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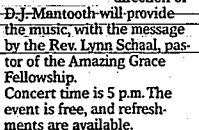
#### One step further:

Commissioners need to take away county credit cards to stop misuse of funds, today's editorial says.

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#### Part two in park

The second Christmas in City Park Advent-season concert will be held this afternoon in Twin Falls City Park. The Amazing Grace Worship Team from Twin Falls under the direction of D.J. Mantooth will provide the music, with the message by the Rev. Lynn Schaal, pastor of the Amazing Grace Fellowship. Concert time is 5 p.m. The event is free, and refreshments are available.



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# New tax for transport?



Brandon Covey, an emergency medical technician with the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center paramedics, retrieves medical equipment from an ambulance at a car accident on U.S. Highway 30 near Murtaugh Thursday. Twin Falls County commissioners are considering a possible tax for ambulance services.

## T.F. County officials take ambulance plan to public

**By Sandy Miller, Times-News writer**  
TWIN FALLS — When it comes to life-threatening illness or injury, people want fast, dependable ambulance service. But are owners of \$100,000 homes willing to pay an additional \$19.72 a year in property taxes for it? Twin Falls County commissioners and hospital officials will find out the answer to that question this week when they take their

### Chance to comment — A5

plan to create an ambulance taxing district to residents in three public hearings. Taxpayers will have an opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions on forming an ambulance district. But they won't get to vote on it. Idaho law allows county commissioners to create ambulance districts without putting them on a ballot.

It's a vital service, and a busy one. Ambulances respond to 5,500 calls a year in Twin Falls County. "There was one time in my life I had to call for an ambulance, and I was darned glad when they were there in five minutes," County Commissioner Tom Mikesell said.

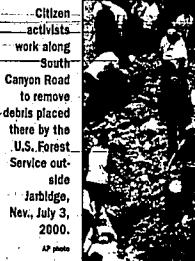
### The money crunch

For the past 15 years, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, a

county-owned hospital, has been providing ambulance service to Twin Falls County residents — and subsidizing it out of its own budget. For the last four years, the hospital has also provided ambulance service to Jerome County residents.

Jerome County, which paid its portion of the bill partly through an ambulance district, recently decided to part with Magic Valley Regional and contract with St.

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Citizen activists work along South Canyon Road to remove debris placed there by the U.S. Forest Service outside Jarbidge, Nev., July 3, 2000.

## Parties dispute legal status of Jarbidge road

### By Scott Sonner, Associated Press writer

JARBIDGE, Nev. — Any day now, Mother Nature will dump enough snow on South Canyon Road to effectively close it — by anybody's standards — and the question of whether the remote backcountry road is technically open or legally closed will be

moot again until spring. "In the meantime, just as it has for eight winters since a 1.5-mile stretch washed out in a flood in 1995, the legal status of the road remains in limbo. And the fractious dispute over property rights, government authority and a dwindling species of trout will continue to simmer in remote north-

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### WHAT LIES BENEATH

## Scientists will begin excavating Iraqi mass graves

**By Niko Price, Associated Press writer**  
MAHAWHEEL, Iraq — The killers kept bankers' hours. They showed up for work at the barley field at 9 a.m., trailed by backhoes and three buses filled with blindfolded men, women and children as young as 1. Every day, witnesses say, the routine was the same: The backhoes dug a trench. Fifty people waded to the edge of the hole and shot, one by one, in the head. The backhoes covered them with dirt, then dug another hole for the next group. At 5 p.m., the killers — officials of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party — went home to rest up for another day of slaughter. In this wind-swept field in the

central town of Mahaweel, witnesses say, this went on without a break for 35 days in March and April of 1991, during a crackdown on a Shiite Muslim uprising that followed the first Gulf War. "I watched this with my own eyes," said Sayed Abbas Muhsein, 35, whose family farm was appropriated by Saddam's government for use as a killing field. "But we couldn't tell anyone. We didn't dare." The mass grave at Mahaweel, with more than 3,100 sets of remains, is the largest of some 270 such sites across Iraq. They hold upward of 300,000 bodies; some Iraqi political parties estimate there are more than 1 million. "It's as easy to find mass graves



Air Force Master Sgt. Richard Burch, right, a spectral analyst, and Bruce Gerlock, a U.S. geoscientist, study mass graves sites on an Iraqi map Tuesday.

## In the face of danger

### Federal prosecutors face threats, violence

The Associated Press

BAITIMORE — Former federal prosecutor Howard Shapiro can still remember the look — a glare, coldly directed at him years ago by a drug dealer who had just been sentenced to more than a decade in prison.

"You can't spend your career dwelling on it because it would paralyze you," said Shapiro, a former assistant U.S. attorney in the southern district of New York. "But 10 years later, you sort of think to yourself, 'Huh, I wonder if what his face is out?'"

Authorities won't say if Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan Luna's work led to his slaying last week. But federal prosecutors and judges say intimidating stares and death threats are sometimes part of the job, and the violent criminals they've put in jail are never far from their thoughts.

Luna was stabbed 36 times and found dead in a Pennsylvania creek hours before two men he had been prosecuting in a heroin case pleaded guilty in the deal he had just worked out with their attorneys in Baltimore.

Officials are interviewing people associated with cases he prosecuted, as well as friends and associates. A federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Saturday that investigators had found nothing to indicate a connection to Luna's work. "However, FBI spokesman Larry Foust said Saturday that everything is on the table. We've drawn no conclusion either way."

Fred Smalkin, a senior U.S. district judge in Baltimore, compared the danger faced by judges and prosecutors to the threat of terrorism.

"There's a constant background threat," Smalkin said. "It takes its toll on a lot of thousands of people that you have dealt with who decide that they want to prevent you from doing your duty." Some federal prosecutors downplay the danger, refusing to put themselves in the same category as police officers and other law enforcement officials in the line of fire. Stephen Sachs, a former U.S. attorney for Maryland, said he never felt threatened during his seven years as a federal prosecutor. "It is basically pretty stupid to injure a law enforcement officer," Sachs said. "It terrifies and enrages the investigators."

Dale Kellerman, a former assistant U.S. attorney and friend of Luna's, said it is senseless for a criminal to kill a prosecutor "because there will always be someone else available to come after you and take up the mission."

Some attorneys take steps to stay safe. Federal prosecutors can be deputized as U.S. marshals, allowing them to carry firearms.

Luna had an unlisted phone number, and his car registration listed the Baltimore federal courthouse as his address, according to police records.

But Luna may not have been overly concerned about his personal safety. He had a personalized license plate reading "UNC-0011" — he was a University of North Carolina law school graduate. And Kellerman said he and Luna sometimes rode the light rail to work, although Luna parked Wednesday in a secure garage at the courthouse.

7 days, 7 reasons to read

**When feet fail**  
Baffling neurological ailment leaves some folks with feet of clay.  
 Monday

**Picture perfect**  
How to get the most out of your digital camera.  
 Tuesday

**Don't forget Fido**  
Help your pet have a great holiday.  
 Wednesday

**Winter retreat**  
Want a warm December getaway? Try a colorful trek to Kanab, Utah.  
 Thursday

**Song of songs**  
The Magic Valley Chorale revisits Handel's "Messiah."  
 Friday

**Lend a hand**  
A local pastor tells how you can serve families in need.  
 Saturday

**Blue yonder**  
Revisit 100 years of aviation in the Magic Valley.  
 Sunday

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Chilly with off and on snow showers. Highs in the 30s
Tonight: Lingering light snow, mostly cloudy. Lows in the 20s
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, but mostly dry. Highs in the 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather for various locations including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Snow showers passing through, mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the 30s
Tonight: Flurries or light snow still possible. Lows in the lower to mid 20s
Tomorrow: Near average temperatures, mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. The High Country will continue to have a good chance to see the snowpack and to see more snow on the ski slopes through at least Monday as Pacific moisture continues to flow in.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 59 at Coatsville; Low: 29 at Mohad weather key: su=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, nc=no clouds, c=cloudy, sh=snow showers, sn=snow, fl=rain, sn-snow, fl-snow, w=wind, m=missing

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, and Moonrise and Moonset.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table listing forecasts for various Idaho cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing forecasts for various national cities including Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and New York.

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing forecasts for various international cities including London, Paris, and Tokyo.

SUTTON & SONS AUTO CENTER advertisement with contact information for Hailey, Idaho.

Graves

In Iraq as it once was to find oil," said Adnan Jabbar al-Saadi, a lawyer with Iraq's new Human Rights Ministry.



Shoes of an Iraqi woman are displayed next to her remains on the mass grave in Mahaweh, 50 miles south of Baghdad, Nov. 28. The mass grave at Mahaweh, with more than 3,100 sets of remains, is the largest of some 270 such sites across Iraq.

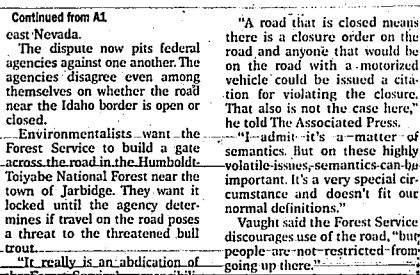
They work from a growing database of 270 suspected grave sites, matching witness accounts with geological evidence, preparing for field trips by four-wheel-drive vehicle and helicopter to confirm their high-tech data with the most low-tech of methods: a shovel.

Excavating a grave site under information in six spectral bands is painstaking work. To put 100 sets of remains from the ground, it usually takes six to eight weeks.

Road

The dispute now pits federal agencies against one another. The agencies disagree even among themselves on whether the road near the Idaho border is open or closed.

Today's National Map



Circulation and Mail information section with contact details for Daniel Walock and subscription rates.

Times-News telephone directory listing various services and their phone numbers.

Canadian Forecast

Table listing forecasts for various Canadian cities including Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal.

Graves (Continued)

They have a long way to go. Excavating a grave site under information in six spectral bands is painstaking work.

Road (Continued)

Officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service say the road that winds along the Jarbridge River and runs to a primitive campground should be considered closed because it washed out in the flood and never was reopened legally.

IDAHO LOTTERY advertisement showing winning numbers and prize amounts.

NATION

# Flu strain killed nearly 65,000 almost 5 years ago

Doctors wonder if this year may be worse

ATLANTA (AP) — The last time there was a flu strain mutation similar to the one sickening thousands of Americans this year, nearly 65,000 died.

And that was only five years ago. Flu experts say it's clear this flu season will be much worse than in the past few years, but they are not ready to predict it will be one of the deadliest in modern times. Epidemiologists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention don't know how long this year's flu season will last nor how many people it might kill or hospitalize.

Already, it is worrisome because

several children have died, and some parts of the country are facing flu shot shortages and swamped hospitals. It is one of the earliest flu seasons in a quarter-century, but some flu outbreaks can peak as early as December.

"I think it's clear this is going to be a more severe season than the past couple of seasons," said Dr. Keiji Fukuda, the government's leading flu expert.

Some experts predict this year's death toll easily could surpass the annual average of 36,000 deaths. What's not clear is how it will stack up in the full context of previous outbreaks, Fukuda said.

In the winter of 1998-99, the country was in the second year of the virulent Sydney flu strain. Like this year's Fujian strain, the Sydney

strain was genetically slightly different from previous type A strains, making it harder for immune systems to fight off the virus.

Type A flu viruses of the same class as the Sydney or the Fujian strains tend to cause much more severe seasons than other kinds of influenza strains, said Dr. Tim Uyekki, a CDC epidemiologist.

By the time the 1998-99 flu season ended, 64,684 people had died — more than the number of people who died from AIDS at its peak, according to research by the CDC.

Hospitals, overflowing with people sick with the flu, forced other patients out to free up beds. Local officials had to use their disaster plans to handle the crisis.

The outbreak was severe even though that year's flu vaccine

matched the Sydney strain exactly. But the elderly — who are at high risk for severe flu complications — have aging immune systems that flu shots do not protect as well as younger people.

This year's flu vaccine does not exactly match the new Fujian strain, although disease experts

say it is close enough that it will provide some protection.

A major mutation of a flu strain — rather than a slight variation — usually occurs every 10 years and can cause a flu pandemic — a worldwide outbreak. These very new strains are particularly successful in attacking people's immune systems.

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## Legislature hands setback to governor

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was dealt his first major political setback when the Legislature rejected the "borrow-and-spending-cap" proposal he planned to use to target the state's fiscal crisis.

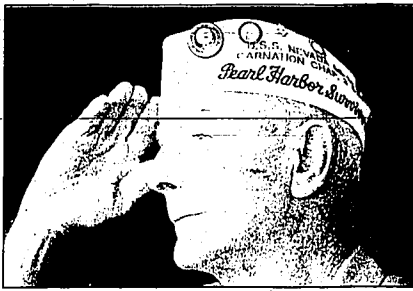
Now the actor-turned-governor is vowing to go over the heads of the Democrat-dominated Legislature and take his plan straight to the voters.

"As he said he would do, he will go over the heads of the Legislature ... and put a spending limit on the November ballot next year," Schwarzenegger spokesman Rob Stutzman said late Friday as it became clear the governor's plan wouldn't pass.

"The governor defined them as overspending addicts during the campaign, and as overspending addicts they've showed themselves as unable to reform," Stutzman said.

Senators voted 34-0 against the governor's plan to cap spending. The governor's \$15 billion bond measure also lost, with only five lawmakers, all Democrats, voting for it. The Assembly also failed to approve any proposal and adjourned minutes before a midnight deadline.

The setback came after Schwarzenegger spent the week barnstorming California and chatting on talk radio to generate voter enthusiasm for his proposals to help reduce next year's expected \$10 billion deficit.



Woodrow W. Derby, 85, of San Diego, salutes in his survivor's uniform, which is a cap, aloha shirt white pants, and Pearl Harbor medal in Honolulu, Friday.

## Americans still remember Pearl Harbor after 62 years

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — Woody Derby was just 23, a farm boy from Iowa enjoying his Sunday newspaper, when his life — and the nation — changed forever.

Sixty-two years after that haunting Dec. 7 at Pearl Harbor, thoughts of the Japanese attack that killed 2,390 people are not far off for Derby, nor are they for a nation that has seen more dismal days, fought in more wars, lost thousands more sons and daughters.

Americans keep coming back to remember.

"Why do you think?" asked Derby, 85. "It's the worst military defeat the U.S. has ever had."

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese

forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor.

Hundreds are expected to gather today at the USS Arizona National Memorial to mark the 62nd anniversary of the surprise attack that launched the United States into World War II.

About 1.4 million people visit each year — some paying homage by tossing flowers into the waters from the memorial above the sunken USS Arizona.

Derby worked in the supply room aboard the USS Nevada when the ship was attacked.

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NATION

# Seeking revenge

Democrats come out swinging in quest to win Florida in 2004

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Rekindling bitter memories, Democratic leaders and presidential candidates accused President Bush of stealing the 2000 election in Florida and pledged Saturday to avenge that loss next year.

"Florida is the place where America's democracy was wounded," White House hopeful John Kerry told 5,000 delegates at the state party convention.

Former U.S. Rep. Carrie Meek brought the activists to their feet with an angry reminder of the long-count election. "We should be ready for revenge!" she shouted as crowd members blew whistles and cheered.

The Supreme Court halted the 2000 recount of Florida ballots after five weeks, with Bush ahead of Al Gore by just 537 votes out of 6 million cast. The state's 25 electoral votes put Bush in the White House.

Democratic leaders hope memories of Gore's narrow defeat inspire liberal voters to turn out in record numbers against the GOP president. Republicans say voters will reject the strategy of political vengeance.

Meeting amid the resorts and amusements of Disney World, the Democrats were hearing from Kerry and five other presidential candidates: front-runner Howard Dean, retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark of Arkansas, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, Reps. Dick Gephardt of Missouri and Dennis Kucinich of Ohio.

Sen. Carol Moseley Braun cited illness for missing the event and



Democratic Party Chairman Terry McAuliffe addresses the Florida Democratic Party convention in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Saturday. Al Gore won the state of Florida in 2000, and we will never forget it, McAuliffe told the gathering.

Al Sharpton skipped it to host NBC's "Saturday Night Live." Sen. Joe Lieberman, Gore's running mate three years ago, was addressing the group Sunday.

"When you look at what the Bush-Cheney team did in Florida, it really was a sign of things to come, wasn't it?" Lieberman said in excerpts released by his campaign Saturday. "They stretched the truth to suit their purposes. They demonized their opponents. They used every trick in the book to get their way."

Ralph Reed, a GOP strategist who was defending Bush in

hallway interviews, said the Democrats' strategy will fail in 2004 as it did in 2002, when Florida Gov. Jeb Bush — the president's brother — was re-elected despite McAuliffe's promise to defeat him.

"People want their leaders ... to talk about the future. They don't want anger and pessimism and personal attacks. They want a positive vision from leaders looking forward," Reed said.

Showing that the recount has left a lingering and bitter residue on politics, several Democratic delegates swarmed Reed's news conference and chanted "No GOP!"

# Hud official will leave for Senate run

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez intends to quit President Bush's Cabinet in anticipation of a run for U.S. Senate in Florida, say administration and other Republican officials.

Martinez will announce his decision as early as this week to resign with an eye toward the seat being vacated by Democratic Sen. Bob Graham, administration officials said. Two officials said the

word could come at Bush's Cabinet meeting Thursday.

Alfonso Jackson, the top HUD deputy and a friend of the president, is a top candidate to succeed Martinez.

If he follows through with his plans, Martinez's resignation would mark a rare change in Bush's Cabinet, which has been remarkably stable for three years. He would be only the third person to leave the Cabinet, along with

former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and environmental administrator Christie Whitman.

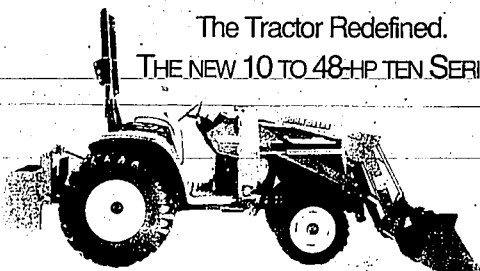
White House officials, at the behest of political adviser Karl Rove, pushed Martinez to run for the seat. They do not believe that two other high-profile candidates, Florida House Speaker Johnnie Byrd and state Sen. Daniel Webster, are electable, an administration official said Friday on condition of anonymity.

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# Ambulance

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Benedict's Family Medical Center to provide the service. The county is in the process of dissolving its ambulance district to create a new one. Jerome County commissioners said contracting with Magic Valley Regional will become more expensive with time, and Sr. Ben's offered to cap costs, saying it wouldn't charge the county any more than the ambulance district brought in.

As of the first week of November, the expense for ambulance services in Twin Falls and Jerome counties was \$2.5 million, but the service had only brought in about \$2 million, leaving it \$521,552 in the red. Calls in Twin Falls County accounted for \$291,463 of the loss, and calls to Jerome County accounted for \$230,089 of the loss.

With rising costs of insurance and benefits, Magic Valley Regional estimated its ambulance service would be \$560,886 in the red by the end of 2003.

It's indeed rare for a hospital to subsidize ambulance service. Out of 14 county hospitals in Idaho, only Magic Valley Regional funds the local ambulance service.

Why is Magic Valley Regional losing money on the service? There are several reasons, hospital officials say. Costs go up; Medicare and Medicaid and private insurance reimbursements go down. That has a big impact, as 52 percent of the hospital's ambulance business comes from Medicare patients. And the hospital doesn't charge for sending an ambulance out on a call, only when the ambulance transports someone.

The hospital figures it will have to find \$526,650 to bring the ambulance service's bottom line back into the black and operate three 24-hour ambulance stations. Operating losses account for \$326,650; \$150,000 will be needed for capital expenses; and \$50,000 will be given to the five area volunteer quick responder units which provide an important service in stabilizing patients until ambulances arrive.

"The QRUs want to know they're going to be adequately trained and served," Hikesell said.

**Chances to comment**  
Twin Falls County commissioners will hold several public hearings this week to discuss the establishment of an ambulance district. All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. Meetings are scheduled at the following sites:  
• Tuesday: Hansen City Hall, 340 Main St., Hansen.  
• Wednesday: Twin Falls County Courthouse, third floor conference room, 425 Shoshone, N.E., Twin Falls.  
• Thursday: Buhl City Hall, 203 Broadway Ave., N., Buhl.  
Testimony will be limited to three minutes per person. Written comments can be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 126, Twin Falls, 83303-0126, or faxed to 736-4176. Written comments must be received by 5 p.m. Friday.

**What taxpayers could expect to pay**  
The ambulance district would raise

\$401,650 next year by levying a tax on property owners. Only structures would be taxed, not bare land. Here's the additional tax property owners could expect to pay depending on the value of their property.

Property value	Tax per year
\$1,000	20 cents
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\$100,000	\$19.72
\$150,000	\$29.57

**Why an ambulance district?**  
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To make up the \$526,650, \$401,650

would come from the ambulance district and \$125,000 would come from the hospital.

**What kind of ambulance service will residents get?**  
Residents will receive the same service they're receiving now. It would be a 24-hour service staffed by three crews on duty and one on-call crew working out of three ambulance stations. One would operate as a transfer station. There would be one supervisor—a paramedic on duty.  
Calls would be responded to by the closest crew. Response times vary depending on locations and available crews. Normally, it takes four minutes to reach someone in Twin Falls and 18 minutes to reach someone in Hellsburg. However, about 37 times a month, the service is at "Level Zero," which means all crews are responding to calls. About eight times a month, callers have to wait for crews to complete a call before they can respond.

to continue running the service. The commissioners themselves would serve as the ambulance district board to oversee spending of the property tax revenues.  
Hospital officials, meanwhile, say the more than \$500,000 annually that has been coming from Magic Valley Regional's budget to subsidize the ambulance service would instead go toward technology and capital improvements at the hospital.

The important thing is that residents continue to receive quality ambulance service, county and hospital officials say.  
"We want to provide the best coverage for the most people that we can," Schmidt said.  
It will be up to county commissioners to decide whether to pay

for it by creating an ambulance district.  
Schmidt said the "public hearings will answer the question as to whether people are willing to pay a reasonable amount for a reasonable service."

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## How funds come

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is one of 14 county-owned hospitals in Idaho. Here is how ambulance services are funded in their areas:

- Bear Lake Memorial Hospital, Montpelier - Staffed by volunteers, paid for out of county-line item.
- Bonewah Community Hospital, Saint Maries - City/county operated, staffed by volunteers, paid for by fees.
- Bingham Memorial Hospital, Blackfoot - Funded out of county line item, staffed by paid employees and volunteers.
- Boundary Community Hospital, Bonners Ferry - State funded, staffed by volunteers.
- Caribou Memorial Hospital, Soda Springs - Funded and operated by the county, paid director and secretary, ambulance staffed by volunteers.
- Franklin County Medical Center, Preston - One-third funded by county, remainder

comes from fees. Staffed by volunteers. One paid employee to do billing.

- Madison Memorial Hospital, Rexburg - Funding comes from the Madison Fire District, Madison County Ambulance District and the City of Rexburg. Paid ambulance and fire department staff are cross trained. County commissioners serve as ambulance district commissioners.
- Minidoka Memorial Hospital - Funding comes from the county, which contracts with the hospital to provide the service. Three ambulances, one ambulance operated by paid staff, other two operated by volunteer backup crews.
- Oneida County Hospital, Malad - County funded, three ambulances staffed by volunteers. Been able to support itself from fees.
- Portneuf Medical Center, Pocatello: Hospital operates one ambulance to transport between its facilities. All other ambulance services is funded by a taxing district and governed by county commissioners. County contracts with the city to provide

the service. Fire and ambulance services are combined. Almost all of the expense is paid for by fees.

- Steele Memorial Hospital, Salmon - County budget line item but fully-funded by grants and fees. four ambulances staffed by volunteers which include 27 advanced emergency medical technicians and 20 nurse-responders.
- Teton Valley Hospital, Driggs: Hospital-operated ambulance service, but county commissioners recently approved a levy to create an ambulance district which will begin the next fiscal year. The county has decided whether it will contract with the hospital or another service. Commissioners will serve as ambulance district commissioners. There are two ambulances and a combination of paid staff and volunteers.
- Walter Knox Memorial Hospital, Emmett - County operated and funded out of a line item. Two full-time paid emergency medical technicians and some on-call paid volunteers.

According to Gilbert Schmidt, Magic Valley Regional's paramedic department manager, it costs \$700 to put one QRU volunteer through training at the College of Southern Idaho. Ambulances eventually have to be replaced, and they come with a \$100,000 sticker price. One set of cardiac monitoring equipment costs \$21,000. And then there's the cost of building and maintaining ambulance stations and garages.  
And then there's overtime. The hospital held three emergency medical technician positions open while waiting for Jerome County to decide whether it

wanted to continue to contract with Magic Valley Regional, Schmidt said. According to hospital records, 10 paramedics almost doubled their salaries in 2002-03 working extra hours, grossing salaries between \$51,000 and \$85,000. With Jerome out of the mix, those hours should come down considerably, Schmidt said.  
"I think we will have overtime under control once we divorce ourselves from Jerome," Schmidt said.

**Who would be in charge**  
If commissioners decide to cre-

ate an ambulance district, they'll likely contract with the hospital

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# Saudi finds terrorist arsenal

**Knight Ridder News Service**

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia - The Saudi government's vigorous pursuit of al-Qaida has exposed a nationwide terrorist arsenal that experts believe is being fortified by a steady supply of illegal arms pouring across the kingdom's borders.

While Saudi authorities are confident their six-month assault has al-Qaida on the run, huge stockpiles of arms and explosives uncovered in the investigations show that the terrorists have been able to assemble immense destructive force.

U.S. authorities, concerned about al-Qaida's continuing ability to launch attacks in Saudi Arabia, toughened their security warning here Saturday, ordering diplomats to remain inside diplomatic quarters for all but essential duties.

There was no word on whether the new warning is continuing to specific information. But the warning comes as Saudi authorities continue to turn up evidence of a sophisticated and heavily armed terrorist network.

Many of the weapons cross the border from Yemen, where Saudi authorities say they have been mining traps on an hourly basis. A just-released report by the United Nations warns that the region is "awash in weapons" readily available to terrorist groups.

Over the last six months, beginning with the first of two devastating terrorist attacks in Riyadh, the Saudi capital, authorities have uncovered surface-to-air missiles, belts of explosives for suicide bombers, rocket-propelled grenades, hundreds of Soviet-era rifles and hundreds of thousands of rounds of ammunition.

Captured laptop computers and surveillance cameras show a flair for technology. Wigs, fake ID cards and spray-painting equipment for

concealing suicide vehicles demonstrated the terrorists' adroitness at disguise. And the discovery of body-traps in copies of the Quran, the Islamic holy book, signaled a willingness to strike at fellow Muslims.

Authorities have repeatedly found evidence that al-Qaida's scattered cells in Saudi Arabia may be armed with surface-to-air missiles. In August, Saudi officials reportedly confiscated a truck

ment had earlier seized a number of SAM missiles, the al-Qaida leader told Miller. "What the Saudi Arabian government captured is much less than what was not captured."

In May of 2002, a Sudanese suspect using an SA-7 missile allegedly tried to shoot down a U.S. combat aircraft taking off from the Prince Sultan Air Base near Riyadh. American pilots used the base to patrol Iraqi air space until the United States withdrew its troops from Saudi Arabia after the latest Iraq war.

"For unknown reasons, the missile fortunately missed its target," the U.N. report, released Dec. 1, said in recalling the incident. The missile appeared to be from the same batch used in an unsuccessful attempt to bring down an Israeli airliner near Mombasa, Kenya, the report said.

Although the Saudi government's crackdown has captured tons of al-Qaida's arms stockpiles in the kingdom, experts say the terrorist network has easy access to illicit arms merchants spread throughout the region. The most dependable source of weapons, say experts, lies to the south, in Yemen, a land of 20 million people and an estimated 60 million small arms.

"There is a world-wide network of gray and black-market arms merchants and they sell to individuals, to groups and to governments," said Pat Lang of Alexandria, Va., a former high level official with the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency. "Once you plug into that network, you can get anything you want, any time you want."

Authors of the U.N. report said officials in Saudi Arabia, Yemen and adjacent Arab countries acknowledged that "their borders were being crossed in both directions by smugglers, trafficking in all sorts of contraband, including weapons."

With SAM missiles near the port city of Jeddah. Authorities recently found a Soviet-made SA-7 missile when they arrested a suspect in connection with the Nov. 8 bombing of the Muhaya residential compound.

The discovery of the shoulder-fired missiles stirred ominous memories of a threat by Osama bin Laden in 1998, when the Saudi-born al-Qaida leader said in an interview he was willing to use surface-to-air missiles against American interests in his native country.

"Can the America government explain to its people when a SAM missile is launched against a passenger military jet with 250 soldiers aboard?" he said to ABC's John Miller.

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# Elusive peace with India offers benefits for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - After 56 years of conflict with India, whispers are growing in Pakistan about the benefits of peace. Rather than shells and bullets, truckloads of fresh vegetables and consumer goods could come across the border from India, they say. A reduced military budget would allow for desperately needed spending in education and infrastructure, and foreign investors could finally come knocking.

In the past two weeks, Pakistan and India have taken swift steps toward normalization of ties - with a cease-fire in Kashmir, and moves to restore air, rail and sea links. The moves come two years after they almost fought their fourth war.

It's too soon to talk of a lasting peace, given the nuclear neighbors' history of domestic bust-ups and domestic opposition in both

countries to making concessions on thorny issues like the divided territory of Kashmir. But Pakistani businessmen and others are quick to see the potential benefits.

Much of the trade between the two countries is hamstrung by official restrictions and a closed border, meaning exports and imports are mostly smuggled or sent via third countries in Asia and the Persian Gulf.

"But since Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in April signaled a willingness for talks, tensions have generally eased."

While Pakistan's economy has picked up during Musharraf's four-year rule, the burden of confrontation with India still weighs heavily. A third of Pakistan's 140 million people live in poverty, yet at least 20 percent of the government's \$14 billion budget goes to defense spending.

# Saudi Arabia issues list of suspects

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Saudi Arabia issued the names and photos of its 26 most wanted terrorist suspects and increased protection around Western housing compounds in the capital Saturday as the United States upgraded its security - warning, restricting its diplomats' movements.

The new U.S. warning ordered, embassy and consulate staff not leave the heavily guarded diplomatic quarters in Riyadh and other cities, except for essential duties.

The steps came days after the United States and Britain warned that militants were scouting out Western residence complexes for a possible new terrorist attack following two suicide bombings on compounds that

year that killed a total 52 people. Separately, an American and a Briton have been detained by Saudi authorities in Jiddah, the U.S. and British embassies said Saturday, but embassy officials said they did not know the reason.

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# Funeral turns violent; policeman dies in Iraq

SAMARRA, Iraq (AP) — Iraqis mourning two men killed in a fire-fight with U.S. troops clashed Saturday with civil defense forces, killing one officer and setting his pickup truck ablaze. "Long live Saddam!" they chanted as the vehicle smoked.

Further north, as Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld visited Iraq, gunmen killed a police rookie in the latest attack on Iraqis seen as collaborating with the U.S. occupation. U.S. forces arrested arms dealers and broke up a cell they said was planning attacks on Americans.

In Baghdad, an explosion in a truck killed at least two men late Saturday. Police found remnants of what appeared to be a mortar and shells at the site. It was not immediately clear whether the victims were guerrillas or bystanders.

The mourners in Samarra were burying two men killed last week in running battles with U.S. forces. After the Americans returned their bodies on Saturday, about 1,000 people marched to the cemetery to bury them. As is customary in Iraq, they fired weapons in the air.

A group of Iraqi officers from the U.S.-led civil defense corps told them to put away their guns, witnesses said, and the mourners

opened fire, shooting one of the officers in the head and chasing away the others.

Minutes later, dozens of people jumped up and down on the charred pickup truck, chanting "Long live Saddam! Death to the traitors!" The officer's body lay nearby.

At the cemetery, the mourners marked the graves with two Iraqi flags, strawing red and yellow roses around the site.

"God is great! Nobody escapes our revenge," mourners chanted. "There were no American forces in sight."

Samarra is 60 miles north of Baghdad in the so-called Sunni Triangle, where opposition to the U.S.-led occupation has been fiercest.

There have been several attacks in Samarra in the past few weeks, including coordinated ambushes of a U.S. cash delivery to banks on Nov. 30. In the ensuing fighting, U.S. forces said they killed dozens of fighters; Iraqi police said only eight people died, most of them civilians.

Purges earlier in Mosul, three gunmen shot and killed an Iraqi policeman on his way to work Saturday, police said. The victim was a 24-year-old recent graduate of a police academy that has received support and guidance

from coalition forces.

Guerrillas have often targeted Iraqi police and other authorities, accusing them of collaborating with the occupation.

In the area around Mosul, Master Sgt. Kelly Tyler said, the U.S. military captured 10 people who allegedly were planning attacks against coalition forces, and six involved in selling black-market weapons.

Separately, Maj. Josslyn Aberle said U.S. troops raided two houses and a mosque near Saddam's hometown of Tikrit and arrested 14 people suspected of links to insurgents. She said the troops seized materials

that could have been used for roadside bombs.

Rumsfeld visited Kirkuk, the center of Iraq's northern oil fields, and Baghdad, to meet with U.S. and Iraqi officials. Military commanders told him more aggressive tactics against the guerrillas were beginning to pay off.

But the U.S. civilian administrator for Iraq, Lt. Paul Bremer, said Friday that he expects a surge in guerrilla attacks in the coming months, and Rumsfeld was skeptical that a recent drop in attacks on U.S. forces marked a turning point.

"It's too early to say it's a trend," Rumsfeld said.



Iraqis stand on top of a burned police car in Samarra, Iraq, Saturday. A funeral for two Iraqis killed in a fire-fight with U.S. troops turned violent, with mourners killing a security officer.

# Bomb explodes in Afghan bazaar, injuring about 20

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A bomb exploded in a bazaar in this southern Afghan city on Saturday, wounding about 20 people, at least three seriously, officials said.

The bomb, apparently placed on a motorcycle, detonated at about 12:30 p.m. outside a hotel at the Herat bazaar in Kandahar's commercial center.

Taliban and al-Qaida carried out this terrorist attack. We are trying to catch those responsible," city police chief Mohammad Hashim said.

Nick Downie, head of ANSO, an independent body that advises aid organizations on security in Afghanistan, said seven people were seriously wounded. Hashim put the figure at three.


Downie said the motorcycle was

parked between two cars shortly before the explosion and surrounding buildings were badly damaged.

Kandahar is the former stronghold of Taliban, whose supporters this year have mounted a wave of deadly attacks on soldiers from the U.S.-led coalition, Afghan officials and aid workers.

On Wednesday, two U.S. officers were wounded in Kandahar when a suspected Taliban militant threw a grenade at their military vehicle in a busy square.

