



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Low clouds harboring a small chance of late rain or snow. Highs near 43.
Tonight: Areas of light rain or snow surfacing. Lows near 32.
Tomorrow: Comfortable with slushy showers possible. Highs near 46.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today Tonight Tomorrow
Cloudy with a rising chance of rain and snow. Areas of rain and snow surfacing. Comfortable with slushy showers. Cloudy, mild, occasional snowing.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and comfortable with a light breeze. Highs in the upper 30s to upper 40s.
Tonight: Cloudy with areas of light rain or snow surfacing. Lows in the 20s to lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and comfortable with areas of light rain or snow possible. Highs in the 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon snow showers forming. The chance for snow will linger through the night and into Thursday.
BOISE Today Highs 26 to 37. Tonight's Lows 18 to 26. Mostly cloudy with areas of patchy fog and light wind. A chance of rain and snow surfacing tonight. Mild, yet showery on Thursday.

NORTHERN UTAH Starting of snow becoming mostly cloudy today. Seasonal with a slight chance of rain surfacing tonight and Thursday.
Weather key: sun sunny; pc partly cloudy; m mostly cloudy; c cloudy; th thunderstorm; sh showers; dr drizzle; bk broken; bk broken; m mist; m misting

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature Precipitation Humidity
Yesterday's Low: 30 Month to Date: 30.7
Record High: 54 in 1982
Today's Forecast Low: 32

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Military husbands visit sperm banks - just in case

The Baltimore Sun
WASHINGTON - Before he ships out for the Persian Gulf to possibly fight a war with Iraq, Navy engineer James Eiler is taking care of a long-to-do list. He needs to fix things around the house, put the family finances in order, run some last-minute errands.
And, while he's out, pay a quick visit to the sperm bank.
As tens of thousands of troops receive orders to deploy, U.S. servicemen are finding time for an unconventional errand - one that takes Norman Rockwell images of a soldier's farewell and gives them a 23rd-century twist. During the past month, the nation's leading sperm banks have reported a record increase in visits by departing military men as couples seek a kind of genetic insurance against the injury, illness and death that war can bring.
By putting sperm in the deep freeze, some servicemen believe they are safeguarding against birth defects or infertility, problems they fear could be caused by exposure to chemical or biological weapons of unexpected side effects of vaccinations. While it may bring peace of mind, the technology also forces couples to confront an uncomfortable new question: whether to start a pregnancy even after the death of the father.
Eiler, who is stationed at the 32nd Street Naval Base in San Diego, has met with a doctor and plans to bank his sperm in the coming weeks. He and his wife, Melissa, decided he ought to do so

The evolution of ATVs and hunting from the perspective of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game
\$2200s - Most hunters...
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ATV

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"It's gotten to the point where you can't go outside because of the ATVs," Weiner said.
The riders have taken over hiking trails, causing deep ruts and powdery dust that won't settle until it rains, he said. In addition, he said the speed and recklessness of many of the riders make it dangerous for other people to use the trails. When asked if he likes to use the South Hills, Weiner said he stopped going to the area years ago because ATVs have taken the recreation in that area too difficult.
But Weiner acknowledged that it is only a small percentage of four-wheeler fans that are giving the sport a bad name for all users.
Officials from the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and Idaho Department of Fish and Game told the committee members they have begun working together to figure out how to respond to the rapidly expanding use of ATVs.
One thing has become very clear, all agency representatives emphasized: ATVs are here to stay.
They encompass almost everything we do," said Rick Collignon, the director for Parks and Recreation. "Almost every agency feels like they are out-gunned."
From 1973 through 2002, the number of ATVs registered in the state has grown from 2,700 to 68,500. And in 1992 through

Insurance
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But as bad as it's been for hospitals, it's even worse for physicians, Wade said.
"Physicians are taking an even harder hit," he said.
He said physicians in high-risk specialties like surgery, obstetrics and anesthesiology pay the highest premiums.
But doctors are responding in force, such as when two dozen West Virginia surgeons staged a nine-day walkout over premiums a few weeks ago, Wade said.
The American Medical Association, which opposes withholding patient services, says such vocal action by the nation's doctors is unprecedented, the Associated Press reported. The AMA considers 12 states to be in crisis and lists 31 others as having serious problems with malpractice insurance. In addition to West Virginia, doctors in Florida and Mississippi have also temporarily stopped some patient services. In New Jersey, doctors are threatening a boycott of non-emergency services starting Monday, the AP reported.
Groesbeck said Idaho is faring better than cities on the East Coast. Another advantage of the captive insurance group Magic Valley Regional is that it could eventually offer separate malpractice insurance policy to physicians. Being able to offer less-expensive malpractice insurance to physicians could be a real plus when it comes to recruiting new doctors, Groesbeck said.

Water

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practical process that allows for public involvement. The DEQ held a public hearing on the Glanbia application and has had meetings with the plaintiffs, Conde said.
The final Glanbia permit continues to be processed and is expected to be finished soon. A public meeting will be held to explain the permit and show agency responses to public comments.
Glanbia owns plants in Gooding, Twin Falls and Richfield and is the largest milk processor in the region as 7.7 million pounds a day. Its corporate parent, Glanbia Plc, is based in Killybegny, Ireland.

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Oregon voters reject tax hike, choose service cuts
SALEM, Ore. (AP) - Oregon voters rejected a proposed income tax hike Tuesday that lawmakers said would spare the state more than \$310 million in cuts to schools, public safety and social services programs.
The state already slashed \$700 million from the budget last year, and lawmakers have failed in five special sessions to solve the state's budget crisis. Polls had shown voters closely divided over Measure 28, but with 61 percent of the votes tallied, the measure was falling 55-45 percent.

# Treasury nominee hearing turns into probe of tax plan

WASHINGTON — A key Senate committee Tuesday turned confirmation hearings for Treasury Secretary-designate John Snow into a firsthand lesson of how difficult it will be for the Bush administration to gain approval of its ambitious \$674 billion tax cut plan.

While Snow deftly handled questions about his personal finances, advocated a strong dollar and free trade, he also heard a majority of the Senate Finance Committee question the size and the details of the \$674 billion tax cut, particularly the centerpiece, ending taxes on dividend income.

The finance committee is the critical congressional battleground for the tax plan, and Committee Chairman Charles Grassley repeated his belief that only a tax bill with bipartisan support will pass in the closely divided Senate. Democrats firmly opposed the dividend exclusion plan, Grassley remained non-committal and moderate Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said she had other priorities.

Another development was the flag raised by House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., who questioned the effectiveness of the dividend plan.

Snow, who is likely to be approved by the Senate as early as Thursday, told the senators he was giving up at least \$40 million in compensation — mostly in stock options he can't exercise — to take his new spot. Snow is retiring as chairman and chief executive of CSX, the transportation conglomerate, and reported his net worth as between \$97 and \$297 million.



John Snow

# Farm relief

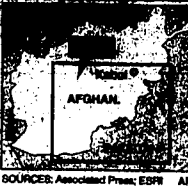
Farmers in counties declared disaster areas and growers who lost 25 percent or more of their crops are eligible for relief.

Urban concentrated on the needs of southern farmers, including \$50 million for cottonseed growers and \$53 million for tobacco producers. He said the plan would get payments quickly to farmers because the disaster areas are already a matter of record and a long sign-up process wouldn't be needed.

The money is wrapped in a \$390 billion package financing every government agency, except the Pentagon, for the federal budget year that began Oct. 1.

Goodlatte said he also wants to investigate potential problems with a program in the 2002 farm bill requiring manufacturers in 2004 to start labeling food with the name of the country in which it was grown. The food industry already has begun setting up a system to voluntarily use the labels over the next year.

"Manufacturers argue the country-of-origin labels will cost more than the government's \$2 billion estimate.



SOURCE: Associated Press; EPRI AP

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Virginia judge sets trial date for Fairfax in sniper case

FAIRFAX, Va. — A judge set a Nov. 10 trial date Tuesday for 17-year-old Lee Boyd Malvo, who could face the death penalty for his alleged role in the sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area.

Prosecutors had asked for a trial date in late June, while the defense had requested February 2004. Circuit Judge Jane Roush picked a date in between, saying it allowed twice the time normally granted under Virginia law for a speedy trial.

Malvo is being tried in Fairfax County on murder charges in the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot store. Prosecutor Robert Horan Jr. has not yet said whether he will ask for the death penalty.

NTSB finds cable problem with plane in deadly crash

WASHINGTON — Federal investigators said Tuesday they have found problems with cables connected to the tail of a Beech 1900 turboprop plane that crashed in Charlotte.

They also are looking at whether cargo suddenly shifted aboard US Airways Express Flight 5481, which crashed shortly after takeoff Jan. 8, killing all 21 people aboard. The National Transportation Safety Board is looking at weight and elevator malfunction as possible contributing causes of the crash. The elevator is a flap on the tail that moves up and down and causes the plane to climb or dive.

Mayors of New York and Philly propose big cutbacks

NEW YORK — With New York City facing its worst fiscal crisis since the '70s, Mayor Michael Bloomberg proposed a \$44 billion budget Tuesday that includes more than \$50 million in cuts in services and assumes passage of a commuter tax that the governor is against.

Bloomberg's spending plan does not call for any immediate layoffs in the city's work force of 250,000.

In Philadelphia, meanwhile, Mayor John Street proposed the elimination of about 1,600 jobs through layoffs and attrition.

Astronauts join Mission Control in moment of silence

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts joined Mission Control in a moment of silence Tuesday at the exact time 17 years ago that Challenger exploded in the sky.

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Allen Davis

Love, all your Big Sisters

site Tuesday, flags flew at half staff for the second day in a row.

The two tragedies, separated by 19 years and a single day, represent the space agency's darkest hours.

Thrown from Jeep, teenager hangs on wires until rescued

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A teenager was catapulted at least 25 feet in the air during an auto accident but grabbed onto overhead utility wires like an action hero and dangled for about 20 minutes before a rescue crew brought him down by ladder.

Joe R. Thompson III, 18, was treated for bruises and scratches at a hospital and was released. "God was definitely in control," he said.

Thompson lost control of his Jeep on Monday evening after another car suddenly turned in front of him. Thompson's Jeep clipped the other car and rolled over and over, possibly five times, witnesses said.

Man admits to affair around the time his wife disappeared

NEW YORK — Scott Peterson admits he was having an affair last year before his pregnant wife vanished, and claimed he told her about it. He denied killing his wife.

"It (the affair) was not a positive thing... but it was not something that we weren't dealing with," Peterson told ABC News' "Good Morning America" in an interview broadcast Tuesday.

"It wasn't anything that would break us apart."

Laci Rocha Peterson, 27, disappeared on Christmas Eve from her home in Modesto, Calif.

Scott Peterson, 30, told police he was fishing at the Berkeley Marina at the time, and that his wife, due to deliver a boy Feb. 10, had planned to take her dog for a walk that morning.

Asked on ABC if he had murdered her, he said "I had absolutely nothing to do with her disappearance." Noting that there is no proof she had been killed, he said the murder theory "is not one we're ready to accept."

Police have not named him as a suspect but attention has focused on him, in part because of the affair. Peterson had previously denied having an affair.

— compiled from wire reports

# Schwarzkopf says he's not sure war is the answer

The Washington Post

TAMPA, Fla. — Norman Schwarzkopf wants to give peace a chance.

The general who commanded U.S. forces in the 1991 Gulf War says he hasn't seen enough evidence to convince him that his old comrades Dick Cheney, Colin Powell and Paul Wolfowitz are correct in moving toward a new war. He thinks U.N. inspections are still the proper course to follow. He's worried about the cockiness of the U.S. war plan, and even more by the potential human and financial costs of occupying Iraq.

The hero of the last Gulf War sounds surprisingly like the man on the street when he discusses his ambivalence about the Bush administration's hawkish stance on ousting Saddam Hussein. He worries about the Iraq leader, but would like to see some persuasive evidence of Iraq's alleged weapons programs.

"The thought of Saddam Hussein with a sophisticated nuclear capability is a frightening thought, OK," he says. "Now, having said that, I don't know what intelligence the U.S. government has. And before I can just stand up and say, 'Beyond a shadow of a doubt, we need to invade Iraq,' I guess I would like to have better information."

He hasn't seen that yet, and so "in sharp contrast to the Bush administration," he supports letting the U.N. weapons inspectors drive the timetable. "I think it is very important for us to wait and see what the inspectors come up with, and hopefully they come up with something conclusive."

Schwarzkopf is one of the nation's best known military officers. What's more, he's closely allied with the Bush family. He hunts with the first President Bush. He campaigned for the second, speaking on military issues

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EDITORIAL

ISDB could be a model for teacher pay reform

Some state legislators are asking why teachers are immune to the salary freezes...

ule, which offers no rewards for outstanding achievement, why not enter this unique group of teachers to experiment with results-based compensation?

To create this model, the State Board of Education and State Legislature could adopt a pay system specifically for ISDB instructors, based on carefully measured evidence of student achievement.

