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Can spam Congress sends president bill to stymie unwanted e-mails

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress on Monday approved the first national effort to stem the flood of unwanted e-mail pitches offering prescription drugs, cheap loans and other come-ons.

President Bush has indicated he intends to sign the measure into law.

Clogged inboxes have become a leading irritation among Internet users, an increasing business

expense for companies and a popular target for Washington interest before an election year.

The House voted without dissent to approve slight changes Senate lawmakers made to the "can spam" legislation, which would outlaw the shadiest techniques used by the Internet's most prolific e-mailers, who send tens of millions of messages each day. The bill would supplant tougher anti-spam laws already passed in some states, including a California law

that takes effect Jan. 1.

The bill was among the farthest-reaching Internet measures approved during the Bush administration, which has largely continued the Clinton administration's hands-off approach toward regulating America's technology industry.

The anti-spam bill encourages the Federal Trade Commission to create a do-not-spam list of e-mail addresses and includes penalties for spammers of up to five years in

prison in rare circumstances. The Senate previously voted 97-0 to approve the bill.

The legislation would prohibit senders of unsolicited commercial e-mail from disguising their identity by using a false return address or misleading subject line. It also would prohibit senders from harvesting addresses off Web sites and require such e-mails to include a mechanism so recipients could indicate they did not want future mass mailings.

Hospital ponders nonprofit status

Commissioners say residents should vote on the issue

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Will it be a nonprofit, district or for-profit hospital? Or will it remain a county hospital?

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Administrative Committee will bring its recommendation before the Hospital Board next month.

"All options are still on the table. But right now, it looks like a majority of the committee favors turning the county hospital into a private, nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation, Hospital Board Chairman Dr. Robert Lobb said.

So why talk about turning the local hospital into a nonprofit now? Simple, Lobb said. It evens the playing field.

"This way, we can compete on the business level the same way as a competitor would," Lobb said following Monday's board meeting.

"This isn't 1953 or 1963, it's 2003. Medicine is different now." For instance, things like Medicare weren't around during Magic Valley Regional's earlier years. And with competition — the nonprofit St. Benedict's Family Medical Center — planning a new facility just the other side of the Twin Falls County line, Magic Valley Regional wants to make sure it has the same advantages as its competitors.

Those include being able to develop business relationships outside the public eye. Lobb said some people get cold feet when they realize a potential business deal will be played out in the local newspaper.

County-owned hospitals, as public entities, must keep their meetings open to the media and to the general public, with some exceptions. Nonprofit hospitals aren't bound by such rules.

County Commissioner Tom Mikese said he understands the hospital's concerns, but he thinks they can be worked out without changing its governance.

"At this point, there's no need to change the governance," Mikese said. "I think things are going well. With a good, strong board and a commitment from county commission-

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THE SHOW ALONG ROCK CREEK



Andrew Cuellar looks at lights with his nephew, Santana Flores, 5, and friends Calle McFarland and her daughter Jayda, 3, at Sandra and Roy Wojcik's house 15 miles south of Hansen Monday night. The Wojciks, along with the help of friends, spent three months placing some 200,000 lights on their Rock Creek Road property. The lights are on seven days a week from 5 to 11:30 p.m. until Jan. 1.

T.F. schools expand 'higher standards' reach

Policy will now apply to students in all extracurricular activities, not just athletics

By Karla Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Students who participate in extracurricular activities will be held to a higher standard under a policy instituted by the School Board Monday night.

Revisions to the Twin Falls School District's activities code will apply to both student-athletes and participants in other extracurricular activities.

Interim Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said the purpose of the update was to align the policies with a list of student rights and responsibilities and the district's substance abuse policy. The policy was last updated in 1995.

The new activities policy will require students who wish to par-

ticipate to be enrolled as full-time students, to have passing grades in all their classes, to have passed a majority of their classes in the previous grading period and to sign a pledge with their parents to abide by the policy.

Guidelines for travel, injuries and absences related to activities were also included in the policy.

Other School Board business included:

- Block schedule — The board heard a presentation on the proposed "blended-block" schedule for the high school and will consider the schedule at the next meeting in January.
- Financial audit — Raymond

Ware of Ware and Associates presented the audit of the district's finances for last fiscal year. Ware said most of the budget is in order, but his main concern was that the district has only about a month's worth of surplus funds.

With less than two or three months' worth, the district may face cash flow problems if funding from the state dries up. Ware also recommended that the district tighten its controls over student activity funds to prevent fraud and theft.

— Surplus structure — The School Board declared a modular unit to be surplus so that it can be sold at a later date. The cost of

adding restrooms to the double classroom building would have been prohibitive, so the unit has not been used, Dobbs said.

- Delay — Board members tabled approving a grant that would fund two programs to prevent drug abuse and eating disorders in athletes at Twin Falls High School. Coaches and physical education teachers were still waiting to see samples of the curriculum so that they could make more informed decisions about supporting the program.
- Exercise equipment — The board decided to table a motion to approve a bank loan for almost \$700,000 in exercise equipment for the high school and both junior high schools. Interim Superintendent, Wiley Dobbs wanted

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CDC will monitor children's flu as cases of worrisome side effects mount

The Associated Press

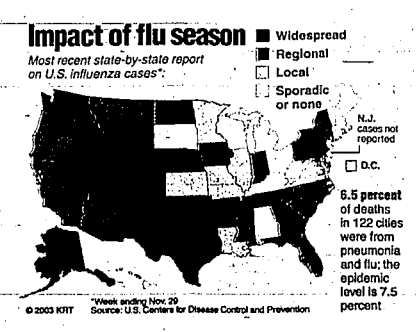
ATLANTA — The nation's health agency plans to closely watch flu complications among children, who have swamped hospitals in some states and surprised doctors with the severity of their illnesses.

"A new concern is the rise of a common drug-resistant staph infection that is complicating efforts to treat children with the flu, an official with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday.

Dr. Tim Uyeki, epidemiologist with the influenza branch of CDC, said that some children have died from the staph infections — a phenomenon the CDC has not seen before.

Anecdotally, this flu season seems

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Dean gets mainstream boost from Gore support

By Dan Baz The Washington Post

Former Vice President Al Gore plans to endorse Howard Dean for president today, according to Democratic sources, giving the insurgent candidate the kind of establishment backing his campaign has been lacking.

Gore plans to announce his support for the former Vermont governor at a morning rally in New York's Harlem, then fly to Iowa with Dean for what was announced in an e-mail sent to Iowa supporters Monday as an event that would "change the face of the Dean campaign." Dean will then fly to New Hampshire to participate in tonight's debate with the other Democratic candidates.

Gore's decision to back a candi-



date who was once a dark horse in the race for the Democratic nomination, represents a significant boost for Dean and a setback to all the other major candidates now trying to slow his momentum. It was an especially bitter blow to Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman (Conn.), who was Gore's vice presidential running mate in 2000.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Not as cold and partly cloudy. Highs near 40. Tonight: Becoming cloudy. Lows near 20. Tomorrow: Freezing rain and snow showers developing. Highs near 37.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly dry, partly cloudy and brisk. Highs in the upper 30s. Tonight: Breezy with increasing clouds. Lows in the upper teens to lower 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cold with cloudy periods expected today. Periodic snow showers developing Wednesday through Friday morning.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 61 at Deer Flat Dam. Low: 15 at Stanley. Weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, cldy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furrows, w-wind, m-missing.

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Dean

Continued from A1. "This is huge," said Donna Braville, Gore's 2000 campaign manager. "This gives Dean the credibility he's been lacking from someone from inside the party."

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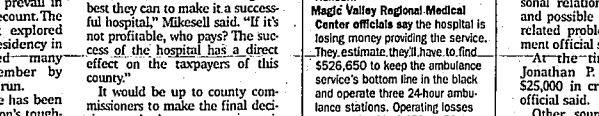
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Public hearings on ambulance district

Twin Falls County commissioners will hold the first of several public hearings on a proposed ambulance district at 7 p.m. tonight at Hanson City Hall at 340 Main St., Hanson.

Other meetings this week will also begin at 7 p.m.: Wednesday, Twin Falls County Courthouse, third floor conference room, 425 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls.

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WORLD FORECAST

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DEAN

Continued from A1. "It dispels all this talk among people inside Washington that he can't win, that he's another George McGovern, that will lose the House and lose the Senate," said Gerald W. McEntee, president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), which endorsed Dean last month.

Hospital

Continued from A1. "I know the board is doing the best they can to make it a success," Mikesell said. "If it's not profitable, who pays? The success of the hospital has a direct effect on the taxpayers of this county."

That's the main reason Mikesell asked to be a voting member of the Hospital Board. County commissioners have traditionally been ex-officio, or non-voting members of the board.

"I want to make sure the county has very good representation on the board," Mikesell said. "My concern is for the taxpayers of Twin Falls County and making sure their needs are met along with the continued success of the hospital."

The board also voted to recommend Dr. Robert Ward, once the chief of staff at the former Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, and Lee Odenwald, a former Twin Falls business and community leader who recently returned to the area after retiring, to three-year terms on the board, and to recommend Terry Schultz for another three-year term on the board.

County commissioners will interview all the candidates and make the final decision. "We need to make sure we know who the board members are, what their desires are and if they meet the needs of the taxpayers," Mikesell said.

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Officials probe prosecutor's life

The Baltimore Sun. BALTIMORE - Authorities working to solve the mysterious slaying of a Baltimore federal prosecutor are examining his personal relationships with women and possible financial and work-related problems, law enforcement officials said Monday.

At the time of his death, Jonathan P. Luna had about \$25,000 in credit card debt, the official said. Other sources said Luna, 38, had expressed concern in recent weeks that he had fallen out of favor with his supervisors at work and might have to change jobs—a notion Maryland U.S. Attorney Thomas M. DiBiaggio flatly denied Monday night.

The law-enforcement-official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said federal agents also were reviewing audit photographic files found on Luna's Justice Department computer that appeared unrelated to his case, which had included the prosecution of online child pornography and predators.

As authorities were compiling extensive information about Luna's personal life and his final hours, they continued searching for a suspect in his killing. Top officials who met Monday to discuss the case said in a statement that the FBI, U.S. Marshals Service and Pennsylvania State Police would continue to jointly investigate and that no jurisdictional decisions are possible "until all the facts and circumstances are known."

U.S. launches Afghan offensive

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The U.S. military launched its largest postwar offensive against Taliban and al-Qaida insurgents Monday, sending 2,000 soldiers into a lawless swath of Afghanistan to put down a wave of attacks.

The U.S. officials warned that one of the military's most tragic blunders—the weekend killing of nine children in an airstrike—could drive more Afghans into the arms of the rebels.

Operation Avalanche, in southern and eastern Afghanistan, "is the largest we have ever designed," Lt. Col. Bryan Hilyerty told reporters at the coalition military headquarters at Bagram, north of the capital Kabul. The enemy "isn't going to know when we hit, he isn't going to know what we're doing."

Schools

Continued from A1. time for legal counsel to examine the Leadership in Fitness Training America program sponsored by the National School Fitness Foundation.

Character grants - Dobbs reported that the Idaho Character Education Grant Reading Committee approved proposals from Lincoln Elementary School and O'Leary Junior High School to extend their grants. The committee rejected a proposal from Robson Junior High School and recommended the school make some alterations to its proposal, then resubmit it, Dobbs said.

"Two out of three ain't bad," Dobbs said. Teacher certification - Teachers Robyn Barnes, Dianne Gergen and Lelle Poppletton all received National Board Certification.

Flu

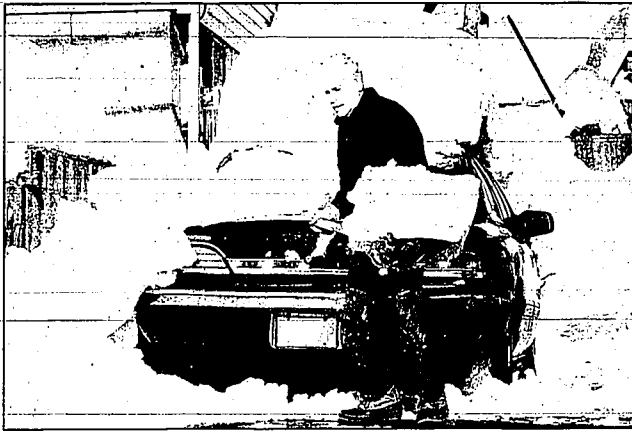
Continued from A1. to be worse for children. But because that CDC doesn't keep track of flu deaths, it's unclear how much worse. This year the agency is planning to collect data on children who die from the flu or suffer serious long-term effects, said Dr. Keiji Fukuda, chief of epidemiology in the CDC's influenza branch.

Flu complications for children have always been dire: pneumonia, kidney and heart failure, possible brain damage. "We've just never seen them in the proportions we've seen this year," said Dr. Steve Schenayder, chief of pediatric critical care at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. From Texas to California, children's hospitals have been swamped with sick children—many of them desperately ill.

Doctors say some children are coming into hospitals with so much damage they are put on heart-lung bypass machines just to stay alive. Pregnant women—urged to get the shot if they are in their second or third trimester—have also become a concern this year.

The CDC is looking closely at some cases in which pregnant women have displayed high pulse rates—which could be a symptom of a dangerous, and potentially fatal, inflammation of the heart, said Dr. William Schaffner, a flu expert with Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. The CDC has reported several such cases.

SNOWED-UNDER



Manny Enos, 72, Monday digs out his Danvers, Mass., driveway, which received almost 4 feet of snow during a two-day Nor'easter this past weekend. Some schools stayed closed and airlines struggled to catch up as the Northeast plowed out after the storm that was linked to as many as 43 deaths. Ten high school students and two adults were missing on a weekend hiking and camping trip in western Maine. A Maine game warden pilot searched from the air Monday morning for the hikers, who left Friday and were due back Sunday.

White House assistant angers pagans

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — H. James Towe, director of the White House's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, has stirred up a pot of trouble by suggesting that pagans don't care about the poor. Wiccans, Druids and other pagans across the country, along with the Washington-based advocacy group Americans United for Separation of Church and State, are demanding an apology from Towe for his remarks in a White House-sponsored online chat Nov. 26.

According to the official transcript, Towe was asked by someone in Centralia, Mo., whether pagan groups "should be given the same considerations as any other group" that applies for government funds.

"I haven't run into a pagan faith-based group yet, much less a pagan group that cares for the poor?" Towe wrote.

Outraged pagans have bombarded the White House and Internet chat rooms with scores of examples of their charitable activity. Particularly common, they say, are food drives in conjunction with Pagan Pride Day celebrations across the U.S. In the past three years, Pagan Pride groups have collected 74,000 pounds of food and donated \$51,600 to homeless shelters, interfaith food banks, and other charities, according to the Indianapolis-based International Pagan Pride Project.

House passes spending bill laden with pet projects

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives on Monday passed a massive spending bill that includes White House policies inserted over House and Senate objections, as well as millions of dollars in spending on lawmakers' special projects back home. But the Senate is unlikely to take up the legislation until late next month, effectively freezing government spending for now.

The so-called "omnibus" bill includes \$328 billion for an assortment of government programs ranging from education to veterans' hospitals to agriculture. It also has \$45 billion in gas-tax money for transportation and aviation projects. And it permits the expenditure of \$447 billion for mandatory "entitlement" programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

The debate was drawn along partisan lines, with Democrats denouncing special-interest spending and Bush's policies to permit greater concentration of media ownership, restrict overtime pay and scrap 90-day records of gun sales. Republicans complimented themselves for keeping the growth of overall spending under 3 percent and praised the bill's increases in such areas as special education and veterans' care.

The 242-176 vote split Democrats and Republicans, with 58 Democrats voting for it and 38 Republicans voting against. Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson voted for, Rep. Butch Otter voted against.

Democrats and some Republicans are especially annoyed that Republican congressional leaders yielded to the White House and accepted a compromise permitting greater concentration of media ownership despite House and Senate votes against it.

