes to his handling of Iraq, the Gallup Poll shows two seemingly antithetical results. The poll says 42 percent of Americans disapprove of the way Bush is handling foreign

affairs, the highest disapproval he has received on this issue. But the poll also shows a majority (51 percent) believe that Iraq poses a greater threat to the United States than North Korea, which is what the president has said. Why this double-mindedness? Possibly it is the confusion produced in many minds between reality and the media's perception of reality.

Most Americans pay little attention to economics, except their own. That's why, in a recent Associated Press story, a woman was quoted as saying she is concerned about the federal deficit. She said she and her husband had recently gotten out of debt, and she thought the country should follow their example. This was a story about people who don't want a tax cut. One might as well accept financial advice from a palm reader as to interview someone with no knowledge about the historical effects of tax cuts on the economy.

My sense is that President Bush will not be swayed by these polls, any more than he was swayed by the one that put him at 90 percent approval. At the time, he indicated that polls were fickle, and he was simply going to do what he believed best for the country.

He should, and will, continue on that course. With a Republican (though not conservative) majority in Congress, he can get more done than when Democratic obstructionists often prevailed. The proof of whether his policies work will be determined not by subjective opinions, as measured by polls, but by objective truth as measured by results.

We elect a president to lead us, not follow our opinions. This president has more than enough convictions to lead the country toward what works and not follow meaningless polls that were the Holy Grail to his predecessor.

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The math goes up with new half-cent sales tax

A 1.2-cent sales tax is a fraudulent attempt to mislead the public and the promoters of such a plan are planning to put a one-half cent tax into circulation. With a one-half cent tax, the tax on a number of items would be charged as 12 cents in the dollar. Taxable items of \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$60, \$70, \$80, \$90, \$100, \$110, \$120, \$130, \$140, \$150, \$160, \$170, \$180, \$190, \$200, \$210, \$220, \$230, \$240, \$250, \$260, \$270, \$280, \$290, \$300, \$310, \$320, \$330, \$340, \$350, \$360, \$370, \$380, \$390, \$400, \$410, \$420, \$430, \$440, \$450, \$460, \$470, \$480, \$490, \$500, \$510, \$520, \$530, \$540, \$550, \$560, \$570, \$580, \$590, \$600, \$610, \$620, \$630, \$640, \$650, \$660, \$670, \$680, \$690, \$700, \$710, \$720, \$730, \$740, \$750, \$760, \$770, \$780, \$790, \$800, \$810, \$820, \$830, \$840, \$850, \$860, \$870, \$880, \$890, \$900, \$910, \$920, \$930, \$940, \$950, \$960, \$970, \$980, \$990, \$1000.

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hugger picture. Repeatedly at Monday's meeting, those gathered said the GOP — beyond a few high level appointments such as Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell — has never really been willing to pay dues, parallel to those of its black members have paid to be part of the party. The most heat Republicans take for their black members is the heat of flashbulbs going off in photo opportunities. In short, black Republicans might not actually be pawns, but they have been treated as such by the GOP for far too long. Now is the time for the Republicans to step up or shut up. First wanted details — names, specific requests for help. He knows that if anything is to be done, new directions will be born of specific techniques, not talk of intentions. He and Racicot were surprisingly willing to admit failure and to speak as professionals who knew that a good amount could be done if there was the will to do it. While they acknowledged that certain things were within immediate reach, it became clear that what the GOP truly needed was a long-range plan, perhaps 10 years, to focus on the case. In the short range, there was a call for a shakeup on the grassroots level. The local parties don't give much help to those trying to organize and recruit blacks from precinct to district to county. It was also pointed out that black people need to be fully involved in the 2004 convention in New York, chairing committees and working on outreach. According to Williams, the heads of the GOP have been reaching out, contacting him, asking for resumes of black Republicans who could make strong contributions to the party.

To convince blacks, GOP needs to get serious

and giving the impression that they know change must come. Black Americans often think Republican but, out of habit, vote Democratic, even though the Democrats may not express their interests. One person at the meeting said President Bush and all party powerhouses need to remember that in the past, black leaders such as Roy Wilkins of the NAACP and Whitney Young of the Urban League were non-partisan. They represented the interests of black people, not the Democrats and not the Democratic Party's agenda. For one, I hope we eventually see our political skyline remade. It is surely time for the GOP and the Democrats to compete for the black vote — neither assume its support or ignore it. Then, perhaps, the problems of black Americans would have a better chance of being solved. Let's hope so.

Stanley Crouch is a columnist for the New York Daily News.

LETTERS

of common sense that is true
DONALD L. ROBINSON
Hazelton

Bowcut's actions are the real violation of rights

This letter is concerning the Helen Bowcut article in The Times-News dated Jan. 10, 2003. Helen Bowcut is suing Cassia County for \$100,000 on the account of her son's, Peter Bowcut, jail cell being searched and his possessions being taken. Do you actually condone your son's actions? How many children

has this sick person violated? Nobody will ever know. Don't you think these little people had their personal possessions taken from them? We die.

Peter thinks his sentence was excessive. Well, if you stop and think about it, he gave these children a life sentence. Helen Bowcut, by putting your energy somewhere else — like may be helping children who have been abused by people like your son. MICHELLE ANDERSON
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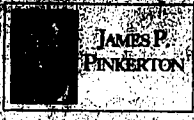
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In History



JAMES P. PINKERTON

Columnist Michael Kinsley, no great fan of Drudge's, subsequently declared that the 1998 Monica Lewinsky-Bill Clinton saga would establish the Internet as a 'go to' technology in the same way that the 1963 assassination of John F. Kennedy cemented the central role of television in American life.

University. Lamenting the rise of celebrity news-gathering, the author argued that journalists were indulging themselves in "a sort of stardom that was unthinkable a generation ago." One might wonder if that was really true - was Larry King really a bigger star in the '90s than Walter Cronkite in the '60s? - but Kerbel was reflecting the received wisdom of just eight years ago.

That same year, 1995, Drudge, a self-described "nobody" - no grand resume, no glam looks - started up the Drudge Report. At first, it was just himself gathering gossip for the amusement of friends. Yet the Drudge Report was different, because it was universally accessible, through the World Wide Web. Its author could get to anybody, and anybody could instant message him. And so the nature of news and news-gathering changed. No longer did it take a battalion of producers and edi-

tors and letters to put together a news product. It took just one man working by himself in his one-bedroom apartment in Manhattan.

Indeed, Drudge was something of a news-guerrilla. He scooped the Lewinsky story out from under Newsweek, which was still deliberating whether to run the story when he posted it on his Web site.

Media establishmentarians cried foul. But in the spirit of cyberspace, information wants to be free, and he freed it.

To Drudge's dismay, Clinton was not removed from office, but that's another lesson of the new media environment. As soon as Drudge made the Internet a player, others started playing, too. Pre-Clinton activists started up Web sites of their own, such as Moveon.org, and their impact was soon felt.

And so the "press wars" rage on in a new venue. The difference is twofold. First, anybody can join in the fray and, second, personalities have been radically de-emphasized. Webheads get no star turns, no million-dollar contracts.

Indeed, despite getting 5 million "hits" a day, Drudge himself is mostly anonymous. His picture does not appear on the site; he eschews fancy graphics, video, music.

Reached for an interview - by phone - Drudge, now relocated to Miami Beach, expresses an almost old-fashioned faith in that most ancient of communications tools: print.

"I still like black on white - black font on a white background," he says. "The drama of letters and words is the greatest drama." Thus the irony: Drudge is the newest, but clings to the oldest. And while his page will someday be history, his place in history's pages has already been marked.

James Pinkerton is a Newsday columnist.

LETTER

Maggies, Russian olives, have virtues and vices

I'm happy to see the letters-to-the-editor page of *The Times-News* allow for a debate on the virtues and vices of everyone's favorite tree, the Russian olive (*Elaeagnus agustifolia*) and everyone's favorite bird, the magpie (pica pica).

Let's consider the magpie first: It is native and both a predator and scavenger. Most wildlife biologists and ornithologists agree that magpie numbers are higher because of the year-round food supply, namely, motor vehicle kills of mammals. However, all is not blissful in magpie land, as horned owls and other birds will prey upon the adult birds and raid their nests.

Enter the non-native Russian olive. Magpies seek out trees with thick branches and lots of thorns to deter predators from getting to their nests - they could hardly pick a better tree

than the Russian olive. Because the Russian olive is invasive in our area, more Russian olives means more successful magpie nests, thus more magpies and thus more nest predators upon all sorts of birds - ground-nesting ducks, pheasants and quail being the most notable.

Indeed, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's research study at the Sterling Wildlife Management Area showed that duck-nesting success roughly doubled when Russian olive trees were removed adjacent to duck-nesting areas. True, the tree does do some good things for wildlife, mainly providing a food source that lasts throughout the winter; wood ducks in particular seem to relish the fruits.

So what is the verdict? do you have an irrigated pasture or seep where Russian olive trees are invading? Cut the trees down, spray the stumps with concentrated glyphosate (Round-Up) and burn or chip

the tree. (Magpies will nest in the downed branches just as successfully as a live tree, and the trees will also sprout (re-sprout) from the cut stump). Do you have a Russian olive next to a pond or creek on your property, with the branches nearly touching the water? Leave it alone: feed a wood duck, feed a mallard.

Most would agree the Russian olive is a weed and weeds must be controlled. Some of our fellow western states have declared the tree a noxious weed. Idaho should ban the importation and sale of the tree, and agencies should stop using it in highway or conservation plantings. However, it does benefit certain species of wildlife. So start your chainsaws and chippers, but don't get too carried away!

ROB MORRIS
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(Editor's note: Rob Morris is the president of the Magic Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever.)



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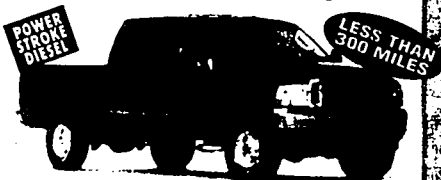
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AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. City Council will meet tonight

TWIN FALLS - The City Council tonight will consider subdivision plans and appointments to some of the city's advisory boards.

The council will meet at 5 p.m. at the City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

The final plans of the Breckenridge Estates, subdivision 3, and the Magic Valley Mobile Home Subdivision are up for consideration.

The council will also consider the reappointments of Matthew Geske to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Mark Koffer to the Tree Commission.

Police arrest man wielding rifle in Burley

BURLEY - Police arrested a Burley man Sunday after the residents of 1038 Yale Ave. reported he was banging on their door with a rifle and threatening them.

Idaho State Police troopers and Cassia County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested David Scott Verburg, 47, on suspicion of committing aggravated assault, according to a press release from Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens.

Verburg and his wife had gone to 1038 Yale Ave. in search of their 14-year-old daughter, Hignens wrote in a press release.

A man had reportedly been drinking and had taken his rifle with him to the door of the house. The residents answered the door, but when they saw the gun they ran back inside and called the sheriff's office, according to the press release.

When sheriff's deputies arrived, they heard Verburg's wife telling him to leave the rifle in the car. They saw a man walk toward the house, carrying the gun, and ordered him to stop and put down the gun, the release states. After some time the man put the rifle on his car and lay down, Hignens said.

Agencies plan meetings on Craters management

RUPERT - Three workshops to gather information about future management of the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve are scheduled at various locations in February.

One workshop is Feb. 15 in the multipurpose room at Carey High School.

Another is Feb. 22 at Rupert City Hall. Both run from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Officials from the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management are hosting the workshops. Personnel with those agencies want public input on the four preliminary alternatives which have been prepared regarding management of the monument.

The format of the workshop calls for opening with a brief presentation about the alternatives, and then the group will be divided into smaller work groups to talk more specifically about the suggestions.

The other workshop is planned for Feb. 8 in Arco at the Arco-Butte Business Center, 159 N. Idaho.

That session also runs from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

More information on the workshops is available by calling the Craters of the Moon office at 527-3257 or the BLM office in Shoshone at 732-7200.

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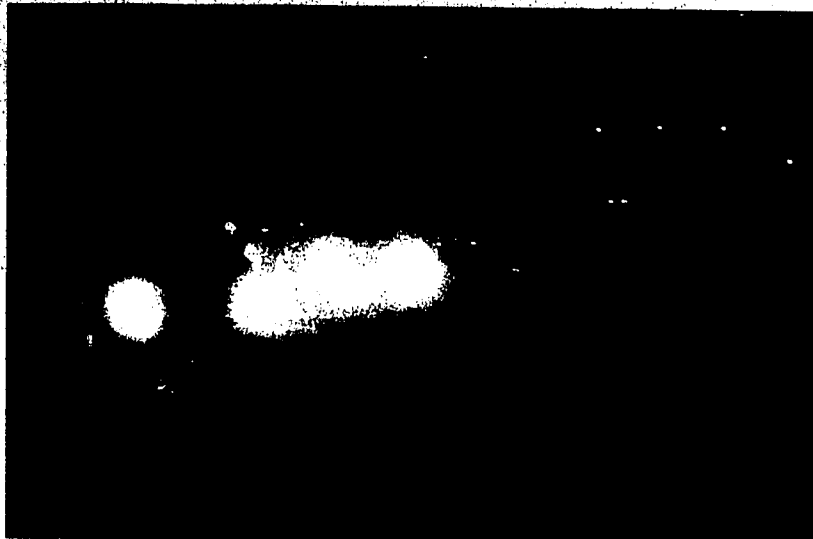
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FOGGED IN



Traffic heads toward the Perrine Bridge shrouded in fog Monday evening. The National Weather Service is predicting a weather front will move into the area today and break up the fog.

Forecasters: Soupy skies in Magic Valley should break up today

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The fog that has been collected in the Magic Valley for three days should break up today as a mild weather system moves in, according to the National Weather Service.

Although long-lasting fog is common in other areas of Idaho, it's unusual for it to have lasted this long around Twin Falls and Jerome, said George Skari, a meteorologist with the Weather Service's Boise office.

"You go three days there, and it starts to get on the unusual side

there. Twin Falls usually has enough wind to stir things up, but that wasn't the case this time," Skari said. "Once fog forms, it will stay there until there's something to break it up."

A stagnant high-pressure system that has covered most of the West is probably to blame for the local fog, Skari said. But a mild weather front is expected to move in today and break things up.

The fog had cut visibility to about 100 feet along Interstate 84 and other local highways, an Idaho State Police dispatcher said. But there had been no reports of major crashes or delays

because of it. Troopers recommend drivers slow down in fog, not only because of poor visibility, but because fog can also cause icy patches on the road.

At the Twin Falls airport, the fog had all but shut things down, said Steve Story, the airport's air traffic control manager.

"It's been pretty slow. Nobody can get in," he said.

Some flights had been diverted to Boise or Hailey, Story said. The minimum required visibility at the airport is a half mile, and the fog had cut it to less than a quarter of a mile, Story said.

Three flights were able to make

it on Saturday and one on Sunday. As of late Monday afternoon, nobody had been able to land, Story said.

"There was one attempt today. And he just came in, couldn't see the runway and decided to go in to Bend, Oregon."

Almost the entire Snake River Valley has been covered in low-lying clouds or fog, Skari said. But the really thick stuff has been concentrated around Twin Falls and Jerome.

"If you were to go north to Shoshone or in to the Sun Valley area, you would be in a bright, sunny day."

Proposal to raze lodge spawns reminiscences

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - The "crow's nest" that towered above the jumping-off point for testing many a child's bravado.

And the fence surrounding it was a mere obstacle course to be overcome en route to late-night skinny-dipping escapades in the hot mineral water.

No matter how you cut it, the Bald Mountain Lodge boasts a lot of memories for people in Ketchum and south-central Idaho.

Whether those memories can help save the lodge will be tested tonight when the Ketchum City Council considers a proposal to raze the log cabin conclave at Ketchum's gateway in favor of a four-story, 81-room hotel.

