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Hammer, blast, grind



Metal artisan Mitch Smith, right, holds a steel reinforcement beam as metal foreman Mark Butler welds it to the inside of the centennial statue of I.B. Perrine at Renditions Bronze foundry. The beam will eventually extend up to the chest area and through the outstretched left arm.

Reshaped figure emerges from the din of foundry

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The noisy metal-works room of a bronze foundry bears little resemblance to the calm of a sculptor's studio. But what emerges from the din is the same larger-than-life figure of Twin Falls founder I.B. Perrine. First sculpted in clay by artist Ralph Lehman, the city's centennial artwork was cast in almost 30 pieces by the local Renditions Bronze foundry.

Each piece was cast in a hard shell that had to be hammered off. An air chisel removed bits of shell from the corners the hammer couldn't reach. And a coarse sandblaster stripped the last of the shell and oxidation from the surface of each bronze piece.

That's a lot of noise. And a lot of tools. A plasma cutter trimmed off the sprues - waste pieces of bronze destined for recycling in some other foundry project.

Then metal-foreman Mark Butler could begin welding Perrine back together again. The statue's base alone was cast in 11 pieces, including two with shoes attached.

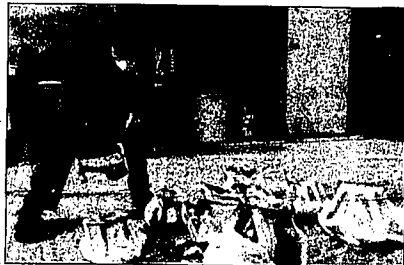
As he pieced the figure - from the bottom up - Butler welded lengths of steel supports inside.

In honeycomb fashion, the bronze statue and internal steel support structure together will weigh 350 pounds or more, he estimated.

Renditions Bronze workers aim to finish the assembly and seam repair by Thanksgiving, leaving only the patina, or coloring, to

Watch for more

In stories and photographs, The Times-News is following the steps in creation of Twin Falls' centennial art project, a statue of I.B. Perrine. Only a few tasks remain before the finished bronze figure can be installed in a planned landscaped plaza on the Snake River Canyon's south rim.



Renditions Bronze employee Wes Shinn breaks the molds off the cooled and solidified bronze. It takes approximately 30 minutes for the bronze to cool to a solid form from its liquid-state temperature of 2,950 degrees.

apply after the holiday, foundry foreman Joshua Beymer said. Welding the pieces together left many seams crisscrossing the statue that had to be ground and sanded.

"We basically make the weld disappear into the part," Butler said. Small grinders repaired the textures of cloth, skin and hair.

Despite their care in previous steps of the statue's creation, foundry workers found a few places in which pieces of Perrine

didn't fit perfectly. That might be the result of a wax shape that bent slightly, for instance.

Butler had to rematch the folds in one part leg, but it was no cause for alarm.

"That's why I have 10 tons of hydraulic power to work with," he said.

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Searchers locate downed aircraft

Hailey pilot's body is found inside plane

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - The wreckage of a missing single-engine aircraft was found Sunday afternoon south-east of Hailey's airport, four days after the businessman-pilot had vanished moments before landing and searchers had combed hundreds of square miles west of the crash site.

The body of the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft, 64-year-old James Woodyard, of Hailey, was in the wreckage of his white Cessna 210, a popular and widely used high-wing single-engine six-seat aircraft capable of reaching speeds up to 200 miles per hour.

First reports of the discovery were spread throughout the community by pilots involved in the long search. One pilot who asked his name not be used said the plane was found in the final hours of Sunday's search.

"A search pilot looked down and there it (the wreckage) was," he said.

A dispatcher at the Blaine County sheriff's department could only confirm that the wreckage was found, the pilot did not survive and the general area of where the crash occurred.

The wreckage was found on Lookout Mountain south of Hudson Canyon, which is southeast of Friedman Memorial Airport.

This would be in the opposite direction of where the search had been concentrated since Wednesday night. Woodyard, who was returning to Hailey from a business trip to Boise, contacted the Friedman control tower for landing clearance shortly after 6 p.m., saying he was southwest of the field about five and a half miles and only minutes from Hudson Mountain. Search was launched when he vanished from Boise radar and failed to land at Friedman.

As late as Sunday, searchers had enlarged their wide-ranging air sweeps westward to include the area around the field, some 28 air miles southwest of Hailey.

The crash site indicates Woodyard was southeast of the airport and preparing an approach on a northwesterly heading to Friedman's runway 31. Lookout Mountain is in rugged terrain to the right of the runway alignment.

Friedman Memorial has implemented a voluntary noise abatement program that suggests landing approaches over the town of Bellevue at 7,000 feet above sea level (or about 1,683 feet above the airport's elevation of 5,317 feet above sea level).

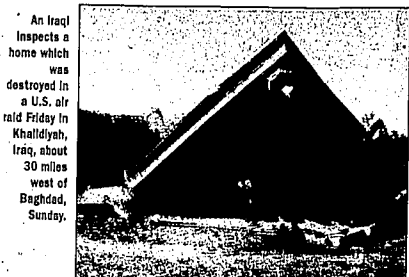
On its official website providing information for pilots, Friedman notes that the airport is "not recommended for night use or in marginal weather by unfamiliar

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James Woodyard

Iraqi teens mutilate bodies of dead U.S. soldiers



An Iraqi inspects a home which was destroyed in a U.S. air raid Friday in Khalidiyah, Iraq, about 30 miles west of Baghdad, Sunday.

The Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq - Iraqi teenagers dragged two bloodied U.S. soldiers from a wrecked vehicle and pummeled them with concrete blocks Sunday, witnesses said, describing the killings as a burst of savagery in a city once safe for Americans.

Another soldier was killed by a bomb and a U.S.-allied police chief was assassinated.

The U.S.-led coalition also said it grounded commercial flights after the military confirmed that a missile struck a DHL cargo plane that landed Saturday at Baghdad International Airport with its wing aflame.

Nevertheless, American offi-

cers insisted they were making progress in bringing stability to Iraq, and the U.S.-appointed Governing Council named an ambassador to Washington - an Iraqi-American woman who spent the past decade lobbying U.S. lawmakers to promote democracy in her homeland.

Witnesses to the Mosul attack said gunmen shot two soldiers driving through the city center, sending their vehicle crashing into a wall. The 101st Airborne Division said the soldiers were driving to another garrison.

About a dozen swarming teenagers dragged the soldiers out of the wreckage and beat them with concrete blocks, the

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Survey places third of Americans in 'tech elite'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Technology geeks, write. There are more of you than you might have realized.

A study released Sunday found that 31 percent of Americans are "highly tech-savvy" people for whom the Internet, cell phones and handheld organizers are more indispensable than TVs and old-fashioned wired phones.

John Horrigan, author of the report by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, said the size of this "tech elite" was somewhat surprising. And while this group is predominantly young, the

Few researchers found plenty of baby boomers and seniors who are equally adept about using technology.

The difference, though, is that techies in their late 20s and 30s are more likely to create online content, like Web logs, or "blogs." Generation Xers are more likely to pay for content on the Web, while wired boomers and seniors generally plumb the Internet for news or to do work-related research.

Among the Pew findings on the "tech elite":

• They spend, on average, a total of \$169 a month on broadband Internet service, satellite or cable

TV, cell phones and Web content. That is 39 percent higher than the national average, \$122.

• Some 29 percent have broadband connections, compared with 17 percent of everyone else.

• About 7 percent have canceled their land line telephone and gone all-wireless. Only 2 percent of non-techies have done that.

• Despite being plugged in to the Internet and other sources of data more often, only 13 percent of the tech-savvy crowd feels overwhelmed by information. By contrast, a sense of information overload plagues 25 percent of the rest of the population.

Senate showdown brews over Medicare legislation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Republican-controlled Senate pointed toward a showdown Sunday on a sweeping Medicare prescription drug bill that sparked a defiant last stand by outnumbered critics and beclouded Democratic presidential hopefuls to the Capitol to join the fight.

Despite the strenuous opposition, California Sen. Dianne

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Feinstein became the seventh Democrat to announce her intention to vote in favor of the measure. She said she would do so "not because it's perfect, but because I believe it brings substantial help to people who need that help."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy, breezy to windy and a chance for late day snow showers. Highs in the lower 30s.
Tonight: Brisk winds and scattered snow showers. Lows in the lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Breezy and cloudy with a few snow showers. Highs in the lower to middle 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy, breezy to windy and a chance for late day snow showers. Highs in the lower 30s.
Tonight: Breezy with scattered snow showers. Lows in the upper teens.
Tomorrow: Breezy and cloudy with a few snow showers or flurries. Highs in the middle 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

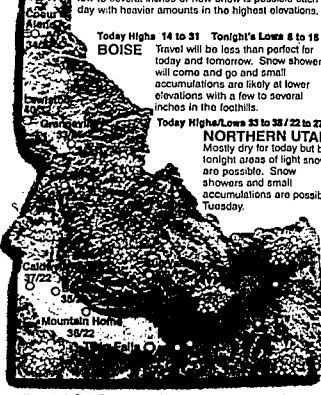
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Yesterday's Weather

Table with 3 columns: City, HI, Lo. Lists weather for Boise, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, etc.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Snow showers are likely for today and tomorrow. A few to several inches of new snow is possible each day with heavier amounts in the highest elevations.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 43 at Lewiston. Low: -6 at Stanley. Weather key: b, sunny; pc, partly cloudy; m, mostly cloudy; c, cloudy; th, thunderstorms; sh, showers; r, rain; sn, snow; fl, flurries; w, wind; m, missing.

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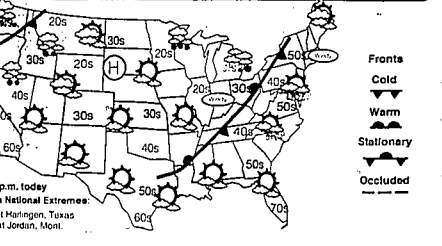
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Canadian cities.

Medicare

Continued from A1. The measure cleared the House near sunset Saturday after a roll call that consumed nearly three hours rather than the allotted 15 minutes.

GOP mulls changes to revive energy bill

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hoping to rescue energy legislation stalled in the Senate, Republicans were discussing elimination of a controversial provision to give legal protection to the makers of MTBE, a gasoline additive found to contaminate drinking water.

The MTBE provision originated in the House, where it has the strong support of Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas and Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., who led the House energy bill negotiations.

Plane

Continued from A1. The night of Woodyard's approach, weather reports indicated gusty winds and cloudy overcast in the vicinity.

Five U.S. soldiers die in Afghanistan helicopter crash

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - Five U.S. soldiers were killed and seven injured when their helicopter crashed Sunday near the American military headquarters north of the Afghan capital, U.S. Central Command said.

The explosion occurred at about 1 p.m. in Shkin, Paktika province, about 135 miles south of Kabul, the Afghan capital. A coalition base also is located there.

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Continued from A1. "They lifted a block and hit their heads with it on the face," said Younis Mahmoud, 19. It was unknown whether the soldiers were alive or dead when pulled from the wreckage.

to the anti-American violence seen in Sunni Muslim areas north and west of Baghdad. In recent weeks, however, attacks against U.S. troops have increased in Mosul, raising concerns the insurgency is spreading.

an Iraqi police colonel protecting oil installations in Mosul. Elsewhere, Iraqi police said six U.S. Apache helicopter gunships blasted a command and Sgt. Lt. Class Michael Eichner of Stomington, Pa., officials at Fort Drum in New York state said.

Lawmakers fear another Medicare revolt

They recall seniors' reactions 14 years ago

Night Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — As they weigh their votes on a massive Medicare prescription drug bill, a lot of nervous lawmakers keep seeing the ghosts of a senior citizens' revolt 14 years ago.

Then as now, Congress was on the verge of expanding Medicare coverage. Critics were warning seniors they were getting a raw deal. And lawmakers kept a lot of nervous Americans that their new Medicare benefits were a wonderful idea.

For Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., then powerful chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, it all boiled over on a hot day in August when he failed to

sell the new coverage to elderly activists at a seniors' center on Chicago's North Side. Brandishing canes, some waving signs saying "Rostenkowski," they chased the sweating, panicked lawmaker to his car. When they surrounded his car, he got out and ran down the street.

Within months, Congress had repealed the law.

"The backlash will be bigger," this time, Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, a consumer health advocacy group, predicted last week. For one thing, the current Medicare changes are bigger than 1989's. They're also hard to explain, passed by a partisan vote, and will adversely affect some seniors.

Democrats last week taunted Republican backers of the new Medicare prescription drug bill with videotapes of Rostenkowski's misadventure.

"You better get your running

shoes!" Rep. Janice Schakowsky, D-Ill., jeered.

Some analysts believe Senate passage of the Medicare bill is likely today. President Bush is expected to sign it eagerly.

Supporters argue that this bill isn't like the debacle of the 80s. This time, the benefit will be voluntary, low-income seniors will pay little or nothing for their coverage, and cheaper medicines will be impossible to oppose.

But the legislation also has its pitfalls. The benefit itself won't begin until 2006 and is not comprehensive. For seniors with lower drug costs, the premiums, deductibles and cost-sharing requirements can cost more than the drugs themselves. The plan also has a gap in coverage for seniors whose total drug costs fall between \$2,250 and \$5,044. When elderly Americans learn the details of the plan, the reality may

not meet expectations that politicians have encouraged.

What's more, the legislation is likely to leave some seniors worse off. About 12 million retirees now buy their drugs through employer health plans that are more extensive than the government plan. In recent years, employers have been dropping their retirees from these plans. Private and government analysts predict more companies will do so once Washington offers an alternative.

To reduce that likelihood, the bill would offer government plans to them large corporations, 28 cents in tax-free government subsidies for every dollar they spend on prescription drug coverage for their retirees. Even with that enticement — worth about \$86 billion to employers over 10 years — some experts predict more than 2 million retirees will lose employer-sponsored drug coverage.

Democrats demand Republicans pull ad

Candidates Dean, Gephardt, trade barbs

The Washington Post

DES MOINES, Iowa — Leading Democrats demanded Sunday that the Republican National Committee (RNC) take down a new television ad defending President Bush's handling of the war in Iraq and charging that Bush's critics were attacking him "for attacking the terrorists."

Democratic anger at the commercial did not bring about any hiatus in the intra-party warfare among the candidates for the presidential nomination, however. On the eve of Monday's candidate debate here, Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., and former Vermont governor Howard Dean traded some of the toughest rhetoric in their rapidly escalating battle.

Gephardt accused Dean of cutting programs for poor and disabled people in Vermont, and Dean accused Gephardt of producing "empty rhetoric" in Congress and of siding with Bush on Iraq "at the expense of our country and our party."

Democrats have been fuming at the RNC ad, which is airing in Iowa to coincide with the Democratic debate. Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle (S-C) called it "repulsive and outrageous" and said Democrats oppose the way Bush has managed the situation in Iraq, not the war against terrorism. "It's wrong, it's erroneous, and I think that they ought to pull the ad," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Sen. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., answered the RNC ad with one of his own, which will begin airing Monday in Iowa, saying Americans are united in the war on terror.

"The problem is you (Bush) declared, 'mission accomplished' when you had no plan to win the peace and handed out billions in

contracts to contributors like Halliburton," an announcer says.

Dean used the RNC ad to raise money on the Internet for an ad of his own, that attacks Bush's Iraq policies, while retired Gen. Wesley Clark said on CBS's "Face the Nation" that the RNC ad implies that Bush's critics are "somehow aiding the enemy." The ad, he said, "violates" the pledge the president made not to exploit 9/11 for political purposes.

The Gephardt-Dean exchanges helped set up Monday's Democratic debate. Campaigning in Iowa Sunday, Gephardt charged that Dean not only sided with Republicans nationally in trying to slow the growth of Medicare in the mid-1990s but repeatedly sought to cut Medicaid, education and other programs to balance Vermont's budget.

"Time after time, when faced with budget shortfalls, Howard Dean's first and only instinct was to cut," Gephardt said, according to the prepared text of his remarks. "Cut education, cut prescription drug coverage, cut Medicaid funding, cut aid to the elderly, blind and disabled."

Dean responded with a statement that said: "As a Governor I worked hard to make the tough choices to deliver results. As a Member of Congress for nearly three decades Dick Gephardt has delivered empty rhetoric." Dean added: "Faced with the toughest decision of his career, whether to send the country to war in Iraq, Dick Gephardt took the easy way out at the expense of our country and our Party."

Eight of the nine candidates were scheduled to be in Des Moines — all except Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn. — for the debate, scheduled for 2 p.m. MST on MSNBC.

Trains return to World Trade Center station

NEW YORK (AP) — The last New Jersey commuter train to leave the World Trade Center before the twin towers collapsed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack was the first one to return, rolling into a temporary station Sunday with dignitaries and victims' family members on board.