Teen's brain research wins honors

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 17-year-old from New York City won a leading science competition for high school students Monday for research that helps explain how the brain works. Yin Li, a senior at Stuyvesant High School, emerged ahead of five other students to win the 2003-04 Siemens Westinghouse Competition in Math, Science and Technology. Li, who plans to study neurobiology and molecular biology in college, won a \$100,000 scholarship.

He discovered a protein with properties that could be related to neural function, and his work explores how protein synthesis may govern the strength of connections between neurons.

Two brothers, Mark and Jeffrey Schneider of South Windsor, Conn., won in the team category, finishing ahead of five other teams. Their research project has the potential to help reduce the spread of West Nile Virus.

The two will split a \$100,000 scholarship.

Enforcement of pollution controls dives under Bush, records show

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is catching and punishing far fewer polluters than the two previous administrations, according to a Knight Ridder analysis of 15 years of environmental-enforcement records.

Civil enforcement of pollution laws peaked when the president's father, George H.W. Bush, was in office from 1989-93 and has fallen ever since, but it's plummeted since George W. Bush took office three years ago. That's according to records of 17 different categories of enforcement activity obtained by Knight-Ridder through the Freedom of Information Act. However, administrative orders to stop some polluting activity — a quick technique used for more mundane cases — are up 14 percent under the Bush administration.

"There's definitely less emphasis on enforcement," said Dave Ulrich, who retired this summer after 30 years at the Environmental Protection Agency, including jobs in enforcement and as a deputy regional administrator.

Violation notices against polluters are the most important enforcement tool, experts say, and they've had the biggest drop under the current President Bush. The monthly average of violation notices since January 2001 has dropped 58 percent compared with the Clinton administration's monthly average.

Those pollution citations dropped 12 percent from 2001 to 2002, and another 35 percent from 2002 through the first 10 months of 2003.

Punishing polluters — by fines or referrals for prosecution — has

dropped as well, but not as dramatically. Administrative fines since January 2001 are down 28 percent, when adjusted for inflation, from Clinton administration levels.

Some current EPA enforcement officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid retaliation from their bosses, say they're getting the signal to slow down enforcement cases.

"It's very discouraging," said one official. "We're concerned about people's health. We have a job that we're supposed to be doing and we're not doing it. And we should be."

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JCPenney	9-10	9-10	9-10	9-10	8-10	7-10	8-7
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NATION



Bush signs Medicare bill

President Bush on Monday signed into law changes to the Medicare system. The most significant part of the \$400 billion bill adds prescription-drug coverage for the elderly.

Major provisions

Interim drug card In 2004 and 2005, seniors eligible to purchase a discount card estimated to yield drug-cost savings of 15 percent or higher. Low-income senior would get an annual subsidy of \$600.

Main drug benefit In 2006, beneficiaries could sign up for a stand-alone drug plan or join a private health plan. They would be charged a premium of \$35 per month, or \$420 per year. After meeting a \$275 deductible, insurance would pay 75 percent of drug costs up to \$2,250.

Coverage gap • No coverage for drug costs between \$2,250 and \$5,100.
Catastrophic coverage • When out-of-pocket spending reaches \$3,600, insurance covers 95 percent of drug costs or requires a modest co-payment.
Low-income subsidies • The premium, deductible and coverage gap would be waived for people earning up to \$12,123 a year.
Retiree coverage • Starting in 2006, up to \$70 billion in tax-free subsidies to employers who maintain drug coverage for retirees.

SOURCE: Staff to Medicare bill negotiators

Mark Sherman/AP

President touts achievement as debate over its effects heats up

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush Monday signed into law the largest expansion of a federal entitlement program in decades, launching a program to extend prescription drug coverage to millions of older Americans.

The expansion of Medicare, forecast to cost \$400 billion over the next decade, is the most significant change to the health-care program for the elderly since it was created in 1965 and follows years of partisan stalemate on the subject.

"We kept our promise, and found a way to get the job done," a beaming president said before signing the legislation.

Even before the ink was dry, the two political parties prepared to make the issue a focus of the 2004 elections. Bush, who defied conservatives in the Republican Party by backing a massive increase in a federal program long championed by Democrats, heralded the act as a strengthening of "compassionate government." And Democrats, calling the legislation inadequate and harmful to many seniors, drafted substantially more generous prescription coverage and vowed to "take back our Medicare."

A new poll shows public opinion is up for grabs on the subject, with large numbers of Americans saying they did not pay attention to the legislation and still had no opinion of it. The Washington Post/ABC News poll also found that a plurality of Americans near or beyond retirement age disapproved of the new law.

When asked whether they approved or disapproved "of the

Medicare changes voted on by Congress last month," the public broke roughly into thirds: 38 percent said they disapproved, 32 percent approved, and 30 percent did not yet have an opinion. But these proportions mask real partisan divides on the subject: Republicans with an opinion favor the bill two to one (49 percent vs. 23 percent), while Democrats oppose it roughly two to one (52 percent versus 22 percent). Political independents leaned toward opposition.

"We have only just begun to fight"

— Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass

The poll suggests a plurality of those ages 65 and over currently oppose the bill. Forty-seven percent said they disapproved of the changes to Medicare, while 26 percent supported the legislation. Those in the 55 to 64 age group were similarly opposed, 46 percent to 32 percent.

"This is a surprisingly tepid response to this big legislation," said Andrew Kohut, a nonpartisan pollster who directs the Pew Research Center polls. "The Congress and the president aren't getting any credit for trying. I would have guessed that the approval scores would've been higher."

Bill McInturf, a GOP pollster,

said support for the new program is likely to increase as the benefits become tangible.

In a signing ceremony at the Daughters of the American Revolution building, the president hailed the legislation as a bipartisan triumph and praised two Senate Democrats as he spread the credit. "And that changed with the 108th Congress. ... We overcame old partisan differences. We kept our promise, and found a way to get the job done: This legislation is the achievement of members in both political parties."

In fact, only 11 Democrats in the Senate and 16 in the House backed the Medicare plan. Congressional Democrats and some of their allies Monday protested that the achievement Bush claimed is less than it appears. Saying that the bill does not provide adequate drug coverage, they predicted that older Americans will rise up to complain, and they announced legislation to repeal and rewrite the new law.

On Capitol Hill, Democratic foes of the legislation vowed to push next year for major changes in the bill, including repeal of its ban on government negotiations to cut drug costs and its incentives to encourage competition from private health plans. Democrats will introduce the bill in the Senate Tuesday and in the House when it reconvenes next month.

"We have only just begun to fight," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., told a cheering crowd of several hundred retirees — some wearing t-shirts reading "Drug Companies Make Me Sick" — who jammed a large Senate hearing room to protest the bill's enactment.

Lawmaker backtracks on vote comment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Nick Smith took a Michigan radio station last week he was promised \$100,000 for his son's congressional campaign if he would vote for the Medicare bill, a contention he later said was "technically incorrect."

WKZO-AM in Kalamazoo, Mich., on Monday released a Dec. 1 taped interview in which Smith said money was offered. Smith also said some members of Congress threatened to work against his son if he voted against the bill.

"They started out by offering the carrot, and they know what's important to every member, and what's important to me is my family and my kids," Smith told the station. "Bradley, my son, is running for office, and so the first offer was to give him \$100,000 plus for his campaign and endorsement by national leadership."

Smith, R-Mich., was among several lawmakers who were jobbed heavily by GOP leaders to vote for the bill, which was favored by President Bush. It narrowly passed but Smith-voted against-the bill because he said it was too expensive.

Smith backed away from the allegation last week, telling The Associated Press that someone outside Congress had offered his son "substantial and aggressive campaign support" and Smith assumed that meant financial support. But he said it was "technically incorrect" to say money was offered.

Smith has refused to say which lawmakers or business interests were involved.

It is illegal to offer money to a lawmaker to influence a vote. The Justice Department is reviewing requests to investigate what happened with Smith.

Smith has refused to cooperate if an investigation is undertaken.

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Report: 'Dirty bomb' warheads turn up missing

CHISINAU, Moldova — Dozens of rockets outfitted with so-called dirty bombs — warheads designed to scatter deadly radioactive material — appear to be missing in a breakaway region of Moldova, an expert said Monday.

Ozzy Nantoi, a political analyst at the non-governmental Institute for Policy Studies in Chisinau, said he had seen photocopies of Russian military documents showing that the 38 dirty bomb warheads were missing from a storage depot near the Trans-Dniester Tiraspol military airport.

Nantoi is a respected expert on the region of Trans-Dniester, which is populated by ethnic Slavs and has been policed by thousands of Russian troops since the region's fight for independence from Moldova 12 years ago.

The possibility of terrorists acquiring dirty bombs is a main concern of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, IAEA Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei said last week that his agency, which tries to cap the spread of nuclear weapons, is now "spending a great deal of time working on this threat."

U.S. soldier dies in attack; violence declines a bit

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents shot and killed a U.S. soldier guarding a gas station Monday in northern Iraq, and an Iraqi policeman died trying to defuse a bomb, the U.S. military said.

The attack on the soldier from the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division took place in Mosul, 250 miles north of Baghdad. Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said in Baghdad. A total of 445 U.S. soldiers have died in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion on March 20. Of those, 308 died hostile action. "Four Iraqi males traveling in vehicles stopped approximately 50 meters (yards) from a gas station in Mosul and opened fire on coalition soldiers guarding the station," Kimmitt said. "One coalition soldier died of gunshot wounds in that attack."

Hours after the killing, three U.S. soldiers in Mosul were wounded when a bomb exploded as their patrol passed, a U.S. military spokesman said on condition of anonymity. Kimmitt said there were 18 engagements between Iraqi guerrillas and U.S.-led coalition forces in the past week, a marked decline over previous weeks.

Firm with ties to Bolse company trims force in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A South Korean company said it would withdraw its 60 workers from a power line project in Iraq because gunmen killed two of its engineers.

Seoul's Omu Electric Co. has been building transmission towers in the north of the country since October under contract with Washington Group International, based in Boise.

Report: Saudis kill al-Qaida suspect during shootout

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A suspected al-Qaida member was killed in a shootout with police Monday, just two days after authorities launched a manhunt for 26 fugitives linked to a wave of terrorism in the kingdom.

Security forces said they shot Ibrahim Muhammad Abdullah al-Rayyes after he started shooting when police attempted to arrest him at a gas station southeast of Riyadh just after dawn Monday. No officers were injured, the Saudi Press Agency said.

U.S. Embassy personnel remained under orders Monday not to leave their heavily guarded residential compound except on essential business, but U.S. and Saudi officials said they had received no concrete information about a possible attack. Members of the embassy staff were restrict-

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ed to their residential compound Saturday.

Monday's shootout was the latest in a series of violent confrontations that have resulted in the deaths of suspected al-Qaida leaders as well as nearly a dozen Saudi security officers since car bombings May 12 in Riyadh killed 35, including nine Americans.

Ex-members of The Doors pay homage to Morrison

PARIS — Jim Morrison's former band mates burned candles, a rose and a poem at his grave in Paris on Monday, a tribute to the "Light My Fire" singer and cult figure on what would have been his 60th birthday.

"We're trying to evoke the spirit of Jim," Robby Krieger, former guitarist for The Doors, told

dozens of fans kept behind police barriers. Many held white candles and old album covers.

Had the hardliving singer survived to turn 60, he would have been "happy, laughing, joking, a good man," Ray Manzarek, The Doors' keyboardist, told The Associated Press. Morrison's tomb was covered with votive candles, flowers, beer cans, photos and a silver "Happy Birthday" banner.

— compiled from wire reports

HEALTHY HAUL



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EDITORIAL

Otter chose wisely to back less costly Medicare option

To hear U.S. Rep. Butch Otter describe it, his support of last month's \$400 billion Medicare expansion plan was a vote for a bad bill - plain and simple.

But it wasn't as bad as the alternative. So at the last minute, the Idaho Republican changed his no vote to a yes, helping to pass the most expensive Medicare expansion in history.

Now some Idaho people and media are asking: What did Otter get in return? The 1st District congressman traveled around the state last week, including a rare visit with *The Times-News* editorial board, and described his views on the bill. (Otter rarely comes this way because Twin Falls is in Rep. Mike Simpson's 2nd District.)

Some are calling Otter's vote a sellout and a bow to President Bush and other Republican leaders. The president made two early-morning calls to Otter on the day of the vote, to lobby for his vote. But both times, Otter said no.

The bill expands Medicare coverage for prescription drugs. Otter said he opposed the president because the bill wasn't paid for up front, and it lacked key benefits for families that take care of their elderly parents.

But Otter said events turned the tide, and his vote. Otter said Democrats had the votes to reintroduce a \$770 billion

Senate version of the bill - nearly doubling the House bill's cost. It also would have had no cost-containing deductibles and no medical saving accounts.

A real question exists as to whether the Democrats had enough votes to drag their \$770 million gut buster onto the House floor. But for Otter, a crusader for limited government, blocking the costlier bill looked like the best available outcome.

Some commentators say Otter let himself be bamboozled, wasting an opportunity to get something from the White House. Otter has a reasonable explanation for voting in support of the recent Medicare expansion bill. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Our view: Rep. Butch Otter

has a reasonable explanation for voting in support of the recent Medicare expansion bill.

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A Lewiston *Morning Tribune* editorial said, "There has to be more to it. There had better be. If Otter changed his position to vote for legislation that rubs against everything he has stood for, he must have got more from Bush and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay than an improbable watering of a worse alternative."

We'll admit, we raised the same issue with Otter. In this cynical age, any last-minute deal inspires the question: What was the quid pro quo?

Otter, however, says nothing was in the works. In his view, either bill would afflict taxpayers with runaway spending. So he voted for the lesser affliction.

Some may doubt that explanation. We have no problem with it. A \$400 billion bill is better than a \$770 billion bill, by any conservative standard.

Win first, then worry about hearts, minds

The recent U.S. crackdown in the Sunni Triangle of Iraq is more than a change in tactics. It appears that the American commanders have devised a daring and risky campaign based on a new reality: that winning the hearts and minds of the Sunni Arab population is less important than winning a decisive victory over a growing insurgency that threatens the larger U.S. strategy in Iraq.

WAYNE DOWNING

The American intent has been clear from the start. The military must establish a degree of security that will allow the coalition to achieve the three key goals of establishing a stable, representative government, restoring basic services to a deprived population and building a free-market economy from a failed socialist state. The problem is that the anti-coalition insurgency has gotten out of hand and has created serious security problems, especially in the triangle region around Baghdad.

Conventional wisdom asserts that winning the hearts and minds of the people is absolutely essential to success in an insurgency. Certainly U.S. counterinsurgency doctrine based on our experience in Vietnam and even as far back as the Philippine insurrection at the turn of the last century validates this dictum. U.S. forces clearly pursued this objective when they started their counterinsurgency campaign this past summer - but with mixed success.

Until early October, U.S. and coalition forces attempted to treat the entire civilian population (Shiites, Kurds, Sunnis, Turkomen, Assyrians) with kid gloves throughout the country. As the violence escalated - helicopters shot down, fixed sites bombed, patrols and convoys ambushed, police and political leaders targeted - it became



clear that U.S. forces would have to be more aggressive in the insurgent strongholds in the Sunni Arab region. Reviewing progress in pacifying the Sunni Triangle, I believe that American military leaders finally concluded that their restrained tactics were not dampening the insurgency and were never going to win the hearts and minds of the Sunnis as long as the people were dominated by former regime loyalists and the insurgents. So why try? It was time to take off the gloves.

That is exactly what we are seeing: large, well-coordinated combat and search operations prompted by the best available intelligence; willingness to enter known insurgent strongholds and directly engage the enemy even though these areas might be heavily populated; destruction of insurgents' homes with smart bombs; and sweep operations

that round up all likely suspects and turn them over to trained Arab interrogators for determination of their true status - insurgent or innocent. These aggressive operations, which are very much like those employed by the Israeli Defense Forces, are daring and risky, but it appears this campaign is beginning to take insurgents off the street and, more important, is developing useful intelligence that leads to further fruitful operations. This is a virtuous cycle for the United States, but time may not be on our side. Will our aggressive tactics produce success before we inflame the entire Iraqi population as well as the Sunnis against us? Will Muslim, and perhaps world, opinion, which has thus far been relatively quiet, turn further against U.S. efforts in Iraq?