Many Ketchum businessmen say such a hotel could give business a shot in the arm, considering more than 100 motel rooms

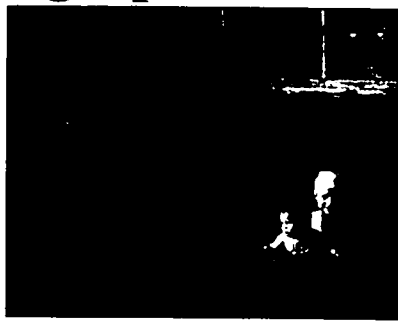
Looking at the lodge

The Ketchum City Council will conduct a site visit to examine the Bald Mountain Lodge project at noon today.

It will hold a public hearing on the project at its regularly scheduled council meeting at 5:30 tonight at City Hall.

have been converted to long-term rentals in the past five years. Others lament the prospects of losing what is one of only two local buildings on the National Register of Historic Places.

"I'd really hate to see it torn down," said Carolyn Baird, a Twin Falls resident who has a family cabin out Warm Springs Road. "That building, like the Ketchum Korral, is what makes Ketchum's character. I'd hate to see all these old things that have made Ketchum Ketchum vanish. Then it's not Ketchum



Carolyn Baird of Twin Falls and her mother, Melane Babcock, swim in the old Bald Mountain Lodge thermal pool in this photo from 1936. Though the pool has been closed for more than a decade, Baird said she doesn't want the lodge to be torn down.

Photo courtesy of Carolyn Baird

anymore. It's just another nondescript town with big buildings."

J.C. Penney Co. executive Carl Brandt built the Bald Mountain Hot Springs Motel, as it was originally known, in 1929. He shelled out \$50,000 on horse-drawn plows and hand labor to lay three miles of wooden pipe wrapped in tarpaper and steel

wire four feet underground. Then he piped in the 1.58-degree water from its source just west of

Photo see LODGE Page B2

Mini-Cassia students get lesson in civil rights

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

PAUL - It seemed a little unfair to some fifth graders that they had to come to school on a holiday honoring the man who ended his most famous speech with the words, "Thank God Almighty, we're free at last."

Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallett asked students at West Minico Middle School in Paul if they knew why they were in school on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a national holiday.

"Yeah, what's up with that?" one student asked.

"I could still be asleep right now," another said.

"Is it because the principal is mean?"

"You want to torture us?"

The Minidoka County School

District Board, not the principal or superintendent, made the decision to conduct school on the holiday, Hallett explained.

"The idea was if we had school on this day and studied it, you would learn more and better appreciate what it means," he said.

Hallett and Letty Tovar, who teaches English at a second language at Heyburn Elementary School, visited West Minico to teach students about civil rights. Hallett and Tovar began the session by passing out cookies. Most pupils each received a whole sugar cookie. A handful each received only a quarter of a cookie. Hallett asked if the children knew why some did not get whole cookies. The pupils couldn't figure it out, but they knew it wasn't fair.

When Martin Luther King Jr. started making public speeches,

the situation was even more unfair, Hallett said. White students went to one school and black students went to another. The white schools had better teachers, better facilities and more money, he said.

"Were Mexicans treated that way, too?" asked Pete Rodriguez.

Hallett thought for a moment then answered, "Yes, I'd have to admit that they were."

After making their point, Hallett and Tovar told the children they had discriminated based on eye color. They made reparations by giving a blue-eyed pupil a whole cookie and each student with brown eyes a quarter of a cookie on the second cookie distribution, the reverse of the first pass through with the cookie plate.

Photo see RIGHTS Page B3

State Board gets paperless

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The shuffling of papers was replaced by the clicking of computer mice at the Minidoka County School Board meeting Monday.

The board went paperless with nine Dell laptops replacing stacks of paper sitting on the table in front of the trustees and other board personnel.

There was little talk of the paper packer at Monday's meeting, said Kent Jackson, district technology coordinator. The only paper trustees will see from now on is any handouts presented to the board at the meeting, or if a mistake is made when scanning documents.

Board members have the ability to create and edit documents at the meeting, Jackson said. If a policy needs to be rewritten, it can be re-written on the screen and approved. There are tools which allow board members to highlight, circle and edit documents.

Other board business included:

- **Levy change** — \$1 million could be generated for the district by refinancing the loan at Zions Bank which is paying for the Minico High School construction and smaller projects at

other schools, said Superintendent Rick Hallett. The plan is to let an agreement, would need to be converted to a bond issue, which needs voter approval.

Hallett said he is hoping a vote would take place soon before interest rates go up again.

- **Middle school report** — Middle school officials are working to create more compatible, and possibly identical, schedules at the two middle schools, said Middle School Coordinator Sandra Miller.
- **West Minico Middle School** has 45-minute periods, and East Minico Middle School has 60-minute core periods and 45-minute elective periods, Miller said.

There are several proposals which will be given to staff members for input, Miller said. She hopes to have a recommended schedule to the board at next month's meeting.

Middle school officials also plan to push the option of summer school no more than in the past, Miller said. Teachers will contact parents of students who are struggling at the end of the trimester, and applications for summer school will be sent home. It is a goal of the middle school to ensure students are

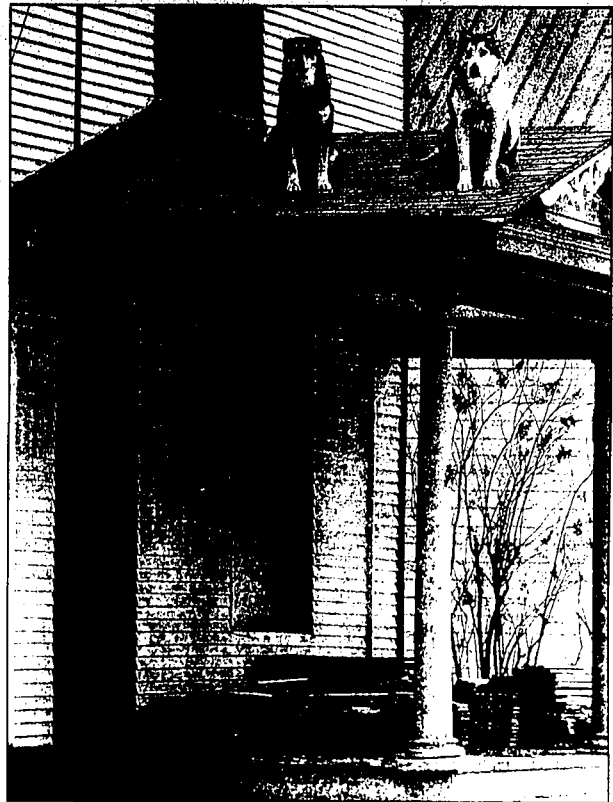
ready for high school.

Officials are also considering reorganizing the standard extra core class instead of an elective if the student is behind in a core subject, Miller said. Being at grade level is more important than an elective class. Hallett said this might mean fewer periods when electives are offered, but no programs should be cut.

- **In-service report** — Teachers worked in grade level groups on the standards project during January in-service days, said John Fennell, curriculum director. Assessments for some standards were also developed.
- **Title I and special education** departments also held workshops addressing issues in those areas, Fennell added.
- **Paul Elementary School** Principal Colleen Johnson said resources are now aligned so teachers know where to go in each book to teach each standard.
- **Meeting change** — The next School Board meeting is set for Feb. 18.

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BEST SEAT ON THE HOUSE



Riley and Cody watch squirrels from atop the front-porch roof of a home in Kallispell, Mont., Sunday. Their owner, Carl Donahue, has gutted and is now restoring the old home. Donahue removed the windows from the second story, allowing the dogs free access to the roof.

Lawmaker seeks support for revenue cap

BOISE (AP) — A freshman Idaho lawmaker has come to the Statehouse with some big ideas about clamping down on taxes.

With just two weeks experience in her new job, Idaho Falls Republican Rep. Janice McGeachin is working on a proposal that would automatically set the amount of general fund revenue based on a formula that ties the Consumer Price Index to the state's population growth.

The legislation would be modeled after a Colorado law passed in 1992, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, which places a tight cap on all state expenditures and

requires the refund of any surplus.

The idea, McGeachin said, is to curb spending in good times and allow more spending during economic downturns.

"The goal is to stabilize the growth of government over time, so we don't have to go through this painful process each year," said McGeachin, who manages the finances for her husband's three automobile transmission businesses. The freshman wants to hold open forums in the next few weeks with leaders from both parties.

Under current Idaho law, the

state is authorized to spend up to 5.333 percent of the total personal income of everyone in the state.

In 2001, Hayden Republican Rep. Jim Clark sponsored a bill that would have counted so-called "one-time" spending and state savings transfers in calculating the spending limit.

The bill was one of three that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne vetoed that year. In his message to lawmakers, Kempthorne said the bill had the potential to "unrealistically restrict both the Legislative and Executive branch's ability to make appropriate budget decisions."

LEGISLATIVE LOG



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Confirmed by Senate

- **Marsha Smith, Boise**, to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- **Dan Charboneau, Boise**, as director of the Idaho State Police

Authorities find missing family of four after two days

TROUT LAKE, Wash. (AP) — A couple and their two young children were rescued Monday after two days after they failed to return from a day trip to play in the snow in the Mount St. Helens area.

Billy Buzzini, 24, his wife, Sarah, 23 and daughters Kaleigh, 4, and Madison, 1, were in good condition, said a dispatcher with the Skamania County Sheriff's Office who would not give his name.

There were no immediate details on exactly where the family was found.

But shortly before they were located, Undersheriff Dave Cox had said their car was found stuck in the snow on a U.S. Forest Service road about 15 miles

northwest of Trout Lake in the Lewis River Valley, southeast of Mount Adams and southwest of Mount St. Helens.

It appeared the Buzzinis had abandoned their car after it got stuck, Cox said.

The search was launched after the Buzzinis did not return by dinner Saturday as promised. The couple, from Vancouver, had told relatives they were going to the Mount St. Helens area to play in the snow.

The family had food, water, blankets and extra clothing but did not return calls to two cell phones. Cell phone service is unpredictable in mountain areas.

Temperatures in the area Sunday and early Monday were in the 30s or lower.

Racist pamphlets hit Wyoming town

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Orange bags loaded with racist pamphlets about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were found on doorsteps around the city Saturday morning, police said.

The pamphlets, titled "The Beast as Saint: The Truth about Martin Luther King," were credited to the National Alliance, Wyoming, an offshoot of the West Virginia-based white supremacist group National Alliance.

They accused King of "being an immoral degenerate and a worthless charlatan."

Police had no suspects in the delivery on the weekend before celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"We can hope somebody comes forward that may have seen someone dropping these in people's yards," Casper Police Sgt. Chris Walsh said.

A phone number on the pamphlets connects to a recorded message from group founder William Pierce, who died in July. The Web site lists a post office box in Evansville as a mailing address.

environmental challenges sidetracked it, and no alternative has been offered.

"We still want to see a strategy mapped out for resolving that problem," said Kathleen Trevert, head of the state INEEL Oversight Office. "Now, DOE's strategy seems to be seeking regulatory relief, and that's not reasonable."

Introduced in House

HB7 (Appropriations) — Moves authority over the Idaho Commission on the Arts from the Secretary of State's office to the Governor's Office.

HB59 (Revenue and Taxation) — Specifies that retailers may claim tax credit of refund for sales taxes on b-1 debts, sets three-year statute of limitations.

HC8 (Health and Welfare) — Declares time period that the Legislature is in session "Obesity Awareness Month."

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to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad.

The company is operating on a fixed price contract, so it is not expecting a big profit. But corporate officials say the facility gives them a chance to show what their company is capable of.

"There's a tremendous amount of opportunity," Chief Executive

Philip Strawbridge said. "We are hopeful that based upon our performance and based upon our investment that we'll be more and more involved as opportunities come about."

The original project included an incinerator for waste contaminated with high levels of PCBs, synthetic organic chemicals or volatile organic compounds. But

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Governor appoints M.V. people to boards

BOISE Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appointed three Magic Valley people to state boards and commissions on Monday.

He named Stephanie Crumrine of Twin Falls to the Public Works Contractors License Board — a new appointment.

Reappointed were Robin Sandy of Hagerman to the Commission on Pardons and Parole, and Pamela Hunisman of Twin Falls to the Sexual Offender Classification Board.

CSI Herrett Center offers youth 'Discover' classes

TWIN FALLS — The Herrett Center for the Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho

Around the valley

will hold three Saturday afternoon "Discover" classes for sixth through eighth graders.

The classes will begin Saturday and continue Feb. 22 and March 22.

Darcy Thornbarrow, the Herrett Center education facilitator and a former school teacher, will teach each of the classes, beginning with "Food of the Gods" on Saturday. Using chocolate nibs and other raw elements of chocolate, Thornbarrow will coordinate classroom activities that teach students the importance of chocolate in the pre-Columbian diet.

"Each class has been designed

to hold the interest of the junior high student," Thornbarrow said.

"This will not be your usual classroom experience. Activities will be very hands-on as students discover how archaeologists and other pre-historians research the continuum of history."

Future classes will be "Writing the old fashioned way: Hieroglyphs to Alphabets" on Feb. 22 and "This subject is the hard Rock Art" on March 22.

Each class will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the First Classroom of the Herrett Center. Students must be pre-registered, and the cost for each student is \$20, which includes all materials.

For information or to register, contact Hallett at 677-4042.

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Lodge

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the present day Warm Springs Lodge.

The 29-unit motel made of Lincoln log-type logs was designed by Tourtelotte and Hummel, who designed Idaho's Capitol building. In its center sat the pool, which was itself surrounded by an infinite number of individual dressing rooms and a deck sporting log furniture.

During the 1930s visitors flocked from Twin Falls, Boise, Pocatello and Idaho Falls eager to avail themselves of a mineral spa, and Boy Scout and 4-H groups often made outings there.

Ski equipment innovator Ed Scott stayed there when he first came to Ketchum. So did Count Felix Schaffgotsch, who stayed there on his now-famous expedition to locate a ski resort in 1936.

In fact, the count's twice-daily swims in the Bald Mountain pool, which was open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., served as inspiration for the hot pools built near Sun Valley's vice rank.

Hundreds of Ketchum and Twin Falls children learned to swim at the 50-by-100-foot pool under the watchful eye of paid lifeguards. It cost children a quarter for the swim and rental of a suit and a towel (35 cents for adults) — a lot of money in those days. But, many say, the memories of those times are priceless.

"I put my son under water there his first time," said long-time Ketchum resident Paula Barovetto. "And my sister lived here for awhile. It used to smell like stinky sulfur, but it was a great place to play."

Baird recalls how her folks always stopped at the resort during the then-long drive between Twin Falls and the family cabin on Warm Springs Road during the 1930s.

"It was a real treat for us kids. I don't remember that there was any place in Twin Falls to go swimming at that time," she said.

After swimming, she recalled, the family would have hot fudge sundaes at Chateau Drugs, which was then across the street. Then they'd climb back in their Packard and continue to the family cabin.

One of the highlights of the pool for Baird and other children was the crew's nest — a rooftop porch or platform situated high above the diving board.

Hailey native Ivan Swanner recalls being a little scared the first time he climbed the ladder to the crew's nest and sat down on the platform before jumping feet first.

"It was the thrill of the day," he said. "It's where you went if you wanted to show off. The swimming pool was pretty neat, too. If you could swim in five or six times without stopping, you were doing pretty good."

In later years, adults got their kicks sneaking over the fence after the bars closed and going skinny-dipping, he recalled.

Ketchum attorney Kathy Wagle "I remember bumping into a beach ball in the dark and thinking, 'There's somebody in here, and I'm naked!'" said Glenda Nicol. Nicol paid \$550 a month — cheap by Ketchum standards —

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for the kitchen, dining, a bedroom, room, living room and bathroom, she has rented at Bald Mountain Lodge to meet her 20-year-old Boise school teacher Phyllis Houk and her late husband Ferrol, an elementary school principal, bought the lodge in 1962. Houk's tulips and perennial displays outside the two-story main building are blue tributes.