Residents say American soldiers have been patrolling the city since a car-bomb exploded outside U.N. offices here on Nov. 11, injuring two people, including a U.N. security guard. The Taliban claimed responsibility for that attack.




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# Gun lobby seeks media outlet for campaigning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to spend as much as it wants on next year's elections, the National Rifle Association is looking to buy a television or radio station and declare that it should be treated as a news organization, exempt from spending limits in the campaign finance law.

"We're looking at bringing a court case that we're as legitimate a media outlet as Disney or Viacom or Time-Warner," the NRA's executive vice president, Wayne LaPierre, told The Associated Press.

"Why should they have an exclusive right to relay information to the public, and why should not NRA be considered as legitimate a news source as they are? That's never been explored legally," he said in an interview.

The nation's gun lobby is talking with potential investors about an NRA broadcast outlet and is considering all possible funding sources, including gun manufacturers, LaPierre said.

If the NRA were to be considered a media organization, it would be free to say what it wanted about candidates at any time and spend corporate money to do so.

The group, financed in part with corporate money, is now banned under the campaign finance law from running ads just before elections, that mention federal candidates who are on states' ballots.

The 4 million-member group has long been one of Washington's most powerful lobbies. It has spent millions of dollars over the years trying to influence elections toward candidates who oppose gun controls and support the position that Americans have an incontestable right to bear arms.

LaPierre said even without a television or radio station, the group's communications reach is extensive enough that it should be



Wayne LaPierre of the National Rifle Association speaks at a Kiwanis Club meeting at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, Va., considered part of the media.

The NRA is one of the biggest magazine publishers in the United States and provides news over the Internet, LaPierre said. The group has close to a dozen publications.

LaPierre said the organization may pursue the media exemption even if its previous challenge to the campaign finance law should prevail in the Supreme Court, which is expected to rule soon. The NRA could ask the Federal Election Commission whether it qualifies for the media exemption, go to court, or both.

The finance law, which took effect in November 2002, bars interest groups financed with corporate or union money from airing television and radio ads the month before a primary and two months before a general election that identify federal candidates, are paid for with corporate or union money and target candidates' districts.

## Senate will hear from cadets

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — The U.S. Senate's Armed Services Committee will hear from victims of Air Force Academy sexual assaults at a special hearing, Sen. Susan Collins announced Saturday.

The hearings that Sen. John Warner has held already have been very helpful but we haven't heard from victims," Collins said in a telephone interview. "We feel that it is important to hear from those who have actually gone through the experience, particularly since many of the victims believe they were harassed or were victims of retaliatory action."

An independent investigation of sexual assaults at the academy found that 142 had been reported from 1993 through 2002. Top commanders were replaced in April after the scandal erupted.

Lawyers Joseph F. Madonia and James Cox represents seven female cadets who allege they were assaulted and then punished for reporting the attacks.



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# Moon or Mars?

Space visionaries hope for bold new course of exploration

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After decades of watching astronauts circle Earth, space visionaries finally have reason for optimism: NASA and other agencies are working with the White House on a bold, new course of exploration.

Whether the destination is the moon or Mars — or whether any plan actually makes liftoff remains to be seen. For space buffs, just to get a defined mission would be cause for hope.

"Put it this way: I think we have to continue to move forward and, at least with the discussion that's going on, that's good," said Everett Gibson, a NASA scientist who studied moon rocks from the Apollo astronauts and the Mars meteorite that may hold evidence of past life on the red planet.

Gibson's currently involved with the European-built Mars probe that's on its way to a Christmas Day landing. Two NASA rovers are right behind, scheduled to land on Mars in January.

Neither the White House nor NASA will discuss specifics. Nor will they answer the hopes of pro-space optimists who have been buzzing for weeks over whether President Bush may use the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' flight on Dec. 17 as the time for a space announcement.

They will only say the interagency effort began in July. "That work is ongoing and will continue," said Glenn Mahone, NASA's chief spokesman.

It was the Columbia tragedy that helped force a discussion of where — NASA — should venture

## NASA braces for dangers of landing rovers on Mars

By Andrew Bridges  
The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — After seven routine months of spaceflight, NASA is bracing for six minutes of high anxiety in January, when the twin rovers it launched earlier this year punch through the Martian atmosphere to land on the Red Planet.

Each of the unmanned, \$400 million rovers must be slowed from 12,000 mph to a complete stop within minutes after first plunging into the planet's tenuous atmosphere.

"Just getting to Mars is hard, but landing is more so," Ed Weiler, NASA's associate administrator for space science said Tuesday during a news briefing from Washington, D.C. that was broadcast to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Landing the rovers safely requires the elaborately choreographed and fast-paced use of heat shields, parachutes, rockets

and air bags. A strong gust of wind, or a single sharp rock, could destroy either or both rovers.

Two-thirds of all previous Martian missions have failed, including the last lander NASA launched, 1999's Polar Lander. A second mission, the Climate Orbiter satellite, also failed that year.

Just eight seconds before landing, the rovers will inflate enormous air bags, similar to those successfully used by 1997's Pathfinder spacecraft and the small Sojourner rover it carried, to cushion their arrival on the planet's surface.

"We could bounce about as high as a four-story building," project manager Paul Theisinger said. The first of the rovers, Spirit, is scheduled to land Jan. 3 in Gusev Crater, a Connecticut-sized basin that may have held a brimming lake after it formed 4 billion years ago.

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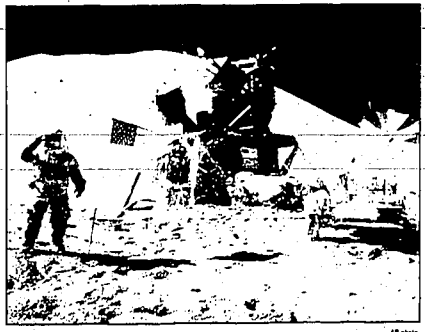
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beyond the space shuttle and international space station. The panel that investigated the Columbia accident called for a clearly defined long-term mission — a national vision for space that has gone missing for three decades.

Gibson sides with the humans to the moon then on to Mars. "The moon can be used as a development ground to allow us to better operate on Mars," Gibson said this week.

The moon is just three days away while Mars is at least six months away, and the lunar surface therefore could be a safe place to shake out Martian equipment. Observatories also could be built on the moon, and mining camps could be set up to gather helium-3 for conversion into fuel for use back on Earth.

At the same time, NASA should send robots to Mars to gather rocks and dirt, and return the samples to Earth for study, Gibson contends.

Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., a senior member of the House Science Committee, also favors a human return to the moon and a



Astronaut James Irwin salutes a U.S. flag planted on the surface of the moon during the Apollo 15 mission in August 1971.

Dec. 17 pronouncement. He said he made his views known last month to Vice President Dick Cheney, who quietly is heading up a task force on the future of spaceflight. The congressman said Cheney didn't show the

administration's hand. Gordon sees Mars as a draw-out affair, and "you can't keep Americans' attention or Congress' appropriation focused on a 20-year goal." The moon, on the other hand, "is an obtainable goal on the

reasonable time frame," he said Thursday.

Besides, other countries like China have their eyes on the moon, Gordon noted, and "we don't want to not be there."

But Robert Zubrin, president of the Mars Society, cringes at the thought of putting the moon first and settling for a robot's exploration of the red planet instead of humans.

"For the president to go to Kitty Hawk and stand in the footsteps of the Wright brothers on the 100th anniversary of their flight and the 200th anniversary of Lewis and Clark's expedition and proclaim humans to the moon in 20 years is farcical," Zubrin said.

"Really, how do you inspire the youth of today with a challenge repeating feats their grandparents did?"

Even NASA's astronaut corps is split. Edward Lu, newly returned from the international space station, puts the moon at the forefront of any new exploration. His replacement aboard the outpost, Michael Foale, dreams of Mars.

Zubrin pressed his case before a Senate committee in October. Meanwhile, members of Congress are becoming impatient about the

lack of long-term space direction, even as they worry about cost.

The outcome may well be a deliberate steppingstone approach, especially as the war in Iraq drags on.

Bush knows better than anyone what can happen to pie-in-the-sky promises. On the 20th anniversary of the first manned moon landing, his father called for lunar colonies and a Mars expedition. The prohibitively expensive plan went nowhere.

Whatever Bush decides, if anything, and whether he announces it at Kitty Hawk or later, one thing is certain:

It won't be the last word on the subject, Zubrin said, laughing hard.

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# Court confronts unanswered Miranda police question

WASHINGTON (AP) — Patrice Seibert was asleep at the hospital bedside of her badly burned teenage son when police came and took her away.

The tactics used in the 3 a.m. arrest and interrogation of the mother of five, suspected of plotting with the injured son to set fire to her house trailer, are at the heart of a case that has reached the Supreme Court.

The justices will hear arguments Tuesday and Wednesday in Seibert's case and two others, and what the court eventually decides will clarify how far police in every



Patrice Seibert

community can go to get answers from suspected criminals.

A fourth case to be argued in the spring involves standards for questioning of juveniles.

The cases require the court to sort out practical questions about enforcement of "Miranda" rights. It's been almost 40 years since the court's landmark *Miranda v.*

Arizona ruling required officers to warn people arrested and questioned that they have the right to remain silent and to see a lawyer.

Missouri officers did not immediately read Seibert her rights after arresting her at a St. Louis burn center and taking her to a police station interview room.

It was a gamble, one officer said, to see if she would divulge information about the 1997 fire that killed a teenager who had been staying at the Seibert family trailer in Rolla, Mo., a rural university town in the Ozarks. The officer said he learned the strate-

gy in training sessions.

Police said she arranged to have her home burned to cover up the death of her 12-year-old son, who had cerebral palsy and could not walk, talk or feed himself.

When she was arrested, Seibert was in the hospital with one son and preparing for the funeral the next day of the 12-year-old boy. Court records show she was considered suicidal.

At the "police" station, before being told of her rights, she gave some incriminating statements during a 40-minute interrogation. Officers allowed her to smoke a

cigarette, then turned on a tape recorder, read her *Miranda* rights, and asked her to repeat what she told them in the first interview.

Seibert, now 45, was convicted of murder, based in part on information she gave officers that morning.

The deliberate double interview is sneaky and should be stopped, the Supreme Court was told by a group of former prosecutors, judges and FBI officers, including former FBI Director William Sessions.

They told justices in a filing that it is well-known in law enforcement that the tactics "soft-

en up the suspect and increase the likelihood that she will not invoke her rights once warnings are belatedly given."

The Bush administration argued, however, that officers should have flexibility in their questioning strategy without being second-guessed by judges because those questionings can be successful in, for example, helping locate a kidnapping victim or thwarting a terrorist attack.

Solicitor General Theodore Olson warned that guilty defendants could go free if the court should bar the practice.

## Treasury renews campaign for tax-free accounts

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Facing continued skepticism in the White House and Congress, the Treasury Department is significantly retooling its proposal to make savings and investment virtually tax free, and it is enlisting business and conservative groups to help push the cause, congressional staffers and lobbyists say.

The plan, announced nearly a year ago, would create three new types of savings accounts that would shield interest, capital gains and dividend income from all taxation. Most significantly, one of those vehicles, the Lifetime Savings Account, would allow an individual to invest up to \$7,500 a year and withdraw the money at any time, for any reason, with no tax penalty and without paying taxes on earnings. Since a family of four could invest up to \$30,000 a year free of investment taxation, the plan would all but eliminate taxes on investments and savings for most Americans.

But the scope of the proposal elicited criticism from liberal groups, which called it a huge gift to the wealthy and a long-term threat to the federal budget. Many business groups feared that the plan would reduce the incentives for employers to provide savings accounts, such as 401(k) plans, especially at small businesses. Even prominent White House officials angrily said the plan's implications had taken them by surprise.

Now as federal agencies jockey for influence over President Bush's fiscal-2005 budget, Treasury officials have launched an effort to revive the proposal and make it more palatable politically.

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WORLD

# Families pack hospitals in Russia searching for victims of bombing

YESSENTUKI, Russia (AP) — One family planned to bury their daughter in the wedding dress she had hoped to wear soon, while another mother wept Saturday after discovering her son alive but deeply disfigured from the suspected suicide bombing on a commuter train in southern Russia.



People walk at the site where a bomb ripped through a commuter train, near Yessentuki, southern Russia, Saturday. The powerful blast near the war-paginated region of Chechnya killed 41 and wounded 200, many of them students.

Hospitals — and morgues — were crowded with grieving relatives searching for loved ones who fell victim to Friday's early morning attack that killed 41 and injured 200 near the Yessentuki station, some 750 miles south of Moscow. Many were students from local schools and universities.

The blast — the second on the train line since September — seemed aimed at spreading alarm ahead of Sunday's parliamentary elections in the already tense region near Chechnya. Government officials closed public markets on what is usually the biggest shopping day, and extra police flooded the streets.

Officers with dogs swept deserted train stations, where ticket sellers said no one wanted to travel on the commuter line.

The shrapnel-filled bomb, believed strapped to a suicide attacker, blew the train car apart some 500 yards from the station, a spot where passengers would have begun crowding together toward the doors.

Many of the victims were so disfigured that even their parents failed to recognize them, and authorities had to revise the death count from 42 to 41 early Saturday, realizing their mistake after completing the grim task of collecting all the shattered the body parts. No one claimed responsibility, but government officials suggested Chechen rebels were behind the blast.

Marina Tishtenko found her son, Oleg, his face charred black on one side and swollen on the other. Others in his room had suffered terrible head injuries and broken bones.

The doctor said he would be OK. Tishtenko said weeping and shaking her head as if she herself weren't sure. One family found their daughter in the morgue, and

pledged to bury the bride-to-be in the wedding dress she'd hoped to wear for her upcoming wedding.

Many relatives were too traumatized to talk after being received from hospital wards to morgues in search of their loved ones. They turned away in tears from journalists' questions.

The blast Friday was the latest in a series of suicide bombings and other attacks over the past year that have killed more than 275 people in Moscow and throughout the rebellious region of Chechnya, where Russian forces have been bogged down since 1999.

In September two blasts on the same railway line, which links the cities of Kislovodsk and Mineralnye Vody, killed six people. No group claimed responsibility for these attacks.

Federal Security Service chief Nikolai Patrushev said the remains of the suspected bomber Friday were found with grenades still attached to his legs. Three women also were involved in the attack — two who jumped from the train just before the blast, and one who was gravely injured and unlikely to survive, he said.

Authorities also found unexploded grenades and remnants of

a bag believed to have carried the bomb among the twisted metal hull of the carriage. The bomb was filled with shrapnel, prosecutors told Russian media.

"After yesterday's explosion, I'll never use a train," said Yuri Alexandrov on Saturday in Yessentuki, but he sadly continued, "although a bus can be exploded too or they can take hostages. Such things are pretty common in the area."

Grigory Vynkin, a third-year student at the Pyatigorsk Foreign Language Institute, said that he'd already stopped traveling by train after the September blast.

"My brother laughed at me and called me a panic-stricken person," he said. "But my fears weren't groundless."

President Vladimir Putin condemned the attack as "an attempt to destabilize the situation in the country on the eve of parliamentary elections" and he attributed it, as he has with other attacks, to international terrorism.

The deadly bombings of the past year — and a Chechen rebel hostage-taking raid on a Moscow theater in October 2002 — have exposed the inability of Russian authorities to ward off suicide attacks.

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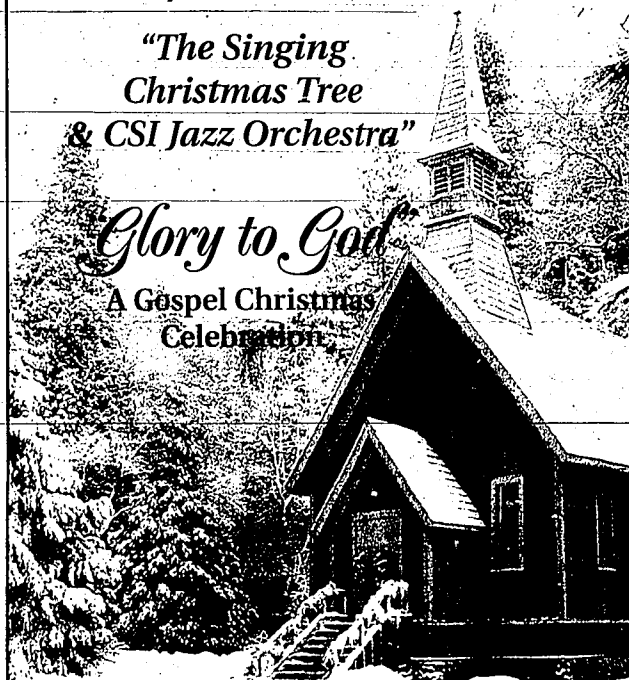
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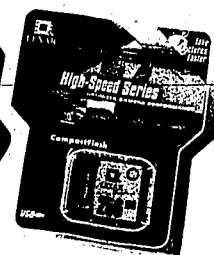
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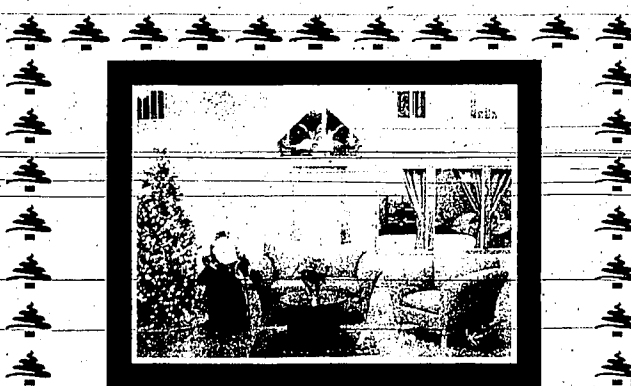


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Protection of county funds depends on ending card use

Twin Falls County residents would like to sleep easier at night, knowing county leaders have learned their lesson from the Bob Fort case. But that's not entirely the case, yet. In spite of an independent audit of Twin Falls County's financial books, county commissioners need to go the extra mile to stop potential misuse of public funds. They need to get rid of all county credit cards. That is the best and surest way to eliminate the possibility of any future fraud or theft of public funds. County policies on expenses changed after a new county commissioner noticed former County Clerk Fort had paid registration fees and travel expenses on behalf of former Commissioner Marvin Hempleman for a seminar last spring in Bonners Ferry. Further review by commissioners discovered Fort was taking cash advances on his county credit card. Fort confessed to taking \$60,000 to feed a gambling addiction. Fort resigned and pleaded guilty to theft of public funds. He was recently sentenced to 1 to 3 years in prison. Since Fort's resignation in June, the commissioners have implemented some good policies to address the problem. They banned cash advances, and any use of county credit cards for non-county personnel without their approval. They now review accounts payable on a weekly basis. They require receipts. And a new travel and meal expense policy further tightens what the county will pay for. What they haven't done is end the use of county credit cards. Until they do, the county is still vulnerable to abuse. Fort is not the only official to misuse a county credit card.

County credit card records show that former Coroner Gene Turley took two cash advances, one for \$150 and another for \$260, in the fall of 2001. Turley reimbursed the county days after taking the cash advance. Since there was no county policy against cash advances at that time, he broke no laws. Likewise in Hempleman's case, the use of county funds to pay his personal travel expenses was not yet against county policies. But both cases clearly represent misuse of a county credit card. And the county remains susceptible to further misuse of credit cards.

**Our view: Twin Falls County commissioners need to take further steps to stop misuse of public funds by eliminating county credit cards. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

In Turley's case, one commissioner said seeing an official receive a cash advance didn't set off any major alarms. "At that time it seemed really isolated," Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said. "It's the first time we've seen that at all." Two years later, Fort was caught doing the same thing, only for much larger amounts. The county's new policies will surely help. But what other "isolated" cases of misuse of county credit cards could emerge in years to come? Commissioners shouldn't wait to find out. They should take the same approach to credit cards as many private-sector employers: Don't have them. If purchases need to be made for travel, services, item purchases, or other expenditures, the county can use purchase orders or reimburse employees for submitted receipts. This isn't about mistrusting county employees. Whether in the public sector or a private company, any employee carrying the boss's credit card is subject to temptation. Ending the use of county credit cards is the best way to protect the public.

Congress fails in its duties on war

On this anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, orators are reminding us that December of 1941 was the last time a president asked Congress for a formal declaration of war. The war in Iraq, like all the others since World War II, was fought without such a vote.



DAVID S. BRODER

The congressional decision in the autumn of last year to authorize the use of force in Iraq remains controversial, as the Democratic presidential candidates who supported it—Rep. Dick Gephardt, and Sens. Joe Lieberman, John Kerry and John Edwards—are criticized by Howard Dean and others who place themselves on the other side.

Louis Fisher, the authority on congressional-executive relations at the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, is one who argues that the failure was not personal but institutional. While joining those who challenge the intelligence the Bush administration used to justify the pre-emptive attack on Saddam Hussein's regime, Fisher is even more critical of the lawmakers who sanctioned the action.

In the full issue of Political Science Quarterly, he writes: "Month after month, the administration released claims that were unproven" about weapons of mass destruction and links between Iraq and al Qaeda. "For its part, Congress seemed incapable of analyzing a presidential proposal and protecting its institutional role."

"The decision to go to war," he concludes, "cast a dark shadow over the health of U.S. political institutions and the celebrated system of democratic debate and checks and balances. The dismal performance of the executive and legislative branches raises disturbing questions about the capacity and desire of the United States to function as a republican form of government."



That may seem to you, as it does to me, too sweeping an indictment. But Fisher throws down an important challenge when he zeros in on a pattern of congressional behavior that has seen legislators sidestep the question of peace or war. He quotes from the House International Relations Committee report supporting the Iraq resolution: "The committee hopes that the use of military force can be avoided. It believes, however, that providing the president with the authority he needs to use force is the best way to avoid its use."

As Fisher notes, that has become a common pattern in dealing with possible conflict. He links it to the Gulf of Tonkin resolution in 1964, which Lyndon Johnson used as authority for the escalation in Vietnam. "The problem, he says, is that such legislation 'would decide neither for nor against war. That judgment, which the Constitution places in Congress, would now be left in the hands of the president.' Some may say that presidents,

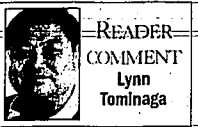
with all of their national security apparatus, are better positioned to make the call than 535 members of Congress. But the Constitution says otherwise, that collective wisdom is to be preferred. Because this situation is likely to recur, this is not a personal or partisan question. Congress needs to reassess its role and step up to its responsibility.

Barber Conable Jr., one of the most estimable congressmen of the past generation, whose many contributions far exceeded his fame outside the Capitol, died last week. A Republican from the Rochester, N.Y., area, Conable was notable for maintaining a clear compass on both fiscal and social issues during a 20-year span that began with the liberal enthusiasms of the Great Society and ended in the middle of the Reagan counter-revolution. A Marine during World War II, Conable made his mark as the Senate's 20th minority member of the Ways and Means Committee, a man whose views commanded respect on both sides of the

aisle. Former Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, the Democratic chairman during part of that period, said "Barber was a Republican, but first and foremost, he was a legislator. And he understood what it took to put a bill together." He was also an unofficial press spokesman for the GOP House contingent during those decades when Democrats enjoyed unbroken control, proving the Speaker's lobby-and-employing-his-brains-and-sense-of-humor-to-remind-reporters-who-valued-him-as-highly-as-did-his-colleagues—that there was more than one side to the story. From his antique desk, he personally composed newsletters to his constituents that rivaled those of his Democratic contemporary, the late Mo Udall of Arizona, for their wit, their candor and their atypical modesty. He was a marvelous example of what the House at its best can be, and when he retired voluntarily in 1995, he performed a furlough service as president of the World Bank. David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

Groundwater debate doesn't require litigation

Imagine people in Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Minidoka counties turning on their taps and nothing comes out because the municipal wells have become dry. Or imagine hundreds of farms having their wells capped, their pivots padlocked by order of the state. Or employees laid off at the Jerome Cheese Co. and hundreds of other Magic Valley businesses shutting down.



READER COMMENT Lynn Tominaga

Yet this could be the logical result of the action The Times-News advocates with its Nov. 21 editorial: Pursue litigation to curtail groundwater use on the Eastern Snake Plain. We encourage The Times-News to enter the 21st century and understand this is not a water shortage issue but a water management issue. I don't believe The Times-News would advocate shutting off wells across thousands of square miles and in every Magic Valley community—and endangering a \$74 million agriculture industry—if it understood all the facts and the alternatives that are available. A significant part of the state's economy depends on pumping from the Snake Plain Aquifer, a 15,600-square-mile underground

system of water-filled lava tubes, fractured basalt, sand and gravels containing between 300-million and a billion acre feet of water. A 2002 measurement of groundwater levels showed the average distance to groundwater had declined only about 1 foot across the entire Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer since 1980. We are not running out of groundwater, although the recent record drought has induced temporary declines in some areas. What we do lack, however, is a plan to manage the resource. Fortunately, we have the beginnings of such a plan on the table. In October, the North Snake Groundwater District and the Magic Valley Groundwater District submitted to the Idaho Department of Water Resources a five-year plan that would promote the interests of all who

depend on the aquifer. This plan proposes to provide an average of 40,000 acre-feet of replacement water into the aquifer or directly to spring users each year. It includes water conservation; reduce groundwater withdrawal where substitutes are available; recapture waste water; and establish an accounting and monitoring system. The entire proposal can be seen at [www.idwr.state.id.us/about/NorthSnake%20MitigationNov02%20Plan.pdf](http://www.idwr.state.id.us/about/NorthSnake%20MitigationNov02%20Plan.pdf). We encourage The Times-News editorial board to do its homework and familiarize itself with this plan.

The editors also should know that decline in spring discharges since the 1950s are mainly due to changes in the storage, delivery and use of surface water across the Eastern Snake Plain, not groundwater pumping. For example, lining canals and moving from flood irrigation to sprinkling are now considered wise uses of water, but these practices have decreased the amount of water flowing into the aquifer, which in turn means lower spring flows. The North Snake and Magic

Valley districts encompass approximately 220,000 acres of irrigated acres. Groundwater pumps use roughly 2 acre-feet of water for each acre annually. Conversely, the licensed spring water right of just one large aquaculture facility would require upwards of 200,000 acre-feet to fill on a year-round basis. In other words, one aquaculture facility is demanding enough water to irrigate about 100,000 acres. Conversely, to turn off the water supply serving that many acres.

We believe there's enough water to go around and our plan will begin a process whereby all users can look forward to a stable, secure water supply. But we won't reach that point until continued litigation, and we ask The Times-News to rethink its stance and use its position to advocate a regional solution—one that will benefit spring users, factories, family farms, dairies, cities and virtually every Main Street business.

Lynn Tominaga is executive director of the Idaho Groundwater Appropriators Inc.

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**Report on retailer leads to a shopping switch**  
I had every intention of doing my shopping today at Wal-Mart in Jerome. But after reading three different articles in Wednesday's paper (Times-News), I have decided to boycott Wal-Mart. Their overworked, underpaid and overworked people in

Honduras and Bangladesh is deplorable! Their excuse is that we in the United States won't pay the prices of goods made in the USA. Is that any reason to treat foreign workers in such a shabby manner? If you haven't read Wednesday, Dec. 3's, paper, dig it out and turn to Section E. ELIZABETH HERMAN BUH

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Report on investigation, deputy missed details

This is in response to the story printed in The Times-News on Nov. 23 concerning Glenna Stephens and Jose Ruiz by reporter Rebecca Meany. This story implies that Det. Gerald Brant was negligent in his duties. I believe that the reporter or The Times-News should have checked the details of the incident out further before making it appear that an officer did not do his duty. Deputy Goodrich's report is a matter of public record and it states: Deputy Goodrich located the child sometime later in the Stephens' home. An arrest warrant would not have been issued if the prosecutor and judge had not felt that there was sufficient evidence to do so. Before you print articles, you

should do your homework, checking the public record and print all the facts. Det. Brant has an unblemished record and knows his job. We feel he deserves an apology. Cases are dismissed all the time, but this does not mean that the original incident did not occur. Print the true facts and the public interest will be served. BARBARA BRANT Jerome (Editor's note: Barbara Brant is the wife of Capt. Gerald Brant of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department. She and 24 other signers submitted this letter.)  
**Governor has a right to skip the spuds**  
Mr. Hughes: Sir, in reading your comment about the governor's comment about potatoes and not eating them is correct about the contents

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it has on dieters. Now to be recalled is going a little bit too far. He has a right given to him just like you to voice his opinion. Are we going to recall you also? Being the governor has no bearing on his right to speak his beliefs. The only disgrace here is you, just for coming up with that idea. Oh yes, one other thing, there are a lot of people here in Idaho that don't eat potatoes; ever thought about that? I know, let's recall them too. What shall we call them? JESSE K. PARKS Twin Falls  
**Some additional suggestions for water mitigation**  
Where as: Southeastern Idaho well pumps are irrigating 800,000 acres of land, and if they use two acre feet of water per acre, they are pumping 1.6 mil-

lion acre feet, and changing 40,000 acre feet of well water to surface water is not satisfactory mitigation for the amount they are using from the aquifer. I suggest a mitigation plan that includes the ground water users joining with the recharge district to advertise to the general public the benefits of surface water over Miller Dam for Idaho Power Co., for salmon recovery and for making clean cool water available to all by making the canal systems available for year-round use and the cooperation of the Bureau of Reclamation in making water available for recharge. I would be willing to relinquish the right to call on water for these things to happen and a tax on all wells and ground water users to pay the costs incurred. GEORGE LEMMON Hagerman

# Ashcroft chickens out on important security checks

Since Sept. 11, I have been supportive of every homeland security measure used to single out for close scrutiny those with Islamic backgrounds and those from Islamic countries. I supported measures like annual registrations, periodic checks and a policy of refusing to allow such immigrants onto these shores.

None of that support had anything to do with hating Muslims or disrespecting Muslims or profiling Muslims. It had to do with war and how differently one expects a society to go about protecting

**STANLEY CROUCH**

itself during a war.

For those who did not notice it, the destruction of the World Trade Center and the murder of nearly 3,000 people was an act of war by an Islamic group of terrorists bent on killing as many Americans as possible.

So I am opposed to the recent decision by Attorney General John Ashcroft and the homeland security team to back away from

such close scrutiny. The argument behind the decision is that only 11 of the 85,000 Muslims who were checked turned out to have connections to terrorist organizations.

Only 11? That is more than half the number of those who went on the Sept. 11 murder raid that ended with the Pentagon aflame, a plane crashed in Pennsylvania and the largest single act of mass murder in the history of this nation.

Those who oppose putting the spotlight on Muslims seem to think that in a time of so much

high technology 11 people is a small number. It is not. The kinds of things that small groups of people can do are far different from the kind of destruction small groups of fanatics could bring off in the past, when the machines were much less powerful, the explosives were much less deadly and we were not connected to one another by an Internet that is surely a terrorist target.

I do not think, therefore, that arguments about the preferential immigration policies that once favored certain Europeans or the

bigoted attitudes that Irish, Italian, Jewish and Latino immigrants once faced in this country have anything to do with the present war. This is very different from state troopers stopping Negroes in New Jersey for no other reason than they were black.

If the most that Muslim immigrants had to do was show up and register once a year, so what? Whatever bureaucratic discomforts they experienced would have ceased when this war ended.

Those discomforts were also quite different from what they

would have experienced in the countries from which they came had they been Christians residing there immediately following a terrorist attack by Christian fanatics that murdered 3,000 Muslims. They would have been slaughtered in frighteningly large numbers, no questions asked. Anyone who has a television knows that.

So, John Ashcroft and the homeland security team, boo-boo on you. You punked out.

*Stanley Crouch is a columnist for the New York Daily News.*

## LETTER

### Cassia County school officials didn't get a raise

On Thursday, Nov. 27, The Times-News listed salaries for administrators in Cassia School District and other contiguous districts.

The 2003-2004 figures were correct. The 2002-2003 figures were incorrect. No administrators or teachers received increases in salary last year. In addition, there was no increase in the base salary this year for teachers or administrators.

For many years, Cassia Joint School District No. 151 excluded PERSI (state retirement) from the teachers' and administrators' contracts.

It was paid separately. When the financial exigency became apparent in Cassia Joint School District No. 251 two years ago, the Cassia County Education Association and the Cassia Joint School District No. 151 School Board negotiated PERSI into the contract — thus making it

appear that there were increases in salaries for administrators and teachers when there actually were no increases. We have worked vigorously to develop a positive relationship with our teachers and teacher's union, and they have been helpful during this time of financial cut-backs.

to our district. The diminishing revenues are directly related to the diminishing number of students attending Cassia County schools and the legislators' unenviable attempts to balance the state budget.

Hopefully, Idaho's economy is on the mend and the hard-work-

ing, dedicated teachers and administrators in our district will again receive increases in pay. Time will tell.

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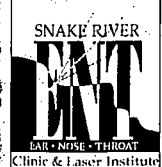
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# Russians vote in elections, could enhance Putin's power

MOSCOW - Voters in Russia's Far East kicked off nationwide elections today, balloting the Kremlin, hopes will install a more docile parliament and help Russian President Vladimir Putin further consolidate power head of his likely re-election bid.

The largest pro-Kremlin party, United Russia, is pressing for a two-thirds majority in the lower house, or State Duma, seeking to trounce the Communists and give Putin the legislative muscle to push through his policies.

The two main liberal parties, which risk becoming little more than bit players in the new Duma,

and independent analysts warn that a plant parliament would concentrate immense power in the hands of a leader who has shown a distaste for dissent.

## President plans to put missile threat to vote

TAIPEI, Taiwan - Taiwan's leader has decided to hold a referendum on March 20 asking voters to demand that China stop threatening the island and remove hun-

dreds of missiles aimed at the island, Taiwanese, a presidential spokesman said Saturday. But the territory is willing to cancel the vote if China redeploys the missiles and renounces using force against the island, officials said.

For the past week, President Chen Shui-bian has kept voters guessing about what question

would be on the ballot in Taiwan's first island-wide referendum. Chen had dropped several hints that the vote could deal with China's missile threat.

Presidential spokesman James Huang confirmed for The Associated Press on Saturday that "the missile issue will be on the referendum. That's for sure."

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Section B

## Love, loss among the grapes of wrath

I was reading recently about a support group for divorced men that advised members they could meet women by hanging out in the produce department of the supermarket and looking help-

Not bad. Male fecklessness, in my judgment, is an inefficiently appreciated tactic for guys, most of whom haven't the slightest notion of what women want.

The wonder is that men and women get together at all, given the quality of the salesmanship. Here are a few male pickup lines that I picked up on the World Wide Web:

• Do you believe in love at first sight, or should I walk by again?

• Are you from Tennessee? Because you're the only ten I see!  
• You are the reason men fall in love.