We have some yardsticks we can use to measure progress. Do the insurgent attacks in the

Sunni Triangle abate? Do we capture or kill Saddam Hussein and Iraq's Ibrahim, one of his top aides? Does the security situation improve enough to re-establish Iraqi police and security forces in the Sunni Triangle? Does the majority of the Sunni population begin to "see the light" and start to cooperate with the coalition and participate in rebuilding the country?

It will be the new year before answers to some of these critical questions are apparent and give some indication whether this new campaign is working, but for now that campaign is clearly under way.

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LETTER

Sending poems to White House pays off with thanks from Bush

I have lived in Gooding for 53 years. I am now retired with time on my hands, so I've been writing poems. It's my way of expressing myself. My poems are all true, and I've written some about people I know and love. My way of coping with the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on America was by writing a poem, and I had to express myself and my feelings about the fall of Flight 93 and the same way. I never thought about publishing any of them, but with my husband's encouragement and insistence, I mailed a copy of these two poems to President Bush. I never dreamed I would get an answer; after all, the president has a lot more important things to do than to read someone's poems. You can imagine how surprised and thrilled I was when he answered with a thank you for taking the time to send him the poems. What a great country we live in! God bless America. AWA L SHOUH Gooding

Refine the huge tasks for school officials to make jobs worth doing

PAUL T. HILL

In many cities the job of school superintendent offers all the satisfactions of the town spear catcher. Able people often leave the job pierced in soul if not in body. Cities such as Seattle and Portland, Ore., can get qualified men and women to apply for the job but can't keep applicants interested long enough to hire anyone. A few hardy souls, such as Boston's Tom Payzant and San Diego's Alan Bersin, hang in there. But most superintendents either quit in frustration or are fired when school boards that can't settle on anything else agree that the superintendent is no good.

Superintendents are not all equally well prepared or skillful, but the problem is more with the job than with the people. School superintendents are expected to keep everyone happy, even such groups as parents of gifted and disadvantaged children who are in a zero-sum competition for money. They are supposed to maintain a warm, fuzzy relationship with teachers whose unions are constantly undercutting reform efforts and grabbing any new

money that becomes available for salaries and smaller class sizes. They are supposed to get results out of a district central office, many of whose staff members are tenured lifers or have their own power bases in local churches, neighborhoods and political clubs. Superintendents are ultimately fired or driven to resignation by school boards, which do a wonderful job of representing all the conflicts and confusions that exist in their communities. It's hard to see how school boards as constituted can do anything else: they, too, face fractured communities and incompatible demands. But unlike the superin-

tendent they have somebody on whom they can take out their frustrations. Education insiders keep searching for a mutant strain of individuals who can succeed under these circumstances. But the real problem is with the jobs themselves, both of superintendent and of school board member. These jobs are setups. Superintendents and school board members are expected to take responsibility for things that they can't influence because state and federal regulations and collective bargaining agreements stand in the way. The scope of the superintendent's nominal powers - hiring all

the teachers, spending all the money, choosing all the books, managing all the buses - is so great that every kind of conflict or grievance comes straight to them. The key to making superintendent and school board jobs doable is to refine the excessive powers and duties to the few that matter, such as focusing on character school rather than hiring teachers, holding schools accountable for children's learning instead of dealing with grievances, sending dollars to the schools that parents choose in place of fiddling with centrally administered budgets, withdrawing support from schools that do

not teach effectively, developing new schools to replace failed ones, and letting parents choose among schools rather than trying to make the best of a bad family-school match. Superintendents and school boards can trade in grandiose roles for simpler but more consequential ones and catch a lot fewer spears in the bargain. Paul T. Hill is a distinguished visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution; a member of Hoover's Koret Task Force on K-12 Education; and a research professor and acting dean at the University of Washington's Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs.

Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Patriot Act has benefits, no danger

From the flak the Patriot Act is drawing, you would think it rivals the World War II internment of Japanese-Americans as the greatest violation of civil liberties in U.S. history.

Yet no one is giving the legislation any credit (and I cross my fingers as I write this) for the absence of new domestic terrorism since the law was passed in the wake of Sept. 11.

Actually, even those who see the law as a travesty can't find many tangible examples of it abusing citizens' rights. Nevertheless, it has spawned lawsuits and non-cooperation from some lefey local governments, plus Alaska and Hawaii.

In addition, ACLU types are upset that it is also being used to catch drug dealers, white-collar criminals and other felons who might have escaped scrutiny without its existence.

Some even complain that the Patriot Act was used to seize \$1.7 billion in assets belonging to Saddam Hussein's regime and given to the occupation authority there.

What a terrible thing. The Patriot Act has become a Rorschach test for feelings about the war on terrorism.

Most Americans understand Sept. 11 required the United States to protect itself. They see the doomsayers as off the deep end.

However, millions of Americans consider the law a greater threat to their constitutional rights than terrorists are to their lives. It has become a cause celebre, and not just in Berkeley and Boston. Some conservatives have even signed on.

They are filing lawsuits against it, lobbying governments to disobey it, and trying to pressure Congress not to reauthorize or expand it.

The act itself isn't connected to many of the steps the government has taken since 9-11, including its decision to arrest and deport illegal immigrants.

Yet it has become a rallying cry for Democratic presidential candidates who know it plays to the

PETER A. BROWN

party faithful.

The activists fear abuses similar to the 1970s, when the feds illegally spied on those with legitimate anti-administration agendas. The law does allow for the sharing of more information between cops trying to catch criminals and those looking for terrorists or spies.

That sounds like the common sense most everyone agrees is needed, that such coordination might have averted the 9-11 carnage.

Personally, I worry a lot more about the guys who see killing Americans as a ticket to heaven than I do the FBI agents looking into my library records.

Remember, the Patriot Act is aimed at preventing terrorists from killing Americans, rather than catching them after they have already done so. And most important, so far it seems to have helped accomplish that goal.

Either these hand-wringers don't understand the distinction or don't see it is a good enough reason to give the authorities more flexibility.

Luckily, the cacophony from liberal Democrats and ACLU types (oops, I'm redundant here) about the threat to personal freedoms is a minority voice.

An ABC News poll taken around the second anniversary of 9-11 found that 73 percent of Americans believe it is important that the FBI investigate terrorist threats even if that probe interferes with their privacy. Only 21 percent told a Gallup poll the government has gone too far. But those who get gray hair worrying about how the Patriot Act might undo the efforts of the Founding Fathers have struck a chord in the Democratic nomination fight, perhaps not surprisingly.

There's a tradition of PC peripheral issues during a nomination fight, when Democrats are courting primary voters. In 1984, Democrats got worked up about freezing nuclear testing, while

four years later they fixated on homelessness.

But they were minor matters those Novembers when Walter Mondale and Michael Dukakis were buried under GOP landslides because voters cared about guns and butter.

In 1992, Bill Clinton avoided tangential issues and concentrated on the economy. Democrats would do that this year if they could, but unfortunately for them, the economy is clearly reviving.

Moreover, these days the Democratic economic debate revolves around just how many hundreds of billions in taxes need to be raised.

Then, there is the little problem that, when the Patriot Act was passed by the Senate 96-1 and the House of Representatives 337-79; the Democratic presidential wannabes in Congress, save Dennis Kucinich voted for it.

Yet the Democratic presidential candidates decry the law daily and don't worry about hypocrisy: They, their supporters and many newspaper editorial pages, including this one, fret about its excesses. Perhaps many haven't considered that the law is one reason there have not yet - thank God - been Sept. 11 replays.

Don't fix it if it ain't broke.

Peter A. Brown is an editorial page columnist for the Orlando Sentinel.

Employers deserve praise for honoring reserve soldiers

Many Idahoans show their support for our military personnel who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Idahoans understand the intrinsic value of patriotism and of honoring those who answer the call of military duty.

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Good neighbor comes to the rescue of fallen man

Some people practice the Christmas spirit year-round. They're called neighbors. Just such a neighbor lives next to my parents in Eden.

Thursday afternoon, my elderly father tripped and fell while getting out of his car and couldn't get up. My mother was unable to get him up and was frantic and cried for help.

When you cry for help in Eden, stuff happens. Their neighbor is Don Utt, a man I have been proud to know my whole life. Being in the middle of the afternoon, Don was at work, but his

young son saw what happened and called his dad.

Within minutes Don left his work and got my dad up and helped both of my parents into their house. When I later thanked him profusely, this humble man waved his hand at me and said, "What are neighbors for?"

What indeed? Don has doused fires and extricated countless accident victims from their cars in his capacity as a fireman and emergency medical technician. I'm sure somehow it was comforting to these folks to have a true neighbor taking care of them.

In this Christmas season, when we see horror and violence in this world, sometimes we only have to look next door to see goodness in its purest form. Thanks, Don, and thanks to your son for his quick thinking.
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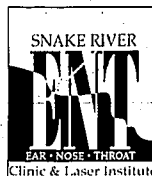
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Russia election causes concern over methods

MOSCOW (AP) — Allies of President Vladimir Putin won a sweeping victory in parliamentary balloting, but the White House expressed concern Monday over the election's fairness and human rights officials condemned the vote as a "retreat" from Russia's democratic reforms.

With more than 98 percent of the vote counted, United Russia — a pro-Putin party led by Cabinet ministers —

won 37.1 percent, leaving its rivals far behind. Central Election Commission Chairman Alexander Veshtayakov said at a news conference.

The Communists were next, with 12.7 percent, followed by the party of flamboyant nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy — the Liberal Democratic Party of Russia — at 11.6 percent. Homeland, a new, apparently Kremlin-approved patriotic grouping formed to syphon

votes from the Communists, had 9.1 percent, preliminary results showed.

Smaller parties — accounted for — the remaining percentage.

But international observers delivered a blistering assessment of the vote, calling it free but not fair. Taxpayer money and state television was used to benefit a few parties, monitors said in their criticism.

The head of the parliamentary

assembly for the Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe, Bruce George, told reporters at a news conference that the ballot "failed to meet international standards."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan noted the OSCE's concerns: "We share those concerns."

Kremlin critics fear too much power for Putin could prompt a drift closer to authoritarianism.



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Man receives jail term for shooting

FAIRFIELD—A man convicted of shooting a passenger of a pickup as it went by his cabin will spend nearly a year in jail, a judge decided Monday.

Fifth District Magistrate Judge Jack Varin sentenced Donald Marty Larson, 19, to a total of 355 days in jail after he pleaded guilty to one count of injuring another by discharging a firearm and one count of violating probation, both misdemeanors. Larson was given credit for 61 days he already served in jail and was ordered to pay restitution for the medical bills of his victim.

On the night of Oct. 7, prosecutors say, Larson was firing a .22-caliber semiautomatic handgun outside the cabin when a pickup driven by Hunter Donald Ciancio of Redding, Calif., was a passenger in the pickup and sustained a gunshot wound to the neck and suffered paralysis on his right side.

The probation violation stemmed from a previous battery charge against Larson, who has been held at the Gooding County Jail.

Sheriff's department scales back search

ROGERSON—The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department has scaled back the search for the body of a 16-year-old boy presumed dead in Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir.

Department spokeswoman Nancy Howell said Monday that range deputies will do "spot checks" at Salmon Dam, but searchers were no longer using boats in the reservoir.

Bradley DeCarr of Rogerson was last seen by friends standing on rocks around 4:30 p.m. Wednesday near the edge of the dam. When the friends looked back over, he was no longer there. DeCarr's jacket was found at the edge of the water, and one of his shoes was floating on the water.

Study finds sales of alcohol to minors

BURLEY—Minors in the Magic Valley may not have a hard time buying alcohol, according to the results of a compliance study conducted by the Idaho State Police Alcohol Beverage Control Bureau.

Undercover youth employed by the bureau were able to buy alcohol at bars, restaurants and stores across the state. More than 51 percent of business checked in the Mini-Cassia area failed to ask for proper identification, the study found.

Compliance checks in Shoshone, Gooding, Wendell, Jerome, Filer, Bliss and Glenns Ferry found a 46 percent violation rate.

"Those numbers were way too high," said ISP Alcohol Beverage Control Bureau Chief Lt. Bob Clements, in a news release. "Sometimes it's because establishments don't properly train their employees in when to request identification and/or what to look for. Other times it's simple negligence."

Council mulls next Auger Falls move

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The City Council made no decision Monday after a day of presentations from groups seeking to design a project to create wetlands using treated wastewater in the Auger Falls area.

Cascade Earth Sciences, CH2M Hill, J-U-B Engineers Inc., Millennium Science & Engineering Inc. and MWH Americas Inc. pitched ideas to the council.

Ability to coordinate with other entities, planned level of public involvement, expertise on water reuse issues, familiarity with the site, permit acquisition, cost and time-

Fee increase

People who participate in two winter recreation programs through the city of Twin Falls will pay a little more.

Council members Monday passed 6-1 an increase in fees for the two self-supporting programs: downhill ski/snowboard package program and the School's Out 50 Ski/Snowboard Day program.

Fee increase

gross margin to offset the cost, said Dennis Bowyer, parks and recreation director. With costs rising, the city needs to raise fees to get to that 10 percent, he said.

The downhill ski/snowboard package will go from \$45 to \$50. The School's Out 50 Ski/Snowboard Day program cost will rise from \$25 to \$32.

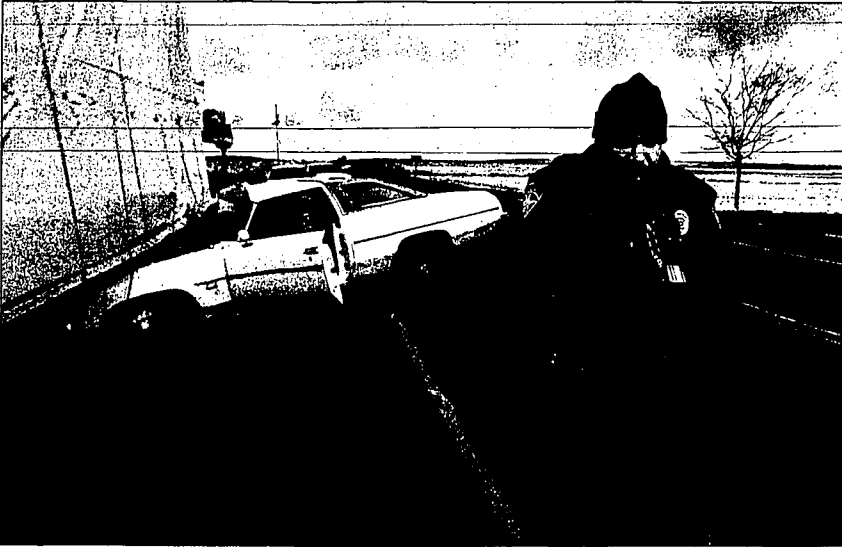
make a recommendation to the council, Courtney said.

The city bought the Auger Falls property last year for \$1.3 million. Council members hope to create a public park, wildlife refuge and a natural water treatment system in the area.

Estimated expenses varied widely because not all groups included the cost of getting permits or design work with their figures.

"The cost of the project could partially be recouped, some projects said."

Magic Valley faces day of accidents



Jeff Haskell, a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy, works on the investigation of an accident on U.S. Highway 93 at Hollister Monday. A Chevy Impala ran into the side of a mobile home on a trailer parked along the road, causing \$7,000 to \$8,000 in damage to the mobile home. Pinnacle Transportation was moving the home from Nampa to Bishop, Calif.

Car hits mobile home; another crash claims woman

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—A car vs. semi-truck crash on U.S. Highway 93 early Monday killed a Twin Falls woman and injured another.

