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Sixty fight mitigation effort

Groundwater plan faces voluminous opposition

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Sixty entities including trout producers, cities and industries either object to or want to have a say in a plan aimed at replenishing canyon springs. Without an accepted mitigation plan, about 550 wells irrigating 20,000 to 25,000 acres on the

north side of the Snake River could be in jeopardy of curtailment if there isn't enough water to go around next year. About 100 of the wells supply water to dairies.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources posted the lengthy list of protests and accompanying paperwork Tuesday on its Web site. Magic Valley groundwater

users on the north side of the Snake River submitted their mitigation plan to the Water Resources Department in October. Monday evening was the deadline to file a protest.

The five-year mitigation proposal is an outgrowth of two years of negotiations and efforts to recover canyon springs without shutting down wells. Accomplishments include

More information

• Find more details about the protests online at www.idwr.id.state.us.

replacement water for some irrigators who operated without full water rights for years.

But success in replenishment of canyon springs - needed by the nation's No. 1 fish-producing region for temperature and water

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HELP FOR THE HUNGRY



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Shandra Hall, 14, unloads cans of food with other members of the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church youth group to deliver them to the South Central Community Action Partnership in Jerome. Members of the youth group collected some 800 cans of food this year.

Local agencies report rise in applications for assistance

By Rebecca Moany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The first Thanksgiving is the hallmark of sharing.

The feast that brought Pilgrims and American Indians together was the outgrowth of native people sharing their know-how about crops and indigenous food, and the Pilgrims sharing the results of their first harvest with them in appreciation.

Many American families still find themselves in need. And the hints that Idaho's economy may finally be turning around have yet to reach an increasing number of households.

"The impact of underemployment, unemployment has really

Come and get it

Local charities are serving hot meals to people in need this Thanksgiving. Here's where to find them:

In Rupert

- **What:** Dinner with all the trimmings for people who don't have family in the area.
- **Where:** Alaska's Best restaurant, across from the fire station, 702 F St.
- **When:** noon-6 p.m. Thursday.

How much: free.

• **Contact:** Leonard Martin at 431-8897, Betty Martin at 431-5899 or Alaska's Best at 436-2447. They can arrange rides for those who need them.

In Jerome

- **What:** Jerome First Church of God Food Pantry dinner for those without food or company.
- **Where:** 131 E. Ave. F.
- **When:** noon.
- **How much:** free.

• **Contact:** RSVP at 324-2777. For more information, call Larry Meyers at 280-0160 or the Rev. Karen Page at 324-5341.

In Twin Falls

- **What:** Salvation Army dinner at the Outback Steakhouse.
- **Where:** 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
- **When:** noon to 2 p.m.
- **Contact:** Tickets for the feast must be picked up from the Salvation Army at 348 Fourth Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

hit home," said Roger Simon, director of the Idaho Food Bank. "The front-line agencies such as the Salvation Army, community ministries, all the various food pantries up and down our state

are overwhelmed." More than 10 percent of Idaho's population lives in poverty, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Another sizable segment of the

population, however, is doing its best to help the situation.

Generosity is the norm for Cecile Griffith, chairwoman of operations for East End

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In this file photo, Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman talks in front of 285 Martin St., the location for a new youth home in Twin Falls.



P&Z approves transitional home despite some protests

By Rebecca Moany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Troubled teens are one step closer to having a home of their own.

Over the protests of Martin Street residents and business owners, the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission approved Tuesday a special use permit for **BILLS** Place, an

eight-bed youth transitional home at 285 Martin St.

P&Z Commissioner Ryan Horsley cast the only dissenting vote.

The commission eventually was swayed by supporters of the home. Magistrate Judge Larry Duff, Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman, Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections District 5 liaison

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Energy bill's demise puts reactor in limbo

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS - The U.S. Senate's failure to approve a national energy bill this week left in limbo an initiative to firmly expand the responsibility of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory beyond waste cleanup.

Dying with the bill was the congressional authorization for the \$1.2 billion project to develop a new generation nuclear reactor at the site.

Advocates of a national energy bill intend to revive the legislation when Congress reconvenes this winter, but its prospects could easily become mired in election-year politicking.

Congressional and state leaders believe the reactor project would nail down INEEL as the nation's leading nuclear research institution - a designation Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham gave it 16 months ago.

"We're continuing to push as hard as possible," Sen. Michael Crapo said on Tuesday. "We'll put on a full court press next year."

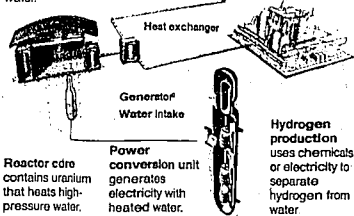
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Billion dollar hydrogen reactor on hold

A bipartisan coalition in the Senate has blocked the \$31 billion energy bill which included funding for the hydrogen cogeneration reactor at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Nuclear reactor adapted to produce hydrogen fuel

Ninety percent of the heat generated from the reactor would be used to make electricity, the remainder would be used to extract hydrogen from water.



SOURCE: Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Brisk with snow showers developing. Highs near 39.

Tonight: Declining snow shower activity. Lows near 25

Tomorrow: Relatively dry and clearing. Highs near 42.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Brisk and cloudy with periods of freezing rain or light snow possible. Highs in the upper 30s.

Tonight: Precipitation chances diminishing with some partial, late night clearing likely. Lows in the lower to middle 20s.

Tomorrow: Relatively dry, partly cloudy and breezy at times. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

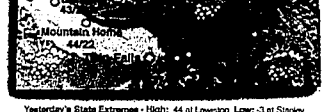
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy and cold with periods of light snow developing today. Roads are likely to be slick and snowy in spots.

Today High: 18 to 31. Tonight's Low: 0 to 18.

BOISE Cool with snow and freezing rain showers developing today. Roads are likely to be slick and snowy in spots.

Today High: Low: 18 to 27.

NORTHERN UTAH Periods of light snow and brisk winds today. Snow chances tapering off come Thursday morning leaving mostly dry conditions likely for dinner-time.



Weather's State Estimate - High: 44 at Lewiston, Low: 3 at Stanley. Weather key: s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, mc=mostly cloudy, cl=cloudy, th=thunderstorms, sh=showers, r=rain, sn=snow, fl=furrows, w=wind, m=missing.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather for various cities: Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and daily data.

Barometric Pressure

Table showing barometric pressure for various days and locations.

Sunrise and Sunset

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various days.

Moon Phases

Table showing moon phases for various dates.

Moonrise and Moonset

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for various days.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Friday. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Friday. Lists cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Friday. Lists cities like London, Moscow, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Friday. Lists cities like Calgary, Edmonton, etc.

Advertisement for Twin Falls 733-GOLD featuring a gift certificate and phone number.

National Guard, Reserve see Iraq combat roles ahead

WASHINGTON - The National Guard and Reserve will take on more of the combat burden in Iraq next year, replacing some Army troops with a smaller, lighter and more mobile force equipped with fewer tanks and more Humvees.

Water

Continued from A1 quality - has been elusive. Fish producers dealing with significant water shortages have grown frustrated and have taken the issue to court.

INEEL

Continued from A1 The authorization for the project is only part of the battle. Once approved, the state will have to let your contractor know how to carry it out, and that battle was only partly successful this first year.

Food

Continued from A1 Providers. She's been volunteering her time - about 500 hours per year - for Kimberly Hansen and Murtagh residents for 30 years.

to the table to participate. Protests filed by some entities may not include specific objections, but water users are required to intervene if they want their issues to be considered by the Water Resources Department, Tominga said.

Home

Continued from A1 location was a good one. "I'm hearing a lot of 'Not in my backyard,'" said Commissioner Elmer Blaikie.

called Nuclear Power 2010 initiative. Sen. Larry Craig got both the House and Senate to agree to include in the energy bill the multi-year plan to build a hydrogen cogeneration reactor, despite opposition from several government groups.

Saved by the bell Other organizations are also seeing an increase in need. Salvation Army officials in Lewiston, Twin Falls and Pocatello on Tuesday reported no let up in demand for their help from the record levels of last year's holiday season.

Fighting the good fight The fourth annual "60 Hours to Fight Hunger with Brandon and Karla" of Mix 103 radio wrapped up its turkey drive over the weekend.

Youth won ribbon in dairy goats An article Monday about the College of Southern Idaho's student newspaper contained some errors.

committee chairman and key instigator of the project, but as an acronym for Building Independent Lifelong Living Goals. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, Twin Falls County Juvenile Probation, faith-based organizations and private citizens can refer teens between the ages of 17 and 19. Some youths may have been in the juvenile correction system, while others may have been abused or neglected.

and environment watchdog groups that questioned its economic viability, safety and security. But the energy bill lost support because of its huge industry subsidies and the protection it offered from environmental damage suits to makers of a gasoline additive.

hegged by the spirit of the community. "The participation from the community was as good or better than last year," said Ken Robinette, executive director of South Central Community Action Partnerships, a partner in the event.

Demand for food has risen, he said. "We had no idea it would turn into an event like this," he said. "We discovered a huge need." The turkeys have been distributed to individuals and to charities in Jerome, Gooding, Burley, Holey and Twin Falls. Tuesday night they decided to stop taking applications because there was no more to give.

Special use permits can be revoked under certain circumstances. Appeals of Tuesday's decision can be made within 15 days.

CORRECTIONS

Heather Jackson, a participant computer graphics and design major at CSI who redesigned the paper's nameplate, has attended the college for three semesters. The Times-News regrets the errors.

Circulation table with columns for Daniel Walock, circulation director and phone numbers for various areas.

Subscription rates table with columns for home delivery, Saturday and Sunday only, and other rates.

Times-News telephone directory listing various departments and contact information.

NATION

Iraqi civilians now bear brunt of attacks, top U.S. official says

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — With U.S. troops heavily armed and bunkered behind concrete and razor wire, guerrillas are pointing their guns at softer targets like Iraqi police and civilians, top U.S. military and civilian officials said Tuesday.



Roxanna Acosta clutches the U.S. flag presented to her Tuesday during funeral services for her husband, Army Spc. Genaro Acosta, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Spc. Acosta, 26, killed this month when his vehicle ran over a landmine in Baghdad.

American officials expect attacks on Iraqis working with the coalition to surge as the U.S.-led administration begins handing power to local leaders.

After dark, large explosions boomed over Baghdad from the city's western half. The blasts triggered a warning siren in the "Green Zone" housing the U.S.-led administration. Military officials said an investigation was under way. Some Iraqis said a projectile exploded near a hotel some 300 yards from the U.S. command compound.

"The security situation has changed," said top U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer at a press conference with Gen. John Abizaid, the chief of the U.S. Central Command whose area of responsibility includes Iraq. Bremer said coalition troops would do their best to protect upcoming leadership debates and caucuses.

"We have to anticipate that there will be a level of terrorism in the months ahead," he said. "As the process of democracy moves forward over the next several months, they may try to attack the institutions of democracy."

Abizaid said the number of daily attacks on coalition forces

in August and September. More than five dozen U.S. troops were killed by hostile fire in November, more than any other month since the end of major combat in Iraq on May 1.

Hospitals Fallujah and Ramadi, two Sunni-dominated cities west of Baghdad, have seen fewer attacks recently, but unrest has persisted in the capital and spread north to Mosul and Kirkuk.

The guerrillas, whom Abizaid described as regional cells of ex-Baath Party loyalists, have launched devastating strikes on the Iraqi police. The intent, the officials said, is to intimidate Iraqis.

"If they can't reach the coalition, they go after the people they can touch," Darley said.

These attacks include two car bombs at police stations last weekend, the assassination Saturday of a police colonel and the killing Sunday of a police chief.

The shift in guerrilla targets follows a decision by the U.S. command to aggressively pursue insurgents before they can strike.

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NATION

Preventing pregnancy in an emergency

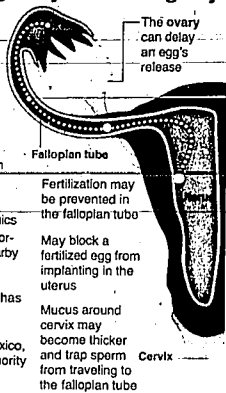
The "morning after pill" boosts hormone levels that can prevent pregnancy. Scientists say the drug may work in different ways.

The drug

First dose is taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex. Second dose is taken 12 hours later.

Availability

- ▶ Planned Parenthood clinics
- ▶ Several Web sites will forward a prescription to a nearby pharmacy after a doctor reviews a medical questionnaire the woman has filled out
- ▶ Pharmacists in Alaska, California, Hawaii, New Mexico, and Washington have authority to dispense prescription medication



SOURCES: Food and Drug Administration; Women's Capital Corp. AP

Americans hit the road today

The Associated Press

With the economy starting to turn around, millions of Americans will hit the roads and take to the skies during a Thanksgiving weekend that promises to be the busiest since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The AAA travel group expected about 36 million people nationwide would travel 50 miles or more from their homes.

"No. 1, it's the economy. Whenever people feel more confident about their own personal finances, usually you see a little jump in travel," AAA spokesman Mantill Williams said.

A leveling off of gas prices over the past few months and good fall weather across much of the country have also contributed to the boost, Williams said.

About 31 million people, or 86 percent of holiday travelers, will reach their destination by car.

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FDA considers easier access to contraception

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal health officials are debating if it's time to put emergency contraception - also called the morning-after pill - on pharmacy shelves right next to the aspirin, available without a prescription.

Proponents say such a move would greatly increase women's ability to get the pills in time to prevent pregnancy; preferably within 24 hours but no more than 72 hours after rape, contraceptive failure or just forgetting birth control.

The Food and Drug Administration says emergency contraception is very safe to use, but the question is whether women will understand exactly how and when to take it without any professional advice.

Indeed, the morning-after pill marks the first in a series of ever more complex over-the-counter switch decisions facing FDA. Next year, the agency will be asked to allow nonprescription Mevacor, one of the popular cholesterol-fighting statins; it expects to eventually consider over-the-counter blood pressure medicine, too.

And as OTC drugs evolve from quick symptom relief to more complex therapy, the FDA is mulling whether it's also time to change how some of them are sold - perhaps beginning "behind-the-counter" sales for certain nonprescription drugs, where the pharmacist hands over the pills after giving health advice or, say, a cholesterol check.

Already, five states allow women to buy the morning-after pill directly from certain pharmacists without a doctor's prescription. The state programs - in Washington, California, Alaska, Hawaii and New Mexico - aim to increase access to emergency contraception, especially on weekends and holidays when finding a

doctor in time is particularly hard.

Now the maker of one emergency contraceptive brand, called Plan B, has asked the FDA to go further and allow the pills to sell over-the-counter nationwide, as is done in numerous other countries.

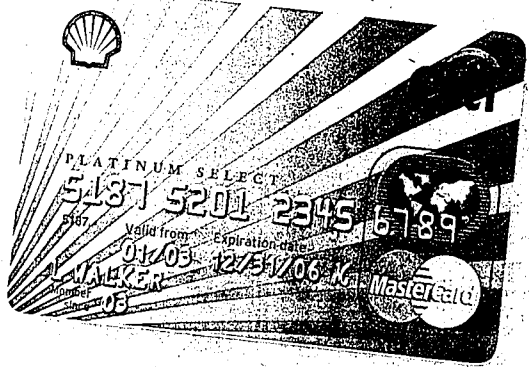
FDA's scientific advisers will debate the request next month. If FDA ultimately does end the requirement for a doctor's prescription, the question becomes whether Plan B can sit on any drugstore shelf next to the cold remedies, or if the government prefers behind-the-counter access like in Washington and the other four states. A senior FDA official says all options are open.

Contraception advocates are pushing hard for no restrictions. They say easy over-the-counter access could spur wider use of emergency contraception, in turn preventing up to 1.7 million unplanned pregnancies each year and hundreds of thousands of abortions.

"Emergency contraception is extremely safe. It needs to be on the shelf beside aspirin," says Dr. Vanessa Cullins of Planned Parenthood.

Morning-after pills are higher doses of the hormones in regular birth control pills, and have been sold under the brand names Plan B and Preven since 1998. Use is growing slowly; a Kaiser Family Foundation survey last summer found 6 percent of women of childbearing age had used morning-after pills, up from 2 percent in 2000.

Taken within 72 hours of unprotected sexual intercourse, the pills are at least 75 percent effective at preventing pregnancy. They work by preventing ovulation or fertilization of an egg. If fertilization already has occurred, they prevent the egg from implanting into the uterus - the medical definition of pregnancy.



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NATION

Annual drug coverage costs

Once the prescription drug benefit becomes law, Medicare beneficiaries will see projected annual increases in premiums, deductibles and a coverage gap.

PREMIUM AND DEDUCTIBLE	MAIN BENEFIT	COVERAGE GAP
Starting in 2006, beneficiaries will pay a monthly premium of about \$35 and a deductible, which is the first \$250 of drug costs.	After the deductible, Medicare will pay 75 percent of drug costs up to \$2,250. The cost to the beneficiary will be \$750 if the limit is met.	Beyond \$2,250, beneficiaries will pay 100 percent of drug costs until a catastrophic limit of \$5,100 is reached. Medicare would then pay 95 percent of the costs. The result is a coverage gap of \$2,850.

Annual coverage increases

YEAR	AVERAGE MONTHLY PREMIUM	DEDUCTIBLE	MAIN BENEFIT LIMIT	CATASTROPHIC TROPIC LIMIT	COVERAGE GAP
2006	\$35	\$250	\$2,250	\$5,100	\$2,850
2007	\$37	\$275	\$2,470	\$5,596	\$3,126
2008	\$41	\$300	\$2,710	\$6,158	\$3,448
2009	\$43	\$325	\$2,920	\$6,596	\$3,676
2010	\$47	\$350	\$3,170	\$7,165	\$3,995
2011	\$49	\$380	\$3,400	\$7,715	\$4,315
2012	\$54	\$410	\$3,690	\$8,360	\$4,670
2013	\$58	\$445	\$4,000	\$9,066	\$5,066

NOTE: 2006 premium is estimated. Figures beyond 2007 are projections.

SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office

Medicare

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Those are the numbers supporters of the bill have used, with little mention that they would change in future years.

But after just one year, the Congressional Budget Office projects that seniors would see their \$250 deductible and the \$2,850 gap for which there is no coverage both jump 10 percent.

By 2013, the eighth year of the program, the deductible and the coverage gap are both projected to grow by 78 percent.

In other words, seniors would pay a \$445 deductible and those with the largest drug bills would be entirely responsible for more than \$5,000 in drug costs.

"I think these numbers will come as a shock to consumers and they are pretty optimistic projections based on what drug costs are going to do," said Gail Shurtz, a health policy analyst at Consumers Union, an opponent of the legislation. She noted the focus has been on 2006, the year the prescription drug benefit begins.

At the same time, CBO said, Medicare's contribution also would rise each year so that the program would pay \$1,500 of the first \$2,250 in drug costs in 2006 and \$2,666 of the first \$4,000 in 2013.

Insurance premiums, which are not set in the bill even for 2006, are projected to increase 65 percent to \$58 a month by 2013.

The numbers were contained in a CBO analysis provided to Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., the Senate Budget Committee chairman, and are posted on the CBO Web site.

Apart from a new prescription drug benefit, the legislation invites private firms to sell insurance coverage to 40 million Medicare beneficiaries.

While some supporters praised the bill in glowing terms and some critics denounced it with equal vehemence, many lawmakers said the far-reaching legislation had confronted them with a difficult choice.

"This was not an easy vote for me," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, one of 11 Democrats who supported with the bill on final passage. "I know there are doubters out there. ... All I say to them is, give it a chance to work."

The complexity of the 681-page, \$395 billion measure — and the two-year delay in implementing the new drug coverage — have made it subject to competing claims and uncertain estimates.

The legislation was an attempt to balance competing interests in a Congress sharply divided along party lines. On one side, the measure includes a costly new prescription drug benefit for 40 million Medicare beneficiaries, with subsidies for low-income seniors and billions of dollars to discourage corporations from dropping existing coverage for their retirees. Also included is \$25 billion in additional funding for rural hospitals and other health care providers.

At the same time, the bill reflects the eagerness of many conservatives to give seniors the option of private insurance coverage, a step they argued could lead to more modern and efficient health care coverage. Still other changes are aimed primarily at controlling costs.

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EDITORIAL

Agency wisely puts an end-to-ill-fated elk tryst

It's a tale of star-crossed love as old as the hills. Boy elk wanders into a new neighborhood and meets girl elk. Boy elk falls in love. Girl elk responds. Boy elk gets shot trying to jump a fence for a rendezvous. OK, so maybe it's not exactly a wildlife version of Romeo and Juliet. But if the tale has a moral, it's that Fish and Game officials were probably justified in separating the wild elk from a domestic herd.

can't take any chances. The wisdom of allowing captive wildlife ranches is continually being debated by domestic breeders and traditional hunters. Operators see captive wildlife as a legitimate business. They argue that their high standards for CWD testing are effective in keeping their herds clean.