Our view: The Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind could be an excellent laboratory to experiment with results-oriented pay for educators. We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

relative small group of teachers in a closed environment, the school's administration shouldn't have much trouble tailoring measurements that are appropriate for those classrooms.

With this set of measurements, the state could offer ISDB teachers an opportunity to exceed the pay levels on the standard teacher pay schedule.

Such an experiment could set a precedent for results-based compensation, which eventually could spread throughout Idaho education.

The obvious alternative - trying pay to student performance - is fiercely resisted by education leaders and the teachers union.

Officials from the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind say educators at the Gooding campus are being paid inequitably compared with other teachers.

The Legislature appropriates money to ISDB as a state agency, and teacher pay there is determined by that funding.

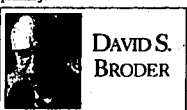
Meanwhile, other school teachers get raises based on the traditional schedule of experience and education.

We agree that this group of educators deserves an equitable pay scale. But instead of putting them on the standard longevity-based salary sched-

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CONCORD, N.H. - Spending near bottom line for the Hampshire primary in 2004, the big sign on the steps of the state capital reads "Counting Falling Ice."

That is the warning signal that greeted the three Democratic presidential hopefuls who were in town last week, getting in their early acts for the contest next Jan. 27.



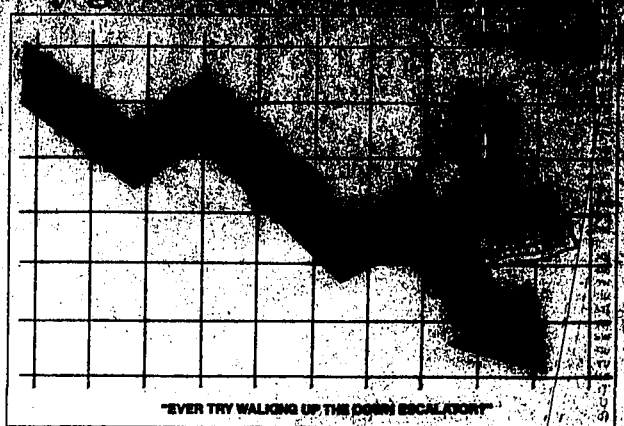
DAVID S. BRODER

These last two years have not been good for residents of the Granite State. The mood here is, in some respects, as chilling as the weather that confronted Howard Dean, Joe Lieberman and Dick Gephardt as they made the rounds of Democratic activities.

"People are worried," said state Senate Minority Leader Sylvia Larsen, a supporter of Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry. "They have hunkered down for a long winter, and they're not sure what will come after that."

Peter Spaulding, a Republican member of the Governor's Council and a key McCain supporter in 2000, said, "It's more cautious than optimistic. There have been enough layoffs that people are worried about their jobs. And everyone has seen his 401(k) plan shrink."

Nonetheless, the atmosphere in this state - which has exaggerated importance because of its place in



the front of the primary calendar - is more reminiscent of 1992, when Bush's father was running for a second term, than of 1996 or 2000, when high-tech and Internet companies were expanding and the economic picture was bright.

Unlike his father, who was emboldened and weakened in 1992 by Pat Buchanan's successful appeals to discontented Republican and independent voters, this President Bush faces no opposition in the primary.

The mid-January Washington Post-ABC News poll found 53 percent of those interviewed disapprove of Bush's handling of the economy and only 43 percent approve. That is his worst rating in 21 repetitions of that question, dating back to March of 2001.

Other parts of that poll suggest that the campaigning Democrats have fertile ground on which to work. More of those polled oppose than support Bush's proposed

elimination of taxes on corporate dividends, and by large margins they say they would prefer to see the same Bush would use for tax cuts go into domestic programs or be used to reduce the budget deficit.

All those negative judgments might change if there were to be a strong recovery. But at least in New Hampshire, that does not appear to be in prospect.

St. Clair added, "We have lost a lot of manufacturing jobs here the last couple years, particularly in electronics and telecommunications. Mergers and acquisitions have led some of the bigger firms to cut their work force almost in half, while adding jobs in Mexico and China."

The latest official numbers from the New Hampshire Employment

Security division show unemployment rising from 4.7 percent in the past year.

Ross Gittell, a University of New Hampshire economist who looks close tabs on state trends, said, "New Hampshire really rode the high-tech boom of the 1990s. Our per capita income rose from 25th among the states to 6th. So this is a big change for us, with lots of employment being lost to China and other low-cost areas."

We have had a significant decline in manufacturing, and these low-skilled people are having a hard time being re-employed. Those who find jobs are often taking lower pay - and prospects don't look too good for the short term or the medium term."

When Karl Roove comes to St. Anselm College for a scheduled visit in March, he will be reminded that without New Hampshire's four electoral votes, George Bush would not be president. And in 1992, in a soft economy, Bush's father lost New Hampshire to Bill Clinton.

David S. Broder is a columnist for The Washington Post.

LETTERS

Legislators focus on selves, special-interests, not public

It appears our Legislature is more interested in self interest and special interest than they are in "public interest."

Rep. Bert Stevenson and his cohorts on the so-called House Resource and "Conservation" Committee seem bent on getting rid of "public interest" as a criteria for Idaho water rights transfers.

Over the last five years, Idaho farmers have received \$1,195,201,457 in U.S. Department of Agriculture public welfare. From 1996 through 2001, the top 20 percent of recipients in Idaho were paid 80 percent of all USDA subsidies.

Rep. John A. Bert Stevenson tells the farm workers the state budget is tight but he and he doesn't offer much hope for meaningful improvements in health care.

Clear Channel Communications, the largest radio network in the USA, censored Sierra Club advertisements while the dairy lobby funded the media with paid propaganda. The Department of Environmental Quality completely folded up when the dairy lobby said it didn't want any H2S standards. The Idaho State Department of Agriculture still can't eliminate the acute odor from industrial

dairies after 12 years, nitrate concentrations in many ISDA tested dairy wells are a multiple of the standard considered safe by the Environmental Protection Agency and a dairyman death threat got Jeremy Rufkin canceled at the College of Southern Idaho. Twin Falls County and Gooding County have been sued by the Idaho Dairymen's Association, et al, to inhibit zoning, and Rep. Bruce Newscomb has introduced HJR 003 to further inhibit public control of these confined animal feeding operation polluting behemoths.

The Idaho State Department of Water Resources has no mismanaged and over-allocated the public's water that we now have an acute water quality and shortage crisis - that is simply a fact. If Rep. Stevenson gets rid of the "public interest" scrutiny the issues can be covered up.

DALLAS, TEXAS

Be safe from gas fumes with a detector

A recent article in the Idaho Statesman about the silent killer, carbon monoxide gas, certainly struck home. Building with a full basement. It has a furnace that was once fed with a coal stoker, then later converted to fuel oil and finally refitted for natural gas.

Recently, we installed a new natural gas water heater and all of the exhaust fumes from both furnace and water heater were vented out of the brick flue.

Some of those bricks loosened and had fallen onto the sidewalk during an attempt to repair this problem, some of the bricks and mortar fell into the chimney, thus blocking it and causing carbon monoxide gas to build up inside the building. No smell, no indication, that, coupled with a possible natural gas leak could have caused an explosion that might have leveled the structure.

About that time, an employee was taken to the hospital for severe dizzy spells that the doctors were unable to diagnose. She suggested that I purchase a "gas sniffer" (carbon monoxide detector), and when I installed the sniffer, it went off so loudly it was deafening.

We then called InterMountain Gas Co., who called the fire department and then an ambulance, power company and fire trucks soon arrived. The firemen used large fans to remove the deadly gas. Fortunately, no one was injured.

The point is to make everyone aware of the great importance of having a carbon monoxide detector installed in any home or business that uses natural gas heating or uses a natural gas hot water tank. They are inexpensive and are vital to your home and customers' safety.

I believe this danger is so insidious detectors should be a legally required feature in any new construction as well as older homes and structures. They are every bit as important as smoke alarms. Hundreds of little canners died to protect miners in the past from this silent killer, and my

research shows that hundreds of people have died of the same silent killer. Please protect yourselves and those you care for by purchasing and installing a carbon monoxide detector today. JACK STREETER, Mountain Home

War protests conflict with freedom's principles

Duty, honor and country: I am writing in response to the many war protesters who have been demonstrating across our great country. It upsets me that these people have so little regard for our country and its leaders.

One in their right mind wants to go to war, but when the welfare of the world is in jeopardy, we as a free nation and part of the United Nations must take action.

I still hold dear the principles that our country represents. As a U.S. Army retiree, I still believe in duty, honor and country. I am 65 years old and, even at my age, would go to war if my country called me. My dad also said a hero dies only once while a coward dies many times.

We need to support our leaders and our country. As John F. Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country." I guess that I am a vanishing breed, but I am proud to be an American.

Enough said. JAMES F. CROUSON, Wendell (Editor's note: James F. Crouson is a master sergeant, retired from the Army.)

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Voters know more than editorial writers

In response to your grossly misperpetrated satirical comments and ill-considered editorials on the integrity and honesty of Congressman Mike Simpson and the intelligence of the 170,000 voters (82 percent) that voted for him, I would like to point out that he has just moved steps to bonding voters with special favors so that there could be a need for him to buy support so utterly ludicrous. For the past two decades, mostly in the same underdog circumstances, he has won every election he has entered on the basis of being a good citizen and a good representative of all the people in his district.

the intent and a well-planned effort to elect the very best of the citizens offered to them as well as the people's participation in the election. Weaver Initiative was a law not one but 14 articles of laws, trust to do them against the will of the people who elected them in the first place.

What makes it worse is that we feel the need for a well-planned guideline and involved up and and down citizens who do not need outside help in choosing their leaders. In the event that we have never considered it, we were a self-sufficient lot long before you came to this valley to advise us. So sorry, you betcha! US "TIP" TIPPETT Twin Falls

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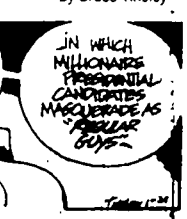
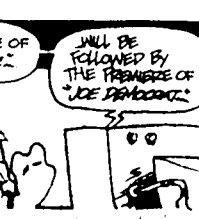
By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



# Revival of U.S. economy

more critical than the Democratic reaction to Bush's first State of the Union speech a year ago, when then-House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt, speaking only four months after the Sept. 11 attacks, pledged strong support for the president in his war on terrorism.

Locke, whose state has been among the hardest-hit by the economic downturn, said that under Bush's policies "states and cities now face our worst budget crises since World War II."

"We're being forced to cut vital services from police to fire to health care," he said.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said when the president's address that he will seek votes in the House and Senate on a new resolution requiring Bush to present "convincing evidence of an imminent threat" before sending troops to fight Iraq. Kennedy said Bush "did not make a persuasive case that the threat is imminent and that war is the only alternative."

Locke's response was markedly

Chairman of the Democratic Governors' Association, also took issue with Bush's assertion that he doesn't need U.N. approval to use military force against Iraq.

"We support the president in the course he has followed so far," including working with the United Nations to insist on strong weapons inspections, Locke said.

Lack of U.N. approval is a major sticking point in the administration's push to force Saddam Hussein to disarm.

U.S. officials say they have intelligence that Iraq is developing nuclear weapons.

Bush's words building on his earlier speech last week in which he said he would lead his country back to work.

## In speech, president seeks to push his conservative policies forward

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - President Bush Tuesday pushed his conservative social agenda forward, calling for more federal funding of charitable work by religious groups, greater reliance on private health plans to treat the elderly and new restrictions on abortions and medical research involving human embryos.

The president hinted at what would be one of the most ambitious social policy changes of his first term: a \$400 billion plan to restructure Medicare, in part by adding prescription drug coverage for some recipients. But during the approximately one-third of his speech that dwelled on issues at home, Bush mainly tried to sell familiar proposals, including some that have maintained his ties to social and economic conservatives.

Perhaps the boldest facet of Tuesday night's conservative thrust was a proposal to create a system of federal vouchers for people seeking to overcome drug and alcohol addictions. The \$600 million in vouchers over the next three years could be used at

New proposal calls for federal vouchers to run religious drug, alcohol rehab programs

to oil-drilling, a new system of tax credits for people who cannot obtain health insurance through their jobs and a proposal to curb forest fires by permitting more logging. He also renewed his call for the first federal limits on damage awards from medical malpractice lawsuits.

Rehabilitation Social Security, the president renewed his proposal to allow workers to invest a part of their payroll taxes in stocks and bonds. Aides said the proposal is not among the administration's first priorities this year.

Although not all the issues were new, the speech's emphasis on conservative social causes represented a departure from Bush's first State of the Union address a year ago, when he made no mention of his desire to ban all forms of cloning, including for biomedical research, or his opposition to a procedure that critics have labeled "partial-birth abortion."

Bush renewed his call for several policies the White House previously was unable to push through Congress. The recycled initiatives include a comprehensive energy plan that, according to aides, would open Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

## Analysts doubt Iraq-al-Qaida connection

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - President Bush invoked the powerful image in his State of the Union address Tuesday night, asking Americans to imagine what would have happened if the Sept. 11 hijackers had been armed with poison gas or germ.