• If you stood in front of a mirror and held up 11 roses, you would see 12 of the most beautiful things in the world.  
• Do you have a map? I keep getting lost in your eyes.

• If I could rearrange the alphabet, I'd put U and I together.

• I know somebody who likes you but if I weren't so shy, I'd tell you who.

As Jerry Seinfeld famously pointed out, these men are out of ideas.

But can you blame them? They all own mirrors. And the dirty little secret of maledom is that we, collectively, have a big confidence problem.

For starters, there's the packaging issue. The hit TV series from last summer, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," simply underscored what every man already understands: He doesn't know how to dress himself.

He shaves with his eyes closed, is incapable at the cellular level of understanding that plaids and stripes don't go together.

Plus, he doesn't have any hips.

It's quite true: The moment a guy starts putting on weight, his jeans ride down, bag at the seat and gather at the ankles. Fully half of the male population of this country wears out the cuffs on their pants because they're forever walking on them.

Finally, as my grandmother observed, "Time waits for no man and damn few women."

Men — how to put this diplomatically? — age grotesquely. Ear hair, nose hair, single eyebrows, bald spots that reflect enough light to cause traffic accidents — these are just problems that women over 50 don't encounter.

And for all of their angst about aging, women generally do it better.

If you think otherwise, pick out couples at random whom you encounter in public. If they're roughly the same age, nine times out of 10 you're gonna wonder, "What's she see in him?"

Men, of course, realize this. When Tom Cruise and Colin Farrell set the standard, Doc, Dopey, Sleepy, Bashful, Grumpy, Happy and Sneezy over there don't have much of a shot.

So passive/aggressive woo-pitching has distinct advantages:

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## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake Basin	95%	24%
Salmon Falls	87%	19%
Salmon	80%	18%
Oakley	88%	18%
Big Wood	72%	13%
Little Wood	66%	10%
Henry's Fork/Teton	90%	22%
Big Lost	68%	14%
Little Lost	69%	16%
	As of Dec. 6	

• A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.  
• An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in February.

# CSI salaries see little change

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Salaries for faculty at the College of Southern Idaho could increase if the college can cut spending or receive more money.

President Jerry Meyerhoeffer does not expect funding for general salary increases to come from the Legislature in its 2004 session, but he said the college will try to find a way to raise faculty pay. Possibilities include being more efficient with spending or cutting the budget in other areas.

Meyerhoeffer said he doesn't want to increase student fees or tuition, because it could hurt access to the college. This year's tuition increased by 6 percent from last year, while other colleges and universities in the state raised tuition about 10 percent.

CSI is on its third year of the same contract for faculty. Individuals only received pay raises if they attained more education or took on additional responsibilities.

Administrators (12-month contracts)				
Position	Name	2002-03	2003-04	
President	Jerry Meyerhoeffer	\$113,000	\$113,000	
Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer	Jerry Beck	\$95,000	\$98,000	
Vice President of Planning, Development and Student Services and Executive Director of CSI Foundation	Curtis Eaton	\$82,000	\$84,000	
Vice President of Finance	Mike Mason	\$87,000	\$87,000	
Average faculty salaries (nine-month contracts)				
Position	2002-03	2003-04		
Instructor	\$33,969	\$33,600		
Assistant Professor	\$39,300	\$38,600		
Associate Professor	\$44,500	\$43,373		
Professor	\$50,268	\$50,585		
Highest-paid faculty member	\$58,353	\$61,052		

The same is true for administrators. President Jerry Beck and Curtis Eaton-Meyerhoeffer said Executive Vice president of planning, development

and student services and executive director of CSI Foundation — were paid more because they both took on extra duties to prepare the college for its accreditation process.

The average salary for teachers is about \$42,000. CSI tries to be at the average for community colleges in the Rocky Mountain region. Its salaries are just below that average, Meyerhoeffer said.

"It's about as good as you can do," Meyerhoeffer said.

The average professor salaries changed because of a combination of factors: Individuals changed ranks or duties, or new people were hired who make less than higher-ranking faculty.

CSI faculty members start out as instructors and typically have master's degrees or are finishing up that degree. In order to rise through the ranks, faculty members have to spend three years in their rank, do well on performance reviews and submit performance portfolios.

## Herrett Center gets observatory dome

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS**—Yes, it's a compromise placing the state's second-largest telescope on the north side of Twin Falls where there is a lot of light pollution.

But it wouldn't do to put in the South Hills, for instance, where there is little light pollution, College of Southern Idaho officials say. "Not many people would be willing to travel that far to use the 24-inch, research-grade telescope that will soon grace the observatory at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the CSI campus."

"It's a compromise," said Chris Anderson, observatory manager. "The compromise is that we're making the telescope accessible versus having dark skies."

About 30,000 people per year visit the center now, and that will only increase once the latest addition to the museum is completed. On Saturday, construction workers began putting the new addition's \$60,000 dome in place.

The accompanying \$300,000 telescope is still being built. Anderson, who worked six years in the Hubble Space Telescope in Baltimore, Md., looks for the Herrett Center's telescope to be in place by March or April.

When it is, "This is going to be one of the biggest, fully hand-capped-accessible public telescopes in the world," Anderson said.

The bulk of the money for the new addition comes from the Earl-Faulkner-estate, Anderson said.

Taxpayer money is not being used for the expansion. Faulkner, a local entrepreneur who died in 2001, left \$1.5 million to the Herrett Center observatory.

The largest telescope in the state is at the Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park observatory. That 25-inch telescope is manually operated, and people have to climb a ladder to use it, Anderson said. The telescope at the Herrett Center observatory will be operated by a computer. "And eventually, Anderson hopes, there will be an electronic camera in the observatory to allow Internet viewing. A fee-paying subscriber could direct the telescope and view images over the Internet."



Workers hang on to several guy lines while the new observatory dome is lifted atop the roof of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science Saturday. The dome will house a custom-designed, research-grade telescope that will be fully hand-capped accessible. Once it is completed, the telescope will be open to the public as well as research.



Brandy Humberger and her cousin, Wyatt Williams, count out the 1.1 billion in Mega-Millionaire bucks Brandy needed to pay for the new car she won during the Times-News 'Make Me A Mega-Millionaire' auction Saturday. Brandy collected the 1.1 billion with help from 20 family members and a few generous people seated nearby during the auction.

## Gooding woman earns top prize in T-N auction

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — For 19-year-old Brandy Humberger of Gooding, a recent Times-News promotional program became a way to heal. Humberger's mother died in October. Ever since then, she and many of her relatives from around southern Idaho have been in a frenzy clipping coupons meant to be used as play money from The Times-News. The coupons, or Mega-Millionaire bucks, were to be used to bid on items that Magic Valley merchants donated to the promotion.

"It became a way for the family to work through the grief," said Heather Williams, Humberger's aunt. "The whole family would get together on Sunday nights to clip."

Humberger's obsession with clipping the fake money began in September. That's when the Mega-Millionaire program began. There were weekly auctions, and the last was held on Saturday. In order to

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## Moosing around: Convention attracts fans of long-legged critters

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

### Moose facts

- Ticks are among the biggest threats to moose in some areas, in addition to timber wolves and grizzly and black bears. Wildlife Biologist Vince Cichon has counted as many as 79,000 moose ticks on one bull. By trying to rid themselves of the ticks, moose lose their hair, a deadly mistake in cold winters.
- Moose fight so passionately they can sometimes tip the antlers off of other moose.
- Moose only have bottom teeth — they have no upper choppers.
- You can tell a moose's age by counting the rings on ground-down teeth.

**SUN VALLEY** — Moose temporarily replaced traditional seasonal Christmas carols at the Sun Valley Inn Saturday as moose mania took over.

"Jingle Bells" was out, and the guttural grunts of moose calls were in. As children and adults alike showed off just how close their vocal chords could come to sounding like a throaty grunt of a bull moose.

"You can make the same sound with a tin can and a string," said British Columbia outfitter Greg Spenser, who has been calling moose for 13 years.

"I always download my calls according to the size of the cow," added Spenser, who is hoping his moose calling talents will take him on the "Tonight Show" in the coming weeks. "I don't want to scare them away with a big lusty call."

a gorilla in abject pain. They were part of the North American Moose Foundation convention Friday and Saturday in Sun Valley.

The convention attracted more than 500 moose fans from as far away as New Zealand, Argentina, Connecticut and Nebraska who gathered to swap tall tales and talk about conservation projects that members are working on in 18 states, 10 provinces and three territories.

It also attracted plenty of curiosity seekers who loaded up on salt and pepper shakers molded in the shape of moose, moose suckers and even a \$500 toilet decorated with a moose head on the seat cover and moose tracks and droppings in the bowl.

"I saw my first moose in the summer of 1980 when I was flying in Alaska, and the pilot tipped his

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Five-year-old Kyle Anderson belts out her best moose call as her sister, Sage, right, and parents, Rob and Heidi, look on. The Andersons traveled from Jackson, Wyo., for the moose convention in Sun Valley this weekend.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

BYU will tighten housing boundaries

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Brigham Young University officials have announced the university will restrict approved off-campus housing to a small area around the university beginning in April 2007.

only affected unit with more than a handful of BYU students, Jenkins said.

BYU made its announcement Friday. The Mormon church-owned university said in October 2001 it would not approve new complexes outside Provo but approved some larger new developments until the review was completed.

Since the deadline is more than four years away, students and landlords have time to prepare for the change.

There already are 23,000 BYU-approved off-campus rental spaces within the boundaries, said Julie Franklin, director of residence life at BYU. Only 14,738 of those spaces were occupied by BYU students during winter semester 2003.

BYU has 6,574 on-campus apartments and dorm rooms for male and female students and those with families.

Many students at UVSC and smaller institutions of higher education in Utah Valley prefer to live in BYU-approved housing because of the stamp of approval from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is meant to ensure a "moral environment," Jenkins said.

Approved housing must segregate by gender. Members of the opposite sex are not allowed in bedrooms, and visiting hours are restricted to 9 a.m. to midnight or 1:30 a.m. on Friday nights. Tobacco, drugs and alcohol are prohibited.

SERVICES

Ruth Mae Hill of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Ann Westfall of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Alice Leah Vitale of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; inurnment will follow at noon at the Jerome Cemetery, luncheon for family and friends will follow the service at the Jerome Catholic Church, corner of Second Avenue and Buchanan Street in Jerome.

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Ernestine Martin - Buhl

Ernestine Martin, 93, of Buhl, Idaho, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Dec. 3, 2003, at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly, Idaho.



She was born Jan. 31, 1910, to Fred and Bess (Cook) Fox in Paddy, Mo. She met the love of her life, Clifford Martin, in 1925. They moved to Idaho in 1937 and farmed in the Castelford area until their retirement in 1967. She enjoyed being a housewife and working for Green Giant.

Ernestine and Clifford were married for 78 years; Clifford passed away May 30, 2003. She was a member of the Calvary Assembly of God Church.

Ernestine was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gerald; one daughter, Velma

Robinson; a grandson, Duane Harp; and her husband, Clifford. She is survived by one daughter,

ter, Lana (Allen) Götter; grandson, Lynn (Barbara) Davis; granddaughter, Shannon (Brad) Bressman; great-granddaughter, Brittany Caldwell; two great-grandsons, Brandon and Christopher Bressman; nieces, Virginia Hall, Barbara Mueller and Mona (Donald) Grey; great-nieces, Beth (Jim) Campbell, Kathy Scatterin, Toni Morrow and Sandy (Eric) Devrick; great-nephews, Dennis (Julie) Grey and Steve (Angie) Campbell.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls with Pastor Les Lee officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Charlotte Luciele Puschel - Buhl/Eagle

Charlotte Puschel, 78, formerly of Buhl, passed from this world with her family by her side, Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, after an eight-month battle with lung cancer.



Charlotte was born Jan. 27, 1925, in Buhl, Idaho, to Ernest and Faith (Wilson) Baxter. One of four children, she was raised in the Magic Valley until her high school years when the family moved to Washington. During World War II, Charlotte worked in the Navy Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash. After the war, she moved back to Buhl, where she married her husband and lifelong partner of 56 years, Eugene Puschel. In 1956, they moved the family of three from their farm in Idaho to Chico, Calif. After 10 years, their travels took them to Forest Grove, Ore., where they finished raising their family and started in on grand-

kids. While in Oregon, Charlotte worked for Tektronix Inc., and on weekends they pursued their hobbies of camping and fishing. Charlotte was an artist, musician, loving mother and grandmother.

In 1985, Charlotte and Gene came full circle, returning to Idaho to retire. In the winters, they would snowbird down south. In the summer, they would return to Idaho to be near their family.

Charlotte Puschel is survived by her husband, Eugene; three children, Mike Puschel of Coos Bay, Ore., Renee Goodrich and Cindy Burnett of Boise; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and two sisters, Maxine of Buhl, Idaho, and Margie of Fort Orchard, Wash.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Buhl, with Pastor Jack Cook officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be held from 10-11 a.m. at Farmer Funeral Chapel. Entombment will follow at West End Cemetery in Buhl, Idaho.

Helen Blass - Filer

Helen Blass, 104, of Filer, passed into peace at BridgeView Estates Care Center early Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003.



Helen was born Aug. 5, 1899, to John and Alfreda Rohrmann Blass in the Snake River Canyon near Crystal Springs Orchard. Her parents were the first permanent settlers in Filer. Helen's mother carried mail from Abby Post-Office on the Snake River to Hartsman, with Helen and her sister often accompanying her. Helen attended the first Maroa school when it was housed in the Crocker home, before the Maroa school was built. Helen picked beans at a Filer bean warehouse and also was midwife when her mother was not available. Helen cared for her parents until their death. She lived and maintained her home in Filer until failing

health forced her to live at BridgeView Estates permanently. Helen was a member of the Miriam Rebekah Lodge and the Missionary Church in Filer.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, brother and sister. She is survived by her sister, Alice Bodecker of Wickburg, Ariz.; nieces, Gertrude Garey Ellis and Katherine Lively of Twin Falls and Sandra Gunthrie of Sacramento, Calif.; nephews, Robert Blass and Bill Blass of Filer; and a very dear care giver and friend, Gina Henderson.

A service for Helen will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" with burial following the service at Filer Cemetery. Friends and family may visit one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the mortuary. The family suggests memorials be given to the Filer Missionary Church, 400 Yakima, Filer, ID 83328, or they may be left with the funeral home staff.

Leah Knopp Serr - Paul

Leah Knopp Serr, 79, of Paul, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at Parkview Medical Center-West-Pocatello.



She was born Feb. 21, 1924, in Lamar, Colo., the daughter of Jacob and Amelia Schneider Knopp. She received her education in Heyburn and Rupert. She married Harry C. Serr Dec. 2, 1940, in Twin Falls, Idaho. They lived northwest of Paul for many years, where they farmed and raised their family. Upon retirement, they moved into the town of Paul. Harry passed away on Sept. 21, 1993.

Leah was a member of the Burley First Presbyterian Church, and was active in Presbyterian Women. She loved her family and enjoyed time being spent with them. She liked camping and fishing and especially loved traveling. She was extremely talented in sewing, crocheting, knitting and embroi-

der work. We will miss her genuine sweetness and her gentle soothing smile. She is survived by her children, Janell (Dale) Martin of Heyburn, Daryl (Irene) Serr and Dallas (Vicki) Serr; both of Paul; her siblings, Ed (Esther) Knopp of Las

Vegas, Nev.; Rosie Ewertheart of Paul; Ben (Mavis) Knopp of Denver, Colo.; and Clair (Ann) Herring of Pocatello; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Jake, Dave and Vic Knopp; and three sisters, Mary, Gerlach, Martha Meyer and Esther Fetzer.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., with the Rev. Dr. John A. Rakestraw officiating. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 12 to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund or to a charity of choice, in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICES

LeRoy Rehwait

TWIN FALLS - LeRoy Rehwait, 83, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003, at the Eden Trinity Lutheran Church. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls with the family greeting friends from 5 to 7 p.m. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Jilynn Muir

TWIN FALLS - Jilynn Muir, 26, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2003, as the result of an automobile accident. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the 8th Ward Chapel, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Lenora Miller

RUPERT - Lenora Miller, 79, of Rupert, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care in Rupert. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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The family of Leonard Leth would like to thank the community for the memorial contributions, cards, calls, and expressions of sympathy received throughout Leonard's illness and death. They were very much appreciated.

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# Utah speaker runs for governor

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah House Speaker Marty Stephens has resigned as a vice president at Zions Bank to devote his full attention to his 2004 gubernatorial run.

"I'm running for governor and I want to be able to do that full-time," Stephens said Friday. He also is just a few weeks away from plunging into the annual legislative session, which begins Jan. 13.

Stephens, R-Farr West, worked for Zions Bank for 14.5 years. He

oversaw the company's disaster recovery program in Utah and Idaho for the past several years. Stephens' resignation could help separate him from the contentious bank-credit union feud that roiled Utah politics. Stephens has said he "wouldn't be surprised" if credit unions take an active role in the governor's race.

Last year, credit unions poured more than \$120,000 into the Republican primary campaign of

Rob Bishop in the 1st Congressional District. Bishop's primary victory knocked out former House Majority Leader Kevin Garr, a bank board chairman and one of Stephens' allies.

Gov. Olene Walker, who ascended to her office when former Gov. Mike Leavitt accepted a Bush administration request that he head the federal Environmental Protection Agency, has not said whether she will run for a full term.

Other Republicans who have indicated they would run include former U.S. Rep. Jim Hansen, former U.S. ambassador Jon Huntsman Jr., Board of Regents Chairman Nolan Karras, Merit Medical chief executive Fred Lampropoulos, Utah County Commissioner Gary Herbert and state Sen. Parley Helms.

University of Utah law school dean Scott Matheson Jr. is the only known Democratic candidate for governor.

## Coeur d'Alene Tribe fires legislative affairs director

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Another official with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe has been fired.

The tribe declined to renew the contract of its main legal counsel and legislative director, Alice Koskela.

"I was not given formal, official reasons for my contract not being renewed," Koskela said Friday.

She previously served as an aide to former Gov. Cecil Andrus and has spent the last three years with the tribe.

"I have enjoyed working for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe," Koskela said. "I have only the greatest respect for the tribal government and the people. I have no regrets."

As legislative affairs director and main in-house counsel, Koskela kept the council informed about governmental and judicial issues.

Her firing comes several months after tribal police chief Harold Scott and Lt. Trent Aubertin were let go. Tribal prosecutor Rudy Verschor also left in recent months to take a job with the Kootenai County

Prosecutor's Office.

Tribal Council member Chuck Matheson declined to comment on the council's reasoning for not renewing Koskela's contract.

"I'm not sure what I can say. Personnel matters are really touchy," Matheson said.

"I have enjoyed working for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. I have only the greatest respect for the tribal government and the people. I have no regrets."

— Alice Koskela, former legislative director

## Fire kills man, leaves his wife in critical condition

LAKE SHORE, Utah (AP) — A house fire in Utah County that may have started in a fireplace has left a man dead and his wife in critical condition.

Sgt. Dennis Harris of the Utah County Sheriff's Office, said the Friday fire remains under investigation as the Spanish Fork Fire Department sorts through the remains of the Lake Shore home, which suffered serious damage in the blaze.

Harris said the fire started around noon at the home of the elderly couple in their 90s. Harris said the state fire marshal is concentrating his investigation on the home's wood stove.

"They believe that it came from the area of the fireplace," Harris said. "There is speculation that maybe a log rolled out and started

a fire in the home." Annabel Shepherd, from Meals on Wheels, first noticed the fire when she arrived at the home to make a daily lunch delivery. Approaching the door, she noticed the man outside on the home's south porch. He was severely burned and appeared to be dead.

"She said he was burnt very badly with third-degree burns," Harris said. "I don't think he was moving."

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Officials review school reconfiguration plan

By J. Draw Johnson Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - A plan to reconfigure every school in Burley is under review by Cassia County School District officials.

The plan will be outlined at the Tuesday School Board meeting, and school officials want to hear from the public then.

At this point, everything's on the table and no decisions have been made, they say.

The proposal calls for moving sixth-graders out of Burley Junior High School into Burley High School, so all high school students can be in one building.

All the other high schools in Cassia County already house freshmen through seniors.

It would also change the makeup of the junior high, by moving sixth-graders there. That building then would house sixth-through eighth-grade students.

The space freed up by moving sixth-graders from White Pine Intermediate School would be taken over by third-graders, coming from Dvorshak and Mountain View elementary schools.

In turn, that would leave more room at the two elementary schools. Some school officials want to establish more sections of all-day kindergarten in the schools, but there's not enough room there now.

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The State Education



Kindergarten students at Mountain View Elementary School in Burley sound out words in a reading exercise. If Burley schools are reconfigured, school officials plan to add more sections of all-day kindergarten. Reading with teacher Janet Bingham are Harley Bristol, Triston Dayley, Tyla Doman, Robert DeLeon and Nicholas Lindback.

More kids may move to all-day kindergarten

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BURLEY - If Burley schools are reconfigured, kindergarten students could benefit as much as anyone, some school officials say.

A reconfiguration plan under discussion by the Cassia County School District calls for moving third-graders out of the two elementary schools and into White Pine Intermediate School. If that occurs, the additional space at Dvorshak and Mountain View elementary schools could be used to expand the all-day kindergarten program.

Two kindergarten options already exist in Burley - full day and half day. That would continue, but some educators think more parents are interested in the all-day option than there is now space for students.

Department recommends 20 students per class in third grade and 26 students per fourth, fifth- and sixth-grade classes.

If third-graders are moved to White Pine, "we are going to have an innovative about how we reconfigure our classes," Lowe said.

**Social change**  
School officials recognize some parents may be concerned about these possible changes in social atmosphere at schools. If the changes occur,

When the topic was discussed at a student senate meeting at BHIS, concerns were raised about "younger students mixing with older students," Bailey said.

Bailey cited Coppmann's remarks that it may be a tougher mix between seventh- and ninth-graders than between freshmen and seniors.

Bailey and Coppmann say freshmen would be socially able and ready to enter high school, and the gap between sixth- and eighth-graders won't be as wide as the gap that now exists at the junior high.

Other school administrators echoed that position.

Love taught sixth grade for 14 years before going to White Pine four years ago.

"I can see similarities where (sixth-graders) might fit better with seventh- and eighth-graders socially and in maturity," Love said. "There is a lot of difference between a fifth-grader and sixth-grader, they change in that year."

Of the 121 current kindergarten students at Dvorshak, 44 are in the full-day program. At Mountain View, 40 of the 107 kindergartners attend school all day.

Enrollment in the all-day option is limited to students who've been identified as needing extra help. Dvorshak Principal Irma Bushman said,

"Mountain View Principal Delia Valdez supports all-day kindergarten. Students who attend kindergarten for the full day 'are better prepared and have more time to learn the skills needed so we can have all students reading at grade level by the third grade,'" she said.

Bushman agrees that students would benefit from all-day kindergarten. Bushman taught all-day kindergarten classes at the Newcomer Center. That program "really jump-started the kids" in their academic and social skills, she said.

Superintendent Mike Chesley agrees. Students who started school in an all-day kindergarten program "do better on the testing" later in their academic careers.

Valdez and Bushman have some concerns about the possible funding changes if kindergartners leave their buildings and more kindergarten students become full-day students.

Bushman predicted she'd need two more teachers to handle the full-day classes. But she also said it costs less to equip a kindergarten classroom than a third-grade classroom.

Chesley pointed out the reconfiguration discussion is preliminary, and funding matters haven't been fully addressed yet.

"They're just anxious about having their kids move on so quickly,"

Koepnick is "fine with the shift because I know the teachers and school administrators and I trust them. I believe they are just trying to help our students."

Irma Bushman, principal at Dvorshak Elementary School and a mom herself, shares the concerns of worried parents.

"I can't imagine my baby going on up to the high school," Bushman said. "I'm nervous because my son Michael is an eighth-grader. He's eager to move to BHIS, she said.

**Money**  
Consolidating all high schoolers on one campus will reduce busing costs, school officials said.

Today freshmen are bused to the high school for sports practices and competitions.

Coppmann said some additional money is funneled to the junior high because of a couple of technical classes, but that loss wouldn't really affect the budget.

Schools receive state funding increases on average daily attendance. So, though ninth-graders would leave the junior high campus, sixth-graders would move to that site, essentially leaving junior high enrollment unchanged.

The budget at BHIS would increase, because more students would be at that building, but the money is already spent within the district to educate ninth-graders, Bailey said.

The incidents occurred south of Portlath in an area where residents have long complained of poaching and other illegal activities like spotlighting - hunting at night with a spotlight to freeze game in the beam.

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Blaine County pushes for transportation tax option

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Nearly 50 of the powers that be in the Wood River Valley gathered through the dinner hour last week to offer ideas for creating Legislature's help in funding public transportation.

Two state legislators, three mayors, a county commissioner and numerous city council members, county and city planners, school board members and others gathered at Sun Valley City Hall to offer their ideas on ways to fund public transportation in the valley.

The meeting was staged by the newly formed Idaho Task Force on Public Transportation. The task force is made up of representatives from the Wood River Valley, the Coeur d'Alene area, Pocatello and Idaho Falls and the Magic and Treasure valleys. Their mission to convince the Legislature to allow local governments to ask voters to approve local measures to fund public transportation.

The Legislature has turned a deaf ear in the past to Blaine County's request to do just that sort of thing. Many local leaders say public transportation is needed to free up the congestion caused by commuters between Bellevue and Ketchum each morning and evening.

But a cooperative statewide effort should give supporters of the effort more clout, said state Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum. And it doesn't hurt that Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone, sits on the House Revenue and Taxation Committee that will consider the bill, nor that the Meridian-based Valley-Ride committee effort has good lobbyists on hand.

Local governments have several options for funding public transportation, said Mark Carnopis, community relations manager for Valley Ride in Meridian. They include a local option or sales tax that could be imposed on goods and services throughout the county.

The tax would be similar to the one Ketchum and Sun Valley are allowed to assess because of their unique roles as resort towns to pay for police fire and other services to accommodate the area's tourist influx.

Other options include an additional sales tax on gasoline sold in the area, a surcharge on vehicles and a property tax on vehicles. The latter could be a flat fee or a fee that would vary according to the make of the car, with the

qualify for the final auction, participants had to have at least \$2 million in Mega-Millionaire bucks. Saturday's auction was the end of the season's promotion.

Humberger's goal was to collect more money than anyone else in Magic Valley. Collecting the most play money meant being able to walk away with the merchants' largest donation to the circulation promotion: a lump sum of \$12,500 to be put toward any vehicle on the lot at Red Green Pontiac, Truck & GMC in Twin Falls.

Humberger said she badly needed a new car for her daily commute from the College of Southern Idaho, where she is a student.

Eventually the chase for coupons went beyond the family, with friends and community members contributing to the cause.

On Friday, Humberger even went so far as to buy \$500 worth of newspapers. And at midnight Friday family members were still collecting newspapers to clip, Williams said.

"We were still clipping at 2 o'clock in the morning," Williams said. "Brandee said, 'What if we don't have enough?' I told her, 'No one's family would be this insane.'"

The bidding before the auction inside the CSI gymnasium, more than 1,000 people had so much "money" they were totting it in paper bags, suitcases, backpacks, duffel bags, boxes and crates. Folks put their coupon money toward a dozen items. Besides the

\$12,500, the items also included such things as a complete body makeover from a local gym, a billiards table and a \$1,000 spending spree in a hardware store.

As an incentive to make "donations" to The Times-News promotion, businesses negotiated deals for advertising in the paper, said Mike Smit, the paper's advertising director.

The persistence of Humberger's relatives paid off. Humberger swayed the sweepstakes winning bid for the \$12,500 with a bid of more than \$1 billion in coupon money. She said she doesn't know what kind of car she wants but that "anything is better than what I have."

The first auction was held last year by Greg Evolor, the newspaper's marketing director, said no decision has been made as to whether one will be held again next year.

This year's promotion moved Idaho's third-largest newspaper to second place, increasing circulation from 23,000 to around 24,000 during the three months that it ran, said Dan Walock, circulation manager. The Idaho Statesman is first in the state with a circulation of about 64,000 for weekday papers and 87,000 for all seven days. The Idaho Falls Post-Register is second in the state with approximately 25,700 circulation for all seven days and a 23,200 circulation for weekdays. The Times-News' circulation runs about even for both seven-day circulation and weekday at about 22,900.

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Fish and Game veteran accuses Coeur d'Alene man of poaching

MOSCOW (AP) - A veteran Fish and Game Department conservation officer has accused a Coeur d'Alene man of engineering a killing of the biggest moose ever seen by the officer in his career.

Officer Clint Rand even swore under oath that Bradley Scot Shepherd, 37, admitted to a number of allegations including

killing a bear and giving the hide to a friend to pay a debt.

Shepherd faces a Dec. 18 hearing on five felony charges of illegally killing the bear and four deer during the fall of 2001. He faces more than \$12,000 in fines and loss of sportsman privileges if convicted, but he says he is being railroaded.

United States, with large concentrations in Henrys Fork, Coeur d'Alene and Soda Springs.

As a species, moose are "doing good" and even expanding in areas like the coastal lands along the Oregon coast and New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine, said moose expert Vince Crichton of Manitoba, Canada.

Crichton, who has appeared on the Discovery Channel and Animal Planet as "the man who would be moose," said moose have benefited from the forest

fires that have ravaged parts of the West during the last few years.

"You don't see moose nibbling at 50-foot trees. The forest fires make way for habitat that they can browse" he said.

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Moose

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wings to make wide circles around a gorgeous moose. Now I'm a total moose freak," said Mary Orvig, one of the founders of the foundation, which is based in Mackay.

"I have moose everything from notepads to moose mugs. Plus, moose makes good eating - moose salami is die for," he said.

About 20,000 moose reside in Idaho, Orvig said - 90 of them in the Wood River Valley, Idaho, in fact, sports some of the major moose habitat in the western

Crump

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There are few women so hard-hearted that they don't pity the fool who holds a watermelon up to his car and shakes it, or thumps on an orange.

Appalling, but is it also appealing? Since I'm packing a Y chromosome, I'm not in a position to say.

Yet the Census Bureau reports that a 45-year-old formerly married man in America has slightly better than a 50 percent chance of marrying again. You can attribute

that to bad lighting - or you can chalk it up to left-handed charm.

Or perhaps women have insight into a man's character that transcends the outward fooliness.

Back when I was in college, the campus newspaper ran, of course, by English majors - polled male and female students on the literary characters of the opposite gender that they admired most.

Among the women, Don Quixote, Cyrano de Bergerac and the Quasimodo finished 1-2-3.

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# University of Idaho foundation president makes key changes

BOISE (AP) — State policy makers may have waited six months for the investigative report on the financial manipulations in the largely failed University Place project, but not Jim Hawkins.

The successful businessman and former state commerce director under both Democratic and Republican governors has been president of the University of Idaho Foundation for less than two months. But he has already severed one tie with the university that he believes helped undermine the school's ambitious Boise complex.

Hawkins said he has secured the support of the state Board of Education to terminate a written agreement dating back more than a quarter century requiring the university's financial vice president to also be the treasurer of the foundation.

He made clear in an interview that he has reached no conclusion about the actions of Jerry Wallace, who held both jobs during the questionable phases of University Place development.

But Hawkins vigorously challenged the propriety of having the same man capable of signing checks for both the university and the foundation that offers it assistance but has a distinct financial responsibility.

"Where are the checks and balances?" Hawkins said. "We want to close all these open doors so we can move forward without being blind-sided by some of these things."

The deal with the board finally achieves what Hawkins tried to do two decades ago when he first served as foundation president and raised questions then about the dual role of the university's financial vice president.

An independent panel is being set up to evaluate the future performance of the foundation as well as to recruit new board members, he said, and the foundation is voluntarily complying with the 2002 federal law imposing new accounting standards on corporate America.

But setting the stage for an independent foundation treasurer

and an independent evaluation of the board itself are only two of the major changes Hawkins has initiated ahead of the verdict of a special investigator. Changes in bylaws and structure have also occurred.

Boise attorney Larry Prince has spent over six months, and more than \$500,000 of the university's money, looking into the financial

dealings of the school and foundation during the early development of University Place at Boise.

Prince's 600-page report was secretly reviewed by the Board of Education on Friday and is now being reviewed by Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, who will delete any information protected by law from disclosure before public release on Tuesday.

