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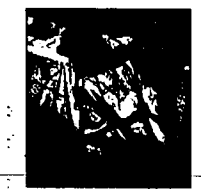
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Powell makes case against Iraq

Most European countries say let inspections continue

The Associated Press
UNITED NATIONS
Secretary of State Colin Powell, relying on a stream of U.S. intelligence, urged the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday to move against Saddam Hussein because Iraq has failed to disarm, harbors terrorists and hides behind a "web of lies."
His extraordinary presentation in the packed council chamber included satellite photographs, intercepted conversations between senior Iraqi officers and statements from informants that

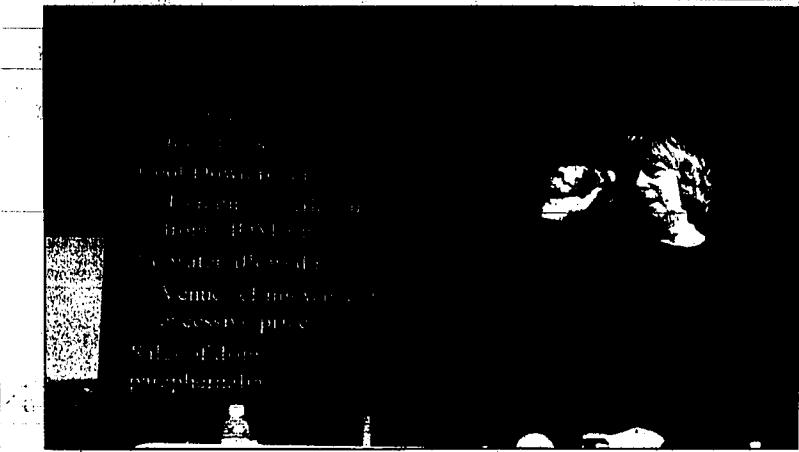
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could make or break support for going to war with Iraq.
Russia, France, China and other council members skeptical of the need for a military confrontation said they would review the evidence and demand answers from Baghdad. Most said weapons inspections should continue. Iraq must immediately cooperate and diplomatic efforts should be sought to avert war.

France and Germany went further, calling for strengthening the inspections regime that was already toughened up in November under a Security Council resolution crafted by Washington and adopted by an unanimous council.
Three months after Iraq pledged that it would disarm, Powell presented his evidence to a high-level audience of foreign ministers and ambassadors in an appearance that was televised live to an anxious world.
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CIA Director George Tenet, left, speaks with Secretary of State Colin Powell after Powell's address to the United Nations Security Council Wednesday.

WORDS OF CAUTION



Trinka Porrata demonstrates a piece of paraphernalia used by ravers, a whirling light. Porrata is an expert on the drugs Ecstasy and GHB and was in town educating law enforcement and teens about the dangers of the drugs.

New illicit chemicals eclipse danger of older drugs, expert says

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - This isn't your old hippie uncle's dope.
The newest wave of illegal drugs is easier to smuggle, cheaper and potentially far more dangerous than anything law enforcement, medical professionals and the public at large have seen so far, an expert in illicit substances said during her visit to Twin Falls Wednesday.
"GHB is the drug from hell," Trinka Porrata told an audience of local law enforcement officials,

Facts available
For more information on GHB and some other rapidly emerging illicit drugs, visit the Internet site sponsored by Trinka Porrata's organization, www.projectgwb.org.
Talks in Hailey
Porrata, a retired Los Angeles Police Department narcotics officer, will

give two talks today in Hailey:
• Seminar for professionals - 3-5 p.m. in the band room at Wood River High School.
• Presentation for the public - 7-9 p.m., in the auditorium at Wood River High School.
For more information, call Marlene Vardley at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare office in Twin Falls, 736-2177.
more dangerous than marijuana," Porrata, a retired Los Angeles

Police Department narcotics officer, spent much of this week talking to audiences in southern Idaho about the dangers of "club," "rave" and "designer" drugs. She will wrap up her visit with presentations today in Hailey.
GHB is one of the common names for gamma hydroxy butyrate, which is just one of the latest wave of illicit drugs already prevalent in America's large urban centers, Porrata said.
GHB cuts across many boundaries of age and social class
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Judge upholds permit process

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer
GOODING - A judge dismissed a lawsuit brought against the state that could have fundamentally changed the way it issues environmental permits for business and industry.
Judge Ted Wood, although having empathized with neighbors' concerns, rejected the lawsuit challenging procedures for processing a wastewater permit sought by Glambia Foods Inc.
He determined that the lawsuit was premature. An appeal to the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality must be made before an issue reaches district court, the judge ruled. And an appeal can't be made to the DEQ Board until a permit is issued.
"Having carefully considered all the briefing and oral arguments, this court is persuaded that DEQ is correct," the judge wrote.
At stake was whether citizens have the right to provide input on projects that might affect their interests before the state environmental agency decides to issue permits.
Barry Wood, a district judge himself, and Ben Guesia live next to acreage Glambia wants for disposal of untreated cheese and whey process wastewater. The neighbors wanted a hearing
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Robber hits T.F. bank

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - A lone robber at about 4 p.m. Wednesday made off with an undisclosed amount of cash from the D.L. Evans Bank branch on Main Street in Twin Falls, according to a police report.
The man told tellers he had a weapon, but it wasn't clear Wednesday if he brandished a weapon during the robbery.
Police were looking for a white, young or middle-aged man wearing a teal jacket, stocking cap and blue jeans, according to reports. They were also investigating a possible link between the robbery and their about the same time of a 1999 white Dodge Neon from a lot at Latham Motors on Second Avenue.
Anybody with information should call the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-7200 or the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center at 735-1911.

Bush wants to make forest fees permanent

By Jim Geraghty and Daniel Pulliam States News Service
WASHINGTON - Idaho lawmakers are warmly eyeing a Bush administration proposal to make temporary recreation fees permanent.

The White House's budget proposal for the coming year calls for making permanent recreational user fees on federally managed public lands, including a number of sites in south-central Idaho.
The Forest Service's user fee program was implemented on a trial basis in 1997, and it has

been renewed on a yearly basis by Congress. The Forest Service uses the money to improve trails, repair outdated sewage systems and provide maintenance where the fees are collected.
Idaho's Sawtooth National Forest charges parking fees at 38 heavily used trailheads in the

Ketchum Ranger District and Sawtooth National Recreation Area. The forest program has drawn criticism from people who say the government should not charge someone for taking a hike in the forest.
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NASA discounts theory that foam sparked disaster

The Associated Press
SPACE CENTER, Houston - After days of analysis, NASA backed away Wednesday from the theory that a piece of foam that struck Columbia during liftoff was the root cause of the space shuttle's disintegration over Texas.
Shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore said investigators now are focusing more closely on the disintegration of the Columbia's external tank segments to build the speed of the spacecraft's ascent. An increasing level of wear, restraint, or drag, on the left wing, Dittmore said that after a

The hunt for debris - C7
careful study of the damage possible from the fall of a chunk of foam - insulation that was believed to be 20 inches and 2.5 pounds; investigators are "looking somewhere else."
"Right now, it just does not make sense to us that a piece of debris would be the root cause for the loss of Columbia and its crew," he said.
Dittmore said investigators are now asking if there was "another event that escaped our attention" that might have caused Columbia to break up.



Workers tow the nose cone of the shuttle Columbia out of a heavily wooded area Wednesday near Houston, Texas. The shuttle part, about 4 feet across, was discovered drilled into the ground.

North Korea action worries U.S.

Knight Ridder News Service

TOKYO — North Korea announced late Wednesday that it had reactivated and placed on a "normal footing" the nuclear facilities at the center of its weapons development program.

Analysts said the move, which the State Department characterized as "a very serious development," was designed to coerce attention from a Bush administration more focused on potential war with Iraq.

Both countries were labeled part of the "axis of evil" by President Bush in his State of the Union address last year, and North Korean leader Kim Jong-il is said to believe his government will also be targeted by Washington for war.

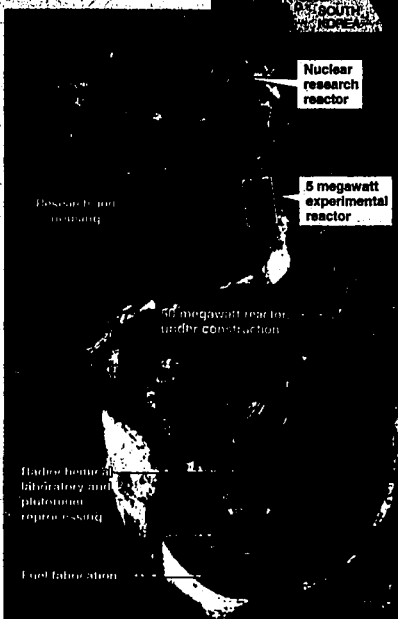
In a statement by the North Korean Foreign Ministry released on the official Korean Central News Agency, Pyongyang said it is "now putting the operation of its nuclear facilities for the production of electricity on a normal footing after their restart." U.S. officials believe the 5 megawatt reactor at Yongbyon is only capable of producing weapons-grade plutonium, but the official statement said the facilities would be used only for "peaceful purposes, including the production of electricity, at the present stage."

Some 8,000 spent-fuel rods have been stored near the facilities, and experts believe the material could be reprocessed into nuclear weapons in a matter of weeks.

A State Department official, speaking on background, demanded that the North "reverse this action" and "visibly, verifiably and irreversibly dismantle its nuclear weapons program."

North Korea reactivates facilities

North Korea announced Wednesday it has reactivated its nuclear facilities previously frozen by the 1994 Agreed Framework. The facilities "for the present stage would be used only to produce electricity, but the United States says the facilities could produce nuclear weapons within months."



SOURCES: Associated Press; Center for Nonproliferation Studies; SpaceImaging AP Asia; GlobalSecurity.org; International Atomic Energy Agency; ESR.

North Korea has already thrown out inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Administration and said it will walk out of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. The IAEA is scheduled to meet in Vienna next Wednesday to discuss adding the U.N. Security Council to consider political or other sanctions

against the Pyongyang government.

Pyongyang, which has already quit the IAEA, dismissed the U.N.'s efforts in advance. "The DPRK does not care about whether the U.N. Security Council discusses the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula or not," the Foreign Ministry state-

Terror suspects attempt suicide

WASHINGTON — Four prisoners have tried to kill themselves in the past three weeks at the Pentagon's Guantanamo Bay prison for terrorist suspects, officials said Wednesday.

Including the 10 attempts in all of 2002, the recent cases brought the total to 14 since the high-security prison was built on a U.S. Naval base a year ago to house men captured in the fight against terrorism.

Noting previous suicide attempts, the rights group Amnesty International has protested the prolonged detention and the uncertainty the men face about their future, saying it may cause physical and psychological harm.

Some of the men have been held more than a year under interrogation by the military without charges, trial or access to lawyers or their families.

The Bush administration has designated the men "unlawful combatants," saying they are not entitled to the same rights as prisoners of war but are being treated humanely.

Study: Girls more easily addicted, need programs

WASHINGTON — Girls and young women get hooked on cigarettes, alcohol and drugs more quickly and for different reasons than boys, and should receive specialized treatment that reflects that, according to a study released Wednesday.

Teenage girls often begin smoking and drinking to relieve stress or alleviate depression, while boys do it for thrills or heightened social status, according to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

Joseph A. Califano Jr., chairman of the center, said prevention and treatment centers need to design their programs to deal with the risk factors leading to female substance abuse.

Utah scientists find gene linked to depression

After studying hundreds of Mormon families and their genealogical records, researchers in Utah say they have identified a gene that causes depression — a finding that could revolutionize

Nation in brief

treatment of the widespread psychiatric condition.

Discovery of the gene, called DEP1, came from scientists at Myriad Genetics Inc. of Salt Lake City, which in the past isolated the breast-cancer genes BRCA-1 and BRCA-2. The discovery of those genes enabled doctors to pinpoint and pre-emptively treat women at extremely high risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer.

Friends, family remember four killed in Afghanistan

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Four soldiers killed last week in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan were remembered Wednesday as warriors, aviators and family men who represented the best the Army had to offer.

"They succeeded where lesser men failed, they proved themselves in ways that men out there who never served, never volunteered, never sacrificed, would never understand," said Chaplain Robert Glazener.

All four were members of the 16th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, a highly secretive unit known as the "Night Stalkers" that flies special forces commands behind enemy lines.

The four were Chief Warrant Officer Mark O'Steen, 43, Wytheville, Va.; Chief Warrant Officer Thomas Gibbons, 31, Cheverly, Md.; Staff Sgt. Daniel L. Kistling Jr., 31, Neosho, Mo.; and Staff Sgt. Gregory M. Frampton, 37, Fresno, Calif.

Lawmaker backs internment during World War II

HIGH POINT, N.C. — A con-

gressman who heads a homeland security subcommittee said on a radio call-in program that he agreed with the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., made the remark Tuesday on WKZZ-FM when a caller suggested Arabs in the United States should be confined.

Coble, chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, said he didn't agree with the caller but did agree with President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who established the internment camps. "We were at war. They (Japanese-Americans) were an endangered species," Coble said. "For many of these Japanese-Americans, it wasn't safe for them to be on the street."

Man who admits castration withdraws plea; trial set

PONTIAC, Mich. — A man with no medical license will stand trial after all for allegedly castrating a man on his kitchen table last year.

Shuo-Shan Wang, 29, had expected to be sentenced to no more than six months in jail Tuesday after pleading guilty to practicing medicine without a license and dispensing prescription medication.

But Oakland County Circuit Judge Fred Mester said he was uncomfortable with the plea agreement and indicated he might impose a harsher sentence. At that point, Wang's attorney asked for a jury trial. Prosecutors say a man wanted the castration because he had a sexually transmitted disease.

— compiled from wire reports

Smallpox program runs into compensation snag

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The federal effort to prepare the nation for a potential smallpox attack has run into "a significant barrier," with many health workers and some state and local agencies refusing to participate in the vaccination program until they are guaranteed compensation for medical costs and lost wages, officials acknowledged Wednesday.

Just 432 front-line health care workers had been inoculated by Tuesday, and only one-third of the states were on track to begin offering vaccinations by mid-to-late February — when the first phase of the program was originally scheduled for completion.

Undermined by the slow start, federal authorities are gearing up to begin offering the vaccine to insistent members of the general public as soon as midsummer, said Joseph Henderson of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Henderson, the CDC's associate director for terrorism preparedness and response, was confronted publicly Wednesday with what federal officials have been dealing with privately for weeks: state officials demanding the cre-

ation of a compensation fund for health care workers who volunteer to be vaccinated and then suffer side effects.

Compensation is "the thing," said Idaho emergency response coordinator Bill Bishop, one of scores of state officials attending a bioterrorism summit convened by the National Governors Association.

"We just need it fixed — bad," Bishop told Henderson, adding that efforts to vaccinate emergency personnel would otherwise be "unmanageable."

In the meantime, some labor unions, including the Service Employees International and the California Nurses Association, have recommended that their members not volunteer for the vaccine.

"What if the federal government threw a vaccination party and nobody came?" asked David Engelthaler, chief of the Arizona Department of Health Services' Office of Bioterrorism.



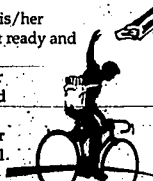
Will hunger in Africa ever end?

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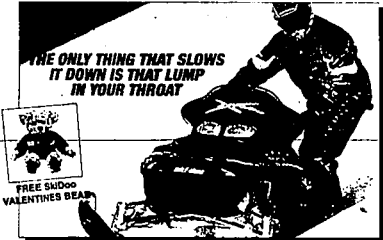
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Fees

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Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said an increase in the recreation fee budget is "difficult" for him to accept when the program does not have permanent authority.

"Before Congress commits to funding a program, we should make sure that the program is going to be a benefit and that all of the kinks have been worked out," said Craig, who chairs a Senate panel on public lands and forests. "It is my understanding that the Forest Service is proposing to seek permanent authority for the program. At this time, I have not seen any legislative language to that extent, but I will keep an open mind regarding the program. While I know the re-fee program has little acceptance in Idaho, it has worked well in other states."

Craig said any legislative proposal should give communities the ability to "opt out" of recreation fee plans.

Sen. Mike Crapo, Idaho's other Republican senator, said he opposes recreational use fees because he believes it amounts to "double taxation."

"This has been proposed each year, and so far it has not made it through," Crapo said. "It has been gaining support among both Republicans and Democrats each year, so we cannot let down our guard. But I am hopeful that it will meet the same fate this year."

Crapo said the fees amount to a regressive tax because they make all users pay the same amount, and do not take into account a user's income or ability to pay. Mark Rey, the Agriculture Department's undersecretary for natural resources, told The Associated Press the fees bring in about \$42 million a year, that go toward enhancing the recreational values of the land.

"Congress has had no problem re-upping it on a year-by-year basis for at least the past six years or so," Rey said. "As people come to see the value of an enhanced recreational experience, they have come to accept it."

Scott Silver, the head of Oregon-based environmental

group Wild Wilderness and a leading opponent of fees, thinks the proposal will face significant opposition in Congress. "The likelihood of Congress acting to eliminate recreation use fees programs (in the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management) has never been greater than it is today," Silver said.

Fee demonstration programs in south-central Idaho are on the Sawtooth National Forest and at two BLM sites.

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year annual pass costs \$25. It costs \$5 to camp at Milner and Lud Drexler. Sportsmen who go to Milner can opt for the \$15 sportsman pass good from Sept. 1 to March 15.

Idaho's senators are far from alone in their skepticism about user fees, as many Republican lawmakers on Capitol Hill have criticized them in the past as hidden taxes. According to AP calculations, President Bush's budget proposal would raise more than \$2 billion by charging new or larger fees on everything from federal health and safety inspections to military veterans' health care and Medicare claims processing.

The Bush administration expects to raise a total of \$176.3 billion next year through user fees, about \$6 billion more than the \$170.4 billion now raised. Of that increase, about \$2 billion reflects White House proposals for higher fees or charges that do not now exist. The other \$4 billion represents additional revenues expected from existing user charges.

Group tries to clone oldest tree on Earth

Los Angeles Times

A nonprofit tree-cloning organization has failed to create an exact genetic replica of the oldest tree on Earth—a bristlecone pine dubbed Methuselah that clings to arid soil in California's White Mountains. But the group managed to coax a crop of seedlings from the ancient tree's cones in what the group's co-founder calls a partial victory.

Because the 2-inch sprouts grew from seeds, they also contain genetic material of another parent tree.

The Michigan-based Champion Tree Project International was granted special permission in October to clip cuttings, needles and cones from the 4,768-year-old Methuselah. In a similar procedure, a U.S. Forest Service manager led the team to the tree, whose precise location is carefully guarded to avert vandalism.

Seeds of the ancient pine have been germinated in previous experiments, although it's unclear what became of the trees, said John Louth, forest manager of the Ancient

Bristlecone Pine Forest. Cloning the tree by putting the cuttings to root would have been a first, but those efforts failed, said David Milarch, the tree group's co-founder.

Still, the seedlings are a start, said Milarch, who hopes to take another stab at cloning the tree from cuttings, but earlier in the season. The group also hopes to graft cuttings from Methuselah onto the seedlings at a later date, creating a genetic twin on top of the offspring's roots.

"I think it's great," Milarch said. "It's seedlings from the

world's oldest tree. It's pretty amazing. These cones will work. And it gives us the first seeds to graft on a bud at a later date."

A fifth-generation shade tree farmer, Milarch founded the organization with his son, Jared, in 1996. Their goal: to preserve the genetic material of the hardiest trees—the largest and sometimes the oldest—before they are lost forever.

The seedlings were sprouted by Bill Werner, a tree propagator in Monterey, Calif., who has successfully cloned Monterey pines from needle bundles.

Businessman faces accusations that he is North Korean agent

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Federal authorities on Wednesday accused a Korean-American businessman of working for North Korea in a quest to obtain "top secret" documents and recruit agents who would infiltrate the U.S. government.

One day after he was arrested without incident at his townhome in Santa Monica, Calif., John Jeongwoon Yai, 59, appeared in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles on charges that he knowingly served as a North Korean agent without notifying the U.S. government of his action.

Yai and his wife, Susan Youngja Yai, also were charged with two counts of lying to U.S. Customs officials by failing to declare \$18,179-

in \$100 bills - that authorities allege a North Korean official paid to Yai during clandestine April 2000 meetings in Prague and Vienna.

For more than seven years, Yai has been under investigation by FBI counterintelligence officials, who received authorization from the nation's top-secret Foreign Intelligence Court in Washington to conduct cover searches, telephone taps and other forms of electronic surveillance.

While Yai was not charged with espionage Wednesday, federal authorities said that was only because they had not uncovered evidence that he was ever successful in illegally securing classified documents for North Korea.

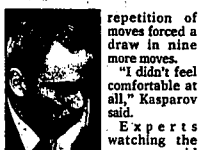
Kasparov, computer tie chess match, set up deciding game

NEW YORK (AP) - Garry Kasparov, the world's top-rated chess player, and computer opponent Deep Junior tied the fifth game of their Man vs. Machine series Wednesday, playing just 19 moves.

The six-game series remains tied at 2.5 games a piece. The final game of the match - which could end in a draw - is set for Friday.

In the 10th move of the game, the Israeli-programmed Deep Junior sacrificed, or exposed, its bishop to Kasparov's king to draw the piece into a vulnerable position.

The king was then repeatedly attacked by Deep Junior's knight, which is slightly more powerful than the bishop, putting the king in check. The



Garry Kasparov

repetition of moves forced a draw in nine moves.

"I didn't feel comfortable at all," Kasparov said. Experts watching the game said Kasparov was forced into a no-way-out situation and none of Kasparov's other pieces could help him.

"In order to defend, Kasparov had to go through quite a few confrontations," said John Fernandez, a chess consultant for X3D Technologies, a sponsor of the match. "If there was a win, it's very, very difficult to find."

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THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The United States must temporarily stay the execution of three Mexican citizens on death row in Texas and Oklahoma, the World Court ruled Wednesday.

In a unanimous decision, the 15-judge panel said that the delay was needed while the U.N. court investigates in full whether the men — and 48 other Mexicans on death row in U.S. prisons — were given their right to legal help from the Mexican government.

The World Court, officially known as the International Court of Justice, is the U.N.'s court for resolving disputes between nations. It has no power to enforce its decisions, and the United States has disregarded them in the past.

It is the third World Court case in five years against the United States dealing with the death penalty.

London police examine lead in death of U.S. artist

LONDON — Police hunting the killer of a promising young American artist who was stabbed to death in a London park said Wednesday they were investigating a sighting of two men running from the scene.

Metropolitan police said they considered the witness report a "highly significant" breakthrough in the investigation into the slaying of 27-year-old Margaret Muller.

Margaret Muller

Muller, a native of Falls Church, Va., who moved to Britain in 1998 to teach at the prestigious Slade School of Fine Art, was killed in east London's Victoria Park on Monday. Joggers and cyclists heard her screaming for help at about 8:30 a.m. and went to her aid.

An autopsy has confirmed that Muller, who was just over 10 inches tall, died from multiple stab wounds, including one to the neck. Police said there was no evidence of sexual assault.

Nine face charges in Rwanda for killing gorillas

KIGALI, Rwanda — Nine people, including three park rangers, have been jailed and fined for killing two adult mountain gorillas and stealing a baby gorilla, an official said Wednesday.

The three park rangers, who were supposed to protect the endangered gorillas in Volcanoes National Park, were each sentenced to four years in jail and fined \$6,000 for the May 2002 attack, said Claude Seruhungu, who manages the rangers at the park.

"This is intended to send a message that poaching does not pay," Seruhungu said. "We hope that this will discourage others."

There are only 670 mountain gorillas living in the wild. About 350 live in the Virunga Mountains, a chain of dormant volcanoes.

World in brief

Romania plans Dracula park near famed site

BUCHAREST, Romania — Romania will open a Dracula theme park at a lakeside resort near the burial site of Vlad the Impaler, the real-life Romanian prince who inspired the vampire myth, tourism officials said Wednesday.

After a year of wrangling between building the tourist attraction — deep in the Transylvania region or closer to Bucharest, officials announced the park will be built near Snagov Lake, an upscale resort 25 miles north of the capital.

A study found a park devoted to the legendary vampire would attract more than a million tourists a year if located near Bucharest. That's compared to 600,000 tourists if it were built near the birthplace of Prince Vlad in the Transylvanian city of Sighisoara, the initial plan.

Question of God divide EU constitutional convention

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The debate over a constitution for the European Union has hit a tough hurdle: Should the charter invoke the name of God?

Some conservative EU officials want the EU's first constitution to mention God by name and define European values as including "those who believe in God as the source of truth, justice, good and beauty."

The proposal faced strong opposition Wednesday — one EU official called it "stupid" — as a 13-member panel struggled to draft the charter's first six articles, dealing with Europe's fundamental values and powers.

The question of God and religion is highly contentious in Europe, where nations have very different histories of the relationship between government and religion.