Our view: Idaho Fish and Game officials acted wisely by taking out a wild elk breaking into a domestic elk herd.

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

Hunters, meanwhile, see the captive animals as a health threat to Idaho's wildlife population and hunting industry. In short, both sides think the other's animals are the source of dangerous diseases.

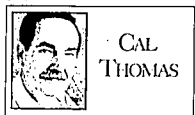
That contentious debate probably won't end soon. But both sides will probably agree that keeping the two groups separate is wise. As long as domestic breeding is allowed, Fish and Game officers are obligated to keep wild animals in the wild, and domestic animals out.

If that means shooting one wild elk, then so be it. It's a small price to pay compared with the possibility of an epidemic. If a domestic animal gets out, it likewise would need to be shot by Fish and Game.

State officials are wise not to take risks when the forces of nature bring wild animals together with captive herds. Even if the episode had a sad ending for one amorous elk, it's still good policy for Idaho's wildlife.

Republicans join the big government feast

The just concluded (thankfully) Congress is an embarrassment to itself and everyone who favors smaller government. This Republican Congress, in addition to increasing spending on entitlements and expanding big government - like the Democrats they once criticized - also dished out \$95 billion in tax breaks and pork-barrel projects.



CAL THOMAS

The Heritage Foundation's Brian M. Riedl says every government spending will reach 11.1 percent of GDP this year, a record high, and non-defense discretionary spending in 2003 will amount to 3.9 percent of GDP for the first time since 1985. Riedl also predicts that there will have to be raised to pay for it all. What politician wants to be demagogued about cutting "essential services"?

The Republican "oath" says, "I believe that the proper function of government is to do for the people those things that have to be done but cannot be done, or cannot be done as well, by individuals, and that the most effective government is government closest to the people." Would some lawyer please sue the Republican National Committee for violating truth-in-labeling laws?

Smaller government and less spending? That's a joke. Eleven years ago, Newt Gingrich, who would soon become Speaker of the House, blasted Democrats for seeing "no contradiction between adding a billion and a half dollars in pork-barrel (spending) for the politicians in their big-city machines and voting for a balanced budget amendment." Now that Republicans are doing precisely what Democrats did when



they were in the majority, what shall we call these overspending Republicans? Hypocrites? Liars? The Wall Street Journal editorialized (Nov. 24): "The Republican Congress is turning into something of an embarrassment, if not a crackup." Who is going to pay for all of this stuff? Who will pay for the new prescription drug benefit that will not even be means-tested? There are no cost controls in this bill. Without them, congressional spending will be out of control. The Bush administration was supposed to hold the line on spending as a justification for the tax cuts. The president has criticized Washington for spending too much money, yet without a peep he signs legislation that increases the budget of the Department of Education and many other agencies. And the justification for more federal education spending is that we are going to make sure the kids are held accountable. Accountability takes money?

The federal government will now spend \$21,000 per household, up from \$16,000 in 1999, according to the Heritage Foundation's Riedl. How much of that \$21,000 could you spend that would produce better results for yourself and family? We are moving rapidly, under the many state and the welfare state to what might be called the state as family. The government will be our keeper (we shall not want). Though we walk through the valley of the shadow of poverty, the federal government will be there to comfort us. Anyone who complains about this will be called "rich" (and by definition) insensitive and uncaring about his fellow man. The time when the Republican Party stood for something worth standing for is over. The "G" in GOP might as well stand for government. Smaller, less intrusive government with less spending and lower taxes is the stuff of history books and fond memories

for a party that once had a purpose. But Republicans, having tasted power, are now drunk with it. Like the Democrats before them who became inebriated with the wine of success, Republicans now seem interested only in preserving their elective offices. Truly there is less than a dime's worth of difference between the two parties. If only term limits would catch on! But the very people who are the problem would have to vote for the idea and there isn't any money in it. Defense and anti-terrorism spending aside, there is no excuse for much of the rest of it. It is a pathetic betrayal of the faith many had put in the Republican Party to reduce the size and role of government in our lives. Is it time for another revolution yet? Who's got the tea? Cal Thomas is a nationally syndicated columnist and Fox News Channel commentator.

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Sometimes conformity is part of maturity

To Joseph Stanzak and daughters: ...bring about such controversy as you are doing is exactly one of the reasons why the school authorities (Twin Falls High School and numerous other schools) obviously feel they have to have such a ruling. Yes, I am sure "your" daughters do not have to worry about being tested. But why should they be embarrassed or feel an invasion of their privacy is not understandable. In your day perhaps teenagers did not need to worry about being tested for drugs, as drugs may not have been so rampant, and an easy to obtain. Today, there is such a need. You speak of Hitler - sorry, but there is no comparison.

We are fighting a war on drugs where the youngest (some as young as 7 years) and teenagers are literally fighting for their lives. Drug dealers may not care about your daughters, but there are plenty of other teenagers in Twin Falls who may not be so lucky or who might step over the line, unlike your daughters. And those lives affect even "your" daughters' lives. I also believe in privacy; I don't believe in Big Brother. But then, on the other hand, I am an adult. I too, have three daughters, and while I know they don't do drugs, I would never consider it an invasion of privacy to have them tested - nor would they. You say you speak for your daughters. I say you speak selfishly against all other children. Part of the growing up process is conforming to some things which, while they may not be things we all agree with, are

things that are necessary to live with and learn in this day and age. Everybody wants to protect their children, and arbitrary drug testing is one way of protecting the majority of teenagers who desire to take pride in their school and the extracurricular activities they are involved in. And possibly weed out the ones who may be undesirable or involve others in their undesirable activities. To say your daughters aside from conforming to this much-needed school authorization (although it may be difficult for a very few, it is also very private) does make one wonder - what is there to hide? CLAUDE BROWN Rupert

Policy should include more than students

The recent reader comment by Joseph Stanzak regarding the drug testing at the Twin Falls schools is an eye opener. When the Supreme Court ruled that the drug testing was constitutional, it stepped hard on the reasonable cause area of personal rights. Even a police officer must have some reasonable cause to stop you. He must also ask your permission to search your car or prove to a judge that he has facts that support a search. But because they are kids, there must be drugs, so we now have the right to violate their rights. No one is saying that the school should not have the right to bring in the drug dogs to walk the halls or search their own premises. This is the basis for this type of search is not from probable suspicion but from the profiling of an age group and their involvement

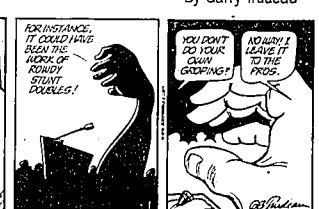
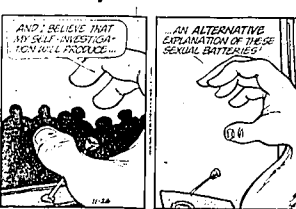
with the school system. Some have said that the student chooses to participate in the outside activities; therefore, they accept the rules of the participation. If this was true, then why is it that if you wish to enter the college of your choice, you must participate in these outside activities. That is because the colleges have proven that a student that actively participates in these activities shows drive and commitment to a goal and is a more committed and self-motivated individual. So it is no longer a choice to participate but a requirement for any student wanting to continue their education. What would happen if you choose to walk down Blues Lakes and the government said it was all right to drug test anyone making that choice? In closing, if these policies are to continue, and it seems that they will, unless there is a new legal challenge, then let's protect the safety and improve the educational experience of all our students. Put the teachers and all the school personnel (including all outside contractors) under the same testing program. Have them pulled from class to "fill the cup," remove extra clothes and fill out the forms stating all the medications they are taking. Do this in the same percentage, in the same way they are testing the kids. Who knows, maybe they will find another pound of pot. Oh, did the union get in the way? STEVEN SHATTEN Filer

School block proposal adds to kids' education

The proposed schedule will be advantageous to the Twin Falls High School program for a number of reasons:

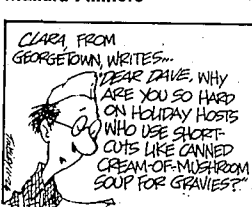
- More course offerings will be available.
 - Students who are planning to attend a four-year college will have time to explore additional studies outside the core areas; for example, career and technical education programs - computer applications, engineering, health occupations, family and consumer sciences, agricultural studies.
 - Time for apprenticeships, internships, job-shadowing programs exposing students to "real-life" career-related efforts is more available.
 - Careful planning will allow students to complete all requirements for both the college-university prep course of study and the college tech prep course of study. Current career/technical prep programs are project based; therefore, with the extra time allowed in this schedule projects could be completed in a timelier manner.
 - Career-technical programs allow students to actively engage in hands on learning.
 - Lab classes allow students more time to complete projects and assimilate the knowledge gained.
 - The schedule allows time for the Academy of Information Technology, a small learning community composed of ninth-through 12-grade students interested in computers, networking technology, CPU repair and maintenance, software development, Web page development, digital technology, and multimedia.
- LELLE POPPLETON
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Lelle Poppleton is the family and consumer sciences teacher at Twin Falls High School and a member of the Twin Falls High School Scheduling Committee.)

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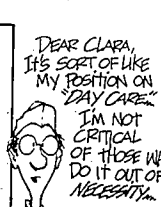


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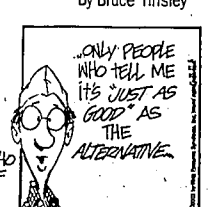
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By Bruce Tinsley



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Education act shouldn't be left behind

Under President Clinton, Democrats offered schools a new deal: more money for more accountability. Clinton increased federal spending on almost every form of educational initiative. But he also passed legislation requiring schools to demonstrate progress in improving student performance or face steadily escalating consequences.

This year, though, several of the 2004 Democratic presidential candidates are retreating toward a more questionable model: more money and less accountability.

For months, every Democratic contender has urged more federal spending on education. Now, some of the top contenders are pushing to loosen the testing and accountability provisions at the heart of the education reform bill President Bush steered through Congress in 2001.

"We have to get rid of this one-size-fits-all testing mania that is destroying the ability of people to apply discretion," says Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry. "It is fraudulent education policy," says former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean.

These attacks come less than two years after Congress overwhelmingly approved Bush's education reform package — the No Child Left Behind Act — with just six Democrats voting against it in both the House and Senate.

The bill drew support from so many Democrats, including Kerry, largely because it extended the Clinton model of offering schools more help, but stiffening the demands on them to show results.

The bill Clinton signed in 1994 required districts to test students at least once at each school level — elementary, intermediate and high school — and demonstrate improvement over time. But experience demonstrated that tests spaced so widely apart didn't capture trends in student performance precisely enough.

So the legislation Bush signed required states to test (with the states' own tests) every student in reading and math each year from third through eighth grade.

RONALD BROWNSTEIN

No Child Left Behind requires schools to make progress each year at increasing the share of students from all backgrounds — not just middle-class white students but also minority and low-income students — who demonstrate basic proficiency in reading and math on the tests.

Schools that fail to show "adequate yearly progress" for two consecutive years must give students the opportunity to transfer to other public schools; schools that miss the mark for three consecutive years must offer students after-school tutoring. Eventually, persistently failing schools must be restructured with a new principal and teachers.

Always skeptical of these provisions, the educational establishment is now in full revolt against the bill. Earlier this month, the National Education Association, the teachers union, ran full-page ads in newspapers denouncing the bill's testing requirement as "a rigid, one-size-fits-all framework that relies solely on test scores to measure children and public schools."

What's made the teachers and educators so upset? Evidence that many schools are falling short of the new requirements. Surveying 39 states with 17,000 public schools this fall, the National Journal magazine found that one-fourth of those schools had failed to meet the bill's standards for improving student performance.

Like a teacher who rewrites a test after too many students fail, Kerry's and Dean's response is to loosen the standard. Kerry's aides say he believes schools that fail to meet the requirements for improving student performance in reading and math should still be able to avoid a failing label if they show progress in other ways, such as improving attendance or offering more after-school programs. Dean agrees and would reverse course even more fundamentally by repealing the requirement that schools test students annually.

These attacks on the 2001 reform act almost always draw applause from Democratic audiences — not to mention groups representing teachers and other adults in the education business. But last week, an unlikely group of critics denounced these attacks on the accountability standards as nothing more than shooting the messenger.

In a statement organized by The Education Trust, a nonprofit group that advocates for low-income children, 100 black and Latino school superintendents said the threat that schools will be labeled as failing under the act is forcing administrators to focus more attention on helping the neediest kids and the most troubled schools.

"Accountability ... helps to create a sense of urgency, a sense that we need to act and do better," said Diana Lam, deputy chancellor for teaching and learning in New York City, one of those who signed the letter. Sen. Joe Lieberman, another Connecticut, another Democratic hopeful, also defends the new requirements against Dean and Kerry, insisting: "The solution is not to tear down the high standards we set."

The 2001 law isn't perfect. In many cities, the provisions allowing parents to transfer their children out of poorly performing schools may not be meaningful unless students have the right to switch to better suburban schools. States must find better ways to involve more parents; teachers can't lift kids alone. And schools always need more money (especially to repair crumbling buildings).

But diluting the accountability provisions would send exactly the "wrong message" (as the minority superintendents put it) to communities that have long tolerated substandard education for low-income and minority kids. Kerry and Dean see the squeals of protest from educators over No Child Left Behind as proof the law is failing. But that may be the best evidence it's succeeding.

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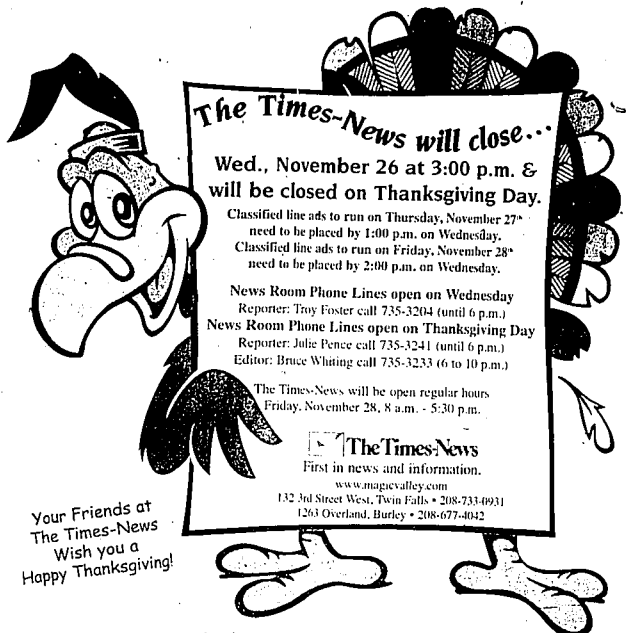
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WORLD

Anti-AIDS measures fall short, U.N. warns

LONDON (AP) - International efforts to control the spread of HIV/AIDS are falling well short of what people dying from the disease this year than ever before and as many as 46 million people around the world living with the virus, said a U.N. report released Tuesday.

The worldwide epidemic killed more than 3 million people this year and infected another 5 million with human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, said UNAIDS, the U.N. agency responsible for coordinating global efforts to fight AIDS.

The report said the epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa remains rampant while more recent epidemics in China, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam and several central Asian republics are growing.

"This year, more people became infected with HIV than any previous year before and more people then ever died from AIDS," said UNAIDS executive director Dr. Peter Piot.

The global response to the crisis has expanded significantly in recent years through more spending on anti-retroviral medication and education, UNAIDS said.

"However, it is quite clear that our current global efforts remain entirely inadequate for an epidemic that is continuing to spiral out of control," Piot said. "AIDS is tightening its grip on southern Africa and threatening other regions of the world."

Kiston Shultz, the UNAIDS coordinator in Kenya, said "most" African governments need to do more to fight AIDS.

"This requires huge resources, huge energy levels and more coordinated efforts," Shultz said in Nairobi.

Anti-retroviral treatment coverage remains dismal in sub-Saharan Africa overall and basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS remains disturbingly low in many countries, especially among women, the report said.

"This is an epidemic that at the start was a white, middle-class gay man's disease," Piot said. "Today, if you use a stereotype, the face of AIDS is a young woman from Africa."

Court charges accomplices in Turkey attacks

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - A court charged nine people Tuesday in the suicide attacks against British targets in Istanbul as authorities moved swiftly to hunt down those behind series of deadly bombings blamed on Islamic militants.

The nine were believed to be accomplices of the two suicide bombers in last week's attacks against the British Consulate and a branch of a London-based bank. Six others have already been charged in the Nov. 15 suicide attacks on two synagogues in Istanbul.

As many as seven more suspected accomplices - including one with Swedish citizenship - were being held for questioning and were expected in court Wednesday, private CNN-Turk television reported. There was no official confirmation.

Nigeria will turn over former Liberia leader

OTA, Nigeria (AP) - Nigeria will surrender ousted Liberian leader Charles Taylor to face a war crimes trial if Liberia asks, President Olusegun Obasanjo said Tuesday. Obasanjo's comments marked the first time he has publicly shown willingness to yield Taylor for trial. The Nigerian president has strongly resisted U.S. congressional pressure to turn Taylor over to face a war crimes indictment by a U.N.-backed court in Sierra Leone. Liberia has not yet pressed for Taylor's return.

Pilot whales beach themselves

MARIGOT, St. Martin (AP) - Thirty-six whales beached themselves on the coast of this Caribbean island and died within hours despite the efforts of people who tried to push some back out to sea.

The short-finned pilot whales were believed to have beached themselves Monday night, and by noon Tuesday all were dead. The animals were found before dawn by a man on his way to a dump in the French-Caribbean territory, which shares an island with Dutch St. Maarten.

Residents and tourists later gathered around the whales,

which were up to 15 feet long. People were able to push two whales back into the water, but they returned and beached themselves again, appearing exhausted, said Paul Ellinger, of the St. Maarten Nature Foundation. He said it seemed the whales had become disoriented.

"What's clear is that they got off course. What caused them to go off course, we do not know," Ellinger said. "It could be all kinds of reasons: the temperature of the water, their sonar system. It could have been anything."

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injures several

TWIN FALLS—Multiple injuries were reported in a two-car crash Monday night on South Blue Lakes and the Foothill Road cutoff.

At approximately 9:20 p.m., a 1993 Dodge Stealth was traveling eastbound near the Foothill Road cutoff, according to a press release issued by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. A 1995 Chevy Pick-up was facing westbound at the stop sign on Foothill Road, waiting to turn onto Blue Lakes South. The driver of the Dodge failed to negotiate the curve and struck the right front of the truck with the right front end of the car, the news release said. This caused the car to spin around to the left and push the truck off the south shoulder of the road.

Occupants of the Dodge transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center were Tyson Barkes, 17, of Murtaugh, Todd Barkes, 37, of Murtaugh and Jessica Jolley, 15, of Burley.

Dodge passenger Ashley Barkes, 13, of Murtaugh, was transported by Life Flight to St. Alphonsus in Boise.

Brady Swallow, 33, of Kimberly, who was driving the Chevy, was transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The accident is still under investigation.

New judge takes oath of office; public is invited

TWIN FALLS—The public is invited to the swearing-in Wednesday of John K. Butler as district judge.

The ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. today in courtroom 6 at the Theron W. Ward Judicial Building, 427 Shoshone St.

A reception will follow.

Butler is taking the place of Judge Nathan Higer, who retired last month. The new judge will be chambered in Jerome.

The Twin Falls attorney received his undergraduate degree from California State University-Northridge and earned his law degree from Western State University College of Law. He has been an associate and partner with Benoit, Alexander, Harwood, High & Butler since 1994.

His new position as 5th Judicial District judge covers the Magic Valley.

Idaho Power wants meters clear of snow and ice

TWIN FALLS—Idaho Power Co. is asking customers to keep their meters clear of snow and ice this winter.

The power company encourages customers to check to see if their meters are free of any obstructions as well.

If a meter cannot be read, Idaho Power may estimate the customer's electrical usage. Once access to the meter is regained and an actual reading can be made, the company will adjust the estimated monthly bills according to the reading.

Customers with meters that are difficult to access during the winter and who wish to make arrangements to have their winter electrical usage estimated, should call Idaho Power toll-free at 1-800-488-6151 to make arrangements.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	110%	19%
Salmon Falls	99%	14%
Salmon	78%	12%
Oakley	97%	12%
Big Wood	81%	10%
Little Wood	83%	9%
Honyra Fork/Teton	103%	17%
Big Lost	89%	10%
Little Lost	86%	14%

As of Nov. 25

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.

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

More stories

Look for more Magic Valley stories on page B-3.