But, faced with racking prices and questions over water rights, Houk closed the pool in 1988. Houk sold the property to Ketchum attorney Bryan Barovetto, who wants to build the new hotel in 1996.

In the wake of the threat to Bald Mountain Lodge, the Ketchum Sun Valley Historical Society is trying to form a City Historical Preservation Committee to establish a historic district and encourage city leaders to be sensitive to the town's last remaining historic buildings.

Ann Zauner, the society's new president, said it is her hope that an effort can be made to purchase the Bald Mountain Lodge and transform it into a museum, affordable housing or something else. "Anytime, as long as the buildings' terrific character is maintained."

"The Bald Mountain Lodge is a symbol. It's Ketchum's first resort. It tells people a lot about Ketchum as it came into town. And it's terribly, terribly important to save," she said. "We have very few buildings left in Ketchum that are worth saving. And, unfortunately, once they're gone, they're gone forever."

Rights

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Tovar guided the class through an online quiz about Martin Luther King Jr. and played a recording of part of his famous "I have a dream" speech. At the sound of King's voice, the boisterous class fell silent.

"When it had finished Tovar said, 'I have a dream. My dream is that one day all of you who are sitting here will have graduated and become someone.'

Statistics show that about three of the 29 children in the

class will not graduate from high school, Hallett said. These students are likely to be Hispanic, because Hispanic families in the area tend to make less money than families in other ethnic groups, he said.

But being poor does not mean children can't do well in school if they work hard, Hallett said. He told the students how he had earned his doctorate even though his family was poor after his father died in World War II. Tovar told students she had worked in the fields with her

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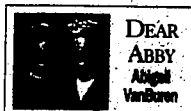
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Recruits should read fine print before enlisting

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from the 25-year-old man who's considering joining the military, and whose family and friends think he's lost his mind.

I'm a retired Army colonel and think how fortunate this country would be if more people had that young man's attitude. My strongest recommendation to that fellow — or anyone joining the military — is to make absolutely sure of what you are signing up for. Read the DD Form 4, Enlistment Contract — every word. If a recruiter promises something, have that promise put in writing on the DD Form 4 or it is not considered binding.

— COL. MM. HUNTSVILLE, ALA.



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DEAR COL. MM: You have written an important letter, and I hope that "Not in Boot Camp Yet" rises it to heart. I'm sure it will help not only him, but also any high school senior who is unsure about what to do after graduation. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is for anyone who's considering joining any branch of military service. Even if you are sure which branch you want to join, talk to recruiters from other branches — and also different recruiters in the branch you are considering. Some recruiters are more knowledgeable than others, and an inexperienced recruiter's ignorance can cause new recruits to

miss out on opportunities such as bonuses, tuition and initial entry rank.

— FROUD AIRMAN, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

DEAR FROUD AIRMAN: That's valuable advice for anyone considering a stint in the armed forces.

DEAR ABBY: I am a former Marine and would like to comment on the letter from the young man who is considering joining the armed forces, but feels he is being "trashed" by recruiters and called "crazy" by his friends.

The solution is to join the reserves. In the reserves, he will get the training any other "boot" will get and still have the best of both worlds. The difference is that when it's time to graduate, he'll be asked if he wants to change his contract to "active duty." If he declines, he returns to civilian life and drills once a month with his assigned unit. In addition, he serves two weeks in

the summer with his reserve unit when it goes on annual duty training. The rest of the time, he's a civilian.

— RILEY IN FULLERTON, CALIF.

DEAR RILEY: That sounds like an intelligent alternative.

DEAR ABBY: While getting injured or killed in the military is a possibility, there are tremendous personal rewards. I have traveled the world with the Air Force without serious injury, yet I fell off a ladder in my back yard last year and nearly killed myself. Go figure!

— MAJ. MICHAEL C. USAFA, RET.

DEAR MICHAEL: Ninety-nine percent of those who wrote to comment on "Not in Boot Camp's" letter expressed that their stint in the military was both exciting and challenging. It is life on the edge, and you get out of it what you put into it. P.S. Stay away from ladders!

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Today "Biography" — Actress Jane Seymour portrays a heroic frontier doctor in "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman." (CC) TVNG & ENTERTAINMENT, 6 p.m.

TV Best Bets

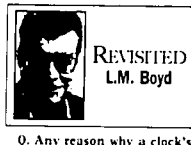
"Moonstruck" — Three Oscars went to this tale of a widowed Brooklyn bookkeeper who falls in love with his fiancée's brother. (CC) TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES, 6 p.m.

"8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter" — Kerry and Kyle smooth at a party. Cate and

Paul try to find out what's hidden in Roy's secret box. (CC) (TVPG) ABC, 7 p.m.

Synthetic orange tastes more orangey

That state with the tallest women on average is California. "Aval" comes from a Latin word meaning "one who lives on the opposite bank."



REVISITED L.M. Boyd Q. Any reason why a clock's hands move clockwise instead of oppositely? A. A sundial's shadow rotates clockwise in the northern hemisphere. Designers of the first mechanical clocks copied that.

If the stage play's plot centers on a crime, that crime almost always is murder. It would be fairly easy to haul world-famous Maybe now. But the sailing captain of clipper ships hated it. Cotton is that fiber most susceptible to mold. Fungus grew in the cotton. Cotton set itself on fire sometimes.

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After the last Ice Age's glaciers went north, birch were the first sort of trees to grow on the uncovered ground. An estimated 15,000 work horses a year died at steelers' edges in New York City 100+ years ago. Let me tell you about pollution. Many may be even most of those dead horses were left where they lay.

Setback seems so far away, Aquarius

IF JANUARY 21ST IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you want to please everyone, but realize this is a sure road to madness. Please yourself, those who care about you will be happy as result. You are intelligent, artistic and creative, and you have marvelous sense of humor. Gemini, Sagittarius natives play memorable roles in your life, could have these letters in names C, L, H, and M. February, debate continuing. Living quarters will be settling. You most romantic, profitable month will be August.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr will play mysterious roles. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your wishes come true. Many of your desires of a romantic nature can be fulfilled. Warning: Don't ask for more than you can handle. Capricorn will play dynamic role. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Prestige is elevated, especially due to community activity. Some people will hint that you should run for political office. Aries, Libra are in your corner. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

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Coming Wednesday

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CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Kristi Lenni, 49, 461 E. 14th St., Heyburn, one count failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, one count driving without privileges, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Jared R. Teeter, 26, 597 E. 400 S., Burley, infraction exceeding maximum speed limit, amended to misdemeanor driving offense by person controlling the vehicle, \$53 fine, Magistrate Judge Kevin Caldwell.

James J. Snyder, 33, 25 W. Idaho St., Paul, attempt to elude an officer; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Jesse D. Rodriguez, 22, 1643 Hansen Ave., Burley, failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Robert Travis Perry, 19, 2947 Janis Way, Burley, infraction exceeding maximum speed limit, amended to misdemeanor driving offense by person controlling the vehicle, \$53 fine, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Crystal Anne Peyton, 24, 1334 Normal Ave., Burley, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, \$100 fine, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Martha A. Morin, 34, 1618 Albion Ave., Burley, insufficient funds check fraud, \$53 fine, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Wayne Howard Metzger, 38, 175 W. 37 S., Burley, one count providing false information to officers, one count invalid driver's license, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Sarah Kathryn McCombs, 22, 500 S. 200 W., Burley, infraction exceeding maximum speed limit, amended to misdemeanor driving offense by person controlling the vehicle, \$53 fine, Magistrate Judge Kevin Caldwell.

Brandi L. Matthews, two counts insufficient funds check fraud, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Darrell E. Dubbs, 40, 2233 Almo Ave., No. 11, Burley, infraction failure to obey traffic control devices, amended to misdemeanor driving offense by person controlling the vehicle, \$53 fine, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Eric Nicholas Dierke III, 19, 448 E. 175 S., Burley, infraction driving wrong way on one-way highway, amended to misdemeanor driving offense by person controlling the vehicle, \$53 fine, Magistrate Judge Kevin Caldwell.

Loisly Conger, 47, 1027 S. 600 W., Burley, insufficient funds check fraud, \$53 fine, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Paul J. Barkley, 36, 148 S. 900 W., Burley, insufficient funds check fraud, \$53 fine, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Marie Anastos, 52, 460 S. 820 W., Heyburn, insufficient funds check fraud, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Paula Ann Hansen, 29, 2401 Sunset Drive, Heyburn, infraction unsafe backing up, one count misdemeanor driving while intoxicated from vehicle, \$53 fine, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Paul J. Moore, 42, RR 1 Box, Lathfield, N.H., one count carrying back violations, one count gully, \$250 court costs, \$63.50 court costs.

Rae Lynn Coleman, 15, 618 W. 400 S., Burley, distributing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$50 court costs, \$63.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Scott B. Baker, 55, 1301 1/2 2nd Ave., Burley, infraction possession of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty, \$125 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Kevin D. A. Swanson, 19, 1301 Wilson, Burley, failure to stop at checking station as required, one count gully, \$125 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Darrell S. Davis, 28, 520 N. 2nd Ave., No. 11, Burley, failure to stop at checking station as required, one count gully, \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Scott M. B. Brown, 19, 1701 N.W. 1st, Burley, failure to stop at checking station as required, one count gully, \$125 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

David J. H. Brown, 47, 122 1/2 1st Ave., Burley, failure to stop at checking station as required, one count gully, \$125 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

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court driving without privileges, amended to invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count failure to notify upon striking an unattended vehicle, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one year probation, time credited; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one year probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Earl Gene Mitchell, 53, 1300 17th St., Heyburn; probation violation, pleaded guilty, \$35 defender fee, 26 days in jail, 24 days suspended, time credited; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Jose Mario Arriga Jr., 34, 1710 C St., Heyburn; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, one year probation, six months' driver's license suspension, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Joshua Lynn Anderson, 19, 1742 Burton Ave., Burley; one count disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$63.50 court costs; one count stalking, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 85

days suspended, one year probation, time credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Joe G. Avila, 18, 831 18th St., Heyburn; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Felony sentencing

Jeremiah C. Staley, 19, 348 S. 600 W., Heyburn; two counts burglary, one count pleaded guilty, \$18.50 court costs, \$600 defender fee, 24 month determinate penitentiary time, suspended, 60 month' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended, retained sentence, time credited, one count

amended to grand theft, pleaded guilty, \$84.50 court costs, \$600 defender fee, 24 month' determinate penitentiary time, suspended, 60 month' indeterminate penitentiary time, suspended, retained sentence, time credited; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Withheld judgment

Jeffrey Scott Rame, 18, 2417 Normal Ave., Burley; one count malicious injury to property, dismissed; one count reckless driving, withheld; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Christopher Joe Peterson, 30, 1455 S. You Ave., Malheur reservation of a controlled substance; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Juvenile dismissals

Chad D. Smith, 16, 618 S. 300 E., Burley; typing on public highway, \$125 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Bernard J. Bolivar, 17, 178 S. 400th St., Burley; infraction failure to yield, amended to misdemeanor driving offense by person controlling the vehicle, \$53 fine; Magistrate Judge Kevin Caldwell.

Juvenile sentencing

Justin L. Anderson, 16, 176 Spruce Drive, Burley; infraction exceeding maximum speed limit, amended to misdemeanor driving offense by person controlling the vehicle, pleaded guilty, \$106 fine; Magistrate Judge Kevin Caldwell.



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Tuesday, January 21, 2003

An ancient resident

Jerome Co. Historical Society meets 'Buhla'

By Dixie Thomas Beale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The Jerome County Historical Society was introduced to Buhla.

That was the nickname given to the oldest human skeleton found in the state of Idaho, which was unearthed in a gravel pit near Kanaka Rapids and Mud Creek, just north of Buhl in January 1989.

Buhla is estimated to have lived between 10,600 to 10,900 years ago, Jim Woods, curator and director of the Herrett Center of Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho, told a standing-room only crowd of about 50 people at the Historical Society meeting Jan. 9.

The prehistoric woman's bones were found by the Buhl Highway Department while digging gravel for highway construction. When a human femur was found on the conveyor belt by one of the high-



Jim Woods

way department employees, Woods was called. Woods in turn contacted Tom Green, the state of Idaho archaeologist, from Boise.

At the site, Phyllis Oppenheim, another curator at the Herrett Center, Woods and Green found the skull and additional bones. Because of bad weather and deteriorating ground conditions, they did emergency retrieval of the skeleton on the day that it was found.

Officially labeled "10 T. = 1014," Buhla's bones were carbon-dated at 10,600 years old, Woods said.

Tests show that Buhla was female, about 17 years old when she died, and ate salmon and big game. She had seasonal periods

of severe hunger in her preteen years. She worked leather, and wore ornaments and fitted clothing. A knife blade, bone needle and bone hair decoration were buried with her.

"Idaho was at a crossroads in prehistory... Conservative estimates place humans on the Snake River Plain at 10,000 years ago," Woods said.

Buhla was a significant find. In fact, references to her are appearing in textbooks on world prehistory because "only a few burials have been found older than 6,000 years ago." At 10,600 years, Buhla is the oldest human remains in the state of Idaho, he said.

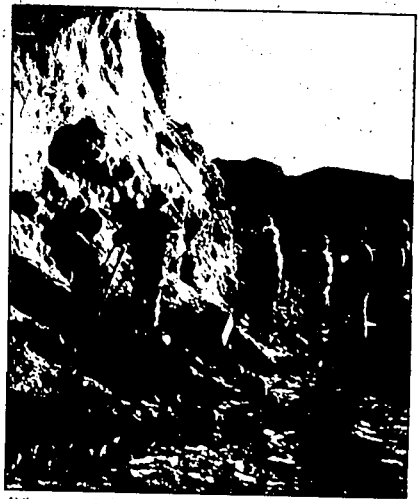
Idaho law requires the reburial of all human remains after archaeologists finish running tests. Casts were made of the skull and many of the bones and the artifacts buried with Buhla.

"Buhla was sent to the Shoshone Tribe, and has been reburied at



A close-up of the knife tip found with Buhla, the oldest human skeleton discovered in the state of Idaho.

the Fort Hall Cemetery," Woods said.



At the quarry north of Buhl on the day of the excavation in January 1989, where Buhla was found.

Murtaugh students host blood drawing

MURTAUGH - Murtaugh High School hosted an American Red Cross blood drive Jan. 13, and organizers considered it a success.

The drawing was held in the cafeteria of the combined junior and senior high school.

It isn't often a school as small as Murtaugh is able to perform such a task, but it was made possible with the help of students who traveled from Hansen, Valley and Twin Falls High schools, reported Jordi Stallings, student body president and

blood drive coordinator.

The help of Murtaugh community members and plenty of Murtaugh junior high and high school volunteers also played a big part in making the blood drive work, she reported.

Of the 64 people who showed up to donate, 50 of them were first-time donors. Even though the numbers don't seem that high, the fact that 50 people now know what it's like to give blood and might do it again, is a big success, Stallings reported.



Above, Ricardo Leon, a senior at Murtaugh High School, watches as Red Cross workers prepare him to donate blood for his first time. Left, Senior Lacey Perkins converses with a member of the Red Cross staff as she gives blood for the first time at her school. Center, Dalby Stanger, a senior, goes through the screening process of giving blood, also for his first time.

JOYFUL NOISE



Wearing angel wings, the Joyful Noise children's choir from the First Baptist Church of Paul perform "Angels We Have Heard on High." The choir has been led by Diane Linard for almost 10 years. Members are, from left: front Hunter Haugen, Nicole Cook, Nathan Renz, Micaela Poulton and Brecky Williams; back: Harley Morris, Najli Worthington, Kara Schmitt, Harley Laney Linard, Ashley Cook and Larry Morris.

STORK REPORT

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Kailey Ann Turpin, daughter of Amber and Scott Turpin of Burley, was born Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003.

Lazaro Alexander Rosales, son of Arnel M. Lopez and Lazaro Rosales of Burley, was born Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003.