"It's a resumption of normalcy," said New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey. He was joined for the short trip under the Hudson River from Jersey City, N.J., to the temporary PATH station by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and New Jersey Sens. Jon Corzine and Frank Lautenberg.

"Today, we're proud and we're pleased to bring back to the people of this region something that was taken from us on Sept. 11," said Anthony Coscia, chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Thelma Stuart, whose husband, Port Authority police officer Walter Stuart Jr., was instrumental in safely evacuating that train — and who then returned to the trade center, where he died — rode in the first car with her 3-year-old daughter, Amanda.

"It's a great honor," she said.



Thelma Stuart, right, plays with her daughter Amanda as they wait for a PATH train to take them to the re-opening of the World Trade Center Station at a station in Jersey City, N.J., Sunday.

As the train surfaced from the tunnel under the Hudson River, passengers saw the construction site that the trade center has been replaced with.

The World Trade Center station itself looks stripped down and industrial, with exposed beams and a corrugated steel ceiling. The bare-bones aesthetic is softened with panels bearing quotations about New York from notables including Edgar Allan Poe and Gene Kelly.

The station, in the northeast corner of ground zero, was restored over 16 months for about \$323 million, after crews gutted two train tunnels down to their steel frames and installed

nearly 7,000 feet of new track. A permanent, \$2 billion transit hub will take its place in 2006.

The station is expected to accommodate up to 50,000 passengers a day. Before the attacks, the station handled about 67,000 daily passengers; they had to switch to ferries, cars and buses after the station was destroyed.

Bloomberg said re-establishing transportation between New Jersey and lower Manhattan "is really going to make an enormous difference to many people's lives and be part of the real revival of downtown Manhattan."

Regular passenger service between New Jersey and the World Trade Center station started later Sunday.

Jean Mitchell of Hoboken, N.J., who lost a friend in the attack on the twin towers, was crying as she got off the train.

"It's the same stairs, the (same) newsstand," she said. "It's a victory, an absolute victory."

While dignitaries marked the resumption of train service, about 40 members of groups representing trade center victims held a protest across West Street from the trade center site.

Students are latest class of Rhodes Scholars

BOSTON (AP) — The newest class of Rhodes Scholars includes a female former wing commander who led 4,000 cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy, a political science major who has worked with refugees in the Balkans and Afghanistan, and a national Frisbee champion who was a contributing scientist on a NASA Mars mission.

As the winners were announced late Saturday and early Sunday, many of the finalists waited impatiently at ceremonies in cities around the country.

"It was really nerve-racking," said Rachel A. Wagner, 21, a winning Harvard University student from Virginia Beach, Va., who waited with a group in Washington. "I turned to the woman next to me and said, 'did he say my name?' I was really shocked and excited."

Wagner's Harvard led the class of 2004 — the 100th year of American Rhodes Scholars — with four of the 32 American scholars. The winners were selected from 963 applicants endorsed by 366 colleges and universities to attend the University of Oxford in England starting next October. Their scholarships provide two or three years of study.

Wagner, majoring in economics and social anthropology, has worked with an organization that helps women in Boston get an economic start, helped draw up a 25-year strategic plan for her home state of Virginia, and aspires to help other nations.

More Americans plan to travel for Thanksgiving

Night Ridder News Service

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Higher fuel prices and fewer airline seats than last year aren't interfering with Thanksgiving travel plans.

AAA Travel estimates that 36 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more from home this holiday, up from the 35.2 million who did so last year.

As in past years, the vast majority — a projected \$1.1 billion — will go by automobile. An additional \$6.6 million plan to fly, and about 300,000 will take a train, bus or other means.

AAA says the forecast for air travelers exceeds the number who flew last year. But the projection is still less than the 4.7 million people who boarded planes for Thanksgiving after the terrorist attacks two years ago.

Jennifer McCarthy of Benton Park, Mo., is usually among Thanksgiving vacationers traveling by air. And she and several friends had hoped to visit Cancun, Mexico, for the holiday this year. But airline cutbacks led her group to cancel their annual get-

away. McCarthy said fewer flights and inconvenient connections made it harder to coordinate their work and holiday schedules.

"One friend couldn't get back in time from a business trip to leave for vacation," McCarthy said.

In some cases, fewer flights also meant fewer cheap seats. Justin Choi, a Washington University in St. Louis student, recently encountered that problem when he priced a round-trip ticket to New York. When he discovered such tickets were averaging about \$140 more than this time last year, the sophomore on a budget decided to forgo the trip home. Then his parents came to the rescue.

"My parents told me they'd cover my ticket costs," Choi said. "That's the only reason I'm going home for Thanksgiving."

Travelers who can be flexible still can find good deals, travel

experts said.

Because of the airline schedule cuts, area passengers should experience less traffic beyond security checkpoints at Lambert this year. But they'll likely encounter crowds similar to those checking in last year.

Gas prices increase a half-cent

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Retail gasoline prices rose about a half-cent per gallon in the past two weeks as crude oil prices remained firm and demand increased because of the improving economy, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average price Friday for a gallon of self-serve gas nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was about \$1.55, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations. That was up 0.53 cents since Nov. 7.

"It's a very modest rise," analyst Trilby Lundberg said.

It was 11.34 cents higher than the average on the same day last year.

The increase ended a two-month decline, during which prices slipped nearly 20 cents following the end of a supply crunch.

Prices are expected to rise moderately in the short term, but steep increases are possible if the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decides to cut production at its Dec. 4 meeting, if there are "glitches" in the rollout next month of gasoline blends with the pollution-reducing additive ethanol, Lundberg said.

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Energy bill consumes tax subsidies for fuel

The Missoulian (Missoula, Mont.)

It would be easy to conclude, after looking over the big national Energy Bill now at center stage in Congress, that the production and distribution of energy is a money-losing endeavor that will be under-

to guide how, where and when we produce energy.

Look, we've been around. We know that any legislation of this sort is going to include some sweet treats for affected businesses and interests, but lordy! President Bush's energy proposal, ridiculed by his detractors as a payback to the energy industry that helped elect him, carried a price tag of \$8 billion. The bill passed by the House (so hastily few representatives can even pretend to have studied it) and now awaiting action in the Senate has more than a triple (triple!) the subsidies proposed by Bush.

Their view: This guest editorial from the Missoulian in Montana says an energy bill larded with subsidies is a parody of sound legislation.

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

...ity. Fortunes are made every day in the production and sale of oil, gas, coal, electricity and other forms of fuel. Moreover, we have plenty of energy. We face no big energy crisis, real or imagined. Yet the leaders of Congress and a president who recognize taxes only as a national menace insist we should dip into the Treasury to underwrite the production of power.

Our nearly two years of anticipation awaiting what President Bush called his top priority after first taking office have led to bitter disappointment. What we've been handed is a Soviet-style, central-planning approach to stimulate the production of oil, gas, coal, ethanol and electricity. Our national energy strategy, apparently, is to turn our backs to the free market and, instead, trust the government and the "wisdom" of Congress

an efficient, free market for energy. Consumers paying the going price for electricity, gasoline, natural gas and other fuel will guide energy investment and development far better than any provision enacted by Congress.

Trusting the free market means accepting the fact that energy prices will rise and fall with supply and demand. Higher prices will stimulate production and encourage conservation and innovation; lower prices will stimulate demand but dampen production. It's one thing to seek ways to streamline things, eliminate illogical barriers and otherwise seek to make the market work the best it can.

It's something entirely different (a parody of effective energy legislation, actually) to believe you can produce a better outcome through massive and subsidies.

IN THE OLD DAYS, IT WAS... "PUT A TIGER IN YOUR TANK!"



NOW IT'S... "PUT A WHOLE LOT OF PORK IN YOUR TANK!"



Canada, U.S. need new era

BOGDAN KIPLING

Every Canadian prime minister since Mackenzie King has been his own foreign secretary with respect to the United States and some have done a better job of it than others.

Brian Mulroney, in my eyes, is the ace of aces in this half-century-plus period. Pierre Trudeau the deuce of spades and Jean Chretien the deuce of clubs. Tough, but taking over from the second-lowest card in the deck, Paul Martin, the incoming prime minister, will need more than Lady Luck to put things right in Washington.

Canada-U.S. relations are strained and we all know it. Obsession with the subject in Canada screams from the seats of recently published think pieces and books such as Andrew Cohen's "While Canada Slept." Americans, too, realize that the world's longest undefended border isn't what it used to be.

How will Martin go about repairing the links between Canada and the United States? What can he bring to the table and what can he expect from President Bush?

These are good questions, but all a journalist can offer at this point are a few assumptions and suggestions.

My first assumption is that old chestnuts like the lumber war and wheat wars will keep growing at least until after the American presidential election a year from now. My second assumption is that Martin will end the America-baiting of the Chretien period.

Trade disputes are serious business. Baiting is childish and Martin will leave it to the Germans to make fools of them.

selves. They have been yelling "Yankee Go Home" for years, yet soiling their pants at the softest whisper in the U.S. Congress that it's time to end America's "Watch on the Rhine."

Now for my first suggestion. Martin should reassert Canada's friendship with the United States, do it openly and act accordingly. He should extend Canada's helping hand to a friend who needs help right now in stabilizing Iraq.

Canada has already pledged funds to that end, but Martin can do more, especially on the diplomatic front. Martin could start by shedding Canada's blind faith in multilateralism and replacing it with stepped-up support for American policies, even if they are unilateral. What's more, I think it is important to ask why this is so.

The realistic answer is that multilateralism has failed. Rivalry for power has resurfaced with a vengeance as France tries to challenge America's hegemony by thwarting the United States wherever it can.

Germany has sided with France and President Vladimir Putin is exploiting both for Russia's own ends. In Asia, China and India are biding their time and North Korea is building nuclear bombs and parading intercontinental missiles.

There is no world policeman to arrest the breakers. The United Nations is useless because the Security Council is in the veto-wielding hands of the contesting powers.

That's what the real world is like. No surprise, then, that any

president of the United States would refuse to be tied down by multilateralism while facing terrorists without borders driven by proliferation of horror weapons and, if that's not enough, narcocriminal cartels and the corroding corruption they spread.

No, America is not a unilateralist by choice. George W. Bush is not the world's mad hatter. Acknowledging that openly would be an act of diplomatic sanity on Martin's part.

But Bush, too, needs to reach out to America's allies. He will have the perfect opening for a new start with an old friend when Martin takes over as prime minister.

Chris Sands, the Canada watcher at the Center for International and Strategic Studies in Washington, sees an invitation in the mail for Martin to visit Bush at his Crawford, Texas, ranch, and I agree that would be nice after Bush makes good on the visit to Ottawa he canceled last April.

That's the easy part of rebuilding the Washington-Ottawa links. Hard slogging and diplomacy come next. Should that induce Martin to send his own emissary to Washington, I suggest he try the unprecedented and ask Brian Mulroney to put his standing in Washington, and not only with Bush and his family, at Canada's service.

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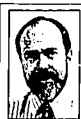
Thanksgiving newspaper will provide feast for readers

Here comes the big one. Your Thanksgiving newspaper is the mother of all Times-News editions. We jokingly call it "The Dog Killer" - because if your pouch is sleeping on the porch when the paper lands, it's bye-bye Bowser.

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- Special feature sections.
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- The usual array of local and

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As the workload mounts, we look for ways to boost morale.

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Managing Editor Clark Walworth regularly discusses the news business in "Between the Lines." To offer a comment or to suggest a topic, e-mail him at clarkw@timesnewsvalley.com, or call 735-3255.

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But the U.S. Constitution allows no such exemption. The Supreme Court has shown its contempt for the words of the Constitution - see Gore vs. Bush - but this one will be hard to ignore.

So while I don't want to seem disrespectful to marriage - 41 years to the same girl, and a new grandson - I think fairness to gays requires my saying all I've said above.

Told in a song by the great, late Cousin Joe of New Orleans: You got what you wanted, but you lost what you had.

Gay wedding today, divorce tomorrow

The edge that gays had over straights from time immemorial was that they couldn't say yes to marriage. Now they may not be able to say no.

Yes, bet me, will be the unintended consequence of Tuesday's ruling by the high court of Massachusetts requiring the licensing of same-sex marriage. If you love me, why won't you marry me?

"To be or not to be?" is nothing next to that one.

SIDNEY ZION

But the law protected gays and lesbians from a question: They couldn't say yes, so they didn't have to say no. And this insulated them from the consequences of the wedding bells.

If you can't marry, you can't divorce. The sanctity of marriage, promised both by those who oppose gay marriage and those who favor it, now shows numbers running close to 60 percent on the divorce ledger.

A good piece of this number is based on adultery. Under the new Massachusetts ruling, gays will for the first time come under the adultery laws of the state. Does anyone, gay or straight, believe that the divorce rate will thus drop? Vegas, guaranteed, will run it up, big time.

And palimony cannot be far behind. For the first time, a gay passing for straight can be sued by an order to show cause. I lived with him for 10 years, and he was married, and now I'm to be left with nothing?

Or any other divorce case. Just name a man or woman in correspondence, and suddenly this gentleman from Boston or that lady from Springfield is exposed, must defend himself/herself.

And it's not just Massachusetts. Anyone who has been married in a state that allows gay marriage. You don't have to be a citizen of such a state. Remember when couples drove to Maryland or Connecticut to beat the Wasserman test?

Play poor Vermont and Howard Dean. Massachusetts has turned Vermont into typewriters against computers. Why take the civil-union stuff without the vows against Boston?

Imagine a lover refusing to go to Boston when he or she says it's forever. What, you won't pay the fair fare?

Of course, it's not clear whose daddy pays for the wedding - even the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court hasn't yet wondered who the bride's father is.

Which is nothing next to the child-support questions. Gay men in large numbers now adopt children, and lesbians either adopt kids or mother them through artificial insemination.

Divorce lawyers must be salivating over the potential fees - this is a whole new world for them.

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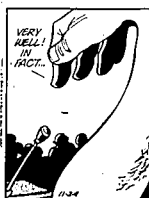
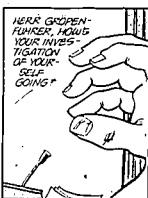
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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Politicians produce Medicare bill that doesn't work

Given all the excitement, you'd think that passing a Medicare drug benefit would solve one of the nation's pressing social problems.

I want to know you wouldn't know that from politicians or the news media. They treat the elderly problems in getting drugs as a major social crisis. You would know if it would read a government survey of Medicare recipients in 2002. It asked this question: "In the last six months, how much of a problem, if any, was it to get the prescription medicine you needed?" The answers were: 86.4 percent, not a problem; 9.4 percent, a small problem; 4.2 percent, a big problem.

Medicare has about 41 million beneficiaries, so even 4.2 percent represents about 1.7 million people. The survey doesn't say whether their problems reflected high drug costs, doctors' reluctance to write prescriptions or something else. But most people can somehow afford drugs. In 1999, about 39 percent of retirees had insurance from former employers. About 20 percent had government coverage (mainly from Medicaid and the Department of Veterans Affairs). Another 25 percent bought insur-



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

ance — Medigap — or had some other coverage. For the very poor without coverage, pharmaceutical companies provide free or heavily discounted drugs.

No one designed this system. It is a flawed and messy hodgepodge that, on balance, works. It may not work forever, and it doesn't work for everyone. Some retirees without insurance suffer staggering drug costs. But no system will ever be perfect. The test of any replacement is whether it improves upon the status quo for those in the nation, and it doesn't retire by itself. That test, Congress' drug benefit fails.

It would actually make a major national problem — paying the baby boom's retirement benefits — worse. In its first decade, costs would be at least \$400 billion, which is 10 times more than projected total federal spending of \$28 trillion. But if a new "blockbuster" drug appears, forget the \$400 billion



estimate. Spending will explode anyway as baby boomers retire and drug use rises. Douglas Holz-Eakin, director of the Congressional Budget Office, puts the second decade's costs between \$1.3 trillion and \$2 trillion.

Even this may be too low, considering inevitable pressures to expand coverage. The basic benefit has huge gaps. For most retirees — though not the very poor — it has a \$250 deductible and covers 75 percent of drug costs up to \$2,250. After that, cov-

erage stops until drug spending hits a catastrophic level of about \$5,100. Of course, this makes sense only as politics. The idea was to give everyone some benefit but limit total costs. Once Medicare recipients discover the coverage gap, they'll clamor that it be eliminated.

Who's going to pay? Well, tomorrow's workers — the main taxpayers. They're today's children and young adults. The drug benefits will add to the huge costs of retirement programs. By 2030, the number of Medicare benefici-

aries rises almost 90 percent to 77 million. As a share of national income, spending on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid (which covers some nursing home care, too) is already projected to jump about 80 percent by 2030. To pay for this spending would require a tax increase of roughly 25 percent that, in today's dollars, is about \$700 billion annually.