Lawyer: Salmon advocates pose threat

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Environmentalists' pursuit of more Upper Snake River water for salmon poses a serious threat to Idaho water users, the executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association told local business people Tuesday.

Norm Semanko's explanation of why Idaho water users are riled over salmon was juxtaposed with a favorable economic forecast at the D.L. Evans Bank annual economic luncheon.

While salmon advocates have withdrawn

a 60-day notice of intent to sue for more Idaho water during the 2004 irrigation season, their actions in federal court in Oregon have led Idaho water users to draft their own 60-day lawsuit notice.

Some of Idaho's major water users belong to the Coalition for Idaho Water, which is working "to defend this plot to take Idaho water," said Semanko, an attorney.

Environmentalists challenged the federal government's Columbia River Basin salmon recovery plan in federal court in Oregon and won. How the government will revise the plan is now before the judge. Salmon advocates want the Upper Snake River

Basin water incorporated into the overall recovery plan, but Idaho water users want to keep their water at a distance.

While the drought has stoked debate over Idaho water, economic indicators offer a brighter future at home.

John Huxley, an economics professor at the College of Southern Idaho, shared signals of economic recovery continuing at least into the first quarter of the coming year.

"The pot's on the stove, and it's starting to cook," he said.

Tuesday's host, former Idaho Gov. John V. Evans Sr., president of D.L. Evans Bank,

announced that two new bank branches will be open in Meridian and Ketchum by the end of the year. The bank that originated in Albion and today is based in Burley will then have a total of 14 branches throughout Idaho. D.L. Evans plans to continue to expand, Evans said.

The D.L. Evans Bank fourth annual Presidents' Luncheon and Economic Outlook was held at the Red Lion Inn in Twin Falls.

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CALL OF THE OPEN ROAD



Idaho Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, right, makes a hand print in a commemorative cement tablet as Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow smiles on at the celebration of the completion of the interchange at Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93 Tuesday.

Officials dedicate remodeled interchange

By Julia Pence
Times-News writer

JEROME—Lt. Gov. Jim Risch and Idaho Transportation Department officials showed up in full force Tuesday to help dedicate the remodeled interchange at Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93.

Out of the myriad projects the department funds and carries out each year, officials only show up for the five or six that will most enhance a region and its economic development, said Chuck Winder, transportation board chairman.

The \$72 million interchange includes new ramps, traffic signals and a new westbound I-84 overpass with a loop ramp. Construction workers blasted some 200,000 cubic feet of lava rock to make way for the new

design. That's enough stone to stack 20 stories high over an entire football field.

"It makes access to Twin Falls and Jerome better," said board member Gary Blich. He recalled that prior to the project, which the Transportation Department started about 15 months ago, northbound traffic headed to Jerome would often be backed up at least a half mile at the stoplight at the entrance to I-84.

State and local leaders also are looking to the improved accessibility to help both the Magic Valley and the state economy.

"This remodeled interchange stands out as a monument to Idaho's commitment to economic development," Risch said. He predicted that both the national and the Idaho economy is destined for rapid expansion in the next six to 18 months.

"And Magic Valley is poised to exploit the expansion," Risch said.

Now that the westbound traffic flow is eased, local leaders are looking for development to begin soon at the adjacent Crossroads Point site, formerly known as Crossroads Ranch. Plans call for a new St. Benedicts Family Medical Center to be constructed at Crossroads Point.

The new director of the Transportation Department, Dave Ekern, formerly of Minnesota, said it's refreshing to be in a state that is so focused on economic development and growth.

"It is fun to come to a state where people have their eye on the future," Ekern said.

Knowing there is a better day ahead, the opening is a tremendous testimony to the leadership in

this state."

A second phase that develops new entrance ramps and elevates the overpass likely won't happen for another five to seven years, Blich said.

The Greater Twin Falls Transportation Committee had been pushing for the westbound development on I-84 for at least the past five years, Chairman Dave Maestas said.

The committee's next priority is construction on Hole Line Road. That is to include adding lanes, taking curves out of the road and stretching a bridge across Rock Creek Canyon about a mile out of Twin Falls where the road swoops down and back up, Maestas said.

Dam owners get more time to fix it

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—The 35 shareholders who own Fish Creek Dam near Carey have been allotted more time to come up with a solution to fix their deteriorating dam before they could be required to breach it.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources extended Sunday's deadline to Jan. 15, department spokesman Dick Larsen said Tuesday.

At that time the Fish Creek Reservoir Co. must be able to prove it can make the needed safety upgrades. Otherwise, the department could order the company to breach the dam.

Reservoir company representatives met with dam safety officials Tuesday, Larsen said. The department also will allow the company to close the dam's head gates to begin holding water in the reservoir, he said.

The 92-foot-high dam has been deemed safe to store water only up to 67 feet. The department said the dam must be breached to prevent it from storing more than that.

"We understand that they need the water, but in the interest of public safety we cannot allow them to store water above the 67-foot level," Larsen said.

Estimated costs to rebuild the dam have ranged from \$7.5 million to \$20 million, which is a huge burden to distribute among 35 shareholders.

Construction of the concrete dam was finished in the early 1920s. It irrigates about 8,000 acres—mostly hay and alfalfa for cattle feed.

Approval was authorized this year to store water until the end of the irrigation season in October. But inspection of the dam in late August revealed continuing deterioration so bad that holes appeared in seven locations through 24-foot-thick concrete buttresses, according to Water Resources. Flood plain studies show that in the event of a structure failure about a dozen homes and a state highway would be flooded, the department said.

The dam is deemed safe to hold only about 4,300 acre feet of water. That's about one-third of its more than 2,000-acre-foot capacity. When full, the dam can supply enough water to cover the shareholders' total 8,000 acres of farmland with water a foot and a half deep.

Jerome County might see tax hike

Creation of new ambulance district will generate revenue

By Dixie Thomas Roalo
Times-News correspondent

JEROME—County commissioners have voted to create a new Life Line Ambulance District, opening the way for an increase in taxes to raise revenue for emergency medical services.

But first, commissioners dissolved the county's existing Jerome County Ambulance District, which was geographically identical to the new district.

The switch was necessary for financial reasons, Commissioner Veronica Lierman told about a dozen people at a public hearing Monday evening.

The current tax rate for the ambulance district is equivalent to \$17.20 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

The tax rate is expected to increase to a maximum of about

\$40 per \$100,000—a \$23.80 difference.

Lierman said the commissioners will be working on ways to cut the ambulance service bill and save money to keep the tax increase as low as possible. The county will not see any of the new tax money until 2005.

Lierman underscored repeatedly that the increase is necessary.

At the current tax rate Jerome County will only be able to collect a total of \$138,000 in tax money from county residents. That's not enough to contract with either Magic Valley Regional Medical Center or St. Benedicts Family Medical Center, which both have estimated that the price for providing ambulances in 2004 will be between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Magic Valley Regional has been providing the service since March of 2000.

Lierman said the state advised the county to dissolve the ambulance district and create a new one because the county commissioners are obligated by law to provide ambulance service to

residents of the county.

Twin Falls County has been subsidizing Jerome County through the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's ambulance service for the last two years, Lierman said, and Twin Falls County officials have indicated they are no longer willing to do so.

The potential switch in service providers has some people worried.

Kent Sullivan, an emergency medical technician from Hazelton, told commissioners he was concerned about "all the ambulance companies who come in, operate the ambulance service for a couple of years, go under and somebody else comes in and does it all over again."

Instead, a private ambulance service, operated in Jerome County between 1997 and 2000 but went out of business.

Sullivan also said he was upset because this was the first he had heard of a tax hike. He said he felt the public was not being informed.

Commissioners were not

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Construction bids

Eleven firms vying for the construction contract to build the new Buhl High School have submitted bids.

Here's a look at their base bids, which do not include the estimated associated with 10 alternatives attached to the project:

Batemann-Hall Inc., Idaho Falls	\$8,557,000
Ormond Builders, Idaho Falls	\$8,676,400
Scott Hedrick Construction, Boise	\$8,695,000
Wadman Corp., Ogden, Utah	\$8,725,000
Petra Inc., Boise	\$8,777,000
Harris Inc., Pocatello	\$8,835,000
Star Construction, Twin Falls	\$8,859,700
Westland Construction, Provo, Utah	\$8,866,000
Stetten Construction, Boise	\$9,060,000
Valley Design & Construction, Layton, Utah	\$9,617,000
Abco Construction, Corrine, Utah	\$9,818,000

Board delays contract decision

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL—The School Board will delay awarding a construction contract to the 11 firms that have bid on the new Buhl High School until 10 alternatives attached to each of their base bids can be analyzed.

The lowest base bid so far is \$8.57 million from Bateman-Hall Inc. of Idaho Falls. Board members learned last Thursday. The highest base bid is \$9.8 million.

But each base bid is accompa-

nied by a set of optional alternatives, from lawn sprinklers to bleachers.

The Buhl School Board will reconvene sometime after Thanksgiving to discuss possible changes to the alternatives, project manager Grant Haycock said Tuesday during a special meeting of the School Board.

Haycock said recently that he'd toured the site of the new high school with several prospective firms and was confident the district would end up partnering

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MAGIC VALLEY

DEATH NOTICES

Ragna Ann McLean
TWIN FALLS - Ragna Ann McLean, 90, of Twin Falls and formerly of Havro, Mont., died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at Sunbridge Retirement Center in Twin Falls.
Arrangements are pending in Havro, Mont.
Cremation was under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory of Twin Falls.

Francis Cammack
BUHL - Francis Cammack, 96, formerly of Buhl, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003, in Leander, La.
A viewing will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.
The service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at the Buhl Church of the Nazarene. Interment will be held at the West End Cemetery.

Melba G. Puckett
RUPERT - Melba G. Puckett, 83, of Rupert, died Saturday, Nov. 22, 2003.
The service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.
Friends may call from 1-1:35 p.m. Friday at the mortuary. Burial will follow the service at the Rupert Cemetery.

Virginia Ash
TWIN FALLS - Virginia Ash, 85, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at the Curry Retirement Estates in Twin Falls.
Arrangements will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

Helen Harriett Nielsen
TWIN FALLS - Helen Harriett Nielsen, 75, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003, in Palm Springs, Calif.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Dale L. Butler
TWIN FALLS - Dale L. Butler, 81, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Jesse Alan Driessel
WENDELL - Jesse Alan Driessel, infant son of Larry and Chanel Driessel, died Nov. 23, 2003.
A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at New Life Community Church in Wendell.

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

GOODING-COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News
GOODING - Recent activity in 5th District Court of Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments
Victoria L. Bartley, 46; possession of a controlled substance; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; status hearing; Dec. 4; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Juvenile misdemeanor arraignments
Armando Dominguez Jr., 17; driving without privileges; court trial Dec. 11; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor sentencing
Leo N. Bortolazzo, 21; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; failure to provide proof of insurance; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, \$32.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Brian D. Alfred, 25; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Christopher Ronald Benda, 34; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$56 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; credit for one day served; open container; \$50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
James Everett Veenster, 53; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee; \$48 court costs; two years unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; credit for one day served; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Denzil Dewayne Reese, 48; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Juvenile misdemeanor sentencing
Lenny J. Gonzalez, 17; driving under the influence; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$56 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.



days in jail, 178 suspended; credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Victor Manuel Bravo, 17; driving without privileges; amended to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Juan B. Lopez-Villa, 17; inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee, \$43 court costs; six months unsupervised probation; 10 days in jail, 10 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Pedro Bernal Sr., 25; battery domestic violence; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Hannah Marguerite Merritt, 92; disturbing the peace; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Civil
Risk Management Alternatives vs. Edward Rippee and Charlotte M. Rippee, husband and wife. Seeking \$1,705.19 plus interest. Attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Child support cases
State of Idaho Child Support Services vs. Jose Calvillo and Jamie Calvillo. Seeking of Jose Calvillo: determination that he is the father of Miguel A. Calvillo based on the marriage of the parents; \$27.11 monthly support; 66 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees.

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Jan A. Christian - Burley

Jan Arlen Christian, 68, of Burley, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2003, at his home.
He was born March 1, 1935, in Raymond, Alberta, Canada, the son of Nephil Jacob and Maida Inne Schafer Christian. He received his education in Raymond, Alberta, as a youth, and then attended numerous specialized training schools through the military.



He married Flora "Anne" Shortt on Jan. 21, 1956, in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple in December of 1991.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jan served faithfully in many capacities.

He was a temple worker at the Logan Temple for two years, served a mission at the Family History Center, and at the time of his death, was secretary of the high priest group.

Jan was a "Green Beret" and was a member of the 19th Special Forces in the United States Army. He served in the Korean Conflict and had a military career that spanned 34 years. During his service, he was decorated and received many citations.

Jan worked as an electrician for the City of Burley for 28 years. He liked to fish, and his younger days, he enjoyed hunting. Jan loved to collect and restore guns and enjoyed photography.

He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and brother.
He is survived by his wife, Flora "Anne" Christian of Burley; his children, Mitchell (Cindy) Christian of Meridian, Idaho, Valerie (Kay C) Jones of Burley and Lorelei (John) Reeves of Boise, Idaho; six grandchildren, Matthew (Rachel) Jones, Elter Jasson Jones (currently serving in the Minnesota Minneapolis Mission), Jesse Jones, Lake Christian, Chad Christian, and



Cole Christian; and his siblings, Inne Winters of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and Gary Christian of Santa Clara, Utah.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Guy Christian and John Christian; one sister, Barbara Douglas; and a daughter-in-law, Gay Lynn Gorringer Christian.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003, at the Burley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop H. Scott Horsley officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday, at the church.

Lydia M. Peters VanRyper - Rupert

Lydia M. Peters VanRyper, 85, of Rupert was born Aug. 21, 1918, at Minidoka, the only and beloved child of Henry and Helen Rogalsky Peters. She peacefully passed from this life and into her Savior's arms on Sunday morning, Nov. 23, 2003.

Lydia attended schools in Rupert and on Nov. 22, 1935, married Charles A. "Chuck" VanRyper at Rupert. On the day before her passing, Chuck and Lydia were blessed to observe 68 years of deep love, mutual respect and marriage. To their union were born three children: Johnny Lloyd, who died at birth, Merlin Charles VanRyper and Susan Kay VanRyper.



The couple began their marriage together in the honey bee business with Chuck's father, C.A. VanRyper Sr., who pioneered bee culture in this area. They later moved to California where they both worked in the war production effort until Chuck was called into the Army. During this time, Lydia, Merlin and Sue lived in Oregon with Lydia's parents. Upon Chuck's discharge from the military, the couple returned to California where they made their home and reared their children.

Lydia was so good at so very many things but she loved and excelled in cooking. Working in food service for a period of years, she attained the position of food service supervisor at De Anza

High School in Richmond, Calif. In 1959, the couple returned to Idaho to continue on the family bee business. Lydia loved working with Chuck, whether on bee sites or in the extraction room. With their love and treasure of bee science, their son and grandchildren were drawn into the business, thus making four generations of VanRyper's producing honey. Chuck and Lydia retired in 1981, but continued living in the Jackson District east of Rupert.
Because Chuck and Lydia loved fishing and the desert so much they built a pretty vacation home at West Magic Reservoir. They maintained an "open door" policy to family and friends. The place just buzzed and buckled

with people in summer or in winter.

Lydia was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Rupert where the couple devotedly served their Lord. Lydia's great love of people and children in particular was reciprocated by all who knew her. The living witness alone, of her love for God, brought many to know her Lord and Savior.

Lydia was preceded in death by her first-born son; her parents; a grandson, Burton VanRyper; and a granddaughter, Tanya Sue VanRyper Hutcherson.
She is survived by her dear husband, Chuck; her son, Merlin C. (Georgianne) VanRyper of Cheney, Wash.; and daughter, Susan Kay VanRyper James of Burley; her grandchildren, Bob (Karen) James of Federal Way, Wash., Brenda (Randy) Bails of Heyburn and Tracy VanRyper of Santa Clara, Calif.; and her great-grandchildren, Bobby and Brandon James, Austin and Alyssa Bails, Matthew Hutcherson and Terrin VanRyper.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at the First Baptist Church, 807 Fifth St., Rupert. A viewing will be held one hour before the service at the church. The celebration of her life will be conducted by Pastor Ray Herd. Interment will be at the Rupert Cemetery.

Madison 'Maddie' 'Little Dolly' Langley Moore - South Jordan, Utah

Our Sweet Maddie left us unexpectedly on Nov. 23, 2003. Madison was born Aug. 13, 2003, to Brandon L. Moore and Carol Christine Allen Moore. She will always be remembered for her precious smile and beautiful eyes.

Madison is survived by her parents; brother, Harrison; sister, Brooklyn; and her grandparents, Lyle and Bonny Moore,

Jo Allen-Arney and James Allen.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003, at Jenkins-Soffe South Valley, 1007 W. 10600 S.

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Flu bug crosses Burley schools Attorney reviews wetlands options

The Times-News

BURLEY - Three more schools in Burley - the Newcomer Center, Burley Junior High School and Burley High School - won't have classes today because the flu bug has sent too many students home sick.

Cassia County School District Superintendent Mike Chesley said Tuesday afternoon he'd canceled Wednesday classes at those three schools because absenteeism was near 25 percent at each building.

The closure follows Monday's decision to close six other Cassia County schools because of high absenteeism attributed to the flu.

Already closed were Raft River Elementary School, Raft River High School, Dworshak Elementary School, White Pine Intermediate School, Mountain View Elementary School and the Cassia Education Center.

Classes will be held today in the other Cassia County schools, but an early dismissal is planned in advance of Thanksgiving.

No schools are closed in Minidoka County because of illness, school Board Clerk Darrel Black said.

Absenteeism was higher than normal, he said Tuesday, ranging between 15 and 18 percent. School isn't usually canceled until between 25 and 30 percent of the students are out, Black said.

Plans established at the start of the school year called for early dismissal - in both districts Wednesday and no classes either Thursday or Friday because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

years and must either be a full-time college student or work full time while he's on probation.

Granollo, 18, of Burley, received a withheld judgment from Judge Melanson. He is also on probation for five years and must either be a full-time student or work full time while on probation.

Furin pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful use of destructive device or bomb and a second charge of unlawful possession of a destructive device or bomb was dropped.

Granollo pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful use of a destructive device or bomb.

he, Josh Granillo and Richard Furin had exploded a pipe bomb at an abandoned house, 374 S. Moridan in Rupert on May 18.

Purin was charged after police found four pipe bombs in the trunk of his car on May 26. Purin told police he and McClary had set off bombs at the vacant house.

Purin also told police he had blown up several mailboxes in Minidoka County.

Purin and Granillo were both sentenced Oct. 20 in Minidoka County District Court. Purin, 18, of Rupert, received a suspended prison sentence of three to seven years. He is on probation for five

years and must either be a full-time college student or work full time while he's on probation.

Furin pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful use of destructive device or bomb and a second charge of unlawful possession of a destructive device or bomb was dropped.

Granollo pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful use of a destructive device or bomb.

Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen, Jr. sentenced two juveniles, 19, driving under the influence (under age 21); 1,300 fine, 5,100 suspended, 570.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee, underage consumption of alcohol; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Rick D. Dry, 28; failure to maintain liability insurance; 575 fine, \$32 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; providing false information to an officer regarding offense/identity; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Oscar Hernandez-Nava, 22; driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$750 suspended, one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 148 suspended credit for 32 days served; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Luciano Vega Romero, 22; disturbing the peace; \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

James Logan Borell, 18; petty theft; \$300 fine, \$50 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended credit for one day served; one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Jose A. Chavez, 39; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, 90 days in jail, 82 suspended credit for one day served; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended credit for one day served; 575 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

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Attorney reviews wetlands options

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minidoka County officials must decide how to respond to Friday's decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to retain federal jurisdiction over county-owned land at Exit 208 on Interstate 84.

The matter is expected to be discussed at Monday's county commission meeting.

Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Jason Walker said Tuesday morning he had read the corps' decision and plans to discuss the matter with commissioners during their regular weekly meeting.

The county could appeal the decision, accept the decision or ignore it, he said. However, he wouldn't recommend county officials take the findings.

Walker, who has been the county attorney for less than a month, wasn't certain how quickly an appeal would have to be filed. "I'll know that by Monday," he said.

If an appeal is filed, it would be at the district court level, he said. But because the decision was rendered by a federal agency, Walker wasn't certain if an appeal would have to be filed in state or federal district court.

Walker wasn't surprised by the corps' decision that the pond and wetlands are waters of the United States and therefore are subject to the corps' jurisdiction.

Former Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Rick Bollar, who is now a magistrate judge, briefed Walker on the county's appeal of the wetland designation and accompanying jurisdictional issues before Walker took office.