Jessie Amanda Oman, daughter of Teitra and Delbert Oman of Burley, was born Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003.

Efran Rangel, son of Melissa Barajas and Efran Rangel of Burley, was born Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003.

Jayde Matthew Metcalf, son of Tamara and Paul Metcalf of Burley, was born Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003.

James Wesley Burr, son of Marie E. and Wesley W. Burr Jr. of Burley, was born Monday, Jan. 13, 2003.

Hadley Kathryn Condie, daughter of Heidi and Kevin Condie of Burley, was born Monday, Jan. 13, 2003.

Brigham Lia Baird, daughter of Hollie and Trenton Baird of Albion, was born Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003.

Shantell Romo, daughter of Glida and Luis F. Romo of Burley, was born Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003.

Brielle M. Greener, daughter of Sheri and Bryce Greener of Burley, was born Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003.

Jase Michael LaRogue, son of Brenda and A. J. LaRogue of Burley, was born Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003.

Elodia Duarte, daughter of Elvira and Antonio Duarte of Burley, was born Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Jaime Isaac Arce Jr., son of Maria de Los Angeles Gonzalez of Buhl, was born Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003.

Norma Araceli Ruiz-Marmolejo, daughter of Guadalupe Marmolejo of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 3, 2003.

Macey Renee Sherman, daughter of Jessica Renee Richmond of Elmer, was born Friday, Jan. 3, 2003.

Reese Jacob Leno, son of Tereyssa Jenna Leno and Jeffrey Allen Bishop of

Buhl, was born Monday, Jan. 6, 2003.

Tolanda Mon Novak, daughter of Cassandra Lynn and Scott Vernon Novak of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003.

Juan Jesus Fregoso, son of Ariana Ruiz of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003.

Tegan Lee Dimond, son of Brittnay Jay and Justin Lee Dimond of Murtaugh, was born Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003.

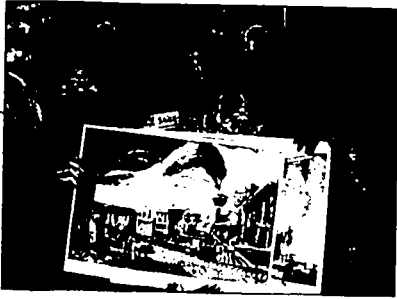
St. Benedict's Family Medical Center

Allissa Marie Dornmuelher, daughter of Jerald and Patricia Dornmuelher of Jerome, was born Sunday, Jan. 12, 2003.

To announce a birth or death, call 735-3288. For more information, call 735-3288.

Zachary Benkula, son of David and Melissa Benkula of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003.

Men's Club auction provides service to community



Gary Stone, right, presents four of his 1977 prints to John Hurley, president of the Castleford Men's Club, for the annual club auction on Saturday. The prints evolved from stories told to Stone by his grandfather, who operated the freight line between Rock Creek and Klamath. "Klamath Train Depot" depicts Stone's grandfather aboard a horse. The "Fifth Ace" shows a poker game at the Backet of Blood in Twin Falls about 1905. One print shows the Shoshone Falls Hotel, built in the 1880s, and another depicts Diamondhead Jack riding into the settlement of Rock Creek to warn the sheep men to stay on the north side of Deadline Ridge.

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - "Something for everyone" has long been the motto for the Castleford Men's Club annual auction.

"This year is no exception," said John Hurley, club president. "And we are able to do things for the community, because of the tremendous support we get at the auction. It is also one of the biggest social events in Castleford each year."

As usual, no one knows exactly what will be auctioned prior to the 30th annual event slated for Saturday. However, a special donation this year consists of four Gary Stone prints, which never have been sold commercially, and are each numbered and signed and will be framed.

Early Saturday morning, club members and residents from Castleford and surrounding communities will begin arriving at the Castleford school cafeteria with items for the sale. At 10 a.m., Lyle Masters, Gary Osborne, Joe Bennett and LaMar

Castleford Men's Club Auction

When: 10 a.m. Saturday
Where: Castleford School cafeteria
The lunch menu includes hamburgers, chili, cheeseburgers, Polish sausage, hot dogs, chili, tater tots, fried cheese sticks, pie, milk and pop. Fresh-baked cinnamon rolls will be available at about 9 a.m. Free coffee will be available throughout the day, courtesy of the Men's Club.
Want to join? Castleford Men's Club membership is open to everyone, including women.
For information, call John Hurley, 537-6836.

Loveland, who have volunteered their services, will begin the auctioning.

"The Castleford Men's Club auction is a very worthwhile event, well supported by merchants and individuals from all over the Magic Valley," Masters said. "Every year we have been there, people have supported it and broken the previous year's

record with the exception of 1993, when we were \$23 short. Last year's proceeds totaled \$40,207, a plateau which may be difficult to surpass, but I know the people will be right there plugging away, trying to reach the goal. We know the money will be used wisely."

Auction items in the past have ranged from one-of-a-kind hand-made quilts and furniture to ceramics, potatoes, beans, honey, gravel, sawn pine trees, calves, sports equipment, T-shirts, collectible items, gooseberry pie, fertilizer, haircuts, movies, overnight stays, oil changes, pizza and much more.

"We are so thankful for the Men's Club," Castleford Mayor Rita Ruffing said. "All the proceeds from the auction go back into the community. We are also extremely grateful to the auction donors and buyers, without whom none of it would be possible."

The Men's Club has been the sole civic club for Castleford since its inception in 1946. The club gives a scholarship to each Castleford High School graduate who continues his or her educa-

tion. Club projects include a quiet and community garden with fruit and vegetable trees at Memorial Park, Redwood Ridge Park, Scouts, youth soccer, baseball and softball teams, several organizations and programs, foot ball field lights and bleachers, chairs and tables to seat 20 and a sound system for school and community events, a flag pole for the high school, Idaho history books for the library, art workshops and performances in conjunction with the Buhl Arts Council, and assistance in purchasing playground equipment, tables, basketball courts and barbecues for a school park.

The Men's Club also has paid the operating expenses for the Castleford Quik Response Unit since it was established in 1982. The club maintains the Red Borel building for community use, and it is the site of the no-conflicting library. The club also contributes annually to the West End Ministerial Association Christmas Basket project, and sponsors the Christmas Cantata each year.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY



The Above, the Castletford FFA crops team includes, from left, Matt Rainhold, Carl Hennison and Alex Hamar. Right, the Castletford FFA foods team members include, from left, front: Lisa Eastman, Angie Gorteman and Andrea Frey; back: Travis Hestman, Lauren Kline and Brent Hatch. Tessa Burkhalter is not pictured.



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FFA teams place at district

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times News Correspondent

CASTLEFORD - The Castletford FFA foods team took top honors at a recent South Magic Valley District competition, and the crops team placed

third. Members of the foods team were required to identify and answer questions about different kinds of cheeses, milk and chicken eggs. Brent Hatch placed first and Lauren Kline was third overall in the individual standings.

The crops team competition required identification of different types of weeds, plant diseases, crops and seeds. Team members also had to answer a wide range of questions about the four categories.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge names weekly winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners.

Jan. 9 first, Mike Mitchell and Sam Smutny, tied for second, Dick Kevan and Doris Watts with Ryley Burton and Bobette Plankey and third, Lonnie and Beverly Burns.

Jan. 11 first, Harold and Renee Bulcher, tied for second, Nathan and Kay Higer with Ryley Burton and Max Thompson and third, Peggy Hackley and Evelyn Meyer.

Jan. 13 first, Sidonia DeCostano and Doris Furney, second, Mike Mitchell and Sam Smutny and tied for third, Ise Hylton and Doris Watts with Renee Bulcher and Marjorie Rumbolt. Flight B Steve Hale and Betty Sabo. Flight C first, Marilyn Boss and V. Goslaw, and second, Lita Parke and Hazel Yates.

Jan. 14 for north/south: first, Carmen Kevan and Norma Prestidge; second, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfeifferle and third, Don and Lorna Bard. East/west: first, Dick Kevan and Betty Sabo; second, Sidonia DeCostano and Noreen Cregan and third, Faye Kochneff and Madeline Sawaya.

Jan. 15 for north/south: first, Renee Bulcher and Peggy Hackley; second, Ruby Grimes and Doris Watts and third, Herb Burgess and Ryley Burton. East/west: first, Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankey; second, Joyce Astorquia and Jessie Langway; third, Harold Bulcher and Betty Grant and flight B Jan Fering and Polly Mulliner.

T.F. student is new Miss Nampa

TWIN FALLS - Dixie Holloway of Twin Falls won the title of Miss Nampa 2003 in the Tri-county Scholarship Pageant held Jan. 11 at the Nampa Civic Center. She now will compete in the Miss Idaho scholarship pageant in June in Boise.

Holloway is a sophomore at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, majoring in communications.

She is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School, where she was the student body vice president her senior year. Holloway was the first runner-up in the 2002 Magic Valley Scholarship pageant.



Dixie Holloway

Albertson College releases dean's list

CALDWELL - Several area students were among the 103 students at Albertson College of Idaho who have been named to the institution's dean's list for the fall semester.

To be eligible, a student must earn a 3.7 grade point average. The students and their hometowns are:

- Bellevue, Matthew Zachary
- Buhl, Lindsay Brown and Eva Lathfield
- Gooding, Samantha Storer
- Hagerman, Ryan Under
- Hazelton, Michelle Braegter
- Jerome, Lissa Davis
- Mountain Home, Brenda Forrest and John Reimschmidt
- Murtaugh, Ashley Ward and Lindsay Ward
- Rupert, Gillian Fox
- Twin Falls, Michelle Hagan, Emilia Karamzova and Zach Dempson

Magic Valley Chorale invites singers to join

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Chorale has started its spring semester and invites singers to sign up on Thursday in Room 134 in the Fine Arts Building at the College of Southern Idaho. Singing starts at 7:30 p.m.

There are no tryouts, and singers only must be able to match pitch. There is a \$7 fee. The program will be a tribute to Randall Thompson, and includes selections from "Journey to Freedom" and "Last Words of Davy."

For more information, call Jim Hunt at 423-6474 or Cathy Walworth 733-9015.

Seminar discusses depression, anxiety in kids

TWIN FALLS - A LifeLines Ministry Winter Seminar will focus on depression and anxiety in children from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631

Goodnow Drive N. Pastor Brian Jack Trickett will discuss the history and medical information of depression and anxiety, and Jane Krumm, a counselor, will discuss general and practical information. The presenters will be followed by an open discussion and a question and answer session. The seminar is free.

For more information, call the church at 733-6128.

CSI offers workshop on recording a CD

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer the technology class, "How to Record a CD in a Budget," from 6 p.m. Jan. 20 in Shields Room 102 at CSI.

The cost is \$27. Students will learn how to find the right studio, producer and company for reproduction, and make their project. A certificate of course completion will be provided at the end of the week shop.

Wendell woman celebrates 80th birthday

WENDELL - Hilda Shirley will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Home Association, 107 Ave. B in Wendell.



Hilda Shirley

STUART HONORS STUDENTS



Chelsea McBride, Sherree Haggan, Abel Gutierrez, Joseph Leakey, Kristine Downard, Drew Jones, Michael Steinberg and Cristal Aburto were chosen by their teachers as Students of the Week for December at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls.



Thomas Montano, Kayla Adams, Willie Lester, Ahmet Hopovac, Erin Whitman, Adam Barth, Tony Saldivar and LaTasha Eke are the Caught Being Good drawing winners for December at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls. These seventh-grade students exhibited the 'agreements' of mutual respect, attentive listening, appreciations and responsibility.

THINGS TO DO

Musik
Noble River Flats Barbershop Chorus 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 1218 S. Robert McCalligan street, call Howard.
Twin Falls Magic North Barbershop Quartet 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Methodist Church, 301 Shawnee St. Men of all ages invited. Call Ed Marston at 733-2768.

Dance
Magic Valley Singles Snow Dance Club 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church at 215 S. Broadway St. in Jerome. Call Vera at 733-2768 or 733-2888. Couples and singles.

Bingo
Silver and Gold Senior Center 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Early doors and cash bar. 423-2271. Magic Valley 12-24-02-2722.
Linden Park Senior Center 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 215 S. Broadway St. in Jerome. Call Vera at 733-2768 or 733-2888. Couples and singles.
Knappton Senior Center 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 215 S. Broadway St. in Jerome. Call Vera at 733-2768 or 733-2888. Couples and singles.
Mendota Senior Center 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 215 S. Broadway St. in Jerome. Call Vera at 733-2768 or 733-2888. Couples and singles.
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To add a listing, please send a notice with name of the organization is due. Time, day and place of the activity. Telephone number of a contact person.
Send to: Ed Marston, The Times News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Or fax to 734-5538. Or e-mail to pat@magvalley.com. For more information, call Ed Marston at 733-2768.

Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls.
Valley Valley Retirement Center Potluck Club 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the community center at 6511 Room 301 N. in Twin Falls, 731-5231.
Pioneer Club 7 p.m. Tuesdays Community Club House, 1729 Addison Ave. E. entrance invited, call Vera at 733-2768.
Sawtooth River Elks Potluck Club 5 p.m. on Tuesdays at 12th Lodge, 422 E. 200 N., Jerome. Meet at 7:15 local time. E-mail: veevee@idnet.net

Singles
Christian Singles Group 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 215 S. Broadway St. in Jerome. Call Vera at 733-2768 or 733-2888. Couples and singles.
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSI offers evening, off-campus EMT classes

TWIN FALLS - Basic and advanced emergency medical technician classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Gooding, Hailey and Rupert. The classes will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at CSI in Twin Falls.

Advanced EMT will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons only on the main campus in Twin Falls.

For either course, weekly labs will be held only on the main campus. The "Advanced EMT and Hazardous Material Awareness" course also is a seven-credit class. Students will move on to intravenous and air way procedures.

For more information, contact instructor Dennis Patterson at 732-6512 or by email at dpattner@web.edu.

Basic EMT will be telecommunicated from 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays to Gooding, Hailey and Rupert. The classes will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at CSI in Twin Falls.

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Veteran's association holds yard sale, seeks donations

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Veteran's Association maintains and operates the Veterans Cemetery, located south of Hansen, for men and women who served in the armed forces.

The group is in need of assistance in the maintenance of the cemetery, representatives say. A yard sale to raise funds for this purpose will be held from 8 a.m.

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to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The group is seeking donations of items of all types for the sale, which will be held at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls. Financial contributions also will be accepted.

Anyone with quality items to donate, can call Rowland Gardner at 734-3612 or Stan Sorenson at 733-8947 or e-mail questions to thebuck@mccl.net

Magical Valley Symphony prepares for annual card party. Wednesday in Community.

FOUND Boxer puppy? white/brown, 1-17-03, 10 W. Pine School area, 878-2838

FOUND In Rupert, 12th & H, female Lab, black & tan, 498-1803

FOUND Small white dog in industrial park on Ross in Grange, Call to identify, 734-4342 leave message or 280-7653

LOST 1/18 on Van Buren Street in Twin Falls, female Black Lab, unspayed, 1 yr. old found in Grange, Reward offered, no questioned asked, Call 320-2320

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LOST on 07/18/03 small white/black dog, female, vicinity of Madison St., wearing a purple collar, Call 733-0824

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Make it easy on yourself" - Burt Bachrach

South has 17 points, but an unbalanced hand with two doubletons, and thus cannot open one-trump. He therefore opens his long suit (clubs are longer, though the spades are better), and North responds in his cheaper four-card major. Suit quality is irrelevant - when you respond, bid hearts before spades with 4-4 in the majors. South might consider jumping to two spades at his second turn, but bidding one spade is also fine. North raises to two spades, disclosing that there is a golden fit and that he has 7-10 HCP. There is no reason for South to hang around now short of game, so he jumps to four spades.

So far so good on the bidding, but what about the play? Well, the first trick is on the critical line it is East who has to play carefully. The lead is the diamond queen; if you were East how should you defend? You know that your partner has a virtual Y-barborough; and you can see three tricks for the defense, the top minor suit winners. But where is the fourth trick? The answer is a club ruff. If you play a low diamond at the first trick, partner MIGHT find a club switch, but why give him a club?