However, U.S. officials and private analysts said Bush's suggestion that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein might give such weapons to terrorists - and the implication that the risk of American retaliation can no longer deter him - stretches the analysis of U.S. intelligence agencies to, and perhaps beyond, the limit.

The Iraqi regime has had occasional contacts with terrorist groups, including Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida organization, American officials said.

But they said there was no evidence that bin Laden or al-Qaida had cooperated on terrorist operations and no evidence of any Iraqi role in the Sept. 11 attacks.

In congressional testimony last year, the CIA said there was a "low" possibility that Saddam would attack the United States with chemical or biological weapons. The Iraqi leader might take the "extreme step" of assisting terrorists if he were provoked by an American invasion, the agency predicted.

In recent weeks, proponents of an Iraq-al-Qaida connection have begun to press the issue anew after months of downplaying it.

## Speed

main argument about Jaquet's as a Ridgner's language at the time he served on city council decisions were competent to determine appropriate speed limits for state highways running through their towns.

Smith said his experience on the Twin Falls City Council taught him that often speed-limit decisions are made based upon emotion. He also explained that cities had input before 1997 because they could appeal ITD decisions about speed limits from the district level on up to the state level. And "as often as not," cities got what they asked for, he recalled.

Jaquet said he pushed the language because ITD often ignored the knowledge of local officials.

"Local officials have direct knowledge of the conditions on the highways," he said, as the read from a stack of letters she has received from small-town officials around the state applauding local control of speed limits on state highways.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Department even sent word to lawmakers on the committee that it wanted to retain local control.

But Assistant Majority Leader Mike R. Star said since the law was passed, some small towns have abused the authority.

"If you don't believe it, just drive around rural Idaho," he said.

Moyle cited Donnelly as an example of a city that has implemented an unnecessarily low speed limit for too long a distance. Moyle said the 25 mph limit in the central Idaho town begins as the road winds through pasture land with no houses in the vicinity.

"The purpose of ITD studies and speed limits is not to protect the cattle, he said.

The mayor of Star, Gail Glasgow, said for some time after his city council put in place a 25 mph speed limit, traffic - and consequently, business - was reduced by about 1,000 cars a day. People would alternate routes in order to avoid driving through town, he explained.

Times-News writer Julia Flanagan reached at 208-343-5533 or by e-mail at jflanagan@timesnews.com.

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WORLD

# Sharon wins crushing victory in Israeli election

JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has taken a hard line against the Palestinian uprising, won a crushing victory in Israel's election Tuesday, and TV projections showed his Likud and other hawkish parties easily winning most seats in parliament.



Ariel Sharon

The prospect of progress on the Palestinian front now appears to depend on whether Sharon can form a coalition that will include the opposition Labor party, which campaigned on a pledge to restart peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

Amram Mitzna, who led Labor to its worst defeat in history, has so far ruled out joining a Likud-led government and he reiterated that stance Tuesday after congratulating Sharon on his victory. Still, Sharon was expected to issue an impassioned call to Labor to enter an alliance.

Even without Labor, Sharon is expected to face difficulties in forming a stable government from the myriad political and religious factions, especially amid the turmoil of the Palestinian uprising.

Despite unrelenting violence with the Palestinians and a crippling economic crisis, Likud won 36 seats in the 120-member parliament - up from 19 seats in the outgoing Knesset, according to Israel TV's exit poll. The bloc of rightist and religious parties that support Sharon's tough stance against the Palestinians won 70 seats overall, the TV said.

Perhaps the big winner was Yosef "Tommy" Lapid, a pugnacious journalist-turned-politician who heads the Shinui Party, which has vehemently opposed

joining any coalition with religious parties. Shinui was projected to emerge as the third largest with 15 seats. The Yugoslav-born Lapid, 71, called on Mitzna and Sharon to join him in a "secular unity government" excluding religious parties.

Once-dominant Labor, which called for a speedy pullout from most of the West Bank and Gaza, won only 18 seats, compared to 26 in the outgoing parliament, the TV said. A section of Israeli anger at the failure of a decade's peace efforts with the Palestinians which the party led.

The TV poll was based on interviews with voters at 50 polling stations and had a 1.5 percent error margin. Two other TV networks ran similar projections based on phone polls which showed the same trends with slightly different results. Partial returns were expected to trickle in overnight, with final results by Feb. 8.

The projections were greeted with dismay by Palestinians. Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat said they show "Israelis are preparing themselves for more violence and escalation, not for a peace process."

The vote was Israel's fourth national election in seven years, and only 68.5 percent of the 4.7 million-strong electorate cast ballots, the lowest-ever participation in a Knesset election.

# Moderate Arab

By Evan Osnos  
Chicago Tribune

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia - With a vacation home in California and three degrees from American universities, Saudi businessman Ghassan al-Sulaiman might seem the perfect voice to explain U.S. interests to an Arab world that is increasingly anti-American.

And that, says al-Sulaiman, is what is so troubling. "Five years ago I never would have imagined the U.S. acting like this, like a bully," said al-Sulaiman. "And if people like me feel this way, then you have to imagine how other Arabs are feeling."

There is perhaps no clearer gauge of the intensifying hostility throughout the Middle East to the United States and its threat of a war in Iraq than the remarkably fierce resentment from moderate Arabs.



An Egyptian demonstrator releases an Iraqi flag Monday as she shouts anti-U.S. slogans during a demonstration in Cairo.

For years, the United States has counted on a bedrock of sup-

portive Arab governments, especially Saudi Arabia, to help it carry out its policy in the Middle East.

But now, moderate Arab governments are openly questioning American ambitions in the Middle East and expressing pessimism about the prospects of an Iraq war or stability, security and economic growth.

Saudi Arab critics fear that a U.S.-led war, combined with America's steadfast support of Israel, will fuel Islamic extremists who challenge moderate regimes. Others worry that the United States intends to undermine the oil-based coalition of Arab states and refashion uncooperative regimes. But the most seemingly widespread concern is that war could redraw the regional map, igniting religious

and ethnic tensions. Many Arab governments are also questioning U.S. support of Israel. The United States has a long history of supporting Israel, but some Arab governments are questioning U.S. support of Israel. The United States has a long history of supporting Israel, but some Arab governments are questioning U.S. support of Israel.

# N. Korea warns of 'armed clash' while hosting envoy

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Warning of an increasing threat of war, North Korea accused Washington on Tuesday of planning a major attack on the communist country even as the Pyongyang regime hosted a South Korean envoy seeking to calm nuclear tensions.

North Korea's state-run KCNA news agency said the U.S. State Department was making "a final examination" of an attack plan that American forces, with the help of South Korean troops, could carry out within hours of receiving orders.

Issuing invective against Washington while courting the South Koreans is a common tactic for the North, which has repeatedly tried to drive a wedge between Seoul and Washington, its main ally. The North has also cast the nuclear dispute as a confrontation between the United States and all Koreans.

"The situation on the Korean Peninsula is deteriorating so rapidly that an armed clash may break out quite contrary to the desire of the DPRK for the peaceful settlement of the nuclear issue," the report said, using the acronym for the North's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The North said it was prepared to answer the threat of an attack with "the unlimited use of means." The United States has 37,000 troops in South Korea. The current dispute began in October when the U.S. officials said North Korea had admitted having a nuclear weapons program based on uranium enrichment in violation of a 1994 agreement with the United States. Washington suspended oil shipments to North Korea, which then ousted U.S. nuclear inspectors and pulled out of a global nuclear arms control treaty.

# Venezuela strike hits turning point

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) - President Hugo Chavez's government scored a victory in Venezuela's political crisis by producing more than 1 million barrels of oil Tuesday, frustrating a 2-month-old opposition drive to strangle the world's No. 5 oil exporter.

By raising production to a third of its normal rate, Chavez seized another advantage over his opponents - jump-starting Venezuela's oil industry while defeating calls for a February referendum on his rule.

But the 58-day-old strike has put Venezuela on the verge of economic collapse, caused long-term

damage to oil infrastructure and forced Chavez to extend his ban Tuesday on U.S. dollar purchases to preserve foreign reserves.

Chavez surpassed the 1 million-barrel benchmark by focusing on newer oil fields where crude is easier to extract. But production may not reach 2 million barrels a day if the government doesn't revive older wells, said Ed Silbere, vice president of risk management at Energy Merchant LLC in New York.

"They are going for the lowest hanging fruit on the tree, the easiest to grab," Silbere said. "In a few weeks, it is going to be a struggle."

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OBITUARIES

TWIN FALLS



Ruth Mary Farrar, 92, of Twin Falls died early Monday morning, January 27, 2003, at the Sunbird Care & Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. Ruth was born on September 6, 1910, in Trumble, Nebraska...

enjoyed living in Idaho very much. She continued to teach voice to private students. Helen enjoyed furthering the arts and left her collection of fine paintings to the College of Southern Idaho.

Helen is survived by her sister, Mary Joan (Charlie) Wait at Twin Falls, and her brother John (Joan) Lightner of San Diego, California. Helen is also survived by six nieces and four nephews...

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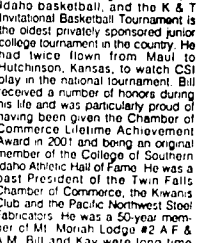


Katie Marie Edwards, 11, of Firth, Idaho, died Saturday, January 18, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Katie was born on July 12, 1991, in Firth, Idaho...

After graduation Bill worked for Firestone Tire and Rubber for a short time and in 1950 had an opportunity to go with Standard Oil Co. of California (now Chevron) to work in Salt Lake City and Burley and in 1953 transferred to Twin Falls...

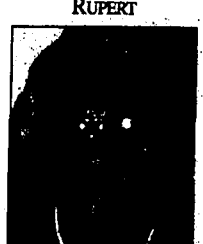
Bill always had a great interest in sports and, as a young man, had been one of the prominent tennis players in the intermountain area. He won a number of tournaments in Utah and surrounding states...

RUPERT



Margaret Carmen "Adams" Seal, 91, of Rupert, Idaho, died Saturday, January 25, 2003, at her home in Nampa, Idaho. She was born February 4, 1911, to Joseph W. and Melvie O. Cannon Adams in Cedar Creek, Green County, Tennessee...

Will Ann Hensler, 85, of Burley, Idaho, died Saturday, January 25, 2003, at the Burley Life Flower Catholic Church, 3001 Oakley Ave., with Father Juan Garcia as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call Friday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church...



Arnie Jo Goin, 26, of Burley, Idaho, died Saturday, January 25, 2003, at her home in Burley, Idaho. She was born April 2, 1976, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Lee Ray and Fay Lurine Goin...

She is survived by twelve children, Melburn Seal of Pottlatch, Idaho, Maurine Seal of Pottlatch, Idaho, Zelma Adair of Pottlatch, U-Deil Seal of Rupert, Richard J. Seal of Las Vegas, Nevada, Larry L. Seal of Boise, Idaho, Darlene Frankenberg of Boise, Betty Adams of Nampa, Johnnie D. Seal of Twin Falls, Jerry W. Seal of Enumclaw, Washington, Donald Seal of Macobeel, California, and Bruce L. Seal of Nampa, 39 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

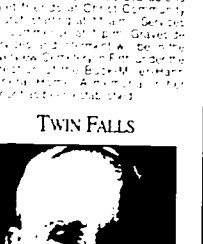
Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 31, 2003, at the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, 710 1/2 Street. Family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday and 9-10 a.m. before the service on Friday. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery or to any cemetery to assist with the needs of the family.

TWIN FALLS



Helen Lucille Lightner, 85, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Saturday, January 25, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Helen was born on July 12, 1918, in Baker, Oregon. She was a member of the Eastern Star and was Worlthy Matron in Holliester and in Baker, Oregon. Ruth was a devoted member of the Holliester Grange, First Christian Church, and many Bridge Clubs. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting and spending time with family and friends.

TWIN FALLS



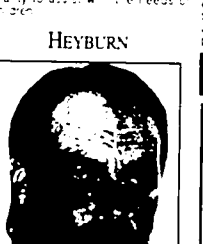
William G. Koch died Monday, January 20, 2003, after a long battle with cancer. He was 78 years old. Bill was born in San Jose, California, in 1924. He graduated from Greenwald High School in San Jose, California, and worked for the U.S. Navy. He was discharged in the fall of 1946 and returned to college to complete his education. He was a founding member of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce and the Twin Falls Rotary Club.

RUPERT



Robert Leon "Bud" Cohen, 65, of Rupert, Idaho, died Saturday, January 25, 2003, at his home. Bob was born December 21, 1937, in Newark, New Jersey, to Charles and Helen Cohen. He was raised by his mother and stepfather, James Edward Lightner in Paris, Kansas. He moved to Rupert in 1962 with his wife, Betty. He graduated from M. J. Ryan High School and attended classes at U.S. Bob married Betty in 1964. Bob worked for the U.S. Navy in the St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Twin Falls, Idaho. He entered the army during his service years in the Vietnam War. He started working for the U.S. Navy in 1964 and has been a supervisor for most of those years and has made many friends. He loved to travel and to spend time with his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and three children: Robert, Jr., and two daughters, Kay and Kristin. They were married on July 7, 1967, in the town of San Juan. Dan is a step son. Anthony Dan is a step son. Anthony Dan is a step son. Anthony Dan is a step son.