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that spot involving a car and a mobile home didn't result in any serious injuries, officials said.

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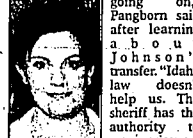
The driver of the Impala, whose identity was not available, was not seriously injured. The mobile home, meanwhile, reportedly sustained \$7,000 to \$8,000 in damage.

The Times-News

Shortly after 11 a.m. Monday about nine miles south of where the fatal wreck happened, a 1970s model Chevrolet Impala ran into a mobile home on a trailer parked along Highway 93, officials said.

Suspect's trip to Burley jail irks her attorney

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent



Sarah Johnson

HAILEY—The smooth-running legal routine surrounding double-murder suspect Sarah Johnson has experienced its first glitches, and her public defender attorney isn't happy.

On Monday, in Fleming's absence, Blaine County Chief Deputy Sheriff Gene Ramsey told reporters during a regular weekly briefing that Johnson's eight-day transfer was a matter of "the normal course of business."

He said the Burley facility has more space for female prisoners, whereas the Blaine County Jail, with only 28 beds, needs space for male prisoners.

Thompson, was appointed by May to Johnson's defense team in Rita's place.

Blaine County acts to keep garbage from going outside system

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY—Blaine County joined six other counties in adopting a tougher new ordinance Monday to impose heavier penalties on garbage collectors who ignore solid waste disposal regulations.

Blaine County solid waste accounts for 31 percent of the garbage delivered to the Milner Butte landfill 13 miles west of Burley, Twin Falls County is the largest dumper, with 39 percent.

Waste that could create a health hazard is allowed to bypass the transfer stations and go directly to the landfill.

The new ordinance provides a \$300 fine or six months in jail or both for each violation. Blaine County is one of seven counties that form the Southern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District. The others are Twin Falls, Cassia, Minidoka, Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties. Two others, Camas and Power, are not partners in the district but contract for use of the disposal site.

District Director Terry Schultz told the Blaine County Commission that the tougher new ordinance is needed to stop revenue losses caused by garbage collectors breaching their agreements. He estimated the district could lose \$250,000 per year in projected fees if disposal companies bypass the system that they're bound by contractual agreements to honor.

Schultz said he understood Johnson was only 30 feet away when Johnson arrived at the hospital.

Lincoln County has the highest fees among district partners—\$67 per ton due to its low annual volume, Schultz said. The other counties average between \$39 and \$41 per ton of disposed solid waste.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	104%	28%
Salmon Falls	103%	24%
Salmon	91%	23%
Oakley	99%	21%
Big Wood	98%	22%
Little Lost	99%	24%
Henry Fork/Teton	106%	28%
Big Lost	101%	24%
Little Lost	84%	23%

*As of Dec. 8

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

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

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Manuel Andrade - Rupert



Manuel Andrade, 88, of Rupert, passed away Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Manuel was born July 24, 1915, in Taylor, Texas. He was married to Narcisca Andrade. He was married to Marcelina Andrade who then passed away and later he was married to Virginia Munoz Andrade in 1952 in Elko, Nev.

Manuel was from a family of 10 - six sisters and four brothers. He is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Marcelina Andrade; two sisters; one daughter, Beatrice Marin; one son, Robert Andrade; one son-in-law, Nick Palomaruz. Manuel is survived by his brothers, Juan, David, Saulo, Richard and one sister, Paula Diaz, all of out-

state. His children, Paul (Mary) of Rupert, Idaho, Manuel Jr. (Janice) of Sun City, Ariz., (Joe) Marin of Lubbock, Texas, Lorraine Polymetrase of Hobbes, N.M., Robert Andre of Ft. Worth, Texas, Cristina Castaneda (Ramon) of Rupert, Idaho, 19 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The service is set to be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at the Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert, Idaho, with burial following in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. prior to the service on Thursday and from 6-7 p.m. before the rosary at 7 p.m. on Wednesday also at the church.

Eugene M. 'Gene' Zach - Castleford

Eugene M. 'Gene' Zach, 76, of Castleford, passed away peacefully Dec. 7, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Gene was born Sept. 24, 1927, to Rudolph and Agnes Hejtmank Zach on the farm where he spent his entire life near Castleford. He graduated from Castleford High School in 1946 as salutatorian of his class, attended the University of Idaho in Moscow and returned to farm on the family farm until his retirement. He spent 1951-1953 in the U.S. Army.

Gene loved all sports from the local to national level and could remember dates, scores and players from earlier days. He was very precise and would give exact times and dates of happenings past and present in his conversations, which were always most interesting.

Gene was a very loving and generous man. He enjoyed giving gifts and when out with family and friends, he would be the first one to speak up for the check.

Gene is survived by his brother, Lumir of Castleford; sisters, Camille Zach of Castleford and Jeroma Zahour of Brookfield, Ill.; nieces, Kristen Kline of Castleford and Andrea Peckham of Buhl; nephew, Paul Zahour of Mequon, Wis.; and 10 great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother and baby brother.

A viewing for friends and family will be from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth in Buhl. The service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the Farmer Funeral Chapel. Interment to follow at West End Cemetery, Buhl. The family requests memorials to be given to the Castleford Quick Response Unit.

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Verrel McCulloch Carney - Burley



Verrel Jane McCulloch Carney, 96, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Burley.

She was born Dec. 22, 1906, in Logan, Utah, the daughter of Robert Orson and Maude Farnes Maughan McCulloch. The family moved to Twin Falls, and later to Burley, in 1916, where her father was superintendent of Amalgamated Sugar Company. She graduated from Burley High School and then attended Albion State Normal School, where she received her teaching certificate. She then attended college in Colorado. She earned a master's degree in education. Verrel taught school for many years in Burley and Idaho Falls, and then moved to Hayward, Calif., where she completed her 43 years of teaching. After retiring, she returned to Burley in 1977. She cared for her mother and assisted in the family business, McCulloch Funeral Home.

She married Thomas Ed Carney on April 17, 1979, in Elko, Nev. They spent their retirement years traveling the world until Mr. Carney's

death on Aug. 4, 1996. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Verrel gave more than 5,000 hours of service as a Pink Lady at Cassia Memorial Hospital. She has been a member of the Soroptimist Club, the American Association of Retired Persons, Retired Teachers, the Eastern Star, the American Association of University Women

and of several bridge clubs. She loved people and being associated with them, and she loved all her nieces and nephews and being with them.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Verlie (Ormond) Burch of Burley, Gary V. (Anita) McCulloch of Denver, Colo., Lausanne (Bob) Trester of Reno, Nev., Rex (Linda) McCulloch of Camas, Wash., and Lawrence (Linda) McCulloch of Breatwood, Calif.; one sister-in-law, Dora McCulloch of Reno, Nev.; and many great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Ed, she was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Harriet Piper and Mildred Smith; and two brothers, Vernon B. McCulloch and R. Boyd McCulloch.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with Bishop H. Scott Ross officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

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Meldon Keith Jensen - Buhl



Meldon Keith Jensen, 69, of Buhl, Idaho, died suddenly Saturday evening, Dec. 6, 2003, at his home in Buhl.

Dad was born in Preston, Idaho, to a farming family. While growing up in Preston, his father lost his life in a construction accident. Dad became the man in his family and worked to take care of his mother and siblings. Dad graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1952 where he was very active in sports, especially football. After graduation he enrolled at the University of Idaho in Moscow. Upon leaving the University of Idaho, Dad traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah, and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1953. While on a troop transport from California to Korea, the Armistice was signed, ending the Korean War. Dad spent time in Korea and Japan before coming back home to the U.S. Dad married Marjorie Hafer at the First Christian Church in Jerome on April 10, 1955. Mom was the love of his life. Dad and Mom celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in 2003. Dad was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in 1956 and went to work for Idaho Power as a lineman. As he worked his way through Idaho Power he moved to a troubleshooter, then a safety and security supervisor where he worked until his retirement in 1996 after 40 1/2 years of faithful service. Dad got involved in the Scouting program at the First Christian Church, where his four sons and grandson, Josh, were Eagle Scouts. He was Cubmaster of

himself into the First Christian Church and the Scouting "65" program at the church. God needed a Scoutmaster for a scout troop in Heaven.

Keith is survived by his wife, Marjorie V. Jensen of Buhl, Idaho; his four sons, Scott (Ileeta) Jensen of Twin Falls, Mike Jensen of Pocatello, Brian (Lan) Jensen of Las Vegas, Nev., and Todd Jensen of Buhl; his daughter, Lisa Jensen of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; one brother, David Jensen of Denver, Colo.; his two sisters, Mary Oburn of Twin Falls and Carol Carver of Boise, Idaho. Also surviving: Keith-aro his grandchildren, Hanna Jensen, Josh Jensen, Tyler Jensen, Sarah Jensen, Derek Jensen and Keith Jensen.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of Keith's life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Pastor Jim Tubbs of the First Christian Church officiating. Military honors by area veterans and auxiliary. Masonic rites by the Twin Falls Masonic Lodge No. 45 AF & AM. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The family suggests memorials be given in Keith's name to the Troop 65 and Pack 65 Scholarship Fund or the Shriner's Crippled Children - Hospital. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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Betty Louise Whismore Hinton - Bliss



Betty Louise Whismore Hinton, 74, of Bliss, passed away Dec. 8, 2003, at her home.

She was born Oct. 27, 1929, in Welch, Okla., to Harvey and Mary Rogers Whismore. She was raised and educated in Welch until the age of 13, when her family moved to Jerome, Idaho. Betty finished school in Jerome. She married Raymond Hinton, Feb. 1, 1953, in Elko, Nev. They raised five children.

Betty worked on her father's farm and at Dotson & Evans Lapidary trade in Hagerman. She was working at the Royal Cafe in Bliss when she retired. Betty enjoyed 'daking her flowers, art work, making cakes for special occasions and remodeling her home. Most of all, she enjoyed her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children,

She is also survived by three daughters and sisters, Wilbur Lee "Dick" (Judy) Whismore of Crowley, Texas; James "Bud" (Linda) Whismore of Twin Falls, Mary "Blonde" (Kenny) Robbins of Salome, Ariz., and Charlene "Bunny" (Twisshell) of Jerome; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one brother.

The memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, with the Rev. Bill Devena officiating.

The family suggests that memorials contributions in Betty's name be made to: The Ronald McDonald House, 101 Warm Springs Avenue, Boise, ID 83712.

Park board rejects anti-gay monument

BOISE (AP) - Echoing the concerns of religious conservatives and gay rights activists, the Boise Parks-and-Recreation Board on Monday rejected a Kansas preacher's proposal to erect an anti-gay monument in a city park.

"We're not surprised but it doesn't change anything," said Shirley Phelps-Roper, an attorney for Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas and daughter of the church's leader, Fred Phelps, who proposed the monument. "They do not specifically get to target any message when they don't like the content of the message."

Phelps-Roper said Phelps would wait to receive formal notice of the rejected proposal before deciding what to do next. Phelps and his followers will be in Boise this weekend, she said, to picket a prayer demonstration at the Ten Commandments monument.

Phelps asked the city for permission to install the 6-foot granite monument in Julia Davis Park last month, saying his request must be granted because the park already holds a monument of the Ten Commandments.

But after meeting in a closed executive session, the board unanimously rejected the proposal, citing the proposed monument's hateful message and a 1999 city policy directing the board not to accept any language that the general public would consider inflammatory.

The proposed edifice would bear the name of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old Wyoming college student who died in 1998 after he was kidnapped by two men and beaten into a coma. Police said Shepard was targeted in part because he was gay, and his two attackers were later convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison. Phelps' monument would say Shepard went to hell because he was gay.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Bryan Fischer said that as a pastor of a local church he believes that homo-

sexuality is a sin. "But on the other hand," Fischer said, "I would fight with every-fiber-of-my-being anyone who spreads the message that God hates homosexuals. It's not a message that we want to embrace, promote or endorse."

Board members also cited the master plan for Julia Davis Park, which calls for no loss of green space within the park.

"That's just a lot of silly words. We're talking about a couple of feet here," Phelps-Roper said.

Phelps-Roper, who did not attend the meeting, said it is illegal for the city to pick and choose among religious messages for the ones it wants to endorse.

The argument is valid, said Marty Durand, legal counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union-Idaho.

"We certainly don't like Mr. Phelps' proposal" monument because the ACLU actively supports gay rights," Durand said. "But we have a problem with religious monuments in parks. The city either needs to allow lots of religious expression or none at all. It could be a monument of Mother Theresa, even, but the city should not be determining which religion is acceptable."

The issue has made strange partners of other groups as well - conservative religious leaders and gay rights activists have spoken out against the proposal.

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Board members also cited the master plan for Julia Davis Park, which calls for no loss of green space within the park.

"That's just a lot of silly words. We're talking about a couple of feet here," Phelps-Roper said.

Phelps-Roper, who did not attend the meeting, said it is illegal for the city to pick and choose among religious messages for the ones it wants to endorse.

The argument is valid, said Marty Durand, legal counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union-Idaho.

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SERVICES

Charlotte Luciele Puschel, formerly of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl; visitation for family and friends will be from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral chapel; interment will follow at West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Helen Bless of Filer, service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Filer Cemetery; friends and family may visit one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

LeRoy Rehwalt of Twin Falls, service at 3 p.m. today at the Trinity Lutheran Church, three miles south of Eden; burial will follow the service at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Ross Gotlieb Gehrig of Gooding, service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Gooding; interment will be in the Shoshone Cemetery.

Leah Knopp Serr of Paul, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Boyce Park Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; burial will be at the Paul Cemetery; friends may

call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 12-12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Jlynn E. Chidick-Muir of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the LDS Stake Center, 6607 Harrison St.; viewing from 6:30-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E., and from 12:45-12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Alice Leah Vitale of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; interment 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.

Friday at White Mortuary, Kimberly Chapel.

Reginald Elaster - Reginald Elaster, 49, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Patricia Ann Porazynski - Patricia Ann Porazynski, 92, of California, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at her mother's home in Bliss. There will be no local services. Cremation arrangements by Demary Funeral Chapel.

Ruth Maxine Roan - BOISE - Ruth Maxine Roan, 84, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, in Yuma, Ariz. Arrangements will be

DEATH NOTICES

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Mary Theresa Tierdy
TWIN FALLS - Mary Theresa Tierdy, 50, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, from injuries received in an automobile accident. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Clyde S. Harlan
GLENN'S FERRY - Clyde S. Harlan, 76, of Glenn's Ferry, died Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, at a Boise hospital. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home. The service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Glenn's Ferry. Burial will follow at Glen Rest Cemetery.

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Cassia commission squashes junk

By Rose Marlo Parsons
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners visited 10 sites Monday to see if the property owners had complied with earlier directives from the county to clean up their junk. Just one passed their inspection.

Citizen complaints and observations made by the county building inspector triggered letters to the landowners in June. Those letters spelled out what needed to be done in order for the properties to comply with county regulations. Owners were supposed to comply within 10 days.

Some people met with county commissioners—asking for additional time to clean up the land, Cassia County Administrator

Kerry McMurray said. Others met with the prosecuting attorney. Commissioners met with Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus after Monday's tour. Barrus advised them that a misdemeanor charge against Ronald DeLeon has already been sent to his office, McMurray said. Commissioners indicated they will recommend prosecution in other cases after checking property ownership, he said.

The maximum penalty for violation of the county's junkyard ordinance is six months in jail and a \$300 fine per day for each infraction.

Other commission business included:

- Economic development — Commissioner Clay Handy said telephone interviews with the

seven finalists for the Mini-Cassia Development Commission director's job are being scheduled. The finalists have business backgrounds, he said, because the search committee wants "someone who can hit the ground running."

- Legislator meeting — Commissioners and department heads will meet with local legislators at the Wayside Cafe at noon Dec. 22. Minidoka County commissioners will also be invited.
- Air quality grant — Commissioners asked Stephen Freiburger of Riedesel and Associates to draft a grant proposal for money which would be used to improve air quality through dust abatement on roads.
- COBRA contract — McMurray

advised against renewing the contract with a third-party COBRA administrator because the contract excludes liability. He said the county "may actually be in a worse situation if the third-party administrator is not sending us back the records we need to keep."