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Wednesday: Burrito  
Thursday: Ham sandwich  
Friday: Chili

**FILER SCHOOL**  
Monday: Hot dogs  
Tuesday: Pizza  
Wednesday: Turkey gravy  
Thursday: Cook's choice  
Friday: Burritos

**HANSEN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Breakfast Menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Wednesday: Oatmeal  
Thursday: Bagels  
Friday: Long johns  
Lunch Menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Pizza  
Tuesday: Beef fajitas  
Wednesday: French toast sticks  
Thursday: Sloppy joes  
Friday: Rib-b-cue

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
Choice of milk every day  
Monday: Corn dog  
Tuesday: Tostada  
Wednesday: Vegetable beef soup  
Thursday: Turkey and gravy over noodles  
Friday: Sandwich

**KIMBERLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Burritos  
Tuesday: Deli sandwich  
Wednesday: Corn dog  
Thursday: Chicken patty  
Friday: Chili

**KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL**  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Burritos  
Tuesday: Deli sandwich  
Wednesday: Corn dog  
Thursday: Chicken fillet sandwich  
Friday: Potato bar

**LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Monday: Grilled cheese sandwiches  
Tuesday: Stroganoff  
Wednesday: Spaghetti  
Thursday: Waffles  
Friday: Pizza

**MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
Choice of milk served every day  
Monday: Pizza  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets  
Wednesday: Hot Italian sub sandwich  
Thursday: Soft shell tacos  
Friday: Finger steaks

**MURTAUGH SCHOOL**  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Barbecue rib sandwich  
Tuesday: Turkey gravy over potatoes  
Wednesday: Beef stew  
Thursday: Baked potato bar  
Friday: Hamburgers

**ROBERT STUART AND O'LEARY JUNIOR HIGH**  
Breakfast menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Hot oatmeal  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch menu  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Malibu chicken, rib-b-cue sandwich or salad bar  
Tuesday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla, pig in a blanket or soup and sandwich bar  
Wednesday: Cheeseburger, chicken pretzels or potato bar  
Thursday: Fish steaks, nachos supreme or salad bar  
Friday: Pizza or taco bar

**ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
Monday: Spaghetti  
Tuesday: Taco salad  
Wednesday: Turkey and gravy  
Thursday: Bean and cheese burrito  
Friday: Hot dogs

**TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY**  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Hot oatmeal  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Biscuits and gravy  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Pepperoni pizza  
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets  
Wednesday: Finger steak  
Thursday: Beef and bean burrito  
Friday: Breakfast for lunch

**TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL**  
Breakfast is served everyday.  
Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar, and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday.  
Monday: Salad bar, deli sandwich or grilled chicken and bacon wrap  
Tuesday: Coyote grill bar, deli sandwich or french dip sandwich  
Wednesday: Taco bar, deli sandwich or cheeseburger  
Thursday: Deli sandwich, coyote grill bar or chicken sandwich  
Friday: Deli sandwich, potato bar or pizza

**VALLEY SCHOOLS**  
Breakfast is served everyday.  
Monday: Corn dog  
Tuesday: Spaghetti  
Wednesday: Soft shell taco  
Thursday: Hamburger  
Friday: Western vegetable soup

**BLISS SCHOOL**  
Milk served every day  
Monday: Chicken patty  
Tuesday: Beef stroganoff  
Wednesday: Turkey sandwich  
Thursday: French toast  
Friday: Surf burger

**DIETRICH SCHOOLS**  
Salad bar, fruit and milk served every day  
Monday: Shepherd's pie  
Tuesday: Sub sandwich  
Wednesday: Popcorn chicken  
Thursday: Nachos  
Friday: Cheese bake

**GLENN FERRY**  
Monday: Chicken burger  
Tuesday: Ham and cheese

Wednesday: Chili  
Thursday: Chef salad  
Friday: Potato soup

**HAGERMAN SCHOOLS**  
Choice of milk offered every day  
Breakfast menu  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Breakfast pizza  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Breakfast sandwich  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Fish nuggets  
Tuesday: Corn dog  
Wednesday: Burrito  
Thursday: Chicken nuggets  
Friday: Chili

**IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND**  
Milk served every day.  
Breakfast menu  
Monday: English muffin pizza  
Tuesday: Cereal  
Wednesday: French toast  
Thursday: Cereal  
Friday: Waffles.  
Lunch menu  
Salad bar and choice of milk served every day  
Monday: Burrito  
Tuesday: Grilled ham and cheese  
Wednesday: Corn dog  
Thursday: Nachos  
Friday: Fish nuggets

**RICHFIELD SCHOOLS**  
Breakfast  
Milk and juice served every day  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Biscuits and gravy  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: French toast  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch  
Monday: Chicken noodle soup  
Tuesday: Nachos  
Wednesday: Soft-shell-taco  
Thursday: Lasagna  
Friday: Chili

**SHOSHONE SCHOOLS**  
Breakfast and choice of milk served every day  
Monday: Soft taco  
Tuesday: Roast turkey and gravy  
Wednesday: Corn dog

Thursday: Ham  
Friday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich

**CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
Breakfast menu  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Cheese toast  
Wednesday: Breakfast on a bun  
Thursday: Cereal  
Friday: Toaster pastry  
Lunch menu  
Monday: Hamburger  
Tuesday: Taco  
Wednesday: School choice  
Thursday: Crispito  
Friday: Sloppy joes

**MINIDOKA COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
Breakfast menu  
Monday: Cereal  
Tuesday: Breakfast burrito  
Wednesday: Cereal  
Thursday: Breakfast cookie  
Friday: Cereal  
Lunch  
Choice of white or chocolate milk every day. The middle school has a choice of main line and salad bar each day. The high school has main line, salad bar, take out, sandwich line and pizza line every day.  
Monday: Fish sandwich  
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese  
Wednesday: Hamburger gravy over potatoes  
Thursday: French bread pizza  
Friday: Hot dog

**BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH**  
Breakfast: Juice and fruit served every day  
Choice of salad bar with sandwich or soup or sandwich bar every day.  
Chocolate milk served every day  
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Tuesday: Hamburger, cheeseburger, burrito or finger steaks

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Friday: Ham and cheese sandwiches, turkey and cheese sandwich or spaghetti  
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Fri-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:30-9:45  
Brother Bear (B) Daily 7:15-9:30  
Fri-Sun 12:00-2:15-4:30-7:00-9:30  
Disney's The Cat in the Hat (C) Daily 7:00-9:20  
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Fri-Sun 12:00-2:15-4:30-7:00-9:20  
Secondhand Lions (L) Daily 7:30-9:45  
Fri-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:30-9:45  
Honey (H) Daily 7:15-9:30  
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Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:30  
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# Woman with cerebral palsy intends to get her own home

By Courtney Cobb  
Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — Staring at her bright computer screen, 56-year-old Karen Stahlacker prepares to type a letter to some of her friends and family.

But instead of using her hands to type the messages, Karen uses her nose.

Shirley Heer, Karen's Target Service coordinator, says that watching Karen type is one of the most amazing things.

"I have tried to do this and I can't," she said.

Karen has severe cerebral palsy and can't really communicate in words or walk on her own, but she has a spirit not many can match.

She graduated from Highland

High School and attended Idaho State University for three years. Karen loves to write poetry and stories, and draw on her computer.

Though Karen is confined to a wheelchair, she doesn't let anything get in her way. She can push herself expertly around, with her left foot.

While she has accomplished quite a bit, Karen has lived at the Portneuf Valley Nursing Home for the past 24 years and is ready to be out on her own for the first time.

"She's been in prison for 24 years and it's a prison of her body and an institution. They have done a great job helping her, but her mind needs to be free and her spirit needs to be free," said Dr. Roger Boe, Karen's physician.

For the past two years, Boe and

Karen have searched for a way to move her out of the nursing home and into the community. She's looked at apartments, but couldn't find any that would work for her.

There were either too many stairs, the doors weren't wide enough for her wheelchair or the bathrooms weren't big enough for her to get her chair around.

But Karen didn't give up.

Several years ago, Karen had visited a friend's house and she said she liked the floor plan. She had Boe look at the house and both decided the plan would work.

Boe traveled to Idaho Falls and talked with a manufactured house dealer about a specialized floor plan.

"We found a lot for sale that was zoned for manufactured homes

and Dr. Boe put \$500 down to hold it," Karen said.

She said at first the manufactured home dealer told her she needed only a 5 percent down payment. Karen was able to obtain the money from the Association for Retarded Citizens in Blackfoot, but then the dealership told her they wanted 10 percent down plus up-front closing costs.

Boe said the reason the dealership asked for more money was because Karen doesn't have any real assets or credit. She would need at least another \$8,000 to make her dream come true.

As for care, Dr. Boe said Karen would have 24-hour care at her home, which is more cost-effective than living in an institution.

"Owning my own home would give me a sense of accomplishment, like I was doing something with my life," Karen typed. "Right now I feel like I've done nothing with my life but drift along, and being this handicapped, there's not much I can do."

People learning about Karen might wonder how she could care for herself on her own and how she would pay everyday bills and a home. Karen said she gets \$760 from her father's Social Security for the rest of her life and her monthly payments to the manufactured home dealership would be \$540 or less if she puts 10 percent down.

She also plans to have one or two roommates in her home to help share expenses.

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## Retailer floats stock to finance expansion

SANDPOINT (AP) — Upscale clothier Coldwater Creek Inc., riding a revamped retailing strategy that produced solid third-quarter profits, is selling up to \$37 million in stock to finance dramatic expansion of its store operation.

Coldwater Creek has been seen as a very attractive new retail concept, company spokesman Dave Ginter said. "We've sensed that there is an opportunity for us to expand across the country."

The Panhandle-based company that began as a catalog marketer two decades ago has 63 retail stores around the country today, primarily in larger cities. But earlier this year it began experimenting with a smaller format that per-

formed beyond the expectations of Chairman Dennis Pence.

During the third quarter, that produced a 16 percent growth in net income to \$56 million, those retail outlets generated nearly 40 percent of revenue compared to less than 29 percent a year earlier. At the same time catalog sales fell from over 40 percent to less than 33 percent of revenue with Internet sales remaining about the same at around 30 percent.

Pence said last month that the company was moving ahead with a shift to a retail store strategy, and Ginter said proceeds from the sale of 2.5 million new shares of stock will help finance up to 500 more stores over the next 10 years.

The company's stock closed down 75 cents a share on Friday at \$12.85 on the Nasdaq.

Coldwater Creek's strategy is to open retail stores in areas where it already has high concentrations of catalog and Internet customers, Ginter said, taking advantage of the fact that women still like to try on garments before they buy.

The company has already accelerated its expansion plans for 2004 from 30 to as many as 50 new stores, encouraged by the interest from developers to have a Coldwater Creek outlet in their complexes.

"The brand is very well known and very well received, and we are still in the early part of our growth curve," he said.

## Study says national parks are boon to Wyoming

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks are generating more revenue than just their scenery, according to a new study.

The two parks in northwest Wyoming also contribute \$415 million each year to the economies in the three-state region that includes Idaho, providing over 8,800 jobs, a study by the National Parks and Conservation Association shows.

"These parks are not just places of amazing natural beauty and abundant wildlife, they also help

put food on the table in many gateway communities," said Tim Young, the group's area representative.

The findings were highlighted by the group to stress that spending money on national parks can impact economic growth, Pacific regional director Courtney Cuff said.

Congress, however, allocated just 3.5 percent more funding for national park operations this year, not nearly enough to address a growing backlog in maintenance and other upgrades, Young said.

Wyoming's congressional delegation pushed for more funding, but the final budget fell short of goals, he said.

"These are tough times for parks, at the same time we are beginning to realize the enormous value the parks bring our communities," Young said.

The spending figures were compiled from an economic model developed by Michigan State University for the National Park Service and are based on 2001 visitation levels.



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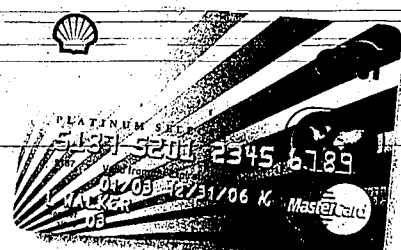
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Steve Pisani, right, shares a moment with his son, Josh, Nov. 28, in Lewiston. AP photo

## Father, son become a first for Lewiston fire agency

LEWISTON (AP) — When everybody else is running out of a building, firefighters are running in. Should that happen, a father and son could be among the men running in. Steve and Josh Pisani are the first father and son pair to share active service in the Lewiston Fire Department.

Engineer Steve Pisani, 35, who drives a fire engine out of Station 4 near Lewiston's airport, said it's tough working holidays and being away from his family. But he's thankful to have his son sharing the burden with him this year.

"Naturally, as you can imagine, I'm as proud as I can be of him," said Steve. "It's every dad's dream to have his son follow in his footsteps and he'll do so good and better as I've ever done."

Josh, 21, has the same unabashed praise for his father. "I've got some shoes to fill. He's highly respected in the department. I have a lot of work to do to earn that respect."

Josh graduated from Lewiston High School in 2000 and was a bull rider and a wrestler. After graduation, he slaked his thirst for adrenaline battling fires on the hillsides of the Salmon River country near Riggs.

Now the Lewiston Fire Department satisfies his need for action. "There's nothing you can do but love the job," said Josh, who plans to stay at Lewiston until he retires. Josh joined the close-knit Lewiston Fire Department in January as an active reservist.

Since then, he's gotten his feet wet and has gear worn on numerous calls, including a shot at muzzing the fire hose from the aerial ladder truck basket raised high over the inferno that razed the Sylvan Furniture warehouse in downtown Lewiston in September.

"I hope this starts a tradition," Steve said. In a vocation where men and women call themselves a family, having his son on board "just strengthens the family feeling even more," Steve said.

The pair usher the Lewiston Fire Department into a world of tradition and kinship best exemplified by fire departments in New York City and Boston, where generations share service, Steve

said. "One tradition I've heard of is a dad's retiring out of the department, he'll pass down to the son his helmet." In more recent years, the tradition has extended to daughters and granddaughters. Station 4 Capt. Kevin McKeirman said the fire department is better off to have a father and son working together. "We are a family and this brings it tighter," McKeirman said.

Over the past 20 years, he said, the fire department had to pass over many qualified firefighters because of city policy against nepotism.

The rules make no sense to McKeirman because every applicant has to pass the same rigorous tests to get in. "We have no impact on who they bring into the system."

Favoritism simply doesn't factor in, McKeirman said. The first Lewiston firefighters to benefit from relaxation of the nepotism rules are brothers Kenny and Michael Schmidt, who have worked together since 2000.

Having a father and son working in such a small fire department creates a challenge, however. In the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center, firefighters from the same families were killed. In a job that is inherently dangerous, the fire department doesn't want anything like that to happen in Lewiston.

Also, Steve doesn't want to second guess a situation just because his son is involved. "There will never be a time I have to order Josh into a dangerous situation," said Steve. "There's always a part of me that worries about him."

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## Officials focus on fire-ravaged SoCal

LAKE ARROWHEAD, Calif. (AP) — The deadly Southern California wildfires that stripped forest hillsides have created threats to drinking water supplies for millions of people and to the already endangered California condor, the head of the U.S. Forest Service said Friday.

The blazes across Southern California scorched nearly 275,000 acres, destroyed nearly 3,650 homes and killed 22 people. About \$9 million has been approved to rehabilitate burn areas in the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres and San Bernardino national forests, Dale Bosworth, chief of the U.S. Forest Service, said in a prepared statement for a field hearing of the House Resources, forests subcommittee.

Helicopters and ground crews are spreading thousands of tons of rice straw, hoping to beat the winter rains and reduce the threat of runoff into lakes used for drinking water. Recent light rains helped nurture new plants, but heavier rains could cause problems.

The 91,000-acre Old fire destroyed much of the forest around Silverwood Lake in San Bernardino National Forest. The lake supplies drinking water to millions of people.

"During a heavy rain, ash and debris could wash into the lake, overloading the filtration and sanitation systems," Bosworth said.

Also at risk are the Sespe oil fields in Los Padres National Forest, where floodwaters or debris could cause breaks or leaks in oil and gas lines.

In addition, endangered California condors in a nearby wildlife refuge could face starvation if the road is washed out and workers can't reach the area for daily feedings.

In the San Bernardino Mountains, millions of drought-

weakened trees were previously killed by a bark beetle infestation and still pose a fire threat. Red signs along roads warn of extreme fire danger and prohibit smoking.

Bosworth said expenditures on wildland fire suppression have doubled in the last 10 years. He also discussed a 10-year plan the Forest Service has developed with government officials and others to reduce wildfire risks.

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Now, which is worse - Charles Barkley claiming he was misquoted in his autobiography, or Lawrence Taylor being shocked at what's in his?

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- columnist Tom Frazzetta of the San Francisco Chronicle

#### TRIVIA

QUESTION: What is the Raiders' all-time worst record?  
ANSWER: 10-11-1

#### IN BRIEF

##### FHS boosters will meet on Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the faculty lounge room. Parents of athletes and alumni are encouraged to attend. Athletic funding will be discussed.

##### Twin Falls High School runners need help

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School senior Kody Barker and sophomore Tyler Jones both qualified recently for the Junior Olympics high school cross country meet in Albuquerque, N.M. on Dec. 13.

Kody placed third in his age division (17-18) in a time of 17:15. Tyler placed third in his age division (15-16) with a time of 18:09. They are members of Team Idaho and will compete with athletes from all over the nation. The cost will be \$500 apiece and they are asking for contributions to help them defray some of the cost.

Please make your tax deductible checks payable to Boise YMCA and mail them to Curtis Asay, O'Leary Junior High, 8350 Elizabeth Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301. A receipt will be mailed to you.

##### Burley football team will become '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 678-8303 or 431-4274, or e-mail hnd@pmi.net 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.

##### CSI booster luncheon will be held on Monday

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho booster club luncheon will be held at noon Monday in the Taylor Administration Building's Room 277 on campus.

Fans and boosters are welcome to attend. Coaches will be on hand to discuss their teams.

An athlete will be on hand as well. Fans and boosters can go through the food line in the cafeteria, buy their food and bring it to Room 277.

Compiled from staff reports

#### TRIVIA ANSWER:

1-13, in 1962. Since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970, the Raiders' worst record is 4-12 in 1997.

Kansas State tight end Brian Casey celebrates after catching a short pass for a touchdown over Oklahoma defensive back Brandon Evergood during the Big 12 Championship Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.



AP Photo

## Not a moment too Sooner

### Kansas State upsets Oklahoma in 35-7 win

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Eli Roberson and Kansas State spoiled Oklahoma's undefeated season, creating chaos in the BCS that could still end up with the Sooners in the national title game.

Roberson threw four touchdown passes, Darren Sproles ran for 235 yards and the 11th-ranked Wildcats shredded No. 1 Oklahoma's vaunted defense in a 35-7 victory Saturday night that gave them their first conference title in 69 years.

Despite the overwhelming defeat in the Big 12 championship game, experts still believe the Sooners (12-1) will remain in the top two in the BCS standings Sunday and earn a berth in the Sugar Bowl for the national title.

Their opponent will be either Southern California or LSU, and whichever one-loss team is kept out of the title game will surely feel slighted. Kansas State will go to the Fiesta Bowl, its first BCS game ever.

With the Sugar Bowl wrapped up before the game, the Sooners came in hearing talk about where they rank in history. Roberson and the Wildcats (11-3) delivered an emphatic answer - second best in the Big 12. The win was the biggest in

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## Eagles soar over Spartans

### Women cruise to 8-0; men hold off Colorado NW

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It had to be tough for the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team to come back with the fire it showed just one night earlier in a 47-point win Saturday night over Colorado Northwestern Community College.

Despite a frequent lack of intensity, the Eagles' talent and size proved to be far superior in a 93-64 Scenic West Conference win over CNCC.

"I thought we were placent," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers.

But it didn't appear that way early in the first half. The Eagles (10-1 overall, 8-0 SWAC) looked determined to put the Spartans away early, holding CNCC without a field goal for nearly 13 minutes in the first half.

CSI jumped out to a 7-0 lead after an Andrea Sivakova 3-pointer. The Spartans Karis Reeves then answered with a shot from behind the arc to pull Colorado Northwestern to within four with 18:07 remaining.

But the Spartans wouldn't find the bottom of the net again from the floor until just 5:30 remained before the intermission. During that stretch, the Eagles outscored CNCC 24-7 to claim a 31-7 edge. The Spartans' Heidi Clemmer finally halted the outburst with a layup.

The Eagles' Sidney Orndorf continued her stellar play, finishing just one assist shy of a triple-double with 13 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists.

"She goes and gets rebounds," Rogers said. "You know she's going to get her points, but she had nine assists. That's what I am really pleased with."

Lenka Zimova, a 6-foot-5 center, added a game-high 20 points and seven rebounds. Teammate Andrea Sivakova finished with 13 points and Delicia Jernigan 12. Jernigan also had six assists.

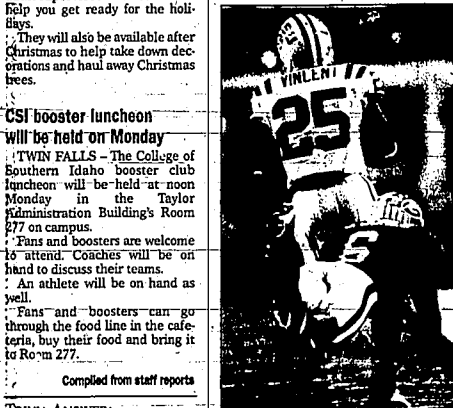
Jen Daigneault scored 14 points and Clemmer 13 for CNCC (5-7, 2-4).

Daigneault buried a 3-pointer Please see EAGLES, Page C2



CORY METERS/The Times-News

Golden Eagle guard Delicia Jernigan shoots over Jan Daigneault of Colorado Northwest Community College during the first half of the College of Southern Idaho's 93-64 win over the Spartans Saturday. The win moved CSI to 8-0 in South West Athletic Conference play.



Louisiana State University tailback Justin Vincent leaves a diving Sean Jones behind as he runs for an 87-yard touchdown run Saturday.

## LSU makes its case

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - LSU made an emphatic case for playing in the national championship game.

The No. 3 Tigers (12-1) ignored a hostile crowd and showed off all their weapons, dominating fifth-ranked Georgia 34-13 Saturday night to win the Southeastern Conference title for the second time in three years.

But LSU has its sights on a larger prize - and might just get a chance to play for it after a wild day that no one could have predicted.

No. 1 Oklahoma, the dominant team in the country all season, was routed by Kansas State 35-7 in the Big 12 championship game. No. 2 Southern Cal rolled to a 52-28 victory over Oregon State to finish the regular season.

Now, a BCS nightmare: three teams with one loss, only two spots available in the Jan. 4

Sugar Bowl.

LSU did all it could, beating Georgia (10-3) for the second time this season. This one was much easier than the first, meeting a 17-10 thriller in Baton Rouge that wasn't decided until Matt Mauck's 34-yard touchdown pass to Skyler Green with 1:22 remaining.

The tone was set when freshman Justin Vincent took a routine-looking handoff and didn't stop running until he had an 87-yard touchdown run just 10 minutes into the game.

Vincent was the MVP, setting a championship game record with 201 yards rushing. He also had a 62-yard run and finished off the Bulldogs with a 3-yard touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter.

LSU built a 17-0 lead about 5.5 minutes into the second quarter. At that point, the Tigers had 196 yards, Georgia minus-8.

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## Chaos reigns in standings

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Now it's up to the computers - and pollsters - to decide.

Wins by Southern California and LSU and a loss by Oklahoma set up a chaotic finish in the Bowl Championship Series that is sure to leave one team crying foul when the national championship matchup is set Sunday.

Despite the 35-7 loss to No. 13 Kansas State in the Big 12 title game Saturday night, the top-ranked Sooners (12-1) poised to cut into USC's 1.53-point lead after beating fifth-ranked Georgia 34-13 in the SEC title game.

The race to be their opponent figures to be one of the closest in the six-year history of the BCS, with No. 3 LSU (12-1) poised to cut into USC's 1.53-point lead after beating fifth-ranked Georgia 34-13 in the SEC title game.

The second-ranked Trojans (11-1) won their season finale, 52-28 over Oregon State - a less impressive opponent. USC could move up to No. 1 in The Associated

Press poll and still be shut out of the Sugar Bowl because of the BCS computer.

"We deserve to go. We're 11-1 and we've been playing well the last couple of months," USC quarterback Matt Leinart said.

"I think we've done as much as we can do. It's not our hands."

In that scenario, the Trojans would play No. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl but could still win a share of the national championship. While AP voters can pick any team No. 1, the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll automatically gives its top spot to the winner of the BCS title game.

The final BCS standings will be released Sunday at 3:30 and will be televised on ABC, determining which two teams will play in New Orleans for the national championship on Jan. 18.

While the BCS was started in 1998 to pit the top two teams in the country against each other in a bowl game, it has often struggled to do it.

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SPORTS

Spurs blast Heat, 86-70



MIAMI (AP) — Tim Duncan beat the halftime buzzer with his second 3-pointer of the season, finishing with 21 points and 19 rebounds Saturday night as the San Antonio Spurs rolled to an 86-70 victory over the Miami Heat.

The Cavaliers' less-heyph rookie, scored 16 points and Darius Miles added 15 as Cleveland snapped an eight-game losing streak with a 95-85 win over the Atlanta Hawks on Saturday night.

Dymally's Hawks added 19 points and eight rebounds for the Cavs, whose reserves led them to just their fifth win — their first since beating the Los Angeles Clippers on Nov. 18.

The Cavs withstood a season-high, 43-point effort from Atlanta's Shaheed Abdul-Rahim. Abdul-Rahim added 12 rebounds and Jason Terry had 14 points for Atlanta, which has dropped four straight and six of seven.

Mavericks 110, Magic 97 DALLAS — Make it 19 losses in a row for the Orlando Magic, who are closing in on the NBA record for consecutive defeats.

Antonio Walker had 21 points and 16 rebounds and Michael Finley added 22 points to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 110-97 win Saturday night.

Orlando's only win was an 85-83 overtime victory in the season opener Oct. 29 at New York. With their 105-94 loss at home Friday night to San Antonio, the Magic surpassed their franchise-record losing streak of 17 from Dec. 4, 1991 to Jan. 7, 1992.

The single-season NBA record for consecutive losses is 23 by the Vancouver Grizzlies in 1995-96 and the Denver Nuggets in 1997-98. The overall record is 24 by the Cleveland Cavaliers at the end of 1981-82 and the start of the following season. Orlando's next four games are against Phoenix, Washington, New Jersey and Atlanta.

Dallas was coming off its first home loss of the season, 114-103 to the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night.

Hornets 97, Bulls 91 CHICAGO — It looked just like old times, with Tim Floyd pacing up and down the sidelines on the west side of the United Center, grinning and yelling at the action in front of him.

The big difference was that this time, Floyd led the court a winner. The New Orleans Hornets made Floyd a winner in his first trip back to Chicago since leaving the Bulls, defeating Chicago 97-91 Saturday night. Darrell Armstrong scored a season-high 23 points and David Wesley added 20.

Shawn Marion paced the Suns with 25 points and 17 rebounds. Stephen Marbury had 23 and Jake Voskuil added 14 before fouling out.

Cavaliers 95, Hawks 85 CLEVELAND — Jason Kapono, who had 12 rebounds, helping the New Jersey Nets win consecutive home games for the first time this season with a 99-88 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Saturday night.

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HOUSTON — Yao Ming grabbed a career-high 20 rebounds and scored 22 points, and five Rockets scored in double figures in an 86-80 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Saturday night.

Yao, who has scored in double figures in all 19 of Houston's games, recorded his 11th double-double of the season while surpassing his previous career-high in rebounds by one.

Steve Francis contributed a season-high 11 assists, Maurice Taylor and Cutino Robinson each had 14 points, Keith Cato scored 13 and Jim Jackson 10 for Houston.

Mehmet Okur led Detroit with a season-high 21 points off the bench, followed by Richard Hamilton with 17, Chauncey Billups with 11 and Tayshaun Prince with 10.

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Fans wearing sugar bags on their heads cheer for Southern California during the game against Oregon State Saturday at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

# No. 2 USC rolls over Beavers, 52-28

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The USC Trojans did their part. Now they play a waiting game.

Matt Leinart threw five touchdown passes and No. 2 Southern California beat Oregon State 52-28 Saturday in the Trojans' regular-season finale.

The Trojans (11-1, 7-1 Pac-10) find out Sunday whether they will travel to New Orleans to play for the national title in the Sugar Bowl, or stay home and play in the Rose Bowl.

They were No. 2 in the BCS rankings this week. The top two teams in the final BCS rankings will meet in the Sugar Bowl for the national championship.

Pac-10 champion USC already had clinched at least a spot in the Rose Bowl.

Oregon State (7-5, 4-4) will play New Mexico in the Dec. 24 Las Vegas Bowl.

The Trojans' depth and versatility on both sides of the ball were more than the Beavers could handle.

USC scored 40 or more points for the sixth game in a row and finished the regular season with a Pac-10 record 506 points. Leinart established a conference single-season mark with 35 touchdown passes.

Mike Williams had two touchdowns catches, one a leaping, one-handed grab in the back of the end zone. He also got a hand on an Oregon State field goal try that fell short, and made a crushing block on a run by Reggie Bush.

Bush — a freshman — also caught two touchdown passes. Steve Smith, another freshman, had 136 yards on five catches, including a 73-yard touchdown.

Defensively, Will Poole made two interceptions, turning one 67 yards or a touchdown, and Lofa Tatupu had USC's other two interceptions.

Leinart went 22-of-38 for 278 yards. In the first quarter, he threw his first interception in two months, ending a Pac-10 record streak of 212 passes without being picked off. He threw another interception in the third quarter, which Brandon Brewer returned 31 yards for a touchdown.

Leinart finished the regular season with 3,229 yards passing, with 35 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Carson Palmer threw for 3,639 yards and 35 TDs, with 10 interceptions last season when he won the Heisman.

Derek Anderson completed 34 of 60 for 485 yards and two touchdowns, but threw four interceptions for the mistake-prone Beavers. Steven Jackson, averaging a conference-high 121.3 yards rushing per game, was held to 62 yards on 22 carries.

The Trojans led 28-14 at halftime. Oregon State got no closer in the second half.

**Navy 34, Army 6**  
PHILADELPHIA — Even Navy couldn't bring out the best in Army.

Kyle Eckel ran for 152 yards in two touchdowns, and Eric Roberts, the nation's longest losing streak, snapped a three-game losing streak. They also avoided their second straight losing season — and might have earned a reprieve for head coach Paul Pasquon, who has been heavily criticized since last year's team went 4-8.

The lopsided victory by Syracuse also gave ISU a boost in its drive to move past USC into second place in the BCS standings. The Trojans defeated Notre Dame 45-14 in October.

Reyes, who had not rushed for 100 yards since the fourth game of the season, scored twice in a 95-second span in the third quarter on runs of 3 and 5 yards to give Syracuse a comfortable 24-6 lead.

Courtney Watson gave the Irish some hope when he intercepted a pass by R.J. Anderson and returned it 48 yards to the Syracuse 24. Four plays later, Brady Quinn hit tight end Anthony Fasano with a 5-yard scoring pass, pulling the Irish within 24-12.

# Chaney balances roles as he nears 700th win

By Dan Gelston  
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — As he nears 700 victories, John Chaney holds onto the same simple philosophy that got him this far: Work hard and have a good time.

Same goes for the young basketball players he's helped shape for 22 years at Temple.

"When you leave work every day, leave 'em laughing and puffing," the 71-year-old coach said, smiling in a gray Temple sweat shirt and baseball cap. "Leave them feeling good about themselves and puffing from exhaustion. When they stop laughing and they stop puffing, I'm getting out of here."

Chaney has no immediate plans to retire.

Not when a Final Four appearance remains absent in an otherwise distinguished Hall of Fame career.

Not when there are underprivileged kids who need an opportunity to earn a degree.

Not when Chaney is six wins shy of 700 for his career.

Chaney, a two-time national coach of the year, often thinks about the lives he's touched and those that have made life fun for him.

"Simply put, it's about people," he said. "The youngsters that came here for the right reasons. The ones that wanted to be here. You've got to want to get up at 3:30, 4 o'clock."

Inside the gym for 6 a.m. practices, Chaney is tender and tempestuous — quick with a sharp rebuke when an Owl turns the ball over, but there with a slap on the back for a job well done.

"He'd kill you at practice, then leave you feeling good," said former Temple forward Aaron McKie, now with the Philadelphia 76ers. "He has a way of bringing out the best of you as a player and a man."

Chaney always says Temple is not for everyone.

The ones who are willing to put up with the no-frills approach, a raspy trail of four-letter words and a lesson on the matchup zone have been rewarded. Chaney has led the Owls to 17 NCAA tournament appearances and 20 straight post-season appearances, including the NIT in 1989, 2002 and 2003.

Chaney, who led Cheyney State in suburban Philadelphia to the 1978 Division II national championship, still wants to get to a Final Four. The Owls have made five appearances in the regional finals (1988, 1991, 1993, 1999 and 2001).

It remains the one void in his career.

"Getting to a Final Four is just about everything to me," he said. "Everybody wants to win it. Just getting there would be extraordinary."

Since 2001, however, the Owls have been just ordinary.



Temple coach John Chaney reacts on the sidelines against Drexel in the first game of the Philadelphia Big 5 Classic Dec. 6 in Philadelphia.

They started 3-11 last season and were 0-3 before beating Drexel 57-48 Saturday. Chaney is 694-272 in 32 seasons.

Chaney wants to be remembered as "a champion who was never defeated."

"You didn't lose. You weren't a loser because the score was in somebody else's favor," Chaney said. "You're still a champion person, a champion coach, a champion teacher. You can still be someone who's thought of as a champion."

What means more than the victories is his role as father figure to the scores of players he's recruited from inner-city homes and bad schools. Chaney was never afraid to reach out to the underprivileged.

"I've had youngsters that people said you couldn't educate. I've had six or seven kids that were Prep 46 and got their degree," said Chaney, never shy about criticizing the NCAA.

One reason for the early morning practices is so the Owls can spend the rest of the day on their studies.

Chaney tries to be there for his players when few others in their families are. It was Chaney who delivered the eulogy when Marvin Webster, an 18-year-old sophomore center, died of a heart attack in 1997.

It was Chaney standing by walk-on Orlando Miller last month when he called his father in Jamaica with news that he made the team.

"Dad, I'm on the team! They put me on the team!" Chaney remembered Miller telling his father.

Then Chaney was by his side only hours later when Miller collapsed into his arms after learning his father had been fatally shot.

"It'll take your heart what 60 minutes of these youngsters have been through," said Chaney, choking up while telling the stories.

"These days, Chaney shows some signs of his age. He had to wear a patch over his right eye and needed glasses because of a sinus problem that strained his vision, though he laughs when he picks out his words for the day from a large-print dictionary.

Chaney drew inspiration from watching 72-year-old Jack Keenan manage the Florida Marlins to a World Series championship, and he dismisses criticism that the game could be passing him by.

"When I can no longer influence a better behavior, both as an athlete and a person, then it's time to leave," Chaney said.

Chaney said he lives life with few regrets. He never considered leaving Temple for another job when the NBA, although he wonders if his style could succeed if he were just breaking in.

"I'm very lucky to be where I am at this stage of my life," Chaney said. "Very lucky."

# No. 21 Stanford knocks off No. 1 Kansas, 64-58

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Kansas' reign as No. 1 will be brief.

Matt Lottich scored 18 points, including a key 3-pointer with 2:27 remaining, and No. 21 Stanford beat the top-ranked Jayhawks 64-58 Saturday in the John Wooden Classic.

No. 9 Kentucky beat UCLA 52-50 in the first game of the 10th annual doubleheader at Anaheim Arena.

Thanks to upsets of the top four teams, Kansas moved from sixth to first in this week's Associated Press poll — the biggest jump to the top since 1965.

The Jayhawks are sure to be replaced when the new poll comes out Monday.

Two free throws by Wayne Simien with 4:26 left finished a 6-0 run by Kansas and tied the game 54-54.

The Jayhawks (3-1) were outscored 10-1 after that before Omar Wilkes made a meaningless 3-pointer in the final seconds.

**No. 2 Florida 74, Stetson 61**  
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Anthony Robinson scored 18 points to lead No. 2 Florida to a 74-61 victory over Stetson on Saturday, the third win over an in-state opponent for the Gators in five days.

**No. 6 Duke 79, St. John's 58**  
DURHAM, N.C. — Shavlik Randolph dominated inside with 14 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Blue Devils 75-1.

St. John's, which lost to Hofstra by 17 points earlier in the week, lost Saturday 1-4 in the 1922-23 season.

Darryll Hill had 17 points for St. John's, which pulled off a late-season surprise by beating Duke 72-71 last March in Madison Square Garden.

**No. 7 Arizona 68, Saint Louis 67**  
ST. LOUIS — Andre Igoudala

College hoops

had 16 points and 13 rebounds and Salim Stoudamire hit two clinching free throws with 12 seconds to go for the Wildcats (2-1).