"There was nothing in there he didn't really expect to see," Walker said.

The dispute boils down to how much use of the pond by anglers from other states or countries is actually enough for the Corps of Engineers to invoke the interstate commerce provisions of the Clean Water Act, Walker said.

In the county's appeal of that designation, Bollar questioned whether an occasional visitor to Minidoka County who fishes at the pond or walks around the nearby recreational area is enough contact to "touch" its waters of the United States," Walker said.

Corps' personnel apparently have a lower threshold of user numbers before they invoke that criteria.

The pond is stocked with trout by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Fish and Game employees have encountered out-of-state anglers using the pond for both fishing and boating.

County officials don't want the land under the corps' jurisdiction because they say that designation will impede their ability to sell the land. The land is not being advertised for sale, but commissioners say they want to sell the property.

Rupert man gets probation in bomb incident

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

RUPERT - The third man charged after police found evidence of equipment to make a bomb in the trunk of a car at Lake Watson State Park in May was sentenced in 5th District Court in Minidoka County Monday.

Philip McClary received a withheld judgment and was placed on three years of supervised probation.

District Judge John Melanson ordered McClary to be Minidoka County's first to work full-time during those three years. The judge also decided that

McClary's probation officer could order 100 hours of community service while McClary is on probation.

The sentence was more lenient than the guidelines offered by the prosecuting attorney's office in a plea agreement reached earlier this year. McClary, 18, changed his plea to guilty to a charge of unlawful use of a destructive device or bomb on Sept. 29. That plea agreement called for the prosecutor to recommend a suspended prison sentence of three to seven years and five years of probation.

McClary, of Rupert, was charged after police discovered

his, Josh Granillo and Richard Furin had exploded a pipe bomb at an abandoned house, 374 S. Moridan in Rupert on May 18.

Purin was charged after police found four pipe bombs in the trunk of his car on May 26. Purin told police he and McClary had set off bombs at the vacant house.

Purin also told police he had blown up several mailboxes in Minidoka County.

Purin and Granillo were both sentenced Oct. 20 in Minidoka County District Court. Purin, 18, of Rupert, received a suspended prison sentence of three to seven years. He is on probation for five

years and must either be a full-time college student or work full time while he's on probation.

Furin pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful use of destructive device or bomb and a second charge of unlawful possession of a destructive device or bomb was dropped.

Granollo pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful use of a destructive device or bomb.

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Jerome County Courts

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JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments
Stanley L. Aasen, 33; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; failure to provide proof of insurance; driving - passenger safety child under four years of age or under 40 pounds not safely restrained; failure to use safety restraint; pretrial conference Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Carlos Berrocal-Morales, 26; delivery of a controlled substance; sexual abuse of a child under 16; preliminary hearing Dec. 4; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Christi Ann Booth, 24; battery; pretrial conference Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

David J. Heston, 47; driving without privileges; driving under the influence; pretrial conference Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Federick Lee Johnson, no date of birth listed; use of the telephone to stalk; make obscene phone calls; pretrial conference Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Karl Lawrence Martin, 45; petty theft; pretrial conference Dec. 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Jose B. Martinez-Ayala, 26; driving under the influence; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pretrial conference Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Charla M. McCreary, 45; petty theft; pretrial conference Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Juan Ramirez-Rodriguez, 25; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

David Hutsell Sebring, 33; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Jaime Soria, 21; driving under the influence; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pretrial conference Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Michael A. Thomas, 25; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Kenneth Larry Greene, 64; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$132 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

John Dennis Herrin, 53; motor carrier - Department of Transportation; Violation; \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Jonana Gina Jimenez, 25; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$150 fine, \$81.50 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; six months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Michelle D. Whitley, 18; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to sell; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended credit for one day served; one day eligible for work program; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Autumn Michelle Guion, 23; driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$550 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended credit for one day served; open container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Mario Hernandez, 31; driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$750 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; two years unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 140 suspended credit for one day served; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Dean Alford, 37; driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$500 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 108 suspended credit for 30 days served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borsen.

Bryon Douglas Richards, 44; criminal contempt of court; \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 67 discretionary, credit for 23 days served;

her 19-month-old son, Thayne, at the parents' home in West Valley City, a Salt Lake suburb. She rushed to the home after hearing media reports that her parents were being released. "We'll be able to live life... We can have a life."

Klobuchar said a review of the videotape showed the girl giving contradictory information as she was interviewed. It also showed the interviewer asked leading questions that would probably not be allowed in a contemporary investigation, she said.

St. Benedict's said that photographs taken from the LaBoises' home in a 1984 search, showing their daughter naked, "were not overly sexual." The pictures were reviewed as part of the current investigation.

"If we are pictures of her in a bathtub and that sort of thing," she said.

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Gooding proposes fees for land-use applications

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GOODING - The City Council has proposed to establish \$50 fees for variance applications and special use permits. A hearing on the topic is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday prior to the regular council meeting.

The city of Gooding currently charges no fees for variance and special use permit applications.

The proposed fee could help offset the time involved in paperwork and publication charges associated with zoning applications, Gooding city officials said.

The hearing will allow for public testimony.

Museum curator admits to collecting fossils illegally

SEATTLE (AP) - A key leader in building the extensive fossil collection at the University of Washington's Burke Museum has agreed to retire after admitting he took fossils illegally from the Hanford Reach National Monument.

Museum curator M. Rensberger, 71, will retire next June as full professor of Earth and space sciences at the University of Washington and curator of vertebrate paleontology at the Burke Museum of Natural History and Environment.

Rensberger told The Associated Press on Tuesday he just made a mistake "like driving through a stop sign."

Rensberger led geology students on a field trip to an area near Savage Island, adjacent to the Columbia River in the Hanford Reach, where they collected fossils of fish and a few rodents over two days in May 2002.

"It's a federal misdemeanor to take fossils from the 193,000-acre monument," said Mike Ritter, deputy project leader with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Hanford Reach. Ritter said a federal investigation is ongoing.

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with a good firm.

"I met with Buhl Fire Chief Mark Grimes for an inspection of the planned three water systems, which would service the fire department, culinary and irrigation," Heycock said. "We may have to change a few things in the fire water system to prevent stagnation since it will not cycle as often as the other systems."

Three years ago, President Clinton designated the national monument, which includes a 51-mile stretch of the Columbia River next to the Hanford nuclear reservation near Richland. That change gave greater protection to fossils and other artifacts at the site.

Rensberger said he did not know the rules had changed.

"It's not unusual to routinely find that it just never dawned on me that this monument had transpired," he said. He said a state Fish and Wildlife Department sign - left over from years of state ownership - was still standing in the area in 2002.

Federal signs with rules are still being developed, but the rules are included in a pamphlet on the monument's Web site. Fish and Wildlife's Ritter said.

A UW inquiry, conducted under university rules on scholarly misconduct, found that Rensberger made an inadvertent mistake, according to a Nov. 13 report by Vice Provost Steven Olswang.

Rensberger said he was not penalized by the school, Olswang said.

"He's acknowledged the error. He hasn't availed the rules had changed. In the meantime he had decided at this point in his career he was going to retire," Olswang said.

Rensberger said his group of five or six stud years found fossils about 3 million years old, mostly little fish bones and a few fragments of rodents.

"I have been taking classes to the same spot for 15 or 20 years," he said. "It's the only place in the entire state where students on a day's trip can still find little fragments."

When Rensberger returned to the university, he did not register the specimens at the Burke as required under a 2-year-old museum policy. UW spokesman Bob Roseth said.

Couple calls for re-examination of Minnesota child abuse convictions

WEST-VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) - The state of Minnesota should re-examine its child sexual abuse convictions from the early 1980s to look for innocent people convicted by questionable evidence, Edward LaBois told The Associated Press Monday after being released from Salt Lake County Jail on Tuesday night.

"It's a scam and they know it," he said.

LaBois and his wife, Karri, were released Tuesday after Minnesota prosecutors dropped the charges filed against them in 1984, saying there was not enough evidence.

The couple fled Minnesota before they could be arrested, and lived the next 19 years under the assumed names Steve and K.C. Merrill in California and Utah.

But an informant tipped police that they were living in Salt Lake City suburb, and they were arrested Nov. 10 and held for 15 days.

The LaBoises didn't know they were being released until minutes before they walked through the jail's exit door.

"I thought Minnesota was com-

ing for us," an emotional Karri said. The couple had a prolonged hug in the courtroom before leaving the facility, his right arm draped around her.

"How do I feel vindicated on one hand and beaten up on another," Edward LaBois told the AP immediately upon release.

"It's like the press came out, and the (jail) staff executed us," she said.

The LaBoises were accused of abusing their then 4-year-old daughter in their home in Minnetonka, Minn. They denied the allegations, but fled the state when they learned their daughter would be removed from their home.

Since the couple's arrest, their daughter, Aubree Riegel, now 23, told investigators that she was never abused, Karri said. She said when they learned their daughter would be removed from their home.

"This is our pride and joy," she said. "Why wouldn't we take pictures of her?"

St. Benedict's has committed to five years of funding. The town has put a \$300,000 cap on bills that the medical center can charge.

Judy Holland, a real estate agent from Hazelton, said during

of the arrangement.

Monday's public hearing that a business can't spend more than it takes in if it is going to survive. Lilkowski suggested that the "commissioners and staff at St. Benedict's sharpen their pencils and see where they can cut costs."

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Government won't delay snowmobile season

Judge reviews new rules, but they may not be published in time, say lawyers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for the National Park Service said they will try to give a federal judge here at least three days to review new rules for snowmobilers in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks before the winter season begins. But the government cannot guarantee that the rules will be published before Dec. 13, or three business days before winter season opens at the two parks, lawyers said in court papers filed Monday. Nor will it delay the season's Dec. 17 start if the final, detailed rules are not ready to be published in time, the lawyers said.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan is deciding whether the Bush administration acted appropriately when it decided to set aside the Clinton administration's plan to phase out snowmobilers from the popular Western parks, which sit at the corner of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Instead of a ban, the Bush administration will limit the type

and number of machines allowed to enter the parks. When fully enacted, the new rules will require snowmobilers to be built with cleaner and quieter engines; riders to make reservations and travel in guided groups; and rangers to monitor air quality and noise and adjust daily limits as needed. Several conservation groups have sued the government over the plan, challenging both the decision to rewrite the rules so snowmobiling could continue and whether the new rules will adequately protect the park's natural resources and wildlife. They want Sullivan to set aside

the Bush administration decision, a move that would put the plan to phase out snowmobilers in motion. With the rule-making process one step away from being finished, Sullivan asked government lawyers last week whether they could give him at least three days to read the plan before the season begins. Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Sansonetti cited the lengthy government review process when explaining there may not be enough time for that to happen, while delaying the start of the season would inconvenience snowmobilers and contractors who expect it to start on Dec. 17.

Senate votes to reverse hunting camp court order

SALMON (AP) — As the Senate moved toward adjourning for the Thanksgiving holiday, it voted to reverse a federal court order for dismantling permanent hunting camps at three sites in central Idaho's Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness. Republican Sens. Larry Craig and Michael Crapo said on Thursday that the action, which still must be ratified by the House, reasserts the original intention of the 1980 law creating the wilderness area. "It is clear to me that Senator Church, the main proponent of the legislation, intended for these lodges to remain," Craig said in a statement. "I am mysti-

fied as to why anyone would want to eliminate this historical use and Senator Church's intended protection." The legislation would overturn the decision issued three years ago by U.S. District Judge Sidney Thomas essentially directing the Forest Service to remove the structures in Smith Gulch, Arctic Creek and Stub Creek. The Forest Service had set the end of 2005 for removal of the structures along the federally designated wild and scenic reach of the Salmon River that accommodates rafters, hunters, fishermen and other visitors. Wilderness Watch, the Montana-based group that has

challenged the existence of the lodges, asked the federal court a year ago to hold the government in contempt for failing to move more quickly to have the structures removed. The most elaborate of the camps is at Smith Gulch. It has four cabins, a 24-guest lodge and a storage building covering 3,500 square feet. The Stub Creek camp covers 1,500 square feet while Arctic Creek has 1,000 square feet of buildings. The camps have operated since the 1930s under special use permits issued by the Forest Service, and land managers determined that they were

grandfathered in when the compromise wilderness legislation was approved a half-century later. Grant Simonds, director of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association, said that was the understanding as concessions were made to preserve 2.3 million acres as wilderness rather than just 600,000 acres. But Thomas concluded that since the camps were not specifically protected in the legislation, they were specifically barred. He said grandfathering points only to legal uses, believing that the permits the camps have operated under precluded permanent structures.

Dispute over support fund nears resolution

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The dispute over a support fund for Parker Jensen is close a resolution, a state official said. "We're waiting to receive that one more piece of additional information... and then we will dismiss the citation and will declare the matter concluded," said Francine Gianni, the director of the Utah Division of Consumer Protection. She met Monday with Tracy Jensen, Parker's uncle who started the fund, and his lawyer, LaVar Christensen. The state agency last week initiated a subpoena of bank records for the fund because the boy's family, cited earlier this month for failing to file the paperwork to make the fund legal, continued to disregard the state's requests. That came after Gianni said let-

ters sent by registered mail went unanswered and repeated promises to supply information to the division were not kept. The Jensens were cited because they hadn't finished the legal process allowing them to solicit and collect funds to help pay for 13-year-old Parker's 2005 for medical care. Parker was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer last spring. His parents' disagreement with doctors over treatment forced the family into a months-long public custody battle with state authorities. Last month the state withdrew its petition for custody of the boy, which would also have placed him in court-ordered chemotherapy treatments. Gianni said Monday the division's intent was not sure donations to the fund were used as promised in contribution letters

and on the family's Web site. The letters said funds would be used for medical and other expenses, while the Web site said the money would go toward Daren and Barbara Jensen's legal bills. It was that discrepancy, as well as the failure to conclude the process that would make the charitable fund legal, that concerned the Division of Consumer Protection. Christensen, who also is a state representative from Draper, assured Gianni she would have a full accounting of the distribution of the money by Wednesday; the citation-issued deadline for Tracy Jensen to provide information before fines could be issued. The support fund, which brought in about \$6,400 in new closed. The Jensens are no longer seeking donations.

Academy cadet faces prison time for using, dealing drugs

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — An Air Force Academy cadet has been court-martialed and sentenced to six months in prison for using and dealing drugs. Senior cadet John Paul Doolin was dismissed Monday from the Air Force and must forfeit pay and allowances. He was charged in October with the wrongful use of Ecstasy, the amphetamine Ketamine and Ecstasy derivatives. He had faced up to 17 years in prison. Doolin was one of six cadets charged this year with drug offenses and at least six more face punishment for violating alcohol rules. The academy is also reacting from a sexual assault scandal that led to new leadership and sweeping changes at the

school near Colorado Springs. Two years ago, the academy was hit by a drug scandal that implicated 38 cadets of the 4,300-member student body. Former commanders have said they were slow to react to the assault scandal because they were focusing on curbing drug use. **For Quality Furniture and Antiques - shop at 2nd Time Around QUALITY ANTIQUE MALL** Open Fri & Sat 10 am - 5 pm Closed Thanksgiving 689 Washington St. E. • Twin Falls (208) 734-6008 Open Mon-Sat 10 am - 5 pm We Buy Antiques

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Even better, the people who eat it say it's tasty and gives a spiritual boost.

The miracle food? It's the Alaska beluga whale, an ancient source of food in more than 50 villages along the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean.

And according to hunters, health officials and biologists meeting last week with the Alaska Beluga Whale Committee, a strip of half-dried backdrop dipped in whale oil, or a chunk of aged beluga skin with blubber, may be one of the soundest meals available to coastal Natives and their families.

"To me, it gets me more healthy," said Allen Atchak Sr., a whaling captain from Stebbins who feeds his family of seven children lots of beluga. "I don't ever get sick. I don't ever get bad colds. I think it's medicine."

"It's always good to catch whales," added Albert Simon, a beluga hunter. "That's why not too much is wasted."

Atchak, Simon and about 40 other hunters, scientists and visitors discussed the nutritional benefits and preparation of beluga whales during the group's annual meeting last week at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. Hunters also shared harvest reports and observations from the past season and talked over research ideas for 2004.

About 65,000 whales live in four Alaska stocks in the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean. Alaska Natives take 200 to 400 of them each year in hunts managed by the committee and the National Marine Fisheries Service under the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act. These whales are genetically separate from the 300 to 400 belugas listed as depleted in Cook Inlet near Anchorage.

The health benefits of whales are enormous, said Dr. Jim Berner, director of community health with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

In recent years, scientists and Natives have questioned whether



Biologist Joel Blatchford salvages meat from a beluga whale that washed ashore south of Anchorage, Alaska, Aug. 30.

industrial contaminants and heavy metals that work through the global food chain and concentrate in tissues and muscles of marine mammals were making traditional foods like belugas too risky to eat.

Berner told the group emphatically that eating beluga whales and other subsistence foods offers incredible nutritional rewards.

It is true that, like other marine animals, belugas have been found to build up mercury, Berner said. But they also have elevated levels of the mineral selenium and vitamin E that may help counteract mercury.

Someone eating food harvested from the ocean off Alaska would be far better off than someone eating only processed food bought in the grocery store.

Beluga meat is especially rich in iron because the animal is an efficient diver. Like that of seals, the blubber contains the sort of fat found to reduce heart disease and boost immune systems. The whales have minerals and fat-soluble vitamins.

Delegation votes 4-0 on Medicare

BOISE (AP) — Despite earlier wavering, Idaho's all-Republican congressional delegation stuck together behind the GOP's Medicare legislation that was forwarded to President Bush on Tuesday. "It's not a perfect bill," Sen. Michael Crapo said before the final vote. But he said it included the first major reforms in the government health care system that will significantly benefit states like Idaho.

The bill passes — A1

It would raise the payroll tax on wages to provide seniors with a drug benefit and injecting market competition into the Medicare program, but he also said "my concerns about this bill are very serious ones."

As with others, he questioned the price tag and the need for additional changes to the system.

It was second-term Congressman Butch Otter's change of heart during the weekend that helped make that Senate vote possible.

Adamantly opposed because there was no provision for paying the \$40 billion a year the bill's drug benefit for senior citizens costs, Otter said he stood his ground during two early-morning telephone calls from Bush on Saturday, asking for his support.

But shortly after the second call from Bush, Otter said he was advised — for the first time — by GOP leaders that if the bill was not passed, there were enough moderate Republicans willing to join the Democrats to pass an even more expensive proposal.

The delegation's support came over objections of some Idaho constituents, led by United Vision for Idaho, which echoed complaints that the bill provided more benefits to drug companies than senior citizens and the disabled poor.

But Otter agreed with fellow Congressman Michael Simpson that despite concerns the bill corrects reimbursement discrepancies that have shorted doctors and hospitals in rural states like Idaho for decades.

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Elk refuge forage is at record low

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Four thousand elk and 450 bison have migrated to the National Elk Refuge, but forage there is at a record low, wildlife officials said.

Habitat biologist Eric Cole said less than half the forage usually produced on 25,000 acres in the area grew last summer.

Cole and an assistant estimated the forage at 7,140 tons, most of it grass. That is down from an average of over 17,000 tons. Four consecutive drought years combined with a grasshopper infestation were blamed. Refuge workers estimated that grasshoppers alone ate 17 percent of the grass.

However, recent snowfall has not covered the grass up to the point of being inaccessible to elk.

"Right now I think we're OK," Cole said. The elk are still able to paw through it. They're still finding forage. They're just having to roam farther and wider than typical.

Supplemental feeding of elk and bison will likely begin earlier than usual, Cole said.

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NATION



President Bush supporter Dave Anderson, left, from Omaha, Neb., argues with anti-Bush protesters Tuesday in Las Vegas.

Protests mark Bush's first visit to Vegas as president

Issues include Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump

LAS VEGAS (AP) — President Bush came to Las Vegas on Tuesday to raise money and support among Nevada residents, but hundreds also turned out to show their anger at his decisions to approve the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste facility and his action on Medicare.

Bush addressed Medicare and medical liability issues at a recently opened Las Vegas hospital and attended a \$2,000 a plate fund-raiser luncheon at the Venetian hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Protesters picketed both locations as Bush made his first visit to Nevada as president. Security was tight outside the Venetian hotel-casino on the Strip as about 1,200 people peacefully formed a line separated from tourists by metal barricades. Police reported no arrests.

Many demonstrators carried signs reading "No Nuke Dump in Nevada." Others brought handmade signs referring to broken promises and issues including the Iraq war, union policies, Medicare, abortion policy, and the Patriot Act.