HEYBURN



Dan O'Connell, Jr., 47, of Heyburn, Idaho, died Saturday, January 25, 2003, at the Galt Regional Medical Center in Burley, Idaho. Dan was born on October 27, 1955, in Nampa, Idaho. He graduated from M. J. Ryan High School in 1973. He worked for the U.S. Army from 1973 to 1978. He was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. He was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. He was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Vietnam. He was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Vietnam.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2003, at the Paul-Ida Congregational Church, 121 North 2nd West in Paik, with Pastor Mike Gregor officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery, with graveside rites by the Rupert BPO Elks #2106. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley on Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to the Rupert BPO Elks #2106 Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 403, Rupert, Idaho 83350.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2003, at the Paul-Ida Congregational Church, 121 North 2nd West in Paik, with Pastor Mike Gregor officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery, with graveside rites by the Rupert BPO Elks #2106. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley on Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to the Rupert BPO Elks #2106 Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 403, Rupert, Idaho 83350.

Catherine Mildred Watson Bacon Burks, 81, of Paul, Idaho, died Monday, January 20, 2003, at her son's home in Tacoma, WA. She was born March 21, 1921, in Baudette, Minnesota, the daughter of Valorous L. Watson and Beatrice Jane Hoy Watson. Later the family moved to Hibbing, Minnesota. Catherine joined the Navy and stationed in Seattle, Washington, where she met and married Fred Leroy Bisom. They had one son, Robert Bisom. Catherine moved to Idaho after an honorable discharge from the Navy. She settled in Emmett-Boise area for several years. Catherine went to Medical School during that time period. Later she moved to the Burley-Rupert area where she met and married Richmond Allen Burks on Sept. 3, 1964. They learned for many years and Catherine retired from the Cassin Memorial Hospital in Burley. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Frank, Val, Kenneth and her sister Jean E. Goin. She is survived by her son, Robert Bisom and two step-daughters Terry Lynn Kidd of Waukauka, Wis., and Jackie Marie Kiver of Twin Falls, ID, her sister Mary Hughes, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, a special niece, Charlene Popplewell and numerous other nieces and nephews. Catherine's son would love to have the Lakewood Washington Davita Dialysis staff and Dr. Go for her care. There is a special man to her named Charles Popplewell for all the love and support she gave Catherine. A special thanks to her granddaughters, Eward and Helen Myrtle, Grouden, for his visits to Washington, Seattle, WA. We would like to thank the nursing staff at the United Medical Center. Offering will be to Eastern Idaho Interment will be on March 24, 2003, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Memorial service will be on March 24, 2003, at the Paul, Idaho. Memorial service will be on March 24, 2003, at the Paul, Idaho.

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# Gooding RV park will be finished by summer

By Nancy Walker  
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - An RV park here should be ready for overnight guests by summer, Gooding County commissioners learned this week.

Work on track, under budget and will have it done by June 15, said Gooding fair manager Don Gill.

The 22-space RV park will have water and electricity as well as several picnic areas. Because of the proximity of the Little Wood River, there will be no sewer hookups.

The joint county/city RV park is located north of the fairgrounds on U.S. Highway 46. The 6-acre parcel was bought after Todd Bunn, Gooding city superintendent, and Gill received a \$360,000 Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation grant last year.

Crews from both the county and city cleaned and prepped the ground last fall, Gill said.

Plans are to have the park open nine months out of the year. It will be available to individuals as well as groups and parties.

In other county business this week, the Slash-T Rodeo Company was again contracted to provide the rough stock for this year's Gooding County Rodeo, which will be Aug. 14-16.

Gill presented the contract to commissioners on Monday. Commissioners approved the contract at a cost of \$1,400, an increase of \$50 from last year.

Gill reported the arena is already booked nearly every weekend starting in mid-August through the first of August. Service clubs and 4-H groups are not charged a user fee. However, those renting the arena to make money are charged \$150 for its use.

A major project for the year will be the addition of bleachers at either end of the arena, Gill said. It will increase seating capacity to 2,100 for rodeo events and other activities.

# Ketchum's Janss Center name changes to YMCA

KETCHUM - The Janss Center is no more. The proposed recreation center has a new name: the Wood River Community YMCA.

The name change reflects the program's new association with the worldwide YMCA organization and its intent to serve the entire Wood River Valley.

Center spokesman Mike Wolter said Glenn Janss, the widow of the late Bill Janss, "is cool" with the name change. "Her objective is to see something built here."

The building will be named the Bill Janss Memorial Building (in honor of the late owner of Sun Valley Resort) so Bill's name will still be featured very prominently.

Over time, it may be that we will see people begin calling it the Wood River Y and then, finally, just the Y."

Planner John Gardlett hailed the plan following the meeting, saying it's refreshing to see someone bring so many disparate groups together in such a professional way.

The next step will be determining how much the community is willing to pay to renovate existing arts space and build new ones, said Dan Drackett, who headed up the Sun Valley Arts Foundation.

## Around the valley

Elko County Commission will hold an all-day meeting beginning at 9 a.m. today.

The agenda includes a work session with a review of the revenues and expenditures of the fiscal year at 2003 budget.

The agenda lists a number of suggestions and options the commission will address including: tax increases, elimination of justice courts and a hiring freeze.

During the regular meeting, the group will hear an update on a proposed tire recycling plant in Oregon, discuss a grant application for the Jackson Forest, and hold a public hearing on community block grants.

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

— compiled from staff reports

# Farmers hear options for controlling grasshoppers

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Farmers know they are their millions of dollars worth beneath the ground where worms of grasshoppers or crickets left them last fall.

In desperate attempts to save their crops, farmers repeatedly and ineffectually sprayed their fields with pesticides.

"I thought I'd save a lot of dead ones because we really had them - but they just got a drink and went on," Steve Ward said at Tuesday's meeting in Burley with Dave McNeal, state plant health director for the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service.

Pesticides cost the farmers about the cost of a repaired coating window with their work makes were people here. This year a few farmers can't wait their agents better McNeal and Cassia County Agricultural Extension.

Over the past few days, McNeal and Cassia County Agricultural Extension have been meeting with Burley area farmers Tuesday at 10 a.m. about how to more effectively deal with the insects.

In the Magic Valley there were several large grasshopper patches last year. Massive swarms of Mormon crickets laid eggs in the Boise to think McNeal said.

The best way to eliminate grasshoppers is to catch them early, Garrard said. Plowing the fields where the grasshoppers laid their eggs will kill about half of the larvae, he said. Simply disturbing the top 3 inches of soil will do the trick, he said.

"Grasshoppers like to lay eggs

when it is generally in the soil," Garrard said. "I would like to see closer to the hand holding the soil."

If farmers find the grasshoppers have started to hatch, they should be killed with the pesticides, Garrard said. Once the grasshoppers develop wings they are more difficult to kill with the pesticides.

McNeal said that farmers should make themselves aware of the grasshopper patches and try to have them killed before they get into the crops.

"The grasshoppers are a problem because they are so hard to kill," he said. "If you can't get them out of the field, you have to live with them."

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Net patient care	\$23,513,550	\$16,454,279	43%
Operating expenses	\$6,878,248	\$6,258,288	10%
Net operating income	\$16,645,302	\$12,295,986	35%
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	December 2002	December 2001	Pct. change
Salaries	\$3,447,215	\$2,943,313	17%
Benefits	\$620,847	\$542,282	13%
Fee physicians	\$358,526	\$298,887	20%
Fee other	\$485,274	\$450,131	8%
Supplies	\$1,252,858	\$1,112,433	13%
Utilities	\$112,405	\$110,311	2%
Repairs/maintenance	\$102,180	\$119,738	-15%
Laundry/retails	\$70,484	\$57,283	23%
Insurance	\$99,218	\$26,187	270%
Interest expense	\$116,306	\$110,227	6%
Unpaid patient bills	\$330,986	\$274,016	20%
Depreciation	\$584,829	\$63,020	43%
Other expense	\$88,776	\$57,283	55%
Total operating expense	\$7,980,224	\$6,883,080	16%
Income from operations	\$8,635,328	\$5,572,905	53%
Non-operating revenue	\$142,512	\$113,561	26%
Non-operating costs	\$0	(\$6,714)	-100%
Market value adjustment	\$168,000	(\$13,807)	1215%
Net income	\$8,803,840	(\$57,897)	290%

Finance Committee, explained that the hospital is one of the entities that helps the county support SIRCOMM.

Twin Falls County will pay \$605,767 this year for SIRCOMM fees, which are split among the county, fire districts and the hospital. County Clerk Bob Fort said Magic Valley Regional's share is almost \$139,000 a year.

In other financial news, Magic

Valley Regional brought in \$81 million in operating revenue in December from \$77 million, or 5 percent, from December 2001. Here are some other highlights from the hospital's December 2002 financial statements:

• **Outpatient revenue** - \$5.4 million, up from \$4.6 million, or 17 percent, from the previous year.

• **Total operating revenue** - \$6.1 million, up from \$5.4 million, or 13 percent, from the previous year.

• **Total expenditures** - \$8 million, up from \$6.6 million, or 21 percent, from the previous year.

• **Largest expenditure** - \$3.4 million for salaries, up from \$2.9 million, or 18 percent, from the previous year.

• **Net income** - The hospital was \$393,972 back in the black after being \$207,525 in the red when it came to net income at the same time last year.

• **Total assets** - \$109.7 million, up from \$91.5 million the previous year.

• **Total liabilities and equity** - \$11.4 million, up from \$89.9 million the previous year.

• **Admissions** - The hospital admitted 911 patients in December, up from 722 patients in December 2001.

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# Study says 'no' to Wood River arts complex

By Karen Boscack  
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - A community-funded auditorium at the new Wood River High School and a performance tent usable up to six months of the year are among the recommendations of a new study assessing the arts scene in Sun Valley.

The study effectively put the kibosh on a centralized state-of-the-art arts complex that would house theater, music, visual arts and everything else under the sun in the Sun Valley area.

The \$400,000 study was commissioned by the Sun Valley Arts Foundation after a proposal to build a multi-million dollar arts facility in a pasture on Sun Valley Road met with vehement opposition.

Duncan Webb, a consultant for the New York-based Webb Management Services, prefaced his remarks at a Friday press conference by saying that the market for the arts in Sun Valley is large and growing, and available facilities have not kept pace

with the market. Enhanced and new arts facilities can play a significant role in maintaining quality of life as the Sun Valley area grows, he added.

To reach that end, Webb suggested that:

• The Sun Valley Center for the Arts needs to expand current facilities, perhaps by opening satellite facilities, or build a new center.

• The community should consider funding a new auditorium at the new Wood River High School in return for some control of the facility for community programming. The high school is not being built concurrently with the rest of the high school because of lack of funding. At the same time, there is not enough support for a 1,500-seat theater in Ketchum or Hailey without the students, Webb added.

High school auditoriums are often perceived as substandard, Webb acknowledged, but there are places where state-of-the-art facilities have been built on school campuses. Among them the Burley High School

Auditorium and the Eccles Center for the Performing Arts in Park City, Utah.

The theater could house a technical theater training program through the College of Southern Idaho or the Blaine County Arts Academy. And, while people don't move easily, Ketchum and Sun Valley residents indicate they will head south to Hailey if it's a show they want to see, Webb said.

• The Sun Valley Performing Arts Center should upgrade and expand the existing footprint of the theater and Sun Valley residents indicate they will head south to Hailey if it's a show they want to see, Webb said.

• A seasonal performance enclosure, such as a tent, should be erected for a variety of programs, including music, dance, opera, speakers, film and other events. Such enclosures have proved successful in Breckenridge, Colo., and Tanglewood, N.Y.

• CSI should partner in the operation of the new Wood River High School Auditorium, the

new Hailey Community Center being formed at the old high school and develop and execute arts education programs with the Center for the Arts, NextStage Theater and Sun Valley Summer Symphony.

Jim Lewis, superintendent of schools, drew applause from the 60 people assembled at Sun Valley City Hall as he stressed that the community has to quit infighting if it wants to get something accomplished. The school system is not trying to lean on the community to get an auditorium built. Rather, it's trying to lend a hand in the development of a top-notch facility, he added.

Planner John Gardlett hailed the plan following the meeting, saying it's refreshing to see someone bring so many disparate groups together in such a professional way.

The next step will be determining how much the community is willing to pay to renovate existing arts space and build new ones, said Dan Drackett, who headed up the Sun Valley Arts Foundation.

# School

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Craft time comes after homework is done. Character and drug education are also part of the program, Frank said, a critique of the \$12,000 Safe and Drug Free Schools grant which partially funds the program.

The program just received another \$10,000 from the Idaho

Community Foundation. That grant will help the program make it through the end of the school year, Frank said.

The program is completely free to students, all students are free to attend, he said.

Elementary student Wynonna Edwards said she attends the after-school program nearly

every day.