Saint Louis (3-2) thought it had forced overtime when Reggie Bryant hit an apparent 3-pointer from the top of the key with 3.1 seconds to go and the Billikens didn't foul on the ensuing inbound. But after a replay review it was ruled Bryant, who had 24 points and five 3-pointers, had his foot on the 3-point line when he shot.

Stoudamire had 19 points, including the first of two late free throws which he made despite being hit by a rubber ball thrown out of the stands as he shot.

**No. 9 Kentucky 52, UCLA 50**  
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Erik Daniels scored 14 points to lead the Bruins in the John Wooden Classic.

Kentucky shot 27 percent to 34 percent for UCLA.

The Wildcats (4-0) led by 17 points in the first half. The Bruins (2-1) closed within three points three times in the final 7.5 minutes, but couldn't put together a scoring run.

Dijon Thompson led UCLA with 14 points.

**No. 11 Illinois 84, Arkansas 61**  
CHICAGO — Deron Williams had 17 points and 10 assists and Illinois rebounded from its first loss of the season.

Williams, who had a career-high 22 points in the loss to North Carolina last in the game with five minutes to go and Illinois (4-1) leading by 27 points.

Sophomore James Augustine had 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Illini, who took better care of

the ball after turning it over 14 times in the first half against the Tar Heels.

Jonathan Modica led Arkansas with 20 points.

**No. 12 Saint Joseph's 67, Penn 59**

PHILADELPHIA — Jameer Nelson had 23 points and eight steals and Delonte West added 15 points to lift No. 12 Saint Joseph's to a 67-59 victory over Penn on Saturday.

Nelson and West, considered one of the top backcourts in the nation, scored 16 of 18 points in one stretch late in the second half for the Hawks (5-0), displaying an athleticism that no one on Penn (2-3) could match.

To the Quakers, usually the Ivy League representative in the NCAA tournament, kept up with torrid 3-point shooting. They finished 13-for-24 from beyond the arc and Jeff Schffner, who led the nation in 3-point percentage last year, went 7-for-11.

**No. 14 Oklahoma 80, No. 5 Michigan St. 77**  
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jason Detrick scored a career-high 26 points to lead the 14th-ranked Sooners to a 80-77 victory over No. 5 Michigan State on Saturday.

Oklahoma (5-0) gave Michigan State (3-3) its third loss in 12 days, all against ranked teams, and dropped the Spartans to their worst start since 1995-96. Tom Izzo's first season as head coach.

Paul Davis and Alan Anderson each had 17 points for Michigan State, which was 42-of-48 at the line, while Oklahoma was 31-of-37.

Duke beat the Spartans 72-50 Wednesday, handing them their worst loss at home since 1997.

They lost 81-74 at Kansas on Nov. 25.

The Spartans, who trailed 50-35

with 13 minutes left in regulation, got back into the game with a 14-2 run. With 6.9 seconds left, Davis forced overtime with a three-point play, tying the game at 65.

**No. 17 Gonzaga 82, Maryland 68**

WASHINGTON — Blake Stepp scored 27 points, and Adam Morrison keyed a second-half surge that carried No. 17 Gonzaga past shooting Maryland 82-68 Saturday.

Stepp went 7-for-11 from beyond the arc and Gonzaga made 13 3-pointers, which served to offset its season-high 24 turnovers.

**No. 20 Purdue 75, Chicago 57**

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Reserve Melvin Buckley matched his career high with 20 points, including nine in the last 10 minutes of key 15-point run.

Purdue (6-0) is off to its best start in 10 years.

Ruben Perry had 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Cougars (1-5), who their 37th straight on the road and 25th in a row to a Division I position.

**BYU 76, No. 25 Oklahoma State-74**

SALT LAKE CITY — Rafael Araujo scored a career-high 32 points, including six free throws in the final 101, to lead Brigham Young to a 76-71 victory over No. 25 Oklahoma State on Saturday.

Araujo, a 6-foot-11, 280-pound center from Brazil, was 10-of-15 from the field and had 17 rebounds for the Cougars (4-1), who had a 44-18 advantage on the boards.

Mark Bigelow scored 16 points and Mike Hall added 10 for the Cougars in a game played 45 miles north of the BYU campus in the Delta Center.

# Turnaround Bengals gear up for Ravens

By David Ginsburg  
Associated Press writer

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Ravens are ready to close the book on the Cincinnati Bengals' stunning turnaround season.

With first-year coach Marvin Lewis leading the way, the Bengals have shed their reputation as the Bungles in remarkable fashion. By winning six of seven and four in a row — the last two on the road — Cincinnati (7-5) has moved into contention for its first postseason berth since 1990.

Standing in the way are the Ravens (7-5), who host the Bengals on Sunday in a matchup for first place in the AFC North.

"Marvin has done a phenomenal job, and I think everybody in the country is excited that Cincinnati has a team that has this kind of viability," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "But we can't let that distract us. If we're fortunate enough to win, then we're just going to be those bad Baltimore Bungles again, the guys that are killing this great national sport."

The saga of the 2003 Bengals reads like unfaithful fiction: A ridiculed franchise that endured 12 consecutive years without a winning season, including 2-14 in 2002, becomes a contender under a spirited leader who long yearned for a team to call his own.

And now, the Bengals' biggest game in 13 years comes against a team Lewis helped win a Super Bowl in 2001 as its defensive coordinator. The star of that world championship team was middle linebacker Ray Lewis, who isn't



Cincinnati Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis hugs running back Rudi Johnson after they defeated Kansas City, 24-19, on Nov. 16 in Cincinnati. Bungles no more, Cincinnati has become one of the biggest success stories of the 2003 season.

exactly awash with sentiment at the prospect of hooking up with his former coach.

"They're having a good season; Marvin has done a great job getting it turned around," Ray Lewis said. "But it's simple enough — now they have to come to

Baltimore. We'll be waiting for them."

When the teams played in October, Cincinnati took advantage of three turnovers in a 34-26 victory. As the game drew to a close, Bengals quarterback Jon Kitna told Ray Lewis he was going

to take a knee to run out the clock.

Lewis replied, "The same thing that makes you laugh can make you cry. Don't ask for all those turnovers and don't ask for us to drop interceptions the next time. I can promise you we won't."

Kitna threw for 244 yards and three touchdown passes without an interception during a truly memorable afternoon. But the Bengals haven't won in Baltimore since 1996, and the Ravens are 5-1 at home this season.

"They know what happens when they come to play us in Baltimore," Ray Lewis said. "It's not that we're boasting or talking trash. It's simple: Teams don't play well when they come see the Ravens at home. So come see us again here, because this time we're playing tick off."

With a victory, the Bengals can secure the first tiebreaker in determining division champion: head-to-head results. Standing in the way is a defense that had four interceptions last week in a 44-6 rout of San Francisco.

"They're the most confusing team I've ever played against in the NFL," Kitna said. "That's what makes it tough playing against them at their place. It's already tough to communicate verbally with your teammates, and they do all the things they do to create more confusion."

Running against the Ravens is never easy, no matter where the game is played, so Cincinnati will probably have to count on Kitna to move the ball. Receivers Chad Johnson and Peter Warrick both scored touchdowns in the first game, and they enter the rematch confident of doing the same.

"Me and Pete, we're like 7-11, we're like the Waffle House: We're always open," Johnson said. "So it makes Kit's job real easy. It doesn't get no better than that."

# Seahawks sack specialist comes home

By Tim Korte  
Associated Press writer

KIRKLAND, Wash. — John Randle is in his third season with the Seattle Seahawks. Still, it's odd to see the Pro Bowl defensive tackle — wearing anything but a Minnesota Vikings' purple uniform.

## Seattle at Minnesota

TV: CBS, 11 a.m.

Randle played 11-standout seasons for the Vikings, and he'll be at the Metrodome as a visitor for the first time Sunday when Seattle (8-4) travels to Minnesota (7-5).

"I had a great time in the Twin Cities and it will be fun to be back in the Metrodome again," Randle said. "That's a loud place and it will be interesting to be there on the other side of all the excitement."

The place was made for Randle. His quickness was a huge asset on the artificial turf, coupled with the notorious noise generated by Vikings fans.

Randle's four sacks this season moved him into sixth place on the NFL's career leaders list with 136. Reggie White and Bruce Smith share the lead at 198. With two more sacks, Randle will pass Richard Dent for fifth.

Not bad for a 6-foot-1 interior lineman from unheralded Texas A&M.

"The remarkable thing is where he came from to where he is," Seattle coach Mike Holmgren said. "He beat the odds. He's undrafted. He's not a big guy. He's the poster child for what hard work and just a will to get it done can do for an athlete."

Randle turns 36 next week, though his 296-pound physique shows few signs of aging. Teammates made him a captain this season and when there's good-natured roughhousing at team headquarters, Randle often is part of it.

"He's a little weird. We all know that," Holmgren said. "He gets things going in the locker room. He's noisy and loud. He irritates people at practices. He has more fun than any 10 players I've ever seen."

That spoke volumes about Randle's commitment to his teammates, though, was a willingness to accept a pay cut. He was due to make \$4 million this season but agreed last summer to \$2 million in base salary.

"That blew me away," Holmgren said. "That was a great team thing; and a great, unselfish act by a great football player, a Hall of Fame football player. You just don't see it happen that much."

Randle is colorful, to say the least. His jawline is so prominent during games is legendary. He was known in Minnesota as much for his sacks as the black streaks painted on his face to intimidate opponents.

"Vikings coach Mike Tice, a former teammate, called me a Minnesota fella," Randle said. "He's the same."

"They'll go nuts when they introduce him," Tice said. "Batman, the original Batman, painting his eyes. The legendary half-hour, 45-minute pregame warm-ups, breaking into a sweat, hitting the goal posts. Talking to the other team, talking to the officials, singing on the field."

"He's just a legend here," Tice said. "Every Vikings fan loves him. I love him. I can't wait to see him. I hope he lives long watching him — but not too much fun."

Randle shies from the spotlight. He's always reluctant to speak with reporters and his comments this week have been very limited.

His return to Minnesota is significant, though, because the Vikings essentially gave up on him.

And Holmgren was quick to sign one of his favorite opposing players. When Holmgren coached Green Bay, he drafted Randle in the fifth round. Randle had 11.5 sacks of Packers QB Brett Favre. He is the most he has against any player.

Randle returned to the Pro Bowl in his first season in Seattle. A knee injury kept him out of four games last season and he's a third-year specialist now, but his value goes beyond statistics.

Holmgren likes Randle just as much off the field. "There's John Randle, the football player, and then there's the John Randle that might come up to my office and talk about something," Holmgren said. "He might talk about his family or talk to me about my family."

"I saw the guy who played against me and I went, 'Wow,' Holmgren said. "Then I got him on my side and got to know him a little bit. I'm glad I got to know him. For a coach, he just makes things worth it."

— Dave Goldberg/AP Football Writer

# Does Raider Nation need shock therapy?

By Jerry Greene  
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Everybody up! That's right, get on your feet 'cause it's time to stand and applaud Oakland Raiders Coach Bill Callahan on his way out the door. It takes a courageous (or desperate and disillusioned) man to call his club "the dumbest team in America."

I always knew there had to be a reason why the Raiders are so popular. But along comes sports psychologist Richard Crowley to put a different spin on things. Are the Raiders just dumb — or are they insane? And before you answer, consider the kind of fans they attract.

"This team needs help," said Crowley. "Serious help. They could be in this dark-hole forever." Wow. I'm thinking shock therapy. Kind of like what Nurse Ratched did to Jack Nicholson in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Of course, you could argue that it didn't help Jack, but that's another story for another day.

LAST WEEK they were attacking the winner's head before the game. And Jacksonville's upset of the Bucs and the Jets' upset of the Titans. That rally left me at 10:6 straight up (128-64 for the season, exactly two out of three) and 9:7 against the spread (101-82:9 for Sunday). It gets much tougher on season.

Miami (8-4) at New England (10-2) — Patriots favored by 3. Come on, gang, everybody sing along: "Dolphins roasting on an open fire — Tom Brady nipping at your nose." Frigid rain... heavy snow... biting cold... freezing winds... sounds like a great day for football. Patriots by 5.

Tampa Bay (5-7) at New Orleans (6-6) — Aints favored by 2. Here's John Gruden's "Bucs State of the Nation" address: "I realize that buzzards are flying around here and there are funeral arrangements being made. I won't tolerate that." And that's what's sad, because now it's too late. In an It's-Too-Late Upset Special, Bucs by 3.

Houston (5-7) at Jacksonville (3-9) — Jags favored by 6. Nobody will see this game and nobody will care, but Jags continue their little comeback anyway. Bucs by 9.

Cheeseheads favored by 7. Don't let your children watch this game. There's a Cheese Head fan who is hairy enough to be Big Foot (and probably is Big Foot) who has shaved the name "Favre" onto his hair. You do not want to see that — almost as much as you do not want to see this game. Cheese Heads by just 1.

Oakland (3-9) at Pittsburgh (4-8) — Steelers favored by 5. What are we doing the Time Warp here? The game is on CBS, but it would make a great Fox special. "When Good Franchises Go Bad." Said Pitt WR Hines Ward: "A lot of guys are fighting for their jobs." Right, Hines, starting with your coach, Bill Cowher. Steelers by 8.

Washington (4-8) at East Rutherford Giants (4-8) — Giants

favored by 3. Former Giants Coach (well, almost former) Jim Fassel said it best: "We do not play the game of football very well." In a Fassel-Knows-Best Upset Special, Washington by 7.

Cincinnati (7-5) at Baltimore (7-5) — Ravens favored by 3.5. Most disturbing quote of the week comes from Ravens LB Ray Lewis about Bengals Coach Marvin Lewis, who coached the Ravens' defense years ago. Said Ray: "Marvin's like an old girlfriend — She was good for me at one time, but now she's over." Oh, how I didn't need to hear that. Ravens by 8.

San Diego (2-10) at Detroit (4-8) — Lions favored by 3. It doesn't get any more toxic than this — especially when CBS dips up Jerry Glanville to call the game and Jerry takes the first check shot: "I've got the Stein Milk game — 2 percent of the country." And that's how big your paycheck will be. too. Jer-Lions by 7-05-if-anyone cares.

Indianapolis (9-3) at Tennessee (9-3) — Titans favored by 3.5. Titans' S Lance Schulters is the most honest man in the country. Said Lance: "We haven't beat any teams — with a quarterback — yet. Until we beat a team with a good quarterback, we're going to be in the door quick." Don't let the door hit you on the way out, Lance. In a Peyton-Manning-Is-A-Good-Quarterback Upset Special, Colts by 5.

Dallas (8-4) at Philadelphia (9-3) — Eagles favored by 5.5. Oddest quote of the week comes from Eagles FB Jon Ritchie on, curving about which tailback carries the ball behind his blocking: "It's all the same to me, because I don't have a camera in my butt." Hey, Jon, CBS Sports thinks you may be on to something there. But come on, Eagles by just 3.

Seattle (8-4) at Minnesota (7-5) — Vikings favored by 1.5. Hey, maybe the Vikes are the dumbest team. Coach Mike Tice is spilling things now, such as "Hold your ground and give people a chance to make plays. That's your J-O-B." Here's the deal, Vikes. If you blow making the playoffs, Mike will be F-I-R-E-D. In a C-H-O-K-I-N-G Upset Special, Seaturkeys by 3.

Arizona (3-9) at San Francisco (5-7) — 49ers favored by 0. How did Emmitt Smith do in his return last week for Arizona? One carry — three-yard loss. Sad, just sad. Meanwhile, Cards are 0-6 on the road, while Niners are 5-1 at home. You don't need any more info than that to understand why this is our Mortal Lock. See how simple this can be? Niners by 14.

East Rutherford Jets (5-7) at Buffalo (5-7) — Bills favored by 3. After his second concussion in the last two weeks, Bills QB Drew Bledsoe said the only problem was that everything "was yellow." That doesn't sound good, especially if he was talking about the snow. In a Frolicking-In-The-Snow Upset Special, Jets by 8.

Kansas City (11-1) at Denver (7-5) — Broncos favored by 1. Why would an 11-1 team be the underdog? And more baffling, why would they be right? Broncos by 6.

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**Seattle at Minnesota**  
8-4      7-5

meaning a victory plus the head-to-head tiebreaker would effectively give them a two-game lead. Neither team is healthy; is anyone this late in the season?

**Chicago at Green Bay**  
5-7      6-6

The Vikings' 1-5 record since a 6-0 start has opened up the NFC North, perhaps even for the Bears who have won four of six. The Packers lost their chance to tie for the lead by losing in Detroit on Thanksgiving. The Seahawks are a game behind St. Louis in the NFC West with only one game left at home.

**Tampa Bay at New Orleans**  
5-7      6-6

It's possible the Bucs will win their final four games and squeeze into the playoffs to defend their title. But it's not likely. The Saints beat them twice last season and 17-14 in Tampa a month ago. The Saints have a better playoff shot.

**Dallas at Philadelphia**  
8-4      9-3

The Cowboys have leveled off, 3-3 in their last six games and scoreless in their last two on the road. The Eagles have won seven in a row and nine of 10 and can clinch an NFC wild-card spot with a win, while also taking a two-game lead in the N.E.C. East with three games left.

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Michael Vick starts his first game for Atlanta since breaking his leg in preseason. The Panthers can clinch the second division title in their history and first since their second season in 1996 if they win and the Saints lose.

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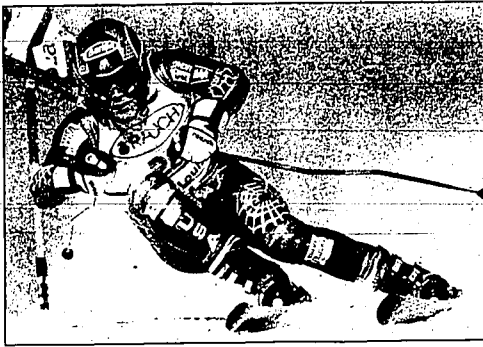
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SPORTS

# Miller will travel in style in Europe

Endorsement contract provides skier with RV



Bode Miller of the USA races down the course on his way to 19th place in the Lake Louise men's World Cup Super-G ski race in Lake Louise, Alberta, on Sunday Nov. 30, 2003.

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. (AP) — John Madden's got nothing on Bode Miller.

When the World Cup skiing circuit moves to Europe next week, Miller will go from race to race in a 30-foot motor home replete with a king-sized bed and a chauffeur-chef.

It's the only such arrangement on the tour, and it will enable Miller to travel in style instead of getting behind the wheel of a car or riding in a cramped van.

And he no longer has to lug half a dozen duff bags of equipment to and from his hotel room. Miller will be allowed to park his motor home in the same secured area where TV production trucks are near the base of each race course.

What made this possible? Miller's new three-year contract with Italian pasta maker Barilla.

"It's a pretty big RV," Miller said. "There's a king-sized bed in back, so I'll have my own comforter, my own pillows. There's a nice big kitchen area. One of my best friends is a chef, and he'll end up driving the RV all winter and cooking for me."

While "Monday Night Football" broadcaster Madden opts for his custom-equipped bus to travel to games because he doesn't like to fly, Miller is mainly concerned about convenience.

The "Bodemobile" should give Miller control over two important aspects of his career.

"Everyone knows how important nutrition and rest are for success in any area," he said. "For me, it's exaggerated ... because of all the travel I do in the season."

Miller, of Pranonca, N.H., has a reputation for risk-taking on the course, but he has been taking an

increasingly thoughtful approach to his skiing. Independent and opinionated, he also is highly intelligent.

"One of the things I've tried to do in the last year or two is take more of the variables out of ski racing," he said. "You go from hotel to hotel, you eat different food every night, you're in different beds all the time. You have to carry your bags in and out of your van. There's just a ton of things that go on besides the racing stuff."

"I've tried to figure out ways to eliminate as many of the negative variables as I can and focus on the things I really like."

Miller, the runner-up in last season's World Cup overall standings, believes the easier lifestyle might be enough to put

him over the top. "I have to be able to perform at a really high level if I want to win the overall," he said.

Miller, who won two gold medals and one silver medal at the world championships and who has won seven World Cup races, is celebrated like a rock star at Europe's ski resorts.

He's not really comfortable with the attention that comes with stardom, which makes one wonder why he would set himself up in a visible vehicle.

"I'm sure there are going to be

hitches," he said. "Europe is all about this. Everyone is all frantic about people trying to tip my RV over and getting crazy on it."

But he's convinced that the potential problems are outweighed by the advantages.

Miller's rivals tend to agree.

Marco Buechel of Liechtenstein said he and other racers "have been talking about Bode's RV quite often. What he needs is good access to finish areas. If he can park his RV right at the finish area of a World Cup race, it's a brilliant idea."

Europeans are amazed, Buechel said, "because nobody has ever done this before."

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— Bode Miller, last year's World Cup runner-up

# Maier wins World Cup downhill

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. (AP) — Hermann Maier won a World Cup downhill Saturday, barely two years after a motorcycle accident that nearly cost him his right leg.

Maier claimed his second victory of the season and 44th of his career by finishing nearly a second ahead of teammate Hans Knauss to lead an Austrian sweep of the top three places.

Maier was clocked in 1 minute, 39.76 seconds, while Knauss came across in 1:40.71. Andreas Schifferer was third in 1:40.95 on the demanding Birds of Prey course.

Daron Rahvels of Sugar Bowl, Calif., who won Friday's downhill, was fourth in 1:41.01. Klaus Kroll and Michael

Walchhofer were fifth and sixth as the powerful Austrian team claimed seven of the top nine places.

Maier, whose comeback began with a victory last season in a super giant slalom in Kitzbuehel, Austria, drew motivation from what he called a disappointing fifth-place finish Friday.

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# Furyk wins by eight strokes at Grand Slam tourney

### U.S. Open champ pockets \$400,000

POIPU BEACH, Hawaii (AP) — If he had the option, Jim Furyk would rather win by a comfortable margin than in a playoff.

"I've been in playoffs and on the wrong side of quite a few of those, so this is definitely a lot more fun or a lot less nerve-racking," Furyk said after carding a 4-under-par 68 Saturday to win the PGA Grand Slam by eight strokes over Mike Weir.

Furyk, the U.S. Open champion, pocketed \$400,000 of a \$1 million purse and snapped Tiger Woods' record string of five straight victories in the exclusive 36-hole event for the winners of this year's four majors. Furyk wound up 9 under on the 7,081-yard Poipu Bay course.

"I guess we're all glad he wasn't here," Furyk said of Woods. "I think we all want to play against the best player in the world and that's undeniably Tiger right now, but this is a great field."

Furyk, who won twice this year on the PGA Tour and finished fourth on the money list, was never seriously threatened. He opened Friday with a 67, good for a five-stroke lead over Weir, the Masters champion.

"I kind of got out to a big lead and just kept the ball in play in between the trees and got it done," Furyk said. "I played pretty



U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk blasts out of a trap on the sixth hole during the 21st PGA Grand Slam of Golf, Saturday in Poipu Bay on the island of Kauai in Hawaii.

solid. I struck the ball very, very well Friday, and today I found a way to get in the hole and made some putts."

Weir, the first Canadian to win a major, closed with a 71 to earn \$250,000. PGA champion Shaun Micheel shot a 70 to finish 10 strokes back at 145 and collect \$200,000. British Open champion Ben Curtis was another shot behind after a final-round 73 and made \$150,000.

It was the first event in the Grand Slam's 21-year history featuring all first-time major champions. But it was nine-year tour veteran Furyk who showed his experience.

He held off his opponents with

strong iron play, maintained his five-stroke advantage at the turn and birdied Nos. 10, 12 and 14 to pull away.

"At that point, we were playing for second place unless something crazy happened," Weir said. "You never know in this game, but as well as Jim was playing, he wasn't going to mess that up."

Furyk hit a 5-iron approach shot from 158 yards to set up a 6-foot birdie putt on the 435-yard 12th hole. The birdie, coupled with Weir's bogey, gave Furyk a commanding eight-stroke lead.

He went up by another stroke on par 4 14th when he hit a wedge within 6 feet of the cup.

Furyk's round included five

birdies and one bogey. He had a total of 11 birdies for the tournament. His opponents combined for 14.

His bogey on No. 15 broke a string of 29 bogey-free holes.

The final round was played in balmy and slightly breezy conditions on the course on southern coastline of Kauai.

Poipu was designed around several ancient Hawaiian "heiaus" or sacred worship sites and features 86 bunkers and seven water hazards. The scenic course has a backdrop of the lush, green, rugged mountains on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other.

Furyk, who owns a home on Maui, came into the Grand Slam having earned more than \$1.8 million in Hawaii. He won the 2001 Mercedes Championships in the Islands and took the 1996 Hawaiian Open.

He even flashed a Hawaiian "shaka" hang-loose sign to the crowd as he sank his putt on the final hole.

"Every time I come, I definitely get a bit of support in Hawaii," he said. "Someone called me 'kamaaina' (local) the other day which is pretty interesting. That's an honor."

Weir cut the margin to four strokes twice — with birdies on Nos. 2 and 6 — but couldn't put a dent into Furyk's lead on the back nine. Weir also missed several birdie opportunities.

One of the tournament's high-

lights was his chip on the par 3 seventh hole. His ball was wedged between a large rock and the rough, but he managed to chip to 10 feet with the toe of his putter.

He didn't save par, but received

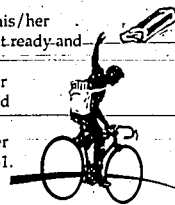
loud applause from the gallery. Michael began the day fourth after shooting himself out of contention with a first-round 75. But he managed four birdies on the back nine to finish third.

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Dr. Kristin Ritzenthaler nutrition consultant for the Idaho Dairy Council said that even though 3-A-Day of Dairy is a new program, the message isn't.

"The National Dairy Council and the American Dairy Association has always encouraged Americans to eat three servings of dairy each day as part of a healthy diet along with fruits, vegetables and other food groups," Ritzenthaler said. "That is one reason why we're excited about this campaign, because it carries on with that proud tradition."

Research has shown that 75 percent of Americans are not getting enough calcium. One important reason for this crisis is due to poor diets that don't include enough dairy foods.

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And if that weren't enough, some epidemiological studies have linked lowfat dairy food intake with reduced risk of some cancers such as colorectal and breast cancers. Dairy foods such as milk and especially cheese may also play a protective role in oral health and yogurt may improve the body's digestive functions.

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Nineteen-month-old Olivia Stafford, of Flint, Mich., gives Genesee Valley Santa Claus Richard DeMand, a kiss Tuesday. DeMand said he has played Santa Claus for about three years now and has his own beard and hair. "I used to have a crew cut," he said. "I get bothered all year and I love it!" he added.

More people choose trees in box

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — When Santa Claus visits the United States later this month, he will see more artificial trees than real ones. And that's a concern in Oregon, the nation's No. 1 producer of Christmas trees.

Seven out of 10 Christmas trees displayed in the United States last year were artificial, according to an annual survey by the National Christmas Tree Association.

In 1990, the association found that Americans displayed 35.4

million real trees and 36.3 million artificial Christmas trees.

By last year, 57.2 million artificial trees were displayed in the United States, compared with 22.3 million real trees. Nearly one-third of U.S. households had no tree at all.

Of the 22.3 million real Christmas trees displayed last year, an estimated 8 million were Oregon-grown. Most artificial trees are made in China.

Convenience is the reason behind the switch to fake.

"You don't have to water them. They don't shed needles. You don't have bugs in your house. They're more convenient," said Mark Ludeman, who ordered 600 artificial trees this year for his Beaverton retail store.

"Ludeman said his customers' biggest worry about an artificial Christmas tree is whether it looks real. Yet he also noticed that his artificial Christmas tree sales began to snowball three or four years ago, especially among baby boomers.

Singer enjoys being 'bubblehead'

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY — How huge is Jessica Simpson? Well, when she made an appearance at a Kansas City mall this week, no less a luminary than Santa got up off his perch to see what all the hubbub was about.

And later, when Simpson was signing autographs, the line to see her was waaaaay longer than the line to see him.

Mr. Claus, of course, has proven his staying power. As for Simpson, only time will tell.

But there's no disputing that this has been Simpson's year. What put her over the top was the MTV reality series "Newlyweds," which documented a few of the first months of her marriage to Nick Lachey (their first anniversary was in October). Each was and is a pop singer (he, formerly with the boy band 98 Degrees, is now solo). These days, though, thanks to the success of the MTV show — which will return for a second season — both are now household names.

Especially Jessica, 23, who on "Newlyweds" has come across as either ditzy or just plain dumb. Her most memorable line — "Is this chicken? What I have on this fish?" uttered while eating Chicken of the Sea tuna on the couch — was one of four finalists for quote of the year on VIII's "Big in '03" awards show this week. (The Jessicaism lost out to Dixie Chick Natalie Maines' comment about being advanced President Bush was from Texas.)

We spent a few minutes with Simpson Tuesday afternoon, right before she went out to meet her fans.

She struck us as more businesslike than bubbleheaded. Wearing a black sweater with a gray herringbone jacket and matching pants, plus dangly silver earrings big enough to be Christmas tree ornaments, Simpson autographed pictures of herself as she talked. All the while,



Jessica Simpson

a "Newlyweds" film crew was rolling in the background.

Q. On VIII's "Big in '03," besides the best-quote deal, there was a "Newlyweds" spoof in which you were a brainy CIA operative who single-handedly fixed the East Coast blackout last summer. Any truth to that?

A. Am I a CIA agent? No. The Enquirer wrote that up — they were with I was friends with President Bush because I've met him, like, four times. President Bush lives right by my grandparents in McGregor, Texas, right near Crawford, so they were saying that we were buddy-buddy and I was working for the president. I support the USO and I do a lot of trips for the military and stuff, but no CIA involvement.

Q. I read that you've signed a sitcom deal with ABC.

A. I have, yeah. It's just in the works. We're looking at different writers. I'm in the whole development process of it — which is nice, because I'll get to say, "I want this writer." "I want this actor," whatever it may be. I get to be creatively involved, which is very thrilling and exciting for me.

Q. Will Nick be a part of that?

A. Nick doesn't really want to be

part of that. His dream's to be a sports broadcaster, so ...

Q. Really? He's not happy being a pop star?

A. Well, he likes being a pop star, but I think deep down inside he'd rather be a sports commentator.

Q. You've shown a good sense of humor through all the dumb-blond jokes and stuff, but does it sort of hurt your feelings, too?

A. No, it doesn't hurt my feelings. It's cool — you'll see out there today, for some reason my fans are embracing it, people are embracing it. It makes me the all-American girl, a normal person who sticks her foot in her mouth, trips over herself — the kind of character you love to watch at the movies or whatever it may be. I'm a basket case, you know. But I'm very focused and driven at the same time. I don't really get offended. Only if you compare me to Anna Nicole Smith.

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Section D

## Wine on the vine Magic Valley wineries contribute to growing Idaho industry

By Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** - If, as some say, Idaho's wine industry is in its infancy, then it appears the babe is beginning to make some noise.

"We may be an infant industry in Idaho, but we're growing," said Bob Corbell, executive director of the Nampa-based Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission.

At present Idaho has 19 wineries, compared with 15 just two years ago, and those are scattered throughout the Gem State as far north as the Panhandle and as far south as Magic Valley.

The sale of Idaho wines has a \$40 million effect on the state's economy, including grape sales, wine sales, employment and taxes, Corbell said. Wine sales have increased steadily each year

5-7 percent since 2001, he added.

Idaho is expected to add several more wineries to its growing list, next year including one in Hammett, Cold Springs Vineyard, and one west of Buhl, Blue Rock Vineyard & Wines.

The time is right for growth, and apparently so is Idaho's climate, according to Corbell.

"The reason we have good wines and grapes is because of

our long daylight hours, cool nights and soil that's acceptable to the growth of grapes," he said.

Even Idaho's winters can help to prevent insect infestations as long as there isn't a severe length of time when the mercury plummets below zero, Corbell said.

With the increase in wineries Corbell expects Idaho wine production to double within 10 years.

One five-acre parcel planted in

grapevines can produce 3 to 5 tons per acre. Growers can bring in revenue of \$5,000 per acre - before expenses - after the initial investment of plants, poles, trellises and irrigation system, Corbell said.

However, start-up cost is substantial - on the average of \$13,500 per acre, not including the winery, equipment and structure itself.

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Sampling wine varieties and gauging the fermentation process are all part of running a winery. Jamie Martin, left, winemaker at Cold Springs Vineyard, looks for just the right blend from the winery's harvest of chardonnay. Owner Bill Ringert, right, tracks the fermentation process regularly.



## Hammett winery aims for an April opening

By Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

**HAMMETT** - Bill Ringert isn't sure there are a whole lot of people ready, yet to make the commitment of time and money required to start a winery.

"This is a great upcoming industry for Idaho, and I hope the general population and some of our leaders will recognize it," he said.

Ringert and his wife, Bing, have set April as the target date for the opening of their winery, Cold Springs Vineyard, just northeast of Hammett.

"This hasn't been a lifetime goal," said Ringert. He did, however, become interested in raising grapes in the early '70s when he acquired some property across the river in an area called the Grindstone Butte project. He thought it might be a fertile place to raise grapes but was told the elevation was too high.

In 1985 he bought a farm with his brother and another partner. He built a house in 1995 and moved in early 1996.

"I had thought for some time that during the period of our ownership this would be a good place to raise grapes, so after a couple of years we started planting," he said.

Admittedly, Ringert is still a farm boy. Raised in the Castelford area as a youngster, he spent 35 years as a lawyer in Boise and six years in the state Senate before retiring to Hammett.

He planted the first grapes in 1998, and the vines that can be seen from the Interstate were planted in 2001.

The 12 acres of vines currently planted include three white varieties, riesling, chardonnay and vigner, along with the red varieties cabernet sauvignon, merlot, syrah and pinot noir.

Ringert hopes to plant an additional 23 acres next year for a total of 35.

The winery is designed to handle about 10,000 cases of wine a year. Two-thirds of the grapes will come from its vineyard, and the

remainder will be bought from other growers.

This year was the first commercial harvest for Cold Springs Vineyard. Construction of the winery began in October 2002. Neaning completion are the wine tasting room, a small laboratory and a sales area.

About \$60,000 in crushing and fermentation equipment is already in place.

Rows of 60-gallon wooden barrels that can cost upwards of \$700 each hold the initial crush of 1,400 gallons of wine.

Ringert expects to lose about 10 percent in the fermentation process.

"I don't think there's an agricultural product that doesn't have some shrink," he said. Grapes and wine are no exception.

The prospect of grapes becoming one of Idaho's alternative crops appeals to Ringert.

"Compared to some of the same old crops, that in some instances can't even support itself any more because of the high cost of putting water on property, grapes are a great alternative," he said.

Even if a farmer doesn't have a high-lift situation for irrigation water, the cost of traditional irrigation systems is still high.