- Sheriff's office vehicle — Commissioners amended a motion they passed last month to bring into line with what actually happened. When they authorized the purchase of a Dodge Intrepid from Bonanza Motors for the sheriff's office, the motion did not include the trade-in of a Ford Taurus. Sheriff's office personnel later decided they did not need to keep that car and traded it in, reducing the purchase price for the Intrepid by \$350.

Transportation plan keeps rolling

By Rose Marlo Parsons
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners received an update about the county transportation plan Monday from Engineer Stephen Freiburger of Riedesel and Associates.

Freiburger suggested the Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee serve as an advisory subcommittee to handle public input about the county plan. He also recommended a steering committee made up of the chairmen of the participating highway districts be appointed to make final decisions about the plan.

Commissioners agreed with both suggestions. Commissioner Clay Handy will represent the county on the steering committee.

Commissioners also accepted Freiburger's recommendation to use a transportation model. Data will be collected on 40 roads and at 40 intersections instead of 140.

According to Freiburger, the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council has agreed to increase its financial support for the organizational costs related to the county transportation plan if the cities of Albion, Oakley, Declo and Malta are invited to participate in the plan.

The commissioners directed Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray to write letters inviting those cities to participate. Each city will be asked to pay \$5 for each mile of road in its jurisdiction. That is the same rate paid by the highway districts.

The City of Burley is not included in the list because it has its own transportation plan. Commissioner Paul Christensen asked McMurray to write a letter to Burley officials to let them know about the county transportation plan progress.

Water users will meet in prehearing conference

TWIN FALLS — A prehearing conference for water users above and below the canyon rim will be held today.

The conference led by the Idaho Department of Water Resources begins at 10 a.m. at the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Sixty-one water users below the canyon rim have protested a mitigation plan proposed by groundwater users above the canyon rim. The mitigation plan is aimed at replenishing diminished springs below the canyon rim, but water users below the rim say the plan doesn't guarantee their water will be restored.

Today's conference will focus on planning and scheduling for the upcoming contested case hearing.

Magic Valley In brief

Find more information about the issue online at www.idwr.state.id.us.

Buhl plans night parade festivities for Saturday

BUHL — "Light the Town for Santa" is the theme for the annual Buhl Night Light Parade on Saturday starting at 7 p.m.

The festivities will start at 2 p.m. at the Moose Hall on Main Street with an open house with cookies and coffee served.

The Kivans chili feed runs from 5 to 8 p.m. at the West End Senior Center. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children over 5 years of age, no charge for 5 and under.

After the parade, the celebration continues at the Eighth Street Center, where the school's jazz and select choirs will entertain with holiday music and light refreshments will be served.

Entries in the parade will assemble at 6:45 p.m. at the Buhl Visitors Center or Ridley's Market parking lot at the east end of town on U.S. Highway 30.

Parade categories are civic adult, civic youth, commercial, music or private group or individual.

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Call the Buhl Chamber of Commerce at 543-6682 for more information.

More runs will open at Sun Valley this weekend

SUN VALLEY — The Seattle Ridge area of Bald Mountain will open for the season on Saturday, with the Seattle Ridge No. 12 and Mayday No. 14 lifts in operation.

Seattle Ridge Lodge will open for food service on that day, and Dollar Mountain will reopen for the season.

Baldy was ushered full-till into winter with 17 inches of packable snow that fell on Friday and Saturday.

The dump prompted mountain managers to open several additional runs, including Skyhawk, Mid Picabo Street, Holiday, Exhibition, Rock Garden and Upper Graduate.

They opened Christmas Bowl on Monday.

For updates, visit www.sunvalley.com or call the Sun Valley Snow Report at 1-800-635-4150.

— compiled from staff reports

MINIDOKA COUNTY COURTS

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MURPET — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Minidoka County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Maria Jesus Avila, 22; failure to purchase a driver's license, dismissed; Magistrate Judge, Michael R. Crabtree.

Rodney Morton, 44; battery, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Commercial truck driving sentences

Mathew Wayne Tins, 41; weight exceeding registered gross load, pleaded guilty, \$41 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Withheld judgment

Philip McClary, 19; willful unlawful use of destructive device/bomb; District Judge John M. McLanahan.

Deferred prosecutions

Wally Kay Schultz, 42; reckless driving, Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

William B. Reuten, 37; reckless driving, Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Juvenile sentences

Alberto A. Ortiz, 16; one count failure to answer a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count contempt of court, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Isaac Diaz, 15; one count possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor, pleaded guilty, \$400 fine, one year driver's license suspension, 24 months probation, 180 days in jail, 28 days suspended, four days Mini-Cassia work in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

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

Misdemeanor sentences

John P. Ellis, 47; failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge, Michael R. Crabtree.

Rigoberto Durantes, 22; disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one year probation, five days in jail, 10 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Miguel Angel Moguel, 19; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, six months driver's license suspension, one year's probation, 30 days in jail, 30 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Billy Joe Ray, 27; disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Edward Stewart, 29; disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, six months probation, five days in jail, three days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Saul C. Zaragoza, 30; one count failure to purchase a driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count failure to appear, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Michael Lee Terry, 31; one count driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, six months driver's license suspension, one year's probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, four days Mini-Cassia work in lieu of jail; one count failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Aaron Michael Proctor, 19; one count driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$109 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days driver's license suspension, one year's probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, four days Mini-Cassia work in lieu of jail.

Driving under the influence sentences

William Ray Olson, 35; misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$921.50 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, one year's probation, 180 days in jail, 170 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Blake J. Bushman, 18; misdemeanor driving under the influence, pleaded guilty, \$200 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 90 days driver's license suspension, one year's probation, 30 days in jail, 28 days suspended, four days Mini-Cassia work in lieu of jail; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony dismissals

Rod Lee Anderson, 44; one count aggravated assault, one count enhancement for use of a deadly weapon, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Felony sentences

Robert Howard Adams II, 48; one count misdemeanor trespassing, dismissed; one count misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; one count felony possession of a controlled substance, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 court costs, \$100 restitution, 36 months probation, 42 months determinate penitentiary time, 42 months indeterminate penitentiary time; District Judge Monte B. Carlson.

Commercial truck driving sentences

Kevin Casey Barker, 33; safe loading violation, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Afford E. Gilliam, 31; failure to stop at a red light, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Luis A. Martinez, 44; motor carrier log book violations, pleaded guilty, \$263.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

George V. Rowe, 40; motor carrier log book violations, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Marc L. Filippence, 27; failure to obtain oversized permit, pleaded guilty, \$18.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

James J. Bryant, 64; motor carrier violation of out of service order, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollar.

Howard B. Sargent, 52; safe loading violation, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Thayne J. Christensen, 32; failure to obtain oversized permit, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Billy the Kid showdown heads to court

SILVER CITY, N.M. (AP) — The fight over digging up the remains of Billy the Kid's mother for DNA testing has been brewing for months, but the real showdown will occur in a New Mexico court.

State District Judge Henry Quintero determined during a hearing Monday afternoon who will represent each side in the case surrounding the proposed exhumation of the Kid's mother, Catherine Antrim.

Quintero said the town of Silver City and Mayor Terry Forenberry have legal standing to interfere with Antrim's exhumation. Antrim is buried in the southwestern New Mexico town.

He also ruled that Bill Robins, who was appointed to the case by Gov. Bill Richardson, be allowed to represent the Kid-Robins in seeking a posthumous pardon for the Kid, whose real name was William H. Bonney.

Quintero also pushed back the Jan. 6 exhumation hearing until Jan. 27 so he would have a full day for the proceedings.

Some local and county officials went on proof that Sheriff Pat Garrett killed Billy the Kid on July 14, 1881, in Fort Sumner.

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, Captain Mayor Steve Sedervall and De Baca County Sheriff Gary Graves have spearheaded the effort to dig up the remains.

The three would like to compare the Antrim DNA evidence with that of a Hizo, Texas, man who died in 1950 claiming he was Billy the Kid. Proving Antrim's biological relationship would establish or disprove claims that Billy the Kid is buried in New Mexico.

Opponents of the exhumation have called the request an unnecessary publicity stunt that has no legal, scientific or historic merit. They argue a person's remains should not be disturbed once they are buried.

Quintero says the court will recognize the importance of protecting the sanctity of Catherine Antrim's grave site, said Steve May, a Silver City councilman.

County records

Keavan G. Koyte, 47; driving without privileges, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$78.50 court costs, 180 days probation, four months probation, 10 days in jail, eight days suspended, two counts credited; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Andy J. Vega Sr., 25; felony assault amended to misdemeanor assault, pleaded guilty, \$13.50 fine, \$98.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 60 days in jail, 60 days suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Clara Santos, 31; one count driving vehicle without owner's consent, pleaded guilty, \$300 fine, \$63.50 court costs, five months probation, 30 days in jail, 15 days suspended, two counts contempt of court, pleaded guilty, one count three months probation, five days in jail, three days suspended, one count five days in jail, five days suspended; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Felony dismissals

Benjamin Castro Jr., 23; two counts unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Pocatello group wins grant to fight poverty

POCATELLO (AP) — An \$11 million grant will help a local group fight poverty with education and personal empowerment, members of Partners for Prosperity announced Monday.

The grant, from the Minnesota-based Northwest Area Foundation, should be matched with community funds and Partners for Prosperity is already working to secure the money, director Jessica Sotelo said. Idaho State University will administer the grant.

Group members used Census data and held interviews and talking circles with about 1,100 people to define poverty and develop a plan to fight the problem, said Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Planner Darrell Shay. Talking circles have been reports about the Sept. 2 slaying of Johnson's parents, Alan Johnson, 46, and Diane, 52, in the bedroom when they upscale Bedlam was shortly after 6 a.m. Johnson was "visited by a few friends" at the family, Pangborn said, but not by her brother, Matt, a student at the University of Idaho, nor her former boyfriend, Santos.

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Partners for Prosperity was given a \$500,000 grant from the Northwest Area Foundation 18 months ago, and competed with three other communities for the \$11 million grant.

The plan was tested against a number of criteria: It was required to involve diverse interests, have a substantial focus on poverty reduction, be adaptable and develop local abilities to achieve long-term goals.

The North-Central-Montana Community Ventures Coalition also received \$12 million to implement a plan.

Opportunity Works in North Central Iowa and Northwest Venture Communities Inc. also competed for the grant.

Yellowstone looks to beef up recycling program

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Yellowstone National Park wants to improve its recycling program to avoid problems that arose over the summer at the new composting plant near West Yellowstone.

The National Park Service pays the West Yellowstone/Hoboken Basin Solid Waste District to handle its garbage. Studies earlier had indicated that 70 percent of the park's waste could be composted, but the figure ended up being much lower, said Steve Tobst, the park's maintenance supervisor.

Trash taken to the center this summer included aluminum cans, glass and plastics, which could not be broken down.

Hauling that material to a landfill ate into the budget, Larry Watson, grants administrator for Gallatin County, said.

"If we can remove them before they go in, it helps," Watson said on Monday.

Officials are trying different options now, testing them during the slower winter months. These include, some single bagging, instead of double-bagging, of trash—in Yellowstone; double bags, used for even small amounts of trash, routinely got twisted in the equipment and slowed work down, Watson said.

Markets for the leftover trash—plastics, for example—also are being pursued, he said.

Tobst said Yellowstone is committed to getting the right trash to the plant, which opened last July, and separating recyclables before the trash is sent to the new composting plant.

"For example, officials said they are planning to add more recycling bins in the park's look at how food arriving in the park is packaged and step up tourist information at places such as campgrounds.

Recycling, Tobst said, is "the right way to take care of our garbage. Less stuff is being hauled over the road, less stuff is being dumped in a landfill, and you get a byproduct that's useful."

Nor would the mosquitoes make their way to city dwellers, he added.

"A mosquito is not going to make it three miles unless it has a 100-mile-an-hour tailwind," he said.

Council discussion on the issue is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. Dec. 15, with the regular agenda beginning at 5 p.m. in the council chambers.

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last week but described the visit as routine.

Johnson, meanwhile, was described by her attorney as "upset and lonely" about the transfer to the Burley jail. Pangborn described her surroundings as a six-bed cell where she was the only occupant, with cardboard covering the only window.

Pangborn said he was "looking for legal options" to move her to a facility where she can receive schooling while awaiting the murder trial scheduled to begin Feb. 10.

But he hasn't decided yet whether to seek a change of venue for the trial because of press reports about the Sept. 2 slaying of Johnson's parents, Alan Johnson, 46, and Diane, 52, in the

bedroom when they upscale Bedlam was shortly after 6 a.m. Johnson was "visited by a few friends" at the family, Pangborn said, but not by her brother, Matt, a student at the University of Idaho, nor her former boyfriend, Santos.

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know where to go," said Cecil D. Andrus, former Idaho governor and consultant to the Gallatin Group. MWH Americas Inc. is partnering with the Gallatin Group in this endeavor.

"Creating a wetlands area, rewilding opportunities, rewilding habitats — they all give different opportunities for funding," he said. "You have to know

the sources."

These could include federal agencies, state sources, state agencies and Congress, he said.

The creation of wetlands may bring a few more mosquitoes, but they probably wouldn't be carriers of viruses, said Jeff McCreary, regional biologist with Ducks Unlimited. Old tires in the backyard are a more common culprit for disease-carrying bugs, he said.

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Homeless village hits a crossroads

Portland ponders future of city's experiment as lease expires

By Sarah Linn
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — On a one-acre patch of asphalt near the airport, about 80 homeless people are living in shelters slapped together out of scavenged planks, plastic, sheetrock and cardboard. But this is no ordinary shantytown.

Dignity Village, as it is called, is an unusual social experiment: a government-sanctioned encampment for the homeless.

Besides holding a city lease, it has its own government, maintains a Web site and operates as a nonprofit corporation. Residents get free legal advice from local lawyers, medical aid from a homeless shelter, and financial support from a national network of charitable donors.

"There really isn't another model in the city that is as well-organized as Dignity Village," said Donald Whitehead, executive director of the National Coalition for the Homeless in Washington, D.C. "It's pretty revolutionary."

Two years after it was built, though, Dignity Village has reached a crossroads.

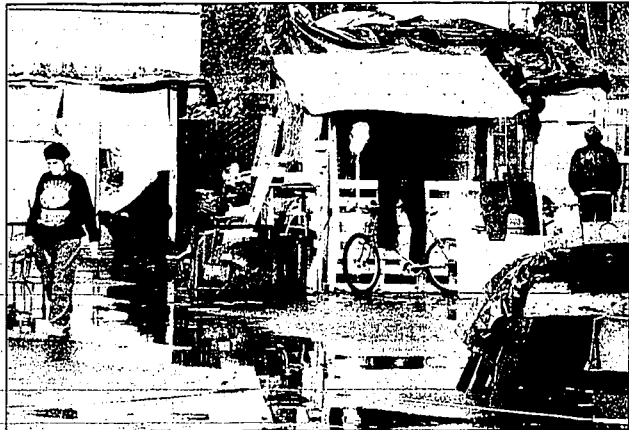
The most recent lease having expired at the end of October, residents have asked the city to extend their stay for up-to-10 years. They have also requested that the city stop charging rent for the site and make thousands of dollars in improvements at the location.

The request has set off a debate among city officials over whether to sink money into the project or put an end to the whole experiment and encourage homeless people to go shelters instead.

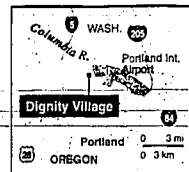
Some officials say that shelters do a better job of providing health and job services.

"The shelter system is more successful and more compassionate," said Michael Harrison, aide to Jim Francesconi, one of four city commissioners. "Before the city invests more money into Dignity Village, we should know that there are actual people that have been helped."