Everyone in the White House and Congress knows this. But the young aren't paying attention, so they're ignored. Supporting the drug benefit then becomes an exercise in short-term politics. To wit:

- The White House wants more elderly voters in 2004. (Among voters 60 and over, Bill Clinton won by a 50 percent to 38 percent margin in 1992; in 2000, Al Gore won 51 to 47.)

- The AARP — with 35 million members — believes that once a drug benefit is enacted, Congress will have to improve it.

- Many Democrats fear voting against coverage — and crossing the AARP — even though they'd prefer a bigger program.

- Drug companies think sales and profits may improve. Demand will rise and they'll be

paid (by Medicare) for some drugs they now give away.

- Corporate America sees a way to drop retiree drug insurance (to limit that, the bill offers — over 10 years — \$71 billion to companies that keep coverage).

Medicare has become pork barrel. It plays to retirees' desires and misses their discretionary income. The question of generational justice is nearly absent. Who cares about the long-term but not outlook — or clueless younger workers?

What's been missed was an opportunity to strike a grand bargain: some sort of drug benefit in exchange for cost-saving changes in retirement programs (gradual increases in eligibility ages, some benefit cuts for wealthier retirees, measures to curb Medicare spending). Although retirees deserve protection against crushing drug bills, future workers also deserve protection against crushing tax burdens. But that bargain was nowhere in sight because it requires more political candor and courage than either party can summon.

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An America rooted in religion is terrifying

The people who first immigrated to this country did so to escape religious persecution. They wanted to enjoy their God according to their singular beliefs and conscience (and in several communities, according to the collective beliefs and conscience).

Those immigrants were a ruthless lot. They brought with them the very hatreds and persecutive beliefs that they were running from. They also brought with them a judicial system modeled on the English and some European ideas.

Minors and youths were killed for petty offenses. Adults, too, were executed for misdeemeanors, as well as for felonies such as felony child abuse or the stealing of a loaf of bread, or even defrauding of someone out of 3d, three pence).

Youths and adults who committed sexual offenses (even consensual sexual acts) were executed. Most adults who were found guilty of sexual crimes were hanged, drawn and quartered. And there are occasions where some adults had their heads stuck on poles for weeks.

People who did not subscribe to the community beliefs and collective conscience were run off into the wilderness, but if a sexual crime (whether true or not) could be brought against them, they would be killed. And, of course, all of the people claimed to be Christians. If they were, then I'll eat my socks.

Fast forward to today. We have a president who appears to firmly believe that God talks to him and has appointed him to lead this country (and perhaps the entire world) to Jesus. And when Congress failed to do his bidding on the Faith Initiative (the giving of hundreds of millions of dollars to churches), he simply made it happen with an executive order.

We have a secretary of education who is a bigot because he believes and preaches that a child raised and taught in a Christian school will be a better child than one not raised in such a school.

In addition, we have an attorney general who has surrounded himself with like-minded zealots and who believes that he somehow has the keys to the second coming of Christ. And if that isn't enough, he claims that Jesus Christ is the King of this world. I wonder how long it will be before non-believers are rounded up and shipped to Gimo.

Perhaps we really are a Christian nation, because I see only two major differences between these first immigrants and the leaders we have today.

JOHN WALSH
Burley

Democrats supported it. It languished in the Senate until a compromise came through on Friday.

Last year, as House Resources Committee Chairman Richard Pombo (R-CA) noted in a June 14, 2003, *Times-News* op-ed piece, 71,160 wildfires destroyed 7,117,733 acres of U.S. forests (and 1,200 structures — many of them homes), forcing the evacuation of more than a million Americans, killing 21 firefighters and costing the United States some \$1 billion to fight. (The recent fires in California blackened more than 1,200 square miles and cost more than \$2 billion in firefighting costs and lost property.)

Pombo noted the U.S. forests historically used to average just 30 to 40 trees per acre (according to experts such as Tom Bonniksens, professor of forestry at Texas A&M University, author of "America's Ancient Forests: From Ice Age to the Age of Discovery"). However, because of "years of effective fire suppression and virtually a decade-long ban on harvesting timber from lands," many forests now average 300 to 400 trees per acre, resulting in an "unnatural fuel buildup," which causes wild fires to burn hotter, faster and longer.

The HFIRA authorizes the Forest Service to begin immediately thinning up to 20 million acres in the most at-risk regions (primarily near towns and cities), opening up some 250,000 acres to experimental treatments by universities and forest schools, and streamlining regulatory reviews — the last aspect being especially contentious for the one-party greensies since endless legal appeals are huge donation drivers for groups such as The Sierra Club.

Erik Martinson, a researcher at Colorado State University's Western Forest Fire Research Center who studied the Hayan Fire (southwest of Denver) that destroyed 127,000 acres, noted in a July 7, 2003, Idaho Statesman article there's very

little research regarding thinning so to automatically discount its value is irresponsible. In the same article, Jim Agee, a University of Washington professor of ecology, says: "If it's (thinning) done right, it can reduce fire hazards."

Thinning deserves a chance.
JOHN PLUNTZE
Ketchum

Schedule committee viewed all options on 'block'

As part of the high school scheduling committee, I add my voice to those who are in favor of the proposed schedule. I was one of the many parents who voiced concern when presented with the 4-by-4 option. I was particularly concerned with advanced placement classes, release time and music. I have volunteered in the schools for many years and my experience told me to trust the motives of the administration, but I had many unanswered questions. I was particularly surprised to learn that current credit requirements are the lowest in the area.

I was asked to serve on the scheduling committee, and I now understand the complexity of the scheduling issues facing our high school. Beginning with a list of outcomes and working through each issue, we looked at many schedules and how each would address the issues. The schedule that is being proposed truly meets the most objectives.

AP classes will be taught A/B, giving students time to absorb difficult material over the course of an entire year. Release-time every day is most effective if taught every day. However, many schools in other places on block effectively teach seminary under the A/B block. The A/B option also allows music to be taught throughout the year. This lends itself to more continuity for choirs and bands.

The 4-by-4 is also an important component. Subjects can

be taught in a compact style, leaving room for the next level of instruction in the schedules of students with defined interests. It also allows for remediation for students who simply need more time with certain subjects. This proposal protects the elective opportunities and offers scheduling options for clubs and a host of other activities.

I admire the administration and faculty for their desire to improve education for our children. It became obvious to me in working with this committee that this is the primary concern for all involved. The record of this district is outstanding, and those who will be implementing this schedule deserve the support of the entire community. All committee members understand that this schedule is not perfect. It does, however, address the most identifiable needs of our students, and I support its implementation.

MARCIA NIELSON
Twin Falls

Gay marriage is contrary to human nature

Increasingly, we hear how professors of active homosexuals are being accepted in leadership roles of various types in our society. As a citizen and as an Orthodox Christian priest, I bear a moral responsibility to address this development.

Consider:

(1) Intergender marriage forms the basis for any well-ordered society. Not a privacy issue — society's well-being is at stake. With good reason, state requires a marriage license and civil action for dissolution in cases of divorce.

(2) Marriage reflects the natural complementarity of a man and a woman, emotionally and physiologically. Therefore, marriage between homosexuals or among multiple spouses is impossible. The human body itself by nature is proof enough of this. The increased prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases, chiefly among homo- and polysexuals, presents only more proof of the obvious.

(3) The public display of homophobia and their activity has increased in direct proportion to the rise of the principle of pleasure seeking in the last several decades. Any society which places more value on the pursuit of private pleasure than on the performance of public duty is doomed to dissolve. The movement to institutionalize "gay marriage" with all of its legal and social concomitants is based on the principle of private pleasure seeking and not on any spiritual, moral or social principle.

(4) They cry, who use the language of "human rights" to legitimize homosexuals in society's mainstream. Society now faces

the danger of wholesale adoption, based on the misuse of this political principle. There has always been homosexual activity, but it has rightly been viewed as perverse and relegated to cultural exile. No scientifically sound basis exists for viewing homosexuality as an aspect of human diversity, such as race or language.

Someone wrote, "Human beings are free to adopt self-destructive ideas... based on a faulty view of human nature. (These) can grip the imagination of the powerful for decades, wreak havoc and suffering on untold millions, but they cannot triumph in the end. What is contrary to human nature cannot ultimately survive."

Communism was such an idea promulgated a century ago, as was fascism. Their smoldering wreck lies behind us! Will we now passively sit by while the cultural "elites" foist yet another bad idea upon men? Uphold the integrity of sexual chastity outside of marriage, sexual purity within marriage, and the maintenance of moral courage in addressing this issue. On this our society thrives or perishes.

FATHER PATRICK B. O'GRADY
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Father Patrick O'Grady is priest at the Saint Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Church in Twin Falls.)

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NATION

Cellular dealers brace as new phone number rules take effect

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Whether they come like a raging flood or just an angry stream, fed-up cell phone customers Monday can start switching companies without having to change phone numbers.

After more than a six-year delay, customers in the country's 100 largest metropolitan areas are getting what the telecom industry calls "number portability." Customers in other parts of the country will have to wait until May 24, 2004.

No one knows how many customers will actually switch wireless companies. But their new ability to do so and keep their numbers is expected to bring a wave of low-price, feature-rich packages to try to hang onto existing customers and attract new ones. The rule also applies to land-line phone companies, so consumers will be able to transfer their home numbers to a wireless phone.

The intensifying competition is expected to put more pressure on telephone companies, including Sprint Corp.

Sprint president Len Lauer, who leads the company's wireless division, said he's expecting an upswing in inquiries about switching service. But he doesn't expect a deluge of customers asking to change wireless companies right away.

"I don't see this as a religious event where people stop going to work that day" so they can switch their cell phone company, Lauer said.

"We have prepared for this for a number of months," said David Clevenger, a spokesman for Verizon Wireless.

Like Sprint and other companies, Verizon has hired additional retail staff, substantially bumped up customer service teams and pushed employees through intense training.

Many agree that although there is probably a backlog of frustrated



Wireless Number Portability Port Center customer service representatives Nessa Dagher, left, and Kelly Wallace look over data Friday morning.

customers who will be heading to wireless stores first thing Monday, practical considerations will keep many customers from switching carriers right away.

Many customers are under contract with their existing carriers. Breaking a contract early costs an average termination fee of \$175.

"A \$175 termination fee would sure make me be patient," said Bill Hardekopf, chief executive of Hampton & Associates, a telecommunications research firm that publishes the Web site CellUpdate.com. "I think it will prevent people from leaving early."

Another consideration that may slow the porting stampede is another potentially hefty expense. Even if an existing telephone is perfectly fine, customers will almost certainly have to buy a new phone when

they switch carriers.

Gordon Ho, owner and president of Innovative Solutions, which sells wireless service for most of the major carriers, said he's advising clients not to rush into anything.

"If you're going to make a change, choose the right service that's going to last a while," Ho said.

That could take some time, with cell phone offers changing almost daily and carriers throwing out dueling deals, including lower prices, better terms and slicker equipment.

Another reason to wait, agree carriers, consumer advocates and regulators, is the simple fact that number porting could be a big headache in the beginning as carriers and vendors try to figure out the fine points of transferring numbers.

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Experts size up pending Chi-Chi's suits

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Five lawsuits have already been filed against the Chi-Chi's restaurant chain over a hepatitis A outbreak that has killed three people and sickened nearly 600, and scores of other lawsuits are likely to follow. But legal experts say two key issues facing the company could determine whether victims and their families get the settlements they seek: insurance and bankruptcy.

The Mexican restaurant chain filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Oct. 8, citing cash flow problems, a month before the hepatitis outbreak was confirmed. On Friday, a bankruptcy judge gave limited approval to Chi-Chi's plans to begin paying some expenses for those sickened in the outbreak—up to \$20,000 per claim. He did not, however, fully approve Chi-Chi's plan to pay \$500,000 on an insurance deductible so the company could tap into as much as

\$51 million in liability insurance it may need to settle claims. A hearing is set for Tuesday on the matter. If Chi-Chi's does not emerge from Chapter 11, some hepatitis plaintiffs might find themselves waiting in line for pennies on the dollar behind the chain's other creditors, said Chicago attorney Robert Clifford, who led a group of plaintiffs who settled multimillion-dollar claims after a US Airways flight crashed near Pittsburgh in 1994.

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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Gooding Council ends city salary freeze

GOODING - The salary freeze for city employees has been lifted. After Gooding employees year end a year without raises at the 2002 wage level, City Council members approved a 4 percent increase this year.

Following years of tight budget constraints and last year's shortfall in state revenue, council members had decided to hold back employee raises.

At the same time, the mayor and City Council members returned a portion of their monthly salaries into the general fund.

Each council member gave back \$50 of his or her \$400 monthly check and the mayor also gave \$50 of his \$450 paycheck.

"We didn't change wages by ordinance, but the council and mayor all donated part of their money to help meet the budget so we wouldn't have to raise taxes," explained City Clerk Karmen Korsen.

Jerome, PSI plan special leaf pickup this week

JEROME - The city of Jerome and PSI have scheduled a special pickup for leaves today, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The leaves must be put in bags; boxes of leaves will not be accepted. The leaves will be picked up at residents' regular trash pickup location. For more information, call City Hall at 324-8189.

Lawmakers will hear from education coalition

TWIN FALLS - Area legislators will meet today with the members of the Idaho Education Coalition to discuss the needs of public education in Idaho.

Parents, administrators, school board members and teachers are encouraged to attend the forum at O'Leary Jr. High School media center in Twin Falls at 6:30 p.m.

Members of the education coalition are the Idaho Education Association, Idaho Association of School Administrators and Idaho School Boards Association.

Former judge joins Idaho Community Foundation

TWIN FALLS - A former 5th District judge has joined the board of the Idaho Community Foundation.

Bill Hart of Buhl is one of five new members of the 22-member foundation board, which directs the activities of the nonprofit philanthropic organization.

Hart served as a district judge for 14 years in Minidoka County, following two years as a magistrate judge in Latah County. Before that, he practiced law in Jerome for 15 years.

The Buhl native is a graduate of the University of Idaho and has been active in Rotary, Senior Olympic chapters of commerce and the Magic Valley YMCA.

The Idaho Community Foundation was founded 15 years ago to enrich the quality of life throughout the state. Its total assets have grown to more than \$40.6 million.

Buhl hosts kindergarten orientation Dec. 1 at 7

BUHL - Kindergarten students are invited to a 7 p.m. orientation on Monday, Dec. 1, at Poppellwell Elementary School.

All students who are 4 or 5 years old should attend to prepare for school in the fall of 2004.

Instructional material will be available to all students and parents.

For more information, call Poppellwell Elementary School at 543-8225.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	107%	18%
Salmon Falls	96%	12%
Salmon	76%	12%
Oakley	85%	12%
Big Wood	60%	9%
Little Wood	66%	9%
Honors Fork/Teton	104%	17%
Big Lost	50%	9%
Little Lost	76%	13%

As of Nov. 23, on this day, with a 30-year average.

**Indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

T.F. Council will consider traffic safety

Eastland speed limit is among items on agenda

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's not that most people aren't obeying the speed limit on Eastland Drive South. Some residents just think 45 miles per hour on that road is too fast.

The city's engineering department received a request to lower the posted speed limit from 45 to 35 miles per hour.

After conducting traffic studies that took into consideration traffic volume, accident rates and collision types, engineers concluded that the accidents on the stretch of Eastland from Warren to the underpass were not speed related.

They are planning to suggest that the

City Council leave the posted speed limit at 45 miles per hour.

Accommodations could be made to concerned residents by having a police radar trailer in the 400 block of Eastland Drive South to make motorists more aware of their speed.

The engineering department also considered putting speed bumps along the 1800/1900 block of Shoup Avenue after they received a petition with 25 signatures requesting them.

Department members came up with an alternate solution: installing a modified chicane to slow traffic.

"We'd install two Jersey barricades, one on each side of the street," said assistant city engineer Rod Mathis. "They're cheaper than installing speed bumps and they're temporary."

The barricades would narrow the street, which might slow motorists.

Meeting tonight

The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today in the new council chambers at 305 Third Ave. E. next to City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

City engineers propose another speed study after 30 days to determine the plan's effectiveness. The barricades can be more easily removed than speed bumps if they don't work, Mathis said.

Attention will be paid to pedestrian safety, too.

The Twin Falls Traffic Safety Commission and the College of Southern Idaho are planning to recommend to the City Council placing four sets of pedestrian flag poles at the corner of Falls and Harrison, Falls and Quincy at the CSI entrance, Falls and Fillmore and Addison Avenue East and Morningside.

The tall, bright flags are stored in a curbside container near crosswalks. When pedestrians want to cross the street, they take a flag and wave it as they walk. After they cross, they place the flag in a container on the other side.

CSI has purchased three of the sets; the city would have to buy the fourth and install it at the intersection of Addison and Morningside.

