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Trucks roll across the detour route of westbound Interstate 84, as Dallas Williams grouts the retaining walls of the new westbound lanes at the interchange of I-84 and U.S. Highway 93 Monday.

Motorists will begin using new I-84 entrances Thursday

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

JEROME - Commuting between Jerome and Twin Falls has been complicated for the past 15 months.

But the inconvenience will soon come to an end with completion of the \$7.3 million project to revamp the Interstate 84/U.S. Highway 93 interchange.

During the construction, drivers have found themselves stalled at the interchange as crews balled rock and did other work to elevate the viaduct and improve freeway entrances. And if commuters tried to avoid the 20- to 30-minute delays by turning onto Golf Course Road half a mile north of the Snake River Canyon, they frequently ran into stalled traffic as drivers were waiting to turn west.

Jerome County resident Priscilla Malone, who lives on Golf Course Road but works in Twin Falls, said she made a point of

Opening the interchange

- **What:** Celebration of the completion of the reconstructed interchange at Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93.
- **When:** 12:30 p.m. Nov. 25.
- **Where:** Three miles north of Twin Falls at the southwest corner of Crossroads Point.
- **Who:** Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, Jerome Mayor Charlie Correll, Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow, Idaho Transportation Department Director Dave Ekern and Transportation Board Chairman Charles Winder will preside. The public is invited; the first 300 people will be served baked potatoes.

avoiding the interchange during construction if she had appointments in Jerome after leaving Twin Falls.

"There have been times I had a doctor's appointment or a dental appointment in Jerome and was a half-hour late because of blasting," Malone said. "For that reason I'll always take the Golf Course Road. But if you try to turn onto it at 5 o'clock, you could be back up to the bridge."

But transportation officials say the irritating traffic congestion was held to a minimum. And area leaders are hailing the completion

Opening the interchange

of the project as a significant impetus bound to boost development between Twin Falls and Jerome.

The best news for drivers is that much of the congestion will end on Thursday, as traffic on I-84 will resume its regular pattern, instead of being just one lane, said Mel Conter of the Idaho Transportation Department. Thursday is also the day the entrance ramp for northbound traffic onto I-84 going west will open.

Next Tuesday the entrance for southbound traffic merging onto

the westbound traffic will be opened. Between now and then, look for crews to clean up construction paraphernalia and do some minor striping and paint removal.

"Traffic on the interstate at the interchange is estimated to reach 27,000 vehicles a day by 2005. Transportation Department figures show it will be up to 45,000 a day by 2026. Northbound traffic coming out of Twin Falls merging onto the westbound lanes of the interstate is estimated at 8,800 vehicles a day by 2006. By 2026, it should be at 12,800 cars a day. The new configuration should handle traffic for the next 20 years, officials say.

The project is estimated to come in just below or right at the original bid of \$7.3 million, Conter said. Originally projected to be finished in December, it is also being completed just a bit ahead of schedule.

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John Allen Muhammad
Faces life in prison or death penalty

Jury convicts Muhammad of murder in sniper trial

The Associated Press

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. - In a verdict that could cost him his life, a stone-faced John Allen Muhammad was convicted Monday of using a high-powered rifle, a beat-up car and a teenage sidekick to murder people at random and terrorize the Washington area during last year's sniper attacks.

The jury immediately began hearing evidence on whether the 42-year-old Army veteran should get the death penalty or life in prison.

"We reserve the death penalty for the worst of the worst," prosecutor Richard Conway told the jurors. "Folks, he still sits right in front of you without a shred of remorse."

Muhammad stood impassively as the verdict was read, looking straight ahead with the same enigmatic look he had throughout the trial. Two jurors held hands, and two others wept. Family members of victims held hands and wiped away tears.

The jury deliberated for 6 1/2 hours over two days before convicting Muhammad of two counts of capital murder. One count was for taking part in multiple murders, the other - the result of a post-Sept. 11 terrorism law -

RESTORING HEMINGWAY'S HOUSE

New group aims to return author's Ketchum home to 1961 look

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Ernest Hemingway wrote a lot of things. But he never wrote a detailed blueprint describing the curtains, furnishings and other details of his home overlooking the Big Wood River in Ketchum.

Consequently, Kerry George and Morley Golden are going in search of old photographs and acquaintances of Hemingway as a new nonprofit organization tries to reconstruct the home the way it looked in 1961 shortly before Hemingway's suicide.

"There's a lot of pictures of Ernest and Mary Hemingway, but there's not a lot of pictures of the house," said Golden.

"Consequently, there are some question marks. There is a shelf in a corner, for instance, that was



A bedroom in the Hemingway House contains memorabilia of Ernest Hemingway, including a trophy head, Hemingway books and a travel trunk.

Want to help?

If you have information on the Hemingway House or want to help with the Idaho Hemingway House Foundation, call 726-4282 or e-mail info@hemingwayhouse.org.

obviously special for something. But what?" Golden and George are among

15 people who have formed a board of directors to restore and preserve the home and the 13 acres of land on which it sits. Others on the board of directors include Hemingway's granddaughter Mariel Hemingway, actor Tom Hanks, actress Rita Wilson and mystery writer Ridley Pearson.

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At age 75, Mickey Mouse represents U.S. culture

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - Mickey Mouse arrived on the world's cultural stage 75 years ago today as a scrappy but buoyant black-and-white product of the Jazz Age.

He was a symbol of American pluck in his screen debut, "Steamboat Willie," on Nov. 18, 1928. The film at New York's Colony Theatre showed an irreverent rodent who takes



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Captain Pete's steamboat on a joyride and was Minnie Mouse by making music to the bodies of various farm animals.

The years have dulled Mickey's personality, a result of him becoming the corporate face of a multi-billion-dollar entertainment empire. In the process, Mickey also has become a cliché. "Particular test - a symbol of American optimism, resourcefulness and energy or an icon of cultural commodification and corporate imperialism."

"There are a number of qualities Mickey represents on which people like to stick their particular view of the world," said Janet Wasko, a University of Oregon professor and author of "Understanding Disney: The Manufacture of Fantasy."

For Roy E. Disney, whose uncle, Walt Disney, created the character, Mickey Mouse is "this friendly little guy" which were Walt's words for describing him.

For Penn State professor Henry Giroux, however, Mickey Mouse represents the vast reach of American cultural power, symbolizing a company that has turned

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AARP endorses Medicare plan

Dems give it cool reception

The Associated Press



Sen. Ed Kennedy

WASHINGTON - Republicans won the blessing of the politically influential AARP Monday for their Medicare prescription drug bill, but Sen. Edward M. Kennedy countered with a scathing attack, saying the legislation included a "\$12 billion slush fund to lure seniors" into private coverage.

At the White House, President Bush arranged to meet with lawmakers who spent months negotiating the deal and now must find the votes to pass it.

William D. Novelli, CEO of the AARP, said in an Associated Press interview that his group would "pull out all the stops" to pass the legislation, including a three-day television advertising campaign this week.

The bill is not perfect, he conceded, "but the country can't afford to wait for perfect. On balance, it's the right thing for seniors in America and their families."

But Kennedy, D-Mass., his party's leading spokesman on health matters, said the legisla-

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Medicare bill nearing completion

Republican congressional leaders hope to push the Medicare legislation through the House and Senate in the next couple of days. The package was endorsed Monday by the AARP which is launching a three-day advertising campaign to help pass the bill.

Major provisions

- Coverage gap** - No coverage for drug costs between \$2,200 and \$3,600 out-of-pocket catastrophic coverage - When out-of-pocket spending reaches \$3,600, insurance covers 95 percent of drug costs or requires a modest co-payment.
- Low-income subsidies** - The premium, deductible and coverage gap would be waived for people earning up to \$12,123 a year.
- Retiree coverage** - Starting in 2006, up to \$70 billion in retiree subsidies to employers who maintain drug coverage for retirees.

Interim drug card In 2004 and 2005, seniors eligible to purchase a discount card estimated to yield drug cost savings of 15 percent or higher. Low-income seniors would get an annual subsidy of \$500.

Main drug benefit In 2006, beneficiaries could sign up for a stand-alone drug plan or join a private health plan. They would be charged a premium of \$25 per month, or \$420 per year. After meeting a \$275 deductible, insurance would pay 75 percent of drug costs up to \$2,200.

SOURCE: Staff to Medicare bill negotiators

Mark Sherman/AP

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Breezy with patchy clouds and comfortable temperatures. Highs near 50.
Tonight: Mostly clear, breezy and dry. Lows near 32.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and windy at times. Highs near 56.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy, breezy and comfortable. Highs in the lower to middle 50s.
Tonight: Mostly dry with a few pitting clouds. Lows in the lower 30s.

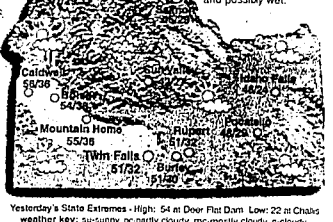
IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy and windy periods accompanied by intervals of light rain or high elevation snow. Turning colder with increasing snow chances surfacing later in the week.

Today Highs 33 to 44. Tonight's Lows 22 to 32.
BOISE: Mostly dry and fair, other than a low passing clouds likely today and tomorrow. Breezy today, becoming windier on Wednesday with comfortable temperatures likely both days.

NORTHERN UTAH

Relatively dry, partly cloudy and comfortable today through Thursday. Windy at times. Friday will be colder and possibly wet.



Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 54 at Deer Flat Dam. Low: 22 at Canyon weather key. Accuracy: partly cloudy, mostly cloudy, mostly sunny, mostly clear, mostly overcast, mostly hazy, mostly fog, mostly rain, mostly snow, mostly wind, mostly rain/snow.

TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 51, Low 32).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 7 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Precip. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Burley, and Sun Valley.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Shows daily and monthly averages.

Barometric Pressure

Table with 3 columns: Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moonrise and Moonset.

Mooneise and Moonset

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Next Day. Shows moon phase and time.

U.V. INDEX

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Next Day. Shows UV index levels.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists cities and their weather forecasts.

Advertisement for Windshield repair services by Gary's Windshields.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists Canadian cities and their weather forecasts.

Advertisement for Today's National Map showing weather patterns across the US.

Anti-Bush protests in U.K. begin with petition

LONDON (AP) - A woman scaled a gate at Buckingham Palace Monday, unfurling an upside-down American flag in protest, while Vietnam veterans Row Kovic delivered an 85,000-signature petition asking Prime Minister Tony Blair to call off President Bush's visit to Britain this week.

Judges question holding citizen as 'enemy'

LOS ANGELES Times - A federal appeals court on Monday sharply questioned the Bush administration's decision to classify a U.S. citizen as an enemy combatant, thereby denying him access to legal counsel.

Medicare

Continued from A1 - Kennedy and Rep. Charles Rangel's D-X - both of whom Medicare-eligible - also attacked a proposal for direct competition between traditional Medicare and the new private plans, a program they said would increase premiums for seniors opting against managed care.

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Hemingway

Continued from A1 - The Idaho Hemingway House Foundation wants to develop a limited number of small academic programs in conjunction with the University of Idaho that focus on Ernest Hemingway's life, writing and interest in the natural world outside his home.

Sniper

Continued from A1 - alleged the killings were designed to terrorize the population, Muhammad is the first person tried under the Virginia law.

Toppling home

The house is three stories tall if you consider the garage, which was built into the hill. It features furnishings like the 1950s and early 1960s and Hemingway memorabilia, including the typewriter where the author pounded out stories as he stood looking out through a picture window overlooking the hills to the north.

Large advertisement for Claude Brown's Home Furnishings, featuring floor coverings, furniture, and bedding.

U.S. soldiers, civilians die in day of violence

TIKRIT, Iraq - Two U.S. soldiers were killed Monday in separate incidents north of Baghdad, while an American patrol killed three people at Baghdad's gas market after apparently mistaking the test firings of customers as an attack, officials and witnesses said.

Earlier, in a show of force backed by tanks and mortars, U.S. forces assaulted dozens of suspected guerrilla positions in Saddam Hussein's hometown before dawn, killing six alleged insurgents and capturing others, officials said.

Faced with a deteriorating security situation, the military in past days has reacted with heavy raids and dramatic bombings in central and northern Iraq in an effort to intimidate the resistance. U.S. forces fired a satellite-guided missile armed with a 500-pound warhead at a target near Tikrit on Monday, the second use of the weapons in as many days.

The military also announced that soldiers in the city of Ramadi west of Baghdad arrested Kazim Mohammed Faris, a suspected organizer of the Fedayeen guerrillas responsible for anti-U.S. violence.

The American soldiers were killed Monday near the town of Bahad, 45 miles north of Baghdad, the military said.

One soldier died and two others were wounded when insurgents engaged their patrol with small-arms fire at 7:30 a.m. Another died when a convoy was struck by a roadside bomb near the town at 7:48 a.m., the statement said.

More than 400 U.S. service members have died since military operations began in Iraq May 1, when President Bush declared major combat operations there over.

Meanwhile, an Italian official began considering a string of Democratic amendments, but few if any were expected to survive. GOP conference leaders said they were determined to complete the legislation so the House could take it up as early as today.

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Energy bill includes \$23B in tax breaks

WASHINGTON - Two-thirds of the \$23 billion in tax breaks in the Republican-drafted energy bill would go to the oil, gas and coal industries. Democrats slammed the legislation, one describing it as "a lodgepole of subsidies for the politically well-connected."

Congressional estimates released Monday put the cost of the package, the first overhaul of the nation's energy priorities in a decade, at \$32 billion over 10 years, including about \$9 billion for nontax-related measures and revenue losses.

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States ask courts to quickly block EPA rule change

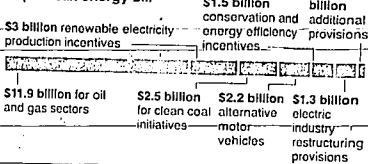
WASHINGTON - More than a dozen state attorneys general Monday sought to block the federal government from implementing a rule change they argued would lead to more air pollution from the nation's power plants.

Fourteen states and a number of cities, including New York, San

Energy subsidies favor fossil feuds

The Republican sponsored energy bill provides for an estimated \$23 billion over 10 years in tax breaks, two-thirds going to coal, oil and natural gas industries.

Tax breaks proposed in Republican energy bill



SOURCE: Senate Finance Committee

Dan DeLorenzo/AP

Francisco, and Washington, D.C., are seeking a court injunction to short-circuit a measure by the Environmental Protection Agency before it goes in effect Dec. 26.

They want to block EPA's loosening of Clean Air Act regulations that would allow older power plants, refineries, and factories to modernize without having to install expensive pollution controls.

The suit was filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., by the following states: New York, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

A spokesman for the Electric Reliability Coordinating Council, a Washington-based group that

opposes six power-generating companies, predicted the effort would fail. "This is just another attempt by the attorney general to delay reforms that will improve efficiency and reduce emissions," said the spokesman, Frank Maisano.

Attacks against U.N. raise fears of new Taliban target

KABUL, Afghanistan - Three attacks against the United Nations and its workers in Afghanistan in the last week sent a shudder through the international community, raising fears the world body could be emerging as a target of choice for suspected Taliban insurgents.

On Sunday, 29-year-old refugee agency worker Bettina Gotzard was killed as she traveled in a marked U.N. vehicle through a bazaar in central Afghanistan. That same day saw a bomb attack on a U.N. vehicle in eastern Pakhtia province. And on Nov. 11, a car bomb exploded outside U.N. offices in the southern city of Kandahar.