Opponents of Yucca Mountain say Bush broke a campaign pledge to let "sound science" decide if the nation's nuclear repository should open 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas. That was interpreted in Nevada as a chance to stop the Yucca Mountain project.

Last July, Congress approved the plan to store 77,000 tons of radioactive waste in the state. The Energy Department is preparing to apply to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a license to open the repository in 2010.

"As a Nevadan, of course, I'm upset I'm upstaged about Yucca Mountain," said Diane Hart, 42, a retired Las Vegas businesswoman. "But he's not going to change his mind. What we have to do is change presidents."

Peggy Maze Johnson, executive director of the Las Vegas-based advocacy group Citizen Alert and the organizer of the demonstration, distributed copies of a May 3, 2000, letter from Bush, then the governor of Texas. Bush's letter

tells Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn that as president, Bush "would not sign legislation that would send nuclear waste to any proposed site unless it's been deemed scientifically safe."

Bush and Congress picked the Yucca Mountain site with the Energy Department still addressing 293 scientific questions.

"I think it was a done deal before he ever took office," said Marsha Forkos, Sierra Club southern Nevada group chairwoman and another protest organizer. "We want to make him aware that Nevada is not going to just roll over and play dead."

Earlier Bush spoke for 30 minutes to a crowd of about 200 people at Spring Valley Hospital.

The president called Tuesday's vote by the Senate to approve sweeping changes to Medicare a "major victory" that will strengthen and modernize the system. The legislation that includes a new prescription drug benefit for 40 million older and disabled Americans goes to Bush for his signature.

"We inherited a good Medicare system. It has worked very well, but it was becoming old and needed help," Bush said.

Jackie Johnson, a surgical nurse at a Las Vegas hospital and a member of the Service Employees International Union, joined about 45 union members who waved signs and chanted as the president's motorcade arrived at the hospital.

Johnson said the Medicare changes proposed by the Bush administration and coupled with changes to worker overtime policies would mean "more work, less help, sicker patients."

"We need to study the broken system before making changes so fast," she said.

Denise Kelley, vice president of the Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans, said their group planned afternoon news conferences in Las Vegas and Reno to blame Bush for breaking promises to Americans on Medicare and prescription drug coverage.

"What happens when you have a prescription that's \$279 for a 90-

day supply, and you're on a pension?" asked Kelley, 77, a retired government worker who is on Medicare.

"Seniors are not going to benefit overall," said Scott Watts, president of the alliance that represents 7,000 retirees in the state. "Pharmaceuticals and insurance companies will have a windfall."

Slow-recovery states could harm Bush

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy is perking up, but not all states are benefiting equally, and some that aren't could make or break President Bush's drive for reelection next year.

Some 14 states remain in recession, even as the Commerce Department on Tuesday revised its calculation of U.S. economic growth this summer to an unusually strong 3.2 percent annual rate.

Some of those 14 states are electoral battlegrounds in the industrial Midwest that could decide the outcome of next year's presidential election. While a national economic recovery almost surely would help Bush, that may not be enough unless the recovery is strong enough to create jobs in those states, political analysts say.

"Overall, the jobs issue is a potent one here," said John Green, a political scientist at the University of Akron in Ohio, a state Bush won relatively easily in 2000. "If the election were held today, Bush would have to fight hard to hold Ohio."

Ohio lost 13,700 jobs in October, one of 15 states with declines even as jobs nationwide grew by 126,000, according to the U.S. Labor Department. The figures are adjusted to smooth out seasonal variations in the labor market.

Other losers among political battleground states included Pennsylvania, which shed 3,900 jobs last month, and Missouri, which dropped 6,300 jobs.

Many of the lost jobs are in factories; that could help Democrats energize their traditional union base and get more voters to the polls, Green said.

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By MILES CARSON

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"People are saving a ton of money," counted car to one of neighbors and get a revealed Barry Langdon General Manager, Manager of Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls. "I can promise you, you've never black out the lot? seen anything like this before in your life." "All are vehicles are posted with an in the last several months, the Lithia new incredibly low price on each and every car and truck stores in Idaho have set a one, but that's just the beginning of the blistering pace in new vehicle sales. savings." said Ken Lynch Used Car "We've become known as the place to go for the right selection and an upfront of these car by the close of business on great deal with our Promo Prices," said Sunday, we're going to be slashing Barry Langdon. "Add that to the historic prices on the spot throughout the sale. We rebate and finance offers coming from the needed to blackout the prices from drive-manufacturers and it's just set our new by traffic because there's a good chance vehicle sales on fire."

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"Too many used vehicles," stated Barry Langdon. In reviewing the inventory included in flatly. "We've been taking in trades like the sale it's tough to see how the prices crazy and we've been focused on new vehicles sales. The truth is we've got a gut "Basically we're dealing," said Barry, of used vehicles on our lots that we simply "We're just going to keep cutting the price have to get rid of one way or another."

Often times, when a car dealer is over- loaded with used cars they take them to the nearest used car auction and dump them, in many cases accepting offers that are far less than the car is actually worth. "All of our managers got together to come up with a solution. Frankly we're tired of the auctions getting bargains and then turning around and marking up the same vehicle to be sold to the public," Barry tender. Our advantage is we have so Explained. "We decided that if we were to have to just blow these cars out we might as well give the people in Twin Falls the first chance at the deal. It makes a lot more sense for us to sell a deeply dis-

I also learned that Chevrolet Cadillac will be on-line with Lithia's vast network of lenders to get buyers through the financing process quickly and with a plan that is the most affordable. "We've got a lot of options and can help people get financed for a car even if they've been turned down some where else," said Ken. "Of course financing is always on approval from the Mystery solved. If you're looking for a bargain on a used vehicle, look behind the black plastic, you'll be glad you did.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

A PLACE TO PLAY

U.S. Cellular helps the needy call loved ones

TWIN FALLS - U.S. Cellular will work with the Salvation Army at a Thanksgiving dinner at Outback Steakhouse, 1955 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls, to help disadvantaged citizens reconnect with family and friends through the HOPE (Homeless Outreach Phone Effort) program. Through HOPE, U.S. Cellular associates will provide people with wireless phones and assist them in placing free local or long-distance phone calls to their loved ones anywhere in the continental United States. Phone calls will be available from noon to 2 p.m. Designed to provide the homeless and underprivileged with the means to communicate with their friends and families during this holiday season, HOPE has helped more than 20,000 people reconnect with their loved ones across the nation since its inception in 1994. It reported the company. This is the second year that U.S. Cellular has brought the program to Twin Falls.

CASA holds Christmas

TWIN FALLS - CASA's Christmas Affair is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 301 Fourth

Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

The show features clothing, jewelry, accessories, kitchen and household items, food and crafts, along with holiday entertainment and a place for children to make their own ornaments. Admission is \$1. Proceeds benefit the Fifth Judicial District Court Appointed Special Advocates program, which assists neglected and abused children. For more information, call 324-6890.

Mary Time Club meets for potluck at home

TWIN FALLS - The Mary Time Club will meet for a Christmas potluck at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Connie Smith. Dorothy Stroud will be the helper. Members are asked to bring a dish to share, a secret potluck and 42 cookies. Members will draw new secret pals at the meeting. Roll call is show and tell, a memory of a favorite food, Christmas story or poem, Christmas ornaments or Christmas plans.

The club meets at the Dougherty Center in Filer. The hosts was Floy Draney. Thirteen members were present and they thanked their secret pals for cards. The white elephant was won by Robert Abel. The election of new officers

was held. New officers are Connie Smith, president; Betsy Sifer, vice president; Marie Webb, secretary/treasurer; and Rose Crawford, reporter.

Magie Valley New

Neighbors meets Tuesday
HAGERMAN - The Magie Valley New Neighbors will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Johnny Carino's, 1921 Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls.

Susanne Just will play the guitar and sing. Luncheons are \$10 at the time of the luncheon. For more information or reservations, call 420-8234.

Concert benefits TFHS music department

TWIN FALLS - Housed and Versetal will perform at 7 p.m. today at Radio Rendezvous, 241 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and \$11 out of every \$5 goes to the Twin Falls High School music department. Donors are Tom McMahon, Don McMahon, Tom Kershaw, Martin Sorenson and Zach O'Conner make up Housed. For more information, call Tom Kershaw at 735-8414 or e-mail tomkershaw315@hotmail.com.

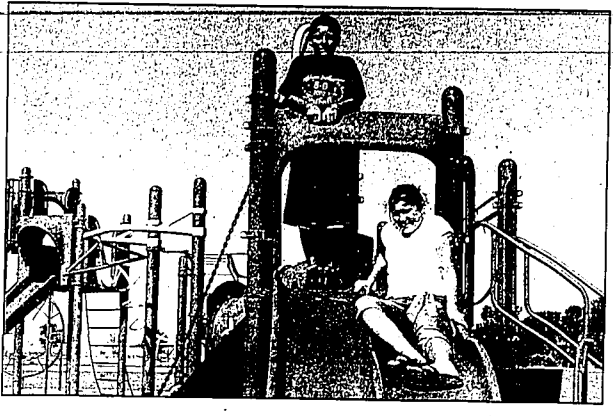


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Brother and sister, Kody and Brittney Nyberg, try out the new playground installed at Jean's Park in Castelford. The equipment was purchased by the Castelford Recreation District and installed by volunteers from the community. Horseshoe pits have also been installed at the park.

Horses, lots of love would help heal Crystal

"I ride horses. I know how to clean stalls and how to groom them and do all the work that's needed. I would enjoy it a lot if I could have a family with horses and would travel on with their horses and go on rides. Horses makes me feel loved. I think when I'm around horses I am a lot happier person."

"The kind of family I would like is a caring family, loving and that has children that I can play with. I'm only 13 and I do still deserve to have fun. I need a family who respects me for who I am and who will let me have some moments by myself."

"The best way to heal the inside of a kid is on the outside of a horse. He is the son of Rosemarie and the stepson of Craig Loten of Twin Falls."

Wednesday's Children



Crystal Age 13

they describe her ability to connect with, care for and feel empathy for an Appaloosa at

their ranch. This carries over into relationships of the non-equestrian kind. Crystal is developing new skills to enhance friendships with peers as well as with authority figures. If you want to learn about what works with Crystal, watch her with a horse. She builds trust and confidence through communication and actions.

"While ownership of a horse is not a prerequisite for being Crystal's mom or dad, a certain amount of 'horse sense' would definitely endow this young woman to a durable family. To find out more about Crystal call the Idaho CareLine number, 1-800-926-2588. In Idaho you can dial 211. You may be asked to provide this reference number 30076.

SERVICE NEWS

Heil graduates from signal support systems training

Army Pfc. Aimee J. Heil has graduated from the signal support systems specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Ga. The 10-week course is designed to train students in the skills, knowledge and responsibilities required to provide telecommunications, signal support systems and terminal devices and integrating signal systems and networks to combat units on the battlefield. Training includes instruc-

tion in operation, installation, troubleshooting, maintaining and repairing of various field wire equipment, radio, telephone and associated communications systems.

Heil is the daughter of Lynda J. Jones of Twin Falls. Her husband, Dan, is the son of Edward M. and Denise M. Heil of Twin Falls. In 1997, the soldier graduated from Twin Falls High School.

Davenport graduates from Army basic combat training
Army Pvt. Robert W.

Davenport Jr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training, he received instruction in drill and ceremony, marksmanship, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history, traditions and core values.

He is the son of Rosemarie and the stepson of Craig Loten of Twin Falls.

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at West Coast in Twin Falls; call 706-6470.
Burley - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; call 709-8723.
Grand Canyon - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at the Grand Canyon; call 711-6128.
Hawley - 12 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn; call 545-7483.
Idaho - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County; 748-8097 or 748-2114.
Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at China Village, 125 S. 12th; 219-7800 or 251-5511.
Ketchikan - Noon Tuesdays at the Ketchikan Pizzeria and Restaurant; Blaine Stone at 225-1900.
Lewiston - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge; call 324-2000.
Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center; 892-2121 or 892-2883.
Twin Falls - Noon Tuesdays at the Turf Club; Twin Falls; 240-0293 or 734-6649.

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Rupert - Noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks; 324-2000.

Jerome - Noon Thursdays at the Jerome Senior Center; 212 First Ave. E.; call 324-6122.

Idaho - Noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch; 736-4276 or 734-2424.

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Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at Mandarin House, 1642 S. Boulevard North; 733-2274; 733-7035 or 734-7062.

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Rupert - Noon on first and third Thursdays at the Turf Club; call 734-6649.

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Ketarian - Noon Monday, noon Friday at the Sun Club on Second Avenue, call Melissa at 622-3704 or Jennifer at 723-4823.

Twin Falls - 10 a.m. Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays, call Dorothy at 943-2796 or J.C. at 732-6767.

Senior Idaho Weight Loss Surgery Support Group - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays at Cassia Regional Center, 1100 Hill Road Ave. in Burley; call Monica at 679-1554.

Divorcéans - Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N. in Filer; call 734-7131 or Dennis at 424-0675.

Burley - 6:45-8:15 p.m. Mondays in the Farm Bureau conference room, 444 E. 5th St. call at 678-2209 or 879-3936.

Grief support

Grief support group - 4 p.m. Sundays, Rupert United Methodist Church, 6051 E. 1st Ave.; call 734-1218.

Kids Reaching Out to Each Other - for children who are grieving - 4 p.m. first Thursday at 147 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls; call 742-3373.

Grief share - 7 p.m. Thursdays at Twin Falls Reformed Church; call Connie at 734-0128 or 736-0925.

Grief Share - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays in Filer; Baptist Church, 22625 Hillside Ave.; call 878-7613. No child care available.

Here & Now Growth group - 8 p.m. Thursdays, Hospice Valley, 1700 Heyburn Blvd. E. Suite 111 in Twin Falls; call 733-0121.

Breast-feeding support

La Leche League - 10 a.m. second Thursday in KMYV Community room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.; call Rosie at 736-1731.

Magie Valley Breastfeeding Coalition - call for meeting information at 824-9628. For help, call Idaho Care Line at 1-800-926-2588.

Alzheimer's support groups

Burley - 7-8 p.m. second Thursday at Burley Senior Center; call Cheryl at 734-6825.

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Alcoholics Anonymous

Buhl - 6:30 p.m. every day except Sunday at the Bungalow Lounge, 119 Broadway St.; call 543-8111.

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Tuesday night Freedom group, 8 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 125 7th Ave. W.; call 944-4434.

Rupert - open meeting last Friday of month of Southland Inn, speaker meeting, call Pat at 436-4438 or Katie at 436-4445.

Jerome - Priory Group open meeting, 7:30 p.m. 1st Monday of the last year, 100 S. 5th E., Jerome; call Selmy at 842-2177.

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Rupert - Noon Thursdays, 121 W. 100 S. Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Saturdays, 228 Shop Ave. in Burley; call 678-2100 and Ave. N2; 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 100 Second Ave. N2; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 315 Falls Ave. Taylor Building, room 206; 7 p.m. Fridays at 212 Falls Ave., Desert Building, room 112; 9 p.m. Saturdays, 801 Second Ave. N2.

12step and substance abuse support groups

Big Book Study - 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls; call Dorothy at 242-7970.

Hope - 12 steps to a new day - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. in Twin Falls; call 734-9211.

Life Recovery Support Group - 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Wendell; 733-3637.

Overeaters - Outreach - 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at First Baptist Church at 2262 Hillside Ave. in Burley; call Mimi or Rita at 678-2738. Also for compulsive behaviors.

LDS Substance Abuse Recovery Services - 7 p.m. Wednesdays - LDS Employment Center behind Maurice Street LDS church building in Twin Falls; call Patricia at 539-1902.

LDS Substance Abuse Recovery Services - 7 p.m. Fridays in the High Council Room at the Burley West Side; call 2430 Park Ave.; call Ernie and Lynn at 862-3033.

Cocaine Anonymous

8 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday and 7 p.m. Thursdays at Turf of Hope cottage; call 734-7078.

Military Veterans of Foreign Wars

Buhl - Post 3624, Thurston Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Lincoln Center, 736-5023.

Burley - Post 2043 and auxiliary, 8 p.m. second Thursday at 3278 Hall, 526 Highland Ave. Delco - Post 2072, N. Andrew Muller Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday at Delco Electric Building, 678-3410.

Memphis Ferry - Post 3646, Glenn Valley Post, 7 p.m. third Thursday at Veterans Memorial Hall, 366-2705.

Goding - Post 3078, Topins Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday at Gooding War Memorial Hall, 934-5065.

Hawley - Post 4128, Big Wood River Post, Bellevue, 509 Fourth St. N., 8 p.m., third Thursday; 934-9002.

Kimberly - Post 10324, Kimberly Post, 7:30 p.m. third Wednesday at senior citizens center, 422-4143.

Rupert - Post 3678, Harlow Hoopes Post, 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Rupert Child Development Center, 436-0964.

Shoshone - Post 3001, Little Wood River Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Shoshone members houses, 386-2725.

Idaho - Post 2136, Henry Lytle Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Twin Falls SPA Hall, 479-5904; 734-0867.

Idaho - Post 2744, Thousand Springs Post, 7 p.m. first Wednesday at American Legion Hall in Wendell; call quarter master at 324-0016.

American Legion

Burley - Post 17, 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday at 1501 Idaho Ave.; call Elmer Morten at 578-5349; Post 2754, Thousand Springs Post, 7 p.m. first Wednesday at American Legion Hall in Wendell; call quarter master at 324-0016.

Fairfield - Post 19, Elmer Miller Post, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays, call Gene Behunian at 934-5796.

Gooding - Post 30, Perry Ilyam, 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at War Memorial Hall; call Paul Kenyon at 934-9687.

Idaho - Post 46, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Ketchikan, North Lincoln Street and Kimberly Avenue East; call P.L. Vinyard at 424-2626.

Paul - Post 77, 7:30 p.m. 8 a.m. first Tuesday at traveler's Oasis, call Ed Hudson at 324-0016.

Paul - Post 77, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday at post home Wilber C. Hall, corner of Wayne and South First West streets; call Otto at 438-5232. Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday at post home.

Twin Falls - Post 7, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Post Home, 447 Seaton St.; call Jerry West at 736-8676.

Twin Falls Auxiliary Unit 7 - 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Post Home, Call Vesta at 736-1626.

Wendell - Post 41, 8 p.m. second Wednesday at Wendell Post Home, call Jim Cronson at 666-6642; Postcard at 7 p.m.

Other

Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 629 - 7 p.m. first Wednesday at National Guard Armory, 1069 Frontier Road, Twin Falls; call 244-1483.

Twin Falls Auxiliary Unit 8 - 6:30 p.m. first Monday at DAV Hall, 459 Shop Ave. in Twin Falls; call Lynn Elliott at 734-9729.

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Star of the West 15 Order of Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m. first Thursday at Wendell Masonic.

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Lodge Eastern Star Lodge - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Masonic Temple, 308 Avenue and California Street.

Jerome Chapter 54 Order of the Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Jerome Masonic Temple, 275 First Ave. East; call the 424-4526.

Edith chapter 22 Order of the Eastern Star - first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, 113 E. Idaho in Paul, 436-6420.

Burley - Burley Shrine Club - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at the Masonic Temple, 620 E. St., 436-0282.

Twin Falls Chapter 22 - Order of the Eastern Star - meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Masonic Temple, Blue Lakes Boulevard, 2180-8306.

NATION

Study dates map from pre-Columbus trip

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — The latest scientific analysis of a disputed map of the medieval New World supports the theory that it was made 50 years before Christopher Columbus set sail. The study examined the ink used to draw the Vinland Map, which belongs to Yale University. The map is valued at \$20 million if it is real and not a clever, modern-day forgery. A study last summer said the

ink on the parchment map was made in the 20th century. But chemist Jacqueline Olin, a retired researcher with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, said Tuesday her analysis shows the ink was made in medieval times. "There is no evidence this is a forged titanium dioxide ink," said Olin, whose paper appears in the December issue of the journal Analytical Chemistry.

The authenticity of the map has been debated since the 1960s, when philanthropist Paul Mellon gave it to Yale. The university has not taken a position on its authenticity. The map depicts the world, including the north Atlantic coast of North America. It includes text in medieval Latin and a legend that describes how "Leif Eriksson," a Norseman, found the new land

called Vinland around the year 1000. Scholars have dated the map to around 1440. Some scholars have speculated that Columbus could have used the map to find the New World in 1492. Last summer, Olin and other researchers announced that carbon-14 dating of the parchment showed it was made around 1434 — exactly the right time for the map to be genuine.

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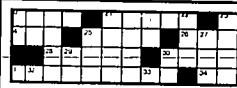
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Mysterious lake dome puts scientists on alert

By David Kelly
Los Angeles Times

have cautioned against panic, saying there is no evidence of any immediate threat and that Yellowstone is intensely moni-

an extreme event and a rare event but they have happened," Morgan said.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo.