— compiled from wire reports

Powell: Iraq deals with al-Qaida

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — He's the closest thing to a smoking gun in Washington's intelligence arsenal, a man who could finally and definitively link Saddam Hussein with the world's most notorious terrorist and push reluctant allies to support a U.S.-led war against Iraq.

Abu Musab Zarqawi has been linked to the murder of a U.S. diplomat in Jordan and poison plots in a half-dozen European countries.

On Wednesday, Secretary of State Colin Powell told the U.N. Security Council that Osama bin Laden's man in Iraq sits atop a "sinister nexus" of terror, and that Saddam has been harboring his nefarious group.

"We are not surprised that Iraq is harboring Zarqawi and his subordinates," Powell said. "Ambition and hatred are enough to bring Iraq and al-Qaida together."

Powell made the point to the world body that the al-Qaida operative — known for his expertise at concocting poison and his fanatic zeal for terrorism — was a threat to Europe, as well as America and the rest of the world.

Some 116 operatives of the cell have been arrested around the world, Powell said.

"Zarqawi and his network have plotted terrorist actions against countries including France, Britain, Spain, Italy, Germany and Russia," he said.

Powell and other U.S. officials say Zarqawi has set up a camp in a corner of northern Iraq controlled by a tiny Kurdish extremist group, Ansar al-Islam. The region is outside Saddam's control, but Powell said the Iraqi president has an agent in the top leadership of Ansar al-Islam, and implied the group would not have offered al-Qaida refuge without Saddam's consent.

In May 2002, Zarqawi received medical treatment in Baghdad after he fled Afghanistan, Powell said. He said that while Zarqawi was in the Iraqi capital, nearly two dozen other extremists converted there to establish a base of operations.

"These al-Qaida affiliates, based in Baghdad, now coordinate the movement of people, money and supplies into and throughout Iraq for his network, and they've now been operating freely in the capital for more than eight months," Powell said.

"From his terrorist network in Iraq, Zarqawi can direct his network in the Middle East and beyond."

The secretary of state's comments were quickly rejected — both by the Iraqi regime and the leadership of Ansar al-Islam.

"Neither I nor anybody in our group has ever seen or met al-Zarqawi, and he has never visited our area," Ansar al-Islam leader Mullah Krekar said at a news conference in Oslo, Norway. Krekar also denied that Saddam held any influence with the group, saying the Iraqi leader is a bad Muslim and "an enemy of me and my people."

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Accusations against Iraq

- 100 to 500 tons of chemical agents, enough to fill 100 battlefield rockets
- Has a stockpile of chemical weapons
- Has "where-withal" to make smallpox virus weapons
- Military officials talked on phone about hiding prohibited weapons from inspectors, removing reference to chemical nerve agents from transmissions
- Officials hid documents on military programs, had banned weapons moved, hid contraband in their homes

Places cited by Powell

- Is positioning rockets armed with biological weapons in western areas
- Officials work with al-Qaida in Iraq; "harbors" network headed by Abu Musab Zarqawi
- Scientists warned, on pain of death, not to talk to inspectors; "forbidden zones" in Iraq for interviews
- Has capable scientists and plan to make nuclear weapon, is trying to get nuclear materials
- Working on missiles with range over 750 mi. (1,200 km) for offensive, not defensive, use

Buildings

- Al-Murayyib chemical complex
- Drone aircraft
- Drone can carry biological weapons
- Airfield near Baid
- Movable chemical labs
- Water tank
- Active materials
- Mixing tank
- Storage tank
- Missile building, testing
- Missile assembly building
- Crane for moving missiles
- Cargo trucks
- Bin al-Haytham

Source: U.S. State Department, AP, BBC
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U.S. reveals much with evidence

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The intelligence information, in the U.S. view, is damning: Satellite images of almost 30 suspected weapons sites being cleaned up before U.N. inspectors arrived. Intercepted phone conversations that suggest Iraqi officers were hiding evidence from inspectors. Reports that biological weapons are already in the field.

Disclosing intelligence gathered by the government, Secretary of State Colin Powell, with CIA Director George J. Tenet at his side, laid out some of the specific

reports that drive President Bush's case against Iraq. The bottom line: The government of Saddam Hussein is manufacturing prohibited biological and chemical weapons, seeking nuclear weapons and long-range missiles and maintaining contacts with terrorists, including those linked to al-Qaida.

Key to Powell's presentation Wednesday were satellite pictures and intercepted telephone conversations that he said showed Baghdad cleaning up suspected weapons sites in the days before

inspectors were to show up.

The release of such specific intelligence — and, in some cases, details about whom it came from — is extremely rare. Officials said they worried Saddam's security agencies may be able to identify the turncoats who provided intelligence to the United States or its allies, although they said steps were taken to prevent this.

Powell described some sources as "people who have risked their lives to let the world know what Saddam Hussein is really up to."

had a relationship with al-Qaida dating back to the mid-1990s and that Osama bin Laden has an operative in Iraq who sits atop a "sinister nexus" of terror. He didn't provide any evidence of the relationship, however.

Saddam, in an interview broadcast Tuesday in London, forcefully denied that his government has weapons of mass destruction or a relationship with al-Qaida.

In his presentation, Powell asserted that Iraq bulldozed land around a chemical complex in 2002 in order to conceal chemical weapons evidence — and has hidden mobile biological weapons labs on at least 18 flatbed trucks.

Hans Blix, the chief U.N. weapons inspector said Tuesday that he hadn't found any evidence of mobile labs.

Powell played audio tapes of what he described as intercepted phone conversations between Iraqi military officers. One was a purported discussion about hiding vehicles from weapons inspectors. Another dealt with bribing a reference to nerve agents from written instructions.

U.S. officials said any evidence revealed Wednesday which could have helped inspectors had already been turned over to them.

Blix and his colleague, Mohamed ElBaradei, told council members at a private lunch after the presentation they would study the details of Powell's report.

council members are willing to support a new U.N. resolution specifically authorizing force against Iraq.

Bush has said that the United States — with or without its allies — will forcibly disarm Iraq if it does not immediately comply with U.N. resolutions. But winning U.N. approval would mean the United States could share the costs of war and rebuilding Iraq and would be operating with the support of the international community.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the next 24 to 36 hours will be critical as Powell gauges reaction. The key is France, one administration official said.

If President Jacques Chirac insists on vetoing such a resolution, Bush won't seek one.

For many at the United Nations, a visit to Baghdad this weekend by the chief weapons inspectors, followed by their next reports to the council on Feb. 14, will be critical for any decision on Iraq. Britain, America's closest ally, prefers a second resolution but would join forces with the United States against Saddam without one. British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Powell made a "most powerful" case Wednesday. Saddam is "gambling that we will lose our nerve rather than enforce our will," Straw said.

In an 80-minute presentation, Powell claimed that Saddam has

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EDITORIAL

Old Towne renovation has come too far to end now

It isn't easy to combine the historical charm of yesteryear with the tough realities of contemporary supply and demand. Twin Falls' Old Towne does that, with stores and restaurants that offer a unique experience to customers wanting a different shopping atmosphere.

For Old Towne business owners, the unique experience comes with some costs — in the form of improvement district assessments. Now, some members of the Old Towne district say these payments are ineffective and the district should be dissolved.

District members, however, should stick together and continue to work on ways to enhance all corners of Old Towne.

Old Towne is a business improvement district stretches across a 14-block triangle of the city's old warehouse district. At a recent district board meeting, member Dave Woodhead discussed a pending motion to disband the district. If he can gather signatures representing 51 percent of the district's assessed property value, the motion will pass.

Woodhead's frustration can be understood. The assessments can feel like a selective tax on fledgling merchants. It takes time to redevelop a warehouse district into a consumer hotspot, and the wait can be more taxing than the assessments. And Old Towne lacks a signature geographical feature, such as a river or park, to attract visitors.

To top it off, the recent clo-

sure of the Muggers brewpub gave neighboring businesses the jitters. Some are asking if they can survive the assessments and the retail competition the rest of Twin Falls offers.

But Old Towne businesses shouldn't underestimate the progress they've made. Nor should they dismiss the promising future the district has.

Old Towne remains a welcome alternative to the river of retail that flows down Blue Lakes Boulevard. That's not an indictment of those more conventional businesses. Twin Falls' economic vitality relies on a varied mix of business zones.

District members who favor staying the course have the right idea.

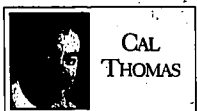
They should listen to Woodhead and others who have doubts about Old Towne, and continue working together to satisfy their concerns.

Perhaps as district member Steve Soran recommended, the assessment rate can be lowered for owners with vacant space. It maybe it could be reduced until new renovations take place in Old Towne. If the assessments are hurting some business owners, perhaps some compromise can make their burden lighter.

If dissatisfied district members pick up their ball and go home, they'll cut short a downtown renovation experiment that still has promise. Old Towne members need to keep working together with their bright ideas for a unique business environment.

Powell delivers slam dunk to Security Council

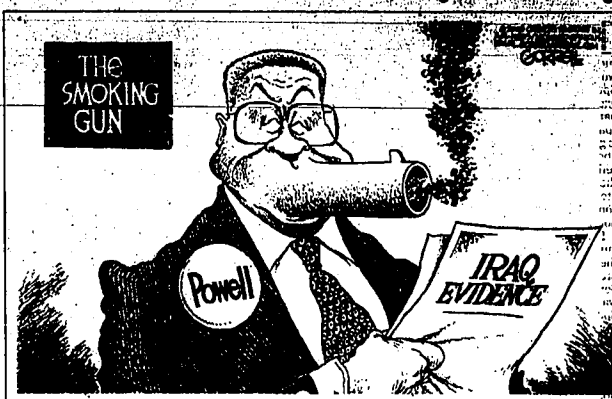
Speaking to the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday, Secretary of State Colin Powell made so strong a case that Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein is in material breach of U.N. resolutions that only the duped, the dumb and the desperate could ignore it. Which is what the French ambassador did, calling for three times the number of inspectors currently in the country.



CAL THOMAS

One wonders if the French would be persuaded even if the inspectors became detectives and produced on the ground what Powell showed from the air and in intercepted telephone conversations between Iraqi military officers. Powell's evidence demonstrated for anyone not infected with terminal denial disease that Iraq has been secretly working on chemical and biological agents and seeking to acquire nuclear weapons for many years. In a bow to the Israelis, who bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor in 1981, Powell said, "If Saddam had not been stopped, Iraq could have produced a nuclear bomb by 1993, years earlier than the worst-case assessments that had been made before the war."

Powell's bill of particulars was detailed, powerful and frightening. Holding up a small tube, he said if it were filled with dried anthrax and let loose in a city, tens of thousands would be killed. And, he said, Saddam has tons of anthrax, along with tons of other agents. We know he has these things. What we don't know is what he has done with them. The clear conclusion must be



that he still has these agents and, given the opportunity, would use them and not only in his neighborhood, but to bring the world to its knees, if not its grave.

Powell worried about the millions who might die if Saddam is not removed and he decides to use his weapons of mass destruction. It ought to have sent chills up the spines of every U.N. member — and it might have, if the United Nations had a spine. This is a body that wrings its hands over resolutions, carefully crafting each word, and then ignores numerous violations of those resolutions, even when they threaten "serious consequences." As Powell — and President Bush before him — have said, the United Nations will be irrelevant if it fails to follow up on its resolutions and put teeth where only gums have been so far.

"Saddam Hussein already possesses two out of the three key

components needed to build a nuclear bomb," said Powell. "He has a cadre of nuclear scientists with the expertise, and he has a bomb design." He has also demonstrated the will to kill anybody and everybody he thinks is standing in his way.

What is with this lily-livered bunch of diplomats who act and live well in New York City? If New York is hit again, anthrax and various gases won't spare these phobes.

Powell also made a strong case for linkage between Iraq and Al Qaeda terror operations, noting that some followers of a senior associate of Osama bin Laden are currently in the Iraqi capital, with Saddam's approval.

Even Sen. Joseph Biden (D-De.), ranking member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was impressed by Powell's presentation. Powell, said Biden, had a "tougher jury"

than a prosecutor would have faced. But he said the secretary of State's case against Iraq was "very powerful and I think irrefutable."

Irrefutable to him and many others, but not to the Russians, Germans and French, who are on a diet of logic-free appeasement.

Like the fictitious Superman, who was the only power capable of taking on the crooks in Metropolis, "superpower America" is the only nation able to lead a "coalition of the willing," as President Bush has called those who are with us, to uproot the poison plant that is Saddam Hussein. Let's do it quickly and effectively, but let's do it now while the blabbermouths flap their lips and Saddam plays them not only for fools but also for more time.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

Healthy herds are crucial to dairymen, dairy industry

Let there be absolutely no doubt, Idaho's dairy industry emphatically condemns any kind of animal neglect and/or cruelty. The public can be assured that the Idaho Dairymen's Association, representing Idaho's dairy farm families, and the Milk Producers of Idaho stand together in their complete condemnation of animal cruelty.

Reports of an isolated incident of alleged animal cruelty in Filer have sparked the beginning of a "rush to judgment" regarding animal treatment within the entire Idaho dairy industry. It is unthinkable that any dairy farmer would intentionally harm or inflict pain on any cow on their dairy. It is completely contrary to their best interests.

It is vitally important to dairy farmers, whatever the size of the herd, that their dairy cows stay healthy, not only for economic viability but because dairy farmers have a deep sense of responsibility and truly care for their animals. Dairy farmers invest a great deal

of money in extensive vaccination and sanitation programs from the time a calf is born through adulthood. Both dairy farmers and feed manufacturers work with animal health nutritionists to see that each cow receives the correct amount of such vital nutrients as minerals, vitamins and amino acids. Dairy farmers represent the most fundamental practitioners of animal welfare.

Just as humans care for their children by taking them to a doctor when they are ill, dairy farmers care for their herds by providing a nutritious diet, good medical care and healthy living conditions. Just like humans, cows can become diseased, grow old and succumb to illness. When animals are not healthy, the farmers who own them must provide humane care for them.

When a dairy cow goes down, dairy farmers do all that they can for the animal. Most dairy farmers have had extensive training in determining a preliminary diagnosis. Veterinarians are also a key resource. If a cow is injured or suffering from a debilitating illness, the dairy farmer must choose the best, most humane course of action. The cow must be made comfortable while she is recovering. A cow that is unable to stand is gently rolled from side to side to prevent pressure sores from developing. Sometimes a sling is used to lift the cow so that she is standing for short periods of time to help her recover. In the event a cow is unable to recover, the animal must be humanely euthanized.

Idaho's dairy industry wholeheartedly supports the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's efforts to inspect dairies and make certain that regulations are adhered to as prescribed by law. Moreover, Idaho's dairy industry has been a leader in developing regulations in animal care, pollu-

tion control and air quality. The dairy industry works diligently with the Department of Agriculture to ensure that Idaho's dairies are run efficiently and in a responsible manner.

In the alleged animal cruelty situation in Filer, it falls to the regulatory agencies to mandate proper corrections and just penalties if deemed appropriate under the law. The Idaho Dairymen's Association and Milk Producers of Idaho support the enforcement of the law in cases of proven animal cruelty. Let the record show that the Idaho Dairymen's Association and Milk Producers of Idaho stand together and will continue to work with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and other regulatory agencies to ensure Idaho's dairy industry maintains its high standards of the ethical treatment of animals.

Brent Olmstead is the executive director for Milk Producers of Idaho, and Bob Naerebout is the executive director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association.

LETTER

Make animal cruelty a felony to protect cows

Reading the article, "Dairy investigation report: It's animal cruelty," on the front page of *The Times-News* on Jan. 30 caused me to take a trip back into my boyhood.

It makes me glad I was raised here and grateful to my parents and my community for teaching me right from wrong.

Animal cruelty is a misdemeanor and tough to prove. We need a felony statute for these types of aggravated cases.

Felonies can be investigated a little differently. The treatment of the animals mentioned in the

article is horrible and lacks decency. But I believe it is the exception rather than the rule.

I was born and raised on the West End of the county. We milked 50-plus Holstein cows year around. Chores started at 6 a.m. and p.m. 365 days a year. That's early for a frolicking teenage boy.

Looking back, I can clearly see how much trouble those cows kept me out of. I owe them much more than food on the table or milk in the fridge. They were friends of mine.

One of the cows, Mildred, was my very own. My father gave her to me when she was just a calf. I had her all through 4-H

and Future Farmers of America. As best I can remember, she and I finally parted when I left for Fort Knox on July 5, 1968. That's a fair stretch of time.

My brother and I were taught respect for all animals.

I have driven over-the-road cattle trucks and mistreating any animal could get you fired. In my lifetime with these cows, I saw little abuse to them; they were generally treated with respect and dignity.

Few critics serve mankind like the Holstein cow.

They spend their lifetime giving milk and making money, then are shipped off for slaughter, sometimes as far off as

California. Respect is the key word for these old cows and that is, for the most part, the rule of thumb.

I drive a commercial vehicle between Twin Falls and Nevada. That road down to Nevada can get pretty perilous.

In the front window is usually a small, stuffed Holstein cow. The people I work with get quite a kick out of it. I figure it this way.

Those cows kept me out of lots of trouble growing up. Keeping one around for good luck when I'm older can't hurt.

Never hurts to be careful. HANSEN

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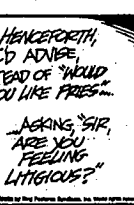
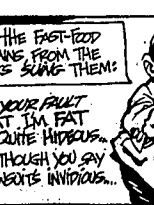
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LETTERS

Fine given to Dutch Touch Dairy was inadequate

Just a short letter here. I upset me to see in the paper Friday the news that the Dutch Touch Dairy was fined \$5,000 for something more should be done.

We all, south of Filer, have suffered the awful stench from these

unhealthy dairies.
LEONA E. JOHNSON
Filer

Political connections
work to dairy's advantage
Regarding the Tuls' dairy investigation (Times-News, Jan. 30): Let me guess, the unwillingness to prosecute might suggest that Mr. Tuls is well connected politi-

cally. Humm - 900 guests at his 2001 open house and about 1,000 at the 2002 event. Sounds like Mr. Tuls is a leading candidate for a political appointment. How about the Idaho Department of Agriculture? Now that's a good fit and much in keeping with a few other recent political appointments by our governor.
GENE BRAY
Meridian

Space: The ultimate victim of success

The Space Age burst into popular consciousness on Dec. 4, 1957, when the Soviet Union launched the first artificial satellite, Sputnik. Ever since, space has exerted a gravitational pull on the national imagination. We connect space with almost everything that is good, distinctive and uplifting about America. Our successes and setbacks in space lift and depress the national spirit disproportionately, because they serve as subconscious metaphors for larger hopes and fears.

It was 11 when Sputnik was launched. I recall being jolted by the newspaper headlines on the breakfast table. How could the Soviets have beat us into space? It was unthinkable. A month later, Sputnik II went into orbit. It was six times heavier and carried a dog, Laika. My horror was typical. Americans reacted to these dramatic accomplishments with an alarm approaching panic," writes Brown University historian James T. Patterson in his "Grand Expectations: The United States, 1945-1974."

If the Soviets led in space, where else might they lead? Sputnik demolished Americans' presumption of technological superiority. The "missile gap" was soon born. The Soviets (it was said) had missiles capable of hitting U.S. cities. As yet, we had none. To this threat was added the vague fear that the Soviets might, as Patterson put it, "establish dangerous extraterrestrial military bases."

Space has also worked wonders for our spirit. When Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon in 1969, they did more than demonstrate that we'd overtaken the Soviets. Americans see themselves as explorers - of technology and places. We are risk-takers, doers and humanitarians. We believe in a better tomorrow. To some, these



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

advertised traits are myths; to others, time-proven truths. Either way, they define America's self-identity. Somehow the space program captures them all.

The moon journey was not just a feat of technology, a hazardous adventure or the conquest of a new frontier. It was all these things and also an expression of hope. The plaque that Armstrong and Aldrin left read: "We came in peace for all mankind." To watch them bounce along the moon's surface was exhilarating, because it suggested that anything was possible. And that is what America is about.

The irony is that the great hopes and fears invested in space seem, as yet, undeserved. Of course, the "missile gap" was a fiction. "It was all a (Soviet) bluff," wrote historian Walter A. McDougall of the University of Pennsylvania in his Pulitzer Prize-winning history of the space program, "The Heavens and the Earth." By 1961, he noted, the United States had more intercontinental missiles than the Soviets.

Similarly, John Kennedy decided to go to the moon partly for political reasons. He knew the project would be popular; it would also restore America's global prestige. Kennedy disregarded much scientific advice which, then as now, saw manned space flight as unduly risky and expensive. Unmanned flights (the argument goes) can accomplish most scientific research. This was not exciting enough for Kennedy.

The economic payoff from the investment in space has also been modest. True, space has altered

people's daily lives, but usually in ways that are not fundamental. There are now roughly 250 geostationary communication satellites, estimates the consulting company Futron. Television images are beamed around the globe. Millions of homes in Europe, Asia and the United States receive programming direct from satellites. We have weather satellites, navigation satellites and imaging satellites. But there would be television and weather reports without satellites. In 2001, the global market for space services (satellites, launch vehicles, earth stations) totaled \$83 billion, says Scott Sackhoff of spacebusiness.com. Americans, Russians, Europeans and Chinese all share the market.

The truth is that our fascination with space is fundamentally disconnected from facts about space. The fascination faded as space travel seemed to become more routine and less romantic. To some extent, it was a victim of success. Only failure has reminded us how much the national psyche is tied to its fortunes. The rare tragedies are so affecting precisely because the symbolism is so powerful.

We take from these accidents a larger message that is personalized in the lost astronauts. No doubt they had their flaws, as all people do. But we see in them only their virtues. They are the sons and daughters we all want. They are smart, hard-working, dedicated, daring, idealistic, decent and heroic. In them, we see ourselves as we want to see ourselves. When they die, their deaths evoke more than personal sympathy for lives cut short and families made incomplete. We lose some of ourselves - and our illusions.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

LETTERS

Outdoors column was refreshing, uplifting

To Christian Drake regarding the article "Life as Father": I have just read your latest article and have to write to you. I have never written a letter to the newspaper before, but "I can't help myself."

With all the sadness and horror in the news today, your article was so very refreshing and uplifting. You expressed thoughts and feelings that I have and have had raising my three sons and being raised by my parents. We love the outdoors also.

As you know, you have such a treasure in your child and hold the power to help mold this precious gift into a wonderful, contributing human being and father to his children.

Thanks so much and keep up the good work.
SALLY FULLMER
Twin Falls

President Bush's plan for immigrants is too generous

Is America's sovereignty, security and prosperity truly top priority of the Bush administration? Aside from his global warmongering, let's see what "Dubya" is planning to do with your retirement.

As reported in the American Free Press on Jan. 20, 2003, by Rep. Ron Paul, our administra-

tion is pounding a deal with the Mexican government which will make hundreds of thousands of Mexican citizens eligible for Social Security. The minimum age for Americans to receive Social Security keeps rising, but Mexicans need not worry about that. This "totalization" plan would allow a Mexican citizen to work fewer than the minimum number of years required for an American to receive Social Security. This plan includes paying benefits to immigrants.

Remember, entering the United States without lawful authorization is still a crime. American criminals are punished for their acts, but hundreds of thousands of these Mexican criminals will be graciously rewarded for their illegal acts.

The plan would not only allow Social Security to Mexicans living in the United States but allow them, after working fewer

than the American citizen's minimum years, to return to Mexico and receive full Social Security benefits while living in Mexico.

Yes, Americans, you and I will work our entire lives and my generation possibly never see a single Social Security check.

However, you may rest assured that your hard work, blood, sweat, tears and the SSI taken from your paycheck would be gladly accepted by Mexican citizens.

Social Security was designed to provide working American citizens with a secure form of retirement income, not to provide Mexico's citizens and criminal illegal aliens with free welfare at our expense.

With all "Dubya's" rhetoric concerning "Homeland Security," it would seem his true allegiance is with a foreign nation.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“It's gotten so bad the players are skipping practice to go to class.”

—Jay Leno, on the woeful state of the UCLA basketball team

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Besides Jon Gruden, who is the other University of Dayton graduate to coach his team to a Super Bowl title?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Men's college basketball
Salt Lake at CSI, 8 p.m.

Women's college basketball
Salt Lake at CSI, 6 p.m.

High school boys basketball
TFCA at M.V. Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Castelford at Murrumbidgee, 7:30 p.m.

Buhl at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.

Minico at Highland, 7:30 p.m.

High school girls basketball
5A District Four Tournament
Highland at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.

Pocatello at Skyline, 7:30 p.m.

4A District Four Tournament
Century at Jerome, 7 p.m.

3A District Four Tournament
at Filer, 4:15 p.m.

Buhl vs. Kimberly, 5:30 p.m., loser-out.

Declo vs. Wood River, 7 p.m.

2A District Four Tournament
Wendell at Glens Ferry, 7 p.m., loser-out.