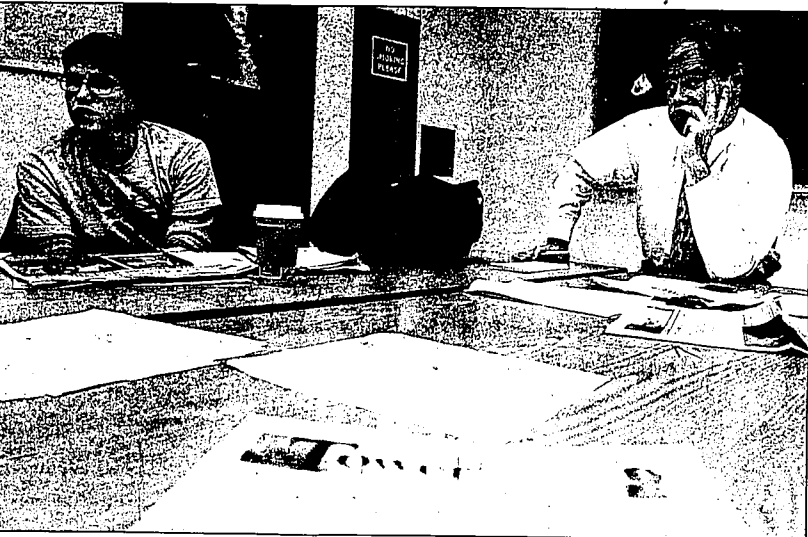
The cost is approximately \$250 for the poles and \$100 for 50 pedestrian flags.

The city also is scheduled to consider a request for approval for engineering services for the 2004 AIP Taxilane Construction Project by Riedesel & Associates, Inc.

The project consists of constructing three hangar access taxilanes and rehabilitation of the runway safety area for runway 12.

The bill would be over \$90,000, including design planning and construction costs.

Return of The Tower



College of Southern Idaho journalism instructor Robert P. Mayor, right, and arts and entertainment writer Jesse Nussbaum listen to story ideas during a meeting for The Tower newspaper last week.

College newspaper returns after three-year hiatus

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After a three-year hiatus, the College of Southern Idaho's student newspaper is back.

Students saw the first issue of the revived The Tower last week. It has news, sports, entertainment and a great big orange center spread.

Robert Mayer, former Times-News reporter, joined CSI to revive the paper.

"I've always dreamed of being a college professor," Mayer said. "It just happened sooner than he expected."

The college gave him few instructions beyond, "Make a paper," and he has risen to the challenge. The first issue had a few bugs in it, so he and a group of editors and designers stayed up until 8 a.m. to finish it, then spent another three hours trying

to send it to the printer.

The newspaper was originally funded by the college, but the funding was cut during the economic slowdown three years ago, said Jerry Beck, the college's executive vice president and chief academic officer. The college also cut many activities then. The newspaper is the first of those activities the college is bringing back.

CSI's student senate now funds the paper, and Mayer said it has been generous to cover the biggest expense - \$1,000 for two Quark Express computer programs. He wasn't certain how much money the senate would end up contributing.

Mayer's \$28,500 salary is paid by the college.

Mayer started the newspaper three weeks into the school year. He posted fliers, then held three meetings to recruit 19 students. The curriculum focuses on

chairs and random photos stuck on the walls. They evaluated the first issue and partially planned the next one, slated to be published Dec. 1.

Students came to the paper for all sorts of reasons.

Joy Dragt, a freshman from Filer, joined the paper to work as a sports reporter. She co-wrote the basketball preview in the first issue.

"I figured this would be a way for me to become a better writer," she said.

She is taking new writing as an elective in her elementary education major. The class meets three times a week for an hour.

Dirk Kutz is in his second year studying equine business at CSI. He took the journalism class because he needed another credit, but he has found it is making him a better writer.

"I learned a lot more about reporting and concise, accurate writing. He even does grammar drills with the students."

"They moan, but they're coming along nicely," Mayer said.

Next semester he will also teach English composition and eventually an advanced journalism class. Both journalism classes will be electives.

Nine reporters and editors met Wednesday afternoon in a shared classroom with mismatched

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Jerome searches for new police chief

Officials won't talk about resignation of former chief Reid

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The city of Jerome is looking for a new police chief to start work by the end of January.

But why former Police Chief Bill Reid resigned three months ago remains a mystery.

The City Council has not discussed the reasons behind Reid's departure in meetings open to the public. City Council minutes indicate that Reid was suspended with pay on July 21 and resigned on Aug. 22.

City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said the former chief's suspension and subsequent resignation "was a personnel matter" and he "could not comment."

Mayor Charles Correll also declined comment as did members of the City Council. Reid has not returned several telephone messages requesting comment.

Cntrl. Dean Larsen has been acting as interim police chief since Reid resigned in August.

"Larsen has done a great job" and the city has been "in no big hurry to fill the position," Rothweiler said.

When hired, the new chief will supervise between 20 and 30 full-time employees including reserve staff. The starting salary will be \$51,000 to \$56,350 annually, depending on experience, plus a benefits package of health insurance, retirement and vacation, Rothweiler said.

The city has set a Nov. 26 deadline to apply.

Advertisements seeking applicants for the position have been placed with newspapers, the Association of Idaho Cities, Web sites and a national publication distributed to city and county employees, Rothweiler said.

The city is looking for candidates with at least five years of experience in law enforcement and time spent at the command level. The candidates must have a bachelor's degree in political science, criminal justice, public administration, or a related field or combination of education and experience.

A selection committee made

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Gooding County Memorial Hospital gets new CEO

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

the hospital in early October and arrived for duty on Wednesday.



Vern Carda

GOODING - Gooding County Memorial Hospital's new chief executive officer hasn't been on board long enough to see the need for any drastic changes.

Just shy of a week into his new role, Vern Carda is merely looking forward to working with the staff and meeting any challenges when they arrive.

"The first few things I want to do is get to know the staff, get to know the service area and get to know the community," he said.

Carda accepted the formal offer to head

he succeeds Anne Flanagan who was appointed as interim CEO in June. Flanagan filled the vacancy left by the retirement of Jim Henshaw.

Carda's most recent job was CEO of Hegg Memorial Health Center in Rock Valley, Iowa. That facility, slightly smaller in size than Gooding, included 120 beds, a medical clinic, home health agency, daycare and rehabilitation agency. It was also designated a critical access hospital.

Here, Carda expects to begin studying the hospital's strategic plan to see what

direction the facility is headed.

"I believe in the last six months the hospital has gained a nice momentum and I'd like to build on that," Carda said.

Carda has a master's degree in computer systems management and a bachelor's in health services administration.

His savvy with computer systems will come in handy as the hospital looks at launching a comprehensive computer conversion system this year.

Several initiatives were either started or completed during Carda's tenure in Iowa. A facility expansion resulted in 11 new condominium units, a radiology suite, emergency room and surgical departments. The creation of a new outpatient clinic and the reconstruction of the hospital's front entrance also were major initiatives.

That experience could be invaluable as the hospital looks at exploring the feasibility of the Walker Center renovation.

Several options have been reviewed since a \$10 million general obligation bond to build a new hospital failed at the polls in May.

Hospital officials are currently looking into a lease-option of the former Walker Center adjacent to the hospital.

However, before any agreement can be reached a feasibility study will be conducted by the hospital.

But for now, one of the most pressing task for Carda is moving his wife and three children to Gooding.

MAGIC VALLEY

Vandals hit historical landmark

Graffiti mars walls of Niter Ice Cave

NITER, Idaho (AP) — A Caribou County historical landmark has turned into a makeshift landfill due to a lack of state funding, a Soda Springs official says.

The Niter-ice cave on the Pioneer Historic Byway was the highlight of Caribou County's centennial celebration in 1990. Now graffiti mars its walls and plywood, cans and trash litter its interior.

Tony Varlone, economic development leader for Greater Soda Springs, said the problems are because the state has refused to fund maintenance of the cave.

"Those kinds of sites have always been like a mess unless there's a historical committee

to take care of it," Varlone said. "We have some people, but anytime we try to apply for state funding to manage the Pioneer Historic Byway, we're always disappointed by the results."

Varlone said the committee has applied for funds to take care of the Niter Ice Cave, the Bear River Massacre site and other historic places for the past four years. But each year the Scenic Advisory Board, an offshoot of the Idaho Transportation Board, denies their request.

The entire cave site could be cleaned up and an interpretive sign, parking and public access easement could be added for \$32,600, Varlone said.

A total of \$150,000 would fund interpretive signs for the entire Pioneer Historic Byway, which runs between Preston and

Freedom, he said. The money would also finance parking lots near the signs.

"We're able to afford to clean up each of the sites that have gone in disrepair, but anytime we're told we'll receive the money, it gets diverted to Lewis and Clark bicentennial development and the like."

Experts believe the Niter Ice Cave is a remnant of a lava tube system that formed when basalt lava flowed out of a vent at the Ice Cave Knoll about 500,000 years ago. John A. Dalton discovered the cave on his 160-acre homestead in 1989, and used it to store perishable food.

"We're all naturally attracted to caves, especially basalt caves and lava tubes, because they're relatively accessible and safe," Varlone said.

Investigators hunt for clues in case of missing Carson City woman

Examination of truck could yield answers

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Investigators are expected to return to Carson City on Sunday with a truck they hope will hold clues to the disappearance of a mother of three.

Undersheriff Steve Albertson and two detectives left Utah on Tuesday to examine the truck. Carlos Tellez, 36, provided answers in their search for Bertha Anguiano, said Chief Deputy Steve Schuette.

They had hoped Tellez could shed light on Anguiano's Nov. 10 disappearance.

Schuette said a forensic examination of the truck will begin Monday. Investigators are seeking evidence that Anguiano may have been in the truck.

Tellez and Joaquin Barcelano, 37, were arrested on Thursday in Salt Lake City after a Utah State

Trooper spotted the truck parked at an apartment complex.

Tellez and Barcelano were leaving in another vehicle when Salt Lake deputies stopped them.

Tellez allegedly leapt from the vehicle and pointed a loaded handgun at officers, who then rammed him with their car, said Salt Lake Police Detective Kevin Joiner. Both men were being held without bail in the Salt Lake County jail on charges of aggravated assault.

Anguiano, 33, a married mother of three sons, was last seen in the parking lot of Empire Elementary School talking with an unidentified man on Nov. 10.

Some 90 minutes later, her son Andrew, 3, who was with her at the time, was found abandoned and bloodied at a store in Dayton

about 12 miles from the family's home.

The boy told police that he and his mother had been pushed from a truck, and that his mother had been "hit with a stick" and killed.

Schuette said Salt Lake detectives will continue to question Tellez.

"Utah investigators are going to continue this case from their end, that's going to help us from our end," Schuette said.

Tellez has denied having any knowledge of Anguiano or her whereabouts, Sheriff Kenny Furlong said.

The two were believed to have been having an affair, which was a point of contention between Anguiano and her husband, Furlong said.

"Obviously, this investigation will continue indefinitely until we can close it one way or another," Schuette said.

Parents use Web sites to keep track of their children's progress at school

BOISE (AP) — Parents no longer have to wait for scheduled parent-teacher conferences to find out more about how their children are coping in class.

Area schools are using Web sites, e-mail, newsletters, Parent-Teacher Organizations and other methods to keep parents informed.

Technology keeps Theresa Klein on top of how her three sons are doing in school.

She signed up at the beginning of the school year to receive weekly progress reports for 16-year-old Bill, 14-year-old Allen and 12-year-old Kevin. Teachers at Eagle High School and Eagle Middle School e-mail the reports to Klein so she can

review them at home.

"It's a great tool because it lets me know how my kids are doing," Klein said of the weekly reports.

"I talk to my kids to find out how they're doing, and the reports from the teacher verifies what they've said."

Tonya Hoskins regularly tracks what's happening at Nampa's Roosevelt Elementary School, where her 7-year-old daughter Morgan Hofer is a second-grader. She uses e-mail to keep in touch with teachers and other parents.

"If you're involved, not only do you help your child but you also show them they are important to you," Hoskins said. As president of the school's PTO, she also man-

ages a parent e-mail list with about 200 names.

"If you're on the e-mail list, even if your child does not bring home the flier they've been asked to give to parents, you still get the information," she said.

Teachers are pretty good about responding to e-mail, Klein said, and it is often more convenient than phone calls because teachers are in class most of the time.

"Schools are trying to build stronger relationships with parents, and school officials are definitely trying to open the lines of communication," said Sandy Rumpel, supervisor of counseling and social work for Boise School District.

SERVICES

Robert "Bob" Bateman of Twin Falls, family prayer at 10 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home; a graveside service will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Rokda (Elison) Quire, formerly of Buhl, graveside at 10 a.m. today at West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Corey James Fairchild of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St., friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Gerald "Jerry" Francis Muegel of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Robert J. "Bob" Rippe of Hailey, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdome Hall in Hailey (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Lucas O'Killa of Roseville, Calif., graveside memorial service at 1 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Bruncau Cemetery; a gathering will follow the service at the Bruncau American Legion Hall in Bruncau.

Lynette Rose, of Twin Falls, service at 10 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Tuesday.

DEATH NOTICES

Balbi Vales
Balbi Vales, 65, of Filer, died Saturday, Nov. 22 at her home. Services will be announced by White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park.

Lynette Rose
Lynette Rose, 58, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 22, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Services will be held at 10 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; friends may call from

9 a.m. until service time.

Lydia M. VanRyper
Lydia M. VanRyper, 85, of Rupert passed away at her home Sunday, Nov. 23. Funeral services will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

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

Misdemeanor dismissals
Cynthia R. Nottle, 35; insufficient funds check fraud, amended to public disturbance, dismissed, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Richard Lamont-Poultrov, 51; insufficient funds check fraud, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bellar.

Darrell Edwin Day, 47; insufficient funds check fraud, amended to public disturbance, dismissed, \$63.50 fine; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Adrian Rios, 24; violation of a protection order dismissed, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bellar.

Misdemeanor sentences
Olivia Munoz-Calvillo, 27; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bellar.

Alberto S. Reyes, 40; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

David G. Curiel, 19; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50

fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Jens Gutierrez, 21; one count failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count failure to appear, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bellar.

Victorio Tiveron Garcia, 20; disturbing the peace, amended to minor loitering at certain premises, pleaded guilty, \$33.50 fine, \$98.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bellar.

Rigoberto Cordova, 25; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$113.50 court costs, six months driver's license suspension, one year probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Michael W. Mercer, 24; petit theft, pleaded guilty, one year probation, 30 days in jail, seven days suspended, 23 days credit; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony dismissals
Darrell G. Snyder, 42; insufficient funds check fraud dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Richard Leroy Gibson, 20; preventing a witness from testifying, dismissed; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Commercial truck driving sentences

Patrick E. Gromble, 49; motor carrier-log book violations, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bellar.

Jeffrey Scott Arneson, 39; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bellar.

Johnnie Kloosterman, 56; unsafe wheels and rims, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bellar.

Phillip P. Joseph, 52; exceeding maximum driving and on duty time, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bellar.

Thomas W. Calbreath, 56; failure to have reflective sheeting and reflectors, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bellar.

Richard E. Selberg, 30; failure to have reflective sheeting and reflectors, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bellar.

Juvenile sentences

Kendra Grace Dszhak, 16; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today
CSI Golden Eagle booster luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.
CSI Golden Eagle volleyball team competes in the NJCAA national tournament through Wednesday in West Plains, Mo.
Students with disabilities weekly support group meeting, 3:15 p.m., Shields 112.
CSI Student Senate meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 104.
CSI Boxing Club, 9 p.m., physical education building, aerobics room.

Tuesday
CSI Renaissance Club weekly meeting, 12:50 p.m., Shields 105.
CSI Ski Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 104.
Bilingual Education Student Organization meeting, 1 p.m., Aspen 145.
CSI Ambassadors weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 108.
"WSKY" Radio Station of the Stars" with live sky tour, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday
Latinos Unidos weekly meeting, noon, Evergreen A15.
Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.
CSI Boxing Club, 9 p.m., physical education building, aerobics room.

Thursday
Campus is closed for Thanksgiving.

Friday
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Saturday
Internal Revenue Service Tax-Aide volunteer tax preparation training, all day, Evergreen C33.
United Church of God International weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.
"The Christmas Star," 2 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"The Search for Life in the Universe," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball against North Idaho College, 6:30 p.m., Coeur d'Alene. Encore Productions presents a "Tribute to John Lennon," 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball against North Idaho College, 8:30 p.m., Coeur d'Alene. "Stearmrolling Through the Holidays," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Sunday
Church on the Rock weekly services, 11 a.m., Shields 114.