"It's fun and it helps me get my homework done," Edwards said.

Fellow student Gabe Guierrez agreed. "I get help with my homework and we do fun activities."

Thirty students have signed up for the program, average daily attendance is 20. Frank wants to expand the program, but said for the first year, the program has been successful.

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# Centennial

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Throughout the year, planned activities will coincide with traditional events and functions that will carry the centennial theme. And while the Legacy, Events, Community Affairs, and Heritage Committees are already in place, Executive Director Bonnie Laramie said more help is needed, and sub-committees will be formed.

"So we're looking for a wide range of volunteers," Laramie said.

The commission is also looking for help implementing oral histories of seniors in the community and would also like to see the

centennial story made part of the curriculum in area schools.

Another contribution to the city will be made in the form of a special art project. In preparation for a winning entry, a call to artists was issued earlier by the commission, said Terry McCurdy, who chairs the Legacy Committee.

All interested artists living in Idaho, or people showing strong ties to Twin Falls, still have the opportunity to submit their ideas for a lasting legacy.

But while the call remains open, time is running out. Application forms for artwork ideas, along with budget esti-

mates for proposed projects, must be submitted to the Magic Valley Arts Council no later than 4 p.m. on March 1.

A panel of judges will then narrow down the list, and final selections for the art project will be displayed publicly. The information collected through a public comment or vote online will be used in making a final decision for the chosen art submission. Eight submissions have already been received.

The finished product will be installed at a designated area for a list of proposed sites, some here near the Perrine Bridge," McCurdy said.

Broekman said that if such a committee is formed, she will be on it. The group also expects to recruit at least one doctor. And school officials, church leaders and others would also be needed, Yardley said.

"If we could get our youth pastors involved, that would be vital," she said.

Parents would probably have a place at the table, Broekman said. "Parents who have had kids on drugs understand the problem 10 times better than I ever will," he said.

The long term goal is to provide a truly "big picture" look at the local drug problem and find some realistic answers, Hathaway said.

Those who attended Tuesday's meeting were given a three-page list of volunteer opportunities. After the meeting, visitors were welcomed to visit the centennial commission's "exhibit in progress" at the Browning-Keevers Gallery at the center.

The display for the public will continue to develop over the next two years.

"Anyone willing to share personal artifacts or items of interest that someone has handed down can display them in the gallery," Laramie said.

"We're a year out," she said, "and we want the entire community to be involved."

That might call for some basic changes in plans, Broekman said.

"Right in my mind we find out a kid is being used drugs, we've got to get the football team and there goes that positive influence," Broekman said. "If we catch him again, we kick him out of school. And that just gives him all day to stand around in the street with the wrong people and talk about drugs. If we catch him a third time, we throw him in jail. And that gives him 180 days to sit with those people talking about drugs every second."

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# Drugs

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Indeed, some of the rave were drugs - such as one called "Special K" - are still legal, Hathaway said. But that doesn't make them any less dangerous, especially to the 15 to 18-year-old crowd that tends to frequent most parties, he said.

There's evidence that some at times use "date rape" drugs - which can be slipped to unsuspecting girls and boys - and are breaking down their social inhibitions, Yardley said. Much of Portera's material will focus on these drugs.

In fact, some of the "designer" club drugs are made by combining meth with a hallucinogen. Yardley, Hathaway and Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Broekman - who also helped organize Portera's event - said they hope the events draw big crowds.

But they also hope it will serve as a jumping-off point to organize a permanent group charged with studying the area's drug problem and taking proactive steps to curb them, he said.

The group would probably take the form of a committee and could serve as a comprehensive source of information for public officials, law enforcement, private companies and the public, Hathaway said.

Yardley, Hathaway said

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### Shelter euthanizes some of neglected Oregon dogs

VALE, Ore. (AP) - More than 100 sick and malnourished dogs were euthanized at an animal shelter during the weekend after they were removed from a rural home near Harper in southeastern Oregon.

Malheur County officials found 492 dogs at the rental home of Robert and Barbara Erickson late last week. The 113 animals that were destroyed were in the worst condition, although some dogs died as deputies removed them from the home, officials said.

### Defense attorney: Suspect will plead to lesser charge

LEWISTON (AP) - The man charged with capital murder in the decapitation slaying of a shoe store employee has agreed to plead guilty to second-degree murder to avoid the death sentence, his attorney says.

Nez Perce County Prosecutor Daniel Spickler said questions about Cope's mental state, among other issues, convinced him to make a deal. "I don't believe that in our system of justice, a death penalty on an individual, who was in a psychotic episode, will be upheld," Spickler said.



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Tamara Bergeron and Robert Schmidt, 19, and his 16-year-old sister, Monique Maestas, are fighting extradition from Utah to Nevada, where prosecutors say they could face death penalty charges, including murder and attempted murder.



Genard lead Beau Serrino Maestas, 19, into the courtroom for an extradition hearing in Nephi, Utah, Friday. During separate hearings, Maestas and his 16-year-old sister refused extradition to Nevada, where they are wanted in a butcher knife rampage that left a 3-year-old girl dead and her 10-year-old sister paralyzed in Mesquite.

### Police seek family of child abandoned in ShopKo store

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - He says his name is Jacob; he's 3 years old, and someone left him in the toy department of a ShopKo store.

Store surveillance cameras show a stocky man walk into the store with the boy on Saturday. The man apparently put him in a shopping cart, handed him a toy, and walked away.

The camera images don't provide a good look at the man, but the boy has said he does know him.

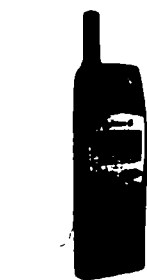
The child appears to be in good health and shows no signs of abuse, Salt Lake City police said.

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## Server

**DEAR ABBY:** I am putting myself through college working nights as a server in a small, family-owned restaurant. There are only two servers with the rights and a couple of nights a week. I share my shift with "Jane."

Jane takes her table orders, then expects me to deliver the food, refill drinks, and anything else the people at her table might need - in addition to working my own table.

My problem is that many of the patrons at Jane's tables directly hand me their tip, saying I deserve it more than she does. Even though I don't think Jane deserves to be tipped, I feel guilty taking the money and always end up putting it in Jane's tip jar. Also, according to our employer's policy, I could get fired for keeping the money.

To make matters worse, Jane is the boss's niece. This makes me reluctant to take the problem to him. Would it be wrong for me to tell the patrons at Jane's tables that I can't keep their tips, and leave it up to them whether they leave anything for Jane? Maybe it would force Jane to work harder. Or should I keep things "as is" and not cause trouble?

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**DEAR WORKING:** I have a "tip" for you. The boss's niece feels entitled, and in the interest of family unity, your boss will

probably back her up. This isn't the only restaurant in town with your situation. You could find an attractive candidate for a job elsewhere. Start looking.

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## Aries: Believe your own predictions

**IF JANUARY 29TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** ... you are intuitive, unorthodox and drawn to studies involving "ancient wisdom." You are regarded in some quarters as a "mystery person." Capricorn, Cancer natives play active roles in your life, could have these letters in names: B, K, T. You will make fresh start in new direction during February, and you could be "madly in love." September heralds your most romantic, profitable month of the year.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Perceive your future; your predictions about yourself come true. Many you admire will seek your counsel. You will be in love; creative spark ignites. Libra involved.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Yes, it is time for you to go into business for yourself. Imprint style, make personal and professional appearances. It is a matter of love and lust; be grateful for it!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Plan ahead, look beyond the immediate. Write, advertise and publish. Question of marital status will rise during journey. Cancer, Capricorn natives play outstanding roles.

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**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Be interested in many subjects, but avoid scattering your forces. You can make people smile if even through moments of grief. Popularity is on the rise. Sagittarius featured.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Highlight creativity, willingness to tear down for purpose of rebuilding. You will exude personality and sex appeal. Taurus, Scorpio and another Leo play fantastic roles.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Be ready for a variety of experiences. Channel creative energies. Individual who had been indifferent will now confide "physical attraction." Another Virgo figures in scenario.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Take special care in traffic during family outing. Be diplomatic, kind and generous, but know when to say, "Enough is enough!" Emphasis on where you live and with whom.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Define terms, be familiar with "going laws." Perceive relationships in realistic light, avoid self-deception. Pisces, Virgo individuals will play unorthodox roles.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Power-play day! Organize priorities. Let the world know you are alive and kicking. Relationship grows hot and heavy. Love spark will reignite. Capricorn figures prominently.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** People will be drawn to you for help in solving their problems. Do what you can, but put a time limit on services. Aries, Libra will astonish with their intimate questions.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Your wishes come true! Warnings: Don't wish for more than you can handle. In matters of speculation, stick with number 1. Wear clothes that include yellow and gold.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Focus on proposals that include business, marriage. Make decision tonight relating to the "direction of your life." If single, you will encounter future mate. Cancer native involved.

## Vultures help utilities find gas pipeline leaks

Item No. 711C in our Love and War man's file reads: Any unattached woman in search of a matrimonial mate might consider a cruise to the Falkland Islands. Historically, unattached women have been in short supply there.

How can a gas utility company find a leak in miles of pipeline? Mix into the gas a scent of rotten meat. Over wherever gas escapes, vultures circle. Scouts in airplanes pinpoint the places.

**Q. A golfer's warning is "Fore!" Why?**

A. British infantry once fired volleys from two ranks, rear rank standing behind front rank kneeling, to double the firepower. Rear rankers about to fire warned front rankers to keep heads down by calling out, "Beware Before!" Then, "Ware Before!" Then just, "Fore!"

You've read a lot of wedding guests now are throwing birdseed instead of rice. But not in Morocco. There, it's raisins. Or figs and dates. Bit messy.

If the female is the naturalistic forfright with the male, the animals will not mate successfully. So says an authority on bestial sex.

**Q. Why was the guinea pig called that?**

A. Because it squeals a bit. And grunts. And was first sold as a cheap novelty in England for a guinea. No guinea pigs are left in the wild. South Americans domesticated them 3,000 years ago.

Too many Greek bus drivers were rude. Too few spoke English. So complained numerous tourists a generation ago. Can't have that! cried Athens authorities. And they - those few people on earth who could tell Greek bus drivers what to do - told them to go to charm school. They went.

Two percent of the bees in a beehive daily drag out the bodies of their dead. And carry same several hundred yards away. They rotate in that job. How which get so assigned isn't clear. But they're immediate, that's known.



A bee that drops dead is out of there whack!  
 Your pineal gland shuts down

come daylight.

**Q. What U.S. tree has the largest blossoms?**

A. Big leaf Magnolia. With a 10-inch bloom.

Chimu tribes of northeast Peru wrote letters to one another on lima beans. They wrote small. Very small. One letter per bean. Not just one alphabet letter. I mean a whole-page type letter per bean.

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**By Peter Amato**  
**The World Kitchen**

Most of us enjoy eating with many flavors, textures and textures. I developed this one-pot meal to recreate these flavors, but cut down on the chopping, cutting and cooking time. The best pasta for this is fresh, or using a dried pasta, increase the cooking time to 15 minutes and add 1/2 cup pasta sauce and 1/2 cup water to the recipe.

**TUNA NOODLE SKILLET SUPPER**

- 2 teaspoons extra oil
- 1 cup chopped or diced frozen onion
- 1 cup chopped or diced frozen green pepper
- 1 cup pasta sauce
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 pound fresh linguine
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 cup sliced baby bella mushrooms
- 12 ounces white meat tuna

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and green pepper and cook for 5 minutes. Add pasta and water and cook for 15 minutes. Add tuna, oregano and pasta sauce. Cook for 5 minutes and serve. Makes 2 servings.

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**Dip is a sure-fire hit**

By Steve Petusevsky  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

My get-togethers typically include everyone from vegans to carnivores. But of all the dishes, the one that gets eaten first is the Fiesta Seven-Layer Dip. I attribute its popularity to its being colorful so it looks good and it appeals to all those who like Mexican food. It's a sure hit.

There are some things to know about this classic layered dip before proceeding. You need to make this in a clear glass dish to get the full effect of the layers. It can be a standard 9-by-13-inch baking dish or round bowl. I have this great, straight-sided glass cylindrical container that's about 6 inches deep. It's perfect. You can build as many layers as you wish, just make sure that it is easy for your guests to dip through several layers when excavating this dish.

Make your own simple guacamole. There are premade avocado dips out there but none I've tried is very good and most are loaded with preservatives I can't even pronounce.

Use a good premade salsa that is not too runny. Use vegetarian refried beans. Read the labels as many brands contain lard. An alternative is to drain, rinse and mash a 16-ounce can of your favorite bean variety such as black, pinto, kidney or navy with 2 tablespoons olive oil, a sprinkling of lime juice, salt and hot sauce to taste.

Use low-fat or fat-free sour cream. It's OK to substitute plain fat-free yogurt as well. However, the result won't be as rich tasting.

For the cheese layer, use a pre-mixed shredded Mexican cheese, which can be found in any supermarket. You can also use grated queso blanco or Latin white cheese.