High school wrestling
Kimberly at Wood River, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Former CSI player quits Bearcats

CINCINNATI — Guard Tony Bobbitt has quit the University of Cincinnati basketball team. The school announced the move Wednesday, but had no immediate comment on why Bobbitt left the team. He remained enrolled in school. Bobbitt walked into head coach Bob Huggins' office on Monday demanding more playing time before apparently quitting. Bobbitt, a former first-team all-league and all-region selection at the College of Southern Idaho, skipped practice on Monday and Tuesday and hasn't been heard from since the meeting, said a source, speaking on condition of anonymity. He was one of the Bearcats' top reserves, averaging 7.2 points and 1.8 rebounds in 17 games this season.

CSI assistant coach Jay Cyriac, said he talked to Bobbitt in December, just prior to his 29-point game against Oregon. He said Bobbitt was disappointed about his playing situation. “He was just confused about his playing time and he thought he should be playing more,” Cyriac said. “I just told him, ‘You’ve got to stick with it.’”

Idaho Youth Ranch holds hoops tourney

RUPERT — Space remains available for the 23rd Annual Idaho Youth Ranch Boys Basketball Tournaments. Open dates are Feb. 27-March 1 for fifth- and sixth-grade boys and March 13-15 for seventh- and eighth-grade boys. All girls dates are currently filled.

To enroll a team, call tournament director Bobby Lopez at (208) 532-4117, Ext. 1332.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Chuck Noll, with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Golden Eagles look to stay hot on home court

CSI gets chance to avenge two early losses

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Home is where to get healthy. It's worked so far for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team, which has won its last two over Scenic West Conference leaders Dixie State and Utah Valley State colleges and four of its last five ballgames.

Now the Golden Eagles (19-4 overall, 5-4 SWAC) welcome in Salt Lake Community College (17-6, 6-3) tonight and North Idaho

College (15-7, 5-5) on Saturday to wrap up a six-game homestand.

The games revisit the opening weekend of SWAC play, where a 12-0 CSI left both Salt Lake City and Coeur d'Alene with two losses after controlling the tempo in each.

Head coach Guy Beach said the Bruins, who are riding a three-game winning streak, match up well both in size and in personnel.

Especially the tandem of 6-foot-5 Tim Henry (17.9 ppg) and 6-7 Jeff Blackett (14.8 ppg). Both players helped SLCC erase a 19-point CSI lead in the first half to hand

the Eagles their first loss of the season, 86-83, on Dec. 5.

Henry had a game-high 30 points — 25 in the second half — and added seven assists. Cameron Goettsche, a 6-9 freshman, added 17, and Blackett had a double-double with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Beach doesn't want to see a repeat of that performance. CSI struggled in the second half against Salt Lake's zone, shooting 6-of-15 from the 3-point line; was outscored in the paint 42-24 and was outrebounded for one of only two times all season.

“Henry and Blackett killed us,” Beach said. “They went zone and we missed a bunch of shots, turned the basketball over and we couldn't contain Henry in

Eagle eye

Thursday vs. Salt Lake CC
Saturday vs. North Idaho College
Times: 6 and 8 p.m.



the second half.”

Beach said Henry was unstoppable.

“He goes to his right 90 percent of the time. We just didn't take his right hand away and we didn't jump out and show on screens and he ended up turning the corner, getting into the paint and getting fouled and scoring. It didn't matter (defensively) we had everybody on him. And they

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Declo dominates Jerome

Homets sting Jerome grapplers, 47-23

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

DECLO — Short time. The Declo Hornets weren't much in the mood to test their conditioning Wednesday, rolling to a 47-23 victory over Jerome at Declo High School with the aid of five pins and a technical fall that ended the matches early.

The match looked to be going 180 degrees differently after five matches as Jerome jumped out to a 21-6 advantage when Tiger freshman Cody Luper scored a 13-11 come-from-behind overtime victory against Casey Richman at 140 pounds and Ryan Musgrave (171) and Tyler Thiessen (189) both recorded first-period pins.

The Tigers also got a forfeit by Cody McAnnally at 160 pounds.

And then Tiger Tanner Patterson got ahead early on Declo standout 215-pounder Trinday Osterhout.

“I was pretty nervous there for a few minutes,” Osterhout said. “But then I just went to work. I knew he was a little bigger, so I could get out from underneath him.”

And Osterhout turned the tables on Patterson for a five-point takedown and then a pin. It seemed to breathe life into the Hornets.

“It's hard to come back from an 18-point run,” Declo coach Ben Merrill said. “And then, one of the matches we're thinking we're going to win, Trinday gets behind and I'm thinking, ‘Oh, no.’”

It didn't last long, though as the Hornets won eight of the last nine matches, including pins from heavyweight Tavis McEllan, Dustin Osterhout and Jeremy Osterhout with a technical fall from Cesar Pizzaro.

Justin Pickup also recorded a pin in the second match of the night for the Hornets.

“The kids just wrestled great,” Merrill said. “We've wrestled hard in practice all week, and we wrestled hard tonight. And it was our last match at home and I think the kids wanted to end it on a good note.”

“They just wrestled better than us,” Jerome coach Des Case said. “We're a young team, with



Declo's Trevor Daschaak (behind) works on a takedown in his 9-7 victory over Jerome's Em Powell Wednesday at Declo High School. Declo won the dual 47-23.

just one senior (Thiessen) and we're kind of learning on the fly. But in the J.V. match you saw the future.”

Jerome won that match 47-6. “I think we're getting a lot better,” Case said. “But they just

wrestled better than us.”

Declo 47, Jerome 23

120: Kameron Chiswick 110: Oshawn Dyer, Pinfall 9:1, 119:0
Oshawn Dyer on Gable 1:18, 125: Trinday Patterson 4:3
130: Tanner Patterson 5:10, 135: Ryan Musgrave 5:46
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Bob Knight gets 800th victory

Controversial coach is fourth in college to reach milestone

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — With fans chanting his name and the magic number, Bob Knight became a member of the 800 club Wednesday night.

Knight became the fourth Division I coach to win 800 games, reaching the mark by guiding Texas Tech over Nebraska 75-49.

After the victory, Knight took to the microphone and spoke to his supporters.

“I’ve had some milestones, but I’ve never had a milestone in front of a crowd that I appreciated so much,” he said.

After he finished speaking, his team circled around him, hugging him and jumping up and down.

Fans got into the excitement throughout the game. The crowd chanted “Bobby!”

and “800” during the final couple of minutes of the game. A group of 11 Tech students stood frequently throughout the game, holding up white placards with red lettering that spelled out 1-800-Bob-Nite with the word “WON” written vertically on the number one.

The Red Raiders (13-5, 3-4 Big 12) went on an early 26-0 run, making it easy for Knight to get the milestone win on his second try.

Only Dean Smith of North Carolina (879), Adolph Rupp of Kentucky (876) and Mount St. Mary's Jim Phelan (827) have won more than 800 games in Division I. With Phelan set to retire after this season, Knight (800-303) would become the active leader.

Texas A&M spoiled his first shot Saturday, beating Texas Tech 64-59 in College Station.

Andre Emmett scored 24 points and Kasib Powell added 16 to lead the Red Raiders (13-5, 3-4 Big 12).

Nebraska (9-12, 1-7) led only once in the early going before Tech took command.

Judge clears James to play, for now — another hearing to come

The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — LeBron James was cleared to play Wednesday by a judge who temporarily blocked a state ruling that stripped the high school basketball star of his eligibility.

James, expected to be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, can rejoin his team but must sit out one more game this season, Summit County Judge James Williams ruled.

St. Vincent-St. Mary was allowed to decide what game James will miss, and it picked the one on Feb. 23. The Fighting Irish, No. 1 in the USA Today rankings for the fourth straight week, have four games left before the playoffs.

James already sat out a game after the Ohio High School Athletic Association declared him ineligible for the rest of the season because he accepted two free sports jerseys worth a total of \$845.

The judge scheduled another hearing for Feb. 19, when he will decide whether to grant a permanent injunction or go to trial.

“Neither side is going to be happy,” Williams said. “There are a number of issues the court wants to hear.”

Williams said that James would suffer “immediate and irreparable injury” without a temporary restraining order.

Williams grants a permanent order, James would regain his eligibility and the school would regain a victory it had to forfeit as part of the athletic association ruling.

The team's next game is Saturday in Trenton, N.J., and three of its remaining regular-season games are before the next hearing.

Lawyers for the athletic association and James presented their arguments to the judge during a one-hour hearing.

James did not attend. OHSAA

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Texas Tech coach Bob Knight abouts instructions to his players during a 75-49 win over Nebraska Wednesday in Lubbock, Texas. The win was the 800th in Knight's coaching career.



LeBron James

SCORES AND STATS

LETTERS

FOOTBALL

The following is a list of all 2002 football results. All games were played on the home field unless noted. All times are in Mountain Standard Time.

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Boise State football team has a record of 10-4-1. The team's only loss was to the University of Idaho in the first round of the 2002 NCAA Division II playoffs. The team's only tie was to the University of Idaho in the first round of the 2002 NCAA Division II playoffs. The team's only win was to the University of Idaho in the first round of the 2002 NCAA Division II playoffs.

University of Idaho

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



TRAIN BLAZERS GO HEAT BY

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Golf

- Euro Tour, AG Championship, first round, TBC, 7 p.m.
- PGA, Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, first round, USA, 1 p.m.

Basketball

- College, NC State at Wake Forest, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
- NBA, Lakers at Knicks, TNT, 8:30 p.m.

Hockey

- NHL, Avalanche at Red Wings, ESPN, 8 p.m.
- College basketball, Salt Lake at CSI, 1310 AM, 7:30 p.m.

ON THE RADIO

- Women's basketball, Salt Lake at CSI, 1310 AM, 8 p.m.
- NHL, Senators at Rangers, 1 p.m.

Area ski report

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Coverage of ref controversy

Was just our grapes

Your Jan. 31 sports pages warrant a pair of foul shots. "SWAC officials bench ref after controversial call" appears to be little more than sour grapes on the part of College of Southern Idaho athletic director Jeff Duggan. Game officials may well have made an error, even a crucial one, but how did CSI find itself in a position whereby one had made all the difference? Both teams entered the ensuing overtime with like opportunities. Why did Snow prevail?

Sanctions, according to Kevin Hall's article, have been handed out all around. The perpetrator has yet to reply to the Scenic West Athletic Conference's supervisor of officials. Seems like there should be two sides to every story.

Shame on Mr. Duggan for revealing those officials' names and the same to Mr. Hall for printing them. I've seen zebras never draw CSI's ire, but who should have been indicted, prosecuted and convicted of felony theft for calling foul on the legless?

While I don't know all their names, I do recall that several must have been named Homer. At least that's the moniker invoking teams hung on them. Think back a few years to the riot that Coach Joel Bates' CSI women endured in Utah. The difference is that Mr. Bates exhibited real class, refusing to fix blame, despite losing an important contest.

In response to Jerry and Gayle Kemp's letter bemoaning the "excessive" coverage of Ricky Clemmons' most recent escapades — baloney! Now the Kemps will have to pen letters of protest to the St. Louis Post Dispatch and to ESPN.

Let's do track former players, including those of Mr. Clemmons' caliber. Whatever became of Ron "Stomper" Behagen, Victor "Light Fingers" Kelly or David "Two Gun" Thrillkill. Clemmons is a hard to make a stopover at the local junior col.

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Just don't ask what it is so many Magic Valley residents don't like about the program. RON GATES Hansen

Burley's band made classy move playing Minico song

Thank you, Steve Floyd and the Burley High School Band, for playing the Minico High School song during the Burley-Minico boys basketball game held recently at your school. That was indeed a very classy and gracious thing to do.

We appreciate the extra effort you took to ensure the Minico song would be played. That was a beautiful demonstration of "team unity" that can leave a smile long after the score of the night's game has been forgotten.

ALICE SCHENK And the Booster Club Minico High School Rupert

Lighthouse Christian football program deserves credit

Kudos are extended to the Lighthouse Christian School relative to their inaugural effort in the eight-man football wars for the 2003 season.

Any local athlete who has the intense desire to play football and is being home-schooled, attending a local Christian school that doesn't field a football team, or is less than satisfied with his public high school program, should seriously consider the Lighthouse Christian program.

Just consider this: A program that empowers positive reinforcement along with Christian values. A coach (Mr. Karavadas) who won 18 games in two years in southern California, including a Southern Section eight-man football championship, as a head coach for the Calvary Chapel of Downey, Calif. And a potent and explosive offense known now other than the exciting Double Wing.

Well you have a choice. My bet is you will make a wise one. HAROLD D. PRINGLE Twin Falls

SPORTS IN BRIEF

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because of inappropriate comments.

The penalty was announced Wednesday after the umpire Manfred was hired Wednesday as defensive coordinator of the Seattle Seahawks, less than one month after he resigned the same position with the Denver Broncos.

The hiring will reunite Rhodes with Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren. They held the same jobs together in Green Bay from 1992-93.

Rhodes will be expected to replace Scottie Armstrong, who was let go last in the NFL, against the run and 28th overall. Last season, 10 running backs gained at least 100 yards against the Seahawks.

Seattle finished a disappointing 7-9 but closed with three straight victories amid an offensive flourish. After the season, Holmgren fired defensive coordinator Steve Sidwell and four assistants.

Rhodes joined the Broncos in 2001, improving from 24th in the league to eighth that season and sixth in 2002.

Forest Service approves

Idaho ski area expansion

LOOKOUT PASS — The U.S. Forest Service has approved a major expansion of the Lookout Pass Ski Area on the Idaho-Montana border. The expansion approved Tuesday by the Lolo and Panhandle national forests will allow the ski area to expand from one chairlift to three.

Lookout Pass currently offers about 100 acres of cleared ski runs within its 235-acre boundaries. The plan calls for clearing another 87 acres and expanding the boundaries to 444 acres.

Lookout Associates would be allowed to clear 4,000 square feet of additional to the existing lodge.

Hall of Famer Billy Williams

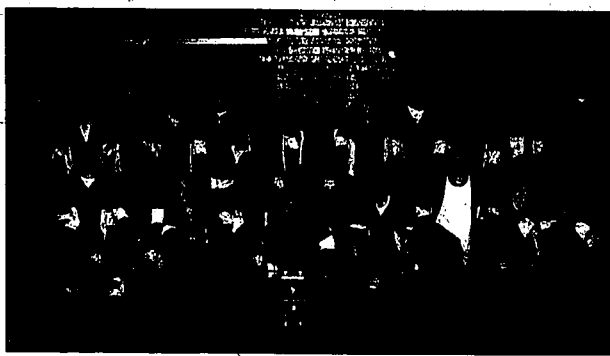
CHICAGO — Hall of Famer Billy Williams was back home Wednesday after being hospitalized briefly to adjust a heart monitor. Williams, 64, had a defibrillator implanted "a couple months ago and there was a problem with the equipment," Chicago Cubs spokesman Sharon Pannozzo said. Doctors at Central DuPage Hospital adjusted the defibrillator, and Pannozzo said Williams was resting comfortably at his home.

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ROBERT STUART WRESTLERS



The seventh-grade wrestling team at Robert Stuart Junior High. From left to right: Back row, coach Brady Dickinson, Jessica Dewey, Chance Regus, Drew Turley, Andy Harding, Grayson Stone, Chris Anglin, Taylor Spaulding, Brandon Cary, Teagan Randall, Jennifer Lewis, coach Benoit and coach Harris. Front row, Daini Bastion, Cory Steelman, Tim Penninga, Chris Jourigan, Kris Holmer, Chase Erdmann, Evan Malburg, Austin Bland, Daine Siggaard and Olyon Henderson. Both wrestling teams at Robert Stuart combined to place second at the second annual Stuart Invitational. The teams also placed second at the conference tournament with 26 of 40 members placing.

Photos courtesy of BRADY DICKINSON



The eighth-grade wrestling team at Robert Stuart Junior High. From left to right: Back row, coach Brady Dickinson, Jennifer Lewis, Brittny Bowerman, Jerrod Aslett, Zenon Anderson, Logan Lynch, Kameron King, Brent Fields, coach Benoit and coach Harris. Middle row, Jessica Dewey, John Moore, Luke Chandler, Aaron Pohlman, Luke Schotte, Wyatt Detweiler, Garrett Scott, Cole Campbell and Erick Carr. Front row, Nathan Hanson, Cory Cook, Kacey Blaylock, Jade Wicham, Kody Wachal and Goran Harba.

A little practice goes a long way in bowling



Teena McCandless has been rolling that ball down the lanes for 32 years.

And all at Jerome Bowl except for three years in Japan and three years in San Diego, when she was with her husband, Kirby, who was serving in the Navy. Even then she bowled.

Teena had been struggling with her game over the last three weeks. In fact, she had not rolled a 600 series yet this season, which is highly unusual for her. But on Monday, Jan. 27, she went to her regular Twilight league, a ladies-only league that she has bowled for about 17 years.

As she went in lane man, Justin Hoagland, told her, "There's a shot out there tonight."

Her first game that night, a 207, was not so out of the norm for her. After nine straight strikes in Game 2 she said she became anxious after finishing with a 266. Her third game was a 233 for a 706 series – the first over 700 series rolled by a woman at Jerome Bowl, according to center officials.

Teena's highest game had been a 268 and her own second highest series was a 692.

"This was truly exciting," she said. "This is something I have tried to achieve for several years."

After bowling, she was asked if she was going to call her dad, instead she decided to visit him.

"Dad" is Bill Palmer, who is an avid bowler himself and Teena's coach. He knew she had been struggling. So when she walked

in he asked, "Well, did you get a 600 series?" She handed him the scoresheet so he could see that 706 series. Imagine his excitement.

Teena, congratulations and may you roll many more.

Extra pins

When league standings sheets are printed each week at the Bowladrome, they show high games and series bowled for that week plus who bowled the most pins over average. On a mixed league both the man and woman are printed. On Jan. 20, a first was believed to be accomplished in the Sh-Boom League.

Husband and wife, Darrell and Barbara Reynolds, swept all the honors. Scratch game: Darrell 246, Barbara 241. Scratch series: Darrell 630, Barbara 609. Handicap game: Darrell 264, Barbara 266. Handicap series: Darrell 644, Barbara 648. Darrell was 60 pins over average and Barbara was 63. Great bowling, you two.

Thelma's column appears regularly in YourSports. Contact her at 744-4357, by e-mail at trucker@magictink.com or fax (208) 733-3197.

YOUR SCORES AND STATS

BOWLING

Scores reported from valley bowling centers for the current week.

BOULEVARD TWIN FALLS

MEN'S SERIES: Tom Moore 144, Bob Williams 140, Neil Nelson 138, Bob Williams 136, Dave Schutte 132, Lynn Bland 128, Doug Freeman 127, Ben Scott 124.

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THE VALLEYDiscover classes
start this Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Middle school students will learn about the foot of the gods Saturday as Discover classes begin at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho.

In the classes, Herrett Education Facilitator Darcy Thornbrow will teach sixth-through eighth-graders in a series of Saturday afternoon sessions that deal with anthropology and pre-historical subjects. This Saturday's class will deal with the pre-Columbian diet and chocolate.

Thornbrow says the students will learn about the significance of chocolate on Europe, the growing conditions and chemical composition. Then, using raw elements and even a mathematical mystery, the students will use Maya, Spanish, and modern techniques to make chocolate.

Other sessions on Feb. 22 and March 22 will deal with ancient alphabets and drawings.

The cost is \$20 per student, which includes all materials. Those who want to participate in any of the three sessions should pre-register with Thornbrow. She can be reached at 732-6664 or by e-mail at dthornbrow@csi.edu.

Coalition raffles new car
to promote seat belt use

TWIN FALLS - It's estimated that in Idaho, nearly 75 percent of all automobile-accident costs are passed on to the public through increased insurance premiums, taxes, charges for medical care and for direct out-of-pocket payments for goods and services, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

To increase the use of seat belts, the Twin Falls Police Department, the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition and South Central District Health are raffling off a new car.

Rob Green Motors in Twin Falls has donated a new 2002 Hyundai Santa Fe.

Throughout the year, police officers who age people wearing seat belts at special events and during regular patrols will give business cards to those people. The people then write their name, address and phone number on the back of the card and drop it off at Rob Green Motors, 1070 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., to be entered in a drawing for the car. The drawing will end in December.

The next sign-up event will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday at Rob Green Motors, 1427 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition will be on hand to offer free child safety seat inspections.

For more information, call Safe Kids at 732-2430. South Central District Health at 734-5900, Ext. 215, or the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-7283.

Vet offers rabies shots
for dogs, cats in Kimberly

KIMBERLY - Dog and cat owners can get their pets rabies shots this Saturday at the Kimberly City Hall garage on Main Street.

The rabies clinic will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with Dr. Jerry Lindgren giving the shots. The vaccinations will be \$7.50.

Kimberly residents can purchase this year's dog license for their dogs at this time.

Sun Valley tops 'most
romantic destination' list

SUN VALLEY - Idaho's premiere winter destination resort tops the list of the most romantic destinations in western North America, issued just in time for Valentine's Day.

Sid America & Canada, the country's best-selling ski guide, and its Web site, skionow.com, feature Sun Valley as a picture-perfect place for Cupid to hang: "Sun Valley has a European accent mixed with the Wild West," critics write.

Rounding out the "Most Romantic in the West" list are Aspen, Crested Butte, Telluride and Beaver Creek, all in Colorado; Banff and Lake Louise, both in Alberta, Canada; Deer Valley and Alta, both in Utah; Santa Fe and Taos, both in New Mexico.

"Most Romantic in the East" are Quebec City, Tremblant, Charlevoix, and the Eastern Townships, all in Quebec, Canada; Balaclava Grand Resort, Bretton Woods and Jackson, all in New Hampshire; Stowe and Mad River Valley, both in Vermont; and Lake Placid in New York.

Compiled from staff reports

Lawmakers reassess budget

January revenue drop prompts review

The Associated Press

BOISE - Legislative leaders were reassessing the state's financial outlook on Wednesday after tax collections plunged dramatically during January. The gap was five times greater than the one in December.

"That's pretty scary, and it shows a trend," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley said. Administration details on preliminary figures showed January tax receipts were \$16 million short of the mark. It was the largest monthly shortfall since collections fell \$60 million short last April, triggering major



spending curtailments by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and laying the foundation for his proposed tax increase to keep the 2003-04 budget in balance.

Combined with the \$3.4 million shortfall in December tax collections, the state is running more than \$19 million behind its



Sen. Dean Cameron

Rep. Bruce Newcomb

revenue target for the current year.

That could be covered by what Kempthorne's financial package contemplates remaining in the state's budget reserve.

But any further erosion in revenue collections during the 2002-03 budget year would

begin unraveling his budget-balancing plan that, already includes a cent-and-a-half sales tax increase.

Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said the revenue deterioration was greater than expected and creates some concern about what could happen again this April, when the state collects a major share of income taxes and the 15 percent of its total revenue.

But Cameron also thinks it gives the governor an advantage in the debate with the Republican legislative majority over slashing spending versus raising taxes to erase the estimated \$160 million deficit.

"It probably does make it a little easier for Kempthorne and

make it harder for those of us who want to balance the budget without a tax increase," he said.

The January revenue figures - about \$17 million less than the state collected a year ago - were released on the eve of the initial meeting of the Legislature's Economic Outlook Committee. Many GOP lawmakers a month ago expected the panel to reject Kempthorne's revenue forecast as too pessimistic.

Brian Whitlock, the former budget director who became Kempthorne's chief of staff last month, said that no longer is revenue the issue.

"I think the economic outlook, if anything, will now occur with the governor's projections,"

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BUS WORDS



The Twin Falls School District awarded its transportation contract to Western States Bus Service, the same company that has hauled the district's students for seven years. While most of Idaho's school districts operate their own bus systems, Twin Falls continues to contract with a private firm.

While most districts run their own buses, T.F. still goes private

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Western States Bus Services will continue to ferry Twin Falls School District students to and from school, as the company was awarded the transportation contract for the district.

But by continuing to contract its transportation services to an outside private firm, Twin Falls remains part of a small group of districts that participate in such a practice. Most districts in Idaho have their own bus systems.

Mid Columbia Bus Co. Inc. of Pendleton, Ore., which owns Western States, submitted a \$5.421 million bid for the five-year contract, underbidding four other competitors. School Board members awarded the contract Wednesday evening at the district's board meeting.

While Twin Falls Schools Superintendent Terrell Donich said he's been satisfied with Western States with its newer

Only 24 of Idaho's 114 districts feature private transportation services. Of those, nine are in the Magic Valley; that's nearly half of the region's 21 districts.

According to State Department of Education figures, it's more cost effective for districts to operate their own systems.

For the 2000-01 school year, cost per student for district-owned systems was \$568.48, whereas for contractors it was \$592.31. The disparity continues with cost per mile. District-owned systems came in at \$2.31 per mile; for contractors it was \$2.88 per mile.