Far below the blue waters of Yellowstone Lake, a mysterious dome 2,100 feet across and 100 feet high is causing concern among scientists and citizens who don't know whether it's a harmless curiosity or a hazard on the verge of exploding.

The dome, also called a bulge or an elevated plain, is less than a mile from shore and was recently explored by researchers with the U.S. Geological Survey, using unmanned submarines and sonar.

"It could be the precursor to a hydrothermal explosion," said Lisa Morgan, a geologist leading the team. "It's a pretty significant feature."

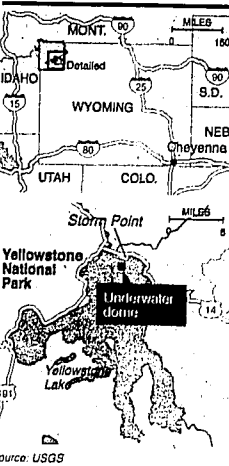
Hydrothermal blasts occur when superheated water, often under extreme pressure, rapidly flashes to steam, hurling rocks and sometimes gouging out huge craters.

News of the dome comes at a time of increased activity beneath Yellowstone, which experienced a magnitude 4.4 earthquake in August.

In July, the park shut down part of a popular trail near the Norris Geyser Basin because the ground heated up to 200 degrees. Steamboat Geyser, the world's tallest, has sometimes gone 50 years between eruptions but has spouted three times this year.

The events have sparked Internet chatter and fear from some that a catastrophe is at hand.

But scientists and park officials



Source: USGS

Los Angeles Times

tored for any changes.

Morgan said the dome could have been in the lake for up to 10,000 years. And while it may explode, it might just as easily collapse or simply do nothing.

Still, she and park officials are drawing up a hazard-assessment plan just in case.

"A hydrothermal explosion is

Exactly what damage an explosion would cause today is being investigated. Morgan said it could eject rocks and cause waves as high as 20 feet. Whether the damage would spread beyond the park depends on the force of the blast.

"There are a lot of scenarios we are trying to put together," park geologist Hank Heasler said. "No one has ever witnessed a large hydrothermal explosion. It's a steam explosion, which can be as powerful as TNT."

Heasler keeps tabs on the rising temperatures in the park through a network of sensors.

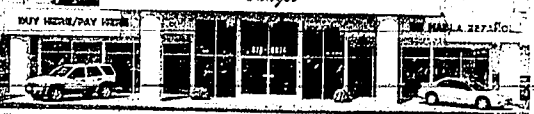
Plumes of steam and gurgling, belching cauldrons of hot water dot the surreal landscape where the trail was closed. Most remain shut to the public.

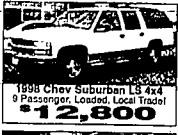








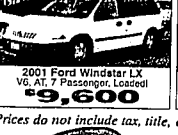

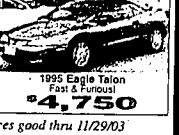
"The message is that Yellowstone is dynamic," Heasler said. "It changes daily."

The park, which draws 3 million visitors a year, sits atop one of the most active volcanoes on Earth, a deep caldera 45 miles long and 30 miles across, with more than

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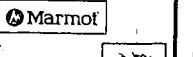
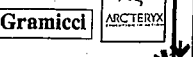


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NATION

Report: Expect school enrollment to slow

WASHINGTON (AP) - School enrollment, which soared during the 1990s, will grow at a much slower pace during the next 10 years and even decline in the Northeast, an Education Department estimate shows.

Enrollment in private and public schools grew to a record 54 million students from the late 1980s through 2001, increasing 19 percent. But through 2013, enrollment is expected to grow at just 5 percent, topping the total to 56.4 million.

The projections for public schools vary by region, with big gains in the West, little change in the Midwest, a small increase in the South and a drop in the Northeast.

The estimates, released annually by the National Center for Education Statistics, are aimed at helping state and local policymakers in hiring, construction and budgeting. The center, an arm of the Education Department, makes projections on college degrees, school spending and other measures based on demographic trends.

Schools will see shift from East to West

With the children of baby boomers moving through and out of schools, it's no surprise that the student population is growing more slowly in the Northeast, said Mather, policy analyst for the Population Reference Bureau, which assesses population trends and their implications.

"I think you'd expect that to continue to trickle off as we have baby boomers now going into retirement ages," Mather said. "There's really a major shift going on in the age structure of the U.S. population."

Women today are having fewer children than they were a few decades ago, but the rate of births per woman remains relatively high for a developed country, which will help keep school enrollment growing, Mather said.

Other key factors for the schools are immigration and migration within the country, particularly among Hispanic populations. The Hispanic population increased almost 9 percent in the two years ending July

2002, the Census Bureau said, a growth rate four times that of the U.S. population and about 14 times that of non-Hispanic whites. The projected decline in the Northeast reflects a broader population shift out of the region, as people move for better jobs, smaller crowds, cheaper housing and warmer climate.

The public school population in the Northeast is projected to drop 1.8 percent through 2013, while enrollment in the West is expected to increase 13.2 percent during that time, with notable growth in Alaska, California, Hawaii and New Mexico, the report said. Among other estimates, by 2013, enrollment in colleges and other degree-granting schools is expected to grow 19 percent to 18.2 million people.

Yellowstone

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10,000 vents, geysers and bubbling pools of hot water.

Scientists compare the place to a huge set of lungs that rise and fall. Others say it's like a piecrust expanding with steam then subsiding as heat escapes through the crust.

"Yellowstone is a living, breathing caldera," said Bob Smith, professor of geophysics at the University of Utah and a coordinating scientist at the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory. "We can see the ground rising and falling in Yellowstone. It's a complex place with a lot of thermal energy."

Geologists estimate that the last big eruption happened 640,000 years ago, when the volcano sent ash as far south as Texas. Scientists say it was 1,000 times as powerful than the 1980 Mount Saint Helens cataclysm in 1980. There have been 30 eruptions since.

When it's not erupting, the ground beneath the pine forests and bison herds routinely shakes and slides. Last year, there were 2,375 earthquakes. Most are small, but a tremor registering 7.5 on the Richter scale killed 28 people just outside the park in 1959.

One of the liveliest areas lies beneath Yellowstone Lake. Flanked by geysers and rolling turquoise pools, the lake has more than 110 miles of shoreline and sits at 7,734 feet, making it the largest high-altitude lake in North America. At its deepest, the lake is at least 320 feet deep and has an average depth of 140 feet.

Deep blue, with bays and lagoons created by past eruptions, the lake floor remained largely a mystery until researchers using cameras on robot submarines began exploring it.

"This is the moon, under water," Morgan said.

Down among the shadows, the team saw more than 250 thermal vents, fissures, geyser basins and columns of silica soaring 30 feet high.

"Everyone is paying attention to the blue, but it's only one feature," said Morgan, who has studied the lake for five years. "We found extensive fault systems and landslides. When you think of all the seismic energy that could be released, it could be extreme."

While Morgan and other

researchers try to put their findings in perspective, others have opted for doomsday scenarios.

One Web site urged everyone within 600 miles of Yellowstone to ready for a major eruption while seeking the park of covering up to the extent of the danger.

Another claims Yellowstone "will blow its cork" in the next six months, causing "the three days of darkness spoken of in the Bible."

Such talk confounds park officials and scientists.

"We say the park is safe," said Yellowstone spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews. "The changes at Norris and the lake are part of the dynamics of the park."

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Singer Campbell faces DUI charge after auto accident

PHOENIX (AP) - Country singer Glen Campbell, whose hits included "Rhinestone Cowboy," struck another car while driving drunk and left the scene, then later knelt a police officer while demanding to see the police chief, authorities said Tuesday.

He was freed early Tuesday on \$2,000 bail on charges of extreme drunken driving and hit and run. He also was arrested on suspicion of assaulting a police officer.

Campbell, 67, was arrested Monday at his home after a collision at a Phoenix intersection in which nobody was hurt, police Sgt. Randy Force said. A witness had followed the car, called police on a cell phone and directed them to a home in the Biltmore area, Force said.

"Officers contacted the driver of that BMW who was Glen Campbell," he said. "Based on his appearance and demeanor, they believed he was intoxicated and took him into custody."

Breath tests on Campbell showed he had a blood-alcohol level of 0.20, according to court documents. Police are awaiting results of a blood test.

Extreme drunken driving applies when results are above 0.15 percent. The legal limit for drivers in Arizona is 0.08 percent.

He posted bail on the charges of suspicion of extreme drunken driving and hit and run. While being processed at a police station, police said Campbell - minutes away from being released to waiting friends and family - became angry and knelt Sgt. Bill Niles in the thigh. Niles was not hurt.

That prompted police to arrest him again, on suspicion of assault. He was taken to jail and appeared in Superior Court before midnight. A court commissioner, Steve Kupiszewski, placed him on supervised release, requiring him to check in periodically with court monitors, who could test him for alcohol and drugs.

"There was a lot of 'Do you know who I am? I'm Glen Campbell'... I shouldn't be locked up like this," he asked to speak to the chief of police, Niles said.

Moments before his appearance in front of Kupiszewski, Campbell, wearing an Arizona Diamondbacks polo shirt, shorts and tennis shoes, seemed relaxed. "There's a first time for everything," Campbell told his lawyer, Larry Debus.

The other car involved in the collision was driven by Charles Root, 32, a waiter. Root said police took him to a house where he identified a man standing in a yard as the person who hit him. Later, he was told it was the singer.

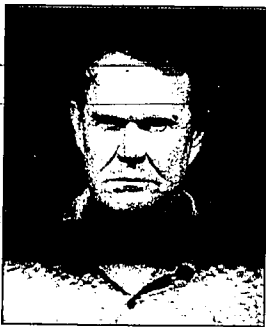
"It didn't look like him at all. He had on a ball cap and was wearing shorts and a T-shirt," Root told the East Valley Tribune.

Campbell has acknowledged years of heavy drinking and drug use and discussed his decision to quit drinking and drugs in an interview with The Associated Press in August.

"Talk about a tool of the devil. That's one of them - drugs," Campbell said.

Campbell, who has lived in Arizona for 22 years and has no prior convictions, was hugely successful in the 1960s and early '70s with a string of hits on the pop and country charts, including "Galveston," "Gentle on My Mind," "Wichita Lineman" and the Grammy-winning "By the Time I Get to Phoenix."

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Country singer Glen Campbell has his booking photo taken at Madison Street Jail in Phoenix Monday. Campbell was also being held on suspicion of hit and run, and aggravated assault on a police officer.

Association's entertainer of the year for 1968 and had his own television show, "The Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour," from 1969 to

1972. He also was a top session guitarist. Force said that while in jail, Campbell could be heard singing "Rhinestone Cowboy."

National Zoo opens expanded yard for endangered elephants

WASHINGTON (AP) - The National Zoo's baby elephant got a 16,600-square-foot playpen for his second birthday Tuesday. Kanduta was born at the zoo on Nov. 25, 2001, the first male Asian

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Jurors deliberated five hours beginning Monday afternoon before reaching the verdict in favor of former Senior Cpl. Mark De La Paz, who was the arresting officer in many of the disputed cases. In all, more than 80 cases were dismissed after tests revealed the purported drugs were actually gypsum powder or other legal substances.

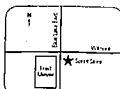
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

'What I cannot do, of course I will not do, but it may well be understood once I say I shall not surrender this game leaving any available card unplayed.'

—Abraham Lincoln

Bridge score table with columns for North, South, West, East and various card counts.

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: North

Bridge bidding table showing South, West, North, East bids.

BID WITH THE ACES

Bridge bidding table for 'Bid with the Aces'.

ANSWER: Compete to three diamonds. Do not sell out to two spades.

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When South opens one club and West makes a simple overcall, it sets North a problem.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

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My 3-year-old, when I want to really affect her, I put her in a timeout. That's where Keyshawn is right now — a timeout.

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—ESPN's Tom Jackson on deactivated Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who caught the game-winning touchdown with a leaping grab in the final minute against Dallas in the 1981 NFL title game than the San Francisco 49ers to their first Super Bowl?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College volleyball
CSI at NJCAA National Tournament, West Plains, Mo.

IN BRIEF

Gooding volleyball offers gift boxes

GOODING — Gooding High School volleyball players are taking orders for holiday gift boxes of apples as a fundraiser to help the players attend camp.

The cost is \$14 per box. Varieties of apples available are Red Delicious, Fuji, Granny Smith or mixed.

Orders will be taken until Dec. 7 and the apples will be delivered Dec. 14 or 15 directly to customers.

Call Joleen Toone at 934-4831 (work) or 934-5771 (home) with any questions.

Burley team becomes 'Santa's helpers'

BURLEY — Coach Scott Palin and the Burley High School football team are offering their services as Santa's helpers this holiday season.

Anyone in need of holiday help — decorating, putting up lights, wrapping presents — can call 678-3903 or 431-4274, or e-mail hondo@pmt.org to ask for assistance.

The fee for help is a donation made to the Bobcat Football Camp Fund. For your donation, a team of adult-supervised athletes will help you get ready for the holidays.

They will also be available after Christmas to help take down decorations and haul away Christmas trees.

YMCA tennis is open to non-members this winter

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA is holding a tennis ladder for members and non-members in singles and doubles this winter.

All junior classes have already begun.

Call 733-4384 for more information or to sign up.

Rupert basketball registration continues

RUPERT — Registration for the Rupert Recreation Department's high school basketball and youth boys basketball programs will run through Dec. 12.

All boys in grades 1-6 and 9-12 are welcome to register at Rupert City Hall between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The cost is \$15 per player if registered by Dec. 12 and \$30 thereafter. The season will begin in January and run through February.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Dwight Clark

CSI comes up short at tourney

Eagles will battle Miami-Dade for 3rd place

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

WEST PLAINS, Mo. — The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team's effort was there if not for the execution.

The Golden Eagles (49-4) fell in the semifinals to Barton County (Kan.) Community College 30-25, 30-26, 31-29, a victim of too many errors against a sound Cougars squad Tuesday night at the 2003 NJCAA Division I Volleyball Championship tournament in West Plains, Mo.

For the first time since

NCAA Division I Volleyball Championship

Tuesday's results
Quarterfinals
No. 3 CSI def. No. 12 Seward County (Kan.) 30-19, 30-32, 35-33, 30-17
No. 2 Barton County (Kan.) def. No. 10 Frank Phillips College (Texas) 30-19, 30-19, 30-16
No. 1 Miami-Dade CC (Fla.) def. No. 8 Ant. Western 30-20, 30-25, 30-18
No. 5 SW Mo. St.-West Plains def. No. 4 Blinn College (Texas) 30-27, 28-30, 30-19, 30-26

ACL tear puts Andrea Santos on bench - D2

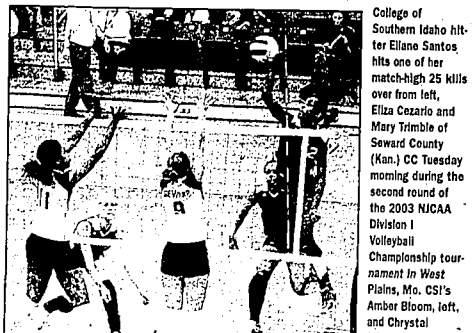
Eastern Arizona College won in 1991, the championship trophy won't reside in Miami or Twin Falls.

Semifinals
No. 2 Barton County (Kan) def. No. 3 CSI 30-25, 30-26, 30-29
No. 5 SW Mo. St.-West Plains def. No. 1 Miami-Dade CC (Fla.) 30-27, 22-30, 19-30, 30-25, 15-8

Today's schedule
All Times MST
Finals
No. 2 Barton County (Kan.) vs. No. 5 SW Mo. St.-West Plains, 5 p.m.
Third-place match
No. 1 Miami-Dade CC (Fla.) vs. No. 3 CSI, 3 p.m.

Host Southwest Missouri State-West Plains, the No. 5 seed, upset the two-time defending champion Sharks 30-27, 22-30, 19-30, 30-25, 15-8 in the other semifinal before

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ROGER FERNING/The Times-News

Tigers rally to beat Bruins

Jerome stays undefeated

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Jerome girls basketball team rallied from a 24-9 deficit to beat arch-rival Twin Falls 54-43 in Twin Falls Tuesday to remain undefeated on the season.

The Bruins came out on a smoking-hot 16-2 run to begin the game, led by Heidi Heidenreich down low. Heidenreich led the Bruins with 13 points while Amanda Hovey scored six on the perimeter.

The Tigers just couldn't get the ball in the basket in the first half. "We just had a lack of intensity and confidence," Jerome head coach Michelle Skyles said. "They were just playing awesome. I give Twin all the credit. It came out ready to play, we weren't. We weren't blocking out and we made a lot of mental errors."

The Tigers could only muster a meager nine points in the first half.

"We buried ourselves to the point that I was worried about how we'd come out (in the second half)," Skyles said.

It seemed like everything that went wrong for the Tigers in the first half went right for them in the second. They outscored the Bruins 45-19 in the final 24 minutes for the 11-point win.

The Tigers turned the game around in the third quarter. Vanessa West, on her way to an 11-point night, hit a big 3-pointer to open the half and close the lead to 26-12. Then Whitney Clark, who signed a letter of intent to play for the Northwest Nazarene College earlier this week, and Mallory Meservey went on a tear. Meservey had three steals in the third, all of which resulted in points for Jerome. Clark scored nine of her 23 in the quarter as the Tigers rallied from the 28-9 deficit at the half to take a 37-35 lead into the fourth quarter.

"I told the girls (at the half) that there's two things that you can control, and one is how hard you work and the other is blocking out," Skyles said. "Everybody stepped up in that second half and we started believing."

The Tigers picked up in the fourth frame where they left off in the third. West had a powerful block that started a fast break to begin the quarter. The tide really turned in the fourth quarter as the Tigers hit all but three of their free-throws in the first frame, while the Bruins went 2-for-10 from the line.

"Jerome just started handling the pressure and

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RASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Skyline slips by Spartans

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

RUPERT — It was just too much Ashley Baldwin, as the senior post scored 28 points to lead the Skyline Lady Grizzlies over Minico's Lady Spartans 53-49 Tuesday night at Spartan Gymnasium.

Baldwin hit from all angles, pounding the Spartans (1-4) on the post, along with stepping outside to hit three 3-pointers. Led by Baldwin's eight first-quarter points, the Idaho Falls-based Grizzlies (4-1) opened the game with a 12-2 run. Minico coach Clint Strattman put the run in perspective.

"Getting us in the hole was like the light at the end of the tunnel got real small," Strattman said. "When we got close, we didn't take advantage of it."

On the strength of that run and Baldwin's 19 first-half points, the Grizzlies entered the second half up 29-19.

But things got interesting in the third quarter. With senior post Erica Miller leading the charge, Minico was able to cut the Grizzly lead to three points midway through the third. Minico came out with their usual third-quarter flurry, as Miller pounded the ball inside, forcing Baldwin into two quick fouls and frustrating the Skyline star on the offensive end.

The Minico defense held Baldwin to four points in the third quarter and outscored Skyline 14-11.

"I think our girls finally found out that we can play the game there," Strattman said.

But it was not to be for the Spartans.

Baldwin and senior guard Ashley Marsh led the Grizzlies to a 19-point fourth quarter that sealed the win. Skyline coach Marco Martin was pleased with his star's performance, but more pleased with his team's balanced scoring.

"It's nice with this group. It could be three different people any given night," Martin said. "Ashley will get her points, but the other girls back her up."

Minico's balanced scoring attack was led by junior post Amanda Ottman's 11-point, 11-rebound double-double, along with Miller's 10 points and eight rebounds. Six Minico players scored five points or more.

"They showed a lot of character, a lot of heart," Strattman said. Both Marsh and senior guard Ashley Marsh backed up Baldwin's stellar performance with nine points.

Minico will have until next Tuesday's game at Jerome to heal sicknesses and injuries. The Spartans need the rest, many girls have been playing with a cold or flu. Regular starter Amber Warh sat out Tuesday's game with a twisted ankle.

"We're getting healthy and that's really good for us," Strattman said. "Our record doesn't dictate the kind of team we are." Skyline takes their show back home to Idaho Falls when they face Pocatello next Tuesday.

Parcells tries savoring emotional win on short week

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Bill Parcells was about to put the Dallas Cowboys' victory over the Carolina Panthers in perspective. He was going to tell his players what they did right and wrong, explain the significance of the win and describe the playoff ramifications.

He couldn't. He was too choked up to get it all out.

It didn't matter. Whatever Parcells might have said couldn't have had the same impact on play-

ers as the teary-eyed reaction from their stern, demanding boss in the locker room following a 24-20 victory Sunday.