You can add a layer of sweet corn, either two ears of fresh corn cut off the cob or 1 cup frozen kernels. You need to saute the corn for 2 minutes in 2 teaspoons olive oil with a sprinkling of cumin and oregano. But then be sure to change the name of your recipe to Fiesta Eight-Layer Dip.

If you love spicy foods, add a layer of pickled jalapenos or add some chopped chipotle chili in adobo to the beans or salsa.

Canned black olives are the easiest to use for this recipe.

Fitted and chopped Greek black kalamata olives make a delicious alternative.

You can layer the ingredients in any order, making sure the colors contrast well. For an even more impressive look, save .25 cup of each ingredient to form into colorful rows as the top layer.

Try to make the dip at least a few hours before serving so you can chill it well.

Serve with tortilla chips or make your own lower-fat version by slicing flour or corn tortillas in 1-inch ribbons. Place on a baking pan and spray lightly with no-stick cooking spray. Sprinkle with salt and bake in a preheated 375-degree oven 6 to 8 minutes until golden brown.

**FIESTA SEVEN-LAYER DIP**

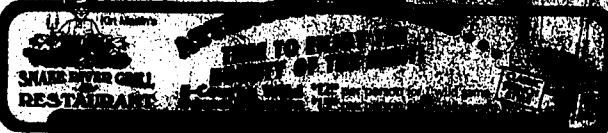
- 2 medium avocados, peeled, pitted and mashed
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 5 cup chopped cilantro leaves, divided
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and minced
- Salt, to taste
- 1 large ripe tomato, chopped
- 5 yellow bell pepper, chopped
- 5 red bell pepper, chopped
- 8 scallions, minced white parts and some of green
- 1 (16-ounce) can vegetarian refried beans
- 1 cup favorite tomato salsa
- 1 (8-ounce) container low-fat sour cream
- 2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 5 cup chopped, pitted black olives

In a nonreactive large bowl, mash avocado with lime juice, 25 cup cilantro, garlic, jalapeno and salt. Set aside.

In another nonreactive large bowl, combine tomatoes, peppers and scallions. Set aside.

Spread beans in an even layer in bottom of a glass serving dish. Top with chopped pepper mixture. Top with tomato salsa, sour cream, avocado mixture and shredded cheese, making a separate layer of each in that order. Scatter olives and 25 cup chopped cilantro leaves over top. Makes 16 to 20 servings.

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# PEANUTS

## FOR CAJUNES TABASCO ALMONDS

That's the party nut who isn't afraid to get a little messy. Great for parties, but a bowl next time you have guests. Check back in a bit, just a few lonely nuts will remain.

That's why I'm always looking for great recipes. So I about fell over when I found Sally Sampson's "Party Nuts!" (Harvard Common Press, \$9.95), a thin, hardback book of 50 (50!) nut recipes.

Sampson, a writer for Cook's Illustrated magazine, began experimenting with nut recipes after falling in love with some sweet roasted pecans from a friend. Eventually, she writes, there was almost nothing she would not put on a nut (and indeed, you don't doubt that when reading some of the ingredients, such as coconut or balsamic vinegar). She got so into nuts that besides publishing the book, she started her own snack nut business, Sampson's.

## FOR CAJUNES TABASCO ALMONDS

2 cups raw whole almonds, skinned or skin on  
 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted  
 2 tablespoons hot sauce, such as Tabasco  
 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce  
 1 teaspoon garlic powder  
 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard  
 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
 1 1/2 teaspoons coarse salt

Heat the oven to 250 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the almonds, butter, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, mustard and pepper in a large bowl and toss until the nuts are well coated. Transfer to the baking sheet and arrange in a single layer. Place in the oven and bake, stirring every 15 minutes, until the nuts are darkened but not burnt, about 45 minutes. Remove from the oven, immediately loosen the nuts with a metal spatula, sprinkle evenly with the salt, and set aside to cool before serving. Servings: 8.

### NUTS RECIPES

#### Recipe from Sally Sampson's "Party Nuts"

**CLASSIC SUGARED NUTS**  
 2 egg whites (1/4 cup)  
 1 cup sugar  
 1/2 teaspoon coarse salt  
 4 cups lightly toasted pecan halves

Heat the oven to 250 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place the egg whites in a large stainless steel bowl and whisk until frothy. Slowly whisk in the sugar and salt until thick. Fold in the pecans and toss until well coated. Transfer the pecans to the baking sheet and arrange in a single layer. Place in the oven and bake, stirring gently every 15 minutes, until the meringue covers the nuts with a chewy, pale golden brown coating, 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from the oven and let sit for 5 minutes, then remove the nuts from the pan with a metal spatula and set aside to cool before serving, 16 servings.

**NOTE:** To toast nuts, spread them on a baking pan and toast at 350 degrees until fragrant and lightly browned, about 10 minutes.

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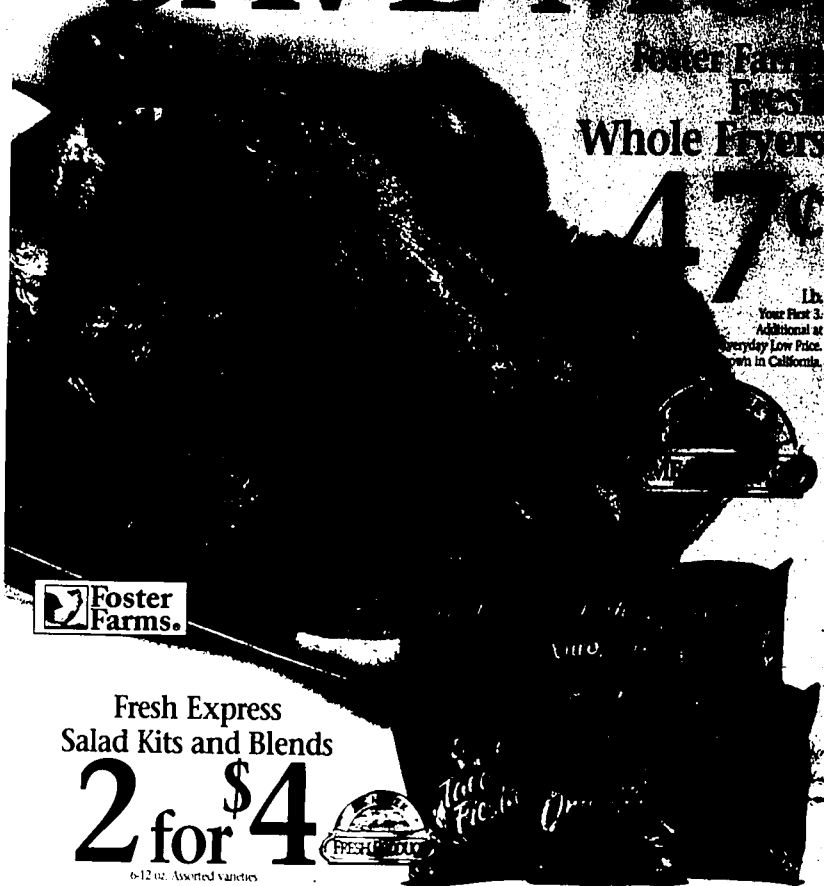
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# Wily streak ends at 14

## Jordan makes it in; Stackhouse, Rose miss out

What can you do about it? Jerry Stackhouse said Jason Rose did a "great job" going to the league's showcase event Feb. 9 in Atlanta — and both felt snubbed.

"I can't sit here and say it's not disappointing," Stackhouse said Tuesday.

The 29 NBA coaches voted for several reserves from each conference.

Chosen from the East along with Jordan were Jason Kidd of New Jersey, Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker of Boston, Brad Miller of Indiana, Zydrunas Ilgauskas of Cleveland and Jamal Mashburn of New Orleans.

The Western Conference reserves are Shaquille O'Neal of the Lakers, Stephon Marbury and Shawn Marion

of Phoenix, Steve Nash and Dirk Nowitzki of Dallas, Gary Payton of Seattle and Chris Webber of Sacramento.

Jordan moved into a tie with Malone and Jerry West for the second-most All-Star selections in NBA history behind Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's 19.

Jordan has the highest career scoring average in All-Star history at 21.3 points. He was voted in as a starter in his 13 previous selections.

# WILY WOLVES

Castelford's Benj Grayford scores the ball from going out of bounds Tuesday in the Wolves' mob-up against the Hagerman Pirates.



LEE H. COLLIER FOR THE TRIBUNE

## Medina nets 19 as Castleford avenges early loss

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD — Elvis Medina and his Castleford teammates wanted to send a message. Hagerman received it loud and clear.

Facing the only team to have dealt the Wolves their only Magic Valley Conference loss this season, Castleford (12-2, 6-1 MVC) used a tenacious defense with Medina's magical touch to exact revenge with a 55-44 defeat of the Pirates (11-5, 7-2) at Cothorn Memorial

Gymnasium on Tuesday.

Castleford coach Andy Wiseman said his team seemingly wanted it more, opening the game with a 10-2 lead while forcing Hagerman into 13 turnovers in the first half for the 31-16 lead at halftime.

"The effort in the first half was good. I think our kids outworked them a little," he said.

Medina topped all scorers with 19 points, many coming off his explosive flashes through the lane for easy layups. The win avenged a 50-52 loss at Hagerman last month.

"We're just clicking right now," Medina said.

Robert Cramer added nine points, including two first-quarter 3-pointers to jump start the Wolves to a 6-2 lead that they eventually extended to 10-2.

The Pirates showed early nerves by coughing up nine turnovers in the first five minutes, but they settled in to close the first quarter with a 7-0 run to get back within seven.

And JJ Potter opened the second quarter with a dribble drive that pulled Hagerman to 19-11. Medina answered with a twisting

glide through three defenders Cooper Bates, who scored 18 to lead the Pirates, came back with a bucket that Medina answered again with a 1-0-3 take, dribble right and shot.

Hagerman's Kyle Davis drained a 1-0-3 jumper to make it a four-point game. But the Pirates returned to their turnover-prone ways against Castleford's press and when the Wolves weren't making steals or forcing bad passes, they packed in their 2-1-1 tie and Hagerman

By Kevin Hall FOR THE TRIBUNE

## Greene hopes to reclaim world record

By Bob Baum  
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No matter what the record book says, Maurice Greene still considers himself the world's fastest man.

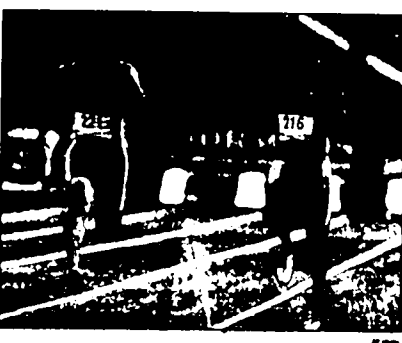
And he's confident he'll reclaim the 100-meter mark broken by Tim Montgomery last year.

"World records are made to be broken, and he just happened to have one of those days where he broke my world record," Greene said Tuesday. "But the thing is, I'm still capable of running faster than I have, and I know I'm faster than him."

Greene is coming off a disappointing 2002.

He was in the stands in Paris on Sept. 14, watching when Montgomery ran the 100 in 9.78 seconds — 0.01 faster than Greene's world record set in 1999.

Greene "could be laughed when he saw Montgomery's time."



Spectator Tim Montgomery, right, runs past Maurice Greene to win first place in the men's 100-meter event during the Montreal Via Demosa IAAF Golden League meeting in Brussels, Belgium, Aug. 20, 2002.

## Sorenstam can test limits by playing in PGA events

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The idea was to test her considerable skills against the best men in her sport. That's the chance of a lifetime for a woman at the top of her game.

A public relations gimmick? Ann Meyers never saw herself that way.

"I wouldn't have played if I didn't think I could make it," Meyers said, reflecting on her historic NBA tryout in 1979 with the Indiana Pacers. "That's how much I believed in myself. It wasn't to prove a point."

"I wouldn't have played in the NBA. She didn't make it past a three-day camp for rookies. She still thinks former Pacers coach Slick Leonard had made up his mind about her before she even stepped onto the court."

That's why Meyers doesn't want Annika Sorenstam to play a PGA Tour event.

She wants her to play several.

## Stage is set for 1A girls

By Scott Thompson  
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SHOSHONE — Now it counts. Class 1A conference girls basketball tournaments kick off this week, with the Northside in action tonight at Shoshone High School at 5 p.m. and the Southside beginning Thursday at Hulse Gymnasium at Murtaugh High School Thursday.

In the Northside tournament, it will be a matter of seeing who can knock off defending state runnerup Dietrich (18-2 overall, 12-0 conference) as the Blue Devils ran through the conference schedule with a perfect record.

"Everybody's coming in to knock us off," Dietrich coach Gene Shaw said. "We have a target on our back. But we have known we have to play smart and play hard."

The Blue Devils shouldn't come in overconfident either after a recent overtime loss to Hansen.

"That really woke us up and we've been practicing great ever since," Shaw said. "We needed a tough game — with our loss. And boy, my girls have been coming ever since then."