ON THE AGENDA

Today
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey.
Columbia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, Burley.
Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 150 S. Fourth E., Mountain Home.
Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 624 Main, Hailey City Council, 6 p.m. courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Shoshone County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N.

Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 111 W. B., Shoshone.
Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E., 305 Third Ave. E.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Tuesday
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.
Burley Public Library Board, 4 p.m., 1300 Miller Ave.
Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St.
Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room, 1120 Montana St.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St.
Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W.
Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Wednesday-Friday
No meetings scheduled due to Thanksgiving.

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

Couple gets in more trouble over animals

BOISE (AP) — An eastern Oregon couple on probation for keeping more than 500 dogs at their home are again in trouble for having too many animals.

Idaho and Oregon pet shelters stepped up after hundreds of dogs were rescued Jan. 23 from the home of Barbara and Robert Erickson of Harper, Ore.

The dogs were taken to a makeshift pound in Fruitland, Idaho, and later sent to shelters throughout Idaho and Oregon.

In June, the Ericksons were sentenced for first- and second-degree animal neglect and criminal mischief.

Malheur County Judge Patricia Sullivan said they could own two dogs, but the animals must be spayed or neutered. The Ericksons also agreed to submit to a home search at any time during the next five years.

Probation officers made an unannounced visit to the couple's home in Ontario, Ore., this month, they found a cat and two dogs, Malheur County District Attorney Dan Norris said.

The cat was taken to a local veterinarian who cares for stray ani-

mals, said Denise Mowder, chief deputy district attorney for Malheur County. The dogs remained with the Ericksons.

The couple were arrested for probation violation Tuesday and are set to enter their pleas on Dec. 10, Mowder said.

If convicted, the Ericksons could each be sentenced to any-

where from no jail time to a maximum of six years in prison.

Norris said the court feels Barbara Erickson has a condition called animal hoarding. Authorities wanted to act quickly and get her treatment reinforced. "I can't believe they would want to put her in prison for this," he said.

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Rupert festival begins Friday

By Rose Marie Parsons
Times-News correspondent

Rupert Caring and Sharing Festival

Friday
• 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Gala lunch.
• 5 to 10 a.m. - Public viewing.
Saturday
• 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Teddy bear breakfast.
• 10 a.m. - Visits with Santa and

kid's crafts.
• Noon to 8 p.m. - Public viewing.
Sunday
• Noon to 4 p.m. - Public viewing.
Monday
• Noon to 8 p.m. - Public viewing.
• Noon to 2 p.m. - Senior citizen social.

RUPERT - Santa may park a red ambulance under the tree if the fifth annual Caring and Sharing Festival meets the expectations of its organizers.

Minidoka Health Care Foundation Executive Director Patie Hansen said her organization has already received a \$50,000 grant from the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation in Caldwell to help buy an ambulance, estimated to cost about \$36,000. Some of the proceeds from this year's Caring and Sharing Festival will be added to the ambulance fund.

The foundation's scholarship program for students entering medical professions is another beneficiary of the festival. Last year's festival netted the foundation about \$28,000 in profits.

New to this year's festival is a food court. Chili, soup, cinnamon rolls, nachos and beverages will be sold throughout the event. All proceeds are earmarked for the

foundation's general fund. Members of the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Auxiliary plan to operate a gift and sweet shop to raise money for their projects.

Another addition to the festival this year is a teddy bear breakfast. Although it is open to anyone, the breakfast is aimed at elementary school children. The breakfast runs from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday.

A craft activity for children and an opportunity to have photos taken with Santa is offered from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday. The price of admission is an unwrapped toy or book that will be given to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council for distribution to needy families.

A catered lunch Friday opens the festival. People at the invitation-only lunch have first choice of the trees and decorations on sale at this year's festival. Once the doors open to the public, at 5 p.m. Friday, all the trees and decorations are on sale to anyone.

Senior citizens are invited to a social from noon until 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. Free refreshments will be served while the seniors have a chance to enjoy the displays and musical entertainment.

Festival co-chairman Kathy Duncan said the love that goes into the trees, wreaths and other crafts sold at the festival is what

makes the event so special. Wooden lawn ornaments and stuffed hawks have been donated, along with more than 40 decorated trees. Duncan said people are still contacting her about donating.

The festival features near-continuous entertainment, by local people.

No admission is charged to the Caring and Sharing Festival, but donations are accepted.

The trees will be delivered to buyers on Tuesday, Dec. 2, by members of the Rupert Kiwanis, Rupert Rotary Club and employees of the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department.

Hansen said the festival is one of her favorite events.

"There is a tremendous amount of work and organization that goes into this," Hansen said. "It is accomplished by a staff of volunteers, donors, sponsors and supporters. Each year gets bigger and better and each year we must give thanks to those who help."

CSI plans Magic Mud pottery show and sale

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Department is planning its annual Magic Mud Pottery Sale and show for 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 5 at the CSI Art Complex on Falls Avenue.

The event is a fundraiser for the CSI Art Club. Students and established artists will have their works for sale.

CSI Art Professor Bill West said this is the students' opportunity to show off their work and their facilities. It's also an opportunity for professional potters to sell some of their pieces.

Light refreshments will be served both days. Visitors who attend the event at noon Dec. 6 will see one of the kilns opened, revealing freshly fired ceramics.

Participants in this year's event includes LaVar Steel, Elizabeth James, Sheryl and Bill West, Megan Cramming, Jo Dyer, Alta Harris, Blair Clark, Debra Richards, Donna Flannery and Cole Hanson. Items for sale will include pitchers, cups, bowls, casserole dishes, platters, teapots and many other functional, decorative and collectible items.

Proceeds from the sale help defray materials and field trip costs for the art students.

Chemical firm air-monitoring chief won't get new trial

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A former air-monitoring chief at the Deseret Chemical Depot has been denied a new trial on charges he falsified information concerning effectiveness of air quality monitors.

U.S. District Judge Tena Campbell on Friday scheduled David James Yarbrough's sentencing for Jan. 13.

Yarbrough's attorney, Mick Harrison, in October requested Friday's evidentiary hearing. He said he would present evidence that one of the government's key witnesses unfairly influenced others by discussing her testimony before denying Yarbrough's motion.

Campbell heard testimony from five original trial witnesses before denying Yarbrough's motion.

Yarbrough faces five years in prison for each of the seven counts on which he was convicted.

"It's time to get this case resolved," Campbell said, cutting off a request from Harrison for additional arguments in the case.

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Among the witnesses who testified Friday was Patti King, the government witness at the heart of Harrison's motion. The defense attorney maintained that King was seen in the courthouse cafeteria reviewing a regulation book that was central to the trial with co-worker Kevin Draper.

Draper admitted bringing the book to the courthouse, saying he planned to review it so he would be prepared when testifying. However, both he and King said they did not discuss the book beyond King's question of why Draper had the material with him.

Others testified they saw the two together in the cafeteria, with the book lying on the table between them, but they did not hear what they were saying, nor could they remember seeing them turn pages in the book or reading portions of it together.

King and Draper said prosecutors told them several times prior to the trial not to discuss their testimony with other witnesses, and Campbell said she believed they heeded the warnings.

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Water rights battle ends after 20 years of legal action

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) - After 20 years of legal action, the Shivwits Band of Paiute Indians of Washington County and Washington County Water Conservancy District have reached agreement on water rights in the drainage of the Virgin and Santa Clara rivers.

The cooperative agreement includes an increase of water rights from a few hundred acre-feet annually to 4,000 acre-feet a year for the small band of Paiutes.

One acre-foot of water equals 326,000 gallons, the amount of water used by an average suburban family in a year.

Washington County will see a modernized waste water treatment plant and pipeline, costing about \$15 million and paid for by the Shivwits and federal government, according to a report published Sunday in The Salt Lake Tribune.

PHUN WITH PHYSICS



University of Arizona physicist professor John Haley props himself across the floor with a fire extinguisher at the UA Physics Phun Nite at the University of Arizona Tuesday. The event was geared toward showing parents and kids the fun and fascination behind physics.

This project, still in the design phase, would deliver 2,000 acre-feet of water to the Shivwits reservation, which is one of five bands of the Utah Paiute Tribe in southern Utah.

Another water project, the Santa Clara Project, will construct a pressurized pipeline to deliver 1,900 acre-feet of water to the Shivwits.

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Records Review member says Oswald acted alone

LOGAN, Utah (AP) - One of the five people charged with releasing documents through the John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Review Board said he believes Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

"The Warren Commission didn't do a perfect job or didn't have all the information it needed, but it probably came up with the correct answer," Utah State University President Kermit Hall said on the 40th anniversary of JFK's murder.

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not sway conspiracy theorists, but he said such theories widely published on the World Wide Web point to the great strength of America's freedom of speech.

"Because we have an open society, we have very robust, often conflicting notions. We don't have a state judiciary that says you must accept this version as official," Hall said. "The Web sites point to the freedom we have and sometimes the gullibility. And it says that if the government doesn't provide as much information as it can, there will be conspiracy mixed with conjecture."

Though he's heard of the different conspiracies, Hall said the most serious JFK theory to confront was the one that said Kennedy had been murdered by his own government.

"That particular theory was 'so profound, so serious,' that Hall said all the documents pertaining to that had to be released.

"He said he has no plans to delve into the Kennedy assassination as an academic topic. In fact, his interest in the assassination comes from an interest in the delicate line between the public's need to know what the government is doing, and the government's need to classify, or keep some things secret, or classified.

The delicate balance between those two needs strikes at the very heart of the American republic, he said.

"It's the access to government documents and the ability of historians and the people - to pursue what they believe to be the soundest explanation as to why the government behaved the way it did," Hall said. "Without those two things, we would not be able to get to the truth and we'd be a smaller nation and a weaker people."

Counties use state funds for individual permits

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Two southern Utah counties that the state gave \$50,000 to fight grazing issues in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument have handed over some of it to three ranchers trying to take grazing permits from an environmental group, according to a newspaper report.

The state board that granted the money isn't supposed to finance legal actions or benefit private parties. One of the ranchers is a county commissioner and another is the son-in-law of a legislator from Kanab who helped procure the \$50,000. The Salt Lake Tribune reported in its Sunday editions.

The money came from the Permanent Community Impact Board fund, which distributes mineral-lease royalties collected from oil, gas and coal production on federal lands. According to its own statutory mandate, the board can distribute money only for the construction and maintenance of public facilities, for the provision of public services and for planning.

"There is an old opinion from the Attorney General's Office that said legal costs would not be eligible," said Dick Burnett, manager of the fund, which annually does out about \$25 million.

When Garfield and Kane counties applied for a \$50,000 grant - saying they needed it for "lawsuits against the federal government regarding grazing" in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument - the board denied the request.

But board members agreed the counties were "worthy" and directed the counties to submit a proposal for "alternate eligible projects of roughly the same dollar value," according to the board's minutes.

Garfield County then submitted a request for \$25,000 for planning. Kane County submitted a request for \$25,000 to purchase vehicles for the office of the county assessor. The board granted the requests in its July meeting.

Board director Dick Bradford defended the board's actions. "We try to maintain a lot of flexibility to help an applicant get to the resources they need without proscribing our own guidelines and policies," Bradford said.

Meanwhile, the law offices of Karen Budd-Falen, a Cheyenne, Wyo.-based attorney who has made a career of taking on the federal government on behalf of ranchers, filed prepared reports that will be presented to the Interior Department's Office of Hearings and Appeals in Salt Lake City. No hearing date has been scheduled.

To date, Garfield and Kane counties have paid Budd-Falen \$15,500 to assist the southern Utah ranchers, said Kane County Clerk Karla Johnson. Garfield County Commission Chairman D. Mervyn Duce said the money, though going toward private attorney fees, is for the public good, to preserve the rural economy.

The ranchers' legal target is Canyonlands Grazing Corp., an affiliate of the Bignall, Ariz.-based Grand Canyon Trust.

Trust attorney Cullen Batten - who has won grazing cases for the Nature Conservancy in U.S. District Court and the U.S. Supreme Court - said he plans to intervene in the ranchers' appeals to protect the Grand Canyon Trust's investment.

During trial, Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott J. Thorley charged that Yarbrough wrongfully manipulated the system. The government claimed figures

Tower

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writing and proper English," Kunz said.

He had mixed feelings when he saw his first story in print. He said he felt a little embarrassed to have his name on a story. His was about a chemistry magic show with lots of green slime.

Heather Jackson is a part-time computer graphics and design major at CSI who has been attending the college for at least six years. She redesigned the paper's nameplate to include a photo of its namesake, the tower in the center of campus. The old paper's nameplate had a drawing that was little more than a glorified stick figure. She joined the paper when one of her design professors referred her to it.

"I thought it would be good practical experience to lay out a

newspaper," she said. "I learned a lot in one night."

She said the experience is valuable to her profession.

CSI's administration also sees value in the campus paper. The college has had some sort of newspaper since the beginning. Beck said campus communication was lacking while the paper was gone, although students and administrators found ways to cope.

"We always knew that we would 'bring it back,'" he said.

Next semester the paper will move into a smaller, more centrally located space in the new student union. Mayer got to design the room. He chose big windows that passersby can see the reporters working. The paper comes out biweekly, so there will be two more 3,000-issue printing runs this semester.

Jerome

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of Mayor Charles Correll, Councilwoman Marjorie Schmidt, Councilman Jerry Crozier, Information Services Specialist Kathy Marcus, Fire Chief Jim Auclair, and Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore will help make the selection. DeVore is a nonvoting member of the committee.

Rothweiler said the selection committee will narrow the applicants to a group of preliminary finalists. The committee will then

interview between three and five of these finalists.

To date the city has received 12 applications from candidates in the northwestern United States. There have been no in-house applications, although Rothweiler said, "There are several at qualified candidates in the city police department."

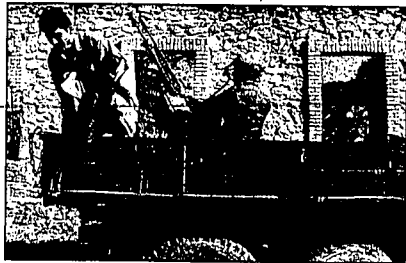
The position is subject to appointment by Jerome's Mayor, with approval of the City Council.

WORLD

Afghan camps: Source of terror

Training camps spawn attacks around world

RISHKHOR, Afghanistan (AP) — From Bali to Istanbul, New York to Casablanca, the ferocious chain of terror that has shocked the world since Sept. 11 has stemmed from a single source — camps like this one just south of Kabul, where thousands of young men were indoctrinated in Osama bin Laden's brutal vision.



An Afghan soldier, right, sits in a vehicle with a Soviet anti-aircraft gun as a man jumps off at Rishkhor, a former Taliban base 10 miles south of the capital, Kabul, Afghanistan, Friday. Rishkhor, a field and workout course once used for al-Qaida drilling, has been cleaned up and retooled for training by Afghan soldiers.

synagogue. Mohammed was arrested in Pakistan in March. In other instances, al-Qaida seems to have acted as inspiration for attacks.

The Afghan was deprived of al-Qaida and other Islamic militant groups of their main operating base, making it far more difficult to plan and organize large-scale attacks like Sept. 11. But as followers poured out of Afghanistan under heavy U.S. bombardment, they created a diaspora of destruction the world is today struggling to contain.

Militants who trained in Afghanistan have returned to Turkey, the Philippines, Pakistan, Malaysia, Morocco, Chechnya and countries throughout Europe and the Middle East, possibly including Iraq, authorities say. The United States and Canada have also arrested men allegedly trained in the Afghan camps.

If anything, the decentralization has made it harder for intelligence services to track down the extremists, said Pillar, the U.S. analyst. "It's harder to follow a bunch of different groups coming at you from different directions."

Some 3,500 men passed through Rishkhor, a sprawling complex of shattered barracks and dusty training fields about 10 miles south of the Afghan capital, Kabul. Mullah Mohammed Khaksar, the Taliban's former deputy Interior Minister, told AP.

The camp was run by a Pakistani — Qari Saifullah Akhtar — and taught traditional combat skills in order to feed foreign troops into the Taliban army, but terrorist training also went on here.

Khaksar said that, as a senior Taliban official, he attended an al-Qaida demonstration at the camp in early 2001 in which terrorist trainees — including Middle Easterners, Pakistanis, Chechens

and they were extremely well trained," said Khaksar, who secretly contacted the United States in 1999 to seek American help in stopping the Taliban, and renounced the religious movement after their collapse. "Now these men have all returned to their homes. It is a grave risk for the security of the world."

At Rishkhor, a field and workout course once used for al-Qaida drilling has been cleaned up and retooled for training by Afghan soldiers, many of whom have taken up residence in the bombed out buildings that once housed thousands of militants.

Abdul Fatah, 48, who cooked at the camp when al-Qaida was in control and cooks today for the Afghan troops, describes the day in early October 2001 when the terrorists made a quick exodus from the camp, ahead of the U.S. warplanes.