Because the vineyard uses drip irrigation, Ringert believes the demand on the water system is far less and the distribution is better.

"In the long run I think it will prove to be more economical," he said.

In the short term, however, a vineyard and winery are a hefty investment, according to Ringert, who doesn't expect to see any return for several years.

He estimates with the vineyard and winery combined the investment is somewhere around \$500,000.

"Truth be known, it could be more than that but I don't want to scare myself," he said.

It is in the long term, satisfying, intriguing and highly educational, Ringert said.

"Grapes are a long-term crop. Treated properly they'll survive 50 years or more and still be productive," he said.



Andrea Snyder toasts the future opening of her parents' retirement dream - Blue Rock Vineyard and Wines, west of Buhl. The winery will hold its grand opening in May or June and is owned by Claudia and Russ Snyder.

## Utah couple invests in Buhl acreage

By Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** - It took a seven-year search, but Claudia and Russ Snyder found their retirement dream on a knoll west of Buhl overlooking Magic Valley.

Their Blue Rock Vineyard and Wines LLC will be among several new Idaho wineries opening in 2004 and adding to the state's growing wine industry.

Known locally as the "grape lady," Claudia Snyder, says Idaho is a great place to raise grapes.

"We looked at California and Colorado but chose Idaho because we can still commute from our home in Salt Lake City," Snyder said.

Another draw was Claudia's father-in-law, Charles Snyder, who was raised in Filer and still knows the area.

"We still need our jobs to afford our retirement dream, but the winery will supplement our retirement when that time comes and will also keep us active and busy," she added.

Claudia Snyder is an interior designer, and Russ Snyder is director of sales for a lumberyard in Salt Lake.

The winery acreage was purchased in 1999 and slowly devel-

oped with the test vines planted in 2000 on half an acre.

One acre of riesling was planted in 2001, and this spring three acres were planted in syrah, cabernet franc and cabernet-sauvignon vines.

Snyder hopes to have the winery open by May or June.

It's been a slow process, she said, but the couple is determined to pay cash as the venture grows.

A local contractor is building the winery that will house five 1,000-gallon tanks for processing and a barrel room for fermentation.

"We're just going to be a boutique winery with a wine tasting room and gift shop," Snyder said.

Three to four people will be hired once the facility is in full operation, she added.

The winery building will feature a 14-foot wrap-around deck with indoor and outdoor fireplaces. A rose garden has been planted, and surrounding cobblestone paths lead to views of the vineyard and adjacent farmland.

Snyder estimates the vineyard has cost about \$20,000 an acre to plant and said the couple will have close to \$1 million invested when the winery is finally complete.

"I feel we found the right place, and I'm excited about our future here in Idaho," Snyder said.



Neil Glancey, winemaker at Carmela Vineyards and Winery in Glenns Ferry, continues to seek the perfect combination of wine and food. After 15 years in the restaurant business, Glancey now focuses on producing the highest quality of wine and putting Idaho's wines on increasingly more tables.

## Glenns Ferry winery touts Idaho's exceptional grapes

By Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

**GLENN'S FERRY** - Neil Glancey, winemaker at Carmela Vineyards and Winery, predicts that in the next 10 years the areas south and east of Boise will see the most growth in Idaho vineyards and wineries.

Southern Idaho with its pockets of microclimates, particularly along the Snake River, is ideal for growing vines

that produce exceptional grapes, according to Glancey.

"We now have enough growers, growing the right grapes - cabernet sauvignon, merlots and pinot noirs - that we don't have to look outside the state to buy good grapes," Glancey said.

Carmela is one of a few wineries in the state that use Idaho grapes exclusively.

Glancey and Carmela are promoting

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## Hegy's South Hills Winery is content to stay small to keep a personal touch

By Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - Hegy's South Hills Winery, owned by Frank and Crystal Hegy, is one of Idaho's smallest wineries, producing about 800 to 1,000 cases a year.

In business since 1989, Frank Hegy has no plans for expanding the winery south

of Twin Falls.

"This is just the ideal size for us," Hegy said.

Because of its size the Hegys can pick, crush, filter and bottle their wine personally.

The family also handles its own distribution. Wine shipments are delivered to specialty stores in Boise, Seattle,

Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Chubbuck as well as the Twin Falls Albertsons store.

"We stock the shelves ourselves and personally deliver our wines," Hegy said.

Wine is also sold at the winery at \$5 to \$6 a bottle.

Hegy has focused on the gift market and produces event labels for special occasions such as golf tournaments.

In addition to its specialty labels, the winery produces altar wine for the Catholic church.

"It requires a certain amount of alcohol and 100 percent grapes, all according to canon law," said Hegy.

The climate in southern Idaho is still risky for growing grapes, Hegy said.

After the initial investment and a five-

year waiting period before a winery sees any income, the winemaking business can be profitable, he said.

Hegy estimates South Hills Winery makes about \$10,000 a year after expenses.

That doesn't take into account all the personal attention his retailers and grapes receive.

# YOUR BUSINESS

## MILESTONES

### Alblon grill breaks ground for new building

ALBLON — The Sage Mountain Grill, at 255 N. Main St. in Alblon, is breaking ground for a new building. It will be built on the same property as the existing business but will increase the size of the business considerably, said Ina DiGrazia, who owns and operates Sage Mountain Grill with her husband, Tom.

The new building will have a much larger kitchen, and inside customer seating will increase from 18 to 68-person capacity. There will also be a large or yurt for outdoor dining. Estimated cost of the new structure is \$300,000. The building is scheduled to be completed in February, and the business will be closed for only a few days to move into the new location. A grand opening will be scheduled later.

The DiGrazias bought the business in 2000 and expanded and refurbished it. Now, in addition to burgers, sandwiches and pizza, the business offers four-course meals and gourmet dinners, with a "chef's choice" special each weekend in addition to the standard steak, salmon and pork items offered daily. Lunch specials are available, and all items are available for take-out by calling the restaurant at 673-6624.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

### Business owner teaches how to alleviate pain

TWIN FALLS — Illuminations with Dani, owned by Danielle Brown, opened for business in December at 562 Second Ave. E. Brown said she

teaches individuals how to alleviate pain, change thinking patterns from negative to positive, identify their own health issues. Classes teach building self-confidence, which increases motivation to solve issues in the individual's life. Brown has intensive training in Jin Shin Jitsu and Reiki. Brown can be reached at 736-5283 or 410-2699 to schedule classes and appointments.

### Licensed massage therapist opens office in Shoshone

SHOSHONE — Licensed massage therapist and certified healing practitioner Anita Moloney, with 18 years of experience, announced the opening of a home office in Shoshone.

Moloney began her studies in the massage healing arts in 1985 and became a Reiki master teacher in 1992. She is a graduate of the Santa Monica School of Massage and The School of Enlightenment and Healing. The Milne Institute, Dr. Benjamin Shield and Dr. E. Adelsberg have given Moloney insight into cranial sacral release therapy, she said. The study of orthobionomy, myofascial release, hot stone therapy and touch for health enhances her work. She said she has studied with a variety of world-renowned teachers.

Moloney worked privately and for a chiropractor in southern California for 13 years. For the past five years, she has worked at the Sun Valley Massage Center.

Bodyworks Massage Professionals is the name of her office in Ketchum, where a variety of therapists are available. Bodyworks now offers East Indian Ayurvedic warm oil treatments.

### Magic Valley clinic plans grand opening in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Hearing Aid and Audiology Clinic will hold a grand opening from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at 1055 Blue-Lakes Blvd.

Manager Steve Lerohl said the business is offering free hearing evaluations to celebrate its opening. Lerohl, of Brigham City, Utah, came to Twin Falls to become manager of the new business. Richard Arctio, who has a doctorate in audiology, will be the audiologist. He has 27 years of experience in audiology and with balance and speech problems.

Lerohl can be reached at 736-4550.



Breaking ground on the future home of Sage Mountain Grill in Alblon are, in front, owners Tom and Ina DiGrazia and, in back from left, Mark Brown, Judy Haller, Mike Brown, Glenda Holloway, Debbie Fenton, Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway and Harry Fitzgerald.

## RIBBON CUTTING



A recent ribbon cutting at Aspen Grove Home Health and Hospice celebrates its joining the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. In front from left are Sally Nicholls, corporate vice president; registered nurse Karen Tiffany; administrator Nancy Duncan, cutting the ribbon; and registered nurse Becky Brown. Aspen Grove is a home-care provider serving Magic Valley, including Mini-Cassia.

### Sportsman's Warehouse gains new board member

TWIN FALLS — Stuart Ugaard, chairman and chief executive of privately held Sportsman's Warehouse Inc., announced the election of Larry H. Miller to the firm's board of directors.

"The retail chain has a new Twin Falls store," Miller owns 35 automobile dealerships in Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon and Idaho. He also owns the Utah Jazz, the Delta Center; television station KJZZ and the Jordan Commons. He was named Utah's Master Entrepreneur of the Year in 1997.

Sportsman's Warehouse is a retail chain specializing in hunting, fishing, camping and related items. It is based in Midvale, Utah, and has more than 1,400 employees in the Rocky Mountain, Northwest, Southwest and Midwestern states.

### Everton Mattress Factory relocates Boise store

BOISE — Twin Falls-based Everton Mattress Factory Direct relocated a store in Boise to 1342 S. Orchard.

"The building that we moved into was a former furniture store location that Jim Paxton from Snake River Pool & Spa purchased and transformed into a site that Snake River Pool & Spa, Everton Mattress and a specialty children's toy store based out of Boise now occupy," said Chris Sanders of Everton Mattress Factory. "We feel the location has great presence and that all three retailers can benefit from each other's marketing."

The selling area that Everton Mattress occupies there is 3,200 square feet offering factory direct Restonic sleep sets, Serta mattresses, futons, specialty pillows and children's furniture.

Everton Mattress Factory has two stores in the Treasure Valley, with plans in place to purchase a third site in Nampa with an attached warehouse where deliveries and storage will be centralized, Sanders said.

"This will give our organization the coverage needed to adequately service the area," he said.

Everton Mattress Factory of Twin Falls has been making Restonic products for the intermountain and Northwestern states for over 30 years, and has been manufacturing mattresses for over 78 years.

### Medicine Shoppe plans to acquire pharmacy chain

TWIN FALLS — St. Louis-based Medicine Shoppe International Inc., a Cardinal Health chain of independent retail pharmacies — including one in Twin Falls — announced plans to expand its geographic reach through an acquisition of Medicap Pharmacies Inc., a chain of 179 community pharmacies with locations in 33 states across the country.

"The transaction is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Financial terms weren't disclosed. The acquisition will bring Medicine Shoppe's total number of stores to over 1,370 worldwide. Medicap will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary."

"Similar to Medicine Shoppe Pharmacies, Medicap Pharmacy locations focus on personalized patient care and services, making the combination an ideal fit," said Bob Storch, president of Medicine Shoppe International, in a statement. "Together, the companies will have greater resources and buying power."

"The companies plan to continue to offer franchisees a business proposition that enables them to control their hours and select their locations," the statement said.

### U.S. Bank checking plan now includes businesses

TWIN FALLS — U.S. Bank expanded its "Checking That Pays" program to include businesses.

The program now allows U.S. Bank business customers to use their debit or check cards for signature-based purchases and take part in one of two reward programs.

"Our Checking That Pays program has been so successful with our consumer customers that we made a decision to expand the program by giving U.S. Bank business customers choices as to how they would like to be rewarded," said Richard Davis, vice chairman and head of commercial and consumer banking.

"The program rewards off-line signature purchases with cash bonuses or gift points toward gift certificates and merchandise from participating retailers and restaurants. A signature purchase is one that does not require the customer to enter a personal identification number."

## Business leaders

**BUHL** — Buhl business people voted for new chamber and economic leaders.

The Buhl Chamber of Commerce had two positions open for elected leaders, one on the chamber's board of directors, and one on the Buhl Economic Council.

Mimi Ford won the chamber director's seat, and Rick Astley was elected to the economic council. Ford is the owner of Mimi's Flowers, Gifts & Coffee. Astley is a service manager for Idaho Power Co. with 24 years' service.

### Lelle Poppleton

TWIN FALLS — Lelle Poppleton of Twin Falls is one of 8,195 elementary and secondary school teachers nationwide who achieved National Board certification in 2003, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Poppleton teaches family and consumer sciences at Twin Falls High School. She has been a

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Lelle Poppleton

teacher for 30 years.

The independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the quality of teaching and learning is the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Certification is the highest credential in the teaching profession. The voluntary certification is achieved through a performance-based assessment that takes between one and three years to complete and measures what accomplished teachers should know.

### Gary Katzer

TWIN FALLS — Gary Katzer, night-shift respiratory care practitioner at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, achieved recognition from the National Board of Respiratory Care as a registered respiratory therapist.

Registry status is earned after completion of higher educational requirements, by passing a written examination and a clinical simulation examination.

Katzer earned his certified respiratory therapy technician credential 20 years ago. His work experience includes assignments in three hospitals that were part of Los Angeles and Orange County's designated trauma system, and in a neonatal intensive care unit with medical staff from the University of California Irvine. He earned a specialty credential in perinatal/pediatric respiratory care in 1992. His first experience with high-frequency oscillating ventilation was at St. Jude Medical Center in Fullerton, Calif., where he was night-shift supervisor for three years.

Katzer and his wife, Tamara, moved to Twin Falls in 1997. He is main charge therapist and lead neonatal preceptor for night-shift respiratory staff at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Helping Hands is a nationwide holiday effort by Merry Maids to collect donations from its customers and deliver them to women's shelters. Local Merry Maids employees and customers will work in conjunction with the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Donations will be collected through December at participating customers' homes and the local Merry Maids office, 550 Filer Ave., Suite F, then delivered to shelters in time for the holiday.

The purpose is to recognize victims of domestic abuse and to educate women across the country.

For information, call Ramona Seitzinger at 736-7223 or send e-mail to merrymaids1103@qwest.net.

AmerTel Inns has a holiday

tradition of making available complimentary guest accommodations to community hospitals where AmerTel Inn properties are located, which include Twin Falls and Elko, Nev.

In Twin Falls, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will distribute free certificates to AmerTel accommodations for families of patients in need, allowing them to be near one another during the holiday season. At Magic Valley Regional, contact Cheryl Ryan at 737-2065.

Albertsons Inc. and Coca-Cola jointly contributed \$50,000 to America's Second Harvest, a domestic hunger-

relief organization, launching the supermarket retailer's month-long campaign to combat hunger in America.

Albertsons said it also will contribute nearly \$950,000 in cash and products amassed through food drives, food donations and other programs being conducted in December throughout the company's divisions, which comprise more than 2,300 grocery and drug stores in 31 states.

Funds from the Albertsons/Coca-Cola partnership will go to America's Second Harvest food banks in each of the 10 Albertsons operating divisions. Cash and products from the balance of Albertsons' month-long program will be distributed to a broader list of food banks throughout the 31 states in which the company does business.

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## TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

Your Business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have information about any of the following, The Times-News wants to hear about it:

- Promotions and staff changes.
- New offerings.
- Seminars and workshops.
- Awards and achievements.
- Charitable business activities.
- Other business news.

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# NEW BUSINESSES

## The Times-News

**BOISE** — Following is the list of businesses opening in October with the Idaho secretary of state's office — including both new ones and existing ones that had been filed with counties and had to be refiled with the state.

Businesses are listed by name, agent, address and nature of business.

• "Bling-Bling," Coco Knudson, 511 Leadville Ave., Ketchum, ID 83340, retail and wholesale trade.

• A La Cuisine, Shannon Shields, P.O. Box 3351, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

• Addition Animal Center LLC, Jeffrey King, 2285 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Advanced Data, Jack Prudek, 141 Bellmont Drive, No. 2, Ketchum, ID 83340, construction.

• Advanced Plumbing LLC, Steve White, 611 S. Main St., Hailey, ID 83333.

• Albion Stone, J. Keith Rogers, 337 W. Albion, ID 83301, retail and wholesale trade and mining.

• Angel Ramos Foundation Inc., Robert Sewell, 1847 S. Elmwood Road, Gooding, ID 83301.

• Area Rescue-Management System Inc., Terry Schultz, 1050 W. 400 S., Burley, ID 83308.

• B and G Medical Partnership LLC, Tony Burns, 3085 Woodridge Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Be Line LLC, Kirby L. Becker, 120 E. Benton, ID 83301.

• Bent Aspen Productions Inc., Jerry Hadam, 131 Fourth St. W., Ketchum, ID 83340.

• Benton Enterprises LLC, Donald B. Cunningham, 620 N. Leadville Ave., No. 2, Ketchum, ID 83340.

• Bill Duncan, Duncan Trucking Inc., Bill Duncan, 900 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Birdwood Subdivision Homeowners' Association Inc., Amy Brown, 431 Della Vista Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

• Black Magic Farms LLC, Wayne R. Breen, 511 S. 200 W., Burley, ID 83318.

• Bliss Herford's LLC, Carl W. Bliss Jr., 2402 E. 4300 N., Filer, ID 83328.

• Blue Cactus Foundation and Pottery, Nancy Turner, 150 S. 380 E., Burley, ID 83301, retail trade.

• Bos Insurance, Calvin Shawn Bingham, 1711 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318, finance, insurance and real estate.

• Brownish-Blue Farm LLC, Dean L. Brown, 37 N. 500 E., Jerome, ID 83308.

• Bruce's Small Engine Repair, Bruce R. Utkahant, 136 Site 10 Highway 46, Gooding, ID 83303, services.

• C Bar M Dairy, Jane F. Ledbetter, 268 S. 500 W., Jerome, ID 83301, agriculture.

• Carney Farms, Paul C. Carney, 291 S. 2800 E., Paul, ID 83347, agriculture.

• Carriage Lane Partners LLC, Chad Haskins, 119 Ross Ellis Road, Ketchum, ID 83340.

• Carroll Painting Co., Mark Carroll, P.O. Box 275, Sun Valley, ID 83353, construction.

• Castle Creek Hideout LLC, John R. Gregory, 291 S. Leadville, Ketchum, ID 83340.

• C&C Trucking Inc., Clint Grandon, 225 E. Knotenai St., Richfield, ID 83349.

• Chasers Sports Bar and Nightclub, 1010 Highway 20, Filmore Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Chiropractic Services LLC, Larry Kimball, 375 N. 100 W., Jerome, ID 83308.

• C-I & T Enterprises, Theresa-M. Stevens, 705 Washington St. S., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

• C&S Enterprises, Margarita Valencia, 710 Oneida, Rupert, ID 83350, services.

• Lava Lake Foundation for Science and Conservation Inc., Michael Stevens, 215 N. Main St., Suite 204, Hailey, ID 83333.

• Lazy R Farms, Casey Ridley, 241 N. 400 W., Jerome, ID 83338, services and agriculture.

• Life Construction, PACE Inc., P.O. Box 302, Twin Falls, ID 83303, services.

• LightHouse Massage, Jemal Chapman, 500 E. Ave. A, Jerome, ID 83338, agriculture.

• Lindley Enterprises LLC, Zane Lindley, 4627 E. 3950 N., Kimberly, ID 83341.

• Lisa Paladini Media Inc., Garald E. Prineas, 2059 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

• Locust Grove Property Owners' Association Inc., Walt Howe, 2050 Trail Creek Turn, Filer, ID 83328.

• Lodge on Trail Creek LLC, Michael E. Corsee, 260 First Ave. N., Ketchum, ID 83340.

• Lusa Trucking, Bulmaro Magaña, 15 W. 400 S., Burley, ID 83318, agriculture.

• Magic Valley Towing & Recovery LLC, Cheryl R. Rude, 252 Hankins Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Main Street Oil LLC, C. Brennan Jones, 910 W. Main, Burley, ID 83318.

• Manure Dog Productions LLC, Arthur Wallace, 102 Willow Lane, Ketchum, ID 83340.

• The Metalurgists LLC, Richard J. Ruder, 2260 E. 4300 N., Filer, ID 83328.

• Newberry Trucking, Patricia Newberry, 281 Liss, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services, transportation, public utilities and agriculture.

• Northridge Fellowship SBC Inc., Mickie Kelly, 5 Northridge Way, Jerome, ID 83318.

• One Sharp Guy, Limited, Irah Curd, 1405 Warm Springs Road, Ketchum, ID 83340.

• Parker-Balkic LLC, Penelope Parker, 2034 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Pigeon Cove Power Co. LLC, Wrenn Vorenberg, 834 Falls Ave., Suite 3220, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Pooz Korner, Jennifer Sue Hartley, 121 Second Ave. E., No. A, Gooding, ID 83301, services.

• Potlacher Custom Finishes, Jeremiah Potlacher, 1110 E. 2700 S., No. B, Hagerman, ID 83342, services.

• Prater & Co. Insurance Valley State Insurance Inc., P.O. Box 6, Twin Falls, ID 83303, finance, insurance and real estate.

• Prater Family LP, Lawrence F. Prater, 1122 River Ranch Road, Ketchum, ID 83340.

• Trend Partners LLC, Michael J. Folles, 226 Timberline Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

• Quality One Photo, Katrina Marie Black, 1184 E. Main, Suite 1, Burley, ID 83318, retail trade and services.

• R & R Management Inc., Royce Abernathy, 415 Addison, No. 6, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• R & R Renaissance LLC, Joe Russell, 834 Falls Ave., Suite 1280, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Rafters 45 Arena, Tracy H. Shields, 4352 S. 2450 E., Filer, ID 83328, agriculture.

• REB LLC, Brett D. Bashaw, 400 N. Pichebo Road, Pichebo, ID 83328.

• REB LLC, Gerald B. Bashaw, 820 Gannett Road, Bellevue, ID 83313.

• Renaissance Office Park Owners' Association Inc., Joe Russell, 834 Falls Ave., Suite 1280, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Rest LLC, Brett D. Bashaw, 400 N. Pichebo Road, Pichebo, ID 83328.

• Ridgeway-Renewables Inc., Dal Kolbe, 712 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• RL Services, Lisa Pettit, 330 Alder St., Hailey, ID 83333, services.

• Reedy Mountain Adventures Inc., John Goddard, 4040 Glenbrook Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

• S & T Auto Glass, Sean Perkes, 942 S. Buchanan, Jerome, ID 83338, services.

• SAC-H LLC, Maria Cristina Cook, 520 Second St., Ketchum, ID 83340.

• Sassy Vintage, Kathleen Cantu, 442 Walnut St., Ketchum, ID 83301, retail and wholesale trade.

• Sawtooth Biotechnology Associates, Randy Hess, P.O. Box 2733, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

• Scottet LLC, Scott Jordan, 323 Shady Lane, Ketchum, ID 83340.

• Shepherd Gate, Sherry Roscetto, P.O. Box 833, Hailey, ID 83333, retail trade.

• Simmons & Son Trucking Inc., Eileen Simmons, 60 N. 400 W., Burley, ID 83318.

• Singleton Enterprises, Rick L. Singleton, P.O. Box 5084, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade.

• SLS Inc., Lawrence Allen Howard, 510 Northstar Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

• Snacker's Choice, E. Alan Howe, 681 Riverview Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

• Snake River Tree & Lawn Service, Dale E. Arroyow II, P.O. Box 611, Buhl, ID 83316, services.

• SLS Inc., Michael Bell, 2439 C. 3700 N., Filer, ID 83328.

• Solvex Event Planning LLC, Nancy Malke, 118 Snowpallet Road, Hailey, ID 83340.

• Sun Valley Auto Rental Inc., David Seamos, 1220 Airport Way, No. A1, Hailey, ID 83333.

• Sun Valley Group LLC, Keith Pengborn, 400 First Ave. N., Suite 2104, Ketchum, ID 83340.

• Sun Valley Leadership Institute, Lisa Tuller, 105 Sioux Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

• Sundown RV Sales & Repair Inc., Richard Mueger, 673 Eastland Drive S., Filer, ID 83301.

• Sunwest Electric Co., Wayne E. Gundersen, 1116 Hankins Road N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Todd Lee Dickenson, 433 Ridgeway Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, retail trade and manufacturing.

• Tall Firs Farm Idaho LLC, Erica Mami, 63 Browning Lane, Bellevue, ID 83313.

• Teresa's Gardening, Teresa Donnelly, 414 Bald Mountain Road, Ketchum, ID 83340.

• TRC Rentals LLC, Kate Coe, 1120 S. Valley Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

• Te Seed Conditioning, Tom D. Huffman, P.O. Box 2145, Twin Falls, ID 83303, services.

• Todd Hall LLC, James R. Babcock, 809 E. Ave. C, Jerome, ID 83338.

• Tuller & Tuller Associates, Teresa Dooly Cloud, P.O. Box 1964, Sun Valley, ID 83353, services.

• Vacation and Travel Services Inc., Jan Simmons, 711 Northstar Drive, Hailey, ID 83333.

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• Valley Services LLC, Kathleen M. Histon, 400 Sun Valley Road, Suite 308, Ketchum, ID 83340.

• Vila Brevis LLC, Nathan W. Galpin, 640 E. Hailey, ID 83333.

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• Whaley's Truck Wash, William D. Whaley, 635 Apache Way, Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

• Wind Enterprises, Jeff Blais, P.O. Box 1767, Ketchum, ID 83340, retail trade and services.

• Windriders, Darlene Kay Powell, 212 S. Sun Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301, services.

• Wood-River Window Cleaning Inc., Colin Rivera, 154 Bird Drive, Ketchum, ID 83340, services.

• Zip's Truck & Tractor, Delbert C. Chandler, 200 N. 390 W., Rupert, ID 83350, services.

# YOUR BUSINESS

## CAREER MOVES

### Casino Workers

JACKPOT, Nev. - Cactus Petes Resort Casino announced three winners of recent employee awards.

October Employees of the Month were:

• Support - Bill Holgate joined the Cactus Petes team in July 1996, working on the engineering department. In his current role as an engineer, he takes care of all carpet needs including installation and repairs. Holgate lives in Jackpot with his family.

• Gaming - Lu Ann DeMarco joined Cactus Petes in March 1999. As a dealer, she interacts with guests, answering questions they may have or explaining how to play the games. DeMarco lives in Kimberly with her family.

• Food and beverage - Lonnie Sutton joined Cactus Petes in June 1977. As a server in the Desert Room, Sutton assists both guests just passing through town for a bite to eat, as well as those he's come to know through the years. Sutton lives in Twin Falls with his family.

• Mike Federico joined Cactus Petes in March 1999. As a waiter, he interacts with guests, answering questions they may have or explaining how to play the games. Federico lives in Twin Falls with his family.

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Jerome graduate of Oct. 30 from Professional Truck Driving School. He acquired his tankers, hazardous materials and a Class A commercial driver's license.

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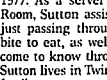
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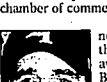
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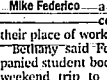
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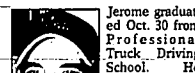
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Wine war

Word game moves to forefront in showdown

For decades, Europeans have put up with seeing the names of their renowned wine-making regions splashed across labels of inexpensive American jug wines such as Gallo Hearty Burgundy and Almaden Mountain Chablis.

But agreeing to the creation of more such trademarks may be too hard to swallow, even if it threatens to disrupt the \$2.3 billion wine trade between the United States and Europe.

Europe's top trade negotiators are objecting to an 11th-hour U.S. proposal for a bilateral agreement that they say would allow American wine companies carte blanche to use such geographic names as Champagne, Chianti, Madeira, Port and Sherry, among others.

"This looks like the first shot in a wine war," said Tommy Bruce, director of Champagne USA, a lobbying and marketing arm of the French industry.

The rift could derail the trade agreement, which is set to expire Dec. 31. The arrangement includes Europe's conditional approval of U.S. wine-making methods—an important issue that has passed the sale of American wines in Europe since the late 1970s.

But now during extended talks to resolve the place-name controversy, Europe has refused to approve the "health and safety" of U.S. wine-making practices that differ from its own highly regulated system.

After walking away from the negotiating table Nov. 14, the European Commission is working on a new agreement to lapse—a move that could close European markets to U.S. wine, at least temporarily.

Such a dramatic action would be tantamount to a declaration of war between the world's wine superpowers, something both sides say they do not want but acknowledge is a distinct possibility.

Jim Murphy, the assistant U.S. Trade Representative for agriculture who has been leading the negotiations for the United States, did not return repeated calls. His European Commission counterpart, Francis Fay, declined to comment.

From an American perspective, the decades-long history of trade negotiates Europe's argument that U.S. wine-making methods are subpar. The approval, U.S. officials contend, is being withheld as a bargaining chip in the same name-games that they are called by negotiators.

Both of these issues need to be resolved, said Arnecha Gonzalez, a trade spokeswoman for the European Commission. "We both want to reach an agreement. We have to work through this difficulty."

Meanwhile, the U.S. wine industry, which has been the driving force behind the U.S. position, insists it must have changes in the current language in order to protect existing rights held by companies that use European place names on their wine labels.

The crux of the problem isn't about trademarks. The European Union said it would allow existing U.S. trademarks to be protected. For instance, Gallo Hearty Burgundy may not be objectionable, according to sources close to the negotiation, because it is a brand name trademark.

But Europe's wine industry is wary that other trademarks incorporating their celebrated wine regions will arise as generic names of inexpensive American wines if new limits aren't set.

Fairport, N.Y.-based beverage giant Constellation Brands Inc. holds a trademark for "Cooks," a sparkling white wine that is described elsewhere on the label as "California Champagne." Under the latest U.S. proposal, Constellation could create a new, protected trademark for "Cooks Champagne"—a simply because the word "champagne" appears on the bottle.

Letting existing trademarks stand is very, very generous, said Joel Castany, president of Europe's powerful wine-grape growers association.

"Nevertheless," he added, "the exceptions must stop here."

The geographic designations, according to Castany, are "deeply anchored in European culture" part of the gastronomic tradition of the countries.

"If anything, some California wine-makers argue, American officials should be working to create a similar ethos in the United States and safeguard the U.S. position as a world-class wine producer" by strengthening regulations for using geographic names such as Napa and Sonoma.

Vintners hope smaller tubs reap big benefits



Gregorio Rodales picks up a tub of cabernet sauvignon grapes during harvest at the Clos du Bois vineyard in Geyserville, Calif., Oct. 14. Rodales is using a smaller new tub that is designed to reduce worker injuries.

They could mean fewer worker injuries

GEYSERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — Gregorio Rodales had been picking merlot grapes since dawn, gloved hands darting in and out of the pale green leaves as his hooked knife nipped bunches of dusty purple fruit off the slender vines.

It's hard work; his forehead glistened despite the cool breeze blowing through the Clos du Bois, vineyard. But this year, the going was a little easier thanks to a new approach — tried by some California wineries — smaller picking tubs designed to reduce worker injuries.

That's a big development for workers who have to heft the tubs full of berries over their heads dozens of times a day to flip the fruit into a two-ton gondola.

In the past, Rodales would finish the day "man cascado," more tired, he says, twisting his torso to show that his back's still limber despite hours of bending and stretching.

Winery managers, fewer injuries mean happier workers, lower workers' compensation costs and a chance to hold on to a trained work force. The smaller tubs mean workers make more trips to dump their grapes, but that adds only 15 minutes to the picking day, says Clo du Bois viticulturist Douglas Davis.

"We maintain production and yet we also provide a safer environment. That's a great thing," says Price. "The other part is the guys appreciate them. They understand that they are a tool to help them."

With the tubs, picker injuries have "almost gone away," says Price. Filled up, the new tubs weigh about 46 pounds — 11 pounds less than the average weight of the older versions, with three of



Grape pickers carry loads of grapes to a trailer bin during harvest at a Geyserville, Calif., vineyard.

those pounds due to using lighter manufacturing material. The tubs are narrower, meaning the weight is distributed better when they are picked up.

The smaller bins came out of a study by the University of California at Davis, which has a center devoted to agricultural safety.

"This is a huge topic," says Dr. Marc Schenker, director of the Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety. "There are 20,000 disabling injuries a year in California agriculture."

John Miles, a professor and investigator for the Agricultural Ergonomics Center at Davis, says his research showed about 65 percent of pickers using the old tubs were reporting persistent pain by the end of the season. That dropped down to 25 percent with the smaller tubs.

Miles knew he was on to something when he'd go out to the field with a pickup full of prototype tubs and turn around to find most of them gone, "borrowed" by pickers.

At the start of the season, about 3,000 of the smaller tubs

were being used by various wineries, Miles says. Other wineries heard of the innovation, and the company making the tubs soon said it was moving very quickly at this point.

"About two-thirds of California grapes are picked by machine, Miles estimates, but tubs are an issue for higher-end wineries where grapes are hand-picked to make sure shriveled fruit and leaves don't go into the product.

At Clos du Bois, keeping the same core of workers means not having to retrain pickers every year on quality control, Price points out. "These guys, they know our parameters for quality."

"This year, the winery locked up all its larger tubs to short-circuit the few workers who held out against the new models, confident they could handle the heavier loads.

Rodales, who's been working in the Clos du Bois vineyards for years, was more than willing to make the switch. "Para mi, esta," he says, pointing to the grape-filled tub at his feet. "For me, this."

Global warming puts taste into fine wines

The Washington Post

For wine lovers, global warming might not be such a bad thing: Research indicates that warming temperatures are improving the quality of fine wines.

Gregory V. Jones of Southern Oregon University and his colleagues decided to study the impact of climate change on wine because grapes provide a good way of studying the impact of rising temperatures on crops in general.

"Because wine grapes are grown in temperate climates — what's called a 'Mediterranean climate' — and wines are almost obsessively tasted and rated for quality, wine grapes are a particularly good indicator of changes that are probably affecting other crops in the same areas," said Jones, who presented his findings recently at the Geological Society of America's annual meeting in Seattle.

Jones and colleagues analyzed records of climate and of Sotby's rating system for wines dating back to 1850 for the world's top 27 wine regions looking for correlations between wine quality and growing-season temperatures.

The researchers found that the average temperature had increased by 2 degrees, and was accompanied by a rise in the ratings.

"There were no negative impacts," Jones said.

Relics of earlier wine age haunt California's Napa Valley

NAPA, Calif. (AP) — Spirits are abroad in wine country, but not the white-sheeted, chain-dragging types of gothic romance.

These specters take the form of tumbledown cellars and crumbling walls known as "ghost wineries" vineyards that were founded in the post-Gold Rush boom of the 1870s and '80s but went bust under the triplewhammy of depression, crop disease and prohibition.

More than a century later, the names of a lot of those early pioneers have all but vanished. But you can still find names from the past chiseled into ruined walls — gray remembrances of things past.

"For a flutter," says Charles L. Sullivan, a wine country historian, who has visited and photographed some of California's "ghosts." "I love these places."

As with everything else in modern California, the wine industry grew quickly, springing from the 19th-century influx of European immigrants who brought with them their winemaking traditions.