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Bus services

District	Company	# of buses	Avg. daily ridership	2000-01 operating costs
Blaine	own	30	1,206	\$906,928
Camas	own	6	61	\$64,282
Cassia	own	65	2,490	\$1.2 million
Gooding	Cheney Bus Co.	12	523	N/A
Wendell	Hub City Bus Co.	14	554	N/A
Hagerman	J&N Bus Co.	4	185	N/A
Bliss	own	3	105	\$54,648
Jerome	North Side Bus Co.	35	1,090	N/A
Valley	Douglas Transportation Inc.	13	595	N/A
Shoshone	own	8	250	\$106,446
Dietrich	own	4	61	\$45,450
Richfield	own	4	59	\$37,715
Mindokpa	own	73	3,267	\$1.2 million
Twin Falls	Western States Bus Service	15	1,395	N/A
Buhl	Northside Bus Co.	17	437	N/A
Filer	Western States Bus Service	15	637	N/A
Kimberly	own	12	501	\$201,630
Hansen	own	7	222	\$91,563
Castleford	West Valley Bus Co.	6	217	N/A
Murtaugh	own	7	140	\$95,501
Glenock Ferry	own	12	296	\$173,611

Businesses
raise more
than \$1M
toward goal

By Katy Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Business Plus III has received pledges for more than two-thirds of the money it needs for the next five years leaders, of the regional economic development group, announced Wednesday evening.

The group has raised \$1,044,500 in pledges from 23 businesses. That puts the organization well on its way to the \$1.44 million its leaders have decided it will take to add 2,000 jobs in six Magic Valley counties in the next five years.

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Hailey airport waits for landing system

Pilot suggests change
to allow more flights
to land in bad weather

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Another winter with occasional poor flying weather has come and is almost gone, and Hailey's Friedman Memorial Airport still doesn't have the transponder landing system that would allow pilots to operate in minimal visibility.

And Airport Manager Rick Baird said Tuesday night the system isn't anywhere in sight.

The Federal Aviation Administration, which must certify the system, is testing the technology. Hailey has been expecting delivery for several years, but the FAA continues to delay.

Without the far less expensive all-weather landing system - an estimated \$1 million or less -

than the more complicated instrument landing system at larger airports, SkyWest Airlines cancels takeoffs and diverts arrivals for Hailey during poor weather to Twin Falls. Passengers board buses there for the final leg of their trip to the Wood River Valley. Private aircraft also are grounded.

However, Horizon Airlines has installed at its own cost a receiver for a microwave landing system that permits landing in marginal weather for its aircraft that are equipped with special cockpit instruments.

The lack of a transponder landing system prompted a local pilot, Jim Richardson, to appeal to the airport authority during its Tuesday night monthly meeting to allow aircraft to approach from the north and land to the south on runway 13/31 (the runway is designated on compass headings of 130 or 310 degrees).

Landings from north to south are generally allowed only when

winds are too strong to make safe downwind landings on the customary approach from the south to the north. However, Richardson said that often poor visibility is confined to a stationary fog or cloudbank south of the airport in the Bellevue area, while the Hailey area to the north is clear.

With an approved approach from the north to the south and takeoff from the south to the north, pilots could land safely and avoid diverting to other airports because of the Bellevue fog bank.

But Baird objected, saying that an optional approach over the heavily populated Hailey residential and business areas would virtually ensure that pilots who wanted to reduce approach time would use the north approach even in good weather. He said it might also create problems for the control tower with aircraft approaching for landing from the

Lawmakers
hear plan
to de-list
gray wolf

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Legislators from both the Senate and House resource committees heard from state officials Wednesday that a wolf de-listing plan approved by the Legislature last year has been tentatively approved by the Bush administration.

The next move for lawmakers, state officials said, will be to approve before the end of this year's session language that would put the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, as well as the Office of Species Conservation, in charge of management while the de-listing takes place. Currently the Nez Perce Tribe and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are in charge.

On the Endangered Species List, the gray wolf was re-introduced into Idaho in 1995 by the Clinton administration despite the Legislature's strong resistance. Since then, the creature's proliferation has been successful beyond what anyone had imagined.

Currently there are at least 285 wolves in the state, said Steve Huffaker, director of Fish and Game. They are consolidated into at least 19 packs, with 16 being monitored by radio collars.

Those numbers, however, are conservative, said Greg Schilddwager, conservation official. The most concentrated populations of wolves exist in the central and eastern areas of the state.

Sen. Rick Rosendahl, Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, said the strategy to begin state management has the potential to protect the state from being overrun with wolves while it works through the process of removing an animal from the Endangered Species List.

"I think it is very imaginative and precedent-setting because of the ability of the state to step in and take over these responsibilities," he said.

He added that usually the process would not begin until rules for implementing the action had been published in the Federal Register. Furthermore,

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Snowpack
levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% snow
Upper Snake River	84%	54%
Salmon Falls	85%	42%
Salmon	91%	57%
Oakley	54%	39%
Big Wood	91%	60%
Little Wood	100%	68%
Henry's Fork/Teton	79%	52%
Big Lost	99%	61%
Little Lost	76%	47%

As of Feb. 5

*A comparison of basin snowpack on Feb. 5 to the 1971-72 average.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Downtown Hagerman project goes to bid process

By Sandra Wiscoviter
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - Despite the objections of one councilman, the City Council approved the final design for the Hagerman Downtown Improvement Project.

The project is now ready to go to bid, following the council's 3-1 vote. Councilman Lyle Cornelius voiced objection to the lack of access to the new public parking lot from State Street, or U.S. Highway 30.

But City Attorney Phil Brown said that from a law enforcement side, having an entrance to the parking lot from the state highway creates more safety problems.

The project, in conjunction with the construction of a new 12,600-square-foot Hagerman Food Town, includes an off-street parking lot as well as curbs, sidewalks and street lamps on the surrounding streets of State, Salmon, Main and Second.

The project is funded in part by a \$200,000 rural community block grant.

The design was approved with one modification: to include access ramps to the sidewalks on the northeast and southeast corners of the lot. Three sides of the lot will be landscaped using low-maintenance shrubs or grass.

Vehicles will access the lot by a

two-lane alley between Main and Salmon and a one-way alley from Second to State, Alan Hansen of J-U-B Engineers said.

"To allow the most amount of flexibility to work with our limited budget, the project will be split into separate bids, Hansen said. The primary bid will be for the parking lot and State Street. Bids will also be sought on the Salmon Street segment, the Second Street segment and Main Street portion of the project.

"We will try to do the most we can with the dollars available," Councilman Jim Scott said. "If we had unlimited space and unlimited funds, we would end up with the perfect situation. I think it is a best-fit design. If we look at what it was like a year ago - dilapidated, unsafe buildings, broken glass and a weed patch where the new store is going - it is such a fantastic project, a positive thing. We are making progress."

Other council business included:

• **Police report** - Hagerman Officer James D. Pruett was moved to a residence in Hagerman. Pruett was hired in November with the stipulation he relocate from Bliss to Hagerman within six months.

Chief Joe Gardner will be attending a weeklong seminar, sponsored by the Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy,

starting Monday. The seminar will focus on training for police officers from small communities.

January responses included a minor in a bar, 13 country assists for ambulance and social services, three citizens' assists, five animal calls, 19 traffic violations, 14 welfare checks and harassment responses.

• **Library donation** - Farmers National Bank donated \$300 to the Hagerman City Library. Ten new patrons joined the library in January. Use was up 6 percent over January 2002.

• **Potholes** - The public works department is in the process of filling potholes in city streets. The city lawn mower has been serviced and equipped with new blades in preparation for summer.

• **No parking zone** - The council approved a no-parking zone on the 200 block of Second North, located across from the high school, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The restricted parking is the result of motorists blocking driveways and access to mail boxes for residences at that location.

• **Catering permit** - The council approved a catering permit for a chili cook-off at the American Legion Hall for the benefit of the Hagerman Revitalization Committee from 4 to 11 p.m. on March 22.

Filer employees may get extra paid holiday: MLK Day

By Mickey Brown
Times-News correspondent

FILER - It might be that city employees will have an extra paid holiday next year.

City Council members will make that decision after the employee manual, which is currently being revised, is finished. Mayor Jay Fort and city employees are holding informal meetings to update the manual.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is

not on the list of the eight paid holidays that city employees currently receive. Employees also have one floating holiday that can be taken at any time as part of their benefits.

Councilwoman Mollie Mason had questioned at last month's meeting why the city and its employees did not observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday. Fort had responded that no one had brought up the subject to the council before. He then asked

Mason to research the holiday and provide the council with information on which it could make a decision.

This week, Mason told the council she had contacted Greg Rogers with the Idaho Labor Department. He informed her it was a national holiday and said he thought it was good for morale to observe the day, she said. He also said it could at some point save the city from a lawsuit, she added.

She also contacted the cities of

Shoshone Council appoints new maintenance supervisor

By Almee Durand
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - The City Council appointed a new maintenance supervisor this week.

The council promoted Aaron Aggeler from acting supervisor to maintenance supervisor at Tuesday night's City Council meeting. Richard Perkins previ-

ously held the position.

The promotion came with a \$500 a month pay raise, which increases Aggeler's salary from about \$28,000 to \$34,000. "Thank you very much, I'm ecstatic. Just the fact that I was thought of for the position means a lot," Aggeler said. In other council business, Steve Stock gave the fire report,

which included concerns about the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, the four-county 911 dispatch center. In short, money for funding is the key issue.

"I hope they come up with a morally responsible decision for people that pay taxes. Small rural communities are neglected. This is a volatile situation,"

Jerome contributes toward new carpet for senior center

By Dale Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The Jerome Senior Citizens Center is getting new carpet and the city has agreed to contribute \$1,723 toward the purchase.

The city does not have money in the budget for the center. The money will have to come from contingency funds and cash carryovers from previous years, city administrator Travis Rothweiler said.

Arvin Reese, chairman of the board of directors for the center, told the council Tuesday evening that the seniors have a grant to buy enough carpet to cover the dining room area but want to carpet the entire public area. They need funding to carpet the pool area on the east side of the building.

Some council members said the cost seemed high and asked Reese to make sure the center could reduce the cost.

Reese told the council that the current carpet in the center is at least "15 years old and badly stained." The seniors spend \$600 per year on carpet cleaning and the stains keep coming back. "We want to get a good commercial grade that has stain-resistant properties," Reese said.

The city owns the center and leases it to the senior citizens for \$1 per year. Other people and

organizations also use the center. The city pays the utility bill for the center and "should help with the maintenance," Councilwoman Marjorie Schmidt said.

With a split council vote, Mayor Charles Correll broke the tie in favor of the purchase. Schmidt and Councilman Jerry Corvett voted for the purchase, with Councilman Rob Lundgren and Councilwoman Darci Bobrowski voting "no."

The council had hoped to install this year a sign with overhead lighting for council members at a cost of \$3,705. Instead, the council voted to install just the sign this year for \$2,165 - saving nearly \$1,500 for the carpet - and add the lighting next year.

Other council business included:

• **New lawnmower** - The council approved the purchase of a Kubota diesel, front mower, four-wheel drive, 25-horsepower, lawnmower from Burks Tractor for \$18,480.64.

Once the landscaping project on the Interstate 84 interchange is completed, the city will require an additional mower. The city's current mower is 13 years old and is the same brand, Rothweiler said.

• **Inspection services** - The council approved memorandums of understanding between the cities of Jerome and Wendell and

between the city of Jerome and Jerome County to provide inspection services for one another when building officials are out of town.

• **Inspection services will be billed at \$16.11 per hour and mileage will be compensated at 36 cents per mile.**

• **Irrigation system** - The council determined that \$28,750 will be required to maintain and operate the city's irrigation system this year.

The city holds 866 water shares in trust for the townsite. The Northside Canal assessment on the shares is \$16,437 and the American Falls Reservoir District operation and management assessment is \$518.

The 2003 assessments have not changed from 2002 and are based on lot size.

The city is responsible for delivery of water to properties within the system. Owners are responsible for the delivery devices.

• **Project improvements** - The council approved a design contract with Forsgren and Associates Inc. in the amount of \$347,200 for designing the state revolving fund water project improvements.

The design will help the city obtain the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's approval to proceed with \$3.6 million in improvements to the city water system.

SERVICES

Florence Boyd Reed of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel; burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Jay A. Brown of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today in the Gooding Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1228 Main St., Gooding; visitation one hour before the service today at the church; interment will follow in the Gooding Elmwood Cemetery (Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, Jerome).

Virginia Elaine Stearns of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the 7th Ward LDS Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N., burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call one hour before the service today at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Grace E. Edlund, formerly of Richfield, service at 2 p.m. Friday at Demary's Shoshone Chapel with interment following at Richfield Cemetery; visitation and viewing from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Catherine Mildred Watson Bism Burks of Paul, celebration of life at 11 a.m. March 22 at the United Methodist Church; interment at 10 a.m. March 24 at Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

Lori Brandt of Boise, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Jeanette 'Jean' Della Folkman of Jerome, service at 11 a.m.

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DEATH NOTICES

Richard Lingnaw

TWIN FALLS - Richard Lingnaw, 61, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

June D. Farnsworth

CAREY - June D. Farnsworth, 81, of Carey died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, at the Shoshone Rehabilitation Center in Shoshone.

Arrangements will be announced by Wood River Chapel, Hailey.

Elizabeth Glenn Schubert

GOODING - Elizabeth Glenn Schubert, 76, of Gooding died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

The memorial service will be

held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, at the Gooding Trinity Episcopal Church in Gooding.

Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Edward Dillon

TWIN FALLS - Edward Dillon, 81, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Tom W. Smith

TWIN FALLS - Tom W. Smith, 76, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, at his home.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2003, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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patient's request

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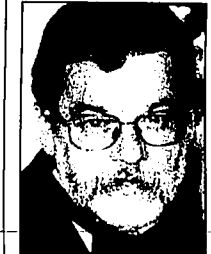
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TWIN FALLS



Warren Paul Thorne

Warren Paul Thorne, 55, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Tuesday, February 4, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 3, 1947, to Hans and Helen Thorne of Twin Falls, Idaho. On January 3, 1971, he married JoAnn Ainsworth, high school sweetheart, with whom he had two sons Joshua and James. Warren was very good at many things, above all he was a loving and devoted father and husband. The list of people who called him friend is unending. A passion for good food and a family tradition in the restaurant and bar business led him through many ventures in the industry, culminating in a twenty-year career as the General Manager of Blue Lake Country Club.

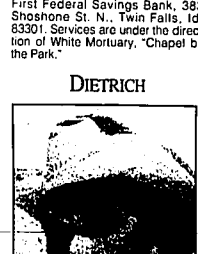
He is survived by his two sons: Joshua (Brandy) Thorne and James (Melissa) Thorne both of Twin Falls, 1 granddaughter, Natalie Thorne of Twin Falls, 2 sisters: Penny Matthews of Grand Falls, and Marsha "Bunny" Perry of Vale, Oregon, and by his mother Helen Blomquist-Thorne of Twin Falls.

His wife, his father and 1 brother, Jim, preceded him in death.

Family and friends are all invited to memorial celebration of Warren's life to be held at 3 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2003, at Blue Lakes Country Club.

In lieu of flowers the family sug-

DIETRICH



Dennis Scott Lehmann

Dennis Scott Lehmann, age 49 of Dietrich, Idaho passed away Tuesday, February 4, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following a sudden illness.

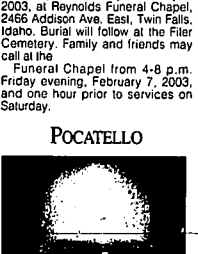
He was born April 26, 1953, at Wendell, Idaho, the son of Kenneth and Pearl Chisham Lehmann. Dennis was raised in Wendell and ranched and farmed there as well as Charleston, Nevada, and Dietrich areas. He loved what he did; it was his lifelong passion. Dennis was very caring and devoted to his family, friends and animals.

Survivors include 3 brothers; Lyndell Lehmann of Buhl, Idaho; Randall Lehmann of Wendell, Idaho; 4 sisters; Sally Lehmann of Buhl, Idaho; Penny (Tim) Miner of Nampa, Idaho; Novella Crandall of Wendell, Idaho; 1 sister; Charlene Lehmann, 2 nephews; Randy Lehmann and Stewart Boyer.

He was preceded in death by 2 brothers; James and Marlin Lehmann.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 8, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave., East, Twin Falls, Idaho. Burial will follow at the Filer Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the

POCATELLO



Willis 'Bill' A. Magee

Willis "Bill" A. Magee, 80, Pocatello resident passed away February 3, 2003, at a local hospital following an illness.

He was born August 25, 1922, in Randall, Kansas, to George Fredrick and Lily Georgia Zimmer Magee. He attended schools in Randall and graduated with 17 in his class.

Bill served three years in the US Army during World War II, at various hospitals in England. He married Norma Bernice Lee June 24, 1951, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Together they had four sons. Bill enjoyed softball, golf,

wood working and bowling. He also was a collector of music, having nearly four thousand records.

He was a member of the American Falls Golf Association and the VFW. Surviving Bill are his wife, Norma of Pocatello and sons, Kerry Brad (Ellen) Magee of Lewiston, Maine, Jerry Greg (Melanie) Magee of

Pocatello. Terry Linn (Lana) Magee of Pocatello, Idaho, and Kayla Patrick (Elizabeth "Libby") Magee of Twin Falls. Bill is also survived by 14 grandchildren, Mark (Lucinda) Magee, Nicolette Magee, Justin (Suzanne) Hieb, Melissa Magee, Elizabeth "Cassandra", Ryan (Brenda) Magee, Corey Magee, Katherine Magee, Steve Johnson, Evan Davis, Gwyn Davis, Robert Magee, Jessica Magee and Nick Magee; a brother, Paul Magee of Twin Falls and a sister, Geraldine Magee of Springfield, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Freda Mae Ruddsill and his parents.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Friday, February 7th at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Father Anthony DiCicco, celebrant.

Interment with military rites provided by the Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery, section 50 East.

Arrangements are under the direction of Downard Hansen Funeral Home. Friends who wish may make donations in his name to the Diabetes Foundation or the American Heart Association.

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Minidoka school district bond issue goes to voters

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minidoka County School District voters can face up about \$1 million for all sorts of district projects without actually paying any more money than they agreed to in an earlier year.

A March 18 election has been scheduled for school district voters to decide whether the district should convert a \$9 million safety lease option loan to a \$10 million bond issue.

School district Curriculum Director John Fennell said because the existing bonds can be refinanced at a lower interest rate, tax payments wouldn't go up to create the higher bond and the schedule to pay off the bond issue would remain the same.

"The bottom line is that voters will decide whether the estimated \$1 million will go to the bank to pay off the school facilities," Superintendent Nick Hallett said.

The current lease loan is paying for construction at Minico High School and other smaller projects throughout the district, including facility work at the middle schools, structural work at Memorial Elementary School and the Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center, and renovation of Acequia and Heyburn elementary schools.

With the additional \$1 million, more projects could be added to the list.

Chubbuck man gets life in prison for homicides

POCATELLO (AP) — A Chubbuck man will spend the rest of his life in prison for the murders of two women on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, U.S. Attorney Tom Moss said.

Chief U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill on Wednesday sentenced Abner Hualo to two consecutive life sentences in the deaths of Leigha Tacunan, 21, and Margaret Fellows, 42, on Jan. 29, 2002.

He had admitted shooting them multiple times with a handgun in Fellows' home.

Hualo, 24, pleaded guilty in November to killing the two women.

Eleven-month-old Deland Schmidt was found dead, lying on a radiator with a crushed skull and cracked ribs. Schmidt was Tacunan's son and Fellows was her mother.

Bannock County prosecutors agreed not to pursue murder charges in the infant's death if

At a special Tuesday board meeting, the district facilities committee recommended spending the money on additional renovations at Acequia and Heyburn schools, sidewalk replacement throughout the district, a science room addition at West Minico Middle School, and drainage work at Big Valley Elementary and auditorium and music room improvements at Minico High School.

The public might not see some of the work until summer 2004, Hallett said. District officials will first take the time to work with architects and design things that will be correct and long-lasting.

The School Board approved the list of projects and the bond resolution Tuesday night, Hallett said.

It is no guarantee all projects will be funded, Hallett cautioned. If the switch to bonds is approved by voters, the district will receive bonds which it can sell. That's where the estimate of \$1 million comes from, Hallett said. The amount the district receives when the bonds are actually sold could be \$700,000 or \$1.1 million, Hallett said. The district will decide as many projects as possible with the amount of money generated by the bond sale.

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Burley hires community development director

By Shelley Riderour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The new community development director for Burley will begin work Monday, city officials said this week.

Brian Tibbets of Kayaville, Utah, accepted the job offer. Burley Mayor Jon Anderson said at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Tibbets has a bachelor's degree in communications and marketing from Utah State University. He has some marketing experience for a music group he was a member of and some with the company he now works for, City Administrator Mark Mitton said.

Tibbets will be paid about \$26,000 a year. The budget for the position is \$35,000, Mitton said.

Tibbets will work on downtown revitalization, the gem community plan, planning and fund-raising for the city's 2005 centennial. He'll be expected to coordinate with groups such as the Burley Area Merchants Association.

City officials haven't decided if the community development position will become a permanent city job. Funding is approved for a calendar year, Mitton said.

Also at Tuesday's council meeting, Anderson reported the city's cost to buy the old Rite Aid building next to Albertsons was less

than half of what he'd earlier estimated.

The city ended up paying \$6,500 to obtain the building, he said. The city had to pay for the appraisal, closing costs and title insurance, and the building's owner, Cortland Enterprises, donated the property to the city. Anderson said he didn't know what those costs would be and last month estimated it would cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

The price ended up about 19 cents a square foot.

The transaction was finalized Friday.

The 35,000-square-foot building is already being marketed by the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization to a telemarketing company.

The city may use the building for any purpose, the mayor said, "But our full intention is to use it to create jobs." That will occur when local economic developers find a tenant for the building, he said.

Other council business included:

- Audit — The council accepted the audit of city finances by Ed Evans. Evans had presented the audit report to the council last month, but council members wanted a couple of weeks to review the document before signing off on it.

The audit revealed the city

isn't generating enough money in either the garbage or water enterprise fund to operate those accounts, Evans said.

That means the council will have to adjust rates, Anderson said.

"I know no one wants to pay more rates," he said, but enterprise accounts are supposed to be self-sustaining.

- Sandwich signs — Proposed regulations for sandwich board advertising signs in Burley commercial districts will be sent to the city planning and zoning commission. BAMA members presented a list of suggestions to the City Council, as they were asked to at the last council meeting.

The zoning commission will forward a recommendation to the City Council so the city ordinance can be amended. Currently, sandwich signs are not legal in Burley but are used by many business owners.

Fire truck — Council members declared a 1994 American LaFrance fire truck surplus property so it may be advertised for sale.

The Burley Fire Department will receive a new fire truck within the next month, allowing this vehicle to be retired from the fleet, Mitton said.

- City-county meeting — Councilman Dave Ringle asked Burley residents to bring any

concerns they may have to council members before the Feb. 24 meeting between the City Council and the Cassia County commissioners. The two groups meet at noon that day at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

- Letters of support — The council agreed to have the mayor sign a letter of support for the city of Heyburn's application for local highway technical assistance funds for work on 21st Street. Heyburn will support Burley's request for money from that source to rebuild part of Overland Avenue. The mayor will also sign a letter of support that Cassia and Minidoka counties be declared a national heritage area by Congress to be included with the application.

- Costco card — A \$45 Costco membership card will be purchased for the Burley library. Some library books and computer software can be purchased at Costco cheaper than other sources, Mitton said. Councilman Dennis Curtis voted against the card purchase.

- Beer permit — The council renewed a beer license for Rite Aid.

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Kempthorne administration promotes management plan

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is pressing the Bush administration for regulatory changes that would allow Idaho to begin managing the hundreds of federally protected wolves within its borders by fall.

Administration officials told lawmakers on Wednesday that

while Idaho has tried to operate in tandem with Montana and Wyoming to get the wolves removed from the endangered species list, the other two states are still trying to get their own management plans together. That delay is keeping the wolf on the protected list longer than necessary, they said.

"What we are asking for is complete management authority for Idaho," Greg Schildwacher of the governor's Office of Species Conservation told the House and Senate resources committees.

"Our goal is to make the time to get delisting irrelevant," Schildwacher said. "Our plan is

done. We want to put it to use."

Jim Caswell, the administrator of the Office of Species Conservation, and Kempthorne attorney Michael Bogert both said they have met with top Bush administration officials about the proposal and have indications that it would be a priority.

Bus

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buses and generally good service, he'd rather have the district offer the services itself.

"I wouldn't go private in the first place because I want total control over my own fleet. You have more management authority," he said.

He knows that outsourcing costs the district more money. After all, the contractor is operating for profit.

But he also knows that a crossover is nearly impossible in the start-up costs with purchasing the buses and constructing a bus barn are prohibitively expensive.

As such, rarely does a district change its transportation system. One state reimburses 85 percent of the district's operating expenses.