"They got a call from someone who said there was going to be bombing and just like that they all left. By the time the bombs fell I was the only one here," he said. "I guess they are all still out there somewhere."

An Afghan link can be traced to nearly every major terrorist attack since the 2001 strikes in New York and at the Pentagon, although not all have been carried out directly by bin Laden's al-Qaida, U.S., European and Asian officials told The Associated Press.

Attacks like the ones in Turkey this past week, and others in Indonesia, Morocco, Tunisia and the Philippines, appear to have involved homegrown groups, sometimes working hand-in-hand with al-Qaida. Officials say some of the attacks carry "al-Qaida marks" of al-Qaida, a way of spreading the group's franchise throughout the world.

"Extremists were trained and either pledged their allegiance to bin Laden and al-Qaida or carried his message and inspired back to their home countries to initiate more localized jihad efforts," said a U.S. intelligence report obtained by AP.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 people are believed to have trained at Afghan camps since 1996, when bin Laden returned to Afghanistan from Sudan, said a U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Since the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan, Rishkhor and other al-Qaida camps have mostly been reduced to rubble, but the men who trained in them — including, allegedly, the two Turkish suicide bombers who detonated last week's synagogue explosions — are still pursuing their legacy of death.

Al-Qaida experience was important for traditional training, indoctrination and networking," said Paul Pillar, a U.S. intelligence analyst, speaking at Columbia University last week. "Those who were trained are now training the next generation."

How many of these attacks are being directed by al-Qaida's senior leadership — bin Laden and his deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri — is unclear. Certainly, al-Qaida is considered to have had a direct hand in two attacks this year in Saudi Arabia, bin Laden's homeland and his avowed enemy.

U.S. counterterrorism officials suspect al-Qaida's former No. 3 man, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, was directly involved in last year's bombing of an ancient Tunisian

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Sharon floats plan in hope for progress with Palestinians

ERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, whose popularity has slipped over his failure to end the conflict with the Palestinians, floated the idea of unilateral steps Sunday, with officials telling Israeli media this may include drawing a border and removing some settlements.

In the weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday, Sharon said he remains committed to the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan, which envisions a negotiated deal, with a Palestinian state as a centerpiece, by 2005. But Sharon added that he does not rule out unilateral steps, presumably if efforts to revive the road map fail.

The prime minister did not elaborate, and the comments seemed largely aimed at proving to an increasingly restless Israeli public that he has a plan for ending three years of bloodshed. Sharon's critics include four former security chiefs who recently accused him of stalling to avoid concessions and warned Israel is headed for disaster without a quick solution to the conflict with

the Palestinians.

In another development, Israel expelled Palestinians from the West Bank to Gaza late Sunday. In all, six of 18 on a list drawn up by the military have been expelled. Israel says the expulsions are meant to stop the Palestinians from carrying out terror attacks. Palestinians and human rights groups have denounced the practice.

Trying to soften his hardline image, Sharon told Yediot Achronot daily he would present his new plan soon. "I just wanted the Israeli public to know that its prime minister has not stopped thinking about how to get out of the impasse with the Palestinians," he told the newspaper.

Palestinian officials and Israeli liberals were skeptical. "We've heard many promises, but nothing has come of them," said Israeli opposition leader Shimon Peres, adding that the removal even of small settlements would break up Sharon's center-right coalition. "I don't think Sharon is in a hurry to take apart his government," Peres said.

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WORLD

Opposition supporters celebrate Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze's resignation, in Tbilisi Sunday.



Georgia leader resigns under threats

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze resigned Sunday as the opposition threatened to storm his residence. His fall sparked fireworks and dancing among tens of thousands of protesters, and ended a political crisis astonishing for its speed and lack of violence in a blood-washed region.

Shevardnadze's resignation caps a political career during which he won admiration in the West by helping guide the Cold War to an end as Soviet foreign minister

under Mikhail Gorbachev. But during 10 years as president of Georgia, he became despised for rampant corruption.

Residents of Tbilisi, poured into streets and parted late into the night after the resignation was announced, honking car horns and waving flags on the capital's main Rustaveli Avenue. Champagne corks flew, and revelers placed flowers into the machine-gun barrels of two armored personnel carriers blocking a street.

Georgia lies at a crossroads important

to both the United States and Russia, on the planned path of an oil pipeline between the landlocked Caspian Sea and the ports of the Black Sea. The Caucasus nation has seen two bloody separatist movements under Shevardnadze's rule since 1992.

Throughout nearly three weeks of protests — since parliament elections that the opposition said were rigged — both sides, mindful of Georgia's history of fatal political conflicts, had pledged to avoid provocations.



Eduard Shevardnadze

Mexicans fear China is passing them in trade war

MEXICO CITY (AP) — It's a trade war being fought in the streets: Mexico's army of 1.6 million street vendors is resisting police attempts to confiscate imports from China, and the government has responded with everything from buy-Mexican ads to a special anti-import police squad.

Long known for the work of its artisans, Mexico now imports such handicrafts as painted figurines of Mexican saints and leather sandals from China. This year, China also displaced Mexico as the second-biggest exporter to the U.S. market, leaving Mexicans feeling cheated and worried the country is being left behind.

"It's not just fear, it's panic," said Mexico City historian Lorenzo Meyer. "We were supposed to be the ones moving ahead. We had free-market reforms, and now we're losing out to a communist-run country. In 500 years, this country has never been able to get ahead economically."

Newspapers regularly run stories on the threat. "The Chinese want Mexico's oil," "Chinese products proliferate in handicraft markets," and "Border factories fight Chinese threat" are just a few recent examples.

Mexico's frustration at being outmaneuvered in low-wage manufacturing has generated a rising tide of anger at the Asian giant. Textile and shoe workers have begun smashing Chinese goods in the streets. The government has started airing "Buy Mexican" ad campaigns, and police have rounded up Asian vendors and staged increasingly violent raids against street stalls selling contraband imports.

The anger isn't just over imported goods. Since 2000, Mexico has lost more than 200,000 maquiladora, or manufacture-for-export, jobs, with many factories moving to China.

The damage is everywhere. China is producing statues of Mexico's patron saint, the Virgin of Guadalupe. And plastic Chinese flip-flops are the preferred footwear in many parts of rural Mexico, replacing Mexican leather sandals that had been worn here for centuries.

In the north-central state of Guanajuato, dozens of shoemaking businesses have closed recently, including Botas Fox, the family business of President Vicente Fox. Shoemakers complain they are being driven out of business by cheap Chinese imports.

"We just can't compete with the labor costs," said Sandra Suttamarina, project director for Mexico's Apparel Industry Chamber. "Labor in China costs 48 cents per hour, and in Mexico it's \$1.20."

Mexico has imposed dumping duties of more than 500 percent on Chinese apparel, but that hasn't stemmed the influx. Many Chinese goods are smuggled in or imported under labels from other countries. Not including these clandestine goods, China currently runs a trade surplus with Mexico of more than \$5 billion.

Some Mexicans blame themselves. "We've never been able to defend ourselves against the Americans, or the Chinese," said one anti-import sign posted outside a Mexican clothing store. "But, then again, we haven't seen any Chinese. All we see are disloyal Mexicans who don't want to pay for Mexican goods."

Fox, who has described China as "an opportunity, not a threat," created a special anti-contraband police squad in October, but it remains to be seen how effective it will be.

In one recent raid in Mexico City, police rounded up Koreans who allegedly run many of the import operations — and departed 11 of them, drawing complaints of discrimination from the Korean community.

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EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS

A guy's brain-really is different

I like to think that I am a modest person. (I also like to think that I look like Brad Pitt naked, but that is not the issue here.)

There comes a time, however, when a person must tout his own personal horn, and for me, that time is now. A new book has confirmed a theory that I first proposed in 1987, in a column explaining why men are physically unqualified to do housework. The problem, I argued, is that men - because of a tragic genetic flaw - cannot see dirt until there is enough of it to support agriculture.

This puts men at a huge disadvantage against women, who can detect a single dirt molecule 20 times away. This is why a man and a woman can both be looking at the same bathroom commode, and the man - hindered by Male Genetic Dirt Blindness (MGBD) - will perceive the commode surface as being clean enough for heart surgery or even



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Dave Barry

meat slicing, whereas the woman can't even "see" the commode, only a teeming, commode-shaped swarm of bacteria. A woman can spend two hours cleaning a toothbrush holder, and still not be, totally satisfied; whereas if you ask a man to clean the entire New York City subway system, he'll go down there with a bottle of Windex and a single paper towel, then emerge 25 minutes later, weary but satisfied, with a job well done.

When I wrote about Male Genetic Dirt Blindness, many irate readers complained that I was engaging in sexist stereotyping, as well as making lame excuses for the fact that men are lazy pigs. All of these irate readers belonged to a gender that I will not identify here, other than to say: Guess what, ladies? There is now scientific proof that I was right.

This proof appears in a new book titled "What Could He Be Thinking? How a Man's Mind Really Works." I have not personally read this book, because, as a journalist, I am too busy writing about it. But according to an article by Reuters, the book states that a man's brain "takes in less sensory detail than a woman's, so he doesn't see or even feel the dust and household mess in the same way." Got that? We can't see or feel the mess! We're like: "What snow tires in the dining room? Oh, those" snow tires in the dining room.

It turns out that women's brains secrete more of the chemicals "oxytocin" and "serotonin," which, according to biologists, cause humans to feel they have an inadequate supply of shoes. No, seriously, these chemicals cause humans to want to bond with other humans, which is why women like to share their feelings. Some women (and here I am referring to my wife) can share as many as three days' worth of feelings about an event that took eight seconds to actually happen. We men, on the other hand, are reluctant to share our feelings, in large part because we often don't have any. Really. Ask any guy: A lot of the time, when we look like we're thinking, we just have this low-level humming sound in our brains. That's why, in male-female conversations, the male part often consists entirely of him going "hummm." This frustrates the woman, who wants to know what he's really thinking. In fact, what he's thinking is, literally, "hummm."

So anyway, according to the Reuters article, when a man, instead of sharing feelings with his mate, chooses to lie on the sofa, holding the remote control and monitoring the 7:30 television program, simultaneously by changing the channel every one-half second (pausing slightly longer for programs that feature touchdowns, fighting, shooting, car crashes, or bosoms) his mate should "not" conclude the mistaken conclusion that he is an insensitive jerk. In fact, he is responding to scientific biological brain chemicals that require him to behave this way for scientific reasons, as detailed in the scientific book "What Could He Be Thinking? How a Man's Mind Really Works," which I frankly cannot recommend highly enough.

In conclusion, no way was that pass interference.

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INDIGESTION



Photo illustration by CORY MEYER/The Times-News

If your Thanksgiving menu always includes Pepto-Bismol or other antacids, change your feasting strategy this year.

Ten ways not to be miserable Thanksgiving night

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

Thanksgiving is the high holiday for indigestion and heartburn: some form of gastrointestinal distress, it's estimated, affects 40 million Americans on that single Thursday.

Here are 10 ways not to be among them:

1. Drink a glass of water. No, make that three.
"If you drink a glass of water before dinner, one after dinner and one at bedtime, you're going a long way toward settling your stomach and avoiding the things that cause indigestion and heartburn," said pharmacist Kurt Heffner, who owns Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark in Twin Falls.
2. Use antacids strategically. The big-name antacids - Tums, Maalox and Mylanta - are just the stuff for four-alarm heartburn and indigestion. Prilosec, a much newer and more sophisticated drug, is good medicine too, but it's designed to relieve gastrointestinal distress over time, not immediately.
3. Don't neglect Pepto. Pepto-Bismol was first introduced in 1900, but it's the relief of choice for pharmacist Dave Nelson, who runs Sav-Mor Pharmacy in Twin Falls.



"I like it because it's a pretty effective antacid, and if you experience diarrhea, it has ingredients to take care of that too."

4. Carbonated drinks won't you belch, but they may also make you feel worse because they fill you up more and irritate your stomach, Heffner said.

5. Baking soda isn't a good idea. A teaspoon of baking soda in water - the classic sodium bicarbonate - is one of the oldest indigestion remedies, but with some sobering potential side effects.

"The human body works within a pretty narrow pH range (the balance between acidity and alkalinity)," said pharmacist Cathi Ketterling, who owns Sav-Mor Drug in Buhl. "It doesn't take much to upset that balance."

The risks? Everything from aggravating hypertension to contributing to kidney stones.

"Baking soda once in a while probably isn't going to hurt you," Heffner said. "But I wouldn't make a habit of it."

6. Understand that not all heartburn is created equal. Everybody gets heartburn, but not everybody gets GERD, or chronic esophageal reflux disease in which the valve between the stomach and the esophagus allows acid to leak up the esophagus.

"If you wake up on

Thanksgiving night with terrible heartburn, that's what antacids are for," Heffner said. "If you wake up four nights out of five with heartburn, you may have GERD and you need to treat it accordingly."

7. Don't try to cure heartburn and indigestion before Thanksgiving dinner. Some new-generation medicines, such as Zantac and Pepcid, are most effective when taken before eating.

"I don't believe in taking medicine before you need it," Heffner said. "If you get heartburn, then treat the heartburn."

8. Slow down. Flatulence, a problem common on Thanksgiving evening, is caused by eating too fast and thus swallowing too much air. Chew more slowly, and you're likely to avoid trouble, according to the American College of Gastroenterology. Oh, and don't wash the food down with a beverage; sip it instead.

9. Easy on the alcohol. Under the best of circumstances, alcohol is a stomach irritant, and too much of it can easily compound indigestion and heartburn.

10. Dinner at 6? Then bed at 7. It takes a long time to digest a big meal, and eating late and retiring early is an engraved invitation to 3 a.m. heartburn.

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Gift ideas abound for textile hobbyists

It's time to get serious about gift ideas for those knitters, quilters, and sewing fans.

For knitters and crocheters, the Port-A-Pocket is a clever canvas bag that holds a ball of yarn, a pair of needles, a folded pattern and a few small tools. Suspend it on your wrist to knit a small project as you sit in a waiting room or even when you're on the move. It's \$13.99 in the Patternworks catalog.

Another great bag you'll see there is the Yarn Tote & Needle Case, a heavy-duty vinyl bag that can stand upright with 9 1/2-inch supported sides and a soft drawing top. It features outside toggle-closure pockets and an adjustable padded shoulder strap. Attached to the bag is a case with pockets for both short and long needles. It's \$39.99 through Patternworks, at 800-438-5464 or www.patternworks.com.

A similar bag is available through Joann Fabrics; it's online at www.joann.com.

For quilters, the Better Homes & Gardens American Patchwork Quilting 2004 calendar is now available. Included is a bonus instruction booklet of fun projects for all twelve quilt projects. The calendar, at \$23.95, is at quilt shops, or order by calling 800-826-4707.

Sewing enthusiasts will appreciate the new project bag from Nancy's Notions catalog. It's the



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ultimate in organizing your stuff to take to class or on vacation. Shaped like a big soft briefcase and zipped all around, it has pockets, pouches and zipper compartments for all your sewing essentials. It's made of navy nylon and clear vinyl, and it retails for \$32.50. Call 800-432-0650, or visit www.nancynotions.com.

At local stores, you'll find a variety of tapestry tote bags on wheels, starting at about \$50, with pull handles for transporting sewing machines. Hancock Fabric even has one that's double bagged witholley carrying case set. There are multiple pockets for carrying accessories, and you can transport both the project and the machine at once. It's about \$130, for the set.

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Uggs!

Function drives fashion, for once

Los Angeles Times

Attitude

Who says sensible shoes can't be chic? After seasons of rejecting their Manolos, the style mavens are stepping out in Uggs, the shapeless sheepskin clodhoppers that are downright uggo.

First popular here in the early 1980s with the surf set, in the past few months Uggs have migrated to the streets. Sarah Jessica Parker, Jennifer Aniston and Reese Witherspoon are wearing them to keep warm on cold soundstages, and stylists are tucking jeans into them or pairing them with miniskirts for a kind of rugged, anti-fashion statement.

"I live in mine. They're like wearing a pair of socks," said Jessica Pastier, a wardrobe stylist whose clients Minnie Driver, Jewel and LeAnn Rimes are also Ugg aficionados. "God bless the girls who can run around in high heels, but they are all going to have varicose veins by the time they're 35," said Pastier, who has pairs in black, sand and blue.

Regular people are padding around in them, too.

"I don't think they are the cutest shoes in the world," said Marissa Liu, 15, a student at Santa Monica (Calif.) High School who has worn Uggs for three years. "But they are incredibly comfortable and warm and fun."

But really, sheepskin boots in sunny Southern California? "We're kind of coldblooded. I guess," Liu said.