Dignity Village's leaders argue they have already shown they are helping the homeless.



Dignity Village in Portland has its own local government, a Web site and it operates as a nonprofit corporation.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI, AP

Benjamin Howard, a homeless man who serves as Dignity Village's fire chief, said it is a place where people can develop a sense of stability, start looking for work, and then move into low-income housing. About 200 have taken that step in the past two years, he said.

Portland has an estimated 2,000 homeless people, and 20 homeless shelters run by the city and private organizations.

Other cities generally do not tolerate large-scale encampments of homeless people.

Homeless people set up the encampment in September 2001 and won permission from the City Council. Dignity Village pays the city more than \$20,000 a year for rent, water and garbage pickup, with most of the money coming from donations. It has rudimentary utilities, including portable toilets and electricity provided by a wind-mill.

"It's a good resource that's helped a lot of vulnerable and lost people get back on their feet," said City Commissioner Erik Sten, one of Dignity Village's biggest supporters. But he said a 10-year extension may be too long and the city should not pick up all the costs the residents have requested for safety and sewage improvements.

Many homeless people prefer Dignity Village to shelters because it offers self-government and more freedom. Unlike shelters, it has no curfew.

It is governed by four board of-

cers, who handle administrative concerns, and 11 council members, who manage day-to-day operations. Residents who become violent or disrespectful or use drugs or alcohol are given 24 hours outside of Dignity Village to cool off. Repeat offenders can be expelled.

"We've never had a rape here. We've never had a murder," said village Chairman Jack Tafari. "If a girl goes 'peep,' there's 12 big, hairy guys there in a second."

Villagers are required to contribute to the camp's upkeep, either through chores or by working outside Dignity Village.

"This is not utopia," Howard said. "It's not where I really want to be. But it's a better than a lot of places I've been in."

The residents are being allowed to stay until a deal is worked out on their proposal. Seventeen-year-old Cat Spry lives at Dignity Village with her mother and father. Spry is working to get her high school diploma.

"My options were the street or the village," she said. "And thank God the village was there."

Reviving market rebuilds Idaho school endowment

BOISE (AP) — The stock market's recent resurgence has rebuilt the state's permanent endowment fund enough that lawmakers will not have to come up with millions of dollars this winter to cover the losses to public schools during the first year of the recession.

The Endowment Fund Investment Board reported on Monday that the fund balance now stands at \$735 million, high enough to cover the \$46 million lost in the value of the assets pledged to support public schools.

But Board Chairman Dean Buffington cautioned against expecting the same kind of growth — in excess of 9 percent — over the next six months. "We've had a lot of gain," Buffington said. "I'd have trouble forecasting that we'd have that continued kind of growth. But we still have room for some modest improvement."

The endowment, knocked from \$800 million to under \$600 million

when the bottom fell out of the market in 2001 and 2002, provides income for public schools, the universities and other public institutions. About two-thirds of the value is allocated to public schools, and earnings until this year had provided schools with more than \$40 million a year.

Policy-makers had hoped to provide over \$37 million this year, but endowment manager Matt Haertzen said even with the market resurgence earnings are likely to come up as much as \$5 million short. That translates into a reduction of around \$800 in financial support for every classroom in the state — money that covers textbook supplies and other expenses. Haertzen was not overly optimistic about the market's ability to come back strong enough to raise the cash to cover the second year's losses, but there is still more than 18 months before the Legislature could find itself on the hook.

Idaho county targets violence in the home

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — With reports of domestic violence seemingly on the rise, Kootenai County has made the problem a priority.

The county has designated a prosecutor to handle all domestic violence cases, and it has created a diversion team to deal with first-time offenders in hopes of heading off future incidents that could lead to the death of a partner.

Officials say the dedicated prosecutor and diversion team are the first in the state. "The theory is, if you catch someone the first time they offend, with low-end violence, and you take an aggressive treatment approach, it rips it in the bud," said Ken Brooks, the deputy prosecutor.

In a report earlier this year, the Idaho State Police found more than 6,000 people were involved in domestic violence cases last year.

Last summer, Ada County created a new unit in the prosecutor's office to concentrate on educating new prosecutors on domestic violence, sharing information with state law enforcement agencies and advising the state Legislature on the need for legal changes.

Guardian faces charge after death

BOISE (AP) — A Boise man was charged with first-degree murder on Monday in the death of a 2-year-old girl for whom he was serving as guardian.

Ignacio Jesse Sanchez, 23, was arrested after the child, Evangelina Azucena Arevalo Loiza, died at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center Sunday night.

Investigators said paramedics were called to the Sanchez home Sunday afternoon and found the toddler had suffered serious and suspicious injuries. Police said she had been hit at least once in the head and was unconscious when the ambulance arrived.

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Philadelphia Flyers coach Ken Hitchcock, after Flyer goalie Jeff Hackett made 38 saves in a 1-1 tie at Boston Saturday night

TRIVIA

QUESTION: What is the NBA record for most free throws taken in a game without making one?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school girls basketball
Filer at DeLo, 4:15 p.m.
Kimberly at American Falls, 5:45 p.m.
Minico at Burley, 6 p.m.
Hansen at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Carey at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
Lighthouse Christian at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.
Dietrich at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Castelford at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
M.V. Christian at Oakley, 6 p.m.
High school boys basketball
Minico at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Richfield at Rockland, 6 p.m.
Valley at Buhl, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Wendell, 6 p.m.
Dietrich at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.
T.F. Christian at Community School, 6:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Reserved seats still remain for CSI games

TWIN FALLS - Looking for the perfect stocking stuffer for that College of Southern Idaho hoops fan? Plenty of good reserved chair-back seats are still available for the remainder of basketball home games at the CSI Gymnasium.

The Golden Eagle women will play host to the Coca-Cola Tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The men host Treasure Valley Community College Dec. 16.

Both squads will then play Salt Lake Community College Jan. 9 and 10, North Idaho College Jan. 23 and 24, Eastern Utah Feb. 13 and 14 and Snow College Feb. 27 and 28.

For more information, contact Christi Kaye Ure at 732-6486.

Candleridge offers golf packages until year end

TWIN FALLS - Candleridge Golf Course is offering all-inclusive golf packages through Dec. 31.

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Twin Falls Municipal offers winter rates

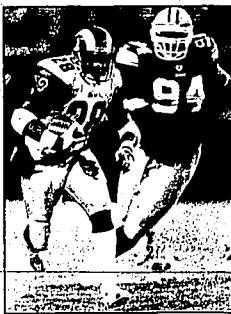
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course is now offering winter rates at \$10 per round. Ten-round punch cards may be purchased for \$100 at Donnelley Sports, Claude's Sports, Twin Falls City Hall and the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The punch cards, good through 2004, will only be sold at these locations until Dec. 31.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Zero for 11 by Shaquille O'Neal in a 103-95 Laker loss to the Seattle SuperSonics on Dec. 8, 2000. The previous record was 0 for 10 by Chamberlain in a game for the Warriors against the Detroit Pistons in 1960.



St. Louis' Marshall Faulk races away from Cleveland's Gerard Warren on a 15-yard run Monday in Cleveland.

Rams make playoffs

By Tom Withers
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND - The St. Louis Rams are going back to the NFC playoffs, and their high-potential offense didn't have very much to do with it.

Aeneas Williams had two interceptions - the first for a 46-yard touchdown - in the final 1:04 of the first half as the Rams clinched a postseason berth, holding on for a 26-20 win Monday night over the Cleveland Browns.

Williams' two picks enabled the Rams (10-3) to score 14 points in a 42-second span at the end of the first half, giving St. Louis a 23-7 lead.

Jeff Wilkins kicked four field goals - 26, 28, 29 and 37 yards - for the Rams, who won their fifth straight game and advanced to the playoffs for the fourth time in five years.

But they had to withstand a valiant comeback by the Browns (4-9), who were making their first regular-season appearance on "Monday Night Football" since 1995.

Quarterback Tim Couch rallied Cleveland, but was stripped of the ball by Rams defensive end Brian Young on fourth down with 1:51 left, and St. Louis ran out the clock.

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Bowled over by trouble

BCS has lots of options

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - The best team in the land? Nobody will know for sure this season.

What if the winner of the Rose Bowl could play the winner of the Sugar Bowl after those big games? Oklahoma vs. Southern California would be a dandy. So would LSU vs. USC. Of course, if Michigan slipped in with its two losses, some folks might be upset, though nobody could say the Wolverines went through the back door.

A one-game playoff is one of a handful of solutions that have floated around for years in an attempt to crown a true champion out of one of the most controversial, some say antiquated, concoctions in sports - the college bowl system.

"We have this conversation every year!" Texas coach Mack Brown said. "Unless we change the system, we'll have this conversation every year."

The system that gives us No. 1 USC vs. No. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl and No. 2 LSU vs. No. 3 Oklahoma in the supposed title game, the Sugar Bowl, is in place for at least two more seasons.

Some tweaking is surely in order. But wholesale changes almost certainly aren't. In fact, while many vocal fans might believe, at least one expert believes the key decision makers - coaches, athletic directors, school presidents - probably will stick with something close to the status quo even when the current contract is up.

"The overwhelming majority want to keep the bowl system in some form," said Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association. "Just like with the BCS, you're not going to serve every institution in every conference, even with a playoff system."

The most likely change in the college bowl system involves adding a championship game, or maybe two rounds of playoffs, after bowl season. It's a plan that has been debated quite often.

Oregon athletic director Bill Moos made the most serious push in 2001, after the Ducks got bypassed for the top bowl in favor of Nebraska, which had lost 62-36 to Colorado and didn't even play in the Big 12 title game.

The pros for a post-bowl playoff: A tournament-style ending would leave less room for debate. For instance, if Oklahoma and Southern Cal each won its bowl game, then played a week later, there would be little doubt about who the real champion was.

Cons: It adds an extra week of football, something school presidents aren't thrilled about. And would fans really pay to go to the

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Lady Pilots drop Castelford in 59-29 victory

By Dustin Lappay
Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD - The Glens Ferry girls basketball team can breathe a sigh of relief. The girls won their first game of the season Monday over the Castelford Lady Wolves 59-29 in Castelford.

Jessica Simons lit up the scoreboard with 20 points, eight coming in the fourth quarter. Simons used her repertoire of quick post-up moves to get clean, easy shots over the Castelford defense. She used hook-shots, pivots and both her left and right hands to score.

"She's been working on her moves and we're trying to get her the ball inside," Glens Ferry head coach Kelli McElone said. "I think sometimes right now she's trying to be too much of a team player and pass too much when she should be shooting it, but I think that's good on her part."

Lady Pilot Chelsy Jess was the only other player in double figures as she put up 11 points, including a 3-pointer to open the fourth quarter. Kenzie King and Kylee Noble also each scored eight points in the Pilot win.

"We needed a win," McElone said. "We've played some pretty tough teams this year and we're just starting to get in the swing of things. We had that flu that took us out of it right at the first of the year and we're just starting to get our wind underneath us."

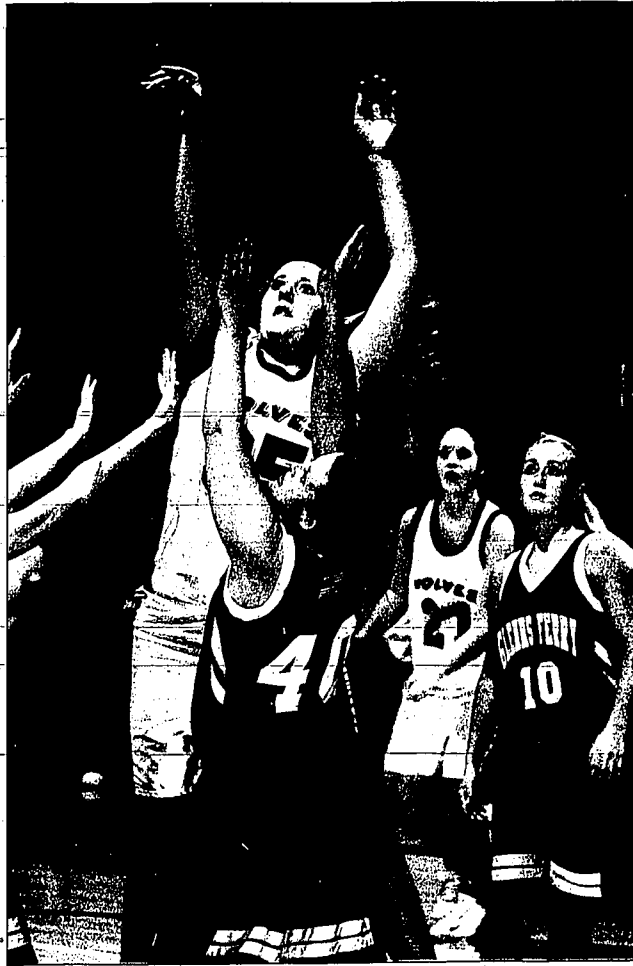
The Pilot defense ruled the court Monday, holding Castelford to 12 for 61 from the field. The Wolves made zero field goals in the third quarter. They scored two points in the third, but those were on free throws.

"We had three good quarters," Castelford head coach Roger Wells said. "We've got to score more than two points in the third quarter. We lost it in the third."

The Lady Pilots made every trip up the court a hassle for Castelford. The pressure defense led to multiple turnovers that translated into fast-break opportunities for Glens Ferry. Point guard Vicky Barroso led the Pilots with four steals on the night.

"We're a scrappy team," Wells said.

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Castelford High School center Linda Kissinger shoots the ball in the third quarter against Glens Ferry High defender Jamie Hurst during their game Monday in Castelford.

USC assistant will lead Vandals

By Dan Gallagher
Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho - Southern California assistant Nick Holt was named Monday as the new head coach at Idaho.

Holt, a former Idaho assistant, replaces Tom Cable, who was fired after going 3-9 this fall and 11-35 in four seasons. Holt was introduced at a news conference in Moscow on Monday.

Holt, 41, was a Vandal assistant from 1990 through 1997. He also was an assistant coach at UNLV, held the same post at Louisville, with former Idaho coach John L. Smith, and has been the linebackers coach at USC for the past three seasons.

"I could have stayed at USC and been happy with perhaps the best program in the nation," Holt said. "But I want to have my own program, run my own show and be my own boss."

Holt will continue to coach the USC linebackers through the Rose Bowl.

"It was important to the kids I



Nick Holt talks at a news conference Monday in Moscow after it was announced that he is the new head football coach at the University of Idaho.

coached that I stay there for the next month," he said.

Southern California finished the regular season No. 1 in both polls, but is No. 3 in the Bowl Championship Series standings behind Oklahoma and LSU. USC will take on Nov. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl. USC can still finish with a different No. 1 is seven.

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Gators shuffle into No. 1

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - Three weeks, three No. 1s.

Florida moved into the top spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll Monday, the third straight week there has been a new No. 1 team.

The Gators (5-0) moved up one spot to replace Kansas, which lost 64-58 to Stanford on Saturday. The Jayhawks held the No. 1 ranking for just one week after replacing Connecticut; the Huskies were on top for the pre-season and the first two weeks of the regular season.

Stanford, which beat a No. 1 team for the third time in school history, had the week's biggest jump, moving from 21st to 13th.

The last time there were three No. 1 teams in as many weeks was the end of the 1999-00 season, when Stanford, Cincinnati and Duke each had a stay on top in the final three polls.

The record for consecutive polls with a different No. 1 is seven.

From Jan. 3 to Feb. 14, 1994, the top teams were: Arkansas, North Carolina, Kansas, UCLA, Duke, North Carolina and Arkansas.

Florida was No. 1 for the first time in school history last season, holding that spot for one week. The Gators lost 70-55 to Kentucky in their first game as a No. 1 team then.