Dietrich has a first round bye, but action starts tonight at 5 p.m. with No. 4 Community School (7-7, 4-0) taking on No. 5 Richfield (9-9, 4-8). And No. 3 Cassia (11-7, 8-4) battles No. 6 Bliss (6-10, 2-10).

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### TRIVIA QUESTION

Who scored the first touchdown in the first Super Bowl played on Jan. 15, 1967 at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum?

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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Minico at Ripley, 7:30 p.m.  
Burley at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.  
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Shoshone JV vs. Comm. School JV, 5:30 p.m.  
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Camas County vs. Shoshone, 8 p.m.

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Oakley-Raft River, Filer at Kimberly, 5:30 p.m.  
Jerome at Buhl, 6 p.m.  
Minico at Burley, 7 p.m.

**High school bowling**  
Gooding at Hansen, 4 p.m.  
Filer, Kimberly, Minico, Twin Falls, at Bowldrome, 4 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Jump rope champs come to Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Boise's Summerwind Skippers, a national champion jump rope performance group will hold a clinic and put on several performances next Friday and Saturday in Twin Falls.

The troupe, with jump ropers aged 8-17, will perform two shows at Morningside Elementary on Friday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and again during the halftime of the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball game on Saturday.

Their clinic will run Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at CSI with registration from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Cost is \$10, which includes a rope.

The champs will hold another clinic from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Buhl.

For more information, call Karen Hay at (208) 376-6317.

#### Gooding holds co-ed volleyball touney

GOODING — The Gooding High School volleyball program is holding a fund-raiser tournament on Saturday, Feb. 8 starting at 8:30 a.m. in both the high school and middle school gyms.

Cost is \$75 per co-ed team, with A, B and C Divisions. All fees and rosters must be submitted by Thursday to Jerry Koehn or Joleen Toone at Gooding High School, 1050 Seventh Ave. W., Gooding, ID 83330.

For more information, call 934-4941 or 934-4831.

#### Golfer hits hole in one at Clear Lake

BUHL — Dexter Rogers made his first-ever hole in one with an 8-iron on the 135-yard 15th.

Witnesses were Tom Flacher, Jerry Alexander and Cal Parrott.

#### Correction

Micah Alexander of Buhl was misidentified as a girl in a story published Tuesday on inter-district sports agreements.

The Times-News regrets the error.

#### TRIVIA ANSWER

Max McGee on a 37-yard pass from Green Bay quarterback Bart Starr. The Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10.

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SPORTS

Wildcats hold off

The Times News

FILER - The Filer Wildcats could not... overtime, prevailing 76-58 in Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference boys basketball in Filer.

After a tight game, Filer held the lead with 50 seconds to go, but missed two front-end foul shots and Kimberly grabbed the rebound. The Bulldogs went on to score two 3-pointers.

Kimberly took a four point lead with 1:30 to go, but Wildcat Justin Mechem, who had a game-high 28 points, hit a 3 to cut it to one. Filer's Luke Gerrish, who totaled 26, went inside and got a three point play after being fouled. Cody Ehrmanter hit two free throws to put Filer up by four for the win. Filer (11-2, 5-1) will travel to Declo Thursday.

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Local sports

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The Senators were paced by 26 points from Jake Gercin and 18 from Levi Novis. Gooding (4-11) hosts Wood River on Friday.

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"The most difficult thing wasn't playing the game," Meyers said. "It was all the negativity, so many people who were against it."

One of the more valid arguments is that if Sorenstam really wants to measure herself against the men, why not Monday qualify? That's what 13-year-old Michelle Wie did in Honolulu, shooting a 73 to fall six shots short of getting into the Sony Open.

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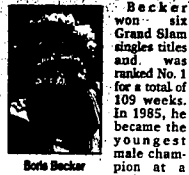
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Special Olympics cancels Nordic events

A lack of snow has postponed the scheduled Special Olympics Nordic and snowshoe competition for Thursday at Mink Creek.

Both events will be rescheduled for either Feb. 8 or 15.

Alpine and snowboarding events are still set for Feb. 19 at Bonerelle Mountain Resort in Alibon.

New Mexico guard remains hospitalized

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - New Mexico senior point guard Seneca Carey will remain hospitalized longer than expected following surgery for a spinal cord injury that had left his legs paralyzed for two weeks.

"He's in good condition but he's not recovering as quickly as they initially hoped," said Ruffin.

Stanford University's director of media relations Carey will go home Tuesday, but doctors had initially predicted

Baseball union moves toward collusion grievance

NEW YORK - Baseball players have taken the first step toward a possible collusion grievance against owners, requesting management documents about negotiations with free agents during this offseason.

The request, filed last Thursday by union lawyer Michael Weiner, was confirmed by The Associated Press on Tuesday by a pair of baseball officials who spoke on the condition they not be identified.

Players asked for "documents that would reflect inter-club communications and communications between the commissioner's office and clubs about free-agent negotiations," one of the officials told the AP.

Several agents told the AP in November and December that their clients received offers from several different teams, three agents said earlier this month on the condition they not be identified.

Owners were found by arbitrators to have conspired against free agents following the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons, and management settled those cases in 1990 for \$280 million.

Lemieux will miss NHL All-Star game

PITTSBURGH - NHL points leader Mario Lemieux will miss Sunday's All-Star game because of a groin injury and will not be ready to play until at least next week.

The Pittsburgh Penguins' star has not played for the last six games and missed eight of the past nine. He was to miss Tuesday's game against the Islanders in New York and Thursday's game against Washington.

Lemieux said it was more important that he concentrate on the team's 30 remaining games and the playoffs.

Lemieux has 68 points in 41 games, leading Vancouver's Markus Naslund by five points.

Becker heads 2003 class for Tennis Hall of Fame

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Winn-Falls - Idaho State University Football Coach Larry Lemieux leads staff with "Meet the Coaches" night on Friday, Feb. 7 at the Twin Falls Tribune Sports Bar.

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting, which runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fans and boosters can meet with the coaches, watch a season highlight film and ask questions of the coaches.

For more information, call 736-2427 or 237-9557.

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SPORTS

# Senators say they'll act to reorganize USOC

By Robert Gehrk  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Frustrated with the U.S. Olympic Committee's latest ethics scandal, senators said Tuesday they will move to reorganize its leadership, which has been blamed for fighting that has tarnished its image.

"If the Olympic house can't be cleaned up, Congress will help you clean it up," said Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., a former Olympic martial artist.

Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., called the hearing after USOC chief executive Lloyd Ward was accused of ethical violations for trying to steer Pan American Games business to his brother's company.

The resulting investigation, and a power struggle within the USOC — and Tuesday, before the Senate committee — has turned it into the latest Olympic scandal that the senators said is overshadowing the athletes.

McCain said the senators will hold a hearing within the next month to determine how to restructure the USOC leadership.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who sponsored the legislation in 1978 that created the USOC, noted that Congress has authority to revoke the committee's charter.

USOC Ethics Committee Chairman Ken Duberstein said the committee's 123-member board of directors and 21-member ethics committee is "totally unworkable." He said the committee needs a streamlined board of 10 to 14 members and a CEO with the authority to act without constantly being questioned by the board of directors.

"It makes people do bad things," said Duberstein. "There's some buckeye that goes on. It has to stop."

The USOC Ethics Committee investigated Ward's conduct and said he should have disclosed his brother's involvement. His actions created an appearance of a conflict of interest, the committee said. The USOC Executive Committee found Ward violated

the ethics policy but voted not to discipline him beyond a potential reduction in his salary.

Within the last two weeks, five people involved in the ethics probe of Ward quit in protest.

The ethics panel also cited grave worries about media leaks regarding the investigation. Some accused USOC president Marty Mankamyer of inflating the allegations against Ward to drive him out of his post, which Mankamyer denied Tuesday.

Seven top USOC officers including all five vice presidents have demanded that Mankamyer resign, saying she has mishandled the matter.

The latest actions by those in charge of the USOC, McCain said, "have tainted the organization's credibility in the eyes of the public."

John Hancock Financial Services, a major sponsor of the USOC, has threatened to drop its \$10 million USOC sponsorship unless the organization provides an accounting of its \$125 million annual budget.

John Hancock says it is impossible to ignore the constant turmoil at USOC. Ward is the USOC's fourth CEO in three years, and Mankamyer is its third president since 2000.

The Senate committee hearing saw its own share of muddling.

Patrick Rodgers, the USOC's chief ethics officer, said Ward was distorting facts and avoiding blame for his conduct. Ward accused Rodgers of telling "half-truths and misrepresentations" because Ward reprimanded him for looking at the CEO's personal calendar.

Former figure skater Rachel Godino, chairwoman of the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council and one of the seven who have sought Mankamyer's resignation, said the USOC president's conduct made it difficult to maintain the team near fairly. Mankamyer said she assumes that those demanding she resign are eager to succeed her when she's gone.

"I just hope that none of you at the end of the day work with each other in the future," Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said.



Tampa Bay quarterback Brad Johnson, left, and safety John Lynch ride in a parade through Tampa, Fla. Tuesday. Tampa Bay defeated the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in Super Bowl XXXVII on Sunday.

# Tampa honors Bucs with a parade

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Warren Sapp blew kisses to the crowd, and coach Jon Gruden received the key to the city as an estimated 100,000 people lined the streets of downtown Tampa on Tuesday to celebrate the Buccaneers' Super Bowl victory.

Fans clad in the team's red and pewter colors waved banners and chanted "Defense!" and "Tampa Bay!" at the Buccaneers rode in convertibles and pickup trucks in a parade in their honor.

"This is about you Tampa, I love you," running back Mike Alstott told the crowd.

Tampa Mayor Dick Greco,

flanked by mayors from Clearwater and St. Petersburg, presented Gruden the key to the city and said Tampa owed him "a million thanks."

Tampa Bay won its first Super Bowl title Sunday, beating the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in San Diego.

"I was raised in San Diego, but my hometown is Tampa," safety John Lynch said. "I've been here 10 years and I've waited a long time to do this, so help me out — We're No. 1! We're No. 1!"

Sapp added: "Thank you from the bottom of my heart," Sapp said.

Some of the loudest cheers

were for defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, who received permission to speak to the San Francisco 49ers about their vacant head coaching job.

Kiffin is the man responsible for building the Bucs into the NFL's No. 1-ranked defense, which dominated the Raiders.

Fans chanted "Stay, Monte, stay!" as the 62-year-old Kiffin made his way to the front of the dais. He made no mention of plans for the future.

"You're the greatest fans in the world," Kiffin said. "We love ya. Let's come back."

Long-suffering Bucs supporters waited 27 years for a champ-

ionship. The frustration turned out elation Monday as they rushed to stores across the region to buy anything commem-

orating the Super Bowl triumph. Many of the fans along the parade route wore clothes emblazoned with the Super Bowl XXXVII logo.

On Monday night, a crowd of about 65,000 filled chilly Raymond James Stadium with camera flashes and deafening noise as the Bucs arrived home from San Diego.

"It's our time," Duane Jones, 44, of Tampa, a 20-year fan of the Bucs, said. "It's our season, and go champs!"

# Women's group urges Bush to hold the line on Title IX

By Joseph White  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Women's sports advocates said Tuesday they fear a Bush administration move will try to weaken Title IX, the 31-year-old gender equity law that greatly increased female participation in sports.

The Education Department's 15-member Commission on Opportunity in Athletics will do a study and vote on as many as 24 recommendations during public meetings Wednesday and Thursday.

Many on the commission are believed to favor changing Title IX, which prohibits gender discrimination in programs that receive federal funding. Critics say the law has, in effect, punished male athletes to provide more opportunities for women.

Dolma Lopiano, Women's Sports Foundation executive director, said at a news conference she is concerned that changes would erode gains made by women.

"To suggest that it's OK for a federal law to allow women to be treated in a manner that is inferior to men is unfathomable in this day and age," she said.

Commissioner Julie Foudy, a member of the U.S. national women's soccer team, said she feels the majority of her fellow commissioners want to tinker with the Title IX rule that says a school's male-female athlete ratio should be "substantially proportionate" to the male-female enrollment.

Foudy is especially concerned about a proposal by fellow commissioner Debbie Yow, athletic director of the University of Maryland. The proposal would allow schools to have a 50-50 split of male and female athletes, regardless of the makeup of the student body, with a leeway of 5 to 7 percentage points.

"That scares me," Foudy said in a telephone interview. "The reality is that the universities are going to go down the path of least resistance, which would be 43 percent."

But Yow said it was insulting to allege that colleges would manipulate the rule that way.

"It's attacking your integrity," Yow said. She said the leeway in her proposal could only be used

for "non-discriminatory" reasons, such as medical transfers and injuries. "Fifty-fifty is the American way. How is that negative?"

The National Wrestling Coaches Association has a lawsuit pending in U.S. District Court in Washington, claiming the proportionality standard has led to the elimination of hundreds of men's sports teams.

"It's clear that proportionality just doesn't work," said Eric Pearson of the College Sports Council, which represents the coaches. "It's created a quota system that was never intended when Title IX was originally created."

Charlotte Hays of the Independent Women's Forum said the current standards don't work because "women consistently express lower levels of interest in playing college sports than men." She cited statistics showing that men's participation in college intramural sports was 78 percent, compared with 22 percent for women.