But the grass is always greener. If Donich wants Twin Falls to have its own bus system, Nick Hallett, superintendent of the Minidoka County School District,

would rather have his system taken over by a private firm.

He'd much prefer to focus solely on education-related issues, relegating peripheral issues to private industry.

Minidoka's is the region's largest transportation operation with 73 buses hauling around 3,267 kids daily.

Privatization has been discussed on many occasions, Hallett said, but it never gets past a discussion stage. Tradition and inertia rule in transportation systems; to convert over would require excessive energy, he said.

Western States has provided busing for Twin Falls for seven years. The amount of the company's previous contract with the school district was not available Wednesday.

The other bidders who competed for the Twin Falls contract were:

Durham School Services of

Boise — \$6,785 million.

First Student of Vancouver,

Wash. — \$5,448 million.

Laidlaw Transit Inc. of

Portland, Ore. — \$5,475 million.

MV Student Transportation Inc. of Olathe, Kan. — \$5,561 million.

The district uses its own drivers. Initially, Western States didn't have the lowest bid. However, it gained an edge when the district asked bidders to add to the proposal two van-like buses to replace the district's aging vans.

The district uses its own drivers for the vans to take kids on such trips as out-of-region tournaments. Western States was able to respond to the added request with a much lower bid than its competitors, making its overall bid the lowest.

Other School Board business Wednesday included:

- Accreditation — All Twin Falls public schools received accreditation, with most schools earning perfect scores. Those

that had less-than-perfect scores were:

Twin Falls High School — the school didn't have enough teachers possessing technology competency certification. That's not to say that the district didn't try to provide opportunities for teachers to get in-service sessions, Donich said.

"We did everything we could think of that could be done to get people certified and yet there were still reluctant people out there who didn't want to a) take the test or b) learn the technology," Donich said.

I.B. Perrine Elementary School — It was marked down for having crowded classrooms. Most schools saw a large increase in students at the first of the school year. Perrine's kindergarten was near capacity on the first day and continued to grow.

"By the time they hit 24 or 25 (students) it was too late to add a teacher," Donich said.

Business

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The money comes from business people from Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties who committed to making a yearly donation because they believe their investment will increase the economic productivity in the area.

Some of the people working with Business Plus III were to meet when Campaign Executive Scott Wilson told them he wanted to raise \$1.44 million. Now the goal seems attainable, they said.

"When I first met Scott I thought, '\$1.4 million? You haven't been to Idaho in a long time,'" said Jim Lynch, owner of

Lynch Oil.

Most of the money, \$1.15 million would go to attract and retain businesses, said Jeff Clark, president of Sun Valley Petroleum.

The organization would "sweeten the pot" for businesses that needed an incentive to move into the area, Wilson said. Business Plus III would give \$250,000 to the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization to market the area to businesses, Clark said. The final \$400,000 would cover operations, overhead and an investor-relations program.

While the creation of new jobs will create a more competitive

labor market, it will help businesses in the long run, Lynch said. Lynch lost convenience-store clerks when Dell Computer Corp. moved to Twin Falls, but he is glad for his former employees' increased prosperity, he said.

"What kind of boss would I be if I didn't let them reach for the brass ring?" Lynch asked.

Some of the money these enterprises make at Dell will come back to his gas stations, Lynch said.

"Every retail business should be investing in BPS because they will receive the biggest benefit," said Jerome businessman Con Paulos. "We need to tell our

friends and neighbors — we need to tell everybody — especially in Mini-Cassia."

Dell has bought 10 football-field-length Subway sandwich franchises from Paulos' franchise since the computer company opened a technical support center in Twin Falls, he said.

After the meeting, Harry Badger of Kodiak Northwest, a snowplow manufacturer, agreed.

"It's gotta happen," Badger said.

Kodiak Northwest has benefited from area layoffs because the company has been able to hire some new workers, but this bene-

fit is only temporary, he said. If the labor market is not competitive in a region, the best workers will move out of the area to better-paying jobs, Badger said.

The district wants to invest in Business Plus III will help draw back the children who went college and left Idaho, Lynch said.

"I want my kids to come back and they have to have something to come back to," Lynch said. "If I'm not willing to invest in my community I might as well leave."

There are not enough jobs to keep the young people in the area,

he said.

"Idaho has been shipping out our brain trust for many years," Paulos said.

New jobs will keep children at home, even if they say they want to go to college, but if Idaho won't they are in high school, Wilson said.

"You create the jobs, people come," he said.

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Airport

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north and taking off from the south. Noise and safety complaints from residents would soar.

Airport authority member Susan McBryant, who also is Hallett's mayor, suggested the board accept Richardson's proposal, but not act on it.

The board also heard a report from airport consultants Hunt & Mead about preliminary studies aimed at upgrading the airport for use over the next 20 years. Two of the firm's researchers, Mike Boggs and Mike Schnetzer, told the board that:

- Airline operations at Hailey would increase from an average of 8,232 operations per year to 12,800.

Airline aircraft in 20 years would probably be 33 percent larger in seating capacity, which would influence the size of the terminal as well as passenger and baggage handling facilities.

Although the number of general aviation private aircraft based at Hailey has decreased from 149 to 143, consultants

expect demand for parking space to increase 50 percent over 20 years and landings and takeoffs of general aviation aircraft will increase from 50,000 to 71,000 per year.

- Hailey airport has more jets and fewer smaller aircraft based there.

At least 30 percent of all travelers from the Sun Valley area depart from Boise, a "leakage" of business they said is due to fare costs, routes to a larger selection of cities from Boise, and type of jet aircraft.

The Wood River Valley area has an estimated 198,278 annual passengers for airline travel, the consultants said. That includes multiple boardings by a single person.

The board also agreed to allow Baird to pay for caller ID for his home phone. Baird has been pestered in midnight-to-dawn hours by a caller complaining about the airport, but Baird has been unable to identify the caller who declines to call during office hours.

Wolves

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after the de-listing had been achieved following years of public comment periods, the state would next be facing lawsuits from environmental groups before state management could begin.

There is also the problem of maintaining the neighboring states of Montana and Wyoming to catch

up with Idaho in forming and approving management plans. The two states were grouped with Idaho when the Clinton administration pushed re-introduction, but Idaho reached its target population of 15 packs sooner.

Species Conservation officials have been negotiating with the Nez Perce Tribe, which took over

management when the Legislature refused to. For the state to take over management, federal policy will have to be replaced with a state policy.

Schildwacher predicted that later in February, Species Conservation will introduce bills that begin that process. The U.S. Department of the Interior will also have to sign

off on the strategy.

In addition, Schildwacher said the Idaho delegation has already secured at least \$400,000 in federal money over the next three years to implement state management. He said the Idaho delegation is also working to secure annual appropriations over the long term.

Chief economist Michael Ferguson blamed sluggish sales and low withholding, probably because of fewer temporary hires in the retail sector, on "what was widely heralded as a 30-year low in holiday season performances."

and individual income tax refund claims.

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Newcomb said. "We hoped he wouldn't have to, but now that's off the table."

The speaker reiterated fear that the economic downturn is long from over, and the new package of the state Employment Tax would legislative budget writers that prospects of war with Iraq are thwarting any real recovery.

"We are starting to see some economic growth so from an eco-

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14 Equines

15 Beverage or

16 Couples

22 Neither's companion

23 Opening for

24 Seer's deck

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8 SHEER PHYSICAL

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'Odd Ducks' in teen years

DEAR ABBY: May I comment on the letter from the girl who has a crush on the "weird" guy in her high school band?

Thirty years ago, I was that weird guy with the hair, buck teeth, horn-rimmed glasses and a diary as a relic. I had a crush on a good-looking blonde, but she was out of my league, so I never asked her out.

Twenty-nine years later, I was on the Internet. Through a classmate's reunion site, she and I started chatting. She was divorced, as was I. The more we talked, the more we fell for each other. When I finally decided to visit her, "fireworks" flew. We have been married one year this week, and it has been one of the most exciting years of my life. Tell "Odd Duck."



DEAR ABBY
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DEAR FLEB: Congratulations on your anniversary. (It's a socker for a happy ending!) Many people like fine wine, improve with age.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to respond to "Odd Duck in South."

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You and your friend Ted should hang in there. When you finish high school, and later, college, you'll realize that the people most worth knowing just might be those "odd ducks."

HILLARY IN WENGER, ARIZ.

DEAR HILLARY: You're right. Some people develop social skills later than others.

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HAPPILY MARRIED IN PHILLY

DEAR HAPPILY MARRIED: It takes courage to stand by one's convictions. Susan's lack of maturity was its own punishment.

ABC's 'The Practice' makes reluctant move to Monday

LOS ANGELES (AP). — When ABC announced in December it planned to bump the legal drama "The Practice" from Sunday to Monday, the verdict came swiftly.

"We are very concerned about this move," David E. Kelley Productions said of its 6-year-old series that has been performing successfully on Sunday since 1998.

Eventually, Kelley sounded resigned. "The Practice" now airs on Mondays, with newcomer "Dragnet" claiming the Sunday slot.

"It's a change we will deal with. We weren't happy at first, naturally," Kelley said. "Sunday at 10 has worked well for us and I guess we were figuring that would be home, at least for a while, or two. After the shock wore off, we just got together and said, 'OK, how do we make this work?'"

Stay the course is the answer, say Kelley and series star Dylan McDermott.

The inaugural Monday night episode had trademark elements, including a big-name guest star and provocative cases. Alfre Woodard played a mentally ill woman who's facing execution and defended by Ellenor Fruit (Camryn Manheim). Bobby Donnell (McDermott) and Eugene Young (Steve Harris) were suing a liquor manufacturer

over an alcoholic's death.

"We've always lived by the rule of thumb that we make quality television," McDermott said. "We don't make a Saturday or Sunday or Monday show, we just make a quality show."

The series, about a small but scrappy Boston law firm, won back-to-back Emmy Awards as best drama in 1998 and 1999.

Kelley is used to success: He created Emmy winners "Picket Fences" and "Ally McBeal" as well as Fox's "Boston Public" (his recently canceled "girls club" on Fox was a rare flop). He also, knows about the vagaries of TV networks and scheduling decisions.

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More people in Idaho are eligible for tax credit

TWIN FALLS - The Internal Revenue Service said changes in the Earned Income Tax Credit law expanded the number of low-income working taxpayers in Idaho, especially military personnel, who qualify for tax relief.

In February a peak number of EITC claims are filed.

"More hard-working Americans can receive tax relief or even a tax refund because of changes in this credit," we want all those who are eligible, but only those who are eligible, to apply," said Acting IRS Commissioner Bob Wenzel.

For a complete list of EITC requirements, see IRS Publication 596, which is available on IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Publication 596 contains a worksheet that helps taxpayers determine their eligibility. Also, taxpayers can use www.irs.gov/efitc to answer questions and determine eligibility.

According to the IRS, 83,373 Idaho taxpayers claimed the EITC for tax year 2001, and received \$134.73 million in earned income tax credit. Both the income limits and the maximum credit have increased for the 2002 tax year. Among the other significant changes for the 2002 tax year was a redefinition of what constitutes earned income.

CSI sponsors high school business fair

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is inviting high school students to take part in its annual Business Fair and Scholarship Competition on Wednesday.

Next week's event will familiarize students with CSI's business-related programs and give participants a chance to win scholarships.

Students will take part in their choice of competitions such as accounting, business, economics, marketing and Internet searches. Nine CSI presidential scholarships will be awarded to the winners of each competition. Lunch and workshops will be provided to participants free of charge.

Students who are interested may contact CSI Student Information Coordinator Eric Studebaker at 732-6224 or by e-mail at estudebaker@csi.edu.

Commission orders refunds to Rexburg builders

BOISE - The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has ordered Qwest Communications International to pay \$15,784 to three Rexburg-area builders who were overcharged for the installation of telephone cable at new apartment buildings.

On Oct. 30, Richard Horner filed a complaint with the commission, alleging Qwest had inappropriately assessed him a "special facilities" charge to install expanded telephone cable to serve seven apartment buildings, each with six units, in Rexburg.

That area was previously zoned for single-family homes. So, the capacity of the existing telephone cable was insufficient to serve the apartment dwellers.

Qwest installed 1,400 feet of new cable and assessed Horner its "special facilities" tariff of \$3,528. Horner paid the charge, but complained it was inappropriate.

Qwest claimed the development of apartment buildings in an area originally zoned for residential use qualifies for the higher tariff.

Qwest said its practice was to charge the tariff when it increases its cable capacity based on above-average growth, as is now happening in Rexburg with the transformation of the former Ricks College into Brigham Young University-Idaho.

"The need to update or increase facilities is a normal cost of doing business and necessary to accommodate growing communities," the commission ruled.

The panel also recommended the company refund other such charges to Rexburg builders.

Qwest will pay \$8,608 to Westates Holding and \$3,648 to Main Street Station.

compiled from staff and wire reports

Flying in the black

Air service posts operating profit in first month

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - A month and a half into Horizon Air's new Los Angeles-Sun Valley Air service, the airline and Wood River Valley business boosters of the direct flights are tickled with their success.

The first in a series of monthly reports Wednesday was handed to members of the Elaine County Air Transportation Advisory

Group which was responsible for obtaining a \$600,000 federal grant to guarantee the service between Los Angeles and the Sun Valley area.

Congress made the money available through the Small Community Air Service Development Pilot Program. It is used to offset any losses suffered by participating air carriers - in this case Horizon, which already serves Halley's Friedman Memorial Airport with flights to

and from Seattle.

For the weeks in December, when Horizon inaugurated the flights in mid-month, aviation consultant Mike Boggs told the group that 1,373 passengers were carried at average one-way fares of \$157.22. Horizon flew 31 one-way segments during the two weeks, canceled three scheduled flights and diverted 15 to other airports because of poor weather at Halley. The average passenger load factor on the 70-

seat Bombardier Q400 turboprop airliners was 63.2 percent.

Operating revenues of \$215,857, less expenses of \$176,499, left a net operating profit of \$39,358 for December.

However, Boggs said, when all operating reports are collected for January, he expects a lower passenger load factor of an estimated 46.7 percent on flights and a loss of some \$57,497 for

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A computer's second life



Patrick Calkins, president and owner of OEMSupport.com Inc., sits in the disassembly area of the plant Nov. 7 in Sparks, Nev. The growing family business takes apart discarded computers and sells the parts.

Nevada entrepreneur finds profits in discarded machines

The Associated Press

SPARKS, Nev. - Patrick Calkins always has been fascinated by computers and how they're put together. Now he takes them apart for profit.

Calkins' business, OEMSupport.com Inc., recycles the computer pieces, notably screens holding toxic chemicals-making money and a contribution to the environment in the process.

His 5,000-square-foot office-warehouse in industrial Sparks is so packed with pallets of

unwanted parts that he is relocating to a facility four times as big.

Calkins estimates that from 2000 to 2007, as many as 500 million of the nation's personal computers will become obsolete.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Calkins, 25, said of the enterprise he started three years ago.

Since he began, he said, he's seen business quadruple.

Calkins now employs a staff of seven to take apart computers, televisions and other discarded electronics.

From there, it depends on the piece. Plastic is shredded, metals are sent to a smelter for reuse, circuit boards are stripped for usable items and then ground up and sent to a smelter for recovery of copper, tin and other metals.

Most notable, according to Calkins and his staff, are computer monitors which can hold five or more pounds of lead inside each screen's cathode ray tube. Lead and other toxic materials are used in monitors to shield users from harmful rays.

Calkins' staff takes in an average of 2,000 display monitors a

month to send off to smelters.

Patrick Phillips, director of sales and marketing, said discarded monitors often end up in landfills. There, the lead, toxic to humans, invariably is leached into the water table.

"Nothing we get ends up in a landfill," Phillips said.

Allen Biaggi, administrator of the state Environmental Protection Division, said the problem of lead in computer monitors is nationwide.

Companies like OEMSupport.com, he said, will benefit as

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Jackpot casinos rake in more revenue

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

JACKPOT, Nev. - A casino company said more effective marketing and milder weather get the credit for higher revenues at its Jackpot casinos just south of the Idaho border.

Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. owns and operates six properties in Missouri, Iowa, Mississippi and Nevada. The Nevada casinos are major Magic Valley employers.

Ameristar has another local tie through its chief executive officer, Craig H. Nielsen. The former Twin Falls resident also is the developer of a prime piece of property on the Snake River Canyon's south rim in Twin Falls.

Ameristar on Wednesday announced these

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Ameristar financial results

Ameristar Casinos Inc. reported these financial results from its Jackpot properties - Cactus Pecos Resort Casino and The Horseshoe Hotel & Casino. Dollar amounts are in thousands.

	Three months ended Dec. 31		Year ended Dec. 31	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Net revenue	\$13,092	\$13,491	\$56,944	\$59,217
Adjusted operating income	\$1,306	\$1,410	\$9,344	\$9,842
EBITDA	\$2,506	\$2,387	\$13,248	\$13,547
Adjusted operating income margin	10.0%	10.5%	16.4%	16.6%
EBITDA margin	17.6%	17.7%	23.4%	22.9%

(Adjusted operating income is income from operations before the impairment loss on assets held for sale and preopening expenses related to the new St. Charles, Mo., facility. Adjusted operating income margin is adjusted operating income as a percentage of net revenues.)

(EBITDA consists of income from operations plus depreciation, amortization, impairment loss on assets held for sale and preopening expenses related to the new St. Charles facility. EBITDA margin is EBITDA as a percentage of net revenues.)

State safeguards property

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - If you see Mildred Norris, tell her to read this story.

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

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those

folks, and hoping they'll claim the property.

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

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of some of the unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities.

This week the tax commission provided this list of owners:

Craig Anderson, Wendell	Wendell
Ricky D. Anderson, Wendell	Mark Spencer, Jerome/Parma
Matt Barrie, Ketchum	Cathy H. Starr, Rogerson
Jared Brackett, Rogerson	Walter Taylor, Rogerson
Karen Bradford, Wendell	Ray Tener, Wendell
Gilbert E. Callen, Rogerson	Three Creek Quick, Rogerson
Bernardo Contreras, Rogerson	Miguel Velazquez, Rogerson
Zetell Coulson, Rogerson	Valeriano, Rogerson
Marianne Delid, Wendell	R. Whitley, Carey
Gertruda Delid, Wendell	Nita Whitley, Carey
Wendell	Bellevue
Robert Evans, Wendell	Donald Wessen, Bellevue
Lisa Fobes, Rogerson	Ken Wilhelm, Bellevue
Timothy Gallegos, Wendell	Stem Willard, Wendell
Sidney Green, Rogerson	Filer
Theresa Hadley, Rogerson	Williams Construction, Wendell
Charles Harris, Rogerson	Harry Williams, Bellevue
Emma H. Hest, Rogerson	J. Gregory Williams, Fairfield
J. G. Truck Stop, Hollister	Managers A. Williams, Declo
Mac Janacek, Rogerson	Elizabeth Williamson, Carey
Carroll Kirkpatrick, Wendell	Bessie J. Willis, Carey
Lyle E. and Georganna Luke, Wendell	Alvin Wilson, Wendell
Alfonso Malagon, Rogerson	Brice D. Wroe, Boise
Laurens Martine, Wendell	Jocelyn Wolf, Carey
McClelland, Wendell	Irene Womack, Bellevue
Sheela Moves, Rogerson	Wood River Snowmobile Club, Carey
Kimberly J.A. Montgomery, Rogerson	Phil Wood, Jerome
Don Morrill, Rogerson	Rea W. Wood, Wendell
Craig Munson, Wendell	Rose M. Woodruff, Fairfield
Michael Myers, Rogerson	Manley T. Woods, Filer
Lavon Murphy, Rogerson	Brett D. Woods, Carey
Mildred Norris, Rogerson	Tanner J. Wray, Filer
North Side Multiple, Wendell	Shanna Yarborough, Carey
Jerome	Waymon De, Carey
Joe Olague, Wendell	Carolyn M. Yates, Carey
Wendell	Bliss Wayne Edward, Carey
Wendell	Yates, Bliss
Anita L. Robinson, Rogerson	Robby R. Yazz, Carey
Cody L. Robinson, Rogerson	Rupert, Carey
Richard Rogerson	Just Thaxia, Carey
George R. Rogerson	Cherie H. Yost, Eden
Goat Shepherd, Hollister	Joseph J. Young, Filer
Hillier, H.E. Snyder, Rogerson	Richard Youree, Hansen
Felipe Solis and Francis Diaz, Bellevue	Eberto Zavala, Bellevue

What to do

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

- Call 1-800-972-7660, Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627.
- Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.
- Send e-mail to lostandfound@tax.state.id.us.

Horizon Organic sales grow; officials say sale of Paul farm being finalized

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

PAUL - Boulder, Colo.-based Horizon Organic Holding Corp., an organic foods marketer and the outgoing parent of a Paul dairy - increased its fourth-quarter

earnings from continuing operations 10 percent to \$1.4 million, or 13 cents per diluted share.

That compares with \$1.3 million, or 12 cents per share, a year earlier.

Sales shot up 21 percent to

\$53.0 million.

For the year, Horizon said, earnings from continuing operations more than doubled to \$3.6 million, or 34 cents per diluted share, from \$1.7 million, or 16 cents, a year earlier. Full-year sales grew 18 percent to \$187.5

million.

But the numbers above don't reflect the Paul dairy's results.

For several quarters, the company has classified its farm operations in Idaho and Colorado as discontinued operations.

Horizon this week said its sale

of the Paul operation is being finalized. Horizon didn't name the buyer. The company announced the intended sale last spring, citing a struggle to outsource its milk supply.

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BEANS

Valley Beans
Prices are net to growers. 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1
beans, including bag and storage charges. Prices
subject to change without notice. Producers in
more recent price information should contact dealers.
Great northern, etc.; price, etc.; small red, etc.; kash
green, etc. Prices are given only for beans in bulk.
Other bean prices are collected weekly by Des
Moines News, U.S. Department of Agriculture - Great
northern, etc.; \$11-8 1/2c; price: \$11-8 1/2c; red, etc.
Lid: \$20c; price: \$20c; small white; lid: \$20c. Quotes
current on Feb. 4.

GRAINS-

Valley Crane
 Prices for wheel per bushel: mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice.
 Soft white wheat, \$3.00; barley, \$4.40 (48-pound base); oats, \$6.00; corn, \$5.10 (18 percent minimum). Prices are given daily by Rangene in Bufile.
 Mixed Grain and Beans in Bufile and Hansen reports the following grain prices: soft white wheat, spot delivery, \$3.00; barley, \$4.40; minimum spot delivery in Twin Falls and Gooding: corn, \$3.00 (Twin Falls only). Prices are given daily by Rangene in Bufile.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange:
 Barmil: 1.0600 + .0125; 40-pound blocks: 1.1400, + .0250
 Prices courtesy Glenlake Foods.

— Idaho Farm Bureau Wednesday.

PACALATE - White wheat 3.10 (steady); ordinary winter 3.70 (steady); 14 percent spring 3.97 (up 3); barley 4.80 (steady).

CODDEN - White wheat 3.45 (up 5); 11 percent winter 3.65 (up 4); 14 percent spring 3.84 (up 4); barley 4.90 (steady).

PORTLAND - White wheat 3.68 (up 2); 11 percent winter 4.46-4.52 (up 14); 14 percent spring 4.79 (up 4); barley 11.44 (cut 3.2).

ALABAMA - White wheat 3.25 (steady); bushel 3.15 (steady).

CHICAGO (AP) - USDA - The major potato markets were unseasonably dry by the source.

SUGAR

NEW YORK (AP) - Sugar futures trading on the New York Board of Trade Wednesday:

Contract	Settle	Change
11	10.00	down 1/4
12	10.00	down 1/4
15	10.00	down 1/4
16	10.00	down 1/4
17	10.00	down 1/4
18	10.00	down 1/4
19	10.00	down 1/4
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95	10.00	down 1/4
96	10.00	down 1/4
97	10.00	down 1/4
98	10.00	down 1/4
99	10.00	down 1/4
100	10.00	down 1/4

AP) - Bids at 12:30 p.m. arrived at Portland. The bid was not pushed.