"That was something special," tight end Dan Campbell said Monday. "It's something I'll never forget — ever. He's a hard man, a hard coach, but he gives credit when credit is due. That speaks volumes."

This game meant more than usual because of several factors.

Although the Cowboys have gone from three straight losing seasons to being tied for the divi-

sion lead, they'd been shut out in two of the previous four games and weren't so impressive in the wins. Only one of the seven teams they'd beaten had a winning record as of Sunday and two of their three losses were to teams with losing records.

If they didn't turn it around against Carolina, a bigger slide was possible considering a Thanksgiving matchup with Miami and a trip to Philadelphia were next.

"I know that this game was going to be very important to this

team — probably more than they knew it," Parcells said Monday.

Despite 10 penalties, including pass interference calls that helped set up 17 of Carolina's 20 points, two missed field goals and a practically forgotten running game, the Cowboys never trailed and were able to hold the ball the final 3:47, preventing Carolina from even trying another comeback.

Add all those factors together and it's understandable why someone as devoted as Parcells would

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State champion dominates Canyon All-Conference team

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Wendell Trojans state championship football team landed the majority of the selections in the recently announced 2003 Canyon All-Conference Team.

Coach of the year Jerry Diehl's players collected 15 offensive or defensive first-team nominations. Leading the charge is Tyrel Davis,

a first-team selection at both quarterback and linebacker and Jysen Lancaster at wide receiver, defensive back and punter. Teammate Cody Howerton is a two-way selection (running back/linebacker), as is Brett Fowler (wide receiver/defensive back), Nick Scott (offensive/defensive lines), Kevin Oden (offensive/defensive lines) and Kael Pope (tight end, defen-

sive line).

A full list follows:

- Coach of the Year: Jerry Diehl, Wendell
- Offense
First Team
Quarterback — Tyrel Davis, Sr.
- Running backs — Cody Howerton, Sr., Wendell; Michael Grant, Sr., Valley; Scott Black, Sr.

- Glenn Ferry
- Wide receivers — Jysen Lancaster, Sr., Wendell; Brett Fowler, Sr., Wendell; Scott Arellano, Sr., Glenns Ferry
- Offensive linemen — Nick Scott, Sr., Wendell; Justin Parlett, Sr., Glenns Ferry; Mike McEwen, Sr., Valley; Leif Morrison, Sr., Glenns Ferry; Kevin Oden, Jr., Wendell
- Tight end — Kael Pope, Sr.

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SPORTS

T.F. Christian Academy outduels M.V. Christian Conquerors, 32-25

TWIN FALLS - Junior Jenna Fenderson dropped in game-high 18 points for the Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors as they defeated the Magic Valley Christian Conquerors, 32-25 Tuesday night in Twin Falls.

M.C. played at Lighthouse with 18 points.

Liz Allen paced the Conquerors with 18 points.

M.C. (1-1) plays at Lighthouse on Dec. 2.

Local sports by four points at halftime and never recovered.

"We just had a hard time putting the ball in the basket tonight," Conqueror coach Travis Jacobson said. "Jenna Fenderson had a great game for T.F.C.A. She was tough to stop."

M.C. (1-1) plays at Lighthouse on Dec. 2.

IFCA 32 M.V.C 25

AMERICAN FALLS 31, BURLEY 31

Jessica Byington and junior Amber Funk both posted eight points for Burley in the loss.

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Burley (2-2) travels to Twin Falls

Jerome

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Super soph Santos sits in frustration

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

WEST PLAINS, Mo. - You can see it when she's fidgeting on the College of Southern Illinois bench.

For the few moments she's able to sit down.

Sophomore Andreeza Santos, a vocal team leader on the court is in an unusual position after tearing the ACL in her left knee Sunday, ending her season three days early.

It spoiled what could have been her crowning achievement, leading a team with 11 freshmen to the national title and garnering National Player of the Year honors.

That all ended with an awkward landing on a kill attempt on the last play of the season's final practice.

"The way it ended was even worse," said head coach Ben Stroud.

CSI

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700-plus screaming fans at the West Plains Civic Center. It's the second year in a row the Grizzlies have reached the title match and the first time for Barton since 1989.

AR CSI could do was watch as the Grizzlies celebrated. They can only blame themselves and some bad luck.

"It played like freshman," said CSI coach Ben Stroud. "We had moments of greatness but then we made mistakes. It wasn't a matter of them beating us so much as ourselves."

Those aforementioned moments were often provided by Eliane Santos, who pounded down 22 kills and hit the floor for 11 digs. Tatyana Menshikova added 10 kills and three aces, many in Game 3 after moving over to left-side hitter.

Parcels

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come a little unglued.

"Eventually the team has to be convinced that all the hard work that they do is worth something. When you win a game like that, that makes a lot of what you do

on Dec. 2.

American Falls 31, Burley 31

Shoshone 37, Gooding 29

GOODING - Shoshone used a late run to defeat Gooding 37-29.

Sophomore Katie Strunk led all scorers with 14 points for Shoshone, which outscored Gooding 17-5 in the final quarter to seal the comeback victory.

"It came down to the end of the game where they executed and we didn't," However, we did play hard," Gooding coach Chris Cromstock said.

Gooding (3-2) hosts Buhl on Dec. 2.

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Denver ends Phoenix win streak

DENVER (AP) - Carmelo Anthony scored 17 points, leading seven Denver players in double figures, and the Nuggets ended the Phoenix Suns' three-game winning streak, 110-80 on Tuesday night.

Voshon Lenard and Francisco Elson each had 16 points, and Elson added 10 rebounds.

Earl Boykins and Rodney White scored 15 points each.

Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire matched his season high with 25 points and also had 13 rebounds.

Stephon Marbury had 20 points and 12 assists.

Lenard scored 12 points in the third quarter, helping the Nuggets expand their seven-point halftime lead to 20.

Lenard, 6-foot-5 in the first half, hit a pair of 3-pointers and a 19-foot jumper during a 12-2 run to open the third quarter, and Denver forged a 61-44 lead.

The Suns lost their second-leading scorer, Shawn Marion, to a strained left ankle just 2:16 into the game. He did not return.

Denver used an 8-0 run, capped by Andre Miller's 20-foot jumper,

to open up a 10-2 lead, but Phoenix countered with nine straight points, including Joe Johnson's three-point play.

Marbury scored 10 points in the quarter, but the Suns trailed 26-25 at the end of the period.

INDIANAPOLIS - Ron Artest had 20 points, eight rebounds and five assists to lead the Indiana Pacers over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Jermaine O'Neal had 17 points, nine rebounds and six blocks and Jeff Foster added 10 points and nine boards to help NBA-leading Indiana improve to 12-2.

The Pacers had their most complete offensive performance of the season, with six players scoring in double figures, to bury the Timberwolves and win their sixth game in a row.

Kevin Garnett led the cold-shooting Timberwolves with 25 points and 10 rebounds.

The Pacers led by as many as 23 midway through the third quarter before the Timberwolves mounted a comeback.

MIAMI - Eddie Jones and Brian Grant each hit two free throws in the final 15 seconds to help the Miami Heat beat the New Orleans Hornets 91-87 on Tuesday night.

The victory was the Heat's first over the Hornets since April 2001,

breaking a seven-game regular season losing streak.

Lamar Odom's 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1:21 remaining put Miami ahead for good at 87-84. Jones led the Heat with 25 points, and Odom added 19. Baron Davis scored 28 points for the Hornets.

Mavericks 124, Bulls 98

DALLAS - Michael Finley scored a season-high 28 points as the Dallas Mavericks handing the Chicago Bulls their sixth straight loss, their first with interim coach Pete Myers.

Finley scored 13 of his points in a 33-15 third-quarter run in which the Mavericks made 12 straight shots.

Dirk Nowitzki added 19 points and nine rebounds for the Mavericks, who won their fourth straight and are undefeated in eight home games. Dallas has won 11 straight against the Bulls.

Bucks 95, 76ers 91

MILWAUKEE - Michael Redd scored 26 points and rookie T.J. Ford had a season-high nine assists for Milwaukee.

Joe Smith had 16 points and nine rebounds, Desmond Mason added 13 points, and Tim Thomas had 12 points despite playing only a minute in the fourth quarter after spraining his left ankle.

Allen Iverson led the 76ers with 28 points.

N.Y. goalie records second shutout

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Jussi Markkanen made 36 saves for his second shutout of the season to help the New York Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0 on Tuesday.

Mark Messier and Jed Ormeyer scored for the Rangers. Tampa Bay was shut out for the second straight game and has gone 148 minutes, 32 seconds without a goal.

The Lightning playing to a second straight win in their previous game Sunday at Florida.

Markkanen made a strong save on Martin St. Louis during a breakaway with nine minutes left in the second. He also had a kick save in the third on Vincent Lecavalier's shot.

Messier and Ormeyer scored in the first period to give the Rangers a 2-0 lead. Messier scored his ninth goal of the season and 685th in his career when he redirected a pass from Alex Kovalev past goalie Nikolai Khabibulin.

Kovalev has five assists and six points during a four-game point streak.

Blue Jackets 3, Oilers 3 tie

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Brad Isbister and Radek Dvorak scored

third-period goals to help the Edmonton Oilers grab a tie with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Manny Malhotra picked up his first goal in a Columbus uniform as he and Sanderson and Trevor Latoski added scores for the Blue Jackets, 2-0-20 in their last four games.

Alex Henshad and Isbister each had a goal and an assist for the Oilers and Dvorak stretched his points streak to six games.

Canucks 5, Canadiens 2

MONTRÉAL - Markus Naslund had two goals and an assist and Todd Bertuzzi also had three points to lead the Vancouver Canucks past the Montreal Canadiens.

Mike Keane scored his first Vancouver goal and Jason King got his team-leading 11th goal as the Canucks ended a five-game goal losing streak (0-3-2).

Naslund scored to break a 1-1 tie in the second, and assisted on Bertuzzi's eighth goal early in the third. He added his second goal of the game - his 10th of the season - with 6:27 remaining.

Vancouver, coming off back-to-

back losses to Toronto, got its first win in regulation in eight games.

Senators 6, Thrashers 3

ATLANTA - Wade Redden scored two goals and the Ottawa Senators rallied from a three-goal deficit against the Atlanta Thrashers on Tuesday night.

Atlanta took a 3-0 lead early in the second period before the Senators took control. Redden started off the scoring barrage with a goal at 4:30 of the second period. His second goal, 32 seconds into the third period put Ottawa ahead 4-3.

Blues 4, Bruins 3 OT

ST. LOUIS - Doug Weight scored with 41 seconds left in overtime, lifting the St. Louis Blues over the Boston Bruins.

Weight hit a shot from the face-off circle, giving the Blues their fifth consecutive home victory.

The Blues pulled goalie Chris Osgood with 55 seconds remaining. Krachuk was parked in front of the net when the rebound of a shot by Scott Mellanby came right to him. Krachuk put the puck back past goalie Felix Potvin in for his 11th goal.

Canyon

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Wendell Kicker - Jesus Ortiz, Jr., Glenns Ferry

Honorable mention Quarterback - Joe Miller, Jr., Valley

Running back - Levi Titus, Jr. Glens Ferry

Wide receivers - Mike Anchutepqui, Sr., Glenns Ferry; Kyle Ebert, Sr., Wendell

Offensive linemen - Payden Gebauer, Sr., Valley; Dusty Sullivan, Jr., Glenns Ferry; Matt Pressnell, Soph., Glenns Ferry; Zach Rietzark, Jr., Wendell, Jose

Martinez, Sr., Valley Tight end - Heath Cameron, Sr., Glenns Ferry

Defense First Team

Defensive linemen - Kael Pope, Sr., Wendell; Dusty Sullivan, Jr., Glenns Ferry; Kevin Odem, Jr., Wendell; Nick Scott, Sr., Wendell

Linebackers - Cody Howerton, Sr., Wendell; Tyrel Davis, Sr., Wendell; Payden Gebauer, Sr., Valley; Michael Grant, Sr., Valley

Defensive backs - Scott Black, Sr., Glenns Ferry; Chase Peterson, Sr., Valley; Jysen Lancaster, Sr., Glenns Ferry

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Linebackers - Levi Titus, Jr., Glenns Ferry; Tony Montiano, Jr., Wendell

Defensive backs - Daniel Borrayo, Sr., Wendell; Chad Anderson, Jr., Valley; Ted Walker, Jr., Glenns Ferry

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SPORTS

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SCORES AND STATS

FOOTBALL

NFL

Atlanta	17	10	10	37
Buffalo	17	10	10	37
Denver	17	10	10	37
Indianapolis	17	10	10	37
Jacksonville	17	10	10	37
Las Vegas	17	10	10	37
Los Angeles	17	10	10	37
Minnesota	17	10	10	37
New England	17	10	10	37
New York	17	10	10	37
Oakland	17	10	10	37
Pittsburgh	17	10	10	37
San Diego	17	10	10	37
Seattle	17	10	10	37
Tennessee	17	10	10	37
Washington	17	10	10	37
Green Bay	17	10	10	37
San Francisco	17	10	10	37
St. Louis	17	10	10	37
Winnipeg	17	10	10	37

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball

• Maul Invitational, championship, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.
 • Great Lakes Shootout, first round, Seton Hall at Alaska Anchorage, ESPN2, 9:30 p.m.
 • Maul Invitational, fifth place game, ESPN2, noon
 • Maul Invitational, third place game, ESPN2, 2:30 p.m.
 • Presentation NT, Utah vs. Texas Tech, ESPN2, 5 p.m.
 • Pitch, ESPN2, 5 p.m.
 • Pickets at 76ers, ESPN, 5 p.m.
 • Pickets at Jazz, FSNN, 7 p.m.
 • Presentation NT, Georgia Tech vs. Connecticut, ESPN, 7:30 p.m.

Golf

• Tedick Challenge, first round, NBC, 3:30 a.m.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Alabama	11	10	10	37
Arkansas	11	10	10	37
California	11	10	10	37
Colorado	11	10	10	37
Florida	11	10	10	37
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Gooding basketball jamboree set for Saturday

GOODING — There will be a boys basketball jamboree Saturday at the Gooding High School gymnasium at 6 p.m. Gooding Woodlawn and the Community School will all take part. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. Call 434-2100 for more information.

Burley Golf Course announces winter rates

BURLEY — Winter rates of \$5 per nine holes walked and \$10 per nine holes including a golf cart are now in effect at the Burley Golf Course. The clubhouse is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tee times are first come, first served.

Vandal women topple defending champ Weber

MOSCOW — Idaho weathered a late second-half rally and defeated two-time defending Big Sky champion Weber State 78-74 Monday night. The Vandals led for most of the second half but fell behind 70-69 with 2:25 remaining. Idaho freshman point guard Mitchel Johnson scored 15 points, his first in a game, and conversion at the free-throw line 'put the Vandals ahead 72-70.

Jazz' Clark could miss up to 12 weeks

SALT LAKE CITY — Forward Ken Clark, who has played just two games for the Utah Jazz, underwent successful surgery to remove a bone spur but could be out as many as 12 weeks, the team said Tuesday. Doctors removed scar tissue and a bone spur and smoothed down other bone spurs. They also found arthritis in Clark's ankle joint. Clark will be in a cast for about four weeks, but may not return until February, the team said.

Chicago Cubs get Lee in exchange for Chol

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs added some power to their lineup Tuesday, acquiring Derek Lee from the Florida Marlins for Hee Seop Choi and a minor leaguer to be named. Lee, hit .271 with 31 homers, 92 RBIs and 21 steals last season for the World Series champion Marlins. Lee has 20 homers in each of his last four seasons and has 40 steals over the last two years — the most by any first baseman in the majors. Lee's acquisition is considered one of the game's best defensive first basemen, and he won his first Gold Glove this year.

Three more teams get bowl bids

NEW YORK — Clemson beat out North Carolina State for the ACC's spot in the Peach Bowl, sending the Wolfpack to the Tangerine Bowl instead. The decision was reached late Monday night and officials formally invited Clemson on Tuesday. The Tigers (8-4) won their last three games, including a 26-10 upset of Florida State, to get the nod over NC State (7-5) despite leading the head-to-head matchup.

N.C. State will play a Big 12 team in the Tangerine Bowl, in Orlando, Fla., on Dec. 22.

Miami Ohio also accepted a bowl bid Tuesday and will play in the GMAC Bowl on Dec. 18 against a Conference USA team.

Boise State men drop Utah Valley State, 80-68

BOISE — Jermaine Blackburn scored 25 points and Aaron Haynes 15 as Boise State defeated Utah Valley State 80-68 in a non-conference basketball action Monday night.

Blackburn was a perfect 4-of-4 from the free throw line, while making 3-of-6 three-pointers on the night. He also had five rebounds.

Haynes added 15 points and six rebounds for the Broncos, while freshman Cody Karf chipped in 13 points and five assists.

BSU (2-0) trailed 32-31 at half and was out-rebounded 37-35.

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Mariners announce spring training schedule

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners will open a 30-game spring training schedule against the Arizona Diamondbacks on March 5 at Peoria, Ariz., the team announced Tuesday. Seattle will play its annual charity game against the San Diego Padres at Peoria on March 15.

The Mariners will play a total of 17 games at their spring training headquarters in Peoria, including 14 home games. After playing 28 exhibition

games in Arizona, the Mariners will wind up their spring training schedule against the Padres at new Petco Park in San Diego April 3-7.

The Mariners also announced Tuesday that pitchers and catchers will report to spring training for physical examinations Feb. 20, with the first workout the following day.

Seattle's position players will report for physicals Feb. 25, with the first full squad workout set for Feb. 26.

The Mariners have missed the playoffs the past two seasons, but have won 93 games each year. Bill Bavasi has replaced Pat Gillick as the team's general manager.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

IRS reminds taxpayers of coming deadline

TWIN FALLS — Don't miss this date — unless you don't mind waiting longer for money.

The Internal Revenue Service is reminding taxpayers they have until Dec. 5 to claim undelivered checks from this summer's advance child tax credit. After the December cutoff, taxpayers cannot claim the money until they file their tax returns next year.

"Time is running out to get an advance credit check," IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said. "I encourage taxpayers to visit IRS.gov to see if they have an undelivered check from the advance child tax credit mail-out."

Taxpayers need to update their addresses with the IRS by Dec. 5 for checks to be reissued.

"Our Web site makes it easy for taxpayers to track undelivered checks," Everson said.

To track their advance child tax credits online at IRS.gov, taxpayers must enter information including their Social Security numbers, their filing status (such as single or married filing jointly) and the number of exemptions shown on their 2002 tax returns.

Taxpayers without Internet access who think they may be missing an advance child tax credit check may call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to update their addresses before Dec. 5.

Survey: More shoppers claim to have budget

WASHINGTON — When Americans head to the malls this holiday season, their shopping lists probably will be a little shorter than they were last year.

When they were asked to predict their holiday spending, about one-third of consumers said they planned to spend less this year, according to a survey released Tuesday by the Consumer Federal Credit Union of America and the Credit Union National Association.

"Consumers tend to err on the side of caution when they set their budgets — even though they might exceed that budget," said Lynn Franco, the director of The Conference Board's Consumer Research Center.

The CUNA and CFA survey of 1,017 adults was conducted Nov. 13-16 by Opinion Research Corp. International and has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

U.S. households are expected to spend an average of \$455 on gifts during the holiday season — down from last year's average of \$483 — according to a similar survey of holiday spending intentions released Monday by The Conference Board, a business-research center in New York.

The Board's survey of 5,000 households was conducted Nov. 1-17 by NFO WorldGroup and has a margin of error of 2.5 points.

Lingering concerns over the economy and personal debt are among the reasons that people are pinching their pennies this year.

Citigroup buys subsidiary of Washington Mutual

SEATTLE — Washington Mutual Inc. has agreed to sell its consumer finance subsidiary to Citigroup's Citifinancial Credit Co. for \$1.25 billion.

The cash transaction, which requires regulatory approval, is expected to close in the first quarter of next year, Seattle-based Washington Mutual said.

The subsidiary, Tampa, Fla.-based Washington Mutual Finance, handles non-mortgage transactions such as auto loans and consumer lending. The unit employs about 2,400 people, with most expected to remain as employees of Citigroup, Washington Mutual spokesman Alan Gulick said.

Washington Mutual, the nation's largest thrift and the operator of Twin Falls branches, in September said it was shifting its strategy, including a focus on larger urban markets. The finance unit's emphasis on smaller communities in 25 states — mostly in the Southeastern and Southwestern United States — does not fit that blueprint, the company said.