Though aid workers have been targeted increasingly in Afghanistan in recent months, the concentration of attacks against the United Nations this week was unprecedented.

In response, the United Nations on Monday suspended humanitarian operations in southern and

Nation/World in brief

eastern Afghanistan. U.N. associate spokeswoman Maric Okabe said staff would continue working in the north, which includes the capital, Kabul. She is trying to undermine development work and force aid groups out of Afghanistan.

House-Senate panel agrees to \$2.4B for AIDS effort

WASHINGTON - House-Senate conferees have agreed to provide \$2.4 billion this year to combat AIDS and other deadly diseases in Africa and other poor regions, congressional staff members said Monday.

The amount is \$400 million more than President Bush proposed last February. The administration had defended Bush's request, attacked as inadequate by advocates of an aggressive global fight against AIDS, as all that could be effectively spent right now.

David Bryden, spokesman for the Global AIDS Alliance, a Washington-based advocacy group, called the move a "positive trend."

Attorney seeks visit rights for man who shot Reagan

WASHINGTON - John Hinckley Jr.'s therapist testified Monday that the mental health of the man who tried to assassinate President Reagan is improving, and he should be allowed to visit his parents without supervision.

The government and Reagan's family oppose the idea. The case is being heard by U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman to allow Hinckley 10 unsupervised visits away from the hospital.

- compiled from wire reports

EPA will propose easing rules for radioactive waste

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration is considering allowing low-level radioactive waste to be dumped at toxic waste sites and other facilities that currently aren't permitted to receive it.

The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to issue a notice Tuesday seeking public comments on the proposal.

The notice, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, asks the public to weigh in on whether certain levels of radioactive waste can be stored in landfills or hazardous material disposal sites.

Nuclear power companies can dispose of low-level radioactive

waste at a handful of sites around the country, and about 20 sites can dispose of hazardous material.

The EPA notice says a rule change could simplify the process for getting rid of hazardous and radioactive waste for nuclear power companies and others that generate it.

Environmentalists criticized the new proposal.

"They can save a lot of money if their waste doesn't have to go to a facility designed to safely contain it," said Daniel Hirsch, president of the Committee to Bridge the Gap, a Los Angeles-based nuclear watchdog group.

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EDITORIAL

School leaders listened to community concerns

Since last spring, when the Twin Falls School Board delayed adoption of a block schedule for Twin Falls High School, district leaders have worked hard to shape a schedule that meets academic needs and community concerns.

The Class of 2004 at Twin Falls High will need 44 credits for graduation. That's the lowest in the Magic Valley. Yet Idaho's colleges and universities require 48 credits for admission. District leaders are right to pursue a schedule that makes room for those additional credits.

Block talk

The Twin Falls School District will hold two public information meetings this week about the new high school schedule.

- 7 tonight, at O'Leary Junior High
- 7 p.m. Thursday, at Robert Stuart Junior High

ed the district's options. Still, the blended block plan has notable positives:

- **Kids at risk** - The plan makes time for remedial lessons, tutoring and counseling. If a student is at risk of being left behind, the block plan allows safety nets.
- **Students won't forget** - Math classes and Advanced Placement courses are given on the A/B format, so they are learned year-long and with tests in the spring.
- **Clubs and teams** - The plan enhances scheduling for extracurricular activities. An A/B format works well for music classes and "skinies" allow clubs and sports to meet early, late or at mid-day.
- **Release time** - The committee, along with LDS students and parents, agreed to a plan that accommodates seminary classes all year.
- **Graduation boost** - The plan will let Twin Falls raise the minimum of credits required for graduation to 52 credits by 2007.

Ninety-minute class periods will bring other benefits, such as more time for science labs. Of course, the success of those longer periods will depend on the performance of teachers. The block schedule could be a taxing experience for students, if teachers don't plan accordingly.

Good teachers probably will continue to excel, but struggling teachers may struggle even more. The district is unclear how it will get underperformers up to snuff.

Overall, however, the blended block proposal has been a positive collaboration between the district and community members. School leaders deserve credit for listening to the community and crafting a workable solution.



Memories of JFK don't fade

On election night, 1960, I watched the returns trickle in to Huntley and Brinkley on a black-and-white TV set at an American University fraternity house in Washington. I was an almost 18-year-old college freshman, and Dwight Eisenhower was the only president I had been aware of.

The results would not be determined until the next day, but when they were (and even with the tampered ballot boxes in Cook County, Illinois - the "hanging chad" scandal of that day), John Fitzgerald Kennedy was declared the winner over Vice President Richard Nixon. My politics had not been fully formed yet, and like many others of my age, I was attracted to Kennedy, who resembled an older brother, in contrast to the bald and grandfatherly Eisenhower.

I met Kennedy briefly in 1962. While working as a copyboy for NBC News in Washington, White House correspondent Sam Donaldson took me to the Oval Office where I watched Adlai Stevenson storm in as America's ambassador to the United Nations. Kennedy looked exactly as he did on TV: young, lots of hair, a great smile and full of life.

I was destined to work for my 2-11 p.m. shift at NBC. The radio interrupted Chubby Checker singing "The Twist" to report that President Kennedy had been shot in Dallas. At a spotlight, I rolled down my windows and shouted to drivers on both sides, "The president has been shot; Kennedy's has been shot; Kennedy's has been shot in Dallas."

been shot in Dallas." These were not the last stunned expressions I saw that day.

By the time I arrived at NBC, BULLETIN and URGENT dotted the UPI and AP teletype machines, which were my responsibility to clear of copy and take to the correspondents. Many couldn't wait. They stood next to me to read the latest. Everyone else was on the telephone, trying to get more details and line up guests. This was before microwave dishes, so interview subjects had to either come to the studio or a film crew (before portable video cameras were in use) would go to them.

The first wire service report that Kennedy had died came from Reuters, which used a designation reserved at that time for only the most momentous events: "FLASH: Kennedy died," it said. I tore it off, announced it to the newsroom and stuffed it in my pocket as a piece of history. Correspondent Robert Abernethy (who now hosts a program on PBS) walked in and wanted to know what had happened. He had not been listening to the radio. "President Kennedy is dead," I announced. He turned ashen and asked the assignment desk what he could do.

For the next three days, we were absorbed - as was the rest of the country - in a styrofoam jockey other in our lifetime. Not since the

death of Franklin Roosevelt had Americans been so focused on a single event.

The significance of John Kennedy's life, presidency and murder has been discussed and debated by scholars and others for four decades. What would America and the world have been like had he lived? Would he have pulled "adversaries" out of Vietnam, or would he have gotten us deeper into "the big muddiness," as his successor, Lyndon Johnson, did? Would his brother, Bobby, and Martin Luther King Jr. be spared murder - were it not for the ugliness unleashed by JFK's assassination? Such questions are the stuff of speculation and are unanswerable.

It is true to say that Kennedy's death was the end of our innocence. For some, all things seemed possible with Kennedy in the White House. When he died, most things seemed impossible. There was a sense he had been robbed of hope, and hope denied proves cynicism and despair - two viruses that continue to plague our culture.

Would we have degenerated into the kind of culture war we are engaged in today had Kennedy lived? Would "the '60s" have happened as they did? Again, it's impossible to say. Speaking as one who became a conservative and realizes that the "myth" of Camelot was exactly that, I still miss him. Even more, I miss much that was good in American life that seems to have perished with him.

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LETTER

Why add taxes when hospital finances are fine?

During the last few months, The Times-News has published articles about the county ambulance losing money and the possibility of an "Ambulance Tax" just to maintain services. Then on Oct. 31, the "Hospital's finances appear healthy" headline jumps out of the local section. So which is it?

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center operates the ambulance service in Twin Falls County. The income and expenditures for the ambulance service are part of the hospital budget. The numbers published in The Times-News shows a net gain of \$3.9 million after expenditures for the 2002-2003 fiscal year of the hospital. So how is the ambulance service owned and operated by the hospital losing money if the hospital is doing so well?

Additionally, the article reports the hospital will save almost \$1 million in insurance premiums in the next year. The other Times-News articles said the ambulance is losing \$500,000 a year. That would be a net gain of \$500,000 just on savings from the insurance premium. Now I have a concern.

There are state-licensed emergency medical service agencies in Filer, Buhl, Castelford, Kimberly and Murtaugh. These are volunteers without a hospital or county tax to pay the expenses for emergency response, and they often get there before the ambulance. If the county commissioners create an Ambulance Tax, then where does the money go? How much will go to the other agencies that provide support for the ambulance service? Will the hospital improve ambulance services or just have more money? Everyone will pay a tax, if implemented, but who will benefit from it seems to be quite unclear.

WILLIAM J. PYRON
Hansen

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Scheduling committee included many viewpoints

As the Twin Falls High School Scheduling Committee chairman and as a concerned parent of this school district, I would like to commend the committee participants for their dedication to this project. The committee was formed with as many students' interests as possible. It was open to the public, and all interested and concerned parents were invited to be involved. The committee worked hard to identify the needs and concerns of all 1,500 students at Twin Falls High School. While there is no perfect schedule, I feel the one we have all agreed on is by far the most flexible. It will offer students several different ways to learn and give them opportunities to excel.

I want to thank our school district for wanting to achieve a higher standard of education for students. The challenge is now to all of us, as parents and community members, to get involved and stay involved with the education of our children and the success of our school district.

For more information on the proposed schedule, please plan to attend one of the public informational meetings scheduled this week: Tuesday at 7 p.m. at O'Leary Junior High and again at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Robert Stuart Junior High. Please remember the district and staff have a great record and deserve our trust for implementation of this schedule. It will take time to perfect, and I for one will stand behind the staff with full support to create the best educational environment for all children.

SHAWNNA OBENCHIAIN
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Shawnna Obenchia is the chairman of the Scheduling Committee at Twin Falls High School.)

Attend block discussions and see its merits

Parents and students should attend the meeting at O'Leary Junior High Nov. 18 to discuss the importance of changing to a block system for our high school. This will allow our school to provide more classes for the students and more time in the classes to give more help if needed.

I feel I have first-hand information about the block program because my daughter has taught in Kuna High School for 10 years using this system. After going over the lesson assigned for the day she has time to help the students and answer any questions they may have about the next assignment. My granddaughter and grandson both graduated from Kuna being educated under this system. Ashlee graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree and teaching certificate. James is now attending college. Both would recommend the block system.

Religion should not be an issue for our school board and administrators to change our high school to a block system. This should be done to ensure our students they are getting the

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best education we can provide for them.

JEAN ERKSON
Twin Falls

Emergency technicians show true professionalism

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the brave men and women who work as emergency medical technicians, firefighters and police officers for the day-to-day challenges they face.

Recently, my father was involved in a critical vehicle accident. Arriving at the scene, I was overwhelmed yet amazed at the teamwork, tactics and skill performed by these courageous workers. They were very professional and efficient. Every effort was made to rescue each individual.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of those who lost loved ones in this terrible crash. May God bless and comfort you.

TERESA ROACH
Kimberly

LETTER

Refreshing your driving skills will pay off

When Charlie Siegel asked me if I would like to attend a refresher course in driving, my first reaction was why would I want to do that? I just recently renewed my driver's license, which allows me to drive for another four years. Besides that, I have driven accident-free since I was 17 years old. In addition, I don't have the time to spend several hours over a driver's manual that I already know.

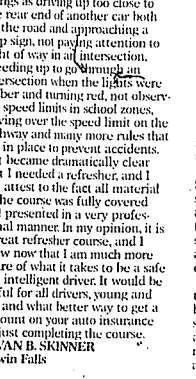
Charlie was quite persuasive, and I finally agreed to go. It wasn't long before I realized I needed a refresher. First, my impromptu reaction to his invitation recalled a lot of my driving habits - get there as fast as I can and to heck with the other guy. I learned that I had gotten into a lot of bad habits that were dangerous to other drivers as well as myself.

I began to wonder why I had let myself do this, and I finally realized perhaps that I had allowed myself to become lax in my driving habits because it seemed easy because it was doing it. Such things as driving up too close to the rear end of another car both on the road and approaching a stop sign, not paying attention to right of way at an intersection, speeding up to go through an intersection when the lights were amber and turning red, not observing speed limits in school zones, highway and many more rules that are in place to prevent accidents.

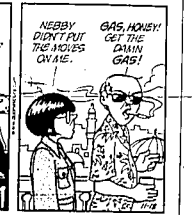
It became dramatically clear that I needed a refresher, and I can attest to the fact all material in the course was fully covered and presented in a very professional manner. In my opinion, it is a great refresher course, and I know now that I am much more aware of what it takes to be a safe and intelligent driver. It would be useful for all drivers, young and old, and what better way to get a discount on your auto insurance for just completing the course.

IVAN B. SKINNER
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Interchange

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A second phase that develops new entrance ramps and elevates the overpass for eastbound traffic has yet to be scheduled, said Trip Craig of the Greater Twin Falls Transportation Commission.

Jerome City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said he's pleased with the work so far.

"I think for the area it opens up so many more opportunities," Rothweiler said. "In terms of growth and infrastructure, whenever you have an area like our part of Magic Valley that is growing so fast, if Twin Falls and Jerome had to come together to finance this it would have broken

our budgets."

Rothweiler is particularly pleased because the project will help boost development in Jerome County at the Crossroads Point site, formerly known as Crossroads Ranch.

"Now the foundation is set for more of our Magic Valley to expand and to grow," Rothweiler said.

Plans call for a new St. Benedict's Family Medical Center building to be constructed at Crossroads Point.

Times-News writer Julie Pence can be reached at 735-3241 or by e-mail at jpence@magicvalley.com.

Mickey

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childhood into a function of consumerism as children feel obligated to purchase the latest "Finding Nemo" DVD or Mickey Mouse watch.

"Mickey Mouse offers up a ... symbol of innocence while hiding the role it plays in commodifying children's dreams and extending the logic of the market into all aspects of their lives," said Giroux, author of "The Mouse That Roared: Disney and the End of Innocence," a cultural critique of the company.

Mickey wasn't always so complex.

Walt Disney started his animation career in Kansas City, Mo., producing films that were a combination of cartoons and live action and starring an inquisitive little girl named Alice. Hoping for greater success, he moved to Los Angeles in 1923, joining his brother-in-law, Roy. Once the creative possibilities with the Alice series were exhausted, Disney started producing films for a new animated character, Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, in 1927.

Mickey Mouse was conceived the next year during a cross-country train ride, according to the "official" company history. Walt Disney had just been forced to give up the Oswald rights to his ruthless New York distributor, who had exercised copyright control over the character.

On the ride back home to Los Angeles, Disney conjured up a little mouse named Mortimer. His wife, Lillian, thought the name too pompous and suggested Mickey.

But others have argued that Mickey's creation was more likely a collaboration between Disney and his chief animator, Ub Iwerks, with Disney taking the credit. Mickey Mouse was first drawn by Iwerks' hand.

Disney and Iwerks initially produced two silent cartoons for Mickey Mouse, "Plane Crazy" and "The Gallopin' Gaucho." But in the wake of the success of the nation's first "talkie," Al Jolson's "The Jazz Singer" in 1927, Disney decided to produce a cartoon that would be synchronized to songs, music and sound effects.