Designed to be worn without socks, the most popular styles are Ugg Australia's classic tall and classic short boots, especially those in the new, butter-soft plush pink and powder blue shades. If you can find them, they sell for \$110 to \$185 at Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom, surf shops and smaller boutiques.

But what's near to be a sheep? said Dave Hollander, president and co-owner of Becker Surf & Sport. In the 20 years since he began carrying Uggs in his five Southern California stores, he's never seen anything like the current fuzzy loofwear frenzy.

"We got our first shipment in August and it was gone in a matter of days."

A production assistant from NBC's "Will & Grace" bought a pair, only to return several days later at the producer's behest to buy boots for everyone on the set.

Hollander said. "We had 18 pairs and that's all we could give them."

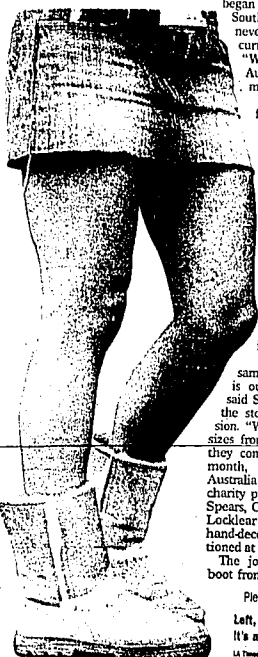
"We're almost in a state of harassment here. The manager of my Hermosa Beach (Calif.) store is having a hard time conducting business because the phone won't stop ringing."

Nordstrom is facing the same problem. "The demand is outstripping the supply," said Scott Meden, a buyer for the store's women's shoe division. "We're taking names and sizes from customers, and when they come in, we'll call." (This month, Nordstrom and Ugg Australia have teamed up for a charity program that has Britney Spears, Charlize Theron, Heather Locklear and other celebrities hand-decorating boots to be auctioned at www.gottahaveit.com.)

The journey of the ungainly boot from the wilds of Australia

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Left, It's a sock, It's a shoe, It's an Ugg.



LA Times photo

Body rolling helps arthritis sufferers cope

The Washington Post

"It's really hard to say (to your children), 'I can't hold you because it hurts my hips,'" sighs Ken Murphy, 47, of Alexandria, Va.

Osteoarthritis has forced Murphy, an athletic father of two, to make accommodations. He still kayaks and swims, but goes in less than 15 minutes, karate and rock climbing. He may one day face hip replacement surgery. But for now, pain management is the goal.

Painkillers are only part of the answer. Several times a week he practices Body Rolling, which has helped him regain some range of motion. The technique uses self-massage (from placing the body's weight on a ball) and a prescribed sequence of movements to increase muscle elasticity and blood flow in an affected region. Murphy takes the special ball with him on business trips and puts one or more under his legs or behind his back while driving.



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Cardiac care isn't up to par in U.S.

Los Angeles Times

Not only do many heart disease patients not get the best available treatment at their local hospitals, those who suffer a heart attack at night may be less likely to survive.

Heart attack patients often do not receive the most appropriate drugs for their conditions, and discharged patients typically do not receive adequate information, according to several studies reported last week at an Orlando, Fla., meeting of the American Heart Association.

"Acting quickly with therapies that have been shown to be effective can save lives," said Dr.

James Hoekstra of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C. "If we... utilize all the proven therapies within the first 24 hours, our patients will do better."

In a study of 56,000 patients arriving at 400 emergency rooms with heart attack symptoms, for example, Hoekstra and his associates found that two out of three did not receive a new class of clot-inhibiting drugs within the first 24 hours, despite large studies showing that the drugs prolong lives.

The drugs in question — generally known as glycoprotein IIb/IIIa inhibitors — are marketed

under such brand names as RePro, Aggrastat and Integrilin. They block receptors on blood platelets, preventing them from clumping together into clots, and have been shown to be most effective when administered within 24 hours after symptoms begin.

Hoekstra reported that only 2.7 percent of those in his study who got the drugs within 24 hours died while in the hospital, compared to 4.7 percent of those who received them later. Patients who didn't get the drugs immediately tended to be older, to have additional heart problems and to have more cardiovascular disease.

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TWIN FALLS — Brett and Cindy Staples of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Rose Staples, to Kevin James Watson, son of Barry and Jenette Watson of Kimberly.

Staples is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in medicine. She is employed at Dr. Long's Chiropractic in Twin Falls.

Watson is a graduate of

Kimberly High School and is currently in the nursing program at CSI. He served a two-year mission to London, England, for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is employed at Schwann's in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Nov. 28, in the Boise LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Kimberly LDS Church, 222 Birch St.

The couple will reside in Twin Falls, where they will continue their education at CSI.



Kevin Watson and Ashley Staples

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The Times-News

BUNN-VIPPERMAN

WENDELL — Mitch and Karen Bunn of Wendell announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Bunn, to Justin LeGrand Vipperman, son of Rick and Maude Vipperman of Wendell.

Bunn is attending Boise State University, majoring in political science. She is employed at Barnes and Noble in Boise.

Vipperman is attending BSU, majoring in history. He is employed at UGA (insurance agent) in Boise.

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Although sifting through these issues may seem frustrating, the planning process will pay handsome dividends, and you will better insure that your assets are positioned to help those most in need—including yourself. Too many spouses find out too late that they have unnecessarily impoverished themselves when the law and careful planning would have allowed them to keep more of their hard-earned assets.

In a nutshell, the answer to your question is almost always — yes — the emerging prospect of a loved-one's nursing-home placement almost always makes it advisable to revise some part of your estate plan. That might involve a will, a trust, a post-nuptial agreement, asset titling, or change in beneficiary form for an IRA, annuity, insurance policy, pension plan, or like-type instrument.

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SPORTS

Sports Editor: Joe Paisley, 735-3239 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

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Section D

MORNING LINE
SPORTSQUOTE

Sources temporarily close to the speedy Boykins insist that Earl is unable to even get into a Hummer without a running start.

-Randy Hill of foxsports.com, on the Denver Nuggets' 5-foot-5 Earl Boykins

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who passed for 10,000 yards faster than any quarterback in NFL history?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College volleyball
NCAA National Tournament, at West Plains, Mo.
High school girls basketball
Filer at Valley, 6 p.m.
Dietrich at ISDB, 6 p.m.
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Gooding at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.
Wendell at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
Bliss at M.V. Christian, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI volleyball plays today at nationals

WEST PLAINS, Mo. - The College of Southern Idaho opens play at the national junior college volleyball tournament at 9 a.m. MST today against the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith. A full preview ran in Sunday's Times-News.

Burley boys jamboree set for Monday

BURLEY - The Burley boys basketball jamboree will be held Monday Nov. 24, 6 p.m. at the Burley High School gymnasium. Teams participating will be Burley, Duoelo, and Twin Falls. Teams will play each other in a round-robin format.

TFHS duo qualify for cross-country Junior Olympics

Twin Falls High School senior Kody Barker and sophomore Tyler Jones both qualified on Nov. 15 for the Junior Olympic High School Cross Country meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Dec. 13th.
Barker placed third in his age division (17-18) with a time of 17:15. Jones took third in his age division (15-16) as well with a 18:09 clocking.
They are members of Team Idaho and will compete with athletes from all over the country.

The cost for each competitor is \$500 and they are asking for contributions to help them defray some of the cost.
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Toyz For Kids volleyball tournament set

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.
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Compiled from staff reports

France captures Fed Cup

By Steve Guterman
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW - Even a victory by Martina Navratilova came too late to rescue the Americans, who were beaten by France in the Fed Cup finals Sunday.

The French won the women's version of the Davis Cup 4-1, getting a clinching victory from Amelie Mauresmo to win the title a second time.

"I was just happy for the team that we didn't get shut out," Navratilova said.

Mauresmo routed Meghann Shaughnessy 6-2, 6-1 to put France ahead 3-0 in the best-of-five series.

"I really wanted to bring that third point to the team, and that's what I did," Mauresmo said.

France's Emilie Loit then downed Alexandra Stevenson 6-4, 6-2 in a match between substitutes. The U.S. team, captained by Billie Jean King, salvaged a doubles victory to avoid a sweep.

Navratilova, 47, extended her

Fed Cup record to 39-0, teaming with Lisa Raymond to beat Loit and Stephanie Cohen-Aloro 6-4, 6-0.

"It's had enough losing ... so I just wanted to hold it up with Lisa for the rest of the team," Navratilova said.

Mauresmo, undefeated in Fed Cup play this season, ended American hopes for an 18th title.

The U.S. team was without its top players for the semifinals and finals. Serena and Venus Williams were sidelined by injuries and Lindsay Davenport was recovering from surgery.

France, which won its only other Fed Cup in 1997, went into the final day at Olympic Stadium ahead 2-0. On Saturday, Mauresmo defeated Raymond, and Mary Pierce struggled past Shaughnessy.

"This year, everything was perfect," Mauresmo said.

Mauresmo, a finalist in the season-ending WTA Championships, dropped only one set in her eight

Fed Cup matches this season. She led France's semifinal win over Russia with two singles victories.

France had lost to the United States in the 10 previous Fed Cup encounters. The United States has won 17 Fed Cup titles in 26 appearances.

The French beat the Netherlands in their only previous trip to the finals six years ago. Pierce was the only member from that team to play this year.

No team has come back from a 2-0 deficit in the finals. The United States had hoped to win both singles Sunday, leaving the title up to Raymond and Navratilova.

This marked the first time a team featuring Navratilova lost a Fed Cup series. Navratilova has not lost in the Fed Cup since she first played in the event for her native Czechoslovakia in 1975.

Navratilova is ready to return for the 2004 Fed Cup in April when the United States opens at Slovenia - if she is invited.



Amelie Mauresmo of France kisses the Federation Cup after the Federation Cup final match against Meghann Shaughnessy of the United States Sunday in Moscow. Mauresmo won the match 6-2, 6-1. France's Emilie Loit also defeated Alexandra Stevenson 6-4, 6-2. France won its only other Federation Cup in 1997.

NFL WEEK 12

Dallas grabs NFC lead

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press writer

IRVING, Texas - The Carolina Panthers are the kings of the comeback. This time, the Dallas Cowboys didn't give them a chance.

Quincy Carter threw two touchdown passes to revive Dallas' sputtering offense, then made his best plays by keeping alive the final drive of a 24-20 victory over Carolina on Sunday in a battle for the best record in the NFC.

The Panthers were within 6 yards of tying the game with about five minutes left, then ended up settling for a 34-yard field goal in hopes of getting the ball back and working their late magic. Carolina has won six times in the final two minutes or overtime.

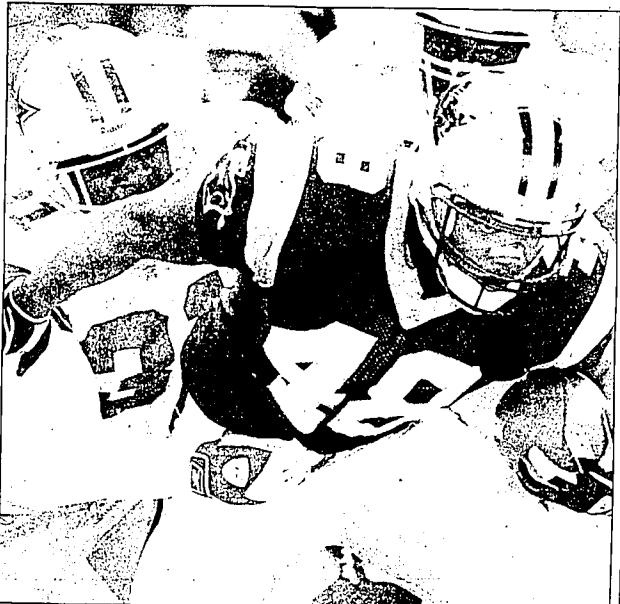
Carter, though, never gave them the chance. Dallas took over with 3:47 left and kept the ball until time ran out.

Carter converted two third downs, the first with the aid of a facemask penalty on Brentson Buckner. The next was a 13-yard pass to Jason Witten with 1:39 left that forced Carolina to use its final timeout.

Dallas (8-3) remained tied with Philadelphia atop the NFC East, and there's a three-way tie with the Panthers for the conference's best record. The Eagles play at Carolina next Sunday, then the Cowboys are in Philadelphia the week after that.

With yet another win more impressive for what it means than the way it was accomplished, Dallas continued its surprising revival under first-year coach Bill Parcells. The Cowboys won their fifth straight at home and still haven't lost consecutive games.

The Panthers, who never led, lost their second straight on the road, both by four points - in Texas. They fell 14-10 to the



Carolina Panthers running back Stephen Davis (48) is tackled by Dallas Cowboys safety Roy Williams (31) after picking up eight yards in the first quarter Sunday in Irving, Texas.

Texans three games earlier.

The two most run-oriented teams in the NFL were forced by solid defenses to rely more on their passing games in the second half.

Carter ended up with the most attempts (44) and completions (29) of his career, for 254 yards.

His two touchdown passes - a 24-yarder to Jeff Galloway and a 5-yarder to Joey Robinson - boosted an offense that had scored only four TDs in four games.

Dallas also scored on a trick play, a third-and-half handoff to fullback Richie Anderson that turned into an option pitch to

Aveion Cason for a 16-yard score. Those were the winning points.

Carolina's Jake Delhomme was only 2-of-7 for 41 yards in the first half, and finished 9-for-24 for 175 yards.

He threw a 1-yard pass to Brad Hoover in the third quarter that tied the game at 17.

BCS picture clears

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press writer

This sure turned out to be a good week for the folks that run the Bowl Championship Series.

Losses by Ohio State and TCU will help quiet much of the controversy that surrounds the BCS now that the matchup between the two top teams is on track for the Sugar Bowl.

If form holds and Oklahoma and Southern California win out, the BCS championship game will pit the top teams in The Associated Press poll in a title game for the fourth time in six years.

For all the criticism of the BCS and its complicated formulas, that happened only seven times in the 26 seasons prior to the BCS.

Michigan's 35-21 defeat of Ohio State on Saturday helped mend that potential drama matchup closer to reality.

The BCS was a target of heavy criticism after an unimpressive Ohio State team edged ahead of a dominating USC squad in last week's standings. Those questions are now moot.

What many of the critics of the BCS forget is that the weekly rankings are just a snapshot of one moment in time and aren't necessarily a projection of how they will end up when the bowl matchups are made.

"I don't know how the BCS works, but I do know the maize and blue looked pretty good today," USC coach Pete Carroll said about Michigan. Carroll found out about the Buckeyes' loss just before the Trojans took the field for a 47-22 victory over UCLA.

This week also ended months of talk about whether an undefeated

Please see BCS, Page D2

San Jose claims MLS crown

By Ron Peters
Associated Press writer

CARSON, Calif. - No spectacular comeback for the San Jose Earthquakes in the MLS Cup. None necessary.

Landon Donovan scored twice for the Earthquakes, who got a goal five minutes in and led all the way in an action-filled 4-2 victory over the Chicago Fire in Major League Soccer's championship game Sunday.

The title was the second in three years for San Jose, which had to come from behind twice in the playoffs this season.

Donovan, whose overtime goal against Kansas City in the Western Conference final propelled San Jose into the championship match, became the first player to score two goals in the MLS Cup.

The game, played before a capacity crowd of 27,000, was the highest-scoring in the Cup's eight-year history.



The Chicago Fire's Damani Ralph, left, and San Jose Earthquakes' Eddie Robinson battle for the ball Saturday during the MLS Cup in Carson, Calif.

Seahawks stumble

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press writer

BALTIMORE - Down by 17 points in the fourth quarter, the Baltimore Ravens put their comeback hopes on a struggling defense and a quarterback making his seventh NFL start.

Incredibly, the combination produced a stunning victory.

Matt Stover kicked a 42-yard field goal with 6:32 left in overtime, capping an amazing comeback Sunday that carried the Ravens past the Seattle Seahawks 44-41.

Anthony Wright, who was the Ravens' third-string quarterback just three weeks ago, brought Baltimore back with the finest performance of his career. He went 20-for-37 for 319 yards and a personal-best four touchdowns - all of them to Marcus Robinson.

On the winning drive, Wright connected with Robinson for a 19-yard gain on a third-and-5 play.

Matt Hasselbeck threw a career-high five touchdown passes for the

Seahawks, going 23-for-41 for 333 yards. Darrell Jackson had seven receptions for 146 yards and two scores, and Bobby Ingram also had two touchdown catches.

But the Seahawks (7-1) fell to 1-4 on the road, in part because they made two many mistakes down the stretch.

It was 41-24 with 14:16 left, but the Ravens (6-5) got back into the game by taking advantage of the same kind of miscues that put them in a sizable hole.

First, Ed Reed blocked a punt and took it 16 yards into the end zone. Then the Seahawks played soft defense in allowing the Ravens to march 71 yards in a drive capped by Wright's fourth touchdown pass with 1:12 remaining.