Washington Mutual plans to use money from the sale to open more retail stores, among other things, the company said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Idaho places near top of nation in job growth

The Times-News and Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Brick construction, store openings and strength in food processing created new jobs in western Magic Valley, which has led Idaho in job growth this year. Hawaii is benefiting from an increase in tourism as post-Sept. 11 fears fade. Nevada's growing economy continues to hire teachers and construction workers. Georgia's gains are more broad-based.

While the U.S. labor market just started showing signs of improvement in the last month, several states have been chalking up employment gains this year in advance of a national turnaround.

Nevada led the country with 3.3 percent more total jobs in the 12 months ended in October, according to U.S. Labor Department figures. Total employment in Idaho and Georgia jumped 1.8 percent, while Hawaii gained 1.7 percent and New Mexico rose 1.6 percent.

Western Magic Valley contributed heartily to Idaho's recent growth. Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties combined saw year-over-year non-agricultural job growth of 8.7 percent, 4.6 percent and 6.3 percent, respectively, in the first three calendar quarters of 2003.

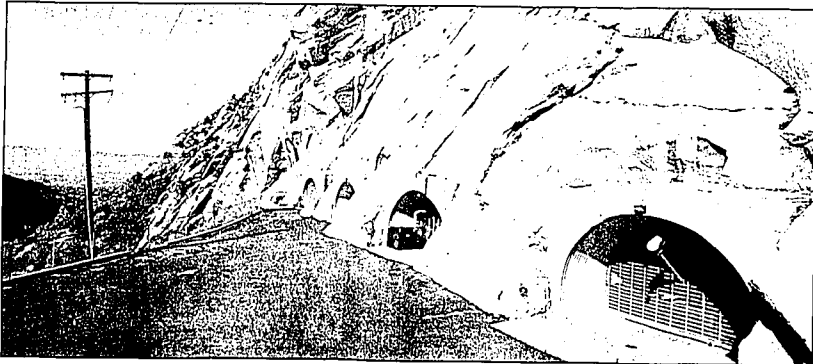
The U.S. jobless rate was unchanged at 6.0 percent in October, yet rates fell in 36 states from a month earlier. Unemployment claims in the past four weeks dropped to a 33-month low, and total

nationwide job gains in August, September and October were the highest in more than a year, with 286,000 jobs created.

"It's only been in the last few months that we've started to gain jobs," said Janell Hyer, a labor market analyst with the Idaho Department of Labor. "Last year, we didn't see a lot of seasonal holiday hiring, but we are seeing it this year, and it's earlier."

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FOR SAFEKEEPING



The archive vault of the Mormon church lies in four excavated caves inside a granite mountain southeast of Salt Lake City. The vault is at the top of an unmarked road that overlooks the Salt Lake Valley, left.

Company sells space to store records in granite vault in Utah

The Associated Press

LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON, Utah — It may be made from solid granite, but Perpetual Storage Inc. still won't allow mummies, antique cars, gold or silver — or anything that might burn — inside its vault.

Instead, this one-of-a-kind vault stores mostly business records on computer tapes and microfiche, plus a few special collections such as 60 million-year-old fossil fish and Frederic Remington bronze sculptures.

Other vaults have been fashioned from salt and iron mines in Kansas, Missouri and upstate New York, but this vault was bored into a solid 3.5-mile-long piece of granite that forms lower Little Cottonwood Canyon. The Mormon church keeps its more secretive, larger vaults just a mile away.

Unlike The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, which use its vaults to store genealogical and other historical records, Perpetual Storage agreed to open its vault to The Associated Press for a tour.

"Right after 9-11 we had a great upsurge in business," said James Nowa, the company's vice president of sales, who said some World Trade Center tenants lost all of their business records. "What we are trying to do is let our clients sleep at night."

Business started slowly 36 years ago after two partners — the late businessman Rich Witmore of Utah and Robert Lynch of

California — put up the money to excavate a 35-foot-high tunnel about 275 feet long into the mountain of granite. A mining outfit drilled holes for implosion charges, avoiding explosions that would have fractured the surrounding rock.

The work, which cost \$750,000, would take millions of dollars today, Nowa said.

The idea for commercial storage came from the Mormon church, which opened its six tunnel vaults in 1964, four years earlier than Perpetual Storage. The church rarely opens its vaults to outsiders and turned down an AP request to visit.

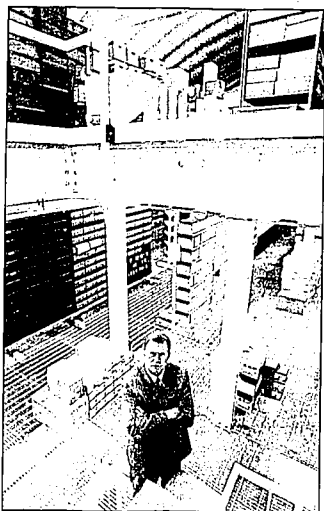
Privately held Perpetual Storage doesn't disclose revenue, but it recovered the \$750,000 investment long ago, Nowa said. It employs about 10 people, including guards and couriers.

The company opened its vault in 1968 when the only thing it could attract for storage were mostly art, artifacts and precious metals. That left most of the vault empty, and the business struggled through the 1970s.

It wasn't until computers came into widespread use that companies began looking for places safe from disaster to store backup copies of electronic records. Perpetual Storage is banking on this niche business to secure its future. It also keeps computer records for hospitals, government agencies and universities.

"We figure computers are not going to go away," Nowa said.

For a time the vault held gold



James Nowa, vice president of sales at Perpetual Storage Inc., stands inside the depository in Little Cottonwood Canyon southeast of Salt Lake City Sept. 23. Nowa said sales picked up after Sept. 11, 2001.

and silver bullion for a Swiss bank, but storing precious metals didn't pay enough to overcome the added security risks.

In recent years, Perpetual Storage has turned away a Utah Jazz basketball player who wanted to store an antique car because it's not a garage, a research group that wanted to store cryogenic cells because it wasn't equipped for human storage and a Utah-based religion, Summum, that wanted to store mummies.

"I thought they were talking about Egyptian mummies," said Nowa, whose curiosity turned to horror when he learned local people would be mummified.

"I thought, what if we had our largest customer here and he saw his neighbor hanging from the wall?" Nowa said.

Among the unusual stuff Perpetual Storage does keep is a

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Fed president offers financial lessons for young people

Today, Tom Hoenig is a Federal Reserve Bank president and one of the country's most influential and powerful bankers.

But not too long ago, he was just another 12-year-old kid in a small town who loved to play sports, especially baseball and basketball. It was that last pre-teen year when he learned some valuable financial lessons.

Getting ready for baseball season, Hoenig wanted new cleats that would have cost about \$100 at today's prices. The problem was that he didn't have the money. His father wouldn't buy them, but he talked a local banker into making a loan to the boy.

There was one condition: Hoenig would have to repay the loan with interest.

"I essentially borrowed \$100 and had to pay back \$106," Hoenig said as he recalled his early experience as a consumer. "That was the last time I wanted



KIDS AND BUSINESS
Steve Rosen

Tips for kids

Here are Tom Hoenig's money tips for kids:

- Ask a parent or another adult who will answer your questions about money and help you learn.
- Learn to live within a budget. You must work hard and spend less than you earn.
- Open a savings account and use it — even if the amount is small.
- Wait 48 hours before making any purchases that are "wants" rather than "needs." This can frequently save you money.

But that's what brought Hoenig to this inner-city location. He was there to preach the need to be financially competent, to introduce the kids to the banking system and to teach a few ABCs of money management.

Hoenig's visit to the club is part of a push by the Fed nationwide to gain ground in the battle to

improve financial skills among children. Many kids today do not recognize the difference between needs and wants, and have poor spending and saving habits. As I've noted before, having a strong financial foundation might keep kids from making poor financial choices later in life that could take years to overcome.

The banker was joined at the Boys and Girls Club by John Bryant, founder, chairman and chief executive of Operation HOPE, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization that is promoting a nationwide financial literacy program for children called "Banking on Our Future." (Learn about the financial education program at www.bankingonourfuture.org or call (213) 891-2900.)

During their one-hour visit, Hoenig and Bryant talked about their own financial experiences with handling money and how

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Chairman's deposition could sway shareholders

Los Angeles Times

TORRANCE, Calif. — Statements made by the chairman of Farmer Bros. Co. in which he admitted not knowing certain details about important company matters could bolster efforts by dissident shareholders who are seeking changes in how the Torrance, Calif.-based company is managed.

In a deposition, 87-year-old Roy F. Farmer said he didn't remember a key shareholders' vote at the company's last annual meeting more than 50 years until March when he stepped down from the post, but retained his position as chairman of the board. His son Roy E. Farmer is the current CEO.

The deposition was filed Nov. 14 as part of a family fight and lawsuit brought by the children of Roy Farmer's sister, Catherine Farmer Crowe. They are suing to replace their uncle as head of a trust that controls 12.5 percent of the publicly traded stock of the company founded by his grandfather in 1912. Hearing in the case is scheduled for Dec. 24 in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Upcoming shareholder votes on changes in company operations could turn on the outcome of the lawsuit. At long, Roy Farmer has control of the Crowe family trust. Farmer Bros. management has a clear voting majority of company shares. Without the trust, the stake would drop from about 53 percent to roughly 40 percent.

Such a scenario would boost the voting control of an informal alliance of dissident shareholders, which includes the Crowes, to 33 percent from about 20 percent. The shift in the balance would give the company a clear voting effort by Roy Farmer to reincorporate the business in Delaware, a move that the company has said in regulatory filings would short-circuit several shareholder proposals to restructure the method of election and indemnification of directors. Farmer Bros. shareholders are scheduled to vote on the reincorporation proposal Jan. 5.

In the deposition, Farmer claimed to be largely unaware of any shareholder dissatisfaction with the way the company has been managed. Asked specifically by Crowe family attorney Adam Streissand whether he knew if Franklin Mutual Advisors, a mutual fund that owns 9.6 percent of the company, has voiced any criticism, Farmer said: "No. They shouldn't be dissatisfied."

Yet, in Securities and Exchange Commission filings dating back at least three years, the mutual fund cited a litany of complaints about Farmer and his management team.

In one filing made in November 2000, Franklin said that "management has consistently ignored the interests of its public shareholders." Franklin also claimed that Farmer Bros. is managed as a "closely held family operation" rather than a public

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MONEY

Upbeat reports fail to spark stock rally

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street had a muted reaction to upbeat reports on consumer confidence and the gross domestic product Tuesday, closing narrowly mixed and mostly flat.

"Bottom line, the economy's overall health is playing a greater role for the time being in determining the market's direction," said Joseph Keating, chief investment officer at AmSouth Asset Management.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index gained 1.31, or 0.2 percent, to 1,053.89, following an advance of 16.50, or 1.6 percent, at 9,763.94.

The New York-based Conference Board reported that slow but steady improvements in the job market helped push consumer confidence in November to its highest level in more than a year.

Economy grows at blistering pace

WASHINGTON (AP) - The economy roared ahead Tuesday, astounding 8.2 percent annual rate in the third quarter, the fastest pace in nearly two decades and a much stronger performance than previously thought.

The new estimate, based on more complete data, reflected stronger investment by business on new equipment and software, less severe cuts in companies' inventories and more brisk spending on residential projects.

Growth

Continued from D4 To be sure, many of the new jobs are temporary positions, in low-paying retail and food-services fields and in the health-care industry, which added jobs throughout the economic downturn.

peaked at 19.5 percent in the early 1980s recession, is now at 5.6 percent, vs a record low 4.6 percent in October 2001.

country, setting records in sales of new and existing homes, said Jim Shabi, an economist with Nevada's Employment and Training Department.

masonry work, has been hiring, and retailers are signaling their heightened expectations for the holiday season by showing significantly stronger, and earlier, hiring activity.

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The revised gross domestic product (GDP), released by the Commerce Department Tuesday, was a full percentage point higher than the 7.2 percent growth rate estimated a month ago.

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Many states typically hardest hit in recessions are also to their historical lows and below below post-Depression highs. West Virginia, where unemployment

think gambling. But that is not what's propelling the state's job growth. Instead, 16 percent of the top state in terms of population growth is creating jobs in construction, education and financial services.

"We're seeing strong growth in restaurant" work, Hyer said. "We see new establishments coming and not as many old ones closing."

Idaho's unemployment rate was 5.5 percent in October.

"I think there's a bit of a mix of growth in this report, with capital spending being a major portion of the upward revision," said economist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

Sales of previously owned homes, meanwhile, fell by 4.9 percent in October to a seasonal adjusted annual rate of 2.35 million, the National Association of Realtors said.

Vault

California man's 60-piece, \$2 million collection of fossilized fish encased in slabs of Wyoming oil shale. The pieces include a toothy piranha and an alligator-like gar chomping to death on a fish it was trying to eat.

the fossilized slabs in the office section of the vault for display along with four Remington statues, including a 24-foot bronze mountain man. In a lobby, authors of World War I posters hawk war bonds.

crete entrance. In a business as discreet as this, no signs announce the presence of Perpetual Storage or its vault.

"You guys have already passed through infrared, heat and motion detectors, but you probably didn't know it," said Nova, swinging open a 6-ton, nuclear blast-proof door.

Storage, which can draw on four sources of power - including hydro and wind - and has a generator - and multiple phone systems. The granite keeps the vault watertight, and it's floodproof 250 feet above the canyon floor.

stant 60 degrees, and the air is recirculated every six hours to filter dust and keep humidity at about 38 percent.

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Cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. 100 lbs. 40 count.

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FARMER

Continued from D4. company and charged that the board had agreed to make executive payments to Farmer.

FOSSIL FUELS

Oil prices are set to rise. Prices for various grades of oil.

MacGregor Group, did not make Farmer available to comment.

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But Abernathy executive Jim Lucas said that in several sections of the deposition, Farmer displays a deep understanding of coffee pricing and other business details.

But when asked about the Franklin proposal, Farmer said in the deposition: "I don't remember voting on that proposal... I don't think it came up for a vote."

But whether shareholders would have some sort of lawsuit against him for breach of fiduciary responsibility is another question.

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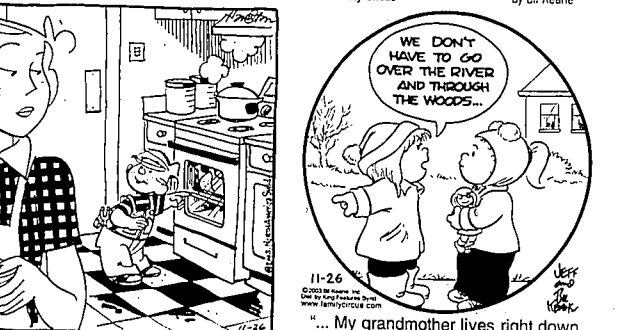


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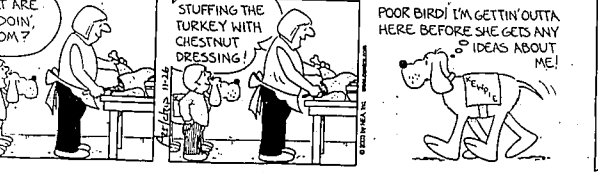
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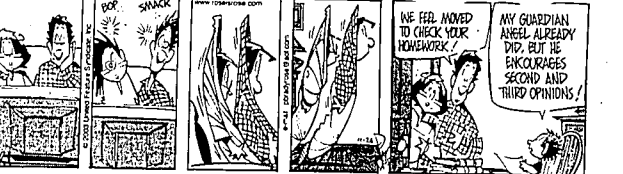
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WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR THE TURKEY TO COOK, LET'S ORDER A PIZZA!

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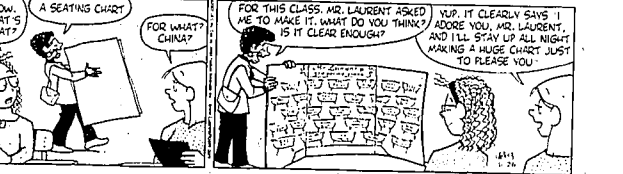
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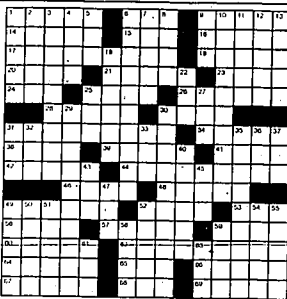
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Cabbage was eaten before corned beef

Oldest edible vegetable cultivated by man is the cabbage, reports one scholar. Could be. History records some ancient peoples ate it even before corned beef.



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No. 1674C in our Love and War man's file is this observation by an unknown author: "A person who has been married many years knows more about marriage than one who has been married many times."

- Q. Which U.S. President was called "His Accidency"?
- A. Grover Cleveland. Hardly anybody thought he'd win the 1884 election. Did I mention he'd once hanged a man? Personally. When he'd been sheriff of Erie County in New York State, he'd been called upon to execute a murderer.
- Q. I know Tasmania is the only Australian State named for a man. But what man?
- A. Abel Janszoon Tasman, a Dutch sea captain. He was the fellow who sailed all the way around Australia without seeing it.
- Says a medical specialist with more honesty than optimism: "In one third of all heart attack fatalities, the first symptom is death."
- You know all about sunburn. But is there really any such thing as a windburn? Medicos say no.
- Artifacts prove herders of the ancient Middle East even made usable dice out of the anklebones of sheep.

Up-and-down disposition perplexes teen

DEAR ABBY: I am in my early teens and have mood swings. I assume everybody has them, but I have had mine nearly every day for the past five months. One minute I will be laughing about something, the next minute I get "down in the dumps." I can feel "happy and sad at the same time. I haven't told anybody about how I feel - not even my parents. I need to know if this is a real problem, or if this is a part of "growing up." Please help.



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

time to trouble you, an appointment with your family doctor should be scheduled.

DEAR CONFUSED ALABAMA TEEN: DEAR CONFUSED: You are at an age when there are massive changes occurring in your body chemistry. What you have described can sometimes be caused by hormonal shifts. However, it is important that you communicate your feelings to your parents and discuss your mood swings with them. From my perspective, they are definitely a part of growing up. But if they con-

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Mack," and I have seven children. I was a stay-at-home mom while they were growing up. Mack worked in the oil fields. An accident in the fields put him in a wheelchair and now I work while he stays home. Mack was told he would never again feel anything from the waist down, but he has been fortunate to have regained the use of everything except his left leg. My problem is, while I am at work, Mack gets drunk and trash-

es the house. I have tried talking to him about it, but he gets defensive. He says I don't tell him what needs to be done so he doesn't do it. I feel he should look around and do what he knows needs to be done. How do I get him to cooperate?

-STUCK IN TEXAS DEAR STUCK: Before your husband can do an effective job around the house, he will have to sober up. Please encourage him to get help for his drinking. The cause might be depression, frustration or anger that he is no longer the primary wage earner and is stuck at home doing what he perceives to be "woman's work." Counseling can help. And an AA meeting is as near as the phone book. Once Mack has dried out enough to be lucid during your working hours, I recommend you give him a list of the things that need to be done around the house. It's a lot more helpful than giving him an argument later.

Situation has Virgo vexed; Watch the signals, Leo

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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Actions taken in order to avoid issues having to do with money and property may not be effective. What you don't realize is that help and relief are on the way.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You may not be too happy when someone has a truck coming your way. Refusal may be conceived as being uncooperative. Truth is you have to speak up before you boil over and upset yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The moment some when partners were all over you and you were indispensable. Better change your surroundings until cooperation is forthcoming again.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): On the eve of Thanksgiving, refuse to be lulled into doing overtime, even if the cause is worthwhile and there's an overload. No one will think you're mean or miserly. They know you can be a soft touch.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Accused of being unfair or harsh, you can't govern how others see you. You'd be wise to watch the signals; everyone around you wants peace, quiet and a smooth run.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A situation, normally of no concern to others, has you vexed. Tell them that fears of the unknown are groundless and all is to their advantage, thus forestalling what

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

could become a long-term problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Jupiter's bounteous effect has you giving away money that could cause trouble with loved ones. Admit you're acting on impulse and being sentimental, although with the best of intentions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Close kin could be demanding. Problems arise, or is it you who is being difficult and doesn't want to play ball? Be your Scorpio self and turn your back before you become drained.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): With the moon and Venus in your money house, you could be spending more than you anticipated. Tell those who lecture you about responsibility that they're talking out of turn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Thanks to both the moon and Venus being in your sign, you're given an edge. Spotting a problem doesn't mean you have to solve it by yourself. You make it easy for others to lean on you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The moon-Saturn link this morning points to disruption at work. Perhaps it's what you need to put certain elements of your life in order. You discover that you're playing an important role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Colleagues offer suggestions about how you can improve aspects of your life. The Mars-Pluto link is making you short-tempered, and you consider their backtalk a bit interfering.

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