"Steamboat Willie" was an instant hit, arriving at a time when technological advances in motion pictures, radio and the phonograph were transforming mass culture. By the end of the 1930s, Mickey had starred in more than 100 cartoons.

Mickey gradually transformed both physically and spiritually. His face was rounded out and his eyes went from black ovals to white eyes with pupils in the late 1930s. His face became friendlier, less rat-like.

In the succeeding decades, Mickey has been used in less than a dozen theatrical releases, but is a regular presence on television in "House of the Mouse" on the Disney Channel and is photographed daily alongside thousands of tourists at theme parks in California, Florida, France and Japan.

"Mickey Mouse speaks an international language," Sklar said. "When I go to Tokyo and see how kids react to Mickey Mouse the same way they do in Paris. It's reassuring that there are some things that cross international boundaries."

For others, Mickey Mouse

speaks an international language of commerce and cultural imperialism. That sentiment is embodied in protesters in Buenos Aires who left behind anti-war graffiti last February that depicted President Bush as Mickey Mouse. It's also found in the performance artist Reverend Bill of the Church of Stop Shopping, who visits Disney Stores in New York and tells shoppers "Mickey Mouse is the Antichrist."

All from a simple cartoon. Said author Wasko: "Mickey represents a fascinating interweaving of culture, politics and economics."

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Limbaugh returns to airwaves, promises 'more honesty to come'

NEW YORK (AP) — In his first broadcast after undergoing relief for addiction to painkillers, Rush Limbaugh reassured his radio listeners Monday that he hadn't been turned into a "linguini-spined liberal."

The conservative commentator exited last Wednesday's show for what he called "five intense weeks" of treatment for his addiction.

He told listeners that his ordeal would not affect his radio program. He said there was more about his experience than he wanted to tell but could not.

"I've not been phony here," he said. "I've not been artificial on the program. I was all of that, elsewhere. I was all that other places, but not here. And all of this will reveal itself."

Limbaugh had not appeared on the air since Oct. 10, before going



Rush Limbaugh, on Monday

into a rehabilitation program in Arizona.

Limbaugh had said he started taking prescription painkillers when a doctor prescribed them following spinal surgery. Back pain stemming from the surgery persisted, Limbaugh said, so he kept taking pills and became hooked.

A law enforcement source in Palm Beach County, where Limbaugh owns a \$24-million oceanfront mansion, said last week that Limbaugh's drug use is still under investigation by the state attorney's office.

In the past, Limbaugh had

decided drug use and abuse on his bluntly conservative show, arguing that drug crimes deserve punishment.

On his broadcast Monday, Limbaugh denied he was guilty of any hypocrisy in his attitudes toward drug crimes. "I was a drug addict from about 1996, 1995 or whatever, to just five weeks ago," he said. "The truth of the matter is I avoided the subject of drugs on this program for the precise reason that I was keeping a secret."

He called the experience of rehabilitation probably the most educational five weeks about himself that he had ever spent.

"I would have to admit that I am powerless over this addiction that I have," he said. "I used to think I could beat it with force of will. I used to think that I would be different, but I'm not."

Report: Mars photos show water evidence

The Washington Post

Photos sent back by NASA's Mars Global Surveyor strongly suggest that there were once long-lasting rivers on the now-dry planet. A fan-shaped apron of debris — believed to be the remains of

long-ago flowing water — has been spotted on the Martian surface. The new photos, published in the journal Science, also suggest the former presence of a lake that the flowing water drained into, creating the delta-like effect about eight miles long.



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Schwarzenegger takes office oath

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger, who arrived in the United States 35 years ago as a bodybuilder dreaming of fame and fortune, was sworn in Monday as governor of California and said he was ready to take on the "massive weight we must lift off our state."

With his wife, Maria Shriver, holding a 192-year-old Kennedy family Bible, Schwarzenegger took the oath of office from California's chief justice on the steps of the state Capitol.

The 56-year-old Hollywood action hero then gave a 12-minute speech, in which he invoked Presidents Kennedy and Reagan and called himself, like JFK, "an idealist without illusions."

Schwarzenegger faces a budget deficit that he put at more than \$24 billion; a business climate that some economists say is the nation's worst; and a Democrat-dominated Legislature that may not be in a cooperative mood.

"There's a massive weight we must lift off our state. Alone, I cannot lift it. But together, we can," he said.

Liberals take page from Newt

The Washington Post

If you can't beat 'em, copy 'em. With hopes of winning back Congress someday, a new liberal political action committee has been studying the war plans of legendary conservative field marshal Newt Gingrich. PROPAC, as the group is called, aims to pour \$2.6 million over the next year into recruiting and training left-leaning candidates at the grassroots level — the first step in a long-range project to fill the pipeline with a fresh supply of future winners.

According to Executive Director Gloria Totten, the name and the idea are conscious echoes of Gingrich's GOPAC, the vehicle by

which the Georgia Republican rose from congressional backbencher to speaker of the U.S. House in 14 carefully plotted years leading up to 1994. "We didn't take their entire playbook," Totten said. "But we did look at a myriad of things they did."

Totten, a former abortion rights activist, allowed that most liberals — including her — prefer to champion issues than to hatch campaign strategy. And rounding up candidates is often a last-minute chore performed one-handed, with the other hand daintily holding one's nose. Liberals have a distrust of politics and a fear that they might be pressured into unseemly compromises.

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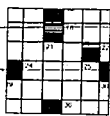
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man faces charges after two robberies

TWIN FALLS - Police say a convenience store clerk used a broom to fend off a robber Saturday night. A suspect was arrested in connection with that incident and another robbery that took place just minutes before.

Gregory Daniel Stender, 31, of Salt Lake City was arraigned in 5th District Court Monday on two counts of robbery.

Just before 9 p.m. Saturday, a man wearing a black stocking cap entered the Oasis Stop'n'Go at 1310 Addison Ave. E., punched the clerk and robbed the store of about \$125, according to a court affidavit. The suspect drove away in a small gray vehicle, the employee told officers.

A few minutes later, a robbery was reported at the Stinker Station at 2259 Addison Ave. E. A store employee there described a man wearing a black stocking cap driving a small gray vehicle with Utah license plates. The suspect entered the store, raised his fist and demanded money, according to the affidavit. The female employee replied with an expletive. The suspect again demanded money. The clerk didn't comply; instead, she hit him with a broom. The suspect jumped over the counter and took a roll of about 250 lottery tickets.

Shortly after the incidents, officers of the Twin Falls Police Department stopped a vehicle near the intersection of U.S. Highway 30 and Highway 50. A man wearing a black stocking cap, identified later by officers as Stender, was driving the vehicle, according to the affidavit. Officers found lottery tickets and cash in the car.

When questioned by police, the affidavit said, the defendant admitted to committing the robberies and said, "The Mansans made me do it."

Stender was transported to the Twin Falls County Jail. His bond was set at \$50,000. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 1.

Rupert man dies in Friday accident

RUPERT - A Rupert man died at the scene of an accident Friday morning after he was ejected from a soft-top Jeep Wrangler he was driving.

Cory J. Fairchild, 29, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, according to a press release from the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department.

Fairchild was not wearing a seat belt, the press release stated. Desiree Fairchild, the wife of Cory Fairchild, was also in the Jeep, along with their two children, ages 3 months and 3 years. The children were treated at Minidoka Memorial Hospital and then released to family members. Desiree Fairchild was taken by air ambulance to Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello. She was listed in serious condition. Desiree Fairchild was not wearing a seat belt, and the children were not in child safety seats, the sheriff's report states.

The accident was reported at 8:24 p.m. It occurred along the 12th Street canal at 25 North 60 West in Minidoka County.

According to police, Cory Fairchild was driving east when he lost control of the Jeep and rolled off an embankment at the canal.

Resort will decide ski opener later this week

SUN VALLEY - Bald Mountain was topped off with 10 inches of new snow Monday morning, prompting rumors that Sun Valley Resort would open on Saturday by first cutting the snowballs on the school playground.

Marketing Director Jack Sibbach said any determination will be made at Wednesday's meeting of department heads. But the resort likely needs a few more inches of natural snow on top of all the man-made snow it has been cranking out.

Sun Valley is scheduled to open on Thanksgiving Day with runs groomed from top to bottom, if it doesn't open earlier.

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CSI looks north for growth

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho faces a barrier in its long-range plans to expand northward: the traffic on North College Road.

CSI board members Monday discussed ways to create safe paths for students moving between the main campus and a new section of campus that won't

Students could face traffic hazards if the college built there

be created for at least five years. Board members plan to invite representatives of the city of Twin Falls to their next meeting to work on possible solutions, such as islands, crosswalks, a tunnel or a raised walkway. The college's master plan, formulated in 2001, calls for at least two crossing points along the

road. It could be risky for students to cross to the land that has been given to the college. As many as seven or eight buildings - in addition to parking areas - may eventually be built north of North College Road. Other business included: • Security - Campus security is in the process of implementing a

new set of three eight-hour shifts for staff instead of two 14- to 15-hour shifts, said Boyd Nelson, the college's new security supervisor. Nelson has also instituted a rank structure, giving more responsibility to shift supervisors. He hired another full-time guard this month and plans to hire three more part-time guards.

Another new program is having law enforcement cadets work at sporting events. These students earn credit control while the money they earn goes back into the cadet program, Nelson said. • Adoption - Gav. Miramont introduced the Parent Resources for Information, Development and Education program that helps foster and adoptive parents. Please see CSI, Page B3

T.F., post office reach accord

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Mail carriers will gain expanded access for motorized delivery as a result of action Monday by the City Council.

City and state law prohibiting driving on sidewalks provided a theoretical roadblock to mail carriers who need to stay in their vehicles to deliver mail. The code mandated that no person can drive on a sidewalk except upon a permanent or temporary driveway.

The council established a 25-foot "driveway" around mailboxes to get around that part of the law.

Previously, postal regulations conflicted with state and city law. Their mandates stated that all new route deliveries must be made without leaving mail trucks. Rolled curbs in new developments assisted this mode, but it was against city code to drive over them.

The action of a couple of sentences in the code fixes that problem.

Postmaster Rob Peters argued that with the long routes and increased development in the city, it is a burden for carriers to have to get in and out of their trucks at every mailbox. Older developments and neighborhoods will continue to get mail carriers delivering on foot.

"This applies to new developments," Peters told the council. "Once we establish a type of delivery in a neighborhood, that's the way we go about it henceforth."

City finance manager Gary Young also recommended the change. "This will solve the vast majority of current delivery problems," he said. "The Postal Service will be well-served by this."

The amendment was passed unanimously by the six council members in attendance. Mayor Lance Clow was absent from the meeting.

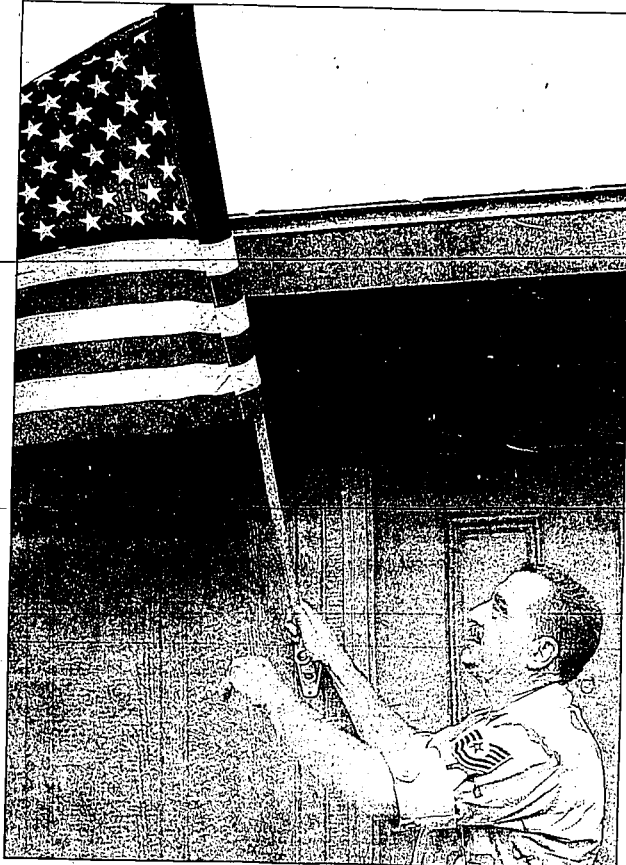
Other council business included:

• **Jack-in-the-Box kudos** - Dave Wright, chairman of the Twin Falls Beautification Commission, presented an award to the Jack-in-the-Box restaurant at 1501 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. on behalf of the committee and the Twin Falls Arts Chamber of Commerce. He commended the business on its landscaping and how it enhances community appearance. This will be the last award of its kind given until spring, Councilwoman Elaine Steele said.

• **Honors to the police** - Two members of the Twin Falls Police Department were honored for their continuing education and training efforts. Councilman Howard Allen presented officer Anthony Barnhart with a certificate.

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PROUDLY SHE WAVES



David Ashley hangs the American flag outside his front door in Wendell. He recently returned home after four months as a post control specialist at Ahmed Al Jaber Air Force Base in Kuwait.

Local Guardsman battled insects, other pests in Kuwait

By Elisabeth A. Devona
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - He spent four months at an Air Force base in Kuwait, but Tech. Sgt. David Ashley was much more concerned with things on the ground than things in the air. He spent most of his days fighting fleas, bed bugs, mosquitoes and scorpions - including one that grows as large as a man's fist.

Ashley, who returned to his

home in Wendell recently, works in pest control for the Air National Guard.

"Usually I took work orders and would call the squadron to see what kind of pest they had," Ashley said. "Then I would go out during the day and either spray for it or trap for it."

Although some of the pests he eliminated at the Ahmed Al Jaber Air Force Base included

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“One of the most rewarding things ... that I felt the most appreciation for was spraying for bed bugs.”

- Tech. Sgt. David Ashley, Wendell

Jerome eyes water rates again

By Diane Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Water rates in the city will soon go up if a proposed increase is adopted by the City Council.

Revenue from the rate increase would be used to help fund a \$3.6 million water system improvement project the city is beginning.

A public hearing is scheduled to take comment on the water rate increase at tonight's council meeting. According to a published public notice, the increase averages \$2.65 per household per month.

The proposed hearing increase follows: Water rate goes from 57 cents per 100 cubic feet to 72 cents, from \$1.60 debt service to \$4.10 debt service; the capital reserve stays the same at \$2.25, and the operating reserve stays the same at 45 cents per household. The rates are based on a three-fourths-inch diameter water connection. Rates for service different than three-quarters-inch diameter will be calculated individually using a formula.

The city of Jerome received judicial confirmation from 5th District Judge Barry Wood in October 2002 to allow the city to get a 20-year, \$3.6 million loan from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, at an interest rate of 3.75 percent, to repair and upgrade the city's water system. The city will provide \$300,000 from reserve funds as the local match for the water system project.

The loan agreement allows the city to borrow only what is needed at the time, much like a line of credit.

State law allows municipal and county governments the option of taking building projects before district judges for review and possible approval, rather than asking voters to approve bond issues to finance construction. The city exercised that option last fall.

The water project will install new water lines in the southwest area of the city as well as on fifth Avenue East, Eighth Avenue East and on Fourth Avenue East. Bottlenecks and dead-end lines around the city will be fixed with a series of loops. Fire hydrants will be installed where needed. A new water well and water tank will be constructed at the butte located near the crossroads of U.S. Highway 93 and Idaho Highway 25 east of the city.