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	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
WHEAT					
5,000 bu minimum; cents per bushel					
Mar	322.5	328.5	320	324	****
May	320.75	323.5	317.5	321.75	****
July	318.5	321.5	316	319.5	****
Sep	320.75	326.5	312.5	325.25	+3.25
Nov	321.5	326.5	317.5	325.25	+3.25
Dec	331	336	332.5	335.25	+2.5
Jan	335	337	336	337	+1.5

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LIVESTOCK

JEROME - Producers Livestock Marketing Association
 In Jerome reports the following prices from the livestock
 sale held Tuesday, Feb. 4.
 Hottelst and calves: \$40-\$50 head

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FOSSIL FUELS

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday					
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
LIQUID SWEET CRUDE					
1,000 lbs. per bbl.					
Mar	33.63	34.28	33.12	33.93	+33
Apr	32.00	32.65	31.58	32.27	+36
May	32.00	32.65	31.58	32.27	+36
Jun	31.05	31.70	30.90	31.45	+30
Jul	30.00	30.65	29.90	30.16	+27
Aug	29.43	29.83	29.30	29.75	+25
Sep	28.87	29.20	28.85	29.01	+24
Oct	28.30	28.63	28.32	28.50	+23
Nov	28.01	28.21	28.00	28.21	+21
Dec	27.69	27.96	27.45	27.86	+21
Jan	27.69	27.96	27.20	27.80	+20
Feb	26.89	27.02	26.80	26.99	+18
Mar	26.67	26.87	26.40	26.63	+17
Apr					
May	25.84	25.92	25.84	25.92	+16
Jun	25.84	25.92	25.84	25.92	+16
Jul	25.17	25.30	25.17	25.30	+13
Aug					
Sep	25.17	25.30	25.17	25.04	+12
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					
Jan					
Feb					
Mar					

METALS/CURRENCY

Selected world gold prices, Wednesday.
Hong Kong late: \$364.00 up \$7.90.
London morning fixing: \$365.00 up \$8.10.
London afternoon fixing: \$362.10 up \$3.20.
London late: \$360.70 up \$3.80.
Paris afternoon fixing: \$363.45.
Zurich late afternoon: \$372.88 up \$1.50.
NY Hendy & Herman: \$362.10 up \$3.55.
NY Hendy & Herman fabricated: \$412.67 up \$8.00.
NY Englehart: \$363.40 up \$3.56.
NY Englehart fabricated: \$422.57 up \$5.84.
NY Merc. Bank spot month Wed: \$376.40 off \$2.60.
NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Wed: \$378.00 off \$3.00.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange:
Barrels: 1.0600 + .0125; 40-pound blocks: 1.1400, + .0250
Prices courtesy Glanville Foods.

POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) — USDA — The major potato markets were unavailable by the source.

SUGAR

APJ—Super futures trading
Trade Wednesday:

	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
SUGAR-WORLD 11					
112,000 lbs.; cents per lb.					
Mar	8.37	8.65	8.30	8.57	+0.17
May	7.92	8.11	7.84	8.03	+0.09
Jul	7.22	7.40	7.16	7.35	+0.13
Oct	6.99	7.12	6.92	7.08	+0.10
Dec	6.92	7.05	6.78	6.95	+0.03

6.68	6.59	6.50
6.35	6.22	6.13
6.20	6.20	6.10

Tue.'s sales 33,486				
Tue.'s open int 274,068, up 352				
SUGAR 14				
112,000 lbs.; cents per lb.				
Mar	20.65	21.00	20.60	20.75 -25
May	21.70	21.70	21.60	21.63 -03
Jul	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00 -04
Sep	22.15	22.15	22.15	22.15
Nov	21.85	21.85	21.85	21.85
Jan	21.86	21.86	21.85	21.85 -02
Tue.'s sales 532				

LIVESTOCK

JEROME - Producers Livestock Marketing Association in Jerome reports the following prices from the livestock sale held Tuesday, Feb. 4.
Holstein bull calves: \$40-\$90 head

	High	Low	Bid	Op.	Ask	Settle
GOLD						
100 troy oz., dollars per ounce					316.25	316.25
Feb.	379.00/386.60	374.00	378.40	-2.80		
Mar.	380.00/387.00	375.00	379.00	-2.00		
Apr.	381.00/388.00	376.00	380.00	-2.00		
May	382.00/389.00	377.00	381.00	-2.00		
Jun.	383.00/390.00	378.00	382.00	-2.00		
Jul.	384.00/391.00	379.00	383.00	-2.00		
Aug.	385.00/392.00	380.00	384.00	-2.00		
Sep.	386.00/393.00	381.00	385.00	-2.00		
Oct.	387.00/394.00	382.00	386.00	-2.00		
Nov.	388.00/395.00	383.00	387.00	-2.00		
Dec.	389.00/396.00	384.00	388.00	-2.00		
SILVER						
100 troy oz., cents per ounce					42.625	42.625
Feb.	400.00/409.00	393.00	400.00	-7.00		
Mar.	401.00/410.00	394.00	401.00	-7.00		
Apr.	402.00/411.00	395.00	402.00	-7.00		
May	403.00/412.00	396.00	403.00	-7.00		
Jun.	404.00/413.00	397.00	404.00	-7.00		
Jul.	405.00/414.00	398.00	405.00	-7.00		
Aug.	406.00/415.00	399.00	406.00	-7.00		
Sep.	407.00/416.00	400.00	407.00	-7.00		
Oct.	408.00/417.00	401.00	408.00	-7.00		
Nov.	409.00/418.00	402.00	409.00	-7.00		
Dec.	410.00/419.00	403.00	410.00	-7.00		
U.S. TREASURY BILLS						
91 days to maturity	491.3	490.3	473.5			
182 days to maturity	492.3	490.3	474.5			
270 days to maturity	493.3	490.3	475.5			
360 days to maturity	494.3	490.3	476.5			
540 days to maturity	495.3	490.3	477.5			
720 days to maturity	496.3	490.3	478.5			
900 days to maturity	497.3	490.3	479.5			
1080 days to maturity	498.3	490.3	480.5			
1260 days to maturity	499.3	490.3	481.5			
1440 days to maturity	500.3	490.3	482.5			
1620 days to maturity	501.3	490.3	483.5			
1800 days to maturity	502.3	490.3	484.5			
1980 days to maturity	503.3	490.3	485.5			
2160 days to maturity	504.3	490.3	486.5			
2340 days to maturity	505.3	490.3	487.5			
2520 days to maturity	506.3	490.3	488.5			
2700 days to maturity	507.3	490.3	489.5			
2880 days to maturity	508.3	490.3	490.5			
3060 days to maturity	509.3	490.3	491.5			
3240 days to maturity	510.3	490.3	492.5			
3420 days to maturity	511.3	490.3	493.5			
U.S. TREASURY NOTES						
2 1/2 years to maturity	512.3	490.3	494.5			
3 years to maturity	513.3	490.3	495.5			
4 1/2 years to maturity	514.3	490.3	496.5			
5 years to maturity	515.3	490.3	497.5			
U.S. TREASURY BONDS						
10 years to maturity	516.3	490.3	498.5			
20 years to maturity	517.3	490.3	499.5			
U.S. TREASURY INFLATION PROTECTED SECURITIES						
5 years to maturity	518.3	490.3	500.5			
10 years to maturity	519.3	490.3	501.5			
U.S. TREASURY SHORT-TERM BONDS						
1 month to maturity	520.3	490.3	502.5			
3 month to maturity	521.3	490.3	503.5			
6 month to maturity	522.3	490.3	504.5			
U.S. TREASURY LONG-TERM BONDS						
10 years to maturity	523.3	490.3	505.5			
20 years to maturity	524.3	490.3	506.5			
U.S. TREASURY INFLATION PROTECTED SECURITIES						
5 years to maturity	525.3	490.3	507.5			
10 years to maturity	526.3	490.3	508.5			
U.S. TREASURY SHORT-TERM BONDS						
1 month to maturity	527.3	490.3	509.5			
3 month to maturity	528.3	490.3	510.5			
6 month to maturity	529.3	490.3	511.5			
U.S. TREASURY LONG-TERM BONDS						
10 years to maturity	530.3	490.3	512.5			
20 years to maturity	531.3	490.3	513.5			
U.S. TREASURY INFLATION PROTECTED SECURITIES						
5 years to maturity	532.3	490.3	514.5			
10 years to maturity	533.3	490.3	515.5			
U.S. TREASURY SHORT-TERM BONDS						
1 month to maturity	534.3	490.3	516.5			
3 month to maturity	535.3	490.3	517.5			
6 month to maturity	536.3	490.3	518.5			
U.S. TREASURY LONG-TERM BONDS						
10 years to maturity	537.3	490.3	519.5			
20 years to maturity	538.3	490.3	520.5			
U.S. TREASURY INFLATION PROTECTED SECURITIES						
5 years to maturity	539.3	490.3	521.5			
10 years to maturity	540.3	490.3	522.5			
U.S. TREASURY SHORT-TERM BONDS						
1 month to maturity	541.3	490.3	523.5			
3 month to maturity	542.3	490.3	524.5			
6 month to maturity	543.3	490.3	525.5			
U.S. TREASURY LONG-TERM BONDS						
10 years to maturity	544.3	490.3	526.5			
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5 years to maturity	546.3	490.3	528.5			
10 years to maturity	547.3	490.3	529.5			
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1 month to maturity	548.3	490.3	530.5			
3 month to maturity	549.3	490.3	531.5			
6 month to maturity	550.3	490.3	532.5			
U.S. TREASURY LONG-TERM BONDS						
10 years to maturity	551.3	490.3	533.5			
20 years to maturity	552.3	490.3	534.5			
U.S. TREASURY INFLATION PROTECTED SECURITIES						
5 years to maturity	553.3	490.3	535.5			
10 years to maturity	554.3	490.3	536.5			
U.S. TREASURY SHORT-TERM BONDS						
1 month to maturity	555.3	490.3	537.5			
3 month to maturity	556.3	490.3	538.5			
6 month to maturity	557.3	490.3	539.5			
U.S. TREASURY LONG-TERM BONDS						
10 years to maturity	558.3	490.3	540.5			
20 years to maturity	559.3	490.3	541.5			
U.S. TREASURY INFLATION PROTECTED SECURITIES						
5 years to maturity	560.3	490.3	542.5			
10 years to maturity	561.3	490.3	543.5			
U.S. TREASURY SHORT-TERM BONDS						
1 month to maturity	562.3	490.3	544.5			
3 month to maturity	563.3	490.3	545.5			
6 month to maturity	564.3	490.3	546.5			
U.S. TREASURY LONG-TERM BONDS						
10 years to maturity	565.3	490.3	547.5			
20 years to maturity	566.3	490.3	548.5			
U.S. TREASURY INFLATION PROTECTED SECURITIES						
5 years to maturity	567.3	490.3	549.5			
10 years to maturity	568.3	490.3	550.5			
U.S. TREASURY SHORT-TERM BONDS						
1 month to maturity	569.3	490.3	551.5			
3 month to maturity	570.3	490.3	552.5			
6 month to maturity	571.3	490.3	553.5			
U.S. TREASURY LONG-TERM BONDS						
10 years to maturity	572.3	490.3	554.5			
20 years to maturity	573.3	490.3	555.5			
U.S. TREASURY INFLATION PROTECTED SECURITIES						
5 years to maturity	574.3	490.3	556.5			
10 years to maturity	575.3	490.3	557.5			
U.S. TREASURY SHORT-TERM BONDS						
1 month to maturity	576.3	490.3	558.5			
3 month to maturity	577.3	490.3	559.5			
6 month to maturity	578.3	490.3	560.5			
U.S. TREASURY LONG-TERM BONDS						
10 years to maturity	579.3	490.3	561.5			
20 years to maturity	580.3	490.3	562.5			
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5 years to maturity	581.3	490.3	563.5			
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1 month to maturity	583.3	490.3	565.5			
3 month to maturity	584.3	490.3	566.5			
6 month to maturity	585.3	490.3	567.5			
U.S. TREASURY LONG-TERM BONDS						
10 years to maturity	586.3	490.3	568.5			
20 years to maturity	587.3	490.3	569.5			
U.S. TREASURY INFLATION PROTECTED SECURITIES						
5 years to maturity	588.3	490.3	570.5			
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1 month to maturity	590.3	490.3	572.5			
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10 years to maturity	600.3	490.3	582.5			
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1 month to maturity	604.3	490.3	586.5			
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6 month to maturity	606.3	490.3	588.5			
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10 years to maturity	607.3	490.3	589.5			
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10 years to maturity	614.3	490.3	596.5			
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5 years to maturity	616.3	490.3	598.5			
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10 years to maturity	624.3	490.3	606.5			
U.S. TREASURY SHORT-TERM BONDS						
1 month to maturity	625.3	490.3	607.5			
3 month to maturity	626.3	490.3	608.5			
6 month to maturity	627.3	490.3	609.5			
U.S. TREASURY LONG-TERM BONDS						
10 years to maturity	628.3	490.3	610.5			
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5 years to maturity	630.3	490.3	612.5			
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Recycle

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more computers are discarded. "It's going to be a market niche-in the future," Biaggi said. "There's a need for the proper disposal."

He said federal law prohibits businesses from dumping display monitors in landfills. But individual households, he said, are exempt.

"On a national level, everyone is struggling with this issue," he said.

As a result, computer screens are the only item that OEMSupport.com charges, at \$15

Organic

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Chuck Marcy, Horizon president and chief executive, in November had said the Idaho dairy sale was moving slower than the company anticipated but was expected to conclude by year-end. That didn't happen.

This week he said the company made significant progress on the sale of its Idaho farm during the past few weeks and expects the closing to happen in early 2003.

At the Colorado farm, meanwhile, a management agreement was terminated in September.

Those two discontinued operations generated losses of \$426,000, or 4 cents per share, during the quarter and \$3.6 million, or 36 cents a year, in 2001 including anticipated selling costs for the Idaho farm, Horizon said.

Here's his company's bottom line for the fourth quarter:

Revenue for the quarter was \$964,000, or 9 cents per share, compared with \$941,000, or 9 cents, a year earlier. The compa-

changed course later in the day as they pondered the impact of a war-on-the-nation's-shaky-economic-recovery.

"The market is responding to a strong presentation by Colin Powell," said Barry Berman, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. **"Everybody's trying to guess what the reaction is going to be—whether other countries will get on board."**

monitors from the Clark County School District in Las Vegas.

Since many discarded computers are hand-me-downs from businesses making charitable donations, the recipients need to know not to simply toss them in the trash, Phillips said.

"If you donate it, you have no idea where it ends up," he said. "Invariably, it's in a landfill."

For Calkins, never-ending improvements in the world of electronics assure he'll be busy recycling discarded computers, televisions, telecommunications and other equipment.

"The market is bigger," he said. "As more electronics come out, it benefits us. I think I've found a good marriage here, making a profit and helping the environment."

"We have made excellent progress over the past two years, successfully combining rapid sales growth with solid continuing operations earnings performance," Marcy said in a statement. "We are especially pleased that we strengthened our business in both the U.S. and the U.K. in 2002."

The company this week confirmed its previous 2003 guidance, with sales growth anticipated to be 20 to 25 percent and growth in earnings per share from continuing operations in the high teens to low 20s. Marcy said he was comfortable with first-quarter consensus earnings estimates of 7 cents to 9 cents per share.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Half-off computers to a Jerome county residents

Electronic Parts Corporation is offering a limited supply of top-of-the-line, brand new computers with the latest Intel technology to all Jerome county residents. All computers are in their original boxes with full manufacturers warranty and have the latest Windows Technology. They are equipped with a 1.3 GHz Intel processor upgradeable to 1.8, 128 MB SD RAM a 20 GB Hard Drive, 1.44 inch Floppy disk drive, 32 bit sound card and video card, CD Burner, network and Internet capability, speakers, keyboard and mouse. Buyers have their choice of Windows XP or can upgrade to 2000 for an additional \$60. List price is \$698 cost for Jerome county residents is \$349. Pentium 4's are also available for \$399. The computers are available on a first come first-served basis by calling toll free 1.866.662.COMP by 6 p.m. **Saturday February 8th**

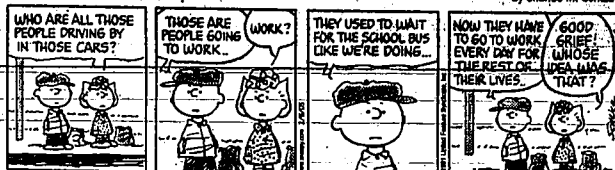
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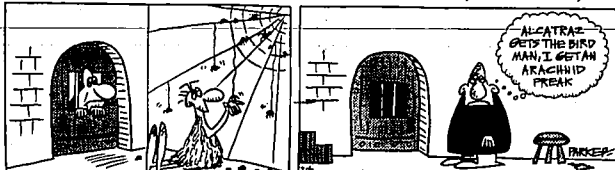
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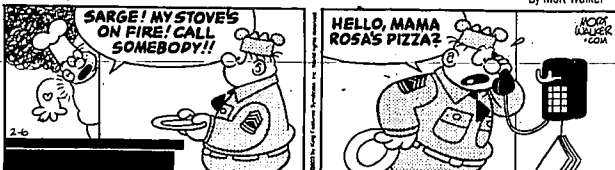
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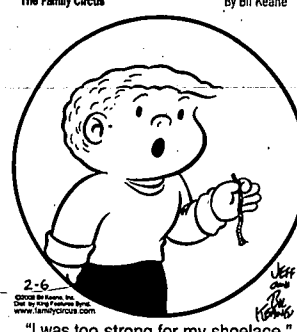
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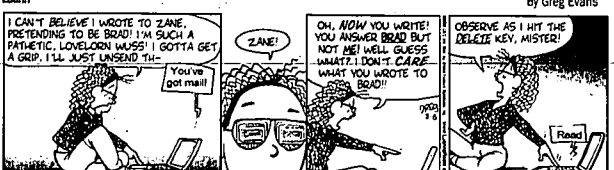
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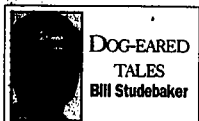
By Wiley



Down that lonesome trail

The Wild Cow Society has to happen. It will be modeled after the Wild Horse Society. The logic and goals will be identical: To save and preserve the cow in a natural and free environment where they may roam unhindered.

Both the horse and cow have played significant roles in the development of American culture, and in particular the settling of the West. But the cow has been overlooked, and this inordinate oversight has to be rectified.



DOG-EARED
TALES
Bill Studebaker

Often when I'm hiking in the High Desert, and I drop down into a small canyon and walk along the stream, a cow and calf will come rushing out of the trees and brush, her tail crooked high in the air, calf trailing frantically, I think, "How wonderful!"

It's something to see a free cow jogging up and away, and at the canyon rim, she and calf glimmering in the sunlight. For a few seconds, their silhouettes rear up as they escape.

Like the wild horses, this cow and calf's ancestors were domesticated, but they escaped. Their tenacity, their will and desire, their passion for freedom drove them to develop evasive skills. When the cowboys and cowgirls came to round them up, they hid among the brambles or ran or moved into the rocky slopes, hunkering down. The survivors had a sixth sense. They moved away long before the ranch hands could find them.

Of course, the herds of cows will have to be kept small. They will have to be managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in order to assure sufficient food. Over grazing will hurt both cow and land.

There are issues: Will wild cows be allowed to water where they want, as the wild horse does? Or will they be fenced into selected watering sights? Will wild cows be treated equally? Will they have the same rights as horses? Or will prejudice rule?

Bulls will be switched from herd to herd to prevent excessive inbreeding.

And, of course, an Adopt-a-Wild-Cow program will be blueprinted and ready to be put into place as soon as calves exceed the ordained and statistically correct number for each herd.

Yes, there will be rustlers, and people who shoot cows and calves, leaving them lying in heaps along the dusty roads. The wild cow will have its enemies. Some folks will scoff and berate supporters of wild cowiness, too.

Efforts to form a Wild Cow Society will be fraught with political and economic restraints. The necessary legislative support will require compromise and years of massaging senators and congressmen.

The Wild Cow Society will not achieve its goals easily. Yet, again there is a map drawn and contoured by the friends of the wild horse, and those friends with their predisposition for all things wild and natural will surely provide invaluable support.

Wild cows will add to the outdoor experience. Hikers, bikers, motorists, and tourists of all kinds will come to see the shaggy herds. Their imaginations will take them to a day when the cow was a beast to be wrested to the ground and brought home for milk and meat.

Wild cow horns will be priceless, spiritual icons of freedom. Horns will be preserved in museums and held, like eagle feathers, illegally in private collection.

So in a way this is a summons to you cow lovers to rise up and help form the Wild Cow Society. The goals and logic have been spelled out by horse lovers all over the West. It's merely the act of taking the first step down that lonesome trail wild cows have made in their efforts to be free.

Dash with the dogs



Twenty-year-old Dain Hamilton takes Gomez, a husky mix, and Libby, a Siberian husky, for a spin on a two-pronged harness.

Photos by KAREN BOSSICK/The Times News

Scandinavian sport of skijoring gains in popularity

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

Hurley Hamilton's two huskies whine with giddy anticipation as they watch Hurley's 20-year-old son Dain dip his boots into the bindings of his Rossignol skate skis.

He fastens a belt around his waist that's attached to the dogs' harnesses via a tether line. Then he says the word they've been waiting to hear: "Hike!"

They don't stop until he yells "Whoa!" Instantaneously, Gomez and Libby are off, straining at the tether cord as they run along a groomed snow trail next to the Big Wood River. Dain hangs on like a jockey on skis as they skim along together through the woods and over shallow rises.

"When you and your dogs are in tune, it's pure joy," said Hurley Hamilton, watching from a distance. "It's human-animal bond at its best - man and animal in complete physical and emotional bond."

The sport of skijoring, or skiing behind your dog, likely got started in Scandinavia where the word "skijoring" means "ski driving." The sport is believed to have migrated to Alaska during the Gold Rush Days. Most recently, it's found a niche in the Lower 48.

Makers of skijor gear - waist straps, towlines and dog harnesses - report brisk sales. The primer "Skijor With Your Dog" has gone into its third printing after selling 10,000 copies. And the sport is now a bona fide competition of the International Federation of Sleddog Sports, with race purses exceeding \$1,000.

All you need is a dog, skis, a comfortable dog harness, tether line and a waist belt, said Hamilton, who owns Thunderpaws Pet Express shop in Ketchikan.

The dog doesn't have to be an Alaskan husky sled dog, either. Almost any dog will do - from Doberman pinschers to beagles to Labs.

Odds are your dog will make a fine skijoring dog if it's always pulling on the



The skijor belt tethers the cross-country skier to dogs pulling him through the snow. Beginners can start with one dog, while experts can use up to three.

leash to be out in front, Hamilton said. But even dogs who have been taught to heel at your side while walking can be taught to skijor with a few nudges of a stick or another person skiing out in front and calling them.

Hamilton got started skijoring when she owned a 10-dog sled team while running Galena Lodge in the late 1970s.

She's not alone in that regard.

Former Sun Valley Trekking Co. Owner Bob Jonas and his wife, Blaine County Commissioner Sarah Michael, began skijoring after thrilling to the experience of mushing dogs along the Yukon River several years ago.

Upon returning to the Wood River Valley, they continued to skijor with their Siberian husky named Buck. They used to re-supply their yurt by harnessing a sled

"It's a wonderful way to travel. When you're skate skiing and you have a dog running in front of you at eight miles an hour helping you along, it's like flying."

- Sarah Michael,
Blaine County Commissioner

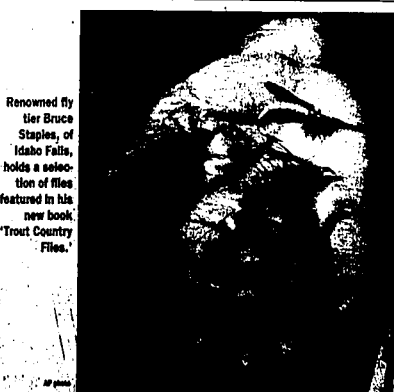
filled with Coleman fuel and other supplies behind them and having Buck help them pull it to the yurt. Even today, Jonas takes Buck out skijoring twice a day.

"It's a wonderful way to travel," said Michael.

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To get started

- Go out with a veteran to learn the commands. "Hike" means go. "Gee" means right and "Haw," left. "Gee over" or "haw over" means go by the right or left side. "Hike by" or "on by" means keep on going past distractions, such as other dogs.
- Have your pup run along with a skijoring dog or team for short distances. But check with your veterinarian to see when your dog's ready to be put in a harness. Mushers often put sled dogs in harness at six months after their bone and muscle structures are ready, Bob Jonas said. But other dogs may not be ready until they're a year old - 2 years old in the case of bigger dogs, such as St. Bernards.
- Match your dog power to your skiing ability. If you're only a so-so skier, you probably won't want to ski behind more than one dog. Two or three might be more to an expert skier's liking.
- Realize that dogs have to work hard in heavy snow and on steep hills and adjust your distance accordingly.
- Watch for shortness of breath or other indicators that your dog is not feeling well on a given day.
- Watch, also, for frostbite in extreme cold.
- It's critical that a skijoring dog gets enough water - eating snow doesn't cut it. But they need to stop panting before they can drink. Once they're relieved, you can continue.
- Protect a dog's paws with Musher's Secret, a beeswax-based ointment that offers good protection on summer hikes and bicycle rides, as well. Get them booties if you're going to be on ice or shale.
- Make sure the harness, which costs about \$38, is comfortable for the dog. Belts cost \$22. Make sure the tether is long enough - at least 7 feet - so that your skis don't poke the dog. Allow your dog time to get used to being around skis and poles, too, since some dogs are initially frightened by them.
- It's recommended that you skijor on firm surfaces, such as the North Valley Trail dog tracks or roads that have been packed down by snowmobiles.
- Carry a plastic bag to pack out doggie droppings.
- For more information, click on www.skijor.org.