Bad times came in the form of shaky economies in the late 1890s along with the crop disease

phylloxera. Two decades later, Prohibition put a lot of wineries out of business.

Some of the old wineries survived, although they may have changed hands a few times; some were revived in the 20th-century wine boom and some have been converted into restaurants and private homes.

Still, there are ruins aplenty, such as the gaunt remains of the H.W. Helms winery on the grounds of the Livingston Moffett Winery in St. Helena, regularly haunted by a fat black cat named Kemu.

A few miles north, the remains of Summit Ranch winery can still be found on the grounds of Pride Mountain Vineyards. Ravaged by fire in the 1920s, the roof and doors are long gone, leaving a huge gaping archway that perfectly frames a green-leafed vista.

Owners Jim and Carolyn Pride decided when they bought the property in 1990 to keep the structure just as it is. "It's just one of the wonderful bits of history that goes along with this property,"

One of the better-preserved Napa ghosts is the T.L. Grigsby Occidental Winery on the grounds of what is today the Reguski Winery.

Built in 1878 by the pioneering Grigsby, the three-story winery went bust during the Depression. The Reguski family bought the place in 1932, operating it as a farm where they grew grapes and other crops. But history's turned full-circle: In the late 1990s, the family re-established a winery on the property, using the Grigsby building for barrel storage.

Visitors "absolutely adore" the big square warehouse, says winery spokeswoman Linda Swearingen. "It just satisfies what their expectations are about coming to the wine country."

As with other Napa Valley "ghosts," there's nothing unearthly about the Grigsby building.

And yet, on an October evening, as the fleeting sun bathes the lava stone facade in an amber glow, it's quiet — but the rusty creak of crickets and the muted hoot of a faraway owl. And then, from the old wooden rafters they emerge, in a sibilant rustle — a small colony of bats flapping silently into the violet sky.

Carmela

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Idaho's exceptional grapes and the wine produced through national competitions.

"We're looking at producing such a high quality of wine that we're no longer looking at just selling to Idaho but competing internationally," said Glancey.

Exporting to other countries began recently with a pallet of wine shipped to Taiwan.

The first wine Glancey produced from start to finish at Carmela was a Semillon that received a double gold medal at a national competition in Florida. Against 1,100 other competing wines, Carmela finished in the top 3 percent.

At another wine competition, Carmela won the people's choice award for the best red wine with its 2000 Lewis and Clark Merlot. About 170 wines competed at that Lewiston event.

Last year Carmela and its growers, several of which are in the Hagerman area, produced 170 tons of grapes. The average price was in the modest \$300 a ton, generating about \$153,000.

Glancey is also promoting Carmela's location, alongside Three Island State Park.

"We're out there with our sales people in other parts of the state bringing tourists back here," he said.

to its existing golf course that winds through the 20-acre vineyard.

Carmela Vineyards and Winery, including a gift shop, tasting room, golf pro shop and restaurant, employs about 40 people year-round. That number increases to 50 during summer, Glancey said.

"We're at the toddler stage now, with nothing to do right now but grow and get better," said Glancey.

"That way we could have our own greenbelt here," Glancey said. Carmela owns about 100 unplanted acres adjoining the winery and state park.

"At some point in the future, an additional nine holes will be added"

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# Wild weather mark California's 2003 harvest

But once it's over, growers are happy

NAPA, Calif. (AP) — Wild, wet weather marked the California wine grape harvest, but the forecast for state wineries may be a bit sunnier.

"It started late and went long — I was telling people it was a long, late, grumpy harvest — but it's over and people are happy," said Karen Ross, president of the California Association of Winegrape Growers.

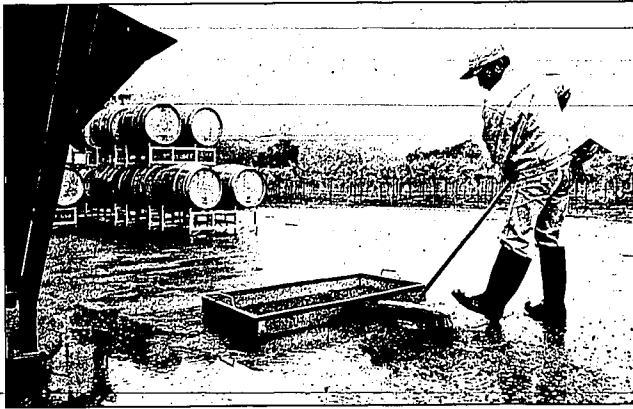
The harvest, marked by heat waves and thunderstorms, capped a challenging growing season.

"No matter where you were trying to grow grapes, in the winter when it was supposed to be cool, it was exceptionally warm and when it was supposed to be warming up it was cool," Ross said.

This year's crush is estimated to be about 3 million tons, maybe 5 percent short of last year's.

That may be 'bad news' for individual producers selling fewer grapes at still-depressed prices, but it's good news for the industry as a whole, which has been squeezed between aggressively priced imports and a global grape glut.

Industry observers hope a smaller crop, along with the inroads into surplus inventories already made by the new "super-value" wines such as "Two-buck Chuck," will ease some of the pressure.



Gustavo Arlas sweeps up pumice from a fermentation tank of cabernet sauvignon Nov. 5 in Oakville, Calif. Harvest was a wild and crazy ride for California winners this year.

AP photo

"Even though grape prices are low, even though growers took some big hits this year, we feel there's a little bounce back," said Joe Ciatti, one of the state's largest bulk wine brokers.

Signs of improvement: inventory in the Central Valley, where last year growers were ripping out vines, is in better shape and there's more interest in Napa and

Sonoma wines, he said. Still, times are still tough for many. "Certainly for many of the coastal areas, they would not feel there's a light at the end of the tunnel unless it's a freight train," Ross said.

In the Santa Barbara area, yields were down but quality was good, said Sao Anashi of the Santa Barbara County

Vintner's Association. "The concentration of fruit, the syrah particularly and pinot noir is just amazing," she said.

In the Napa Valley, a balmy fall helped cabernet sauvignon, giving the grapes some warm "hang time" to ripen. Wild weather punctuated the harvest with fits and starts. "It was exciting then ...

wait ... then exciting," said Jim Rogers of Russel Vineyard Management Inc. "Quality is looking good, he said. "Everything we're putting in the barrel's done really well."

One of the big developments of the year was the success of super-values such as Charles Shaw, made by the Cures-based Bronco winery and known as Two-buck Chuck because of its in-state price tag of \$1.99.

The super-values have got more people drinking wine, but it has cut into sales of \$5-\$10 wines, which already were fighting off low-priced Australian and Spanish wines, said Robert Smiley, a professor of California wine management at UC Davis who follows the industry.

The glut still exists, although it has improved a lot for chardonnay, merlot and sauvignon blanc grapes, Smiley said.

Smiley's annual survey of California wineries, growers, distributors and wine sellers showed the industry was focusing more on price than the past, with wineries cutting costs and lowering prices and retailers running more promotions and specials.

The survey revealed an interesting split: Wineries and vineyards expected their strongest sales growth to be in high-end wines, while distributors and sellers were looking at wines priced between \$3 and \$15. Smiley sees that as "basically a reflection of entrepreneurial chutzpah. You don't start a winery and continue in business in a winery unless you're an optimist." And, he said, "I think it's wonderful."

## Urban sprawl encroaches on S. California vineyards

Los Angeles Times

Don Galleano swivels his chair away from a cluttered roll-top desk, stands up and walks past a skinned rattlesnake on the wall. He slides by two rifles propped up in the corner of his office and out the swinging door into dusty terrain where twisting and gnarled Zinfandel vines have been growing for nearly a century.

As Galleano, 51, picks a late-growing cluster of purple grapes, he hears the drone of traffic speeding down the interstate, past miles of housing tracts, office parks and distribution centers in Mira Loma and surrounding areas that have replaced much of the vineyard established by his grandfather.

"It is the nature of urbanization," says Galleano, whose family has been growing grapes and making wine in the heart of Southern California's Inland Empire since 1927.

This is California's original wine country — and it's going fast. Decades before Northern California's Napa Valley became synonymous with California wine, Cucamonga Valley, about an hour east of Los Angeles, was home to more than 35,000 acres of vineyards and as many as 60 wineries.

Today, the Cucamonga Valley American Viticulture Area is down to fewer than 800 acres of vineyards and three commercial wineries, including Galleano's, whose name-sake business produces about 100,000 gallons of mostly bulk wine annually.

Nestled in one of the fastest-growing regions in the state, Cucamonga Valley has become far too valuable for growing grapes. An undeveloped acre can fetch upward of \$200,000. Yet the surviving 50-to-100-year-old vines scattered across the valley's floor are prized within the wine industry for their complex fruit. "The great irony here is that Cucamonga Zinfandel now has a higher reputation than it did when this was a vast growing region," said Thomas Pinney, a UC Davis College professor and author of "A History of Wine in America: From the Beginnings to Prohibition."

Southern California's wine industry had its genesis at the end of the 19th century when grape immigrants brought with them from the Old World. It also was a conducive environment for grapes used in the sweet desert wines that became popular after the repeal of Prohibition in 1933. But as tastes shifted to drier wines in the 1960s, so did wine production — to Northern California where lower overnight temperatures and ample water supply made it easier to grow the varieties that American consumers preferred. By the 1970s, winemakers in Napa and Sonoma counties were winning top awards and soon were promoting the region as a world-class tourist destination.

About the same time, Los Angeles was pushing eastward, turning up agricultural land to make room for warehouses, shopping centers and housing.

"When I first came out here in 1984, the land sold for about \$80,000 an acre," said David Ariss of Ariss Realty Advisors in Ontario,



Don Galleano uses a refractometer to measure the sugar level of grapes at Lopez Ranch in Fontana, Calif.



Above left, winemaker Ondine Chattan of Geyser Peak Winery. Above right, Galleano samples grapes in an old-vine Zinfandel vineyard.



Calif. "Now it starts at \$200,000 and can go to \$300,000 or even \$400,000 depending on the location."

Yet, for some winemakers the value of Cucamonga Valley is still found in its bounty.

Geyser Peak Winery, based in Northern California's Sonoma County, discovered the Southern California region in 1996 and has been making a well-regarded \$28-a-bottle Cucamonga Zinfandel from its harvest ever since. Geyser Peak pays to have the grapes crushed locally and then shipped to Sonoma County 500 miles north because "they have a wonderful intensity and consistency of character and style," said winemaker Ondine Chattan, Geyser Peak's Zinfandel specialist.

Geyser Peak's next Cucamonga Valley vintage will come from the Lopez Ranch in Fontana. But up through the 2001 harvest, the winery relied on grapes from the De Ambrogio Ranch — located across the street from the Rancho Cucamonga Civic Center.

"These were very old vines ... and may have been some of the original cuttings from the Old World," Chattan said.

Despite its rich heritage, the 35-acre De Ambrogio Ranch was not a very profitable business, yielding only \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year in income for the family that had owned the property for three generations. With the clan's 86-year-old matriarch in an assisted-living facility, the De Ambrogio family decided to sell the land two years ago.

All that's left of the historic De Ambrogio vineyard are about two acres of Zinfandel cuttings planted

at Cal Poly Pomona, as well as several vines that have been transplanted in Napa Valley, where University of California, Davis, researchers hope to preserve the old-growth strain.

"If this was a structure, they would have declared it a historical site and prevented this from happening," said James Wolpert, chairman of the UC Davis department of viticulture and enology. "You just don't make 100-year-old Zinfandel vines. We are losing a piece of California's heritage."

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# Local hardware store takes on Home Depot

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - When the family-run Power Townsend hardware store here heard the Goliath of home improvement was moving to town, owner Mike Wall decided to ignore the pundits and take the Home Depot head on.

Instead of scaling back, as some experts recommend when "big box" stores move in, or folding, as at least one other local hardware store did, the Home Depot broke ground in Helena, Wall went big.

He doubled his store's floor space and started work on a mammoth new 5-acre lumber yard, a project that was underway as the Home Depot began taking form this summer just across the interstate 15 from Wall's store.

"You've got to be as big as Home Depot to compete against them," Wall said. "You can compete. It's just not easy."

Wall knows he's taking a big gamble. Even with his expansion project, Home Depot's new store is still more than twice as big. The Home Depot also has deep corporate pockets and a formula proved in 1,400 stores across the country. "They're not here to compete, they're here to put you out of business," Wall said of Home Depot. "They're not nice people!"

It is a fairly common sentiment of local business owners when such giants as Home Depot or Lowe's move to their towns.

Across the country, the National Retail Hardware Association estimates a drop from more than 25,000 hardware stores in the late 1980s to about 20,000 today.

In the past few years alone, the average size of home improvement stores have grown by about 10 percent, while the number of independent "mom-and-pop" stores continues to fall.

Walt Johnson, with the National Retail Hardware Association, said some closures simply were because the owners were near retirement and didn't want to make new investments to stay competitive.

Others, however, likely closed because of the pressure from large, national stores, he said.

Continuously competition has gotten a lot tougher in the last 20 years prompted by discount stores and the big boxes," Johnson said. And more often, those stores



Ed Zilnick unloads merchandise he purchased from a Home Depot store Nov. 25 in Helena, Mont. When the family-run Power Townsend hardware store in Helena heard the Goliath of home improvement was moving to town, owner Mike Wall decided to ignore the pundits and take the Home Depot head on.

are either Home Depot or Lowe's. The two retailers are alone accounted for about \$84 billion in sales last year.

Since 1998, the 25 largest retailers have gone from grabbing 42 percent of the industry's sales to 53 percent, according to a National Retail Hardware Association report.

It means independent stores such as Power Townsend, founded in 1867 and owned by Wall's family since the 1940s, often struggle to figure out how to compete.

Home Depot says all of the retailers can coexist and that the company has no intention of trying to force hometown retailers under. "Never have we set our sights on a certain guy and said 'we want to put them out of business,'" said Home Depot spokesman John Simley.

Experts like Johnson and John Haka, managing director of the Midwest Hardware Association, say there is still room for independent stores to compete, but they may have to switch tactics.

"The independents need to focus more on their market, more

on their niches," Haka said. "That's usually the way to do it."

Larry Bowman owns Owenhouse Ace Hardware, a 124-year-old Bozeman, Mont., hardware store that has been competing against Home Depot for almost a year. So far, Bowman thought it would be.

"It's kind of like a new restaurant, everyone goes there to try it," he said. "Some people like it, but others say they like the restaurant they've always been going to."

Unlike Wall, Bowman decided to keep everything pretty much as is and even postponed plans for a large expansion.

Al Norman, an activist from Massachusetts who is critical of big box stores, believes there is little hope for hometown hardware stores competing against the giants.

"I've unfortunately met far more unemployed hardware store owners than I would like," said Norman, author of the book "Slam-Dunking Wal-Mart."

Now that the national chains

have run out of major cities in which to build, they are starting to target towns as small as 25,000 residents.

"Some of these hardware store owners will tell you that I've got a little customer base, they'll stick with me," Norman said. "But the record is pretty clear, the hardware industry has been devastated by these big guys. That's why they are called category killers. They operate like a steamroller."

Home Depot's Smiley said his company's research has found big box stores take less money away from other stores than people think. Instead, consumers spend money normally earmarked for travel or other luxuries on home improvements at the Home Depot.

"The point of competition is to make money, and you would assume that money into my pocket is money out of yours, but that isn't necessarily the case," he said. "We find we are winning over spending dollars from categories that are way outside of retail."

# Economy shows slow employment growth

Unemployment rate drops slightly this month; retail section posts job losses

The Baltimore Sun

U.S. employment appeared to grow at a disappointingly slow rate last month, a setback after weeks of encouraging economic news - and a signal that the only market the average American cares about is still in the doldrums two years after the recession officially ended.

Employers added 57,000 jobs in November, compared to 137,000 the month before, according to Labor Department numbers released Friday. Analysts had expected an increase of 150,000 jobs, especially since retailers generally ramp up for holiday sales this time of year. But the retail sector actually posted job losses.

Though the unemployment rate slipped to 5.9 percent from 6 percent, the lowest it's been since March, Wall Street reacted to the unmet expectations. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 68.14 points, the Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 8.22 points and the NASDAQ index dropped 30.38 points.

"This month's report was totally lackluster relative to what we should be seeing," said Heather Boushey, an economist with the Center for Economic & Policy Research in Washington. "It's nothing compared to job gains we saw during past recoveries. It really just doesn't look that good for the American worker right now."

The job growth lagged behind employment gains posted in September and October, frustrating experts who had hoped to see an impressive economic surge in the third quarter. Boushey said the one-two punch of tax refunds and mortgage refinancing over the summer don't appear to be enough "to get us over the hump to long-term sustained growth."

But Irving Levenson, president of ForecastCenter.com, a New Jersey research and consulting firm,

thinks the employment situation may be improving faster than it appears.

The statistic showing 57,000 additional jobs comes from the Labor Department's survey of businesses and government agencies, generally considered a more reliable figure than the employment numbers culled from the concurrently released survey of households. But the household survey is particularly useful at a time of sharp change, Levenson said - and it shows that 589,000 more people were employed last month.

"It's consistent with a lot of other good news on the economy," he said. "We've got a long way to go but we're decisively heading in the right direction."

Job gains were spread across nearly all sectors last month, according to the Labor Department. Even manufacturing lost fewer jobs, 17,000 compared to an average monthly drop of 53,000 from summer 2002 to last summer.

The big loser was retail, which shed 28,000 jobs. But 23,000 of those people were striking Southern California grocery workers, who were counted as unemployed because they weren't getting paychecks.

Education and health services saw the biggest jump, with employment up by 34,000. Construction added 10,000 jobs.

Leisure and hospitality - which lost 27,000 jobs between August and October - gained 13,000 jobs last month. Part of that increase came from the shaky air transportation sector, which added 3,000 jobs.

"The recovery is treading more industries, more companies," said Robert B. MacIntosh, chief economist for Eaton Vance Management, a Boston financial services firm.

Also last month, the civilian labor force grew by 484,000, while the number of discouraged job-seekers - people who have dropped out of the labor pool in despair - remained relatively steady at 457,000.

About 2 million of the unemployed had been trying to find work for at least 27 weeks, about the same as in October. They accounted for nearly a quarter of jobless Americans.

# CSI students plan to display works

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Students in the College of Southern Idaho's cabinet-making and welding classes will display their works in the 14th annual Woodstock show and auction Thursday through Saturday in the new Rick Allen Hall of the Heart Center for Arts and Science.

Ken Triplett, cabinet making professor, said the show will fea-

ture projects including tables, a tiki bar, chests, picture frames, cutting boards, bed frames, game tables, lamps, bookshelves and other items - the students have made this semester. Also included in the sale will be items created in the CSI welding class, such as coat and hat racks, Western scene carousels, a chuckwagon barbecue grill and other handmade projects.

All proceeds from the sale will be used for activities in the CSI

Woodstock Chapter of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and the CSI Welding Club.

The show will be open for public viewing starting at 9 a.m. Thursday. The auction begins at 2 p.m. Saturday.

For information, contact Triplett at 732-6335 or at ktriplett@csi.edu, or CSI welding adviser John Peterson at 732-6372 or at jpeterson@csi.edu.

# Family or friends seeking loans? Proceed with caution, know risks

By Andrea Coombes CBS MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO - When it comes to loaning money to family and friends, financial planners say don't.

But that's a difficult rule to live by as tough economic conditions mean many Americans are likely tapping their nearest and dearest for help.

For entrepreneurs, first-time homebuyers or those skating on the thin ice of credit-card debt, the first source of financial help is often a parent or close friend.

Potential familial lenders need to be willing to judge the borrower's ability to repay before shelling out the cash, but in the cases when it's done right, lenders may find their loan repaid at interest rates that exceed the current return of, say, a money-market fund.

Nationwide, an estimated \$65 billion is loaned between family and friends, according to CircleLending (http://www.circlelending.com), an online financial services company that manages and services personal loans.

"When unemployment numbers go up and people start tightening their wallets, we see more lending occurring between family and friends," said Craig Venezia, CircleLending's vice president of marketing.

The company's loan volume has grown by about 25 percent quarterly, to more than \$3 billion now, Venezia said.

for money should consider their response carefully before agreeing to lend.

Perhaps even more important than the money at stake is the risk that the relationship itself may be tested. "How are you going to feel if they can't pay it off?" said James H. Brazier, a certified financial planner based in Chico, Calif. "It puts extreme strain on the relationship."

To better the chances of making a successful person-to-person loan, potential lenders should find out exactly what kind of debt it is and question the borrower as a professional lender would, said Mark Olsson, assistant professor in human development and family studies, and director of the Financial Counseling Clinic, at Iowa State University in Ames.

For instance, when a credit-card debt ask "how did you accumulate it, how much do you have, do you have additional debt, are you going to be able to pay me, how much are you going to be able to pay me?" he said.

"If the answers to your questions reveal someone in over his or her head and you're likely to never see the money again, you have two options, experts said.

Consider offering a gift instead of a loan - or just say no. "Too often I encounter people who are dysfunctional with money going from handout to handout," said Michael Kidwell, vice president and co-founder of Myvestra.org (http://www.myvestra.org), a nonprofit consumer education organization.

"If you're not careful to look for the warning signs, you could be fostering someone's negative money behaviors. You could be

damaging someone," he said. Those warning signs include previous bankruptcies or a recurring problem with living beyond their means - such as purchasing a new car or TV when they're still struggling with debt, he said.

At the other end of the spectrum, a borrower seeking help with buying a home or expanding a business may offer the lender an opportunity for greater return than a low-interest-rate money market fund or other savings vehicle.

For instance, assuming "that a lender could be promised a 6 percent return on their money over three years, it's a good source of income," said Ira Bryck, director of the University of Massachusetts's Family Business Center (http://www.umass.edu/fambiz/), which helps family-run businesses succeed.

Don't forget the taxman in your documentation. If you make a loan, the IRS will expect you to pay tax on the interest you collect. If no interest is received, you've made a gift instead of a loan and the dollar amount will either fall under the \$11,000 annual gift-tax exclusion limit or your gift could be affected by taxes.

Sometimes, despite careful planning and wary a late payment, simply the fact there is an outstanding loan can change personal relationships, experts said.

"Sadly, it ends up many times that it's the borrower who's uncomfortable with the arrangement," Brazier said. The borrower may distance himself from the lender, because the loan reminds him that "I can't cut it, I need your help," Brazier said.

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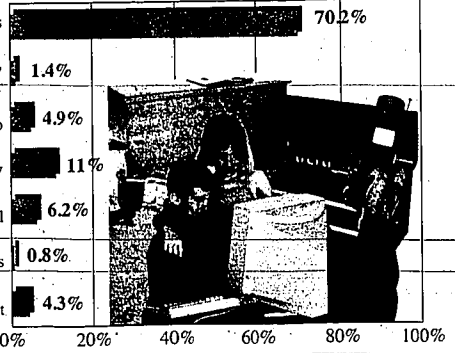
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# After dusk in Philippines, another hectic day at call center begins

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—It's 9 p.m. as Tim Lavin walks into his office, but Tim Lavin greets him with "Good morning, sir."

At Ambergris Solutions, most of the work starts long after rush hour, as lights wink out in other high rises in Manila's Ortigas business district. On the other side of the world, the company's American clients are just beginning their day.

Behind Lavin, senior vice president for operations for one of the Philippines' booming call center companies, a steady stream of 20 something recent college grads scurry to work stations on six floors of the 42-story Discovery Suites hotel and office complex.

The company is among 45 Filipino and foreign players in the Philippines' booming call center business, which has generated 30,000 jobs in just five years here. The relatively good pay makes it an attractive job, despite the hours.

Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II touted it as a world's industry in October when the growth's leading billion-dollar customer service operator, Cincinnati-based Convergys Corp., opened its first two call centers in the Philippines.

From "almost unexplored territory" five years ago, Roxas projects the industry will employ 100,000 Filipinos by 2005, providing a variety of customer and employee care services to Americans: handling call-center queries and technical support; e-mail, online chat, travel and consumer services; and medical and legal transcriptions.

With so much interest, the trade and industry department is encouraging new call centers to set up shop outside Manila to disperse jobs around the country.

"I have never seen the explosiveness or dynamic growth in an industry such as the Philippine call center business, and we are just getting started," said Dave Crawford, Ambergris' vice president for information technology.



Tim Lavin, right, Dave Crawford, left, both from Austin, Texas, and their Filipino counterpart, Jack Tuzon, discuss the dynamic growth of the call center industry in the country at the Ambergris Solutions office in suburban Manila.

That's part of a much larger trend. Forrester Research estimated last year that 3.3 million service industry jobs, including call centers, will move to countries such as India, Russia, China and the Philippines. Lavin, 33, from Austin, Texas, said Ambergris' 1,400 "agents" field queries and assist customers for U.S. clients. The company is obligated not to identify its clients, but Lavin said they are Texas-based Fortune 500 companies involved in computers, utilities and telecommunications.

The Philippines' chief competitor in attracting call-center business is India, but the government and industry leaders say the Philippines has some advantages: a cultural affinity with the United States, its former colonial master, and its relatively cheap labor and modern telecommunications infrastructure.

Another difference is that Filipinos speak English as a second language, while the Indians may speak the Queen's English, Crawford said.

Just last month, Dell Inc. said it plans to no longer outsource tech support calls from some U.S. corporate computing customers to India, and instead handle them in the United States. Dell would not discuss the complaints, though callers are known to have been dissatisfied with agents' inability — or lack of

authority — to solve their problems. As a hedge against such troubles, the Philippines has a Call

Center Academy that focuses on teaching English proficiency, as well as American culture, call center technology and sales, telemarketing and customer service skills.

With rising unemployment — 12.7 percent in July, up from 11.2 percent the previous year — in the Philippines' call centers can be picky with new hires.

Jack Tuzon, a founder and director of Ambergris, said the company has been hiring about 150- to 200 people per month — only about 5 percent to 10 percent of the applicant pool in a country that produces about 385,000 college graduates a year.

Marissa Serrano, a 21-year-old agent at Ambergris who once considered becoming a lawyer, says her friends want to work for a call center.

"They ask me, 'What do you do?' I just sit around, talk to the customer with my headset. That's it," she said. "They ask me, 'How

do they pay?' Secret."

Is it glamorous?

"Well, it is because of the pay," she said with a laugh. "If you're not working for a call center, you're not in."

The trade and industry department says a Philippine agent, with starting pay of about 12,000 to 15,000 pesos (\$218 to \$273) monthly, gets only a fifth of an American counterpart but more than what a new bank teller would get here.

The department also says that Filipino call center workers stay an average of 2.5 years on the job, compared to about 8 to 9 months for Americans.

Andre Pierre Hollander, a Filipino-American and one of the top Convergys agents, taking about 100 calls a day, said he has overcome the hardest part of the job — the schedule. He leaves home around dinner and sometimes doesn't get back until breakfast.

Paula Angela Villadolid, training

director for Convergys, said the company doesn't "look specifically for an American accent, just one understandable to an American customer."

More important, she said, is understanding American culture: to get a perspective on customers' needs and the types of responses they require.

At Ambergris, workers are given USA Today and the most recent Texas travel guide to read between calls. They watch the previous day's TV news from a Texas network during breaks in case conversation with a customer veers to current events. Operations manager Katherine Ann Fernando said it can help knowing the weather, the top stories — even how the Dallas Cowboys or Texas Rangers are doing.

"We can't afford to sound like we don't know anything about Texas," she said.



Marissa Serrano, with her Americanized English, answers calls from clients in the United States at the Ambergris Solutions call center in Manila.

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## Offbeat ways to empty out flexible spending accounts

By Kristen Gerenercher  
CBS Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Forget the obligatory purchase of extra eyewear to drain the remaining funds in your flexible spending account. This year, you might see if you qualify for massages or yoga classes as a way to claim your tax-favored money before it disappears.

Time is ticking for people with money lingering in their use-it-or-lose-it FSAs, making it worth your while to see how creative you can get without roving about of the IRS' medical-expense rules.

Bickering with your spouse about how much to spend on gifts this holiday season? You may want to apply some pretax funds to check out marriage therapy. Been meaning to get help starting a family? Fertility treatments are often on the list, too.

If you've been curious about holistic or herbal medicine to treat an ongoing ailment, visits to a state-licensed homeopathic practitioner may be covered. And if joint pain is getting you down, yoga, Pilates or dance lessons may be put to dutil use for arthritis sufferers.

If you have money remaining that may be forfeited at the end of this month, it pays to check your administrator's list of covered services to see where you can get value, said Mike Langan, a principal with "Towers Perrin," a human resources consulting firm in Valhalla, N.Y.

"If you're dealing with an unusual health situation, don't dismiss these possibilities," Langan said. "Examine your situation because many unusual situations have very favorable tax results."

Using FSA funds for less common reasons may require you to obtain a doctor's note to prove medical necessity to the administrator, he said. Generally, workers are allowed to apply FSA funds to a specific condition, but they're not permitted to use the money to do

things for purely cosmetic purposes or general health improvement. Over-the-counter medications may be eligible after the IRS recently said items such as non-prescription cold medicine, antacids, allergy remedies and other first-aid staples were acceptable, said Kirby Bosley, a principal with Mercer Human Resource Consulting in Los Angeles.

"Go to the drugstore and go shopping. Over-the-counter Claritin, Band-Aids — anything out there to treat an illness or injury," she said, noting that some FSAs may have restrictions.

"If my doctor says I'm obese and this is the time of year all those treadmills go on sale, the plan may allow me to run special exercise equipment through," he said.

Rehabilitation after an injury is another way exercise equipment may be covered, Bosley said. Unlike for weight loss, smokers will find most FSA administrators eager to pay not just for smoking cessation programs themselves, but also for nicotine patches, Langan said.

Quitting smoking — also has an additional financial benefit, he said. "An individual who uses their FSA funds to stop smoking will essentially parlay that into lower contributions on their employer's general health plan."

FSA funds also can apply if you've exhausted your health-plan benefits for certain visits but continued to pay out of pocket for them, a chiropractor said. "Many people see a chiropractor more often than their health plan covers. That would be a good one to submit."

And if you're stumped as to how to spend down your funds, look through the shoebox or file drawer for old medical, dental and pharmaceutical receipts you may have forgotten to submit in 2003, he said. "This is a time when it's a good thing to have been a pack rat all year."

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ANSWER: These days the two suited cuebid invented by Mike Michaels nearly 40 years ago has great popularity. I certainly prefer it to alternative methods such as Ghestem or Roman Jumps - which are very easy to forget. On balance, I suppose I am a fan.

ANSWER: Your partner is all wet. Your choice to bid one spade was impeccable, but perhaps when you were raised to two spades, a jump to four clubs would have been best. That shows a splinter (a singleton or void) in clubs, with some slam intention. That way, partner would know he was being invited to consider slam. Your three-diamond bid did not make that clear.

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ANSWER: For Love or Money, Muncie, Ind. Dear Mr. Wolff: Do any teams except the professionals have any chance of success in top-class bridge in the United States? Has professional improvement the standard of bridge, or has it made it worse?

ANSWER: Well, at the risk of being inmodest, I can vouchsafe to you that my team (with no professionals on it) just won the American Trials to go to Monaco for the

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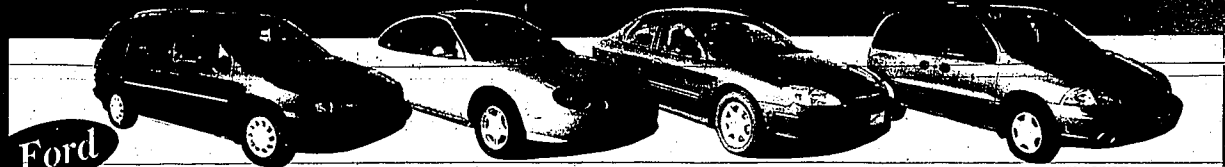
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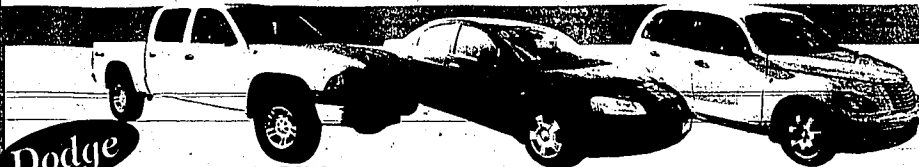
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"There's a truck, but they say there won't be any on it," one mother whispered to me. "But you have to ask the right sales clerk, you know."

It had come to this.

You had to approach the right people and say, "Do you have any?" The clerk would then pass the word along, and someone would be sent to ask you, "Boy or girl?" You weren't allowed to say "with hair, without pacifier," anything like that. Just boy or girl. Your doll would be brought to you sealed in a bag, and you had to promise not to look at it until you were out of the store. No peeks/no returns.

Honest. That's exactly what happened.

The day I finally got a doll, another one of the lucky mothers broke the rules.

She came charging back into the store with her bag, furious because her doll was wearing an "ugly dress." She was vowing to sue.

Mom out of control. I cringe to think of what might have happened to her. I know I never saw her again anywhere after that.

Then it was my turn. The register clerk swore I had been in line the week before and had already gotten my one-per-customer doll. I hadn't, of course, but I had to find two sales clerks I knew personally to vouch for my honesty.

When I received clearance, the clerk threw my sealed bag at me. She was angry because store employees were not allowed to buy any of the dolls at any time.

My daughter still has the Cabbage Patch doll I bought that day, but she's barely given it a second look during most of the 18 years of its life with us. When my daughter grew up and moved out of the house, she left the doll with me, making me its legal guardian, I guess.

Maybe that's only right. I'm the one with the birth stories to tell it.

How often we major on minors, putting so much emphasis on the insignificant. Especially at holiday time.

All of us know that making memories with family and friends, or helping those in need, or taking a few minutes of quiet time out of a busy day are a lot more important than obtaining the gift-of-the-moment.

So why don't we act like we know that?

Relationships are so often put on the back burner with the leftover turkey during the holiday season.

A few years ago, I read a magazine article about a single woman who moved from the Midwest to New York City.

She moved into an apartment building where she hardly knew her neighbors.

On her first New Year's Eve in the Big Apple, the woman felt lonely. So she put notes under the doors of her neighbors.

"If you don't have anything to do on New Year's Eve, drop by my apartment for sandwiches," she wrote.

She didn't expect anyone to come. But on Dec. 31, practically every tenant in the building showed up on her doorstep.

There are people out there. Everywhere.

Maybe one of them would like a Cabbage Patch doll.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.



LIFE AND TIMES  
Denise Turner

# Tannenbaum 101



Nancy Foote shops for the perfect tree to fit her home at Lloyd Family Christmas Tree lot at the corner of Addison and Blue Lakes in Twin Falls on Wednesday.

## There's both art and science in picking a tree

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Like a lot of folks, Judie Reeder has switched to an artificial tree to adorn the spectacular, 16-foot-tall living-room window in her home in northeast Twin Falls.