The project will make improvements to the Portneuf well and secure water rights for the city into the future.

Prosecutor expects request to move trial from Blaine

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILY - The prosecutor in the double-murder trial of 16-year-old Sarah Johnson said Monday he fully expects the defense to ask for a change of venue because of pre-trial news coverage since the Sept. 2 slayings in Bellevue.

But Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Jim Thomas said he doesn't believe the trial would be moved to another county. Instead of moving the trial,

But an imported jury is most likely in the Johnson murder case, he says

Thomas said, it's more likely that 5th District Judge James J. May would import a jury from another county - as he did for 13 weeks in Blaine County's last murder trial more than a decade ago. For the trial of Mitchel Odigala, who shot and killed two people while firing randomly on the streets of Ketchum, May picked jurors

from Ada County, transported them as a group by van and kept them in a nearby Haily hotel until a verdict was reached during the trial.

Odigala is serving a 25-year sentence in the Idaho state prison. Thomas said defense attorney Bob Pangburn, a contract public defender for Blaine County, will have to make a convincing show-

ing" to May that pre-trial news coverage would make a fair trial impossible.

He said he expects Pangburn to raise the issue, even file a motion, in the next few weeks, perhaps as early as Thursday, when May will hear arguments for a "gag" order to prevent witnesses, the prosecutor and law enforcement officers from talking about the case before the trial.

Pangburn could not be reached for comment Monday.

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Sarah Johnson

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OBITUARIES

Michael 'Mike' Inchausti - Twin Falls

Michael "Mike" Inchausti, 53, of Twin Falls, left us to go to better hunting grounds at his home Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003.

Mike was born Oct. 22, 1950, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Jess and LaVonne Inchausti. Mike leaves behind many great memories of work, great laughs and a few stern talks. He had a passion for hunting all his life and loved to share it with his grandchildren, friends, children and, in his younger days, with his younger sister and brother, whom he held very dear to his heart.

He is standing with his mother and the Lord, and will have the hunting grounds scouted out when we get there. Mike was also a gold prospector and enjoyed dog racing, pets, family and friends. He was a member of the Gold Prospectors Association of



Idaho and Frankie (James) John-Eden, Idaho; his father, Jess Inchausti of Buhl; brother, Dennis (Sandy) Inchausti, of Buhl; a sister, Terri (Dennis "Mush") Puschel of Buhl; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Mike's mother, LaVonne, preceded him in death. Mike was a son, brother, father, husband, grandfather and a good friend. He will be missed by all.

A celebration of Mike's life will take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003, at Valley Christian Center in Hazelton, Idaho, with Pastor Kent Sullivan officiating. Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

America and the North American Hunting Club.

Mike is survived by his wife, Barbara of Twin Falls; two sons, Ryan (Gena) Inchausti of Gooding, Idaho and Kenny Tuma of Agria, Okla.; two daughters, Connie (Louise) Vincent of Spirit Lake,

David (Dave) Samuel Bruhn - Buhl

David (Dave) Samuel Bruhn, 65, of Buhl, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2003, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

He was born in Haron, S.D., the youngest of two children born to Louisa H. Bruhn and Mabel (Gilliland) Bruhn.

Dave grew up in Valley City, N.D., and graduated from College High School in 1955. He went on to graduate from the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, in 1959 with a degree in fisheries management. Upon graduation he began his fisheries career with the North Dakota Game and Fish.

In October 1959, he began a 33-year career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This career took him and his family to South Dakota, Minnesota, Alabama, Indiana, Washington, D.C., Iowa, Washington state and finally to Hagerman, Idaho, where he retired as the Hagerman National Fish Hatchery manager in April, 1993. He was a well-respected professional in hatchery management serving as a mentor to aspiring managers and supervisors. Dave was active in the Idaho Aquaculture Association after he retired.

Dave was an avid outdoorsman who spent his childhood trapping,



president of the Idaho Sporting Dogs Association, a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, member of the Idaho Wildlife Council and was active in the Sportsman's Heritage Defense Fund.

A pleasurable part of Dave's retirement was spent riding his black Harley, much like the Harley he had ridden as a young man.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Sally of Buhl; daughter, Kami Bruhn-Nelson and her husband, Mike Nelson of Salmon; four sons, Monte Bruhn of Buhl, Keith Butler of Eagle, Sam Bruhn of Wendell and Tony Bruhn of Phoenix, Ariz.; two granddaughters, Jody Bruhn of Filer and Shayana Bruhn of Wendell; and one sister, Shirley and her husband, Cal Lindsay of Lake Forest, Ill.; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents. A celebration of life will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003, at the First Christian Church in Buhl with Pastor Art Freund and Assistant Pastor Steven-Marshall officiating.

The family suggests memorials to the Buhl Quick Response or the First Christian Church Youth Ministry or a charity of your choice.

hunting, fishing, canoeing and camping. He was an Eagle Scout. One of his fondest memories was riding his Harley motorcycle. His love for the outdoors, hunting and Harley's continued throughout his life. He was a friend to the hunting population and worked hard to save hunting privileges in Idaho. He was a former

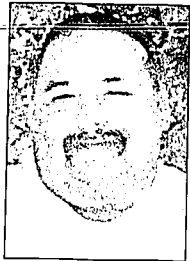
Neal Joseph Birkey - Twin Falls

Neal Joseph Birkey, age 37, of Twin Falls, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, at his spiritual home, the woods and mountains of Idaho. Neal was born on Dec. 16, 1965, in Des Moines, Iowa, and was loved by the Lord as the sixth child of Joe and Virginia Birkey.

He attended schools in Iowa and Colorado, completing eighth grade. He moved west with his family in 1976, finally settling in Idaho in 1981. He served in the Army from 1983-1985 and was stationed in Germany.

Neal was a man of many talents who could do and did anything he set his mind to. In his lifetime, he was everything from a hobo who rode the rails, to a pipe fitter, a construction worker, a lumberjack, a plumber and a ranch hand. In the last year, he became well known for the bears and other creatures he could find and release so beautifully from a piece of wood, using a chainsaw. Neal truly had a heart of gold and knew no stranger. His heroic laugh will be remembered forever by everyone who knew him.

Neal died of an apparent heart attack in the mountains, doing what he loved best, cutting wood for more carvings. Present at the



services, Suzanne (Bob) Jones, Donna (Chris) Fitzroy, Jody (Jon) Elphic, Diane Birkey (Grant); nine nephews, Christopher (Stacy), and Graha Peterson, Neal (Jeremy) and daughter, Reelwyn, Calc and Chad (Rochelle) Jones, David Mauldin, David Brown, and Anthony Birkey; five nieces, Libby (Mike) Pasquariello, Shelly Elphic, Celeste Mauldin, Amanda and Alisha Birkey (Eric) and son, Elijah.

He is also survived by his birth family: mother, Thelma Ballard; sisters, Melanie and Amy (son, Jackson); and brother, Tim. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them who are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, you also who sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him... therefore, comfort one another with these words." 1 Thes. 4:13, 14 and 18.

The memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls. Following the service, a time of fellowship will take place in the rec room at the South Meadows Apartments, 475 W. Casswell Ave.

time of his sudden death were his dog, Skipper and his good friend, Glen "Breck" Wells. His brother, Timothy Allen Birkey; grandparents, John and Lena Birkey, James and Mattie Bude preceded him in death. Neal is survived by his longtime companion, Corky Dunlap; her two children, Kim Holloway and George (Deborah) Lemmons; and their daughters, Olivia and Vivian. He is also survived by his parents, Joe and Virginia Birkey; four sis-

Marian Llewellyn - Burley

Marian Llewellyn, 84-year-old former Burley resident, died Nov. 13, 2003, in Canoga Park, Calif. She was born Jan. 11, 1919, in Bountiful, Utah, the daughter of Hattie Noble and William Groves. She attended Burley High School, graduating in 1938. She married Donald Llewellyn April 3, 1940. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple Oct. 9, 1950.

Marian enjoyed being a housewife, and also working four years at Lockheed Air Craft, working on B17 Bombers and Hudson Bombers. She also worked 11 years as manager of a hardware store, built sidewalks at her homes, shingled roofs, repupholed furniture and even did automobile repairs.

She decorated tables and halls for dinners and bazaars, decorated weddings and flower arrangements, took first prize in Glendale,



Calif. for a parade float for the 2003 club. Her hobbies included camping, fishing, gardening, flowers, sewing clothes, china painting

and yard landscaping. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serving in many capacities: 27 years as a Primary teacher, a stake missionary and a full-time missionary between 1980-1981. She was a temple worker for two and a half years in the Boise Idaho Temple.

Marian is survived by her two daughters, Karen Bush of Simi Valley, Calif., and Cheryl Edwards of Birmingham, Ala.; nine grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, 2003, at the Burley LDS 10th Ward, 515 E. 16th St., with Bishop Michael James officiating. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery. A viewing for friends and family will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Sally Leigh Shear - Lakewood, Colo.

Sally Leigh Shear, 57, of Lakewood, Colo., passed away Nov. 4, 2003.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene; brother, Frank McAtee Jr. of Hamilton, Mont.; mother, Edith

McAtee of Twin Falls; aunt and uncle, Maxine and Dexter Watkins of Twin Falls.

The service was held Friday, Nov. 14, at Olinger Chapel Hill Mortuary in Littleton, Colo., with

interment at Ft. Logan National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Hospital for Dialysis, 1245 E. Colfax Ave., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80218.

Patty Hayden - Burley

Patty Jean Hayden, 67, of Burley, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003, at her home.

She was born March 18, 1936, in Elba, Idaho, the daughter of Lot Smith and Etta Eveline Rich Udy. She received her education in Elba, Albion, Malta, Ketchum and Burley. She married Wayne Leon Hayden on Sept. 15, 1951, in Burley.

Pat was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She loved being with her family and participating in family activities. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, Wayne, as he worked on different construction jobs throughout the United States. She worked for many years for Frank Bauman at Big O Tires as their bookkeeper. She was also the owner of Kidd's Stuff in Burley.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was past president of the DOES, and was a member of the Cavalier Riding Club. She also enjoyed bowling, golfing, handicrafts and



decorating her homes.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Wayne, of Burley; one son, Dennis Wayne Hayden of Sacramento, Calif.; her grandchildren, Dennis C. Hayden, Michelle Andrew, Matt Hayden and John Hayden; her great-grandchildren,

Kaylee Andrew, Nichole Hayden, Elaine Bedwell, Christine Hayden; and Shantell Hayden; and her siblings, Norma Bedke and Josie Spiers, both of Oakley, Ariella Warren of Burley, Lyle Lot Udy of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Lolita May Merrill of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Kenneth Lee Hayden; and one brother, Darin R. Udy.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at the Burley 2nd, 4th, and 10th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St., with Bishop Timothy L. Harris officiating. Burial will be in Gem Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Friday, at the church.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to IHC Hospice in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Dr. Kenneth A. Tyler - Clancy, Mont.

Dr. Kenneth Aloysius Tyler of 30 Circle Court Drive, Clancy, Mont., died Friday, Nov. 7, 2003, at St. Peter's Hospital. He was 91 years old.

He was born April 2, 1912, in Kalspell, Mont., to Frank L. and Florence (Sheehy) Tyler. His primary education was in both Kalspell, Mont., and Ithaca, N.Y. He attended Cornell University and received his B.S. degree in 1934, and later his M.D. degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1947. He met and later married Alleen N. Tyler in New York City in June of 1937.

Dr. Tyler had a general private practice in Boulder, Mont., from 1938 to 1941. At the same time, he was a part-time staff physician at the Boulder River School and Hospital. Later, he became a staff physician at the Montana State Tuberculosis Hospital from 1941-1945. From there, he moved on to become the first and only medical director of the Idaho State



Tuberculosis Hospital. He held this position for 24 years (1946-1970). He retired, but served as the administrator for the Montana State Tuberculosis Hospital from 1970-1975.

Dr. Tyler had many hobbies, which included traveling, fly-fish-

ing, reading, fly-fishing, viewing wildlife and fly-fishing. He was very active in his community, and one of the founding members of the St.

Joseph Mission of Montana Association. He was a member of the American Medical Association and the Montana Medical Association.

While Dr. Tyler's wife of 59 years preceded him in March of 1996, he is survived by his son, Arthur and his wife Toi Tyler of Clancy; his daughter, Patricia and her husband Leigh Keller of Shoshone, Idaho; and his daughter, Barbara and her husband Dale Miller of Albany, Ore. He has 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to extend their thanks to the doctors and staff at St. Peter's Hospital, especially those associated with the CCU/ICU, as well as all who prayed for him during his illness.

The service was held Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003, with burial at St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery in East Helena.

Beverly Barney - Hailey

Beverly Barney, 49, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2003, at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center in Ketchum, after complications of pneumonia.

Beverly was born Oct. 10, 1954, in Newberg, Ore., to Arthur Osburn and Sylvia Osburn Curry.

Beverly is survived by her daughters, Melissa Johnston of Shoshone and Shawna Robids of Shoshone; her son, Eric Barney of Hailey; her sisters, Artis Shipley of Jerome and Claire Nilsson of Klamath Falls, Ore.; her brothers, Niki Curry of Boise and Andy Osburn of Shoshone; and her grandchildren, Lynn, Bryden and Gabriel all of Shoshone.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents. Beverly loved animals, especially horses and raising goats. She was a homemaker and a seamstress. She loved to cook and everyone was always welcome at her kitchen

table. No one ever refused an invitation. She worked the last three years at the Bald Mountain Lodge and previously at the Sheepskin Coat Factory. She will be remembered for her original design of Work Horse Dusters. She was dedicated to her family and friends and loved her children and grandchildren dearly.

A memorial service will be held at for Beverly at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003, at the Wood River Chapel, 403 N. Main Street, Hailey.



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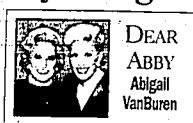
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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Man's habit may be sign of Alzheimer's

DEAR ABBY: "Going Broke in Maryland" described her 85-year-old husband as a cash cow for charities. She said they live on a fixed income, and he keeps insisting they "don't really need the money."



DEAR ABBY: You and your family have my sympathy for the way your father's condition was exploited, and I hope "Going Broke" will heed your suggestions. She should also write to each charity that is soliciting her husband and request to be removed from the mailing list. Readers, you can write to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association Inc., P.O. Box 643, Carmel, N.Y. 10512. The Web address is www.DMAconsumers.org. If you're drowning in junk mail, contacting it can cut down on the volume.

In my father's case, what she described was the first sign of Alzheimer's disease. During several years before the usual signs such as confusion or getting lost occurred, he, too, spent a fortune trying to "win" a million dollars from sweepstakes companies.

Since "Going Broke's" husband has clearly lost his good judgment... it's unlikely that legal counsel will bring it back to him. (My dad seemed to understand our advice, but continued sending money to sweepstakes, humane societies, etc.) What "Going Broke" needs is an attorney to protect herself and her husband financially. She should also try to get a medical exam for him. If they have children, they need to help her with this now.

"Going Broke's" local Alzheimer's Association can offer assistance and advice. The Maryland attorney general's office will have a consumer protection or ombudsman's office that may be able to advise her.