Renowned fly tier Bruce Staples, of Idaho Falls, holds a selection of flies featured in his new book, "Trout Country Flies."

Idaho man chronicles fly history

New book details flies from greater Yellowstone region

By Rob Thompson
Post Register

IDAHO FALLS - From a box of 500 flies, clumped haphazardly in corners of yarn and hooks, Bruce Staples searches for one of his prized possessions.

He flicks aside nymphs and attractor patterns with a bony finger, gnarled by a high school football injury.

A Trade sidetracks his search. Without a crib sheet, he launches into a story about the tiny fly, created in 1902. A precursor to

most of the patterns anglers used today, it's a favorite of Staples'.

"It was created as a practical joke but became a staple of anglers," Staples says.

Pattern after pattern, story after story, Staples shows off different flies as he searches for the fly he most wants to share.

Finally, from under a Marcella's dry stone and a Bitch Creek nymph, Staples strikes paydirt.

He gingerly lifts the Bunyan Bug by its hook and as though it's a priceless crystal despite the fact it's a hardy combination of cork and horsehair.

"It's so simple and so perfect," he says.

Again he launches into a story about the bug that was once the West's best stonefly imitation

and was featured in the famed fly-fishing movie, "A River Runs Through It."

Historic flies and their stories are the gist of Staples' latest book, "Trout Country Flies."

Staples spent the past three years compiling the history of flies in the Greater Yellowstone Region. The result is 525 patterns in a 168-page book recently published by Frank Amato, Publications Inc.

The book details the region's important flies and the men and women who created them.

"I don't want these flies and the people who created them forgotten," Staples said earlier this week from the fly-tying bench in his Idaho Falls home. "So much of the fly-fishing history in this

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OUTDOORS

Loasa members discuss Rock Creek

The next meeting for the Loasa Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society will be held Monday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Taylor Building, Room 258, at the College of Southern Idaho. All meetings are open to members of the public interested in Idaho's native plants and the outdoors.

A presentation will be made by James Gosewells of Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways about the Twin Falls Rock Creek Extension Native Recovery Project. Come learn about native restoration concepts and plans for the Rock Creek Park extension. For more information, call 358-0759 or e-mail niriana@mindspring.com.

High desert skiers review orienteering skills

TWIN FALLS - Finding one's way during ski outings will be the focus of the February High Desert Nordic Association meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. The group will meet at Idaho Joe's Restaurant in Twin Falls.

"How Can You Get Where You Want to Go, If You Don't Know Where You Are?" will cover topographical maps, compass and GPS skills to lessen some of the risks associated with winter wilderness skiing. Rev. Jim Frisbie, an HDNA member, and other veteran skiers will present the program.

Marry Ferrell, HDNA president, said plans for possible late

Outdoors in brief

season ski activities will also be reviewed at the meeting. The general public is welcome to attend. For information, call Dale Stewart at 733-1882.

Salmon River Snowmobile Club raffle will be Feb. 15

The Salmon River Snowmobile Club is sponsoring the annual Snowmobilers Ball and Sled raffle on Saturday, Feb. 15, at Mountain Village in Stanley. Other activities will include a Poker/Fun Run starting at 11 a.m. at Mountain Village. Saturday night there will be live music and a raffle at Mountain Village. There are still tickets available for the snowmobile to be raffled that night. For information call Dan at 774-2903

Tax returns can be donated to wildlife programs

BOISE - Fish and Game officials are reminding state taxpayers that they can donate part of their refund to help fund nongame animal programs.

Nongame programs include education, conservation and recreation. Department efforts with nongame species are aimed at protecting the species before they decline to the point of listing under the federal Endangered Species Act.

Nongame activities are also

funded through the sale of special bluebird, trout or elk license plates. Programs for game animals and fish are funded through the sale of licenses and tags. Neither game nor nongame animals receive funding from general taxes.

State will poison brook trout south of Henry's Lake

IDAHO FALLS - The Idaho Department of Fish and Game intends to give native Yellowstone cutthroat trout more room by poisoning brook trout in three tiny streams south of Henry's Lake.

North Sawtell Creek, South Sawtell Creek and Bootjack Creek are not connected to the rest of the watershed, so there is no concern about the poison leaching into the Henry's Fork of the Snake River, said Jim Fredericks, area fisheries manager.

"These creeks are the perfect place for this project," he said. "They aren't anybody's favorite creeks. They're isolated streams, so there isn't an issue with recolonization with brook trout."

The poisoning is planned for late summer to decrease the threat to amphibians, Fredericks said. If there are still brook trout in the creeks afterwards, they will be poisoned again and restocked in the fall of 2004, Fredericks said.

Brook trout and brown trout were introduced throughout the

United States in the early 1900s.

Environmental groups used to have Yellowstone cutthroat listed as an endangered species in 1998. The lawsuit was rejected in 2001, in part because Idaho officials showed they were working to help the native species, which used to range throughout the Yellowstone area.

As Fish and Game re-establishes cutthroat trout, the U.S. Forest Service plans to improve the habitat on the streams. The public has until Feb. 28 to comment on that project.

Number of wild turkeys continues to climb

BOISE - The state's wild turkey population has grown from just a few hundred in the early 1980s to nearly 30,000.

Turkey program manager Jeff Gould said efforts to establish flocks statewide have been so successful that landowners are beginning to complain about the birds.

To deal with those complaints, fall hunting seasons are being extended and a depredation fund could be considered for areas where turkeys are causing problems, Gould said.

The birds are not native to Idaho. They were introduced in the 1960s and produced only a few small flocks. The department began its effort to cultivate the species in the 1980s.

—compiled from staff, wire reports

Trespassing law brings need to retrieve game

Question: "During the waterfowl season I shot a goose that slipped onto neighboring property before it died. The property is legally posted by the owner against trespassing. I know it's against the law to waste game, I also know I can't trespass without permission. It seems I've violated the law either direction I turn. What should I do?"

Answer: You are mostly correct in your interpretation of the law. The law requires a hunter to make a reasonable effort to retrieve downed game. As you know even under the best of circumstances injured game animals sometimes escape recovery. You are only required to do your best to recover downed game.

Next you must decide how to handle this situation. If you decided that it was more important to enter the neighbor's field to retrieve your downed bird and did so without the landowner's permission, you have violated state trespass law.

Contrary to what many sportsmen think, the law requiring retrieval of harvested game animals does not supersede the rights of private landowners and the legal requirements set forth in state trespass law. To legally retrieve your downed bird, you would first need to obtain landowner permission to enter the posted field.

Private landowners are not, under any circumstance or state law, obligated to grant hunter access to retrieve any downed or wounded game animals. This all-too-common scenario is something conservation officers encounter each hunting season. Conservation officers have no legal authority or magical powers to authorize any trespass onto private land without landowner approval.

As a hunter, you must remember that landowner rights are

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Gary Hompland

paramount. It is your obligation to do everything you can to prevent this kind of a scenario from happening in the first place. Simply put, good planning is the answer. Before any hunt takes place, contact all adjacent landowners and secure permission to retrieve harvested game that might inadvertently end up on their property. Secondly, if permission to enter adjacent private land(s) is not granted, do everything possible to minimize the likelihood of harvested game animals falling onto or running into adjacent private property.

These situations require tremendous self-control. There will be opportunities to shoot birds that you must not take because of the likelihood of birds of falling onto posted property.

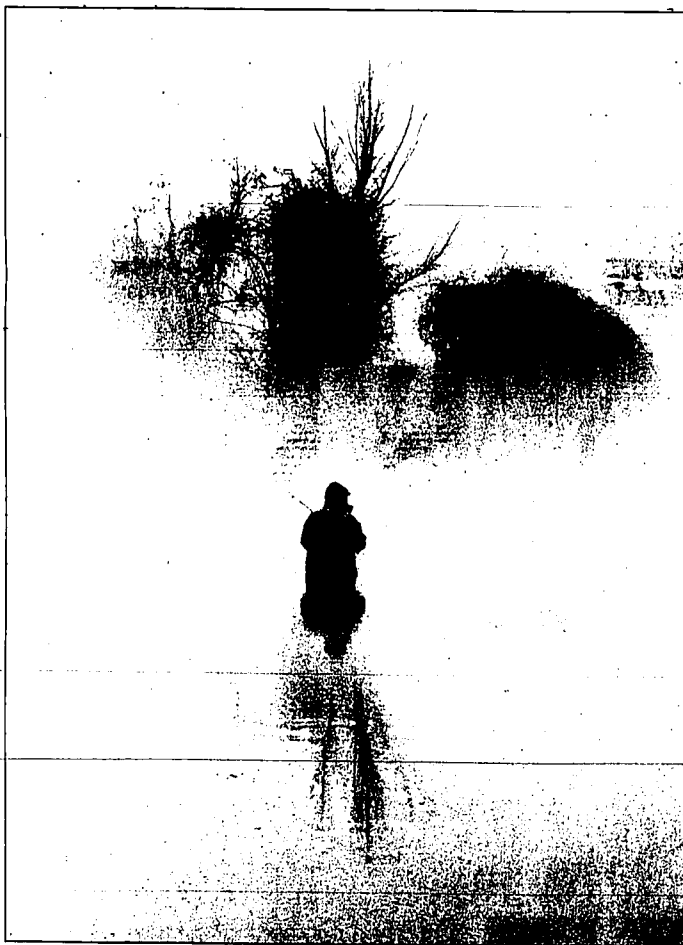
Your only real option is to contact the landowner and ask for permission to enter his property to recover your goose. If he refuses to allow you onto the property you have met your legal obligation to make a reasonable effort to recover your game and the waste statute would not apply.

Reference Idaho Code 36-1202 and 36-1603.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Call him at (208)324-4350 or email a question at theFish and Game Web site at www2.state.id.us/fish game.

FOGGY FISHING

Don Stanford fishes in a shroud of fog along the backwaters of the Tennessee River in Decatur, Ala., Jan. 29.



Fly

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The book is a labor of love for Staples, the 62-year-old retired chemist from the Idaho National Environmental and Engineering Laboratory who now teaches tying and has published "Snake River County Flies and Waters" and "The Yellowstone Park River Journal."

At fly fishing shows, on the Internet and in personal interviews, Staples has researched tyers and their patterns. The book could have displayed 1,000 patterns, but Staples concentrated on the works of pioneers and innovators.

The tyers range from legends Bing Lompe and Charlie Brooks to up-and-coming tyers such as Eric Kunz and Karl Ammonson.

"Part of the fun of fly fishing for me has been to dig in and learn about why we fish, where we fish and what we fish with," said Staples, a 30-year veteran of

fly-fishing.

The newest book isn't a kiss-and-tell about local waters. Instead it focuses on flies, their recipes and a snippet of history about their inception.

It was a joy to work on, said Staples, the 32nd winner of the Bux Buxek Award, which is given annually to the tyer who has done the most to perpetuate fly-tying.

"I just loved listening to the stories," he said.

Staples holds the Bunyan Bug above his head, studying its profile against a basement light.

"I'd love to fish with it," he says. "It'd work. Ninety percent of fly-fishing is presentation. You get it in the right spot, the fish would love it."

He smiles, drops the fly in the box and grabs a Wyoming Mickey Finn.

And then a Blue Whizman. And a Mormon Girl Streamer. Each has a story. Staples tells them all.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Club news

The Times-News welcomes announcements and other news from outdoor clubs. Address your news to "Outdoors Editor," then mail it to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or e-mail it to twinsnews@micron.net; or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office. Be sure to include a contact name and phone number.

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Your best shot

Did you bag a big buck this year? Did you reel in a whopper?

If you have a snapshot, The Times-News would like to publish it as part of our new "Trophies" feature. We welcome readers' photos of hunting, fishing or other outdoor scenes.

Address your photo to "Outdoors Editor," then mail it to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or e-mail it to twinsnews@micron.net; or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

Share your adventure

Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? If so, The Times-News would like to print it as part of our new "Cells From The Wild" series.

We welcome readers' true stories about hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Please write your story in the first person, keeping it under 500 words. Photos are a plus. Be sure to include your phone number.

Skijor

Continued from E1

Michael. "When you're skate skiing and you have a dog running in front of you at eight miles an hour helping you along, it's like flying."

While Buck weighs 75 pounds, the average sled dog weighs about 30 pounds - about the smallest you'd want for skijoring.

"You increase power by adding dogs," said Jonas. "With two or three dogs, you're braking on the corners. With three, you're throwing your edges on the track like an alpine skier. It's like gravity skiing where you're letting gravity do the work."

Still, it's not scary, even

when Buck's stretched out in full gait like a race horse, said Michael. "Most dogs stop if you fall so you don't get dragged."

That said, you might want a quick-release belt that allows you to unhook yourself from the tether line should your dog make a quick right turn into the woods after a squirrel.

That is, provided your dog is not a husky. "Rule No. 1 with huskies is never let go. They will take off and follow wildlife forever," Hamilton said.

As dogs get used to the routine and commands of pulling, however, they should be distracted only rarely, if ever, she added.

Skijoring is fun - almost

instinctive - for dogs, Hamilton said.

While sled dogs are bred to haul sleds 12 hours straight in proper conditions, dogs like border collies or Australian shepherds can easily skijor for 10 to 20 miles a day. And that's further than most of us can go, Hamilton points out.

Breeds like Labs love to pull, but you probably wouldn't want to skijor more than an hour at a time with them - and that's only if they're in good condition.

"A working or sporting dog needs to work. Dogs need more exercise than we realize," she said. "And they pick up on the adrenaline rush of a good athletic moment, just as we do."

Jonas said he's beginning to see interest in skijoring build in the Wood River Valley. It's already big in places like Montana, he added.

"The only thing it lacks is someone here to organize it," he said. "This is a perfect place for skijoring."



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Park programs enhance visits

By Bob Downing
Knight Ridder News Service

Most tourists just gaze into the Grand Canyon, stare at Old Faithful geyser and ponder the cliffs of Half Dome.

But there's another way to enjoy America's national parks: nature workshops and guided outings that take participants far beyond the usual tourist's activities.

Such programs will take you backpacking into the Grand Canyon, have you learning about grizzly bears and wolves at Yellowstone and improving your photography at Yosemite.

Such in-the-park programs are a growing trend, one that is becoming increasingly popular for adults, youths and families.

Many national parks and field institutes aimed at providing outdoor educational programs year-round.

Such low-cost day programs are taught by experts and offer visitors a new way to experience the parks, their history and the outdoors.

The oldest and largest programs are in Yosemite, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon and Rocky Mountain national parks. Rocky Mountain alone annually sponsors more than 120 field seminars.

Some programs are offshoots of nonprofit groups, such as the Grand Canyon Association.

The association has raised \$18 million for the Arizona park in the last 60 years through book publishing, sales and educational programs.

The contributions from such groups help fill gaps between federal money earmarked for national parks and what the parks need to keep running.

At the Grand Canyon, offerings include guided introductory backpacks into the canyon, as well as multi-day outings looking at the park's geology, natural history and archaeology.

There are also specialized trips for amateur photographers and for women only.

About one third of the 50 Grand Canyon offerings focus on the park's natural history.

Most are offered from March through mid-November, lasting three or four days, although some run longer.

The trips cost as little as \$185 a person for a three-day class in desert survival and ecology. A seven-day natural history backpack from Deer Creek to Kanab Creek costs \$470 per person.

That covers guide-instructor services, food and lodging (either camping out or in park lodges).

The physical demands vary from trip to trip, workshop to workshop.

The Grand Canyon Field Institute runs its trips on a 1-to-10 scale. To qualify for a Level 2 trip, a person should be comfortable taking short day hikes into the canyon or long walks. A Level 5 trip means you are comfortable on lengthy backpacks in remote regions over rough terrain.

You are on your own, of course, for getting to and from the park.

For more information, contact the Grand Canyon Field Institute at P.O. Box 399, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023; 928-638-2485 or 1-800-858-2808. The Internet site is www.gcanv.org.

Some park programs

• **Rocky Mountain National Park:** Rocky Mountain Field Seminars, 1895 Fall River Road, Estes Park, CO 80517; 1-800-748-7002 or 970-588-3282; www.rmna.org. Its 2003 program is not yet available.

• **Great Smoky Mountains National Park:** Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, 9275 Tremont Road, Tremont, TN 37882; 865-448-6709; www.gsmi.org.

• **Glacier National Park:** Glacier Institute, P.O. Box 7457, Kalispell, MT 59904; 406-755-1111; www.glacierinstitute.org.

www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute.

The Yellowstone Association Institute offers an array of wilderness backpacking, horseback, kayaking and wildlife-watching trips.

Its grizzly bear and wolf courses are among the most popular.

For example, the Winter Wolf Discovery is a three-day program offered twice a week through Feb. 28 with naturalists leading groups of 12 into the park's Lamar Valley to seek out wolves and to learn about them in lectures. The cost is \$239 a person (double occupancy) or \$303 (single).

The Yellowstone Institute offers 125 classes of one to five days throughout the year. That includes winter programs. About half of the classes are based at the park's Lamar Buffalo Ranch. There is also a three-day backpack on May 25-28 into the Black Canyon in the northern part of the park to learn about wildlife including grizzly bears, which will start stirring from their winter hibernation. The fee is \$260 a person.

For more information, contact the Yellowstone Association Institute at P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190; 307-344-2294. The Internet site is www.yellowstoneassociation.org.

The Yosemite Outdoor Adventures – there are more than 50 classes – are offered by the non-profit Yosemite Association.

The classes range from bighorn sheep and high-country wildflowers and alpine ecology to the park's geology and the arts (photography, sketching and writing).

There are day hikes and short snowshoe treks as well as an array of backpacking trips into the High Sierra, perhaps the program's strength.

For example, a guided 3 and one-half-day backpacking trip to the park's Sunrise Lakes from Tuolumne Meadows on Aug. 14-17 will cover about 17 miles. The cost is \$225 a person.

A 3 and one-half-day introductory backpack goes from Tuolumne Meadows to Glen Aulin past waterfalls along the Tuolumne River. It runs July 12-15. Participants will hike 17 miles. The cost is \$225 a person.

There are advanced treks, too. One challenge is an eight-day trip covering 60 miles will go into the spectacular Clark Range. The cost is \$425 a person.

For more information, contact the Yosemite Association at P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318; 209-379-2321. The online site is www.yosemite.org.



Casey Butcher, left, and Cal Rowe enjoy some ice fishing near a tent they converted into an ice hut Jan. 11 at Pineview Reservoir near Huntville, Utah.

Are huts really necessary?

Shelters offer warmth but require more time, effort

By Bryce Petersen Jr.
Standard-Examiner

OGDEN, Utah – Ice huts come in all shapes, sizes and prices. The larger tents can house television sets, stoves and lounge chairs. They've got hard floors, ultra-durable walls and easy-to-use sleds. They can cost over \$500.

With some of the smaller tents, it's a stretch to fit two anglers and the half-size ice fishing poles. But they're easy to heat and easy to carry. And the cheapest start at about \$110.

Not everyone uses ice shelters. It's quicker to leave the shelter at home. But it can make the day more comfortable and, with shallow, clear water, a hut will make it dark enough to watch the prey.

"It's really neat when you see the fish come up and sniff around your lure. Then it just disappears real quick," Chris Zeigler, Ogden, said. "They just suck it in."

Zeigler left his hut some that day and came to Pineview armed only with a pole, a tackle box, a chair and an auger. "It's too much work to haul down here and set up. I like to travel light. If the fishing's slow, I can just go home."

Still, there were about a dozen shelters on Pineview that calm, mild day. Sometimes it's a matter of personal preference.

"I don't care one way or the other – but my wife sure enjoys it," said Chris Hart of Clearfield.

Mario Battisti and Staci Brailsford fish from a two-man hut, heated by a small propane stove or heater.

On a day like this, an ice hut can be nice, but there are times when it's a necessity. Last spring, Brailsford says, she crashed through the ice, sank to her arm pits, climbed out and "fished all day long."

Try that without a shelter.

"We just kept the propane running all day for her," Battisti said.

Three anglers from Clinton tell of fishing on Fish Lake in the year's most bitter months.

"If you don't have a shelter down there ..."

Cal Rowe, Clinton, shakes his head.

"You're gonna freeze to death," Bob Groth, also of Clinton, finishes.

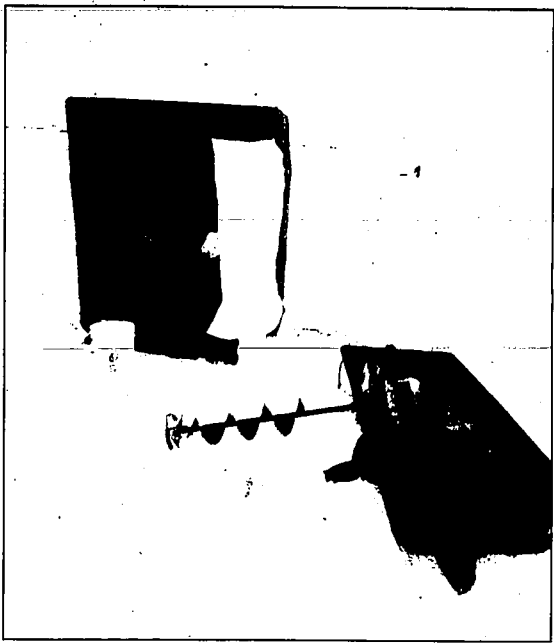
From the vantage point of Rowe's converted six-man tent – complete with zip-out floor, room to stretch, lounge and sleep – Casey Butcher looks at his two-man hut as just a little cramped.

"Shoot, it's so small, only one person can fit in it and even then you have to fish lengthwise and even these poles (2.5 feet long) are too long," Butcher, of Clinton, said.

Rowe's behemoth was cheap, too. The tent, which he still uses on elk hunts, cost only \$110 in 1989. Rowe said the design and the decision were not made lightly.

"It took me three years to decide how I wanted to do this," Rowe said.

He quipped over putting zippers for each hole, but went with this design for more flexibility.



Mario Battisti sits in his ice hut while fishing on Pineview Reservoir Jan. 11.

ability. The allure is obvious – the elbow room is unsurpassed. Butcher, Rowe and Groth can sit with long poles, lounge chairs, an ice chest, a heater and lure boxes without a bit of worry.

"If you can't stand up and do this," Groth stretched mightily, "you're hurtin'."

A man of average height can stand up in some ice tents, but the stretch would usually have to be choked off before the angler could realize its full benefit.

One exception is the Frabill Speed-Shak XL, a 110-pound, four-man available at Smith and Edwards for \$500. The ground space doesn't match Rowe's tent, but the height, 7 feet, is very comfortable. It has its drawbacks, however.

"Most people don't like a real big, rowdy one 'cause it's heavier and harder to heat," said Mike Casey, Smith and Edwards general manager.

Yes, the small huts have their uses. And their satisfied customers.

"It's one of the better investments I've made for ice fishing," Battisti said.

His propane heater and stove combination warms his two-man shelter in minutes. The small enclosure and black, heavy-duty fabric holds the heat in nicely.

A similar tent – the two-man Shappel

DX3000 – is available at local sporting goods stores including Angler's Inn. The Shappel weighs in at 45 pounds, less than half the weight – and, at \$269, about half the cost – of the Speed-Shak.

Even cheaper is the Hi-Tech Tackle. The two-man tent is available at Smith and Edwards for \$110. It has no sled, the material is less durable, there is no hard floor. "But we sell a lot of them. It's priced right. And it works," Casey said.

Brad and Tana Sorenson own two shelters. One is a four-man Frabill. The other is a two-man from a local superstore.

"You get what you pay for with ice shelters," Brad Sorenson, Layton, said. "The sled I got for the kids is better built than that one (that came with the cheap ice tent). But it works good for them."

The bigger the tent, however, the more it can be like home. With football games to watch that afternoon, Battisti had to cut short the day at Pineview. If he just had a bigger tent ...

"Like today, you could bring the generator and the portable TV and watch the football games," he said.

"Yeah, we're really roughin' it today," Brailsford said.

Researchers experiment with elk contraception

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) – Birds do it. Bees do it. But when elk want to do it biologists are stepping in.

Researchers do not want to limit the activity per se, just the results. Biologists are studying the potential of limiting elk populations by using birth control to prevent pregnancy.

In Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park, biologists are field testing for the first time a shot that prevents pregnancies in cow elk.

"This is purely for research purposes," said Ryan Monello, a natural resource specialist with Rocky Mountain, where elk numbers have grown to 3,000 from 500 in the 1960s.

"We just wanted to know if this is even something we should consider."

As research proceeds in Rocky Mountain, wildlife managers at the National Elk Refuge in Wyoming are weighing the pros and cons of birth control in a study that will serve as a blueprint for elk and bison management there and in nearby Grand

Teton National Park. A draft is due in November.