Instead overtake the first trick, cash the club ace, and then play low diamond. Your partner will win, and if he does not give you a club ruff - well, it is only a game, you know.

Bridge hand diagram showing North and South hands with suits and point counts.

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding table showing the sequence of bids from South and North.

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: Bridge hand diagram showing South's hand and point counts.

ANSWER: Bid two clubs. The fourth suit here simply shows game-going values and asks partner for more information. Since the final contract could be in any denomination except clubs, why not consult your partner, rather than guessing about which game or slam to play?

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“Here we are, about to go to war, about to send a lot of young men to where they will lose their lives, and we’re focusing on his birthday gift. It’s amazing.”

— Drew Lopez II, coach of high school basketball phenom LeBron James, who told the Akron Beacon-Journal he doesn’t understand why all the fuss because James’ mother, Gloria, gave him a \$100,000 Hummer for his 18th birthday

TRIVIA QUESTION:
 When was the Super Bowl last played in San Diego?
 ...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

- High school girls basketball**
 Murtaugh at Castledale, 6 p.m.
 Shoshone at Bliss, 6 p.m.
 Carey at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
 Camas County at The Community School, 6 p.m.
 Wood River at Filer, 7:30 p.m.
 Jerome at Minico, 6 p.m.
 Raft River at Oakley, 6 p.m.
 Gooding at Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.
 Kimberly at Wendell, 6 p.m.
 Raft River at MVC, 6:30 p.m.
 Castledale at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
 Twin Falls at Kuna, 7:30 p.m.
- High school boys basketball**
 Shoshone at Bliss, 7:30 p.m.
 Buhl at Valley, 4:15 p.m.
 Declo at Burley, 6 p.m.
 Camas County at The Community School, 7:30 p.m.
 Carey at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
 Twin Falls at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
 Minico at Century, 7:30 p.m.
- High school wrestling**
 Snake River, Marsh Valley, Declo, Kimberly at Buhl, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Cavallers fire coach John Lucas
 CLEVELAND — John Lucas was fired Monday as coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers, who have the NBA’s worst record and have shown few signs of development this season.
 Lucas was in his second season with the Cavs, who were to announce his firing at a news conference at Gund Arena, team spokesman Ed Markey said. The 48-year-old Lucas had this season and another remaining on his contract.
 The Cavs are 8-34 and have just returned from a 1-5 West Coast road trip. Cleveland blew second-half leads in several of those games and the players on the NBA’s youngest team are not showing the kind of progress general manager Jim Paxson has been looking for.
 It was not immediately known who would replace Lucas, but assistant coach Keith Smart appears to be Lucas’ likely successor.
 Cleveland, coming off three straight 50-plus loss seasons, had devoted this season to rebuilding with its young roster.
 During the summer, the Cavs traded point guard Andre Miller to the Los Angeles Clippers for forward Darius Miles. In addition, the team had dumped other high-priced veterans such as Shawn Kemp, Lamond Murray and Wesley Person in recent years in hopes of turning things around.

TRIVIA ANSWER:
 1998, when Denver defeated Green Bay 31-24.

HITTING 1,000

Avalanche goalie Roy plays in thousandth game

By John Marshall
 Associated Press writer

DENVER — Colorado’s Patrick Roy added to his considerable list of achievements Monday night, becoming the first NHL goalie to play in 1,000 games.
 Roy, who holds nearly every significant league goaltending record, was honored before Colorado’s game against the Dallas Stars.
 A video played on the

scoreboard with highlights of Roy’s career, then he took off his helmet and skated from the crease to the far end of the ice.
 Roy, who entered with a NHL-record 529 victories, was joined by his wife and three children as Jim Gregory, NHL senior vice president of hockey operations, presented him with an award from the league.
 Rogie Vachon, one of Roy’s childhood idols, followed by presenting him a

silver stick on behalf of the Avalanche as players from both teams taped their sticks on the ice in appreciation.
 Vachon, who is not affiliated with the Avalanche, won 355 games in his 16-year career.
 “My objective was just to survive in the league,” said Roy, in his 19th NHL season. “That’s what I’m hoping, and here I am 18 years later, to be in the position to be the one ever to hit 1,000.”
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Colorado goalie Patrick Roy jokes with his wife, Michele, Monday during a ceremony to mark his 1,000th career regular-season game.

Williams advances at Open

Agassi downs Frenchman in late match

By Phil Brown
 Associated Press writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Venus Williams wasn’t fazed a bit when spectators loudly called some of her shots out.
 Williams responded with a burst of winners midway through the first set that helped carry her to a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Daniela Hantuchova on Tuesday and into the Australian Open semifinals.
 “I was fortunate to get through,” Williams said. “I don’t think Daniela played as well as she wanted to today.”

Williams is one victory away from a potential fourth consecutive Grand Slam tournament final against younger sister Serena, who beat her for three major titles last year.
 Serena plays her quarterfinal Wednesday against Meghann Shaughnessy.

In a late match Monday night (MST), American Andrea Agassi downed Frenchman Sebastien Grosjean 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 to advance.
 In the fifth game, spectators yelled that Venus Williams’ previous shot had been out when she won a point with a volley. On the next point, a roar of “out!” came from many in the crowd on Williams’ forehand. There was no call from the line judge, but she missed the next shot.
 After she lost the game for 2-3 on an out call that was loudly applauded, Williams came back to win her serve at love and broke for 4-3.

“In the middle of a point when the crowd starts to be noisy, it’s best just to focus on your shot and not to worry if the ball was really in or out,” Williams said. “I’d like to think they were in.”
 She had some shaky moments later, but broke three times in the second set, setting up match point with a backhand crosscourt passing shot on the run and winning when Hantuchova sent a backhand long.
 She also served six aces at speeds of up to 125 mph, shown



Andre Agassi plays against the backdrop of the tournament logo in Tuesday’s quarterfinal match against Sebastien Grosjean from France at the Australian Open in Melbourne.

at 201 kilometers an hour on the board.
 “I don’t know if I served well, but did everyone see the 201?” she asked later. “I was surprised when I saw that speed. I got a bit distracted but I got my focus back.”

Since hitting the fastest recorded serve in women’s tennis, 127 mph in 1998, Williams said she had been concentrating more on placement, hitting her fastest serves when she hasn’t been trying.

Now, she said, “I’m going to start trying to see if I can serve even bigger than the record.”
 Hantuchova, a 19-year-old Slovakian seeded seventh, came

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Super Bowl drama begins

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Welcome to the swashbucklers’ Super Bowl, with Jon Gruden subbing for Errol Flynn, Bill Calihhan in the Tyronn Power role, and Al Davis as Captain Hook.

The Oakland Raiders and Tampa Bay Buccaneers sailed into San Diego with their pirates logos and their bloodthirsty images — the Raiders on offense, the Buccaneers on defense. For the next few days, their similarities and vast differences will be dissected. By the time they take the field Sunday, America will know everything about Oakland’s storied past and Tampa Bay’s sorry one.

For 19 years, the Raiders have tried to get back to the title game. That’s nothing compared to Tampa Bay’s pursuit of respectability, let alone championship.

Funny thing about football, though: The past isn’t necessarily prologue. Matchups, injuries, luck all play a bigger role than mystique and misery.

“It was our fault here,” said All-Pro tackle Warren Sapp, who

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Missouri reinstates Clemons

By Bill Coats
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The indefinite suspension of Ricky Clemons, Missouri’s starting point guard and leading scorer, lasted three days and cost him one game.

Clemons, who was arrested Friday on a felony domestic assault charge, was reinstated Monday.
 Clemons returned to practice and will play tonight, when 21st-ranked Missouri (10-3 overall, 1-1 Big 12 Conference) meets Iowa State (10-4, 3-1) at Hearn Center.

The decision to return Clemons to the team was made Monday by MU athletics director Mike Alden after meetings Sunday and Monday with coach Quin Snyder, Clemons and others, whom Snyder declined to identify.

“I can assure you that the situation was handled in a very responsible manner,” Snyder said at a news conference Monday.
 “We feel confident it’s the right decision at this juncture, given the facts that we’re aware of.”
 Clemons, 22, was suspended after he turned himself in to Columbia police in connection with an alleged incident Thursday night at Clemons’ apartment near the MU campus. According to a police report, a 20-year-old woman filed a complaint Friday, alleging that Clemons “choked her and physically restrained her from leaving his residence.”

Clemons was held briefly in the Boone County Jail on a charge of second-degree domestic assault. He posted bond and was released Friday night.
 Clemons is in his first season at Missouri after playing two seasons at the College of Southern Idaho. He leads the team in scoring (17.2 points per game) and assists (5.7).



Ricky Clemons

Foreman is no longer grilled about boxing career

By Tim Dahlberg
 Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Lunch with George Foreman is more about crab salad than grilled burgers.
 He’s made millions with one liner about fat and food, but for the most part of two hours, Foreman just picks at the salad on his plate.
 “I still have a lot of fun, but you’ve got to watch what you’re eating,” Foreman said. “It can be a death sentence if you can’t control yourself.”
 Foreman knows what he’s talking about when it comes to dieting and food. He’s probably made more money from it than anyone since Jenny Craig.

When he was Big George Foreman, he sold the public on his boxing comeback by joking about his weight and appetite for chesseburgers. Then he agreed to put his name on a line of kitchen



Children from the Oakloah Boys & Girls Club surround former heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman Oct. 8, 1998, during Foreman's visit to the new Boys & Girls Club Fox Valley in Appleton, Wis.

grills and got rich as the jolly chef George Foreman.
 On this day in a Portland restaurant, though, Foreman is just as eager to talk about life, second chances, Muhammad Ali and his ministry as he is about the

grills that made him far more famous than did his fists.
 He’s interrupted by young women and children coming to the table with cameras. Ever obliging, he puts his meaty hands around them and smiles, making

sure the camera flashes, and exchanging a few words with them.

They know he’s famous, but they don’t know Foreman once thrilled America by waving flags at the 1968 Olympics when some of his fellow black athletes were raising clenched fists.

They don’t know he was once the most fearsome heavyweight around, or that he lost to Ali in a huge upset in the “Rumble in the Jungle.” They don’t know he came back to become the oldest heavyweight champion ever at age 45 when he knocked Michael Moorer silly with a punch in the 10th round.

The cooking man on this day is patient, attentive and accommodating to everyone who comes by with cameras and pens.

For Foreman, though, the real work takes place on Sundays at

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SPORTS

Medina scores 26 as Wolves rip Raft River

CASTLEFORD — Castleford blew past Raft River with a 31-point first quarter en route to a 62-63 Magic Valley Conference basketball win Monday night. Elvis Medina pumped in 26 points for the Wolves while Adam Darrington scored 22 for the Trojans.

Utah downs New Jersey in foul-filled game

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone forced overtime on a basket with less than a second remaining in regulation and scored four of his 24 points in the extra period as the Utah Jazz beat the New Jersey Nets 106-103 Monday night in a foul-filled game.

Utah's John Stockton added a season-high 25 points, including eight in overtime, and finished in the final 20.2 seconds to seal the Jazz's fourth straight win.

The Nets had a chance to force a second overtime, but Jason Kidd's 3-point attempt just before the buzzer missed.

There were 63 personal fouls called, including two flagrant fouls, and three technicals in the game, which lasted nearly three hours.

Kidd finished with 33 points and 13 rebounds, but also had 10 of the Nets' 21 turnovers. Matt Harpring scored 23 and Malone had 11 rebounds for the Jazz.

ATLANTA, Hawks 102 Bulls 115 — Jalen Rose matched a season high with 37 points and

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of our (six) 3-pointers then too. We knocked them back on their heels."

Brandon Barrett added 15 for the Trojans while Benji Graybeal added 13 and Drew Maves 10 for the Wolves (11-2, 5-1), who host Hagerman next Tuesday.

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Hagerman 61, Oakley 48

HAGERMAN — Brian Brown scored 17 points and Austin Knight added 15 to lead Hagerman to a 61-48 win over Oakley in Magic Valley Conference play Monday night. Ammon McBride scored 19 for Oakley. Hagerman (10-3, 6-1) play Wednesday at Shoshone.

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New report finds WSU sports humming along

By Nicholas K. Geranica Associated Press writer

PULLMAN, Wash. — It's a \$22 million enterprise with some 600 employees, and, lately, business is booming.

The Washington State University Athletics Department is operating in the black, complying with rules involving number of women athletes, and, incidentally, winning.

Those are the findings of a report that must be compiled for the National Collegiate Athletic Association every five years. The "self-study," which runs hundreds of pages, is a window into the world of college sports.

"We're going to meet every requirement of the NCAA," said Ron Markin, chairman of the committee that recently completed the study. "We pride ourselves on running a very clean program."

A 70-person committee, including faculty, administrators and students, began work in the fall of 2001 to examine whether WSU complied with NCAA requirements. The athletic department was last certified in 1996.

The biggest concern remains graduation rates for student-athletes. Even though WSU does much better than some programs, the goal is a 100 percent graduation rate for those athletes who exhaust their eligibility, he said.

The graduation rate for all athletes averaged 58 percent between 1992-96, compared to 59 percent for all students.

"This is something the NCAA keeps your feet to the fire about," Markin said. The four-year average graduation rate for all male student-athletes from 1992-96 was 52.3 percent, only a bit lower than the 55.4 percent for all males. Women student-athletes graduated at a slightly higher rate than all women students.

The four-year graduation rate average for white male student-athletes was 59.3 percent. Among black student-athletes, the four-year average graduation rate for men was 44.4 percent.

Those percentages put WSU

right at national averages for Division I schools.

"It rates somewhere in the middle," agreed Arthur Plesko, who studies graduation rates for the Black Athletes Sports Network in New York City. "Some Division I schools are in the 20s and some are in the 70s."

The highest graduation rates are at elite schools like Duke, Northwestern and Stanford, at more than 85 percent, the NCAA said.

Despite its location in tiny Pullman and relatively small student body, by Pacific 10 Conference standards, Washington State athletic programs operate in the black, Markin said.

"It's almost like an arms war among all the participants, especially in the Pac-10," he said. "It's a constant game of one-upmanship in terms of facilities and things related to athletics."

"That doesn't make it easy at WSU." Washington State's goal is to make athletics completely self-sufficient, meaning no state subsidies, by next July 1, the study said. That's a big reason the football team scheduled a game in Seattle this season and more in the future.

The football team has had consecutive 10-win seasons and gone to two straight bowl games. That has dramatically raised ticket sales, total revenues and donations from boosters, Markin said. Football attendance averaged a record 38,100 fans per game last season.

But while fans worry about won-loss records, the study does not. It looks at four major areas: Academic integrity of student-athletes; equity, especially for women athletes; commitment to rules; and fiscal integrity.

Total sports revenues at WSU were \$22.7 million in 2002, with total expenses of \$21.7 million. Football accounted for \$9.9 million in revenues and \$7 million in expenses.

Women's sports had \$1.3 million in revenues and \$4.9 million in expenses.

Marcus Fiaz added 24 Monday, helping the Chicago Bulls end a 19-game road losing streak with a 95-81 victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

Chicago, which hadn't won away from home since opening the season at Boston, outscored the Hawks 41-19 in the fourth quarter.

Wizards 89, Nuggets 74

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan scored 12 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Washington Wizards. Larry Hughes scored 20 points and sparked a 21-6 third-quarter run.

Knicks 72, Heat 65

NEW YORK — Latrell Sprewell outscored Miami in the first quarter and New York went on to defeat the Heat as the teams matched the NBA record for fewest combined points in a first half with 57.

Pistons 88, Pacers 78

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Ben Wallace scored a season-high 14 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, and the Detroit Pistons used a late

surge to win. After trailing much of the game, Detroit went on a 9-0 run to take an 82-73 lead with 1:29 left.

Spurs 87, Rockets 82

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan scored 32 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Jeff McInnis added 15 points off the bench.