DEAR HOPE: You and your family have my sympathy for the way your father's condition was exploited, and I hope "Going Broke" will heed your suggestions.

There is probably a Council on Aging in her county. Also, please make sure she has the address of the Direct Marketing Association to stop the junk mail. She may need to block phone calls, too, if telemarketers are a problem at her house.

If she has to take away his control of the family finances, she should try to do it in a way that allows him to not take the blame on someone else, not her.

My father never did win the shiny new car or the million dollars he was promised, even though the sweepstakes compa-

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Hello, Twin Falls.

Fish hotdogs are on their way

Food futurists say you're going to get fish hotdogs pretty soon. **Q.** What was the first football team to have a live animal for a mascot?

1339 B.C. Camels didn't show up in North Africa from Asia until around 300 B.C. **Q.** Scientists say they still don't know why so many of the tree trunks around El Valle, Panama, are square.

A. U.S. Naval Academy. In 1890, a billygoat named "Bill."
 In the weightlessness of space, the human body doesn't make as many red blood cells, according to NASA scientists. Why is a mystery. Those razor-back hogs turned up in the Ozarks long before white settlers did. Historians say earlier Spanish explorers packed pork on the hoof, and many got away. **REMINDED**
L.M. Boyd

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Some say it was the Chinese who first came up with carpets of the fancy design variety. But the oldest such rug known, found in Mongolia, has Persian designs. **Q.** It's not hard to figure out why a woman's driving improves markedly after her first baby is born. Statistics prove that's true. **Q.** Doctors in Europe are quick to treat low blood pressure. Much more so than American doctors. "Normal" blood pressures worldwide fall within 10 points of 120/80. Lower readings suggest to European physicians the disease, "hypotension," calling for immediate treatment. **Q.** How come bodies of some people who drown in Lake Tahoe never rise to the surface? **A.** Deep water is so cold - 39 degrees F. below 700 feet. **Q.** Did King Tut ride a camel? **A.** Doubtlessly not. He died in

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

T.F. man dies while cutting wood

HAILEY - A 37-year-old Twin Falls man cutting wood in the Sawtooth Valley north of Galena Summit apparently suffered a heart attack and died on Saturday. Neal J. Birkey was administered CPR by a companion, Glenn Wells Jr., 56, of Kimberly, but could not be revived, according to Blaine County Sheriff Walt Fleming. The two were cutting wood just south of Smiley Creek. When Birkey collapsed and did not respond to CPR, Wells drove some two miles to Smiley Creek and telephoned for medical assistance. Stanley Ambulance was dispatched from some 30 miles away, but Birkey had died. Blaine County Coroner Russ Mikel confirmed cause of death.

Valley in brief

Sharla at 536-6159 or Sharon at 536-6111.

Police offer drug awareness meeting this evening

TWIN FALLS - The public is invited to learn about narcotic analgesics during a meeting tonight conducted by officers of

the Twin Falls Police Department. This month's community drug awareness meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Hall conference center, 321 Second Ave. E. The meetings are conducted by the department in conjunction with their Operation Zero Tolerance program to eradicate drugs and drug use in the community. Call Detective Scott Smith at 735-7216 or Sgt. Dan McAtee at 735-7223.

- compiled from staff reports

Burley council again considers golf fees

BURLEY - City Council members will again discuss increasing fees at the city's golf course during tonight's council meeting.

Council members took no action on a staff recommendation last month to charge non-city residents more to golf than people who live within the city pay. Tonight's discussion is expected to center around the possibility of assessing an additional fee for rounds played by people who buy season passes.

Council members are also expected to sign a resolution which will result in higher fees assessed for overdue library materials and some library services and higher fees for users of the city's low pressure irrigation water.

Officials from the Idaho Migrant Council are scheduled to speak about their plans for a community center in Burley during the meeting.

City Administrator Mark Mitton will seek council approval for a grant for the city's airport. The city typically receives \$150,000 in grant money from the Federal Aviation Administration each year for various projects. Plans call for using this year's money to help pay for studies about possibly building a new airport.

Tuesday's meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall. It is open to the public. Council members are scheduled to first meet in a closed executive session at 6 p.m. to discuss real estate.

Military support group will gather Saturday

JEROME - The Magic Valley Military Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome Public Library.

The group meets about every three weeks to support one another, share information and pray for those in the military, their families and the nation.

For more information, call

Lobby ranks Idaho schools 23rd on list

BOISE (AP) - Idaho ranks 23rd in the nation in student performance but 47th when it comes to the amount of money spent per student, according to a new report from a legislative group.


The 2003 Report Card on American Education bases its rankings on student scores from three national standardized tests. The group behind the report card - the American Legislative Exchange Council - claims the results show that the amount of money spent on education has little bearing on student progress.

"This year's Report Card tells lawmakers in state capitals that many parents already know at home," ALEC Executive Director Duane Parde said. "What money cannot buy in our public schools, parental choice and inter-school competition may."

The policy-writing group is made up of state legislators and private-sector members. Idaho spent \$5,386 per student in the 2000-2001 school year, according to the report, compared to a national average of \$7,070. The salary of Idaho teachers was ranked 37th, at \$36,375 compared to an average of \$42,898 nationally.

Still, students averaged a score of 21.2 on the college-entry ACT exam, compared to an average 20.8 percent score nationally.

"It's not a surprise that our students do well," said Allison Westfall, a spokeswoman for the State Department of Education. "We have highly qualified and dedicated teachers in Idaho - the number of qualified teachers we have in our classrooms ranks up there in the top five compared to the nation."



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Group marks historic road near Oakley — COMMUNITY EVENTS

OAKLEY — Members of the Idaho Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association made a field trip to Kelton Road to mark the historic pioneer trail. The Kelton freight road came up through Idaho from Kelton, Utah, and connected to the Wood River Valley and the Boise area. Huge freight wagons brought loads of needed supplies for businesses and mining until the rail road finally replaced the wagons, reported chapter President James McGill of Nampa.

In some places, the Kelton Road followed the California Road and Oregon Trail routes and then broke off on its own. At the Stricker Ranch, south of Hansen, the Kelton Road joined the main Oregon Trail.

Years ago, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management employed Wally Meyer, a chapter member of Boise, to mark a lot of the Oregon Trail routes and sections of the Kelton Road within the area between the Oregon border to Thousand Springs, McGill reported.



Members of the Idaho Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association, from left, Ralph Maughan of Burley, chapter treasurer Bill Wilson of Boise and Lyle Lambert of Pocatello mark the Kelton Road at a rancher's fence.

never before been marked, McGill reported.

On Oct. 3, six chapter members met in Oakley and drove south-east to assist Maughan and his wife, LeJune, in marking the Kelton Road ruts. The Bureau of Land Management had supplied the chapter with posts and decals, which made the trip possible, McGill reported.

The chapter members placed about 16 carsonite — a type of a

thin fiberglass — posts on the road. Maughan had obtained permission from ranchers so that the marking was continuous along all the ruts that still exist on that stretch of the road. One marker also was placed at the south end of City of Rocks, where the Kelton was a common road with the California Trail.

The markers with "OCTA" and "BLM" decals and some with "private property" decals, were placed about every .25 to .5 miles.

The route can easily be followed by people interested in the history of the area, but permission is required to cross some stretches of private land, McGill reported. The ranchers are willing to allow if visitors do not leave gates open or damage the land in any way.

In some places, the Kelton Road ruts are deep and even worn through rock, McGill said.

For more information, call McGill at 467-4853.

For more information, call Kurt at 734-9330, Lisa at 734-4500 or Mardo at 734-6507.

M.V. Square Dancers hold Thanksgiving potluck

JEROME — The Magic Valley Square Dancers will hold a Thanksgiving potluck at 7 p.m. today at the American Legion Hall, 103 E. Seventh in Jerome.

Those attending should bring a dish to share.

Beginning square dance lessons are still available. The suggested donation is \$2.50.

The group will hold a dance on Nov. 25. Beginners will dance from 7:30-8:30 p.m. with advanced dancers from 8:30-10 p.m. Dancers whose last name begins with P-Z should bring finger foods.

For more information, call Robert at 829-528, Margaret at 733-8023 or Vicki at 733-8380.

Magie Breathers Club meets today at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The Magie Breathers Club will meet today from 2-3:15 p.m. today at the Office on Aging Annex at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

The group will discuss nutrition counseling and review of easy indoor exercises. Lisa Weinand, a respiratory therapist, will speak.

The meeting room can accommodate wheelchair and portable oxygen equipment.

For more information, call Kurt at 734-9330, Lisa at 734-4500 or Mardo at 734-6507.

New dance club meets Tuesdays, Wednesdays

TWIN FALLS — The Boot Scooting Country Dance Club, a new dance club in Twin Falls, will meet from 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., and from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Radio Roundabout, 241 Main Ave. W.

There will be instruction on line dancing and couples dancing. All ages are welcome. Children younger than 15 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

Donations will be accepted.

For more information, call Gale at 734-9045, e-mail at bsdc@msn.com or visit the Web site at <http://groups.msn.com/bootscootingCountryDancersClub>.

West End Writers meet Thursday at Buhl library

BUIHL — The West End Writers Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Buhl Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave. N.

New members are welcome.

AARP safe driving course offered Thursday, Friday

TWIN FALLS — Due to increased demand, an AARP safe driving course will be offered 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Office on Aging on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The class is geared toward anyone age 50 or older. Students do not have to be a member of AARP. Some insurance companies grant discounts to those who take the class. The fee is \$10.

Pre-registration must be done by calling Charlie Siegel at 733-9660.

Bridge club seeks new party bridge players

TWIN FALLS — A longtime bridge group is seeking new party bridge players.

The group meets at 1 p.m. Mondays at the Bridge Hall, 246 Falls Ave. Those interested in joining do not need a partner.

For more information, call Polly at 358-1370 or Jack at 733-7347.

Kick off party benefits Ketchum Skate Park

KETCHUM — A video premier and social kick off party will be held Friday at next Stage Theatre in Ketchum.

"Smithereens," a snowboarding video, and skateboarding video, "Killing Time," featuring local skaters, will be shown at 6:30 p.m. The event will benefit the Ketchum Skate Park.

Tickets are \$5 and available at the Board Bin.

For more information, call 726-1222.

Cooking store offers free cooking demonstrations

TWIN FALLS — Rudy's, A Cook's Paradise is offering free Saturday cooking demos at the store, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Saturday: Lefse demo from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lefse is a traditional Scandinavian potato flat bread usually spread with butter and brown sugar or jam.

Nov. 29: Holiday cheese demo from noon to 3 p.m. Participants will explain how to care for imported and domestic artisan cheeses and offer wine and cheese pairing advice.

Dec. 6: Holiday baking demo from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 733-5477.

Richfield woman celebrates 80th birthday with gathering

RICHFIELD — Aldean King Thompson will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 29 at the American Legion Hall in Richfield.

A U.S. Air Force aviator was born in 1923 in Malta. She married Sterling EB King on March 26, 1940 in the Logan, Utah temple. They have lived in Richfield for 58 years.

She has nine children, Merlyn (Sharon) King, Verlyn (Anita) King, Janetta (Lynn) Malibu, Boyd (Joyce) King, Dawnette (Russ) Tracy, Larry (Connie) King, Rena (Lerry) Latta, Rita (Gib) Sluder and Randy (Linda) King; 44 grandchildren; and 73 great-grandchildren. Her children are hosting the event.



Aldean Thompson

Buhl High School students lend a hand to rake yards

The cold fall air whipped at their faces. Beneath their feet was the steady crunch, crunch, crunch of the withered leaves as they worked.



BUIHL BEAT
Joe Popplewell

Sweat poured from their brows. They knew the faster they worked, the closer they would get toward reaching their goal of winning. At the end of the day, piles of bags protruded from the beds of their pickups.

On the brisk morning of Nov. 8, the Buhl High student council began a new event, "Rake and Race" took place from 8-11 a.m. The council, along with the help of the Letterman's Club, ventured throughout Buhl raking leaves for

residents. All across town lawns became visible once again as students raked leaves with a passion. Two groups battled for bragging rights: the senior-junior team and the sophomore-freshman team. Both teams competed hard, running from one lawn to the next, all the time watching

the beds of their trucks getting filled with enormous bags of leaves. At the end of the day, more than 160 bags of leaves had been accumulated by both teams.

Even though the senior-junior team won the bragging rights for this year, all students were filled with pride as they realized they had helped their fellow residents by treating them to a surprise and relieving them of a pesky chore. The Rake and Race guarantees to be a treasured annual event for Buhl in the coming years. Advisers for council and for Letterman's Club are Tonya Skinner and Ryan Bob.

I would like to acknowledge the Buhl drama department. The play "Antigone," which ran for Nov. 6-8 was a major success. The main roles played by Michelle Viola and Caleb Thom were awesome. All other cast members made this a terrific play. There was one important underlying message that the play imparted and that was to stand up for what you believe. It was truly a moving drama, and all Buhl residents should be glad to know that they have a wonderful drama department in their community.

Joe Popplewell is the student body president at Buhl High School.

LEARNING FROM VETERANS



Eighth-grade students at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls listened intently as guest speakers Bob Jackson and Richard Hansting talked about being veterans of world wars. Both were in the Navy. Jackson's 20-year career spanned Vietnam, Lebanon, Libya and Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Hansting was one of the first to enlist in Twin Falls in 1939 and was aboard the USS Nevada in 1941, making him one of about 16,000 World War II Pearl Harbor Survivors. Students asked many questions, ranging from "What was it like to be aboard a ship being bombed?" to "What are all those medals and pins?" The students also learned about the wars, naval equipment and what it was like to serve long before their time.

STORK REPORT

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003.

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Edgar Hurtado-Villacana, son of Efrain and Maria Hurtado of Hatley, was born Thursday, Oct. 30, 2003.

Juana Esmeralda Rangel-Valencia, daughter of Rodrigo Rangel and Patricia Valencia of Hatley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003.

Janet Nguyen, daughter of Ngoc and Van Nguyen of Hatley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2003.

Sergio Alex Sanchez, son of Sergio Sanchez-Gonzalez and Susan Sanchez of Bellevue, was born Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2003.

Blake T. Brammer, son of Bert and Kathy Brammer of Bellevue, was born Sunday, Nov. 9, 2003.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Rachael Louise Schmidt, daughter of Carl Schmidt and Heather Franks of Hatley, was born Friday, Nov. 14, 2003.

Logan Curtiss Page, son of Kylee and Kristina Page of Rupert, was born Monday, Nov. 10, 2003.

Cassia Regional Medical Center will no longer be sending birth announcements to *The Times-News*. To have a birth announcement printed in the Stork Report, bring a copy of the child's birth certificate to *The Times-News* office in Burley or Twin Falls. Parents who bring in their child's birth certificate will receive one free issue of the newspaper.

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Tyler Austin Alred, son of Stephanie Marie and Austin Kenneth Alred of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003.

Jeremy Matthew Hardy, son of Jennifer Marie and Brian D. Hardy of Hazelton, was born Monday, Nov. 10, 2003.

Richard Mackie Lemmons, son of Stephanie Marie Lemmons of Buhl, was born Monday, Nov. 10, 2003.

Kyler Jay Earl, son of Jaime and Nicholas Stanley Earl of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003.