Even if proven effective in Rocky Mountain, birth control is controversial. That's especially so among the thousands of hunters who are drawn to the region annually to shoot elk. Some 3,000 elk a year are killed from the 13,000-strong Jackson elk herd in an annual Wyoming rite.



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Area students receive Distinguished Student Award

United Dairymen of Idaho announced weekly winners of its Distinguished Student Award, which recognizes excellence in academics, citizenship and the role of education in Idaho.

Lacey Perkins, a senior at Murtaugh High School, received the award for the week of Jan. 13. She has received the President's Award for Education Excellence, Interscholastic Star Award and U.S. History Top Student Award. She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Her activities include volleyball, basketball and track. She is president of National Honor Society, a quiz bowl participant

and volleyball team captain. She was a state champion in 2002 for the triple jump and 300 hurdle in track, and named all-conference in basketball and volleyball. Her volunteer work includes canned food drives, quilts for refugees and soup kitchens.

Elise Tateoka, a senior at Valley High School in Hazelton, received the award for the week of Jan. 6. Tateoka has a 4.0 grade point average, and is an All American Scholar, Discover Card Tribute Award winner, University of Idaho Top Scholar and National English Merit Award winner.

Her activities include debate and speech. She is student-body vice president, serves as District IV president and Idaho state officer of Family Career and Community Leaders of America, and chapter and president of

Business Professionals of America. She received a Bronze Congressional Award, was a Girls State Delegate and Hugh O'Brien Ambassador, and received a gold in FOCIA Star events at district, state and national levels. She also is a volunteer at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Area students on Albion College winning debate team

The Albion College of Idaho debate team scored its first uncontested first-place win at a major Division I tournament at the University of Utah Speech and Debate Tournament in Salt Lake City on Jan. 19. Members of the inking debate team include: Senior parliamentary debate: Tabitha Miller of Dietrich and John Davis of Mountain Home.

GIRLSCOUTS AT THE GOVERNOR'S BALL



Members of Girl Scout Troop 738 of Jerome attended the Governor's Inaugural Ball at the Idaho State Capitol on Jan. 11. From left, back row: are Michelle Straley, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Ashley Lough, Patricia Kempthorne and Gwen Lough; front row: Sarah Reasch, Jackie Sabo and Elisabeth Warren.

Photo courtesy of JACQUE SABO



Jerry Voss, camp secretary of the Rupert division of Modern Woodmen of America, presents a check to Dale Whipple, president of Mini-Cassia Crime Stoppers Inc. From left are Voss, Debbie Bell, Dale Whipple, W. D. Jackson, J. M. Johnson and L. Jackson.

Woodmen help out Crime Stoppers Inc.

RUPERT - Local Modern Woodmen of America members banded together, and extended a helping hand to Mini-Cassia Crime Stoppers Inc.

Modern Woodmen is a non-profit fraternal life insurance society. Crime Stoppers is a volunteer organization that raises money for rewards given for information to solve crimes.

Crime Stoppers held its annual ball, and the Modern Woodmen promised to match what was raised at the event up to \$2,500. The dance raised \$3,100, accord-

ing to Modern Woodmen. So with the \$2,500 matched by Modern Woodmen, a total of \$5,600 went to Crime Stoppers.

Modern Woodmen members from Rupert are part of a nationwide network of "camps" that annually reach out to people and programs in their communities with various fund-raising activities, organizers say.

For more information on Modern Woodmen of America, call Jerry Voss, Modern Woodmen camp secretary, at 678-3230.

Many donate assistance to Head Start during holidays

Orchard Valley Head Start of Wendell would like to thank all the businesses, organizations and individuals who donated time and/or money to assist Head Start families during the 2002 holiday season. Thanks also to Ethel German, Rebecca Ashwood, students and volunteers: Karen Tussey, Betty Wunderlee and all the Bliss and Hagerman churches who participated in the Christmas Outreach project, Lezama Real Estate Office team; Katherine Dalley and the United Methodist Women of Hagerman; Kim Johnson and friends at Sears; Terry and Nancy Huddleston; John and Kacey O'Connor; Scott Burton and Jerome High School students; and the Riverboat Restaurant staff.

We are fortunate to have such generous and caring communities!

Cindy Scott
Center Supervisor
Orchard Valley Head Start
Wendell

People support yard sale fund-raiser for veterans

We would like to thank The Times-News and all the generous people of the Magic Valley who assisted in making the yard sale fund-raiser conducted by the Twin Falls Veterans Health Commission on Jan. 24 and 25 a huge success. The earnings from this fund-raiser will be used to

support the Veterans Cemetery located 5 miles south of Hansen. Items not sold will be stored and made available for the summer yard sale.

The Twin Falls Veterans Health Commission is a non-profit corporation formed to provide a veterans detail and arrangements for funerals, and to be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Veterans Cemetery. Two members from each veterans organization in the Twin Falls area serve on the board. The corporation receives no state or federal support, and no veteran who volunteers for the commission is compensated in any way.

Thanks again for the support.
ROLAND L. GARDNER
Board Chairman
Veterans Health Commission
Twin Falls

Jerome High School receives gift of Steinbeck books

Friends of the Jerome Public Library recently donated video and audio tapes, compact discs and a book - all by John Steinbeck - in honor of his 100th year anniversary, to Jerome High School Library.

The staff and students of JHS thank the Jerome Public Library, and give special thanks to Daralynn Crozier, who coordinated the gift.

DIANE STAUFFER
Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department
Twin Falls

Cabin Fever Day contributors provide fun to city residents

The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department wishes to thank the following participants in the Third Annual Cabin Fever Day that took place on Jan. 25:

Twin Falls Community Pool, Magic Valley Bow Hunters, Diversified Martial Arts, Riverat Whitewater Toys, College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program, Pet Smart, Intermountain Martial Arts, Mountain Valley Boys and Girls Club, Twin Falls County 4-H, American Self-Defense, Falls Avenue Fitness Unlimited, The Dance Center, Curves for Women, Dive Magic, Rocky Top Cloggers, Magic Valley Academy of Music, YMCA, Twin Falls Sewing Center, Twin Falls Fitness Center, Michael's Craft Store, Paintball Ink and Canyon Springs Golf Course.

Major sponsors for the free recreational day were CableOne, Pepsi, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Costco Wholesale, Wells Fargo Bank and Twin Falls County.

Businesses and organizations like these are one of the reasons the Magic Valley is such a great place to live.

Thank you.
JOHN JACOBSON
Recreation Coordinator
Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department
Twin Falls

MV people generously provide food for the needy

Project Compassion Food Bank would like to thank the many businesses that have helped support our work of feeding those in need throughout the past year. Donors include Amalgamated Sugar, Falconhurst Dairy, Falls Brand Meats, Glanbia, Great Harvest Bread Co., Jerome Cheese Factory, Lamb Weston, Longview Fiber, Lynwood Market and Seneca.

Several individual donors and volunteers merit recognition: Warren Berry, Richard and Helen Champ, Mary Mori, Phyllis Berg, Sherry Cochran, Jeannine Sharp and Scott and Karla Marsh.

Thanks also to the Twin Falls Postal Workers for including us in their food drive.

The people of the Magic Valley are generous people. Thank you for supporting Project Compassion Food Bank. We offer food and referral services to the residents of valley, and we hope, with the continued support of fine businesses and people like those mentioned above, that we can serve our valley in the coming year.

TOBBY KENNEDY
Food Bank Director
Project Compassion
Twin Falls

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from: Organizations thanking contributors or supporters. Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service. For more information, call 735-3288

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Delta Kappa Gamma hears from State Senator Noh

TWIN FALLS - The Teacher's Organization of the Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Kimberly Elementary School Intermediate Building on Center Street.

State Sen. Laird Noh will speak on educational issues in the Legislature.

For more information, call Dee Dee Clow at 733-8480.

4H holds member enrollment at Shoshone High School

SHOSHONE - 4-H enrollment for 2003 will be held at 2:45 p.m. Monday in the lunch room at Shoshone High School, 61 E. Highway 24.

Registration fees are \$5.50 for regular members, \$7.50 for horse members, and \$5.50 for Cloverbud members.

For more information, call 885-2406.

American Cancer Society takes orders for daffodils

TWIN FALLS - The American Cancer Society will take daffodils during its annual Daffodil Days fund-raising campaign.

The daffodils are sold to benefit cancer research, education, advocacy and patient-service programs in the Magic Valley.

Pre-order sales are going on now until Feb. 28. The flowers come in bunches of 10 for \$6.50, 25 bunches for \$150 or a full case of 50 bunches for \$275.

Flowers can be ordered by calling the American Cancer Society at (208) 326-6461 or the Burley office at 878-5238. Orders may also be mailed to ACS at P.O. Box 158, Elmer, ID 83228

Shrine Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Noh's Chuck Wagon, 1839 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

All Shriners and Shriners Ladies are welcome.

The main topic of discussion will be the support of events, including parades, in 2003. Team assignments also will be made for the 21st Twin Falls Ice Breaker on March 1.

For more information, call 543-8116.

CSI North Side Center offers class on Dutch oven cooking

GOODING - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center will offer a class on the basics of cooking with Dutch ovens from 6:30-9 p.m. Feb. 18 at the center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding.

Students will learn how to season, cook with, and clean and store Dutch ovens. They also will sample food prepared by instructor Colleen Olson, and should bring a non-alcoholic beverage. The fee is \$15.

For registration information, call the CSI North Side Center at 934-8578.

Over 40 Singles Club meets for no-host dinner

BURLEY - The Over 40 singles Club will meet for a no-host dinner at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Wild Flour Cafe, 1834 Overland Ave. in Burley.

For more information call Marva at 679-5328 or Cindy at 436-0760.

Minico High class of '73 holds reunion planning meeting

RUPERT - Minico High School class of 1973 will hold a planning meeting for the class reunion at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, upstairs at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200 W., Rupert.

Anyone interested in helping is asked to attend. Ideas are welcome.

For more information, call Debi at 678-3124 or Brenda at 862-3824.

First United Methodist Church offers Mom's Day Out

TWIN FALLS - The First United Methodist Church will offer a Mom's Day Out from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Feb. 13 at the church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call the church at 733-5872.

Calvary Riders group meets for breakfast on Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Calvary Riders Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclecyclists Association will hold its monthly breakfast meeting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 598 Lake Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls.

All riders are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Rene Burkhalter at 537-6666.

Snake River Elks lodge will host pig roast Friday

JEROME - The Snake River Elks Lodge 2807 will host a pig roast on a spit dinner from 6-9 p.m. Friday at the lodge, 406 E. 200 S. Highway 93, Jerome.

The suggested donation is \$8, and the public is welcome.

For more information, call 324-0200.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Jan. 31 were: first, Carroll Benson and Susan Fannell; second, Beverly and Lonnie Burns; third, Lucy Gustafson and Mary Steele and fourth, Lorna Bard

and Sue Borden. Refreshments were served.

Bridge lessons are still being offered. For more information, call 934-8371.

The club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.

Senior center travels to Jackpot Wednesday

BURLEY - The Golden Heritage Senior Center will travel to Jackpot on Wednesday. The bus will leave at about 10:30 a.m.

Participants must obtain a ticket from the office at the senior center, 2421 Overland Ave., and call Cactus Petes to let them know they will occupy a seat on the bus. There is a boarding fee, and seniors must provide 24 to 48 hours notice.

For more information, call the center at 878-8646 or 678-1661.

NARFE organization will hear about elder hostels

TWIN FALLS - The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Creekside Steakhouse, 233 Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

Marjorie Sloten will speak on elder hostels.

All retired and currently employed federal employees are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Lee Urice at 326-5636.

Magic Valley Singles holds half-way workshop Tuesday

EDEN - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a half-way workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Anderson Camp.

This event is for members only. Members are asked to bring their used square-dance clothes to sell to other members.

The color theme will be red and white, and everyone should bring finger foods.

For more information, call Tom McClure at 324-6440.

Soroptimist of Twin Falls holds wine tasting event

TWIN FALLS - The Soroptimist of Twin Falls will hold wine tasting from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

The event will include a silent auction, door prizes and raffie.

The cost is \$18 per person or \$30 per couple. Proceeds will go towards the Crisis Center of Magic Valley and local Soroptimist scholarships.

For more information, call Kim Cochran at 736-3900 or Roxie Simco at 734-9486.

Association holds speech, debate judging clinics

JEROME - Training clinics for prospective high school speech and debate judges will be held Feb. 19 at Jerome High School, 104 N. Tiger Drive.

Anyone interested in judging high school speech or debate is encouraged to attend.

The speech clinic will begin at 6 p.m. For more information, call Scott Burton at 324-8137. The debate clinic will begin at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Michelle Fattig at 324-8137.

The state debate event will be held March 14-15 at Skyline High School in Idaho Falls, and the state speech event will be held April 25-26 at Lake City High School in Coeur d'Alene.

To be certified, participants must pay a \$7.50 registration fee, attend a clinic and score 80 percent on an open-book exam. The clinics are sponsored by the Idaho High School Activities Association. For more information, call the association at (208) 375-7027.

Jerome woman celebrates 80th birthday Sunday

JEROME - Dorie Romero Helms Conrad of Jerome will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the L-i-n-k's Apartments Activity Room, 1825 S. Lincoln St.

Conrad was raised in Soda Springs, and married Herbert Helms in 1942 near Fort Lewis, Wash. They farmed near Jerome, and had three children, Robert, Linda and Richard. They were later divorced.

She worked at the Jerome City Police station for several years. She later married John Conrad, and farmed near Murtaugh for many years. They recently moved back to Jerome to be closer to her children, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three stepchildren and four step-grandchildren.

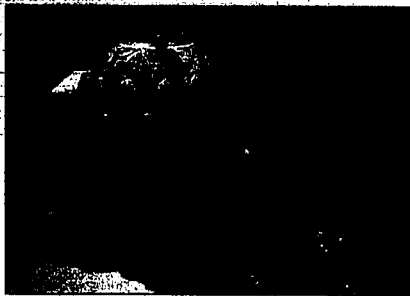
Conrad requests no gifts.

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A boy looks at a large decorative pot from Machu Picchu in a display case at the Peabody Museum at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. The pot, on loan from the Musée de l'Homme in Paris, is among hundreds of artifacts from Machu Picchu, the mysterious mountain city where the Inca elite vacationed on the west coast of South America.

Museum begins exhibit on Inca's mysterious settlement

By Diane Scaoponi
Associated Press Writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — After days of whacking around the Peruvian jungle in 1911, Hiram Bingham III came across one of the greatest archaeological treasures of the New World.

He didn't realize what he had found.

Today's visitors to the Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale University are luckier — the museum is putting on the largest exhibit ever seen in the United States on the Inca and their mysterious mountain settlement, called Machu Picchu.

Bingham, a historian, was looking for the fabled Lost City of the Inca when he found Machu Picchu.

Modern Yale researchers have concluded that Machu Picchu was a royal palace for the Inca elite, used as a vacation home when the Inca capital got too cold in the summer.

They reached their conclusions by examining the pottery, textiles and decorative objects taken from burial tombs at the site, as well as from the stunningly precise stonework that was used to build the resort.

"We have a much clearer idea of the kind of settlement the Inca created," said archaeologist Richard Burger, the former director of the museum. "It makes perfect sense as a royal estate."

The exhibit includes hundreds of artifacts, most of which have never been seen before by the

public, as well as a short film, a scale replica of the settlement and a timeline of daily Inca life.

The exhibit runs through May 4 at the Peabody Museum, then travels to Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Denver, Houston and Chicago.

During three trips from 1911 to 1915, Bingham's crew hacked back the jungle and uncovered artifacts from burial chambers that showed the sophisticated and diverse life the Incas enjoyed before the Spanish conquest.

The stonework at Machu Picchu was as fine and beautiful as the royal Inca palaces at the capital, Cuzco, and gave the first clue that Machu Picchu was no ordinary Inca city.

Peruvian archaeologist Lucy Salazar examined the pottery and other artifacts closely and discovered that many items came from far corners of South America and from other cultures that mingled with the Inca and served the emperor.

Much of Machu Picchu's stonework, textiles and pottery displayed the geometric motifs reserved for Inca royalty. A tunic found at the site was made of the wool of the wild vicuña — a wool that only Inca royalty were allowed to wear, Salazar said.

The estate was built around 1450 by Pachacuti, the first ruler of the Inca empire. Pachacuti was the Alexander the Great of South America, amassing an empire that stretched from southern Colombia to parts of Argentina and Chile.

LEARNING THROUGH SONG

Kimberly students celebrate human rights, diversity

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — With music, singing and dance, Kimberly Elementary students enjoyed a celebration of human rights and cultural diversity.

Manuel Delgado took the children on a delightful musical tour, and taught them about the history and culture behind some very famous songs.

Delgado, who is from Mexico City, originally was an entertainer in night clubs until some teachers came to watch him one night, and told him that he should be doing his presentation to children. He took them up on their advice. That was 18 years ago.

"I love working for the children. It is so rewarding," he said.

"Now I would like to start writing books for children."

He opened his program with Spain's lovely, "Malagueña," formed in classical style. From there, Delgado moved on to music from Peru, Mexico, Hawaii, Italy and Israel.

When he got to America's "Pretty Woman," the children clapped to the music.

As he sang "Jingle Bells" and "Home on the Range" in Spanish, the children recognized



A group of Kimberly Elementary students dance at a school assembly where Manuel Delgado of Mexico City played his guitar, and taught students some simple dance steps from Mexico. He performed at an assembly celebrating human rights and cultural diversity.

the music as familiar songs.

The well-known "La Bamba" brought all the children to attention, and they sang along with Delgado.

"He stressed cultural diversity," said Wes Remaley, principal at Kimberly Elementary School.

Delgado also taught the children some dance steps from Mexico. Jose Rodriguez, a fifth-grader, participated in the dancing.

"My leg was shivering," he said, "I especially liked the song, 'La Bamba.'" He added that

Delgado was pretty talented, and enjoyed his visit, but he personally likes to do "break dancing."

"It was great," said Nicolas Orozco, a fourth-grader. "I would like to have him come back, and sing more and stay longer."

Superintendent speaks to Hispanic network group

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls School District Superintendent Terrell Donchik will speak at a meeting of the Hispanic Business and Professionals Network Group on Monday.

The no-host lunch takes place at noon at Playa Azul restaurant on Main Avenue in Twin Falls.

Anyone is invited to attend. For more information, call Leticia Coronado at 735-3207 or Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288.

ISU collects items for families in Idaho, Mexico

POCATELLO — The Idaho State University Student Anthropological Society is collecting personal hygiene items and baby supplies until the end of February for the Hispanic Health Project. The project provides health information and education to Hispanic people in southeast Idaho and Guanajuato, Mexico.

The items will be distributed to



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members of the Hispanic community who work, but do not have enough income to purchase items such as laundry detergent, diapers, baby wipes, shampoo, conditioners, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sewing kits and feminine hygiene products.

Phone cards and cash donations will be accepted. Cash donations will purchase items such as phone cards and gas vouchers to allow recipients to travel to medical clinics, organizers say.

Donations are being accepted at the Hispanic Health Office in

Room 264 Graveley Hall on the ISU Pocatello campus. For more information about the Hispanic Health Project, call Diana Campanella, project coordinator, at (208) 282-4390.

ISU invites students to multicultural program

POCATELLO — Hispanic high school juniors and seniors have been invited by Idaho State University to attend its multicultural visitation program on Feb. 14.

For more information, see Mrs. Sapient in room 206 at Burley High School or call ISU at (208) 282-021.

Spanish council sponsors

'Romantic Night' fund-raiser

BUHL — A "Romantic Night" fund-raiser will be sponsored by the Spanish Council of the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl on Feb. 15.

The event will include a can-

dled dinner and serenading by Spanish singers and guitarists from 7-8 p.m. Dancing to American and Latin disc jockey music will follow from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets are \$30 per couple and \$20 per single.

For more information, call Carmen at 326-3607.

Know a Latino who deserves recognition?

TWIN FALLS — Do you know a Latino person who has overcome obstacles, has an unusual hobby or job or earned a special achievement? Do you know someone who has made a contribution to the community or makes a special effort to keep up his or her tradition and celebrate their culture?

Then, The Times-News Comunidad page would like to write about them.

Call editor Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288, or send information via e-mail to patm@magicvalley.com.

Spanglish becomes part of mainstream Hollywood fare

By Teresa Wiltz
The Washington Post

It's a moment of high drama, the kind of drama of which Tony Soprano would heartily approve.

"Enseñame la carga," a mob boss orders his flunky, rubbing his hands with anticipation.

The flunky opens his SUV, and out comes tumbling la carga: the bloody, bullet-ridden body of a DEA agent.

It doesn't take a linguist to figure out what's going on in "Sin Aggravar," NBC's upcoming drama about a Mexican drug lord. Which is exactly the point these days as snippets of Spanish, sometimes translated but often

not, increasingly crop up on the big and little screen.

As U.S. Latino population expands to 37 million, on-screen life is gradually changing to depict la vida latina. That means Spanglish — the mixing of Spanish and English — is the featured act in

"Traffic," where a substantial part of the dialogue was in subtitled Spanish, to John Sayles' almost-all-Spanish "Men With Guns," to both

"Spy Kids," where Spanish words were tossed about, to Spike Lee's "25th Hour," where untranslated dialogue floats around like background noise, to John Leguizamo's

"Empire," to "Real Women Have Curves," in which the Latina pro-

tagonist — is fluent in both California-ese and her parents' native tongue. On the Spanish screen, there is "The George Lopez Show," where the Chicano comic peppers his speech with "orale."

On PBS's "American Family," starring Edward James Olmos and Raquel Welch, Spanish is an integral part of the family's Mexican-American culture. For preschoolers, there's Nickelodeon's bilingual "Dora the Explorer." On "CSI: Miami," the forensic crew will throw in a word or two while questioning witnesses, just to let everyone know they're hip.

Spanish is hip, a flavoring, a punctuation, a way to express cul-

tural pride — and an awareness of the rapidly changing U.S. landscape.

"Latino culture is moving from the periphery to center stage," says Ilan Stavans, author of "Spanglish: The Making of a New American Language," and professor of Latin American and Latino culture at Amherst College.

"Mainstream Americans are absorbing this and thinking that it's hot. I've even seen Spanglish Hallmark cards. ... This Spanglish thing is very cool, even if you don't speak it. It makes you attractive to younger people to a particular audience that's out there and that corporations want to address."

In Mexican borderlands, unusual saint of death draws followers

By John Savigny
Associated Press writer

MONTERREY, Mexico — When police raided the home of a powerful Mexican drug trafficker, a statue of a skeleton standing on a homemade altar peered back at them with eerie, yellow eyes.

The figure, known as La Santísima Muerte, or Saint Death, is a spirit representing death worshipped by everyone from drug traffickers to jealous housewives in Mexico's borderlands. Anthropologists say a growing number of border residents are turning to witchcraft and black magic for power over a host of evils, from deceit to jail time to poverty and sickness.



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"God helps the good and the devil helps the bad, but death is the same," said Blanca Tamez, a Monterrey spiritual counselor who calls on Saint Death in her workshops.

Tamez said she began praying to Saint Death when she was a little girl. Her grandmother was also a follower.

Statues of the grim reaper dressed in a long cloak and wielding a scythe line the shelves of Monterrey's markets.

Saint Death also appears on medallions that hang from the necks of waitresses in tough cantinas.

Last year, police found a statue of Saint Death when they raided the home of the Gulf cartels' lieutenant, Gilberto Garcia, in the northern state of Tamaulipas, which borders Texas. The Gulf Cartel was the strongest of the border-based Mexican cartels until 1996, when Juan Garcia Abrego was sentenced in Houston to 31 life terms for drug smuggling.

Many drug lords turn to black magic and folk saints for protection.

Nearly every town along the Rio Grande has channels to call on the different spirits.

Herb shops along the Texas-Mexico border sell magic candles that believers burn in their homes to ward off everything from traffic tickets to bad grades.

Some candles in glass holders picture a giant X over a police officer.

The church has frowned upon such practices and is especially concerned about Saint Death — which borders on black magic.

Prayers to Saint Death often mention the Father, Son and Holy Spirit — Catholicism's Holy Trinity.

"That's nothing more than religious ignorance and superstition," said Rev. Pedro Garza, a priest in Monterrey, a city of 4 million people.

CONSULATE CLOSES



Miguel Juarez Perez sells newspapers near the U.S. Consulate in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, which reported the consulate's temporary closing. The U.S. government announced that it closed its busy consulate in the border city of Nuevo Laredo to investigate possible illegally issued visas.

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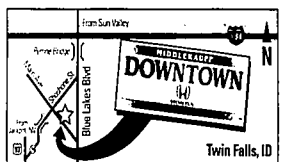
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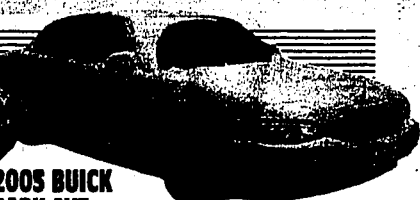


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