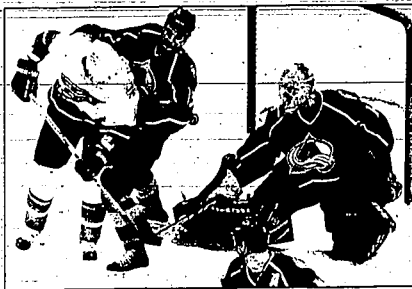
"We're in the middle of a long race, and it's just started. It's very early in the season, and I feel like we're still learning who we are as a team," Florida coach Billy Donovan said Monday.

"We moved to No. 1, which is always great, but my total focus is for our team to continue to improve regardless of what our ranking is."

Florida received 46 first-place votes and 1,732 points from the national media panel.

No. 2 Connecticut (6-1) and No. 3 Missouri (3-0) each moved up one place in the rankings. The Huskies got nine first-place votes and 1,593 points, while the Tigers were No. 1 on six ballots and drew 1,512 points.

SPORTS



Washington Capitals' right winger Peter Bondra, left, of the Ukraine battles with Colorado Avalanche right winger Dan Hinote, center, to put a shot on Avalanche goalie David Aebischer of Switzerland in the third period of the Avalanche's 4-1 victory in Denver on Monday.

Avs remain on a roll, 4-1

DENVER (AP) - Andrei Nikolishin scored against his former team, and Rob Blake had a goal and an assist to help the Colorado Avalanche stretch their unbeaten streak to six games with a 4-1 victory over the Washington Capitals on Monday night.

Wings' win over the Los Angeles Kings. Hull's 732nd goal snapped a tie with Marcel Dionne and moved the Red Wings forward behind only Wayne Gretzky (894) and Gordie Howe (801). Hull scored for the seventh straight game and added an assist.

Flyers 3, Canadiens 2

MONTREAL - Magnus Ragnarsson and John LeClair scored 2:05 apart late in the third period to lift Philadelphia over Montreal.

Ragnarsson scored his third of the season with 3:19 left to tie it at 2, and LeClair netted the winner at 18:47.

Kim Johnson also scored for the Flyers, who have lost just once in 17 games (1-3).

The Canadiens ended a season-high five-game unbeaten streak (3-0-2).

Pierre Dagenais assisted on Richard Zednik's goal late in the second period, and scored his second of the season midway through the third to give the Canadiens a 2-1 lead.

Brins 2, Senators 2. BOSTON - Glen Murray had a goal and an assist to lead Boston to a tie with Ottawa.

Murray gave the Bruins a 2-1 lead with a breakaway goal 6:45 into the second period.

Ottawa's Patrick Lalime made 21 saves in his return from a bout with the flu that forced him to miss four games.

The Senators tied it with 3:39 remaining in the second when defenseman Wade Redden scored his seventh of the season.

The Bruins are 0-2-3 in five home games and haven't beaten the Senators since Nov. 9, 2002.

Red Wings 3, Kings 2

DETROIT - Brett Hull moved into third place on the NHL career goal list by scoring 1:51 into overtime in the Detroit Red

as playing time goes. They just haven't played a lot of basketball. ...They'll only get stronger."

The Glenns Ferry junior varsity also won in emphatic fashion over the Castelfore junior varsity 43-13.

Castelfore (1-3, 1-1 Southside) visits Hagerman Tuesday. Glenns Ferry (1-5) hosts Flyer Saturday.

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Includes Glenns Ferry, Castelfore, Hagerman, and other local teams.

Hoops

Continued from C1. McElhone said, "We have to use that to our advantage, because we're not real tall. As many turnovers as we can get, and to capitalize on those turnovers, that's going to make us a better team."

The night wasn't a total loss for the Lady Wolves. Castelfore got solid play from Etho Frey and Rachel Maves, who led the Wolves with nine points.

Byrlee Cheney and Melissa McCoy came off the Castelfore bench to contribute as well.

"I think we're going to come on as the season comes along," Wells said. "We're a young team as far

Rams

Continued from C1. Marshall Faulk rushed for more than 100 yards for the fourth straight game, picking up 102 yards on 24 carries.

Couch went 6-for-9 for 98 yards and threw a 28-yard TD pass to Quincy Morgan after replacing Kelly Holcomb.

Holcomb, who threw a 2-yard TD pass in the first quarter, was benched with 17 seconds left in the first half after throwing the two interceptions to Williams.

The Browns, who have been ravaged by injuries all season, also lost defensive end Courtney Brown (arm), running back James Jackson (knee) and guard Chad Beasley (ankle) to injuries.

Louis' underappreciated defense, which recorded five sacks and forced four turnovers.

The Rams' offense failed to get into the end zone in the first half, relying on three field goals by Williams to take a 9-7 lead before Williams built St. Louis out.

The 35-year-old cornerback stepped in front of a Holcomb pass intended for Quincy Morgan and took it back for his ninth career interception return for a TD and his 12th return for a score - one shy of the career record for defensive TDs held by Oakland's Rod Woodson.

Two plays later, Williams again picked off Holcomb, bringing it back to the Browns' 20.

Marc Bulger then hit Isaac Bruce with a 16-yard scoring pass as the Rams scored 14 points in a span of 42 seconds to blow it open, forcing Browns coach Butch Davis to replace Holcomb with Couch for the final 17 seconds of the half.

Marlins reject Rodriguez's \$40M request

By Ronald Blum Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - Greg Maddux and Ivan Rodriguez will have new teams next season, and so will Vladimir Guerrero, Rafael Palmeiro and Juan Gonzalez.

On a busy Sunday night, Philadelphia offered arbitration to Kevin Millwood, extending the negotiating period with the right-hander for another month. Also among the 25 players offered arbitration were Chicago White Sox right-hander Bartolo Colon and Oakland shortstop Miguel Tejada, the 2002 AL MVP.

But Atlanta also didn't offer arbitration to Javy Lopez or Gary Sheffield, meaning the Braves won't get draft picks as compensation if the outfielder finalizes his deal with the Yankees.

Sixteen players who faced the midnight deadline agreed to resign, including Minnesota outfielder Shannon Stewart, who got an \$18 million, three-year contract from the Twins, and Seattle reliever Shigetoshi Hasegawa, who received a \$6.3 million, two-year deal.

Maddux, who helped the Braves reach the playoffs during his 11 seasons in Atlanta, was not offered salary arbitration and can't re-sign until May 1.

Last year, the four-time Cy Young Award winner was offered arbitration and accepted, with the sides later agreeing at \$14.25 million. The 37-year-old right-hander went 16-11, moving within 11 wins of 300.

Rodriguez and the World Series champion Marlins failed to agree to a contract during negotiations at Miami International Airport. The catcher's previous deal prevented Florida from offering salary arbitration to the 10-time All-Star.

On Friday, Rodriguez asked for a \$40 million, four-year contract. He made \$10 million last season.

"I tried my best to remain a Marlin by not requesting a salary increase," Rodriguez said in a statement issued by his agent, Scott Boras. "To my knowledge, I'm the only major leaguer in recent times who won the World Series and received a postseason MVP award, and yet his club did not offer a higher salary."

Marlins general manager Larry Beinfest said the team offered a package with an annual salary "in the range" of \$7 million annually, but that Boras and Rodriguez were "immovable" off the \$10 million request.

"We'll all go to sleep tonight knowing we tried very hard to bring Pudge back," Beinfest said. Players who received arbitration offers have until Dec. 19 to accept and can re-sign with their old teams through Jan. 8.

Among those not offered arbitration were Chicago Cubs outfielder Kenny Lofton and Anaheim first baseman Scott Spivak.

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On the trade front, Texas general manager John Hart would like to know by the end of the winter meetings on Dec. 16 whether Alex Rodriguez, the American League MVP, will remain with the Rangers for next season.

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Marlins catcher Ivan Rodriguez tosses the ball in the game against the Anaheim Angels in this June 6 photo, in Miami.

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Celtics end skid in Utah; Magic snap losing streak

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Mike James had 18 points and Tim Lincecum had 13 points and the Boston Celtics won in Utah for the first time in nearly four years, beating the Jazz 102-80 Monday night.

Eric Williams added 19 points and Paul Pierce had 14 for the Celtics, who were 1-3 in their last 14 visits to Utah and hadn't won in Salt Lake since Feb. 15, 2000.

The Celtics forced 19 turnovers and led by 33 in the fourth quarter while winning their second straight. Boston snapped a four-game losing streak the night before in Denver.

Matt Harpring led Utah with 17 points and seven rebounds and Andrei Kirilenko had 11 points and six boards. The Jazz pulled their starters early in the fourth quarter.

Utah lost for just the second time at home this season.

Both teams played on the road the night before, but only the Jazz seemed to show any fatigue despite benching their starters for the fourth quarter Sunday in a 94-92 loss to the Los Angeles Lakers.

the Celtics responded with a 6-0 run. Later in the quarter, James hit a long jumper as the shot clock was about to expire, Pierce took a steal all the way in for a dunk and Williams beat the shot clock again with a 3-pointer during a 7-2 run that put the Celtics up 68-46 midway through the third quarter.

Boston also gave its starters a rest and the end still coasted to the victory.

DeShawn Stevenson scored 10 for Utah and Raja Bell scored 16, getting 11 in the second half after the game was in hand for Boston.

Magic 105, Suns 98

ORLANDO, Fla. - The Orlando Magic narrowly dodged becoming only the sixth team in NBA history to lose 20 straight games, beating the Phoenix Suns.

The Magic had to climb out of a 22-point hole in the first quarter to win for the first since Oct. 29, an overtime victory in the opener at New York. It was the third-biggest comeback in team history, and the largest deficit the Magic have overcome at home.

Drew Gooden scored 15 of his 21 points in the first half, and

Tracy McGrady had 16 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists. Gordon Gierick and Juwan Howard each had 19 points for the Magic.

Shawn Marion scored a season-high 29 points for Phoenix, and also tied his season best with 17 rebounds.

Spurs 96, Bulls 82

CHICAGO - Manu Ginobili scored 14 of his 26 points in the last five minutes for San Antonio. Tim Duncan had 17 points and 14 rebounds, and Rasho Nesterovic added 17 points and seven rebounds. Eddy Curry scored all 16 of his points in the fourth quarter for Chicago.

Hornets 91, Bucks 85

NEW ORLEANS - Jamaal Magloire had 20 points and 11 rebounds, including three late baskets, for New Orleans. Baron Davis added 18 points and 10 assists. He made a floater off the glass with 30 seconds left and added three free throws on the Hornets' next two possessions.

Desmond Mason led the Bucks with 17 points.

Bowls

Continued from C1. Rose Bowl one week, then take another trip for the championship game the next.

A more radical change would be taking 16 top teams and throwing them into a big tournament, a basketball's March Madness.

Proponents of that idea say it makes more sense to decide a football title the same way as almost every other championship in major sports.

No doubt, it would reward excellent in the regular season as much, but nobody disputes the legitimacy of an NCAA basketball champion that gets hot in March and wins it all.

Holt

Continued from C1. His wife, Julie, was the head coach for the Idaho women's basketball team from 1994 to 1998 and currently coaches at Los Angeles Harbor College. They have two sons.

Holt said he has a full understanding of the Vandals' state rivalry with Boise State and doesn't plan to let it diminish.

"I can't stand those guys," Holt joked about the Broncos. "I know they don't like us, but that's perfectly fine. I respect what they're doing immensely."

"I don't know how long it's going to take to win a conference championship, but we're going to do it," Holt said. "We will not be outworked."

Bowls

Continued from C1. Much of how this season will be remembered rides on Michigan, the only team in the Rose-Sugar pairings with more than one loss.

If Michigan can upset Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl, the winner of the Sugar Bowl will be crowned the champion in both The Associated Press and the coaches' poll because only one team will be left with one loss.

But if Southern Cal wins, there's a good chance of a split. Coaches don't even vote for the top team in their poll because of an agreement that automatically awards their trophy to the winner of the BCS title game.

Voters in the AP poll do select a No. 1 team, however, and no team that went into a bowl ranked No. 1 and won ever fell out of that top spot.

Bowls

Continued from C1. "There is no infallible system," Teaff said.

Utah's starters got plenty of rest at the end again Monday as the Celtics took a 17-point lead into halftime and didn't let up at all in the second half.

Utah slightly out to Boston's 51-34 halftime lead with the first four points of the third quarter, but

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Woods wins fifth straight Player of the Year

By Doug Ferguson Associated Press writer
...THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. - A wild season in golf came to a familiar conclusion Monday when Tiger Woods was voted PGA Tour player of the year for the fifth straight time...

of satisfaction because it just shows that guys on the tour respect that I was consistent, that I've won numerous times," Woods said. "I think that's what the award reflects."
The PGA Tour does not release vote totals. Ben Curtis was voted rookie of the year for winning the British Open in his first appearance at a major. Peter Jacobson was voted comeback player of the year for winning the Greater Hartford Open at age 49, his first victory in eight years.

Woods led the PGA Tour in victories for the fifth straight year, and his 68.41 adjusted scoring average was the second-lowest in history behind his 68.13 mark in 2000.
While Woods has said majors are the most important, more than that went into this vote. "Number of wins and quality for the entire year," Woods said. "I had the second-lowest scoring average in tour history next to mine in 2000, so that shows I played at a consistently level for the entire year."

Woods was particularly strong at the end of the year with two victories and eight straight finishes in the top 10 as he surged past Woods to win the money title.
"He was more consistent than he's ever been," Woods said. "Toward the end of the year, he just got on a roll and was very consistent with his game. He had a lot of confidence. It just seemed like every single week he was in the top 10. That's what it's all about."
Singh finished ahead of Woods in three of the majors, although neither was any of the four Grand Slam events.
Masters champion Mike Weir, U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk and Davis Love III, whose four victories included The Players Championship, also were on the ballot.

Twin Falls High runners need help for competition
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.
Barker placed third in his age division (17-18) with a time of 17:15. Jones placed third in his age group (15-16) with an 18:09 clocking.
Both runners are members of Boise YMCA and mail them to Cougar's quarterbacks coach. Bosco, who passed for 8,400 yards and 66 touchdowns from 1983-85, has been moved to a fund-raising job, the school said Monday.

BYU football assistant receives new role
PROVO, Utah - Robbie Bosco, who led BYU to its only national title in 1984, is out as the Cougar's quarterbacks coach. Bosco, who passed for 8,400 yards and 66 touchdowns from 1983-85, has been moved to a fund-raising job, the school said Monday.
BYU was 4-8 this season, marking the first time the Cougars had consecutive losing seasons since 1970-71. Bosco, who also was the offensive coordinator, said he initiated the move.
In a season when Bosco assumed more play-calling responsibility, the Cougars averaged just 16.3 points per game - 169th of 117 F-A schools.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

Table with columns for NBA, WNBA, and Western Conference. Rows include teams like Phoenix, Sacramento, and Denver with their respective scores and records.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Table listing TV schedules for Basketball, Rodeo, and Soccer. Includes times and channels for various events.

Area ski report

Report on ski conditions in the area, mentioning snow depth, temperatures, and local ski resorts like Snake River and Sun Valley.

Boise State lands nine on All-conference team

DENVER - The 2003 Western Athletic Conference coach and players of the year awards and the All-WAC first and second teams, which were selected by the league's 10 coaches and released Monday.

Green, Koozle tie NFR arena team roping record

LAS VEGAS - Daniel Green of Oakland, Calif., and Kory Koozle of Sudan, Texas, tied the Boise Fines team roping record of Thomas & Mack Center with a 3.8-second run in the third round of team roping Sunday night.

BSU players named to First Team

BSU players named to the First Team are as follows: Dinwiddie; Tim Gilligan, senior, defensive line; Andy Avanos, junior, defensive line; and Wes Nurse, senior, defensive back.

College basketball rankings

Table showing college basketball rankings for various teams like Duke, North Carolina, and Kentucky.

NFL sum

Table showing NFL standings for the AFC and NFC divisions.

Red Wings 3, Kings 0

Table showing NHL game results, including Red Wings vs Kings and other matchups.

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Supreme Court turns down appeal from horse trainer

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court refused Monday to hear an appeal from trainer Bob Baffert that stemmed from a filly's positive drug test three years ago.