Portland had six players in double figures, including three reserves.

T-wolves 89, Raptors 81

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett had 19 points and 15 rebounds and the Minnesota Timberwolves held on despite a late 16-5 run by Toronto.

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Celtics 100, 76ers 99

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the Washington Capitals 3-3. Steve Shields stopped 26 shots for Boston, which has won just twice (2-7-1) in its 10 games.

Canadians 3, Panthers 2

SUNRISE, Fla. — Jan Bulis and Doug Gilmour scored 38 seconds apart in the third period to lead Montreal past Florida.

Bulis scored the go-ahead goal with 4:49 left. Oleg Petrov also scored for Montreal and Jose Theodore stopped 31 saves as the Canadiens broke a five-game road losing streak.

Blue Jackets 5, Blackhawks 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Sean

Pronger. David Vyborny and Rick Nash scored first-period goals and Marc Denis had 37 saves as Columbus routed Chicago.

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Girls Basketball

Richfield JV 42, ISOB 33

RICEFIELD — Brianna McAllister pumped in 12 points to lead the Richfield JV past The Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind girls basketball varsity team, 42-33, on Monday.

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Trail Blazers 99, Grizzlies 87

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Lightning 6, Senators 2

TAMPA, Fla. — Vaclav Prospal had a goal and three assists as Tampa Bay snapped Ottawa's five-game winning streak.

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It was a big day for the charity: El Aynaoui pounded 33 aces. "I served well the whole way," El Aynaoui said. "The most difficult thing for me is to keep a very high level of play and Lleyton helped me a little bit. I don't think he played his best today."

Minnesota rallies, defeats Mighty Ducks in OT

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Minnesota defenseman Nick Schultz scored the tying goal Monday night in the third period to help the Wild rally to 2-3 in overtime as the Wild rallied to beat Anaheim, 2-1.

Dwayne Roloson set a club record with his eighth straight assist, making 30 saves. It was his sixth straight start since Manny Fernandez sustained a knee sprain on Jan. 6.

Bruins 3, Capitals 3

BOSTON — Joe Thornton had a goal and two assists for Boston, setting up Glen Murray's slap shot with a 4:26 left on Monday as the Bruins rallied from a two-goal deficit to tie

Open

Continued from D1 close to beating Williams at last year's Australian Open, but now has a 0-4 record against her.

Hantuchova had a chance to even the first set at 5-4 when Williams, serving at 40-15, netted a forehand ace, making 30 saves. It was his sixth straight start since Manny Fernandez sustained a knee sprain on Jan. 6.

In the fourth round Monday, No. 11 Alex Hewitt's hope of becoming the first Australian men's champion at the event since 1976 vanished under a har-

Foreman

Continued from D1 his Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, where the congregation knows him as its preacher.

"That's what I do," Foreman said. "I may moonlight as a grillman and all of that. But being a preacher is my profession."

On this Sunday, his sermon is about how the world's problems today aren't much different than a half-century ago.

Some of his 10 children — five boys named George and five daughters — are usually in the church listening to the message.

"I know the headlines were so similar that you can just change the dates," he said. "That's my message, that things never really change."

Things may not change. People, though, do. Foreman is one of the most visible examples of that.

Sometimes," he said, "you get a second chance."

On the counter of Foreman's home sits — what else — a George Foreman Lean Mean Fat Reducing Grilling Machine.

rage of aces by Younes El Aynaoui. A Moroccan seeded 18th, allowed Hewitt just three break points, and zero breaks of serve — in the 67-14, 74-64, 74-63 upset.

It was just too hard the way he was serving," Hewitt said. "It's hard to find his backhand when you can't get your racket on the ball. It was a little out of my control."

The immediate beneficiary of Hewitt's ouster could be Andy Roddick, who will face El Aynaoui in the quarterfinals.

At the time, Foreman was at the peak of his comeback after knocking out Moore to win the heavyweight championship again. He did an infomercial and the grill started selling.

What happened next amazed Foreman. In the mail one day was a royalty check for \$3,500. A few months later, a check came for \$65,000.

"I said, 'Wow, this thing must work,'" he said.

When a check came for \$1 million, it removed any doubt. Foreman, who got a share of the profit on every grill, reportedly made more than \$50 million before Salton Inc. asked him to renegotiate so it could make a decent profit.

Foreman ended up signing a five-year deal worth \$137.5 million to keep his name on the grills and his face in front of the public. His average salary of \$27.5 million year dwarfs his boxing income, which peaked with a \$12.5 million purse in 1991 for his unsuccessful heavyweight title challenge against Evander Holyfield.

"Today, Salton sells 29 George Foreman products."

It became a phenomenon largely because of Foreman's name. He is an

Roddick lost the first two sets against Russian Andrei Pavluchenko. Mikhail Youzhnyev before pulling out a 6-7 (4), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2 victory.

Roddick won't be joined in the quarterfinals by David Cup because of a groin injury. Foreman defeated Rainer Schuettler 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Schuettler's quarterfinal opponent will be 10th-seeded David Nalbandian. The Wimbledon finalist ousted No. 6 Roger Federer 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

The other men's quarterfinals are Andre Agassi vs. Sebastian

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unabashed salesman, something he learned well when he had to sell himself as a serious contender in 1986 after a 10-year layoff. At the time, he had pretty much gone through the earnings of his first career as a boxer, which was, at one time, strapped for cash.

The jokes weren't the only thing different about his comeback. When he destroyed Joe Frazier in 1973 to win the heavyweight championship, Foreman didn't believe in religion. Then, after an out-of-body experience as he lay bleeding and exhausted after losing to Jimmy Young in 1977, he said he found Jesus Christ.

Foreman became an ordained minister the next year, built a church and started preaching to anyone who would listen.

He was far but happy, content to spread the word of God.

"I just took over my life," he said. "For 10 years, that's all I did. I never intended to give up boxing, but I never went back to the gym."

Foreman hadn't expected his life to take such a turn. A few years earlier he — and most others — thought he would be heavyweight champion for a long time.

Then he met Ali in Zaire, and everything changed.

It was a fight Foreman thought he would easily win. He was beating everybody up, and Ali was a fading former champion.

Frazier had beaten Ali, and Foreman knocked Frazier down six times in two rounds to win the heavyweight title.

"It was impossible for him to win. There was no way he could beat me," Foreman said.

It turned out there was a way. Ali employed one of the greatest strategic moves in history, covering up on the ropes and making Foreman wear himself out before knocking him out in the eighth round.

"He was smart, but he wasn't as smart as he was brave," Foreman said. "He's the bravest man I've ever met. I hit him in the side that night and he said, 'I thought he had to start fighting me because he was being abused.' He just looked at me and put the gloves in front of his eyes again and let me hit him again."

Foreman and Ali would go on to become good friends, and remain so today. Ali is perhaps the most recognizable human on the planet, but Foreman is catching up.

Roy

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It's great."

The milestone is just the latest for Roy this season.

He passed Terry Sawchuk for most minutes by a goalie on Nov. 15 against Dallas, then played in his 972nd game nine days later to pass another Sawchuk record.

"I never thought (1,000 games) would be possible," Roy said. "It shows durability."

Roy has won four Stanley Cups and is the only player to win the Conn Smythe Trophy as MVP of the playoffs three times. He also is the career leader in wins,

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SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore

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Tennis: Australian Open, men's and women's quarterfinals, ESPN, 8:30 p.m. Australian Open, men's and women's quarterfinals, ESPN2, 8:30 p.m.

Area ski report: Aspen Snowmass - Snow 5.00 in. Dry. Grand Teton - Snow 1.00 in. Dry. Jackson Hole - Snow 1.00 in. Dry. Park City - Snow 1.00 in. Dry. Steamboat - Snow 1.00 in. Dry.

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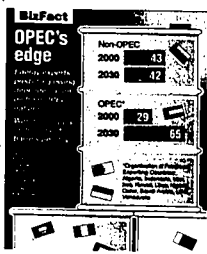
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Idaho member heads to Council

PORTLAND, Ore. - The Northwest Power Planning Council has elected Idaho member Judi Danielson as council chairwoman for 2003.

Danielson, 51, was appointed to the council in 2001 after serving seven years in the state Senate and six in the state House. She was the Senate Republican Floor Leader when Gov. Dirk Kempthorne picked her to replace Mike Field, who resigned to take a federal Agriculture Department appointment in Boise in the Bush administration.

Danielson also served as chairwoman of the Western Legislative Forestry Task Force and played a key role in the development of Idaho's proposal for cooperative state and federal management of forest lands.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke appointed Karier to the council in 1998. Karier is an economist and previously was an associate dean at Eastern Washington University.

Drivers select their favorite road tunes
We've all seen them out on the highways and byways, the crooning commuters who make like Placido Domingo behind the wheel.
But what are they singing now? In an online poll of 4,167 people, Yahoo! Auto asked which were the best driving songs of the year.
Nelly came in at No. 1, with 20 percent calling his tune, "Hot in Here," the best driving song, followed closely by Eminem's "Without Me," which was picked by 19 percent.

Others in the top 10 were "Days Go By" by Dirty Vegas, the song featured in those ultra-slick Mitsubishi commercials, and "Soak Up the Sun" by Sheryl Crow. Ten percent chose Crow's driving ditty, followed by 8 percent who selected "The Middle" by Jimmy Eat World and "Complicated" by Canadian teen rocker Avril Lavigne.

Balances get lowered - to bottom of bills
You used to see it. Now you don't.
The prominent box that told MBNA's 50 million credit card customers how much they owed each month has disappeared from the top of the monthly statement. Now, the nation's second largest credit card issuer alerts customers only to avoid late fees.
The total amount due is still on the bill - at the bottom of each page and in smaller print. The Delaware-based credit card issuer said it decided to remove the "new balance total" from the top of the bill - a "coupon" part that consumers tend to ignore with their payments - for security and privacy reasons.

"From a privacy perspective, the total amount owed is information that only the customer and MBNA should know," spokesman Jim Donahue said in a statement. Sometimes, when consumers call to inquire about their account, MBNA tries to verify the consumer is the cardholder by asking for the latest balance, he said. If the coupon falls into the wrong hands, he added, the information could be used to improperly obtain credit data.

compiled from wire reports

Dell chief focuses on future beyond PC

Company emphasizes personal digital assistants, servers

By Terri Yue Jones
Los Angeles Times

The bread and butter of high-tech is the personal computer, and no PC maker is on the rise as much as Dell Computer Corp. The Round Rock, Texas-based company has been in a fierce battle with rival Hewlett-Packard Co. since Hewlett completed its acquisition of Compaq Computer Corp. last year. Reports released last week by two leading technology market research firms suggest that the companies ended 2002 in a dead heat in terms of market share, with Dell having gained ground. The company shipped more than 20 million PCs last year.

Dell is focused on a future that goes far beyond the PC. Dell is producing an array of computers, from handheld personal digital assistants to powerful servers that can work together to tackle problems that used to require a supercomputer.

Dell talked with the Los Angeles Times at the recent International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas about the outlook for his company and the rest of the technology sector.

Question: Every technology company is searching for the next application that will drive sales. What do you think the killer app will be this year?

Answer: I think wireless is a pretty killer app. Certainly DVD

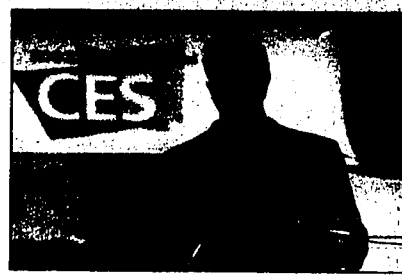
is everywhere. There's still plenty of businesses that have yet to fully take advantage of the Internet.

Consumers are increasingly using the PC as the center of the entertainment universe, so they're looking up all sorts of things. The PC has become the center of the entertainment experience, with digital photographs, digital movies, DVDs, imaging.

Q: Apple Computer Inc. Chief Executive Steve Jobs said 2003 is the year of the laptop for that company. What would you say this is the year of for Dell?

A: We have been growing quite broadly in enterprise. Servers and storage and services

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Michael Dell, Chairman and C.E.O. of Dell Computer Corp., speaks Jan. 9 during an industry insider address to the International Consumer Electronics Show at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Qwest refocuses on core business

New CEO Notebaert leads the charge

The Associated Press

DENVER - On a brisk Friday afternoon, 300 Qwest Communications International Inc. employees crowd into a company auditorium and gaze down at their boss, Dick Notebaert, clad in a long-sleeved shirt with a Qwest logo and holding a microphone.

Notebaert shows a video about Qwest employees whose families have worked for phone companies for generations. He explains a recent debt reduction plan. He takes questions from workers - in the audience and over the Internet.

One employee suggests how a problem in the field could be fixed to save Qwest a little money. Another asks whether Qwest can tailor products for specific customers.

One woman, choking back tears, says she no longer feels ashamed to work at Qwest.

Another employee who gets the microphone says she works upstairs in the building where the meeting is being held.
"Oh, I was just there," Notebaert says. "Were you there?"
"No," she says. "I was down here waiting for you."

Since taking Qwest's top job in June, Notebaert has seemed like just the man the beleaguered phone company was waiting for.

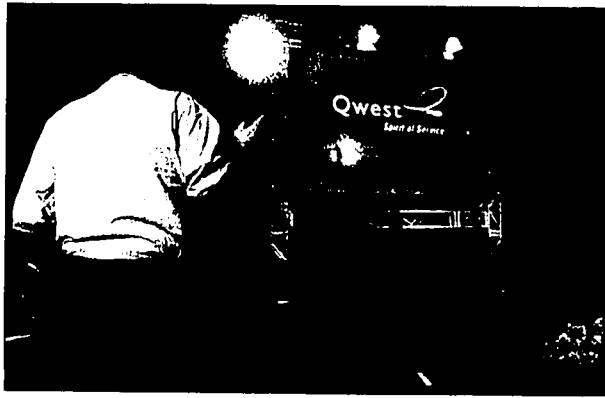
Plagued by government investigations of its accounting practices, a brush with bankruptcy and financial restatement, Qwest has shed its status as one of the highest flyers in telecommunications and tried returning to its roots as a Baby Bell regional phone provider.

"It seems Qwest is zeroing in on being a phone company," said Walter McCormick, president of the United States Telecom Association, an industry group that doesn't include Qwest. "This isn't about getting back to basics."

Gene are the dreams of a worldwide fiber-optic network and former chief executive Joseph Nacchio, a brass former AT&T executive who jumped to Qwest to help it ride the dot-com boom.

"The future of this company lies not in fiber in the Philippines," said Steve Davis, Qwest's senior vice president of policy and law. "We need fiber in Colorado Springs."

Notebaert, a 30-year veteran of



A Qwest International Inc. employee, left, asks a question of CEO Dick Notebaert, center, during an employee meeting in Denver on Dec. 20. Since Notebaert took over Qwest's top job in June, Qwest has shed its status as one of the highest flyers in telecommunications and tried returning to its roots as a Baby Bell regional phone provider.

the phone business and former CEO of another Baby Bell, Ameritech Corp., has sold divisions to skirt bankruptcy, taken steps to improve customer service, promised moral behavior and held several meetings with employees as part of an effort to improve internal communications.

"When I make a decision, the man driving the truck knows what page of the hymnal we're on and what song we're singing," Notebaert said in a recent interview. He said he has received 17,000 e-mails from employees since his arrival and commits to answering each within 48 hours.

Notebaert's challenge is enormous. Even as Qwest crawls out from its own problems, it faces wider telecom industry issues: sluggish corporate spending, a glut of fiber-optic capacity, increased competition from wireless, cable and satellite providers and upstarts that lease access to phone networks at low rates.

Notebaert headed Ameritech when it was bought out by SBC Communications Inc. But he dismisses the idea that he also is cleaning up Qwest for a sale.
"Our goal and what we are doing is building a company that can stand on its own two feet and be highly successful in any environment," Notebaert said.

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Notebaert is a 30-year veteran of the phone business and former CEO of Ameritech Corp.