Other proposals before the commission would tie a college's male-female athlete ratio to that of high schools in its area. Others would keep the current standard, but allow leeways of 3.5, 5 or 7 percentage points.

Lopiano said those measures would result in the loss of hundreds of thousands of high school participation opportunities for girls and the loss of up to \$189 million in college scholarships for women athletes each year.

With Lopiano at the news conference were soccer girls from Maryland and 14-year-old Tori Allen, a pole vaulter who is fighting for her spot to become an official women's high school discipline in Indiana.

"I hope that Title IX does not get changed or watered down anytime soon," Allen said. "Otherwise, it will make it even more difficult for athletes like me to fight for the rights we should already have."

Other possible changes in the commission's report include using campus surveys to gauge women's interest in sports and using the results as a basis to determine whether athletic programs accurately represent that interest.

# Study says race car drivers are real athletes

By Martin Miller  
Los Angeles Times

Turns out professional race-car drivers can run with the best of them.

For the first time, researchers have measured the heart rate and oxygen consumption of drivers during high-speed sessions — and have found that their cardiovascular health equals that of premier athletes in traditional sports such as football, baseball, soccer and basketball.

The study challenges commonly held perceptions that sitting down and driving isn't a real sport, said

lead author Patrick L. Jacobs, an associate professor at Miami's Department of Neurological Surgery.

"Those of us who work closely with professional racing drivers have, for a long time, known how severe the physical demands are to operate one of these cars competitively," said coauthor Dr. Steve Olvey, medical director of the Championship Auto Racing Teams series. "Racing drivers will now be recognized in the sports world as real athletes and will be accorded the respect they deserve."

The study examined seven professional drivers and recorded

their physiological responses while maneuvering raceways at speeds of 120 mph to about 210 mph — roughly the same speeds as those reached during actual races. Although seven subjects sounds like a small group, researchers say only 28 drivers compete at race car driving's top level, thus their study focused on a quarter of the available pool.

Researchers found that drivers required a great deal of physical stamina to keep their bodies centered, especially when turning corners and braking. To remain competitive, many professional drivers have strict training regimens,

which include biking, running to increase endurance, and weightlifting to provide the upper body strength necessary to handle curves and turns.

The study was published in the December issue of "Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise," the official journal of the American College of Sports Medicine.

For a complete picture of the sport's demands, additional studies are needed, researchers said. They don't fully understand the physical and psychological stresses of competition and the performance effects of high temperatures inside the driver's compartment.

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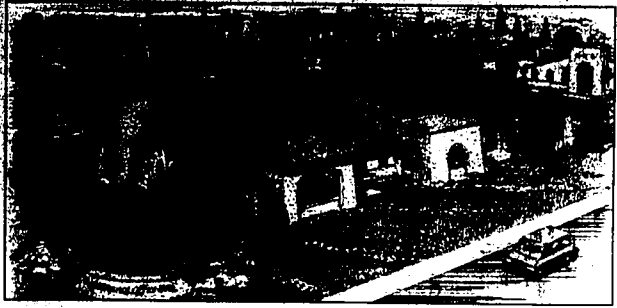
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# in Twin Falls



This architectural drawing shows the style of the planned Renaissance Office Park on non-vacant ground east of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

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## THE CURSOR COWBOY



Dave Hughes holds a wireless internet radio device at his shop and office in Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 26. Hughes, a 74-year-old retired Army colonel, has set up wireless internet connections for schools, small towns, an Indian reservation, Mongolia and scientists in remote Puerto Rican jungles.

### At 74, Internet pioneer tirelessly spreads wireless

**The Associated Press**  
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Dave Hughes certainly doesn't look the part of a technology trailblazer. The burly, 74-year-old retired Army colonel could stuff a screwy computer geek in his Sizzans.  
But Hughes has made a second career out of extending Internet benefits to overlooked people and places. And the man known as "The Cursor Cowboy" isn't about to ride off into the sunset just yet.  
After a decorated military career that included combat in Korea and Vietnam, Hughes began exploring the Internet in the 1970s, when it was known to little more than a gaggle of scientists. Logging in from a neighborhood bar, Hughes spun countless tales about the Old West, becoming one of the first online celebrities.  
In the 1980s, when many were using personal computers for such basics as word processing, Hughes showed neighbors in Colorado Springs and teachers in one room Western schoolhouses the power of electronic bulletin boards.  
A decade later, he was merely ignoring the conventional wisdom that high-speed Internet access for out-of-the-way places was cost prohibitive and technologically arduous.  
Armed largely with grants from the National Science Foundation, Hughes set up wireless connections in small towns, an Indian reservation, the Wisconsin woods, the Moroccan steppes and Puerto Rican jungles. His pioneering in "packet radio" put Hughes far ahead of the current explosion in the wireless Internet.  
"Col. Dave Hughes, USA, Ret., is the only character who has popped up in the plot every time I've investigated the roots of a technology revolution," futurist author Howard Rheingold wrote in "Smart Mobs," his 2002 book about the sociology of constant Internet connectivity.  
Hughes' ideas about wireless  
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...in Idaho for two weeks in February.  
...representative will meet with Idaho companies interested in exports to award more than \$15,000 in scholarships in 2003 to students going into agricultural irrigation or turf/landscape irrigation fields.  
In 2002, the IEA awarded \$13,125 in scholarships to 25 students. College scholarships ranged from \$300 to \$1,100 per student. Recipients were selected on the basis of academic accomplishments, leadership and interest in pursuing a degree in an irrigation-related field.  
Graduating high school seniors or college students may contact a local IEA-member irrigation equipment dealer or call IEA Executive Secretary Tondra Clark at 377-8188 to request an application form. Applications are due April 15.

### Group seeks 10 teens to serve on advisory board

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TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association expects to award more than \$15,000 in scholarships in 2003 to students going into agricultural irrigation or turf/landscape irrigation fields.  
In 2002, the IEA awarded \$13,125 in scholarships to 25 students. College scholarships ranged from \$300 to \$1,100 per student. Recipients were selected on the basis of academic accomplishments, leadership and interest in pursuing a degree in an irrigation-related field.  
Graduating high school seniors or college students may contact a local IEA-member irrigation equipment dealer or call IEA Executive Secretary Tondra Clark at 377-8188 to request an application form. Applications are due April 15.

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### Economic forum targets S. Idaho

**The Times-News**  
TWIN FALLS — Need help expanding a business?  
The Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization and Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory contractor Bechtel BWN Idaho will host a Technology Transfer & Economic Development Forum on Thursday at the College of Southern Idaho's Lavin Building, Room 277. Continental breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and the forum will run from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
The free forum is open to businesses interested in learning about economic development opportunities and tools available to help them grow their operations.  
The forum runs until 10:30 a.m. Registration is not required, but SIEDO requests sign-ups at 324-7005.  
After the forum, Bechtel BWN representatives and other business experts plan to meet with Jerome Development Corp., Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, SIEDO's grant contact, and two local business owners.  
"These personal meetings with forum experts will give business representatives an opportunity to discuss and get valuable feedback on a specific business idea from the experts," said Dan Rogers, executive director of SIEDO.  
Technology Transfer & Economic Development Forum speakers include:  
• Rogers  
• Jerry Beck, SIEDO board member and vice president of instruction for CSI  
• Nancy Bergmann, program manager of economic development for INEEL/Bechtel BWN  
• Lyman Frost, director of technology transfer and economic development for INEEL/Bechtel BWN  
• Randy Shroll, marketing manager for the Idaho Department of Commerce  
• Brian Matsushita, executive of the Idaho Small Business Development Center at CSI  
• Rick Ritter, technical consultant for the Idaho Economic Development Center at Boise State University

MONEY

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appropriately. If you aren't sure about the dress code, ask. Torn jeans, nose rings and orange hair probably won't cut it in most professional settings...

may have time for one-on-one interaction with a mentor, so come prepared with questions.
Parents also have a great opportunity after these events to talk to their kids about career attitudes and ambitions. Ask your kids what they saw, what impressed them the most and what kind of technology was used in the workshop.

Park

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The Fillmore question
The development's west edge lies along a portion of the path for a controversial extension of Fillmore Street through Falls Avenue and North College Road...

About the planned Renaissance Office Park

- Location: 10 vacant acres bordered by the College of Southern Idaho on the west and North College Road on the north.
Landscape and developer: Mail Associates LLC, owned by Russ Russell, founder of Twin Falls and his wife, Rose Russell.
Description: Two full two-level phases will contain four offices of 11,500 square feet each...

The public will have a chance to speak up before Russell's office development can proceed. The site's zoning carries a professional office overlay, but Russell will need to secure a special-use permit for professional offices, Orton said.

Bar

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Investors took a breather after Tuesday's volatile market, but they traded off their first respective gains in more than two weeks...

notification of nearby property owners. The planning commission generally gives people a chance to comment when it considers a preliminary plan, he said.
A final plan is presented to the City Council, along with any conditions the planning commission has attached.

The background
Russell's ground has a history. In March 1999, Mail Associates unveiled plans for an upscale mall on 22 acres. That land included the eventual site of Russell's Centre Pointe Plaza...

But that proposal was rejected, and an extension of Fillmore Street later, Russell withdrew the zoning request.
In July 2000, Russell announced a scaled-down plan for a retail center that encompassed any zoning or road-building requests.

Russell said he had decided whether to sell a couple of the office park's eight building pads. Either way, the style of construction will remain consistent, he said.
Russell did not purchase the 6 1/2 acres directly west of Centre Pointe that he had planned to buy from CBI to house part of his 1999 proposal.

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This is the beginning of a global revolution, and I'm hooked pink!

-Dave Hughes, Internet pioneer

With a long white goatee and stout body, Hughes resembles Orson Welles in his later days, though his wardrobe is gentlemanly: sweater, collared shirt, turquoise-studded bolo tie, black cowboy boots. He never goes anywhere without wedging a Sixton on his head.

These days, Hughes is helping Sherpas in Nepal set up wireless Internet connections, including one for a cybercafe at the Mount Everest base camp. Some climbers will check e-mail at 18,000 feet before trying to reach the top of the world.

He's trying to crack another puzzle for the National Science Foundation: how scientists can wirelessly get real-time data from the bodies of hibernating Arctic ground squirrels, whose temperatures miraculously drop below freezing.

He's also forcefully arguing for changes in federal regulations so wireless technologies can flourish in rural areas.

And all the while, he and his daughter, Rebecca Clark, are running a small Internet service provider in Colorado Springs.

"All I want to do is connect up all 6 billion brains on the planet," Hughes explains in the compact office in his modest home here, as classical music plays in the next room.

Hughes' wife, Patsy, brings him a cup of coffee, but he talks so much he never touches it. "Don't Americans always say if we can improve communications among peoples, we can clear up misunderstandings? Why don't we do a 100 percent test of that thesis?"

Hughes has always stood out. He sometimes taught English classes at West Point with a parakeet perched on his shoulder, to show that a combat hero could have soft sides.

While chief of staff at Fort Carson in Colorado in the late 1960s, Hughes felt the Army's strict rules failed to inspire resilient young men in the turbulent era.

So he drops paint tanks in psychedelic colors, drives them in road rallies and brings wives and girlfriends along as navigators. He stocked bank hangouts with beer and go-go girls, encouraged black troops to stage Guerrilla Theater and brought in such diverse political speakers as Cesar Chavez and William F. Buckley.

After retiring from the military in 1973, Hughes launched EnJoy Colorado, a service that sold customized information about the state. It didn't work out, but Hughes realized that such a project needed the organizing power of a computer.

To learn, he got a Radio Shack PC. It was 1977. With a 300-baud modem (roughly 1,900 times slower than most dial-ups today) Hughes began exploring early online bulletin boards.

So Hughes decided to attract a crowd. He filled the Source with old yarns about the West, earning him the Cursor Cowboy nickname, and again asked for help with the historic district.

Sure enough, a few strangers out there told him how tax laws, government grants and other urban planning maneuvers had saved old parts of Chicago and San Diego.

"Someone once said to me, 'I'd like to live your own garden,'" Hughes says. "I said, 'I'm going to use a microprocessor as a live and a modern usa wheelbarrow.'"

In the early 1980s, he taught an online college course. He set up bulletin boards aimed at encouraging civic participation in Colorado Springs and information sharing among rural teachers.

In 1983, Hughes spread the word online that a pending zoning rule in Colorado Springs would prevent some people from working at home in new jobs made possible by Internet-connected computers.

After 175 people showed up at a previously obscure city meeting to protest, the rule was changed. "What he loves is when some body tells him something can't be done. He up and does it himself," says Frank Odasz, who worked on the schoolhouse bulletin board project and now mentors rural towns on how to use the Internet for community development.

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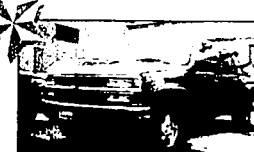
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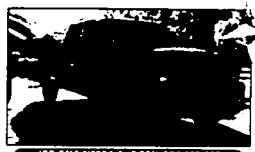
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