"But she's far from given up on real trees.

"I have four or five trees in the house during the holidays," said Reeder, a professional designer who has decorated Christmas trees for many individuals and businesses. "The reason that the big tree is an artificial one is that

**B**uying a Christmas tree live and planting it after New Year's Day is an option for folks interested in keeping the holidays alive all year long.

"Live Christmas trees are holding their own," said Richard Kelley, who runs Kelley Garden Center and

we had a real tree fall over once; it was a mess."

Landscaping Service in Twin Falls. "I don't think they've gained in popularity much over the past few years, but they haven't become less popular either."

Live trees cost about as much as their cut counterparts - expect to spend \$40 to \$50 for a decent-sized

fresh and decorates them imaginatively. It's as much an art as a science.

"I just pick a particular cut tree because I like the way it looks," she said.

conifer - and they won't dry out and lose their needles. But they're sometimes a handful to get into the house, since you're moving soil and a container as well as the tree.

"You absolutely have to keep the root ball moist when it's in the house," Kelley said. "I think some kind of

Yet Reeder probably has forgotten more about Christmas trees than you'll ever know, so what's a complete amateur to do on a Christmas tree lot?

"Go during the daytime when

drip irrigation works best. And plant the tree as soon as you can, he says.

"Dig the hole before the ground freezes and store the soil someplace warmer," Kelley suggested.

"Then it's easy to plant when you're ready."

you can see what you're getting," counsels Dave Klesig, certified arborist and assistant professor of horticulture at the College of Southern Idaho. "Buy it, if possible

Please see TREE Page E2

## The ABC's of Christmas trees

### Noble fir

Grown predominantly in Oregon and Washington, the noble fir is prized by Christmas tree connoisseurs because it holds its moisture and because its branches are long and stiff and far enough apart to leave room for ornaments. Needles turn upward, exposing the lower branches.

Expect to pay nearly twice as much for a noble fir as you would for the most common Douglas fir.



### Balsam fir

These popular, pyramid-shaped conifers have needles are 3/4 to 1 1/2 inches long and last a long time.

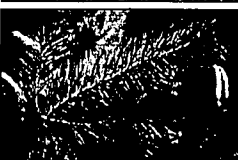
The principal attraction of the balsam fir is the long-lasting balsam fragrance, which comes from resin found in blisters on the bark.



### Scotch pine

The most popular cut Christmas tree in North America, this conifer is prized because its needles don't fall out when the tree dries out.

This species is the classic cone-shaped, bright green Christmas tree.



### White pine

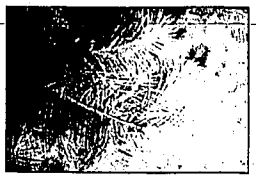
This big tree is the one to buy if you suffer from allergies to evergreen pollen: It has little fragrance, so it's easier to tolerate than its more aromatic cousins. Needles are long - up to 5 inches - but the branches tend to sag under heavy ornaments.



### Douglas fir

Three-fifths of the Christmas trees grown in Oregon - the nation's leading producer - are these sweet-smelling, long-needled evergreens.

The smell comes from the needles when they are crushed.



### Colorado blue spruce

You buy this tree for its distinctive blue-gray color, but not its odor - in fact, blue spruce needles smell bad when they're crushed.

The needles are sharp and short - no longer than 1 1/2 inches - and they last a long time.



### Fraser fir

Known for its two-color needles - deep green on top, silver-white below - on branches that turn slightly upward.

Fraser are prized by professional tree decorators because of their slim profile, which make it easier to fit them into different settings.



Photos courtesy of the National Christmas Tree Association



# ENGAGEMENTS

## HARMON-CECIL

**JEROME** - Polly Harmon of Jerome and Eddie Harmon of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Kristan Harmon, to Ernest Eugene Cecil, son of Michael Cecil of Thailand and Bokhe Kim of Dallas, Texas.

Harmon is a 2001 graduate of Jerome High School. She is serving in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Cecil is a 1997 graduate of Pensacola Christian Academy in Pensacola, Fla. He is also serving in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

The wedding is planned for Sunday, Dec. 7, in Waikiki, Hawaii.



Andrea Harmon and Ernest Cecil

A reception will be held in their honor at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn on South Lincoln in Jerome. Family and friends are invited to attend.

## TURNER-DUGGAN

**TWIN FALLS** - The Rev. Revis and Denise Turner of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Turner, to Daniel Michael Duggan, son of Daniel and Mary Lynn Duggan of Rigby.



Rebecca Turner and Dan Duggan

Turner is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Boise State University. She is employed at McKinley and Highlands elementary schools in Boise as a kindergarten through sixth-grade music specialist.

Duggan is a graduate of Rigby High School and University of Idaho. He is employed at Hewlett-Packard in Boise as a software engineer.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, Dec. 20, at the First Baptist Church in Boise. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony at the First Baptist Church.

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## CAYWOOD-OMBACH

**OAKLEY** - James C. and Lynne Poulton of Oakley announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Lynne Caywood, to Jacob Jay Ombach, son of Hank and Virginia Ombach of St. George, Utah.



Jacob Ombach and Tara Caywood

Caywood received a bachelor of arts degree from California State University in Sacramento, Calif. She is employed at Twin Falls High School as a behavior specialist.

Ombach is employed by Beacon Metals in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 12, in the Bountiful LDS Temple. A family luncheon will be held at Castlebrook Center in Layton, Utah.

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## JOHNSON-ROUNTREE

**JEROME** - Billie Jo and Lee Johnson of Emmet announce the engagement of their daughter, Leandra Johnson, to Josh Rountree, son of Jim and Marilyn Rountree of Jerome.



Josh Rountree and Leandra Johnson

Johnson is a graduate of Emmett High School. She is employed by Dineco Inc. Distributing in Meridian.

Rountree is a graduate of Jerome High School and Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. He is employed at BFI in Boise.

The wedding is planned for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the Little Chapel of the West in Las Vegas.

NeV. A reception will be held in Emmet at a time to be announced at a later date.

# The original hoosgow came from Spaniards

**DEAR EDITOR:** Can you tell me the origin of the word "hoosgow," meaning "jail"? Does it come from German?

- B.K. GREENBLT, MD.

**DEAR B.K.:** "Hoosgow" actually comes from the Spanish word "juzgado." In Spanish, the letter "j" is pronounced like the English letter "h." "Juzgado" literally translates to "court" or "tribunal" and is the past participle of the verb "juzgar," meaning "to judge." It comes originally from the Latin "iudicare," also meaning "to judge."

In English slang, the use of "hoosgow" originated in the American Southwest, where it was apparently adopted from Mexican Spanish in the late 19th century.

The first published use of the word in English dates to 1909. In addition to its usual "jail" sense, "hoosgow" has also had some use as a slang reference to an out-house.

**DEAR EDITOR:** I am a reading teacher who works with first and second grade children. Recently, the question was brought up of why the little finger is called the "pinkie." We hope that you will have the answer for us.

- S.R. KINGSTON, R.I.

**DEAR S.R.:** More than likely, "pinkie" originated from the Dutch word "pinkje," a diminutive form of "pink," meaning "little finger" in Dutch. A diminutive form denotes something small, cute, or dear. Different languages use different endings for diminutive forms.

The "je" ending in Dutch is equivalent to the ending "y" and "ie" in English, as in, for example, "deary," "doggie," "Pam" (birdie). Dutch "pinkje" thus means "cute little finger" and was probably used with very small children at first.

We can't say definitely when the Dutch first started using "pink" and "pinkie" to mean "little finger," but the Scots started using "pinkie" that way a couple hundred years ago. Scottish immigrants then brought it to America around the mid-1800s.

**DEAR EDITOR:** For our 25th wedding anniversary some years ago, my wife and I toured Europe. Our guide in England was very pleasant and knowledgeable about English history, but when I asked her the difference between "lady" and "dame," she just laughed. She never did give me an answer. My wife thinks I made a faux pas. What do you say?

- W.F. JAMESBURG, N.J.

## WORDWATCH

Merriam-Webster

### Want to have words?

Readers may send questions to Merriam-Webster's Wordwatch, P.O. Box 281-47 Federal St., Springfield, Mass. 01102.

**DEAR W.F.:** Maybe your tour guide laughed because she knew how complex it would be to answer your question. "Lady" and "dame" have been used as titles for a variety of women in a variety of situations, and their uses may often seem to overlap.

Sifting out archaic, obsolete, and dialect uses, however, reveals significant distinctions in current usage.

"Lady" is used as an alternate and less formal title for a marriage, countess, viscountess, or baroness. For example, the "Marchioness of X" could be referred to as "Lady X." The title "Lady" is also used with the first names of daughters of dukes, marquises, and counts, as in "Lady Jane," the daughter of the Duke of W.

"Lady" is also the title of the wives of knights, and it is used with the wife's married surname. For example, if Jane Smith married the knight John Doe, she would become "Lady Doe."

Women who are themselves members of orders of knighthood are known as dames. Their rank is comparable to that of the men of the order who are known as knights. As a form of address, "Sir" is used for knights, but women keep "Dame." Thus a knight and a dame of the Order of the British Empire could be addressed or referred to as "Sir John Doe" and "Dame Jane Smith."

So far so good, but there is a complication. The wives of knights who are not themselves members of the order can also use the title "Dame." "Dame" is used with the first name and surname, the same styling as used for the women of the knighthood themselves. Jane Doe, wife of the knight Sir John Doe, would be "Dame Jane Doe." This use, however, is usually reserved for legal documents and funeral monuments.

This may not explain the reaction of your tour guide or quell your wife's concerns, but at least it answers your question.

# ANNIVERSARIES

## THE GORDONS

**TWIN FALLS** - John and Marion Gordon of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the new home of Curtis and Melody Gambrel, 3226 Longbow Drive in the Terrace Garden Subdivision (east off of Hankins Road). Please RSVP to Melody at 736-5393.



John and Marion Gordon

The couple was married Dec. 18, 1953, in Ephrata, Wash. They made their home in Beverly, Wash., a small railroad town. He worked for the Milwaukee Railroad for 19 years and then was a custodian for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for 22 years. She was a homemaker and referee of five children. She later worked as a nurse's aide and then a custodian for the church for 20 years. They moved to Twin Falls in 1974.

They both enjoy camping, traveling, serving in the church and Scouts, and helping people. Their children are Teresa (Dave) Hall of Ellensburg, Wash., Doug (Pat) Gordon of Kanu, Hawaii, Keith (Susan) Gordon of San Antonio, Texas, Melody (Curtis) Gambrel of Twin Falls and Clifford (Missy) Gordon of Espanola, N.M. They have 14 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

# Today's rockers have to look hard for optimism

By Rick Shofchik  
Knight Ridder News Service

Whenever we drive somewhere with our 14-year-old son, he insists on changing the radio to the hard rock station.

This is fine. I did the same to my parents. When they would rather have been listening to Perry Como or news or the ballgame, I made them listen to the Beatles and Smokey Robinson. Heck, I made them listen to the Strawberry Alarm Clock.

Which they did, with reasonably good humor and not an excessive amount of negative commentary.

I am trying to remain as sanguine as my parents did when I commandeered the radio. But it's difficult.

I like to look for the good in all music. Anyone who takes the time to learn an instrument, even a tambourine, is making good use of their time, in my book. But while I can see the good in the music my son listens to, I can't find the happiness.

The music played on hard-core, alternative rock stations is so uniformly bleak and joyless that it bears only the slightest relationship to the rock of my youth. Most teen boys listen to this stuff, which makes you wonder what they're all so unhappy about - but then, our son doesn't seem to be unhappy, and his friends don't seem to be, either. They just like listening to desperately unhappy music.

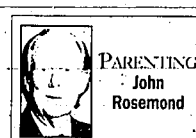
Where he had "All you need is love," they have "All the words are going to bleed from me and I will think no more." We had "You didn't have to be so nice; I would have loved you anyway," they have "In this darkness, I'm alive but I'm alone."

We had songs like "Summer Means Fun" ("Surfin' every day down in Malibu, 'neath the warm California sun.") They've got songs like "World So Cold" ("Children crying, cast out and neglected").

If you listen to this format for an hour, you're going to hear sentiments expressed (well, screamed, usually) that wouldn't seem to

# Must grandparents enforce ban on TV?

Q. After a particularly bad week in school our 6-year-old son had lost his TV privilege, so our older son goes to his room while the TV is on. We have managed to make this work and the 6-year-old understands the lesson. We're going to Grandma and Grandpa's house for Christmas week, however, and they don't want us to enforce this at their house over the holiday. We believe the lesson learned will be diminished if we waive it for the visit. Are we going overboard on this?



John Rosemond

A. Yes, you're going overboard. It would be impolitic and create tension for all concerned if you carried this punishment to the grandparents' home during what is supposed to be a joyous time. In this case, the spirit of Christmas trumps the letter of your law.

Therefore, my recommendation is that you suspend this punishment during the visit. In fact, I advise that you commute your son's sentence. When you leave for the grandparents' home, the punishment is over and does not resume when you go back home. Hey, it's all about the spirit about Christmas! Let's lighten up, everyone!

Q. Our 4-year-old son, Bobby, is scared of the idea of Santa coming to our house. The thought of some guy, even if he is jolly and bearing gifts, knocking into the house at night does not sit well with him at all. We don't know the best way to handle this situation: On one hand, it's just Santa and he may grow out of it. On the other hand, my son is scared and I'm not sure the Santa thing is worth that much anguish. Suggestions?

A. Tell your son you wrote a letter to Santa asking him what to do, and he wrote you back! Then read "Santa's letter" to him: "Dear Bobby, I understand that you are afraid of me. That's all right. I don't want you to be afraid, so instead of

coming to your house this year, I'm going to leave all your toys at your dad's office. After you go to bed on Christmas Eve, your dad will go get the toys and bring them back to your house so you can have fun on Christmas morning. I love you, Santa."

And yes, your son will probably grow out of this around the same time he realizes there is no Santa.

Q. Is it time to tell our 10-year-old that there is no Santa Claus? Shouldn't we tell him before he finds out from his friends? If so, how?

A. Personally, I believe in letting a child realize this on his or her own and then taking the opportunity to help the child understand what Santa is all about in the first place. Our children came to us when they were 9 and 6 and told us they had found out there was no Santa Claus. We told them that Santa Claus was a symbol, not a real human being; nonetheless, we said, we should believe in him and always practice what he represents: clarity, unconditional love, and generosity.

The real shame is not that Santa isn't a real person; the real shame is that many people get in touch with their "inner Santa" only once a year.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 1020 East 86th Street, Suite 26B, Indianapolis, Ind. 46240 and at his Web site: <http://www.rosemond.com/>

## Comedian tries hand at children's book

NEW YORK (AP) - Ray Romano, the Emmy-winning star of CBS' "Everybody Loves Raymond," is writing a children's book.

"Raymie, Dickie, and the Bear: Why I Love and Hate My Brothers" is described by the publisher as "the funniest and truest story of why brothers can be gross, disgusting and downright mean - but still love each other."

Romano is writing it with his

brothers Richard and Robert, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers announced Tuesday.

"When my brothers and I weren't fighting with each other, we had a lot of fun growing up," the 35-year-old comedian-actor said in a statement. "Now it's great as adults to collaborate with them on this book and fight with each other once again."

overt signs that these mopey songs either reflect or alter his mood.

His generation's musical heroes don't sing about love but the utter absence of it. I think that's just their way of saying, "I can't get no satisfaction."

And maybe it's just as well that kids who listen to strains like this examine the darker sides of life before they have to actually experience it. Some rain will inevitably fall in their lives, but they're currently entertaining themselves by listening to desperate voices howling in a hurricane.

When real trouble does eventually come along, maybe it won't look all that bad.

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# Children never outgrow need for grandma's love

# Age for widow's benefits rises

**DEAR ABBY:** "Loving Grandma in Omaha" was unsure whether it was OK to still hold her 11-year-old grandson on her lap.

Her letter reminded me of the time my 10-year-old nephew and my mother and I were at a restaurant. (Mom had hoped to raise him as a baby.)

Toward the end of dinner my nephew went to sit on my mother's lap. I asked him, "What happens when you're too big for Grandma to hold anymore?" Without blinking, he replied, "Then I'll hold her. I had tears in my eyes the rest of the evening."

**- KATHLEEN C. COMMACK, N.Y.**  
**DEAR KATHLEEN:** Smart child. That is what I used to do with my mother. Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was close to my maternal grandmother. Some mornings she would call my mother at 7 a.m. and tell her to



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby VanBuren

take my temperature because I was sick. (She was always right!) After I was 10 or so, I grew too big for her to hold, so I'd lie on the couch and put my head in her lap and she'd rub my neck and head.

She died just before my 13th birthday. I was in school, but I "knew" it had happened before I was told.

She had a wonderful Yiddish saying: "Tsuris (trouble) is what you get from children. Naches (joy) is what you get from grandchildren."

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man who has been previously married marries a woman who has been previously married, four people go to bed." But I digress. Back to the subject:

**DEAR ABBY:** I rocked my son when he was a baby. When he was 6 or 7, he began having minor problems at school. His teacher suggested that I start rocking him again. I did, and within a few days, his teacher began commenting on how much better behaved he was.

I did not rock my son to sleep. We used the time to talk. He would confide his fears, little hurts, good things that happened

things we would never otherwise have shared. I continued to rock him until he was nearly bigger than I was. It was one of the best things I ever did.

Today he's in college, and a very important young man.

**- PROUD MOM, CEDAR HILL, TEXAS**  
**DEAR PROUD MOM:** And I'm sure your wonderful relationship continues.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 32, and I still lie on the couch and put my head in my grandmother's lap. My sister is 28, a sergeant first class in the Army, and she still climbs into bed with Mom to talk. Some of my most precious memories are tied to those moments. Please tell "Loving Grandma" to continue rocking her grandson. As my mom so fond of saying, "You cannot spoil a child by loving him."

**- STILL CUDDLING, DAVENPORT, IOWA**

**DEAR STILL CUDDLING:** Your mother is right.

**DEAR ABBY:** Grandchildren are never too old to be held and shown affection. I would give anything to feel my grandmother's arms around me just once more.

It has been four years since her passing. I still have days when the pain hits like it did when I first lost her, but I get through it knowing she is always with me. Sometimes, when I need her most, I still feel her arms around me.

**- STILL MISSING GRANDMA IN N.C.**

**DEAR STILL:** You have said it well. The people we love always remain in our hearts.

The memory of their love and wisdom is their most important legacy.

Dear Abby was written by Jeanne Phillips.

Q. I know the retirement age is going up. I was born in 1940 and I have to be age 65 and 6 months to get my Social Security benefits. But I am also a widow. Is the age when widows can get Social Security also going up?

A. Yes, it is. At the same rate the retirement age is going up. So you would have to be age 65 and 2 months to collect your full widow's benefit. But, as with retirement, the age at which you can get reduced benefits has not changed. Retirees can still start their benefits at age 62 if they want, and widows or widowers can get their benefits as early as age 60.

This column was prepared by the Social Security Administration. For fast answers to specific Social Security questions, contact Social Security toll-free at 800-772-1213.

## SENIOR CALENDAR

**Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center**  
530 Shoshone St. W.  
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 for seniors. The cost is \$5 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Pool room open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lounge room available for television, puzzles and reading. Bargain Center will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Sweet-n-sour pork with rice, Jell-O with fruit, oriental vegetables, cinnamon rolls  
Tuesday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrot salad, vegetables, bread, dessert

Wednesday: Meatloaf or liver, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas with onions, coleslaw, cobbler  
Thursday: Lasagna, tossed green salad, green beans, french bread, pudding with cookies

Friday: Ham and broccoli, quiche, carrots, Jell-O salad, baker's choice

**Activities:**  
Today: Dance  
Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: Blood-pressure checks, 10:11:45 a.m.  
Line dancing, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: Elks card club  
Quilting  
Foot clinic  
Jeopardy trip  
Thursday: Pinochle  
Friday: Lunch bingo  
Saturday: Super bingo

**West End Senior Citizens Inc.**  
1010 Main St., Buhl  
**Menus:**  
Today: Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m. (seniors, \$4; all others, \$4.50)  
Monday: Cook's choice  
Tuesday: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, winterblend vegetables, salad, muffins, dessert  
Wednesday: Ham and beans, salads, vegetable sticks, cornbread, dessert  
Thursday: Pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, rolls, birthday cake  
Friday: Closed

**Activities:**  
Monday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Cards, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: Energy assistance, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Quilting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Crafts, 1-4 p.m.  
Wednesday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Blood-pressure checks, 11:45 a.m.  
Friday: Exercise, 10 a.m.  
Saturday: Kiwanis chili feed, 5:30-8 p.m.  
Light parade, 7 p.m.

**Filer Senior Haven**  
222 Main St., Filer  
Dinners served at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Suggested donation: \$3 for seniors. Home-delivered meals are available each mealtime.

**Menus:**  
Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce and cheese

**Bridal Registry**  
Melanie Tanner & Michael Parish  
December 19th  
Nicole Bailey & Matt Anderson  
December 19th

**ACE Bridal Registry**  
Jill Robinson & Luke Udy  
December 12th  
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Melanie Tanner & Michael Parish  
December 19th  
Nicole Bailey & Matt Anderson  
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Thursday: Beef patties with mushroom sauce

**Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.**

310 Main St. N., Kimberly  
Thrift store is open Mondays through Fridays, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Lima beans and ham, tossed green salad, rolls and butter, cottage cheese, relish dish, peaches, cookies, coffee and milk.  
Wednesday: Oven-fried fish, onion rings, glazed carrots, coleslaw, bread and butter, cinnamon rolls, coffee and milk.

Friday: Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, tossed salad, rolls, dessert, coffee milk.

**Activities:**  
Today: Sunday dinner (ham), noon to 2 p.m. (\$6 for adults, \$3.50 for children.)  
Tuesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Thursday: Crafts, 1 p.m.  
Friday: Bingo, 11:55 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.**  
308 Senior Ave.  
All dinners are noon. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Chicken parmesan, rice, spinach, salad, bread, brownies  
Tuesday: Chili, baked potatoes, Brussels sprouts, coleslaw, peas, cornbread  
Wednesday: New England clam chowder, broccoli salad, breadsticks, mixed fruit, cinnamon rolls  
Thursday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, applesauce, Jell-O, rolls, zucchini cake

**Activities:**  
Today: Jackpot trip, 9 a.m.  
Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Hearing-aid assistance  
Tuesday: Christmas  
Glenns Ferry potluck, 5 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Pinochle at Gooding, 1:30 p.m.  
Bridge, 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Massage, 10:40 a.m.  
Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.  
Thursday: Quilting social, 9 a.m.  
Pool, 9:30 a.m.  
Blood-pressure checks, 11 a.m.  
Library - Christmas Academy chair performs, 12:30 p.m.  
TOFS, 4 p.m.  
Pinochle, 7 p.m.  
Friday: Bridge, 1 p.m.  
Hand/foot clinic, 1 p.m.  
Bowling, 1:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 6 p.m.

**Camas County Senior Center**  
127 E. Willow, Fairfield  
Meals are served at noon Tuesdays - Wednesdays - at Fairfield. The suggested donation for seniors is \$2.50. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 10. All meals are subject to change. To eat a meal at the center, call ahead at 764-2226.

No menus made available this week.

**Richfield Senior Center**  
**Menus:**  
Monday: Orange juice, sausage, gravy and biscuits, mashed potatoes, beets, gingerbread with lemon sauce, homemade rolls, milk, coffee  
Tuesday: Hamburgers, split-pea soup, coconut cream pie, milk, coffee  
Wednesday: Orange juice, ham-burgers, french fries, banana cream pie, milk, coffee  
Thursday: Orange juice, chicken-fried steak, banana squash, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed green salad, homemade rolls, peaches, sugar cookies, milk, coffee  
Friday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Quilters, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.  
Early bird, 6:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Cpoffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Hagerman Valley Senior/Community Center**  
140 E. Lake, Hagerman  
Open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays,

**Jerome Senior Center**  
212 First Ave. E.  
All dinners served at noon. Suggested donation is \$3.

**Shoshone Senior Center**  
218 N. Rajl St. W., Shoshone

**Menus:**  
Monday: Orange juice, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, five-way mixed vegetables, homemade rolls, coleslaw, cake, milk & coffee.  
Wednesday: Orange juice, hamburgers, french fries, banana cream pie, milk, coffee.  
Friday: Orange juice, chicken-fried steak, banana squash, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed green salad, homemade rolls, peaches, sugar cookies, milk, coffee

**Activities:**  
Monday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Coffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Quilters, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Wednesday: Snack bar, 6 p.m.  
Early bird, 6:30 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Thursday: Exercise, 9 a.m.  
Cpoffee, 9:30 a.m.  
Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

**Blaine County Senior Center**  
721 Third Ave. S., Hailley  
Meals are served at noon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Milk, juice, coffee and tea are served with all meals.

No menus made available this week.

**Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center**  
702 11th St., Rupert  
Meals are served at noon and home delivered upon request. Juice and assorted beverages are served every day with meals.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Assorted salad, chili, cornbread, cinnamon rolls  
Tuesday: Carrot salad, Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, biscuits, peaches with topping  
Wednesday: Tossed green salad, chicken with rice, vegetables, rolls, sherbet  
Thursday: Creamed chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls, rice pudding  
Friday: Smorgasbord  
Saturday: Pancake breakfast (pancakes, eggs, biscuits and gravy, French toast, breakfast burritos, bacon, sausage and ham), 7 a.m.-noon (adults, \$4.25; children under 10, \$3.50; family of five, \$17.50)

**Silver and Gold Senior Citizens**  
203 Wilson, Eden  
Suggested donations for seniors is \$3. All meals include salad, dessert, fruit, milk and coffee. Mondays are cookie and bread bake days and Wednesdays are cinnamon roll and maple bar bake days.

**Activities:**  
Tuesday: Sloppy joes, baked beans, boiled potatoes, steam cabbage, peas, cookies  
Thursday: Creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, squash, fruit cocktail, salad  
Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 7:30-11 a.m.  
Activities:  
Wednesday: Bingo, 7 p.m.

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Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch is served at noon and Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Suggested donation is \$3, non-seniors \$4 and children under 12, \$2.

**Menus:**  
Monday: Tamales  
Wednesday: Aloha chicken  
Friday: Beef stew

**Activities:**  
Thrift store open Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday is \$2 bag day in the thrift shop  
Wednesday: Bingo before the Wednesday noon meal.

**Golden Heritage Senior Center**  
2421 Overland, Burley  
**Menus:**  
Monday: Beef stroganoff, spinach, French bread, salad, cherry crisp  
Tuesday: Ham and beans, cornbread, peas in Jell-O, carrot salad, peach cobbler  
Wednesday: Birthday anniversary dinner (turkey and the trimmings)  
Thursday: Taco salad, refried beans, rice, vegetables, peaches, rainbow cake  
Friday: Lemon fish, baked potatoes, breadsticks, spinach, salad, orange sunshine cake

**Activities:**  
Monday: Pool, 10 a.m.  
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Tuesday: Pool, 10 a.m.  
Dinner, 10 a.m.  
Exercise, 11 a.m.  
Annual meeting, 11:30 a.m.  
Board meeting, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: Pool, 10 a.m.  
Exercise, 11:15 a.m.  
Idaho Legal Aid fair housing assistance, noon  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Friday: Pool, 10 a.m.  
Exercise, 11 a.m.  
Pinochle, 1 p.m.  
Bingo, 7 p.m.

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# Centennial

## How to get involved

Here are a few of the ways for Magic Valley residents to get involved in Twin Falls' centennial celebration:

### Get to the gala

The "Twin Falls" Centennial Commission announced details for its New Year's Eve Gala, sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank.

The Dec. 31 party kicks off at 7 p.m. with family activities, ShopKo, Count on carnival games, sumo-style wrestling, mazes, face painting, a laser light show, party confetti, a DJ sound system for dancing, and storytelling with Mary Inman at Center Court.

At 9:30 p.m., two more bands will start up. The Twin Falls Centennial Dance Orchestra, under Brian Farnon's direction, will play between Center Court and J.C. Penney. Octane, a rock group, will be on the west end of the mall beside The Bon-Macy's. Also, the noisier bar will open near the Sears entrance with a fully stocked bar and hors d'oeuvres. A historical display in the town hanging "heavy" in the air committee set out to get donations to finance a Twin Falls school. These men - Samuel T. Hamilton, F.W. Eickhoff and Frank Ramsay - soon raised \$600.

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### Share a recipe

It seems each family has a special tradition that centers around food - especially this time of year. Grandma's sourdough pancakes on Christmas morning. That special soup-to-warm-your-insides after a morning of working cattle in the blowing snow. The way your mother's homemade bread scented the kitchen.

The Times-News hopes you'll share your memories and open your recipe box for its special look at the Magic Valley's heritage recipes - recipes from the families that helped settle the land and made this valley grow.

If your family homesteaded here and you have a traditional family recipe to share, call writer Karma Fitzgerald at 735-3353 or send e-mail to karmawrites@velocities.net.

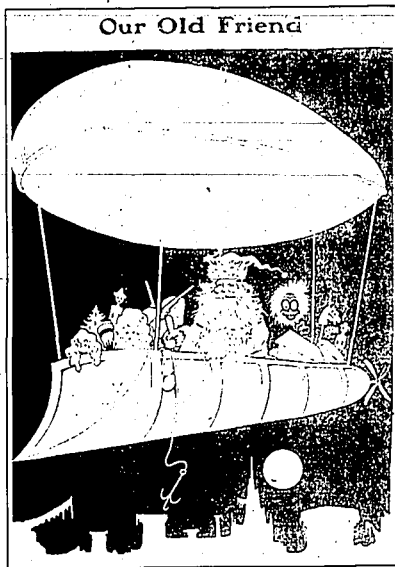
### Buy a medallion

The Centennial Commission's official Twin Falls medallions will go on sale about the middle of this month.

The medallions are one Troy ounce of fine silver about the size of an old-fashioned silver dollar. They come specially packaged and plated in 24-karat gold, struck by the Northwest Territorial Mint in Auburn, Wash.

The medallions will be sold for \$55 each at Twin Falls branches of First Federal, Wells Fargo, D.L. Evans Bank, Farmers National Bank, Washington Federal Savings Bank and Magic Valley Bank.

# First Christmas enlivens school



Our Old Friend

Santa is right up to date in this 1902 model airplane.

## Women plan celebration complete with sagebrush 'Christmas tree'

The hardy settlers who were building a new life in Magic Valley didn't take long to provide for the education of their children. On Sept. 28, 1904, with smoke from the sagebrush fires burning in the town hanging heavy in the air, committee set out to get donations to finance a Twin Falls school. These men - Samuel T. Hamilton, F.W. Eickhoff and Frank Ramsay - soon raised \$600.

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Using a good deal of donated labor and materials, contractor Patrick Hall supervised construction of this wooden frame edifice which, for a time, served as a school and community hall and as a meeting place for various church denominations. Within the walls of this little structure, much of the early history of Twin Falls was made.

Though the building wasn't quite finished, it was used for Twin Falls' first Thanksgiving dance on the evening of Nov. 24. The carpenters had to hustle to get it ready and to make things snug for the occasion - they boarded up the window openings. A borrowed wood-burning stove and two large oil lamps furnished heat and light for the 40 or so couples who danced to the music of the "Twin Falls orchestra," and who



TALES OF THE TRACT James Varley

### Albion Normal School

Many teachers got their training at Albion State Normal School, which was created in 1893 by an act of the Idaho Legislature. The settlers of Albion - then the Cassia County seat - erected the first building on five acres donated by one of the town's pioneers, Josiah E. Miller. The school opened in fall 1896, providing a two-year curriculum for teachers. Later, it became a four-year college. Even in Magic Valley's earliest days, many of its youngsters, particularly those from Hinckley, Hansen, Rock Creek and Murtaugh, attended the school, which was closed in 1951.

took delight in listening to a musical program given by a violinist, Miss Cora Jones of Rock Creek, and a guitarist, "Mexican Joe" - a cowboy from the Shoshone outfit's Point Ranch. The receipts for the evening were \$40; applied to the school building fund.

It was about Thanksgiving time that a few heroic mothers - the Mesdames Ramsay, Taylor, Yates, Griffiths and Hazen - made plans to have a children's Christmas celebration that would make Twin Falls' first commemoration of Christ's birth a memorable one for every child in the vicinity. The women, since June, had been holding a Sunday school in a Rock



Photo courtesy of HOWARD ALLER

Creative Twin Falls pioneers employed sagebrush to construct the new town's 1904 Christmas tree.

Creek Canyon tent. Fifty dollars was raised by donations, and an ingenious artist built an 8-foot-high "tree" using a large stick as a trunk, with branches wired in place. The women tied up candy and peanuts in bright paper napkins and hung them on the tree, along with popcorn, oranges and apples. When the candy toters were snipped-on and red, white and green candles set in place, everyone agreed the tree looked exceedingly fine.

The Christmas party was held at the temporary schoolhouse on Saturday, Dec. 24, 1904, with some 200 adults and 100 children in attendance at this first large Christian gathering in the town.

A fellow named Charles Tripp, wearing a huge fur overcoat and cap, played the part of Santa Claus, cracking jokes while he distributed the tree's bounty to the children. He told them about his fine team of 24 jack rabbits, togged out in silver harness and bells, and assured the children



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Public Library  
Samuel T. Hamilton helped raise finances to build a school in Twin Falls.

that if they had been good they would certainly get more surprises in the morning.

Some of the youngsters gave a program, which included the song "Fishermen Are We," sung by Max and Mary Milner, Roy and Willie Grimes, Elva and Clara Tarr and Grace Urie. Lulu Milner played an organ which had been loaned by Mrs. Ramsay.

The \$37.10 raised by the party went toward buying an organ for

the Union Sunday School.

Twin Falls' first school session opened Jan. 3, 1905 - just after the desks arrived - with 63 pupils enrolled. The school's principal and sole teacher was H.H. Thornton of Albion, a former Cassia County school superintendent. Thornton worked entirely without textbooks and taught students of all ages in a single class.

During that first winter, the young scholars were kept warm by a small stove, which was stoked with sagebrush from a pile kept at the rear of the school. The children sitting near the stove would be uncomfortably hot, while those at the other end of the room would freeze.

The first school term ended April 24, with 138 pupils in attendance. Fifty others had submitted enrollment applications, but the school hadn't been able to accommodate them. By that time, the tract's population was soaring, and it was expected that 500 students would attend the fall term. Citizens of Twin Falls realized that the little schoolhouse, like the sagebrush, would soon have to give way to better things.

James Varley's newspaper columns will be collected in a book titled "Tales of the Tract: The Beginnings of Twin Falls, Idaho and the Magic Valley," to be released May 1.

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