Experts try to figure out Bush tax plan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Having trouble figuring out whether you would benefit from President Bush's proposal to eliminate taxes that individual investors now pay on dividends? Experts who make their living by deciphering the tax system are scratching their heads, too, and say there are no simple, one-size-fits-all answers.

The idea of freeing dividends from taxes at the shareholder level is not as clear-cut as it sounds, tax experts say.

Questions and answers about the issue, and a look at how you might fare if the plan were passed by Congress and signed into law.

Q: What is a dividend?
A: A payment that a corporation makes out of its earnings to people who own its stock.

Q: How are shareholders now taxed on dividends?
A: Dividends are taxed at the standard individual income tax rates, which range from 10 percent to 38.6 percent.

Q: Will all of my dividends be tax free if Bush's plan takes effect?
A: No. In general, you would get a tax break if the corporation paying you the dividend paid federal corporate taxes on the earnings. Generally speaking, you would not get the tax break if the corporation did not pay corporate taxes on the earnings.

The Treasury Department says that roughly 35 million households now receive dividends that are taxed, and most will benefit from Bush's proposal.

Q: Why would my tax break depend on whether the corporation paid taxes on the earnings?
A: The plan is aimed at getting rid of what the administration calls a double tax on corporate profits. When a corporation earns a profit, it can pay taxes at rates as high as 35 percent. Also,

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Have bad credit? Obtaining credit reports is a good start

Question: My husband and I have been unable to finance a badly needed four-door used car because our credit isn't good enough. Car dealers have graded us with copies of our credit reports, but these turned out to be papers with numbers that are incomprehensible. I've tried to order free credit reports on the Internet, but the deals are usually come-ons for other services and require a credit card - which we don't have. What do we do now?
Answer: When you don't have good credit, you have to start building it. Unfortunately, the process takes time, which means it may be awhile before you can

get that badly needed four-door used car.
Start by getting copies of your credit reports from each of the three major credit bureaus: Experian at (888) 397-3742 and TransUnion at (800) 888-4213. These reports will be more user-friendly than the ones you saw,

which are designed for lenders who are familiar with the credit process.

You should scan the reports for any errors, accounts that aren't yours or negative information that's more than seven years old (or, in the case of a bankruptcy filing, more than 10 years old). The reports include information about how to get these problems corrected.

Pay attention to the reasons given for your credit score not being higher. If it's because you have unpaid bills, you probably need to satisfy those before your score will improve. If you have late payments, that should underscore the need to pay all

your bills on time. If it's simply because your credit is too new or you don't have many credit accounts, then your real work begins.

Start by applying for a card from a gas company or a department store, which usually are the easiest to get. Use the card lightly but consistently, charging something every month and paying off the balance.

If you apply for a couple of these cards and don't get approved, don't apply for others because that could hurt your score further. Instead, consider getting a loan from your credit union or a small bank - perhaps one that's backed by your sav-

ings account or other collateral - and pay it back over time.

After a few months of paying under the cards or the loan on time, you also might apply for a secured credit card. These require you to deposit money and give you a credit line equal to your deposit. (You can learn more about these at Banker's cards, which has a list of the best secured credit deals.) Look for a card that will convert to a regular credit card after a year or two.

Once you've had a regular credit card for a while, you should be able to get approved. Please see MONEY, Page D5

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So important to UP operation

Despite layoffs, president says it's in strategic location

POCATELLO (AP)—Five train cars on a one-way track, jobs in the Gate City's rail yards have steadily left town for the past quarter-century.

More than 75 percent of Pocatello's railroad jobs were cut since 1975 as Union Pacific Railroad slashed its payroll from 500 to 600.

Despite the job losses, Union Pacific officials said Pocatello still always remains a geographically critical part of the company's rail system.

"Pocatello will always be a strategic location. I don't think it's going to change too much,"

Charles Clark, special assistant to the Union Pacific president, said Wednesday.

Local union representatives, who have criticized the company's series of layoffs, do not see Pocatello being turned into a whole stop.

"I don't think they'll sell out. It's a very important artery to their operation," says George Millward, legislative director for the United Transportation Union. The union has 335 members in Pocatello.

What the future holds for Pocatello concerning employment is another matter.

"No one can say with certainty what employment will be, since markets change, needs for personnel change, and other matters we cannot guess today could also impact local conditions," Union Pacific spokesman Mike Furney

said.

Last year, Union Pacific announced that 90 jobs would be cut.

Millward believes some of those jobs will return as company officials realize they have trimmed the force too far.

"All of a sudden, the railroad is starting to say, 'Why is Pocatello having a three-, four- or five-hour delay on every train?'" Millward said. "Why are trains sitting at Lava (Hot Springs) for a day and a half? Why are they sitting in Montpelier? What's going on? There's not enough people here to do the tests that need to be done that are required by law."

Clark says job losses can be traced to deregulation in the 1980s, when Union Pacific and other railroads began consolidating. Today, there are only four major railroads. Union Pacific

tracks now cover 23 states instead of 13.

"Traffic patterns and flows are different... so we've moved these operations to more central areas," Clark says. The railroad says any business isn't going to face facilities or assets if they aren't performing or aren't used.

The cutbacks have paid off for Union Pacific's corporate pocketbook. The company reported an all-time record net income of \$437 million in the third quarter of 2002.

If Pocatello's number of positions stays steady, the company will need to hire about 200 employees in the next five to 10 years as workers hired during the 1970s retire, Millward says.

He believes most of those new railroad workers will be Pocatellans.

LIVESTOCK		METALS	
POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau	Selected world gold prices, Monday	Hong Kong: \$364.75 per 100 gm.	London: \$352.00 per 100 gm.
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Note to our readers

Many of the markets were not open on Monday because of Martin Luther King Day.

Lawyers resist call for disclosure

The Dallas Morning News

Many lawyers are worrying that a proposed Securities and Exchange Commission rule will force them to violate the traditional confidentiality between client and lawyer.

SEC commissioners plan to vote on a rule this week that requires lawyers to make a "noisy withdrawal" if they see or suspect a violation of securities laws at a company they work for.

It's called noisy withdrawal for good reason. A lawyer with knowledge of wrongdoing can't quietly slink out the door without saying anything, the SEC suggests.

The lawyer has to "disaffirm

Tax

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when a corporation pays dividends to shareholders out of its remaining after-tax income, shareholders must pay taxes on those dividends based on their standard, individual income tax rates.

Q: How am I supposed to figure out if I get a tax break on my dividend?

A: You won't. Corporations would have to calculate how much of their income has been fully taxed. They need to do that to determine how much they can pay out in tax-free dividends. Shareholders lit up to the corporation to decide how much, if any, of the tax-free profit it wants to distribute as a dividend.

Q: How would I know?

A: Corporations, mutual funds or stockbrokers would tell shareholders in end-of-year statements, such as a 1099 form, how much in bonuses, every January. The statement would let you know how much of your dividend is tax-free and how much of the dividend, if any, is taxable.

Q: Can I get a tax break if I hold dividend shares in a company that doesn't pay dividends?

A: No. They would get a tax benefit too, but only when they sell their shares. A corporation that paid taxes might decide to retain profits—perhaps investing the money in plant and equipment—instead of paying dividends to shareholders.

In that case, a shareholder on paper would get a "deemed dividend" for the amount the corporation could have paid as a tax-free dividend. Shareholders would get to take advantage of this kind of dividend only when stocks sold. This dividend would be added to the shareholder's income, meaning that you would pay for the stock, thereby reducing the amount of capital gains tax you would pay.

Q: If you bought one share of stock for \$50 and sold it for \$100 and got a deemed dividend of \$20 per share instead of paying taxes on a capital gain of \$50, you would pay taxes on a capital gain of \$70.

Quizno's plans encore ad appearance for Super Bowl

Sub chain works to get message out

The Washington Post

In the three weeks after Quizno's Corp.'s first Super Bowl ad last year, the submarine sandwich chain had double-digit sales increases at its 1,447 restaurants, a number that has since grown to 1,988.

For Quizno's, like many companies that bought ad spots during the Super Bowl, the marketing strategy is mostly Hall-Mary—it's a risky one-shot deal with a potentially big payoff. Last year, few knew what Quizno's was before the Super Bowl, said Brooks Smith, the company's vice president for operations and marketing. The ad was a way to get the Quizno's name in front of 43 million households and to kick off the year's ad campaign, which carried the slogan "Toasted tastes better."

This year's Super Bowl is being broadcast Sunday by ABC, a division of Walt Disney Co., which reports that fewer than six of the game's 61 commercial spots remain to be sold. That's ahead of last year's pace, when a Fox-televised game struggled to fill its commercial slots nearly up to game time as the depressed, ad-poor NFL advertising market was reluctant to pony up the \$2.2 million asking price for a 30-second ad. Fox ended up discounting its commercial time, which ABC said it will not do.

The game will feature at least 30 advertisers, including the Warner Bros. motion picture studio, hyping its twin "Matrix" sequels, rival Internet ad sites Monster and HotJobs.com; MyFico.com, a credit report company; Sara Lee Corp.-owned Hanes, which will team Michael Jordan and martial arts film star Jackie Chan, Pepsi, which is likely to roll out Dextin's Child Beyonce Knowles as its new spokes-singer, knowing Britney Spears; three

ads from Sony Pictures and at least one from Sony Electronics; and AT&T Wireless Services Inc., which will follow last year's baffling ads featuring a bearded man as a way to illustrate wireless connections. (Get it? Cut umbilical cords?)

The NFL rejected an ad from the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, saying that league rules prohibit accepting any ad that refers to sports betting.

Question: If Quizno's considered last year's ad a success, a scenario in which a taste-tester asked to choose between competing sub shops to get a blow dart in the neck—how does the company top it? Answer: This year, get some guy to "drop

campaign, is the industry's top practitioner of slapstick. In a Freeman ad, it is assured that harm will come to something, be it human or animal.

Quizno's ad, Quizno's introduces Chef Jimmy, the real-life Jimmy Lambatos, who created the first menu for Denver-based Quizno's. The portly, gray-haired Jimmy is seen in his home, as a voice-over tells viewers that he is monomaniacally focused on finding the best ingredients for Quizno's subs, so much so that he lets slide other elements of his life.

To that end, he passes a dead bird in a cage, walks outside past an overgrown yard and so forth. The classic Freeman punch line turns in the kitchen of a Quizno's restaurant when Chef Jimmy returns away from the camera to reveal that he's so single-minded that he's forgotten to put on his pants. His tighty-whities-encased posterior is quickly covered by a Quizno's sub, well-positioned by one of his mortified assistant cooks.

Qwest

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"We have great assets, highly talented people, millions of customer relationships across the United States. There are opportunities to improve and expand."

Qwest was launched in 1988 by billionaire investor Philip Anschutz as a fiber-optic network company. In 2000, it got into the local phone business with the \$38 billion takeover of U.S. West, the main carrier in 14 western and midwestern states since the 1984 breakup of AT&T.

As the telecom industry faltered, analysts questioned Qwest's financial performance. Soon regulators and lawmakers were investigating whether Qwest artificially boosted its performance through questionable deals.

Meanwhile, Qwest's credit ratings were falling, it was running up against loan agreements and it looked to sell billions of dollars in assets to raise cash. The company slashed 18,000 jobs, making its work force 25 percent smaller

than at the time of the U.S. West takeover.

In June, the board sacked Nachcho for Notebaert. Qwest is looking for a new CEO. Notebaert hopes to complete by the end of March. He recently disciplined company supervisors who ordered employees to log bogus sales and thereby inflate commissions by millions of dollars in 2002.

Notebaert, 55, who spends half his time traveling and half at his 52nd-floor office with stunning views of the Rockies, is seen as much more of an everyman than the former Nachcho. Employees line up to greet Notebaert and take pictures with him during his visits in the field.

"Mr. Notebaert really seems to care," said Barbara Ann Comodoro, 56, a Qwest employee of nearly four decades who also works for the company. "I'm not worried about retiring anymore."

He asks executives to conduct "the newspaper test": If Qwest

were to do something, would they feel comfortable reading about it in the newspaper? He changed Qwest's slogan from "Ride the Light" to "Spirit of Service" and hired more service representatives work longer hours on Saturdays.

Notebaert has been hands-on, handling many duties Nachcho delegated to former chief operating officer Afshin Molhebbi. Molhebbi, praised by notes and old executives alike, left at the end of 2002, nearly three months after lawmakers grilled him about Qwest's accounting.

He also is supported by an American union. Chief financial officer Oren Shaffer, human resources chief Barry Allen and corporate communications head Joan Walker are among those who kept an informal agreement the night America's board agreed to take SBC's offer to work together again if they ever got the chance.

Many analysts praise Notebaert's earnest, long-term

approach, but say the success of his turnaround remains to be seen.

For example, Gurman & Co. analyst Patrick Comack has Quizno's stock—which currently is trading at \$14.50—where it was when Notebaert took over—pegged at 60 cents. He cites the continuing investigations into Qwest's accounting, financial restatements, the telecom downturn and what he views as a weaker position compared with other phone giants like SBC and Verizon Communications Inc.

Qwest got a boost in December with federal approval to sell long distance in nine states, and hopes to offer the service nationwide this year. But Davenport & Co. analyst Drake Johnson says other details about Qwest's plans are thin.

The re-playing defense might not help. Johnson says "it's hard to suggest they have a strategy to pull themselves out of this mess."

Dell

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are big areas of growth for Dell. As awareness and peripherals, including things like PDAs and later this year, printers, and, of course, our consumer business.

Q: That puts you right up against Hewlett-Packard in all areas. Do you see them as your main competitor?

A: There's plenty of competitors. You would be one.

Q: You recently introduced a handheld personal digital assistant, but not a tablet computer. You don't think tablets are the way of the future in computing?

A: It remains to be seen how big a market that is. The hypothesis is that there will be some 500,000 tablets sold in 2003. That's out of a computer market of roughly 130 million, so it's not necessarily a huge part of the market, if you know what I mean.

We don't think we're missing out on a massive near-term opportunity. It's pretty easy to enter the market. Developing the product is not the issue. The issue is, is there a volume market for the product?

Q: Do you want Dell to move toward mainframes?

A: You might be familiar with *Hitachi's* high-performance computer clusters. These are basically hundreds of thousands of servers that are connected together that effectively become a supercomputer.

At the State University of New York at Buffalo, we've installed

2,008 servers. It's effectively a supercomputer—in fact it's listed among the top 500 supercomputers in the world. Dell is showing up more and more on that list.

We've kind of jumped on the scene in this HPCC world, which is an area of computing that ultimately I think could replace the supercomputer and the mainframe.

Q: Are you planning to open retail stores, like Apple Computer Inc. and Gateway Inc.?

A: No. We have 57 kiosks, but that's a pretty small portion of our total. We're planning to use them around the back-to-school season and Thanksgiving Christmas holiday season. They've worked so well that we're actually going to continue them beyond that this year.

There are not really what you'd call a big store. It's a little tiny thing, like in a mall. They're in the aisles. If it doesn't work, we put it in the back of the truck and we go on to the next one.

Q: So are you turning computers into impulse-purchase items?

A: Yeah, and more of a way to introduce Dell to more buyers. We don't have any inventory there. You can see the product and touch the product. You can actually order the product online at a kiosk, but you can't take it with you.

If you go back 10 years, the notion that you would buy your computer over the phone or over the Internet was a foreign con-

cept for a lot of people. Turns out it's become the preferred way to buy. It's overwhelmingly the preferred way to buy for businesses.

Q: Your company is known for its intense focus on customer satisfaction and feedback. Is that something you developed as you built up the company?

A: It came to some extent as a function of the way I started the company. I was a customer to begin with, and I started the company because I was somewhat dissatisfied with the service and support I was getting from computer dealers. Also, the computers cost too much and it took too long for the technology to get to me as a customer. So I'm sitting here in my dorm room saying, "Hey, there's got to be a better way to do this."