Colton Vernon Elson, son of Elizabeth Kathryn and Vernon Wade Elson of Hagerman, was born Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003.

Dawson Allen Flisk, son of Melanie Jean and Daryl Allen Flisk

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News 89, Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. For information? Call Melissa at 735-3278

of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003.

Elisba Daniel Bacon, son of Christy Michelle and Bryan Layne Bacon of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003.

Andrew Julius Gellman, son of Jennifer and Nathan Julius Gellman of Twin Falls, was born

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NATIONAL COMPETITION

LEGACY 2003 National FFA Convention
Louisville, Kentucky



Danille Hoogland of the Castleford FFA Chapter was one of 35 state representatives participating in the 2003 National FFA Job Interview Career Development Event. The competition was held during the 2003 National FFA Convention in October in Louisville, Ky. Agricultural teacher and FFA advisor Roger Wells, who coaches the student, is also pictured. Hoogland is the daughter of Harry and Vicki Hoogland.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Gates kicks off Comdex

Microsoft chairman touts future products

Los Angeles Times

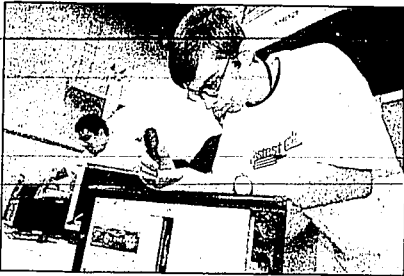
Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates kicked off a scaled-down Comdex technology convention in Las Vegas on Sunday with a demonstration of future products he said would improve customer security, cut down spam, and allow easy searches of what computer users have viewed but not stored.

Giving his 20th consecutive keynote speech at the annual convention, Gates was typically upbeat in predicting that research at Microsoft and elsewhere in the industry would improve worker productivity and the quality of the consumer experience.

Microsoft has come under more fire than usual in recent months for security weaknesses in its flagship Windows operating system. Those holes have allowed Internet worms and viruses to disable millions of computers, causing billions of dollars in damage this year alone.

Microsoft has responded by pressing large customers to automate their systems for retrieving and installing software fixes as soon as Microsoft releases them.

On Sunday, Gates also touted and demonstrated the company's Internet Security and Acceleration Server 2004, which was designed to catch more types of hazards at the



Michael Phelps, left, of Vontura, Calif., and Jeremy Betgen of Grand Junction, Colo., compete in the 'fastest geek' competition Monday at the Comdex computer trade show in Las Vegas. The competition rewards the technician who can put together a personal computer in the fastest time.

entrance to a business' computer network. To be released next summer, the software starts at around \$1,500 and gives systems administrators more tools for stopping invasive programs.

"You take any of the viruses and worms that have been center stage in the past six months, and this should handle it," said Dave Berkowitz, a Microsoft product manager.

Gates also said improved spam filtering tools would be sold early next year to work with Microsoft Exchange, the software for server computers routing e-mail. Called

SmartScreen, the program killed 80 percent of spam in tests and adapts to customer feedback on what is unwanted e-mail, said Group Product Manager Kevin Doer.

Gates also gave the first preview of a search mechanism being developed by Microsoft researchers and dubbed What I've Seen. That function looks for designated terms not only in what a user has stored as a file on a personal computer, but also what that person has read in e-mail or viewed while browsing the World Wide Web.

Battle of the game consoles plays out before parents

By Victor Godnez
The Dallas Morning News

Parents shopping for the best deal on a video game console for Christmas have several options right now.

All three of the major consoles — Nintendo's GameCube, Sony's PlayStation 2 and Microsoft's Xbox — have dropped in price over the last year.

Nintendo, Sony and Microsoft are also offering official bundle deals, giving purchasers free games and hardware along with the console.

Here's a rundown on each system so that parents can decide which best suits their household.

GameCube

Right now, the GameCube is the cheapest of the systems, selling for \$99.

It's also the system best suited for younger gamers, with such kid-friendly fare as the Mario titles, including the much-anticipated racing game Mario Kart: Double Dash.

Note to parents: The official GameCube bundle and Double Dash both debut Nov. 17.

Older gamers will likely be thrilled with either an Xbox or a PlayStation 2, which each have different selling points.

Game basics

Nintendo GameCube
Official bundle deal: The Legend of Zelda
Collector's Edition Bundle: available starting Nov. 17

Price: \$99 with one controller and Legend of Zelda disc. The disc includes full versions of four Zelda games: The Legend of Zelda, Zelda II: The Adventure of Link, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time, and The Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask. Also included is a playable demo of the newest Zelda game, The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker.

Microsoft Xbox

Official bundle deal: Xbox Holiday Deal
Base price: \$179, with one controller, Star Wars: The Clone Wars and Tennis Worlds Online Edition. Each game also includes a one-month trial of Xbox Live, Microsoft's online gaming service

Sony PlayStation 2
Official bundle deal: PlayStation2 Combo Pack
Base price: \$199, with one controller, the Network Adaptor for online play, and the online compatible game ATV Offroad Fury 2. The stand-alone PS2 sells for \$179.

gigabyte hard disk.
Another consideration: Xbox Live is broadband only.

The Xbox can also double as a DVD movie player, providing you buy the separate DVD playback kit for \$29.

PS2

The PS2, though not quite as technologically sophisticated as the Cube or the Xbox, has some great games and is backward-compatible, meaning that all the titles for the original PlayStation work with it.

The PS2 can play DVD movies right out of the box, but you'll probably want to buy a separate PS2 DVD remote control if you plan to watch a lot of movies.

The PS2 also has online play for some games.

To play online, you need the Network Adaptor, which is included in Sony's current bundle.

Currently, there are no online subscription fees for the PS2. Next March, Sony is expected to release a \$99 40-gigabyte hard drive, which will come in handy for downloading and saving game content.

Although all three manufacturers have official bundles, most retailers offer their own specialized bundles, with extra games, controllers, cables and online components.

So be sure to shop around.

Mech Assault.
The Xbox also comes with an 8-

Reborn Napster faces competition

By Mike Langberg
Knight Ridder News Service

Napster 2.0, the legitimate reincarnation of the outlaw music service shut down by the recording industry two years ago, tries to do so many things at once that it doesn't quite succeed at any of them.

Launched Oct. 29, the new Napster (www.napster.com) is an upgrade of the music service previously called presplay, which started in December 2001 and was among the best in the first generation of attempts to sell songs online.

But standing still is dangerous in such a rapidly changing field, and Napster's kitty mascot was to contend with a new top cat in town: Apple Computer's elegant iTunes Music Store (www.itunes.com), launched for Windows on Oct. 16.

There's also strong competition from two lesser-known rivals, Music Match (www.musicmatch.com) and Rhapsody (www.rhapsody.com).

Not that Napster is without redeeming features: I especially like the unlimited listening available for \$9.95 a month, a great way to explore the vast library of 500,000 tracks, spanning almost every musical genre.

There are currently eight online music services with licenses to sell music from all five major music groups — BMG, EMI, Sony, Universal and Warner. (For details, see the chart accompanying this column.) According to my contact, colleague Dawn Chmielewski, who has sources deep in the recording industry, three more big names will start their own services in the next few months: Amazon.com, Sony and Wal-Mart.

They're all chasing the elusive goal of persuading music lovers to pay for music on the Internet instead of grabbing songs for free from the original Napster's pirate progeny, such as Kazaa, LimeWire and Grokster.

It's too soon to say which legal services will survive in the long run, or what features consumers will prefer. For now, the services are coalescing around three approaches:

- Downloads. Tracks you buy, typically for 99 cents, with rights to record, or "burn," to compact disc or transfer into portable music players.

- Streaming. Tracks you can hear on your computer as often as you want, as long as you maintain a subscription to the service.

- Custom radio. Music channels programmed by the services as part of a subscription package, usually allowing listeners to skip over songs they don't like. This

shouldn't be confused with merely providing a directory of Internet radio stations, which some of the services also do.

Napster is offering all three approaches, while Apple iTunes only provides downloads.

This makes Napster a somewhat confusing place. Most individual tracks are available for purchase or can be streamed by listeners paying \$9.95 a month for premium membership. But a significant minority are listen-only tracks that can't be purchased, or buy-only tracks that can't be streamed and provide only a 30-second sample.

In stark contrast, every track on iTunes can be purchased.

Napster also falls short in offering entire albums. Both iTunes and Napster sell many albums for a fixed price — \$9.99 for iTunes and \$9.95 for Napster — that saves several dollars when the album has 12 or 14 or 15 tracks. But many albums on Napster don't offer that fixed price; instead, you must buy the tracks individually at a higher price.

Again, iTunes stands in contrast with few albums costing more than \$9.99.

Some examples: Napster offers six albums by Jennifer Lopez, five of which can be purchased; there are 41 albums by the late Johnny Cash, of which only nine are sold at \$9.95.

For shoppers who want to buy complete albums rather than individual songs, this makes Napster a significantly more expensive place

than iTunes.

I asked a Napster spokeswoman about this, and she said 90 percent of the service's 500,000 tracks are available for both purchase and streaming — leaving just 10 percent that are either listen only or buy only. She did not have a figure on what percentage of albums go for \$9.95. My estimate, after a week of prowling through Napster, would be well under 50 percent.

Xbox

The Xbox's big attraction is the Xbox Live online service.

The service allows users to play games online against other real live people, chat using a special headset and download tunes for Microsoft's new karaoke title, Xbox Music Mixer.

But you have to pay to play online with Microsoft.

For new gamers, an Xbox Live starter kit costs \$69, including a one-year subscription, the Xbox Communicator headset and an online game,

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YOU KNOW

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Coming Wednesday

The Teton boys soccer coach surprises strangers almost every time.

The Times-News

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I've played in the NFL, but that's the NFL I always dreamed about.

—Cincinnati cornerback Artrell Hawkins on the cheering throngs following the Bengals win Sunday

TRIVIA

QUESTION: How did the quote, "The opera ain't over until the fat lady sings," get into sports lexicon?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school girls basketball

- Kimberly at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
- Murtaugh at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
- Camas County at Castledorf, 6 p.m.
- Filer at Burley, 6 p.m.
- Gooding at Wendell, 6 p.m.
- Richfield at RF Christian, 5 p.m.
- Rockland at Raft River, 6 p.m.
- Lighthouse Christian at North Gem, 6 p.m.
- Gooding at Wendell, 6 p.m.
- Glenns Ferry at Rimrock, 6 p.m.
- Bonneville at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bengals regain spot in I-AA football poll

PHILADELPHIA — The Idaho State Bengals are back in the NCAA Division I-AA football poll compiled by the Sports Network after a road win against No. 20 Cal Poly over the weekend.

Idaho State (7-4) is ranked at No. 24 heading into the final weekend of the regular season, a home date against Southern Utah.

Big Sky Conference leader Montana (9-2) moved up one to No. 1 after former No. 2 Northern Illinois lost. Northern Arizona (8-3) moved up one to No. 17.

Toyz For Kids volleyball tournament set in Gooding

GOODING — The Sixth Annual Toyz For Kids Volleyball Tournament will be held Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Gooding Middle School gymnasium for A-B-C-D divisions. The cost is \$75 per team and one new toy for each player. Call Pam at 735-4124 at Glanville Foods weekdays or 324-0354 at home in the evenings.

Rupert rec basketball registration continues

RUPERT — Registration for the Rupert Recreation Department's high school basketball and youth boys' basketball programs will run through Dec. 12. All boys grades 1-6 and 9-12 are welcomed to register at Rupert City Hall between 9-5. The cost is \$15 per player if registered by Dec. 12 and \$30 thereafter. The season will start in January and run through February. Call 434-2100 for more information.

Jerome CC holds fall golf special

JEROME — Continuing through Nov. 30, Jerome Country Club will offer reduced golf rates for public and guest play.

Please call John or Teresa in the pro shop for details and tee times at (208) 324-5281.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER

Although the quote is often attributed to Dick Motta when he was coaching the Washington Bullets, it originated with San Antonio Spurs broadcaster Dan Cook. He said it after the Spurs had lost the first game of a playoff series with the Bullets in 1978. Cook said it was a takeoff on Yogi Berra's line, "It ain't over till it's over."

CSI draws Arkansas-Fort Smith

Golden Eagles enter tourney as No. 3 seed

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The phone calls have begun in earnest.

College of Southern Idaho head coach Ben Stroud will spend the next day or so trying to track down whatever information he can about the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith after the Golden Eagles first-round national

tournament opponent was announced Monday.

"I don't know anything about them right now," Stroud said. "I'll go get the scoop."

Pairings for all eight first-round matches were announced for the national junior college volleyball tournament to be held Nov. 24-26 in West Plains, Mo.

The top seeds drew teams usually headed to the consolation

bracket by the end of the first day.

Defending two-time defending champion Miami-Dade Community College, the top seed, will play No. 16 Pitt Community College of North Carolina while No. 2 seed Barton County Community College of Kansas plays Wallace State of Alabama.

No. 4 Blinn College of Texas, the only undefeated team in the field, drew Casper College of Wyoming.

The University of Arkansas-

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NJCAA Division I Volleyball Championship

Nov. 24-26, West Plains, Mo.	15 Wallace State (Ala.), noon
First round	
No. 3 CSI vs. No. 14 Arkansas-Fort Smith, 10 a.m.	No. 1 Miami-Dade (Fla.) vs. No. 16 Pitt (W. Va.), 2 p.m.
No. 6 SW Illinois vs. No. 11 Seward County (Kansas), 10 a.m.	No. 8 Arizona Western vs. No. 9 Pasco-Hernando (Fla.), 2 p.m.
No. 7 Lee (Texas) College vs. No. 10 Frank Phillips (Texas) College, noon	No. 5 Southwest Missouri vs. No. 12 Western Nebraska, 4 p.m.
No. 2 Barton County (Kansas) vs. No. 13 Casper College (Wyo.), 4 p.m.	

FRESH(MAN) LEGS

Former Burley High standout now punishes NAIA defenses

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

HELENA — Do you know where to find most true-freshman football players on Saturdays? Check the sidelines.

Look for the spiky-haired guys in FUZZY jeans. Search for the third string quarterback wearing a baseball cap instead of a helmet. Scope out the linebacker who's jersey is cleaner than a brain surgeon's latex gloves.

Look anywhere other than the playing field. That space is reserved for the seniors — for the men — not the boys. The gridiron is for those who've paid their dues in blood and sweat, in 6 a.m. workouts and long nights pouring over playbooks.

The 100-yard stretch of turf sitting between football's promised lands has one message for true freshmen.

You want to play with me? Get real, kid.

At Carroll College — the NAIA's top ranked football team and defending national champion — Jed Thomas is answering that message.

With 416 all-purpose yards and nine touchdowns, the true freshman's play couldn't get more real. The 6-foot-1, 195-pound Heyburn native and former All-State running back at Burley High School has become an important part of Carroll's two-back offense.