Seattle recovered the onside kick, but failed to convert a fourth-and-1.

The Ravens then used a 44-yard pass-interference call against Marcus Trufant to set up a 48-yard field goal by Stover on the final play of regulation.

South Africa's Presidents Cup ends in tie after dramatic playoff

GEORGE, South Africa (AP) — After 34 matches between the best two teams in the world, and an exhilarating playoff holeshot by the best two players in the world, the Presidents Cup was declared a tie Sunday.

Tiger Woods and Ernie Els, playing against each other with 11 guys counting on them, purred all playoff holes over the dark forest on the Links Course at Fairmont.

defending champion, but that doesn't mean they retain the cup, which happens in all other international cup competitions.

The Presidents Cup, which began only nine years ago, doesn't have the tradition and will never have the history of the Ryder Cup. But it at least gained credibility, thanks to a dramatic afternoon beneath the majestic Outeniqua Mountains.

Just like the '99 Ryder Cup, only without the home crowd cheering them on — the Americans won 7.5 points from the 12 singles matches for a tie at 17.

Four matches came down to the 18th green. Jerry Kelly, Kenny Perry and Chris DiMarco each won, and Davis Love III was poised to make the playoff a moot point.

Instead, he muffed a chip on the par 5 and wound up making bogey, allowing Robert Alenby to earn the half-point needed for the playoff.

Mallon overtakes Sorenstam for ADT title WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Meg Mallon outplayed Annika

Sorenstam over the final nine holes and took advantage of a rare hiccup by the world's best female player to beat her by one stroke in the season-ending ADT Championship.

Trailing by a stroke going into the par 5, Mallon hit a safe shot over the water to 15 feet, then made the birdie putt and pumped her fist after pulling into a tie at 7 under. She played the 18th hole safely

at par, then hung out at the scorer's tent, did a few interviews and signed a couple autographs while waiting for Sorenstam to finish.

She expected a playoff, but got a surprise when Sorenstam hooked her tee shot on 18 into the deep, nearly a hole.

Sorenstam backed out, and had to get up and down to save par and force a playoff.

to overtake third-round leader Sergio Garcia and win the Dunlop Phoenix tournament.

Bjorn, who won the tournament in 1999, had three birdies on the 6,917-yard, par-71 Phoenix Country Club for a 12-under 272 total.

Japan's Daisuke Maruyama fired a 70 to finish second, two strokes back. Garcia, who had a three-stroke lead heading into the final round, had six bogeys, a double-bogey and just one birdie for a 78 that left him in sixth place — four shots back.

— compiled from wire reports

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Advice stirs up Planned Parenthood controversy

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked when I read your reply to "Alone and Terrified," the teenage girl from Columbia, Ga. She had just discovered she was pregnant and was afraid to tell her parents because she was scared of their reaction. You advised her to go to Planned Parenthood. Were you advising her to get an abortion?



DEAR APPEALED IN FLORIDA: No, that's a matter of personal choice. I urged her to confide in her mother or another trusted female adult, and if she could not do that, to consult Planned Parenthood. The worst thing in the world a girl in that situation can do is not to know that Planned Parenthood would advise her about her entire range of options. Read on:

than going to her parents for help, she went to Planned Parenthood. Secrets should never be encouraged. Parents are the teen's best option.

DEAR ABBY: Why did you assume that the girl couldn't trust her father enough to talk with him? In your mind, any trusted female seems preferable to talking to Dad. And what about the prospective father?

- DANA S., ESCONDIDO, CALIF.
DEAR DANA: All medical procedures, and that includes abortion, carry some risk. According to reports I have read, the girl died of septic shock after taking RU-486. However, abortions are far safer today than they were 10 years ago—and certainly safer than when the procedure was illegal and performed in back alleys.

- DONALD C. HUBIN, PH.D., COLUMBUS, OHIO
DEAR DONALD: The girl was the parent who gave the girl her sex education, then she might feel comfortable confiding in him. However, many young women are self-conscious, and therefore reluctant, to discuss their sexuality with their fathers. Had she felt she could depend on the boy involved, she wouldn't have signed herself "Alone and Terrified."

My heart goes out to that girl's parents, and I agree that parents should be the best option. However, not all families are the kind we saw on "Leave It to Beaver," and many girls are afraid to confide in their parents.

DEAR ABBY: If that girl aborts her baby, she will most likely suffer for the rest of her life with the guilt she will eventually feel for having chosen abortion.

- LENORE IN MANHATTAN, MONT.
DEAR LENORE: Margaret Sanger, who founded the tiny birth control clinic that was to become the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, became a family planning crusader because she felt it was vital for POOR women (and that included women of color) to control their fertility and not be forced to have large families they couldn't take care of.

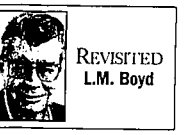
- LISA S., NEW MILFORD, PA.
DEAR LISA: That's not always the case. Reactions can vary. Although some women experience guilt, I have read that many report feeling a combination of regret and relief.

A woman who is not in charge of her reproductive life is not in charge of her life. According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the average

DEAR ABBY: Here in California a girl's recent died because rather

DEAR ABBY: You should read "Grand Illusions," George Grant's expose of the racist roots of Planned Parenthood. Not to have advised that girl to visit her local Crisis Pregnancy Center was misleading.

DEAR ABBY: Even little children in Pakistan wear eye makeup, don't they?



A. Many do. But for health, not cosmetic reasons. Pakistanis use a paste of oils and hazelnut powder smeared around the eyes cuts glare and keeps out smoke and dust. Also, superstitious beliefs that makeup wards off the evil eye.

Never once did Shakespeare eat celery.

Noted that literary fellow P.G. Wodehouse: "Judges, as a class, display, in the matter of arranging (and/or commenting) that reckless generosity which is found only in men who are giving away someone else's money."

Q. Didn't it used to be against the law to marry your brother's widow?

Why can't we get stronger as we age? Insecticides do.

A. In some places, England, for one. More than a century ago, such marriages there were deemed incestuous.

Q. Which is the more maneuverable in flight — a hummingbird or a bat?

You can figure the outdoor temperature around you would get up to 166 degrees F, if there were never any clouds in your sky.

A. Bet on the bat.

Libra: You are not short on ideas, words

IF NOVEMBER 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... yesterday's eclipse affected your outlook and motivation. You love harmony and possess musical aptitude with interests in fashion, theater, art and architecture. You're hardworking in pursuit of goals. The coming year is a roller coaster with dips and downs and new avenues to pursue.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Being busy with multiple fish to fry is essential for you. No doubt you're busier than usual. An interview or discussion with bullets of truth being fired could cement a relationship.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): As Jupiter widens your outlook and horizons, you're spending more time studying and planning. Travel-related work with associates has an international flavor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your love life is being healed as the emotional closeness you seek is being gratified. Public life appeals to your newfound self-awareness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your batteries could be running low as work overload has you close to despair. Spreading the word, you find willing helpers. It's advisable to relax and recharge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You feel creative, renewed and energized. On the money front, finance is forthcoming, though it may run through your fingers fast. Complaining would be a waste of time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): With accolades and overtures and much happening at home, you're getting an ego massage and some turmoil. Refuse to be pressured, and set

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Jeraline Saunders

your own goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your packed third house shows that you're not short of ideas or words. Thanks to your diplomatic talents, you're streaks ahead. There's no lack of admirers either; in fact, you have a choice now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A decision needs to be made. You're not sure if an offer is trustworthy, so double-checking is wise. The mood is sympathetic. Straightforward honesty doesn't pay.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your mind hums with a sense of excitement and adventure, attracting new friends. The blessings of your spontaneity, however, will rather quickly as events overtake themselves. Remain detached if you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's hard to get enthusiastic about workday routines when life is chugging along known rails. You wonder how you can change the day-to-day groove.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Friends encourage you to press ahead with a program you've shelved. Be mindful that impatient Mars could be making you demanding and quarrelsome.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): If job satisfaction is minimal, maybe it's time to look elsewhere. On the other hand, there may be promises of promotion with added responsibility as superiors single you out.

7th Annual Turkey Day Workout

Spinning 8:15 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Aerobics 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

ENJOY THE FUN!
Thursday
November 27
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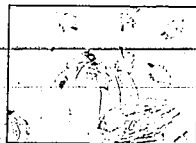
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SCHOOL NEWS



One of the first place winning cards. This was drawn by Sabina Fehratic.

Firm gives awards in Thanksgivng cards contest

TWIN FALLS - This year, the Cooper Norman accounting firm of Twin Falls sponsored a Thanksgivng card contest in partnership with Bickel Elementary



Sabina Fehratic

School to create a personalized and unique greeting card for its company.

The Bickel student body participated in the contest by submitting drawings of their depiction of the Thanksgivng holiday.



Chelsea Stevens

The entries were displayed in the lobby of Cooper Norman's Twin Falls office for 10 days, and staff members and clients voted for the winning design.

Sabina Fehratic and Chelsea Stevens tied for first place. Cooper Norman published both of their drawings on the card cover. The students also will have their names, grade and school printed on the inside of the card. Ashley Johnston won second place and third place went to Marissa Morrell.

"This is the first year we have sponsored this contest. We are excited about supporting the school and their art programs. The principal, Mrs. Schroeder, has been working very closely with us to facilitate the contest," said Mark Brady, a partner at Cooper Norman.

"To support the art programs and efforts of the students at Bickel, Cooper Norman donated cash prizes to each of the winning classrooms and backpacks filled with art supplies to the first, second, and third place winners. We thank Bickel Elementary School for participating in the contest."

Burley has FFA winners, honors students

BURLEY - Burley High School had winners in the recent FFA public speaking contest. Second place exempt: Spencer Black; first place exempt: Steven Ritchie; second place prepared: Alan Bingham;

and first place prepared: Heidi Lake.

In another honor, Erin-Jensen and Michael Gebhardt were the Renaissance students for the week of Nov. 10-14.

Poppewell Elementary will hold orientation

BUIH - Poppewell Elementary School will hold a special 2004-2005 Kindergarten Orientation for 4 and 5 year olds who will be in kindergarten next year and their parents.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in the music room at the school, 200 N. Sixth St. Items to be discussed include: Preparing for kindergarten Learning to write Pre-reading skills Pre-kindergarten Idaho Reading Indicator

Every child who attends with his or her parent will receive a special prize. For more information, call 543-8225.



Photo courtesy of Castleford School.

Valerie Chisholm was a guest speaker for a biodiversity program.

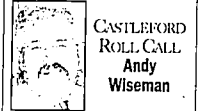
Castleford students learn biodiversity

Our spell-a-thon award assembly will be held at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the school gymnasium.

School also will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on Wednesday for the Thanksgivng break, so parents attending the award assembly can plan to take their children home following the award presentation.

This year our spell-a-thon generated more than \$4,000 that will be used for classroom field trips and supplies in grades kindergarten through sixth.

Valerie Chisholm has been attending our sixth-grade class as a guest presenter talking about biodiversity in Idaho each Friday for six weeks. The students look forward to her presentation and feel that she has



Andy Wiseman

added to their understanding of science. The Hagerman National Fish Hatchery, private funding and the Buhl Public School Foundation make funding for this program possible. We would remind everyone that our boys basketball team makes its season debut at the Filer Jamboree on Saturday. Andy Wiseman is principal of Castleford School.

Hansen student earns essay writing honor

Hansen juniors and many other students entered a VFW contest called, "My commitment to America's Future." They were asked to write a three to five minute speech and recite it into an audio cassette. Kimberly Clugston, the winner from Hansen, will receive \$100. Her incredible essay addressed volunteer service to help the homeless, disabled and the needy. She said that she would like to



Jessica Johnson

make sure that all kids get a chance to live a life free from begging for necessities. Kimberly is a National Honor Society member and well on her way to making a difference in

America's future. She does many forms of volunteer work, such as working on a Habitat for Humanity project and at the local library and helping tutor students. The Hansen High School Civic Club had its first Youth Buddy activity recently. Teams of junior, high and high school students will be mentoring a specific elementary classroom throughout the school year. "Mentoring is a powerful tool in

motivating young children, as well as inspiring positive choices in adolescents," said Civic Club advisor Geianne Choate. Youth Buddies lead to children, helped with art projects, played games, and established critical bonds through scheduled activities.

Hansen High School student Jessica Johnson initiated and publishes the school newspaper.

Gooding High School meets challenge to feed needy

Who will eat the worm? That's the question on everyone's mind at Gooding High School this week. The leadership class has been rolling pennies every day this week while the change continues to pile up. The fund-raiser, held last year for the first time, is here once again, and the faculty and students are eager to discover the unlucky person who will have to eat the worm. Each penny placed into a student's or teacher's jar counts as a point for that person. The person with the most points eats the



Paul Sebastian

worm! An assembly will be held next Wednesday during which the unlucky "winner" will be served an early lunch. Last year, student council member Italy Eames ate a goldfish after a last minute donation

put her in the lead in the points race. The money raised from this event will be used to put together Christmas food baskets that will be distributed to needy families during the holiday season. If you wish to contribute, send donations to Gooding High School, 1050 Seventh Ave. W. We should all make the effort to help others, especially during the holidays. By donating the money to help the needy, GHS is just getting a head start. Gooding drama students have

qualified for state Dec. 5-6 in Coeur d'Alene. Students who will compete include Nicola Eardley, Anneke Sanders, Nick Tiller, Michelle Runyan, Chance McCloud, Melissa Bento and Dusty Hobday. Gooding FFA range team placed third at districts. Congratulations guys! On behalf of the student body I would like to wish the teams good luck for their future competitions. Go Senators! Paul Sebastian is Gooding High School student body president.

O'LEARY OFFICERS



Photo courtesy of DANE & SO

Newly elected student body officers at O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls are, from left, standing: Andrew Toft, vice president, and Randi Fischer, president, with William Brulotte, principal; sitting: Lisa Harris, secretary; Connor Watkins, student activity director; and McKay Greenwood, treasurer.

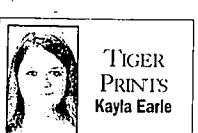
FOCUS ON STUDENTS

Jerome grad earns business related scholarships
Leah Danielle Capps of Jerome has earned several scholarships. The Boise State University student has earned the C. Hallett Accounting Endowment, Department of Accountancy Scholarship and Department of Finance Scholarship. She is majoring in accounting and finance. Capps graduated from Jerome High School in 2001. She is the daughter of Brad and Marsha Capps of Jerome. Her other honors include the dean's highest honors and high honors lists, National Collegiate of Scholars, Golden Key Honor Society and Honor Student Association treasurer.

Robert Stuart student earns honor in history
Jacob Goicoechea, 14, a ninth grader at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls, has been named a United States National Award winner in history and government, according to the United States Achievement Academy. Jacob was nominated by Joanie McFarland, a teacher. Students are selected based on academic performance, interest and aptitude, citizenship and other qualities. The academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students. He is the son of Julie Wells of Twin Falls and Ron Goicoechea of Richfield. His grandparents are Perrie and Janet Freestone of Twin Falls.

Jerome high schoolers make it through first trimester finals

Palms were sweaty, knees were weak, and hearts pounded last week at Jerome High School. What was the cause of such fear and dread among students? A little test commonly referred to as the EOC. End of Course assessments or finals, were concluded. Afterwards, most students breathed a sigh of relief. Until, of course, the process is repeated at the end of next trimester. Congratulations to the players who made the 4A District 4 and 5 All Region 2003 Football Team:



Kayla Earle

John Capps, Derek Jansson, Britt Thiessen, Stew Schiffer, Brett Hamilton, Jordan Jackson, Tyler Larsen and Ryan Musgrave; honorable mentions: Jed Seamons,

Brady Black, Zack Fleming, Derek Hope, Jared Harrison, Josh Kimball, Chance Jasso and Casey Schwanvelder. Clay Swan was named Defensive player of the Year. Tami Nejezchleba and Brienne Boesiger were selected for All-Northwest choir. They were among 115 girls selected from six Northwest states. This is an incredible accomplishment for these talented girls. They will attend this March in Boise. Good luck, girls.

Jerome High School would like to thank the Jerome Optimist club for its generous donation of \$75 to our library. The money will be used to purchase a new world Atlas. Thank you, Optimists. This week starts the second trimester. We would like to encourage all students, families and community members to get involved. Let's make this an awesome second trimester! Kayla Earle is a Jerome High School senior.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Photo courtesy of Big Valley Elementary School

Citizens of the Week at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert were, from left, back: Ashlynn Eagle, Moriah Trujillo, Emily Naylor, Garrett Christenson and Jacob Nava; third row: Jasso Bugara, Kelsey Jackson and Sarah Webster; second row: Danyel Garcia, Tessa Miles, Vibaldo Torres, Suede Denker; and front, Ashley Purin, Anagencil Silva and Tayson Snarr.

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