There's also something about the direct interaction with customers. Unless you just completely ignore it—which is very hard to do—you're really constantly in contact with this feedback. It's an enormously valuable tool.

Q: What's an example of how feedback from a customer in Kalamazoo, Mich., could make its way back to your headquarters?

A: Let's say we have a brand-new product, we have millions and millions of calls coming in. Our engineers will often sit on the phone and listen in on the calls. They get kind of daily, weekly (reports) of problems.

Q: Do you believe you've per-

fectured the art of customer service?

A: No, we haven't perfected anything. I believe we can continue to improve ourselves. I don't believe in perfection. I believe in continually improving.

Q: If President Bush's tax plan goes through, would you consider paying dividends?

A: Absolutely we would consider it. I think that having the taxation of dividends is a major deterrent for any company to even consider a dividend. We're going to follow it very closely and see what happens.

Q: Some in the tech industry say dividends are an anachronism. How do you feel about them?

A: I think it probably is very different company by company. Some companies have a much more predictable cash flow generation capability. For example, if you look at our company, we have generated free cash flow in excess of 10 percent of revenue for each of the last five years. I don't think any other company in our sector that's done that, with the exception of Microsoft.

Q: So, what worries you?

A: Well, we've got plenty to worry about. With all these new technologies, new competitors, we have to keep improving what we do to continue to deliver great value. There's plenty of guys out there chasing us, and we're going after new markets. There's no shortage of competition

Money

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for a car loan and get a decent interest rate.

For more information on building or rebuilding credit, get a copy of Ron Leonard's book, "Money Troubles: Legal Strategies to Cope With Your Debts" (2002, N.Y. Press, Good luck).

I've owned 2 1/2 acres of undeveloped desert land for more than 30 years and have finally decided to sell for \$20,000 cash. Does this tax-free exclusion for real estate profit apply to land as well as to homes? If not, what capital gains rate am I likely to pay? I'm in the 15 percent bracket. And can I deduct the property taxes I paid over the years?

Answers: You can't deduct the ability to exclude up to \$250,000 in home sale profits from your taxes applies only to your primary residence. Rental property, vacation homes and raw land are treated like other assets, with any profit subject to capital gains tax.

If the sale profit doesn't push you into a higher bracket, you pay federal capital gains tax of 5 percent, plus whatever rate your state charges. People in higher brackets would pay the maximum capital gains rate of 20 percent. As usual, whatever state tax you'd pay.

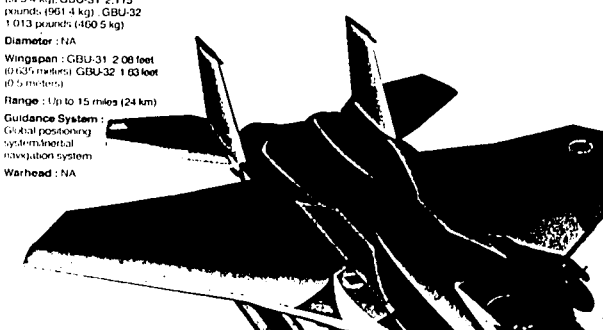
You should have been deducting the property taxes all along as an investment expense. They can't be subtracted from your sale price as a way to reduce your taxable profit. It would make any improvements to the property, however, those could be used to reduce your profit and thus your tax. You'd be smart to consult a tax professional for more details.

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Aircraft	A-10 Thunderbolt II	AC-130 Gunship	RQ-1A Predator	MQ-4A Global Hawk	EA-6B Prowler	F-4U Corsair (AVANCE)
Primary function	Close air support of ground forces	Close air support, air interdiction and force protection	Airborne surveillance, reconnaissance and target acquisition	Reconnaissance by providing high-resolution imagery in real-time via satellite	Electronic countermeasures	Airborne surveillance, command, control and communications
Length	53 feet, 4 inches (16.16 meters)	97 feet, 9 inches (29.8 meters)	27 feet (8.22 meters)	44 feet (13.4 meters)	59 feet, 10 inches (17.7 meters)	146 feet, 8 inches (44.6 meters)
Height	14 feet, 8 inches (4.42 meters)	38 feet, 8 inches (11.7 meters)	6.9 feet (2.1 meters)	NA	18 feet, 8 inches (4.8 meters)	41 feet, 4 inches (12.6 meters)
Wingspan	57 feet, 8 inches (18.15 meters)	132 feet, 7 inches (40.4 meters)	48.7 feet (14.8 meters)	116 feet (35.3 meters)	63 feet (19.3 meters)	180 feet, 10 inches (56.7 meters)
Speed	Mach 0.58	Mach 0.4	135 mph (218 kph)	Mach 0.54	Mach 0.77	Mach 0.48
Ceiling	Max: 45,000 feet (13,636 meters)	25,000 feet (7,678 meters)	25,000 feet (7,620 meters)	65,000 feet (19,812 meters)	37,000 feet (11,280 meters)	Over 28,000 feet (8,776 meters)
Range	800 miles (1,280 km)	Unlimited with air refueling	454 miles (728 km)	1,200 miles	1,150 miles (1,840 km)	NA

Precision weapon

Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM)	B-2 Spirit	B-1B Lancer	F-117A Nighthawk	F-16 Fighting Falcon	F-14 Tomcat	AV-8B Harrier II
Primary function: Guidance tail kit that converts existing unguided free-fall bombs into accurate, bad weather "smarter" munitions.	Multi-role, heavy stealth bomber	Long-range, multi-role, heavy bomber	Stealth fighter/attack	Multi-role fighter	Carrier-based multi-role strike fighter	Attack and destroy surface targets day or night
Length: (Shown) GBU-32 39 feet (11.9 meters)	66 feet (20.0 meters)	146 feet (44.5 meters)	63 inches, 9 inches (19.4 meters)	49 feet, 5 inches (14.8 meters)	61 feet, 9 inches (18.6 meters)	46.3 feet (14.11 meters)
Height: GBU-31 12.73 feet (3.96 meters), GBU-31 12.38 feet (3.86 meters), GBU-32 9.95 feet (3.03 meters)	17 feet (5.1 meters)	34 feet (10.4 meters)	12 feet, 9.5 inches (3.9 meters)	16 feet (4.8 meters)	16 feet (4.8 meters)	38 feet, 6 inches (11.7 m)
Wingspan: GBU-31 2,036 pounds (925.4 kg), GBU-31 2,115 pounds (961.4 kg), GBU-32 1,013 pounds (460.5 kg)	172 feet (52.12 meters)	137 feet (41.8 meters) extended forward; 79 feet (24.1 meters) swept	43 feet, 4 inches (13.2 meters)	32 feet, 8 inches (9.8 meters)	64 feet (19 meters) swept; 38 feet (11.4 meters) unwept	30.3 feet (9.24 meters)
Launch weight: GBU-31 2,036 pounds (925.4 kg), GBU-31 2,115 pounds (961.4 kg), GBU-32 1,013 pounds (460.5 kg)	Speed: High subsonic	Mach 1.2	High subsonic	Mach 2	Mach 1.89	Subsonic to transonic
Diameter: NA	Ceiling: Over 30,000 feet (9,144 meters)	Over 30,000 feet (9,144 meters)	NA	50,000 feet (15,151+ meters)	50,000 feet (15,240+ meters)	NA
Wingspan: GBU-31 2,008 feet (612.5 meters), GBU-32 1,033 feet (315 meters)	Range: Intercontinental, unrefueled	Intercontinental, unrefueled	Unlimited with air refueling	2,000 miles (3,200 km)	1,505 miles (2,573 km)	2,416.04 miles (3,888.6 km)
Guidance System: Global positioning system/Inertial navigation system						
Warhead: NA						



Land attack missiles

AGM-114 K/M Hellfire missile	AGM-65 Maverick	AGM-86C Air-launched cruise missile	Tomahawk Land Attack (TLAM C/D)
Primary function: Short range anti-air and missile	Air to surface tactical missile designed for close air support, interdiction and defense suppression	Intermediate range submarine-launched cruise missile	Intermediate range submarine-launched cruise missile
Length: 16 feet, 3 inches (4.9 meters)	NA	29 feet (8.8 meters)	29 feet (8.8 meters)
Launch weight: 1,000 pounds (453.6 kg)	300 pounds (136 kg)	300 pounds (136 kg)	3,000 pounds (1,360 kg)
Diameter: NA	1 foot (0.3 meters)	1 foot (0.3 meters)	1 foot (0.3 meters)
Wingspan: 11 feet (3.3 meters)	2 feet (0.6 meters)	2 feet (0.6 meters)	2 feet (0.6 meters)
Range: 10 miles (16 km)	Classified	Classified	Classified
Guidance: Inertial/terrain	Electro-optical/infrared imaging or laser guided		
Warhead: 160 lbs (72.5 kg) HE, 1.4 lb (0.6 kg) HE, 2.5 lb (1.1 kg) HE, 3.5 lb (1.6 kg) HE	25 pounds (11.3 kg) cone shaped, 300 pounds (136 kg) delayed fuse penetrator, heavyweight		

M1 Abrams	M2A3 Bradley	M-998 HMMWV
Primary function: Main battle tank	Infantry, cavalry vehicle	Multipurpose wheeled vehicle
Main armament: 105 mm M108 low mode, use 120 smoothbore M256	25mm M242 cannon	Varies by model
Crew: 4 crew	3 crew and up to 7 loaders	Driver and 3 loaders
Length: 32 feet 0.5 inches (9.766 m)	21 feet 2 inches (6.35 m)	15 feet (4.6 m)
Max speed: 45 mph (72 km)	38 mph (61 km)	70 mph (113 km)
Range: 310 miles (498 km)	248 miles (400 km)	300 miles (480 km)

Air defense

PAC-1 Patriot missile and M901 launcher	Attack submarine (SSN) Los Angeles class	Frigate (FFG) Oliver Hazard Perry class	Guided missile destroyer (DDG) Arleigh Burke class	Cruiser (CG) Ticonderoga class	Aircraft carrier (CV) Kitty Hawk class	Aircraft carrier (CVN) Nimitz class
Primary function: Air defense	Search and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships and to fire missiles in support of other forces	Anti-air and anti-submarine warfare	Anti-air warfare, anti-submarine and air-surface warfare	Multipurpose surface combatant capable of supporting carrier battle group, amphibious force or of operating independently and as a "puncher" of surface action groups	Support and operate aircraft that engage in attacks on airborne, afloat and ashore targets that threaten the use of the sea, engage in sustained operations in support of other forces	Support and operate aircraft that engage in attacks on airborne, afloat and ashore targets that threaten the use of the sea, engage in sustained operations in support of other forces
Length: 167 feet (51.8 meters)	300 feet (91.7 meters)	445 feet (133.5 meters) or 453 feet (138.9 meters) with LAMPS modification	505 feet (153.92 meters) or 500 feet (155.20 meters)	617 feet (172.8 meters)	1,002 feet (302.8 meters)	1,002 feet (302.8 meters)
Speed: 15 knots (27.8 mph)	20+ knots (37+ mph)	26+ knots (33+ mph)	30+ knots	30+ knots	30+ knots (34.5+ mph)	30+ knots (34.5+ mph)
Aircraft: None	None	Two S-400 (LAMPS) or One S-400 (LAMPS)	None (landing deck can be used for helicopter and submarine warfare operations)	24 officers, 340 enlisted	85	85
Crew: 13 officers, 121 enlisted	13 officers, 121 enlisted	13 officers, 287 enlisted	23 officers, 300 enlisted	24 officers, 340 enlisted	Ship's company, 3,150 air wing, 2,480	Ship's company, 3,200 air wing, 2,480
Armament: Tomahawk missiles, VLS, Lutes, MK-48 torpedoes, four torpedo tubes	Tomahawk missiles, VLS, Lutes, MK-48 torpedoes, four torpedo tubes	Standard Missile (SM), Harpoon from Standard Missile Launcher, six MK-48 torpedoes from two triple mounts, one MK-76 3-inch/82 caliber rapid fire gun, one Phalanx close-in weapons system (CIWS)	Standard Missile, Harpoon, Vertical Launch ASROC (VLA) missiles, Tomahawk cruise missiles, six MK-48 torpedoes from two triple mounts, one MK-45 5-inch/34 caliber lightweight gun, two 20 mm Phalanx close-in weapons systems (CIWS)	MK26 missile launcher, Standard Missile (SM) or MK41 vertical launching system, Standard Missile (SM), Vertical Launch ASROC (VLA) Missiles, Tomahawk Cruise Missile, six MK-48 torpedoes from two triple mounts, two MK-45 5-inch/34 caliber lightweight guns, two Phalanx close-in weapons systems	Sea Sparrow launchers, three 20 mm Phalanx CIWS mounts	Two or three NATO Sea Sparrow launchers, three or four 20 mm Phalanx CIWS mounts

Tools from the U.S. arsenal

If the United States decides to go to war with Iraq, these are just a few of the things the military could use against Saddam Hussein's forces

Ground forces

M1 Abrams	M2A3 Bradley	M-998 HMMWV
Primary function: Main battle tank	Infantry, cavalry vehicle	Multipurpose wheeled vehicle
Main armament: 105 mm M108 low mode, use 120 smoothbore M256	25mm M242 cannon	Varies by model
Crew: 4 crew	3 crew and up to 7 loaders	Driver and 3 loaders
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F-15E Strike Eagle	F-15 Eagle	F/A-18E/F Super Hornet	F/A-18C/D Hornet
Primary function: Air-to-ground attack aircraft	Tactical fighter	Multi-role attack and fighter aircraft	Multi-role fighter/attack aircraft
Length: 63.8 feet (19.44 meters)	63.6 feet (19.44 meters)	60.3 feet (18.5 meters)	56 feet (16.6 meters)
Height: 18.5 feet (5.6 meters)	18.5 feet (5.6 meters)	16 feet (4.8 meters)	15 feet, 4 inches (4.6 meters)
Wingspan: 42.8 feet (13 meters)	42.8 feet (13 meters)	44.8 feet (13.66 meters)	40 feet, 5 inches (12.8 meters)
Speed: Mach 2.5+	Mach 2.5+	Mach 1.8+	Mach 1.7
Ceiling: 50,000 feet (15,000 meters)	50,000 feet (15,000 meters)	50,000 feet (15,240 meters)	50,000+ feet (15,151.5 meters)
Range: 2,400 miles (3,840 km)	3,450 miles (5,520 km)	1,487 miles (2,348 km)	1,252.4 miles (2,003 km)

Helicopters

AH-64D Longbow	AH-64 Apache	AH-6J Little Bird	AH-1W Super Cobra
Attack helicopter	Attack helicopter	Light attack helicopter	All-weather day/night attack helicopter
Length: 58 feet, 3 inches (17.70 meters)	58 feet, 3 inches (17.70 meters)	30 feet, 9 inches (9.30 meters)	58 feet (17.67 meters)
Height: 10 feet, 3 inches (4.95 meters)	15 feet, 3 inches (4.66 meters)	8 feet, 8 inches (2.65 meters)	13.7 feet (4.17 meters)
Speed: 227 mph (365 kph)	227 mph (365 kph)	152 mph (244 kph)	169.05 mph (272 kph)
Ceiling: 21,000 feet (6,400 meters)	21,000 feet (6,400 meters)	Over 14,400 feet (4,390 meters)	18,700 feet (5,703.5 meters)
Range: 300 miles (482 km)	300 miles (482 km)	360 miles (589 km)	204.4 miles (473.8 km)

CH-53E Super Stallion	CH-46E Sea Knight
Heavy transport helicopter	Medium-lift assault helicopter
Length: 99 feet, 5 inches (30.3 meters)	84 feet, 4 inches (25.69 meters)
Height: 8 feet, 8 inches (2.64 meters)	18 feet, 8 inches (5.68 meters)
Speed: 172.5 mph (244 kph)	166.75 mph (268.3 kph)
Ceiling: 18,500 feet (5,640 meters)	10,000+ feet (10,303 meters)
Range: 621 miles (Almost 1,000 km)	1,381 miles (2,222 km)