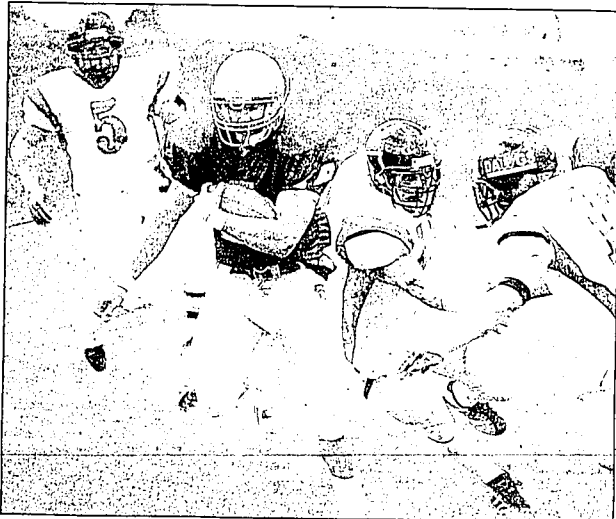
Thomas had little trouble convincing his coaches he deserved immediate playing time.

"The coaches told all the running backs there was one spot open and I just tried my best," Thomas said. "Halfway through two-a-days they told me I got the spot."

Thomas took that spot and has punished opposing defenses ever since.

Nick Howlett, Carroll's offensive coordinator, knew Thomas could contribute immediately.

"There was no doubt he could



Former Burley High standout and current Carroll College running back Jed Thomas evades two University of Montana-Western defenders in this file photo.

Feature kickoff

Editor's note: This story about former Burley High standout Jed Thomas kicks off a monthly feature at the Times-News, The College Report.

Beginning in late December, the Times-News will publish a feature



focusing on one athlete to start a roundup about former area high school athletes who have since taken their skills to college programs, many outside Idaho. But we need your help.

Anyone interested in submitting a suggestion or information about a former area athlete, call e-mail Sports Editor Joe Paisley at paisley@timesnews.com. A senior portrait of the athlete will also be accepted for publication.

help us. We didn't want him to get only 25-30 snaps for the season," Howlett said. "I was excited to get the spot, spent more time with our running backs coach and now he's getting 25-30 snaps a game."

Natural talent combined with a good work ethic sets Thomas apart.

"What separates Jed from most backs is he's a gamebreaker, a difference maker every time he touches the ball," Howlett said. "He brings an explosive element we haven't had with other backs."

But where does that explosive element come from?

"One of Jed's defining traits is

his work ethic," Howlett said. "If you say we're lifting at six in the morning, he'll be there at quarter 11."

While most college freshmen gorge on pizza, Thomas has a more constructive passion.

"I really enjoy lifting, it's a time to get away from school and forget about everything," Thomas said.

An endearing personality has made Thomas an instant fan favorite.

"His magnetic personality has been great during autograph sessions," said Howlett. "Kids can be intimidated when they meet the players, but Jed's so great at drawing people in. He's not an intimidating guy at all."

It's readily apparent that Thomas appreciates his spot at Carroll. Most players call it a

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Rodriguez nabs AL MVP honor

But now, Texas might trade him

By Ronald Blum Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — For sale: American League MVP.

Asking price: about \$179 million.

An hour after becoming only the second player from a last-place team to win a Most Valuable Player award, Alex Rodriguez confirmed that the Texas Rangers have talked to him about a possible trade.

"Management has approached me with a situation and some choices, and I'm just going to keep my doors open right now," Rodriguez said Monday from Mexico during a conference call.

Rodriguez received 242 points for the American League award in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado was second with 213 points, followed by New York Yankees catcher Jorge Posada with 194.

Showing the split among the

AL MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD

A-Rod takes AL's top prize

Alex Rodriguez won the American League Most Valuable Player Award for the first time in his career, capping a season in which he led the AL in home runs, runs and slugging percentage but the Rangers finished last.

First-, second- and third-place votes and total points on a 14-9-8-7-6-5-3-1 basis.

AVG	.298
HR	47
RBI	118
RUNS	124
SLG%	.600



SOURCE: Associated Press

writers, 10 players received first-place votes, one short of the record set in the 1947 NL vote and matched in the 1977 AL vote.

Rodriguez was the only player picked on every ballot. He hit 239, tied for the major league lead with 47 homers, and led the AL in runs (124) and slugging percentage (.600). He had 118 RBIs, second in the AL to Delgado's 145. Regarded by many as the best

Top vote-getters

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
Rodriguez, Tex.	6	5	6	242
Delgado, Tor.	5	8	3	210
Posada, N.Y.	5	4	4	194
Stewart, Minn.	3	2	2	140
Ortiz, Bos.	4	3	2	130
Ramirez, Bos.	1	3	3	103
Garciparra, Bos.	1	2	1	99

all-around player in the league, Rodriguez became the first AL player to win the MVP while playing for a last-place team. Andre Dawson won the 1987 NL award with the last-place Chicago Cubs.

Last year, Rodriguez finished second in MVP voting to Oakland shortstop Miguel Tejada and in 1996 he finished three points behind the Rangers' Juan

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Cincinnati Bengals revel in share of first place

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — All across the NFL's most overlooked outpost, fans are putting away their paper-hat head covers and cutting loose with a "Who Dey" cheer for the first time in years.

The Buncles are gone. The Bengals are back — and sharing first place, no less.

By guaranteeing a victory over the Kansas City Chiefs and then pulling it off Sunday in front of the biggest crowd ever at Paul Brown Stadium, the Bengals (5-5) have their long-suffering fans feeling like it was the good old days — the 1980s, that is.



"My neighbors were waiting outside for me this morning, telling me congratulations," sixth-year cornerback Artrell Hawkins said Monday. "That's something that's never happened."

None of them can remember anything like this.

The Bengals haven't been in contention, this late in a season

since 1990, the last time they had a winning record and made the playoffs. Their 24-19 win over the Chiefs moved them into a tie with Baltimore atop the AFC North.

"The Bengals in playoff contention? Stunning."

"We've already won two games in November — that's something I've never done before," Hawkins marveled. "Usually we go in the tank about Oct. 3, and you don't see us until the next season."

One high-profile win has put them in everyone's sights.

By backing up receiver Chad Johnson's boast that they were going to win, the Bengals proved they were no longer a sad-sack team to be ignored. A franchise that went to two Super Bowls in the 1980s is back on the NFL's radar.

"It gives us legitimacy for everything," first-year coach Marvin Lewis said.

It also gives them a chance to contemplate the playoffs, a place few of them have visited.

Lewis set out Monday to start preparing his team for the rigors of playing important games it.

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SPORTS

Jazz remain unbeaten at home

Nowitzki comes alive to lead Mavericks over Trail Blazers

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Andrei Kirilenko scored 25 points and pulled down 10 rebounds...



Tracy McGrady finished with 29 points to lead the Magic...

DeShawn Stevenson finished with 10 points, and all of Utah's starters scored in double figures...

Mavericks 105, Trail Blazers 98

DALLAS - Dirk Nowitzki overcame a slow start to energize a third-quarter rally...

Rashed Wallace scored 31 points and eight rebounds...

CSI

Continued from D1 Fort Smith program began in 1998 with the Lions...

Thomas

Continued from D1 career after high school. "It's like every little boy's dream," Thomas said...

from falling to 0-4 on the road. The first meeting between the Mavericks and Blazers since their seasaw playoff series...

Rockets 74, Sixers 66

PHILADELPHIA - Cuttino Mobley scored 19 points, and Yao Ming and Jim Jackson each added 12 to lead the Houston Rockets...

The Rockets, who won for the seventh time in nine games, took a lead late in the first quarter...

Allen Iverson scored 15 for the Sixers, who had their lowest point total of the season...

Knicks 89, Celtics 86

NEW YORK - Michael Doleac scored the Knicks' final four points and grabbed eight of his nine rebounds...

Doleac, snubbing for starting center Dikembe Mutombo, hit the Knicks' final shot from the field...

The win was only the third of the season for the Knicks, who got 26 points from Allan Houston and 21 from Keith Van Horn...

Vin Baker led Boston with 20 points.

Wizards 106, Hawks 97

ATLANTA - Jarvis Hayes keyed



Orlando forward Drew Gooden (0) has his shot blocked by Utah's Greg Ostertag during the first half Monday in Salt Lake City.

a fourth-quarter run with a go-ahead 3-pointer and Washington snapped a four-game losing streak by beating Atlanta.

Larry Hughes led the Wizards with 26 points, and Gilbert Arenas added 23. Washington outscored the Hawks 30-19 down the stretch...

heard Seward is pretty good."

Southwestern Illinois is likely a strong opponent as well. It had a streak No. 6 Jefferson College (Mo.) to garner a tournament berth.

"They must be good," Stroud said. "I saw Jefferson play and they were a solid team."

And now comes the payday. An undefeated regular season record (11-0) and a first-round home game in the NIAA playoffs...

"Coach Van Diest says you don't have to get up for the game on Saturday," Thomas said. "It's our payday."

Carroll's - and Thomas' - message is clear. They'll celebrate when the work is done, when Carroll is a back-to-back NIAA champion...

"Oh, and for that flaw. He's working on it." "He'll need to add five to ten pounds in the offseason, but with his work ethic, that'll be easy," said Howlett.

Quick scores lead Sabres to win over Senators

OTTAWA (AP) - J.P. Dumont and James Patrick scored 14 seconds apart early in the third end...

Dumont scored from the slot 1:52 into the third to break a scoreless tie...

Redden scored for the third straight game, pulling the Senators within one with a power play goal at 4:10...

Buffalo ended a three-game winless streak. The Sabres have won just twice in their last seven games (2-2-1).

The Senators, who fell to 0-6 in one-goal games, lost their second in a row. Ottawa is 2-5-2 since collecting 11 of 14 points while win-

ning five of its first seven games. Biron came up with a big stop on former teammate Vaclav Kravac's chance early in the second end...

Sabres center Daniel Briere set up Dumont's goal early in the third. Briere moved from behind the net and passed from the right side of the net to Dumont...

Sabres left wing Jochen Hecht, making his season debut after breaking his left arm in a preseason game, also drew an assist on Dumont's goal.

Buffalo played LW Jason Botterill on waivers to make room for Hecht on its roster. Botterill had no points in 14 games.

Bengals

Continued from D1 November and December. The Bengals' last trip to the playoffs ended with a 20-10 second-round loss to the Los Angeles Raiders in the 1998 season.

Although the Bengals are only a break-even team, their weak division presents an unexpected chance to think of the postseason in the first year of Lewis' rebuilding program.

"You know that the team that gets hot, that plays well down the stretch, that stays healthy - you have a chance to go very far," Lewis said.

So, why not the Bengals? Players who have been through one miserable season after another are becoming Monday, but reluctant to talk about this season in Cincinnati. Years of disap-

pointment have taught them not to count on anything.

The victory over Kansas City proved them right about one thing: This is a much different team from the 12 before it.

After two crowds of around 50,000 for home games - roughly 15,000 below capacity - they drew the biggest crowd ever for a Bengals game in Cincinnati.

"I've played in the NFL, but that's the NFL I always dreamed about."

MVP

Continued from D1 Gonzalez. "It means the world to me," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez has completed three seasons of a \$252 million, 10-year contract, the richest in baseball history. He has been paid \$96 million, gets another \$1 million on Dec. 1 and is owed \$12 million plus interest in deferred payments from the first three seasons.

Delgado hit .302 with 42 homers for Toronto, while Posada batted .281 for the Yankees with 30 homers and 101 RBIs.

NFL

Continued from D1 place in the AFC North.

The 49ers retired Hall of Fame safety Ronnie Lott's jersey at halftime, and at times their defense seemed to be paying tribute to one of football's hardest hitters with another solid performance.

Table with NFL statistics for Pittsburgh, San Francisco, St. Louis, and other teams.

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No. 1 UConn struggles against Yale

SPORTS LETTER

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Emeka Okafor, the AP's preseason player of the year, had 21 points and 13 rebounds in No. 1 Connecticut's season-opening 70-60 victory over Yale on Monday night.

The Huskies, who rallied from a three-point halftime deficit in the preseason NIT game, will host the season opener of the game between Vermont and Nevada in the second round Wednesday night.

Benjamin Brown had 15 points and Ben Gordon added 13 and six assists for the Huskies. Dominick Martin and Edwin Drough each had 14 points for Yale, which lost its 12th straight season opener.

College basketball

No. 11 Texas 89, Brown 51
AUSTIN, Texas — P.J. Tucker had 18 points and 13 rebounds to become the third Texas freshman to finish with a double-double in his college debut.
Jaime Led Brown with 16 points.

Idaho 84, Elon 60
COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tyrone Hayes had 16 points and seven rebounds and Linnard Davis added 13 points and nine boards as Idaho beat Elon 84-60 in the first round of the Guardians Classic in

Monday night.
The Vandals won down the Phoenix with a relentless transition game, good shooting and a deep bench in the opener for both teams.
The Vandals move on to play South Carolina in Tuesday night's second-round game, while the consolation game will be played on Monday night.

Monday night's game was never in doubt as Idaho jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the game's first two minutes, and was up 37-19 with 5:26 left in the first half. The Vandals led by as much as 25 in the second half.

Amund Kahrmanovic added 12 points and Anton Lyons had 11

points and seven rebounds for Idaho.

Utah 46, Georgia St 38
SALT LAKE CITY — Freshman Andrew Bogut scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in his Utah debut as the Utes rallied to defeat Georgia State 46-38 Monday in the first round of the Preseason NIT.
Bogut, a 6-foot-10 forward from Australia, had eight points down the stretch as Utah held the Panthers to five points in the last 7:51 of the game.
Richard Chastain had eight points and Justin Hawkins added seven for Utah, which played just one overpassman.

Golfer Don Hutchings is reader's hero

Occasionally, there is an article in the paper about an octogenarian who has scored at or near his age as a golf reader. This is a very noteworthy accomplishment.
Don Hutchings is 86 years old. He plays more than 100 rounds of golf each year at Twin Falls.

Muni. He scores at or below his age approximately three out of four rounds and occasionally scores below 80.
Don's consistency is amazing for any golfer and is especially noteworthy for someone of his advanced age.
That's why Don Hutchings is my hero.
WAYNE DURNIL
Twin Falls

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball

- Preseason NIT first round, Louisiana Lafayette at Georgia Tech, ESPN, 5 p.m.
- Preseason NIT first round, Davidson at Texas Tech, ESPN, 7 p.m.

Hockey

- Mighty Ducks at Anaheim, ESPN2, PSNW, 6 p.m.

Boxing

- All-Louisiana State University (LSU) boxing team will travel to the state capital in Baton Rouge to fight the Louisiana State University (LSU) boxing team.

FOOTBALL

NFL

Week	W	L	T	OT	PF	PA
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Division IAA Pool

Team	W	L	T	OT	PF	PA
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BASKETBALL

NBA

Team	W	L	OT	PF	PA
1. Los Angeles Lakers	1	0	0	17	14
2. Boston Celtics	1	0	0	17	14
3. Phoenix Suns	1	0	0	17	14
4. Sacramento Kings	1	0	0	17	14
5. Houston Rockets	1	0	0	17	14
6. New York Knicks	1	0	0	17	14
7. San Antonio Spurs	1	0	0	17	14
8. Dallas Mavericks	1	0	0	17	14
9. Philadelphia 76ers	1	0	0	17	14
10. Miami Heat	1	0	0	17	14
11. Cleveland Cavaliers	1	0	0	17	14
12. Chicago Bulls	1	0	0	17	14
13. Indiana Pacers	1	0	0	17	14
14. Memphis Grizzlies	1	0	0	17	14
15. Portland Trail Blazers	1	0	0	17	14
16. Utah Jazz	1	0	0	17	14
17. Denver Nuggets	1	0	0	17	14
18. Minnesota Timberwolves	1	0	0	17	14
19. Orlando Magic	1	0	0	17	14
20. Washington Wizards	1	0	0	17	14
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25. Atlanta Hawks	1	0	0	17	14
26. Oklahoma City Thunder	1	0	0	17	14
27. New Orleans Hornets	1	0	0	17	14
28. San Diego Clippers	1	0	0	17	14
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32. Detroit Pistons	1	0	0	17	14
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Vote deadline nears for Buhl business people

BUHL—The deadline is drawing near for Buhl business people to vote for new chamber and economic leaders.

The Buhl Chamber of Commerce has two positions open for elected leaders, one on the chamber's board of directors, and one on the Buhl Economic Council. The ballot was printed in the chamber's November newsletter and is due back to the chamber office by Friday. The winning candidates will take office in December.

For the chamber board, Gary Smith and Mimi Ford are candidates.

Smith, part owner of Jones Hardware in Buhl, has been a resident for 15 years. Ford is the owner of Mimi's Flowers, Gifts & Coffee.

Three candidates are on the ballot for the Buhl Economic Council: Jim Barker, John Peters and Rick Astley.

Barker, born and raised in Buhl, has 25 years of real estate experience. Peters works as director of safety at Rangen Inc. in Buhl. Astley is a service manager for Idaho Power Co. with 24 years' service.

Chamber members may vote until Friday. For information, call the chamber office at 543-6682.

Retirement funds may have to last long time

NEW YORK—Are you and your spouse age 65 or older? Chances are that one of you is going to live a long time.

Many experts have warned about the impending retirement of the massive baby boom generation. But unless millions of Americans make better financial choices, they will be unable to support themselves comfortably through retirement.

One of the main reasons for this lack of preparation is that many Americans don't understand that retirement today can last several decades.

Fidelity Investments published a report that cites a 2000 statistic from the Society of Actuaries. If you are 65 and married to someone else who is 65, there is a 50 percent chance that one of you will survive to the age of 92. There is a 25 percent chance that one of you will live to 97.

Have you saved enough money to sustain your lifestyle for that long?

Fortunately, it's never too late to begin saving for the financial demands of retirement.

To get a good idea of how much income you will need, go to Bankrate.com's Savings Income Calculator at

www.bankrate.com/bm/cale/svgs-income/savings-income.asp.

The calculator will determine how long a sum of invested money will last when a set amount is withdrawn every month.

Newsletter offers tips on avoiding airport hassles

Many corporate road warriors have their own tried-and-true methods of navigating the airport-hotel-central car maze. But if you travel only occasionally for work, the trip can easily become a hassle, especially without a corporate travel department arranging everything for you.

So TravelSmart newsletter offers some tips:

To lower airfare costs, fly on Tuesday and Wednesday if possible.

Just as Saturday is often a slow day for airlines, they tend to have a harder time filling seats on these middle-of-the-week days, when business people are already at their destinations.

If you're visiting a client or vendor in another city, ask that company if it has a local hotel it uses. If the company arranges your lodging, you'll probably enjoy their lower rate.

And if you plan to dine on the trip, call the restaurant before you leave home.

Chances for a table — or special seating arrangements for a group — are better when you're calling ahead of time.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Office park announces occupants

Orthopedic surgeon will move into, invest in center

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—A new office park neighboring the College of Southern Idaho has drawn two medical businesses and a new investor.

Twin Falls developer Joe Russell said orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Retmier, a friend of about 15 years, will be his equal partner in the entire Renaissance Office Park, which is planned for

the 10 acres bordered by CSI on the west and North College Road on the north.

Russell in the past has called Renaissance Office Park about an \$11 million project, including property acquisition.

City Hall in October issued building permits for the office park's first four 11,520-square-foot buildings. Work crews are building foundations for the first two structures, which Russell and Retmier intend to prepare for

occupancy by June 1, and are extending Fillmore Street along the office park's western edge.

The new partners intend to start construction on the second pair of already permitted buildings in early spring; Russell's office and a health club for the development's tenants will occupy one of those. And more offices are planned.

Retmier, chief of staff for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and president of Intermountain

Orthopedic Clinic PLLC, said the latter will relocate next year from Shoup Avenue West to the site of his new investment. As an anchor tenant of Renaissance Office Park, Intermountain Orthopedic will occupy about 8,000 square feet of one of the first two structures to be completed.

In fact, Intermountain Orthopedic will own the Renaissance building it occupies, and it has a commitment from another existing Shoup Avenue

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COCKPIT CONTROL



Gordon Pratt, Chelton Flight Systems president and co-developer, files one of his company's twin engine planes Friday near Stanley. Pratt's company is marketing a newly approved flight instrument that allows pilots a real-time simulated view of everything needed to fly the aircraft.

Avionics computer advances small aircraft safety

The Associated Press

BOISE—An avionics company has developed a newly approved flight instrument that lets pilots see a picture of the ground through clouds and weather, potentially eliminating the kind of disorientation that may have led to the crash that killed John F. Kennedy Jr. five years ago.

Designed mainly for private and small commercial aircraft, the \$50,000 base-price computer and display by Boise-based Chelton Flight Systems gives pilots a real-time simulated view of everything needed to fly the

plane safely.

That's important when the view out of the cockpit window turns oatmeal gray, the plane bounces blindly through turbulent air and it's impossible to tell whether the plane is aimed up or down.

Even a quiet, overcast night sky in a remote area can be disorienting.

"Losing track of the airplane is what gets most pilots into trouble," said Gordon Pratt, Chelton Flight Systems President and co-developer of the computer.

John F. Kennedy Jr. took off in his single-engine airplane from Fairfield, N.J., at 8:38 p.m. on July

16, 1999. He intended to fly to Martha's Vineyard to drop off his sister-in-law, then to fly on to Hyannis, Mass.

One hour and two minutes into the flight, the airplane went into a dive, slipped beneath radar coverage and crashed into the sea about 7 1/2 miles off the coast.

Veteran pilots and flight instructors speculate that that Kennedy, who only had his pilot license for a year before the crash, may have become disoriented flying in the dark and the haze over the ocean.

"He trusted the seat of his pants instead of what his instru-

ments were telling him," Pratt said. "Always trust your instruments."

Pilots are taught in flight school that disorientation comes from the body's internal gyroscope, which can easily be fooled when there is no stable horizon to grasp.

The gravitational forces that create false feelings of motion in an aircraft can belie the plane's actual movement. What may feel like a gentle, climbing left turn can actually be a steep right-hand dive.

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Report: Hispanics save less due to income, age

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Hispanics are less likely to save regularly than Americans overall because they are typically younger, have lower incomes and are less proficient in English, an analysis suggests.

The lack of savings contributes to a gap in net worth between Hispanic and all American households, said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America.

The federation and Freddie Mac said Monday they were joining with the United States hispanic net worth, known as "Hispanic America Saves," an expansion of a program known as "America Saves," which has enrolled 13,000 people who develop savings goals and a plan to achieve them. Hispanic America Saves will provide information in English and Spanish, a newsletter and free advice from registered financial planners.

The typical Hispanic household in the United States has median net worth of \$11,450, compared with \$86,100 for all American households, according to 2001 data from the Federal Reserve Board.

The net worth was calculated by adding the value of personal economic assets such as home equity, life insurance, retirement accounts, the

value of a car and other property and subtracting consumer debt.

Only 33 percent of Hispanics save regularly, compared with 41 percent of all Americans, and Hispanics plan financially for the next few months as opposed to the next five years, the analysis found.

"Does this mean Hispanics are not as good savers as other Americans? Not at all," said Brobeck said. Hispanics save \$13 billion last year to other countries, indicating they are saving, he said. That money was not included in the analysis' net worth calculation. Manuel Mirabal, president of the National Puerto Rican Coalition, said one barrier to saving is that while almost 70 percent of Hispanics work, their incomes are low.

"Making do every day for what they need to provide for their families makes it that much harder to save," Mirabal said.

The median age for Hispanics in 2000 was 26, compared with 35 for all Americans. A greater proportion of Hispanics are foreign-born, and limited English language skills narrow earning and savings potential, Brobeck said.

Census data from 2002 showed that only 48 percent of Hispanic household own homes, a key asset for building personal wealth, compared with 68 percent of all households.

Parents shouldn't neglect insurance

Question: My cousin, who was 42, died shortly after learning he had brain cancer. He is survived by his wife and two sons, ages 13 and 15. The only life insurance policy he had was through his employer for \$75,000.

This will help pay for his burial and for some living expenses, but his low income will significantly affect his family's ability to meet their daily living expenses. Are you aware of any programs or organizations that can assist his family?

Answer: Thank you for providing a vivid example of why life insurance is essential when you have people financially dependent on you — and why employer-provided policies typically aren't enough.

It's not as if protection is extraordinarily expensive. Before his diagnosis, your cousin could have purchased \$500,000 of term life insurance for as little as \$500 a year. Those proceeds could have paid off a mortgage, established a college fund for the children and given the widow some peace of mind, rather than the financial scramble she faces now.



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Some people avoid buying life insurance because they don't want to think about death, but people with dependent children no longer have the luxury of denial. Others avoid the decision because it seems too complicated, or they're worried about being "taken" by a unethical life insurance agent. With a little effort, though, you can educate yourself about your choices and make one that protects your family and your pocketbook.

(For more information about how life insurance works and how much to buy, you can visit www.latimes.com/insure101.)

Back to your question: Your cousin's wife and children are most likely eligible, at least for a little while, for survivors' benefits from Social Security. Unmarried children who are not disabled are eligible for benefits until they are 18, or 19

if they attend high school full time. (Children who were disabled before age 22 can receive checks as long as they are disabled.)

A widow or widower who takes care of children receiving such checks also can receive Social Security benefits, at least until the last child is 16.

How much the survivors get depends on the worker's earnings while he or she was alive and the age at death.

Unfortunately, the higher your cousin's income, the less likely that these Social Security benefits will be sufficient for his family. Social Security is designed to prevent workers from falling into poverty, not to replace all their working income. The maximum family benefit for three surviving members of a 42-year-old wage earner is about \$3,400 a month. Social Security spokesman Lowell Kepke says — and that's if your cousin made more than the Social Security maximum wage levels each year of his working life. The maximum wage level this year is \$87,000. If he made

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COURT FILINGS

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

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Edvin Charles Titus Jr. and Denise Butler Titus, also known as Denise Butler, 201 S. Owyhee St., Glens Ferry, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-4078.

Louis Steven Hansen, 1122 Washington St., No. 58C, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42421.

Richard Edward Farmer, 729 Montana, Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42424.

Irene Robledo, 330 Lois St., No. 6, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42422.

Michael D. Fairchild, 501 W. Ave. E., No. 8, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42432.

Scott Allen Worthington and Amy LaRae Worthington, 51 E. 300 N., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42435.

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

Howard J. Hepworth and Judith Hepworth, 661 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities \$100,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-42414.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Oliver R. Phipps Sr. and Patty J. Phipps, also known as Patty J. Smith, 260 Buena Vista, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-42416.

Kevin M. Pawson, 510 Washington St., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-42422.

Barbara Ann Nelson, 402Z U.S. Highway 93, Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-42423.

Greg Hafer and Linda Renee Hafer, also known as Renee Hafer, 650 Lincoln St., Kimberly, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-42427.

Robert Preston Maxfield and Debra A. Maxfield, also known as Danielle Marie Homolka, 567 Pine Court, Twin

Airplane

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Instructors often show this phenomenon to student pilots by having them close their eyes while the aircraft is flying straight and level. Then the instructor gently maneuvers the aircraft into a steep bank. When the student opens their eyes, the earth appears shockingly different than they expected.

How it works

The evolution of cockpit instrumentation has presented pilots with an increasingly complicated array of dials and gauges. Instrument-rated pilots are trained to assemble the pieces of data into a whole mental picture of what's happening to the aircraft.

The Chelton FlightLogic system processes all the flight information along with pre-loaded data about the nearby terrain and pinpoint positioning data from GPS satellites.

The system melds it all into one picture of everything and displays it on a display screen about the size of paperback.

"The biggest advantage is everything is in one display. Normally it's six, and you're committed all in your head - it takes a lot more time and brain

processing. With Chelton, it's a three-dimensional quick glance," said Chad Menne, a 29-year-old corporate pilot and instructor who lives in Minneapolis.

A mid-range, \$75,000 avionics package actually comes with two screens to create what the company calls "synthetic vision." The one on the left of the instrument panel shows a forward-looking, 70-degree view of the horizon and the terrain ahead, along with the aircraft's compass heading, speed, and altitude.

People see about 45 degrees, so it really doubles a pilot's natural view.

The left screen is also used for navigation. The pilot can select a destination, such as an airport, and the display will show a series of artificial green boxes, each representing a 400-foot-wide target in the sky.

The boxes line up to form a tunnel in the sky toward the destination. Just aim the plane through the tunnel and you'll have the runway under your landing gear.

Or, if you prefer, the interfaced autopilot can do it for you, including complicated instrument approaches.

The right-hand screen is a top-down view of the aircraft's location on a moving map, showing your exact location, along with

any nearby air traffic or airports. Even tall obstructions, such as radio towers, are clearly mapped out.

The FlightLogic computer comes with redundant circuitry to prevent failure. Pratt said. The computers run on Pentium-class microprocessors with self-test. A standby backup system can be added as an option in case of power failure.

The system enjoyed a fast-track approval with the Federal Aviation Administration's Capstone project in southeast Alaska.

In 2002, the Federal Aviation Administration authorized a \$4.9 million contract with the company. The government bought more than 150 units and installed them on small commercial aircraft as part of the "Capstone" safety demonstration project.

As a result, the crash rate in the test area, which had been abnormally high in that part of the country, has dropped significantly, Capstone spokeswoman Joette Storm said.

The precise navigational system that is a part of the computer has even allowed the FAA to open up new airspace because pilots can fly through instrument ranges that had previously been prohibited, Storm said.

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significantly less, the available benefits would be lower.

Still, something is much, much better than nothing. Your cousin's widow should contact the Social Security Administration as soon as possible. She needs to apply for benefits within six months of the death to get every dollar to which she's entitled.

Q: I've made a few late payments on my credit cards in the past couple of months. I just haven't had the money to pay at the appropriate times. None of the accounts is delinquent. I always pay - it's just that a few of

the payments have been late. What can I do to repair these blemishes to my credit?

A: Are you sure these tardy payments are even blemishes? Most credit card companies don't report late payments to credit bureaus until the account is at least 30 days overdue. So if you just blew the due date by a week or two, your credit probably hasn't suffered for it. What has suffered is your wallet. Credit card companies make a good chunk of their profits from charging late fees to, and jacking up interest rates on, slow payers like you.

Even more important, the fact

that you couldn't pay on time is a red flag that your debts are out of control. You need to take a hard look at your spending, trim the excess, put away your credit cards, and work toward paying off those balances.

Take charge now before things get much worse - or before you don't, they will.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston at askweston@hotmail.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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John D. Hannah and Patricia L. Hannah, 542 Middleton St.,

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Randolph D. Slater and Sally H. Slater, 808 11th Ave. N.,

Chapter 11, individual, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Raymond Gurule, 1218 Oriental, Burley, Idaho. Nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 03-42421.

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Table of bean market prices for various types of beans.

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