UConn ties Tennessee for most appearances at No. 1

NEW YORK - Connecticut tied Tennessee for No. 1 at being No. 1.

FOOTBALL

Table showing NFL game results for various teams like Tampa Bay, New York, and San Francisco.

HOCKEY

Table showing NHL game results for various teams like Philadelphia, New York, and Pittsburgh.

Transactions

Table listing player transactions, including trades and signings for various teams.

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Japanese star accepts offer from Mets

NARITA, Japan - Japanese star Kazuo Matsui decided to accept a three-year offer from the New York Mets on Monday.

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family? Well appointed
townhouse. 208-733-2059

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BUHL:
NICE 2 bedroom home
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500/month plus deposit.
1 BDRM home on large
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N.W. \$500. 733-9558.
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1 bath. Fireplace, garage.
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bath, w/gro. gas heat,
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garage-100 move-in
ready. \$675. Call 349-
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bdr. 2 bath with garage.
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Morningside #2-3
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1 bath \$400 + deposit.
1232 Elm \$550/mo. 2-
bdr. 1 bath \$450 + dep.
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Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"A nod is as good as a wink to a blind bat."

— Eric Idle

Consider the play in four spades doubled, after you have been tipped off from the auction and the final double to the strong possibility of a bad trump break.

NORTH 12-9-A
S-G 4
A K J 3
A Q
K 9 7 4

WEST 9
Q 8 4
K 10 9 6 5 3
Q J 5

EAST A 7 5 3
A Q
J 9
J 8 7
A 10 8 6 3

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: East

The bidding: South West North East

Pass 3 Pass Dbl. Pass 4 3 Pass Dbl. All pass 4 4

Opening lead: Diamond 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: S 8 6 4 A K J 3 A Q K 9 7

West North East 1 NT Pass 2 Pass

ANSWER: Bid two spades, completing the transfer. Just because you have a maximum does not mean you have to do more than you were asked to do.

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PIT BULL short, stocky, beautiful pups, \$120 each.

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PUMP 30 HP 3450 rpm motor with Pacer pump and panel.

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Blood recipient thanks donors

By Sandra Wisecaver
Special to the Times News

BUHL - A Buhl man is thankful there was blood for him when he needed it.

John Conover's health was rapidly "going downhill," he said. In fact, he didn't think he would live past his 80th birthday.

Last December, physicians found two ulcers in his stomach, one on an artery. The doctors immediately cauterized the ulcers, and Conover was given six pints of blood.

"Boy, you can't believe how much better you feel," he said. "I started improving after the transfusions."

His last blood test results were excellent.

For many years, Conover was a blood donor until health problems sidelined him: With American servicemen and women at risk in Iraq, he said this is an especially important time to donate.

"I'm World War II vintage," he said. "I came to Idaho in a B-24 during the war—I thought it was beautiful."

Conover flew into Gowen Field in Boise before being shipped off to the Pacific. In Idaho he met Betty King who stood him up on a blind date. Conover worked his way back to Idaho and made good on the date.

"That's how I got to Idaho and I didn't want to leave. I thank God every day I live here," he said.

John and Betty have been married for 58 years. They purchased the farm adjacent to her parents' land northwest of Buhl in 1954 and moved to Buhl in 1961. For many years, they owned and operated Conovers' Candles.

His daughter, Liz, is a regular blood donor and the recipient of a pin for giving 80 pints of blood.

"That's why I've given all these years so the blood will be there when someone needs it," she said.

"The blood I received was so important," Conover said. "When you need blood, there is no substitute. It makes you think about



John Conover of Buhl is grateful to those who donated the blood that helped save his life. His daughter, Liz, is a regular blood donor who also expressed her appreciation to those who shared the 'gift of life' with her father.

College of Southern Idaho - 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Call at 732-6221.
Jerome - 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Call Karen Lopez at 324-5602.

Want to donate?

Buhl - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Call Sandra Wisecaver at 543-2737.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 17, Call Chris Hinton at 737-2102.

Hagerman - Times to be announced Dec. 18. Call Walt Rast at 837-9162.
Clear Springs - 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Call Deanna Munsaker at 543-4316.

Sandra Wisecaver is a volunteer American Red Cross blood drive coordinator.

that somebody who took the time and cared enough so someone like me could pull through. Without

the blood, I'm sure I wouldn't have made it. I'm deeply grateful to those who donate."

STORK REPORT

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Sedano Brian Hernandez, son of Gabino and Araceli Sedano of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2003.

Kayhla Lynn Marie Hollon, daughter of Dusry and Jessica Hollon of Jerome, was born Friday, Nov. 21, 2003.

Sonoma Jo Webber, daughter of Michelle Ann Hansen of Buhl, was born Friday, Nov. 21, 2003.

Ivan Estrada, son of Rube and Leticia Estrada of Jerome, was born Sunday, Nov. 23, 2003.

Malia Grace Elizabeth Pyron, daughter of Joel and Kimberly Pyron of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003.

Mislie Lynn Robinette, daughter of Carrie Robinette of Castletford, was born Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003.

Jared Jeffrey Hanchey, son of Robert and Candi Hanchey of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Dominique Alexander Ramirez, son of Leticia Maria Nevarez of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2003.

Andrea Rose Fruin, daughter of Julie Diane and Everett Wayne Fruin, Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2003.

Courtney Lynn Dixon, daughter of Lynette Suzanne and Brett Theodore Dixon of Jerome, was born Friday, Nov. 28, 2003.

Ayrianna Elizabeth Dodson, daughter of Lacey Elizabeth Dodson of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 28, 2003.

Nancy Lam, born to Olga and Alfredo Lara of Wendell, was born Saturday, Nov. 29, 2003.

Jillian McCall Akridge, daughter of Chrystal Aileen and Ricky Raymond Akridge Sr. of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003.

Halle Mikennah Ramos, daughter of Catherine Anne and Jaime Octavio Ramos of Buhl, was born Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003.

Maria Guadalupe Plascencia, daughter of Erika and Amed Omar Plascencia of Hollister, was born Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003.

Gavin Bradley Capps, son of Amanda Jean and Bradley Dennis Capps of Jerome, was born Monday, Dec. 1, 2003.

Damian Garcia, son of Brandy Jo Garcia of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Dec. 1, 2003.

Isabella Rose Hardy, daughter of Lorin and Ryan Hardy of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Dec. 1, 2003.

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

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club names winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate-Bridge-Club announced its weekly winners.

Nov. 20: first, "Eid" Cook and Don Rahey, second, Riley Burton and Max Thompson, and tied for third and fourth, Renee Bulcher and Bobette Plankey with Lonnie and Beverly Burns.

Nov. 22: first, Wilma Driscoll and Evelyn Meyer; second, Marilyn Botkin and Jessie Lingnaw; third, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; and tied for fourth and fifth, Doris Finney and Al Poynter with Harold Bulcher and Leona Watson.

Nov. 24: first, Tom and Dar Wagner; second, Vi Croshaw and Beverly Reed; third, Ilse Hylton and Doris Watts; and flight B, Deanna McMahon and Sharon Sacco.

Nov. 25: first, Doris Finney and Joyce Johnston; second, Ruby Grimes and Sam Smuty; third, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfefferle; and fourth, Polly Muller and Mary Ann Siegel.

Nov. 26: tied for first and second, Renee Bulcher and Max Thompson with Nathan and Kay Higer; and third, Lonnie Burns and Jessie Lingnaw.

Nov. 29: first, Riley Burton and Max Thompson; second, Nathan and Kay Higer; and tied for third and fourth, Marilyn Botkin and Wilma Driscoll with Dick and Mary Cook.

Dec. 1: first, Steve Hale and Sam Smuty; second, Harold Bulcher and Doug Strand; and third, Nancy Strand and Dar Wagner.

Dec. 2: first, Faye Kachoff and Madeline Sawaya; second, Betty Grant and Sam Smuty; third, Don and Lorna Bard; fourth, Bonnie Aspartate and Mary Ann Siegel; and flight B, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfefferle.

Dec. 3: Christmas party and club championship. The draw for north/south: first, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey (first overall); second, Linda Fix and Edna Pierson (flight A, third overall); flight B, first overall; third, Renee Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll (fifth overall); and flight B, second overall; fourth, Ruby Grimes and Doris Watts (third overall). East/west: first, Peggy Hackley and Mary Kienlen (second overall); second, Elaine Bowen and Ruth Skeem (flight A, fourth overall); flight B, second overall; and third, Joye Astorquin and Jessie Lingnaw.

students and senior citizens and \$5 per family. Students with Buhl High School activity cards and children age 5 and under get in free.

Money collected will be used for instrument repair and purchases and for jazz and select choir travel expenses.

Registration under way for CSI Human Sexuality course

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho will offer a class on human sexuality, a three-credit class that is taught only during the spring semester.

The class will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-7:50 p.m. Wednesdays.

Among the many topics covered are the cultural and biological issues affecting gender roles and identity; life stages and human sexuality from infancy through adulthood, including geriatrics, high risk behaviors, and the commercialization of sexuality.

No prerequisites are required.

For more information, call Kim Krval at 732-6803 or e-mail kkrval@csi.edu.

Magic Valley Astronomical Society meets Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Astronomical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Herrert Center on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The election of officers and a raffle will be held. Many gifts from local sponsors will be collected.

For more information, call Phil at 734-8719.

Jerome church holds nativity sets, angel display

JEROME - The Jerome United Methodist Church will hold its second annual Nativity Set and Angel Display to Bethlehem display of nativity sets and angels from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the church, 211 S. Buchanan.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge.

To have your nativity set displayed, bring it to the church at 9 a.m. Wednesday. The set should be in a box with the owner's name on it.

West Magic Lake Recreation Club holds Christmas party

SHOSHONE - The West Magic Lake Recreation Club will hold its Christmas party Sunday at the Burren West Resort. The party will follow the meeting which begins at 8 a.m.

Members should bring a gift worth \$15. The club asks that no one bring a food item. Men should buy a gift for a man and women should buy a gift for a woman.

Finger foods will be provided.

For more information, call 487-2288.

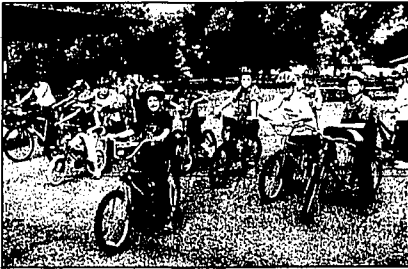
Buhl High School presents holiday concert

BUHL - The Buhl High School music department will present its holiday concert at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Buhl Middle School auditorium, 216 Seventh Ave. N.

The performance will include the symphonic band and concert, young women's, jazz and select choirs.

The cost is \$2 for adults, \$1 for

WHEELS KEEP ON TURNIN'



Acorn Learning Center students raised more than \$3,000 in pledges at a bike-athon on Oct. 1 at Candy Cane Park. The money went for lifetime sports activities, such as skiing, bowling and swimming, and \$750 will be donated to help build a new animal shelter, a charity the students selected. Jake Billington, Logan Weber, Chase Wright, Josh Clark, Morgan Weber, Katie Ortmann, Matthew Richardson, Tory Moulton and Aubree McDonnell rode more than 20 miles. Jake rode the farthest at 28 miles. Ashley Stockton, Lori Richardson; Karen Martinat, Shannon Wilson, Brenda Nickels, RJ Moulton, Nora Wells, Sheila Bright, Lloyd Wilson, Roy Dixon, Wendy Tegan, Karen Crider, Susan Berg, Tara Ortmann, Heather Shields, Mandy Gray and Kathy Clark organized the event.

OPTIMIST CLUB



The Twin Falls Optimist Club recently hosted Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb, legal assistant Stacy Ithers and office manager Angela Beeson at its lunch meeting. The club presented the prosecutor's office with toys, books and movies for the children's room. The club had heard of the need to replace old, worn-out toys to help children with the trauma of being a victim or witness of violence. Loeb thanked the club for the donations. Looking on are club member Krista Kuhnank, Beeson and Ithers. For more information about the club, call 733-2278.

NEW CHORALE LEADERS



The Magic Valley Chorale has had a change of leadership. From left to right are Jon Hunt, past president; Joe Casperson, director; and Scott Wilson, president for 2003-2004.

Photo courtesy of Magic Valley Chorale

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Digital cameras – there is a better way

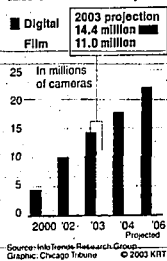
They can offer more to diligent owners

By Heather Newman
Knight Rider News Service



Digital camera sales surge

U.S. sales of digital cameras are expected to surpass film camera sales for the first time this year.



are plainly awful (the flash didn't fire, someone looked away, etc.) right on the camera. That'll make it easier to file everything else later. All cameras with screens

offer the ability to sort through the pictures you've taken and delete selected images.

Then connect the camera to your PC. Either use the software that came with your camera to transfer the pictures to your hard drive, or open up the camera in My Computer, select all the pictures, and use the Edit/Cut and Edit/Paste menus to stick them in a folder (like My Pictures, which typically hangs out in the My Documents folder) where you can find them.

Assuming you've installed the software that came with the camera, you probably have a basic picture editor and maybe even some fancy software for organizing or printing your shots. Use it immediately to fix red eye and other correctable problems.

Again, discard the images that didn't make the cut right away – the ones in which you couldn't see the fatal flaw on the small screen. Once you've copied the photos to your hard drive and edited them, consider renaming them to describe what they show.

Then open up your e-mail program and send off the ones that relatives and friends should see. Generally, that's as easy as starting a new message, clicking on the Attachments button, and telling the program where to find the photos you want to send.

Keep in mind that some people

have incoming e-mail size limits. Ask the person who's getting the pictures what they prefer first, or use that basic photo editor to crop the photo or save it in a smaller size.

If you have a digital camera, there is absolutely no excuse for having at least a few frames in your home that make it easy to add and remove pictures.

You can use the Windows photo printing wizard to print your favorite shots quickly in the size you want. Just fire up My Documents, open the folder where your pictures are, click on the picture you want and click on "Print this picture" in the left margin.

That way, you can have a new photo of your family beautifully framed hours after you take it – and isn't that what digital cameras are all about?

If you don't like your printer's output, consider investing in a better-quality printer (HP's PhotoSmart line is particularly good) or taking a floppy, CD or even the camera's memory card to photo kiosks like the ones in CVS, Kinko's and Meijer's stores to make instant prints.

Finally, consider using a program such as Photoshop Album – version 2.0 just hit the streets for \$35 after rebate, and it's grand – to organize all your prints. The software makes it a snap to find images by date, by subject and by keyword.

Microsoft releases Weblog service

Microsoft has launched a Weblog site catering to young techies.

TheSpoke.net is a free service open to anyone who registers for a .Net technology password from Microsoft.

A notice on a computer gamers' Web site described the blog as "an online community for young leaders that are tech savvy and opinionated. TheSpoke provides tools to collaborate, discuss and debate the future of technology."

A reviewer at BlogHerald.com called it limited to posting simple messages with no ability to customize its appearance or content elements. As for a niche-market strategy, well, that may be short-lived.

The targeting of sub-sectors one-by-one may be a draw-out process however, and we believe that it will only be a matter of time "that Microsoft" launches a mass market blogging product in an attempt to dominate the blogosphere," BlogHerald said.

Steve Outing, a columnist for Editor and Publisher Online, com-

mented that, "At this early (pre-view) stage, it's not much of a threat to Typepad.com (http://www.typepad.com/), Google's Blogger (http://www.blogger.com/), et al. But let's wait and see."

The University of North Carolina's School of Journalism and Mass Communications is offering a two-day seminar (http://jomc.uncc.edu/executiveeducation/weblog/) on Weblogs. Sessions will focus on finding a hosting service, comparing software programs, writing online and design.

The polls opened Friday morning for the best Weblogs of the year, organized by Kevin Aylward's Weblog blog. "The number of nominations is staggering," he said. Categories include best Overall Blog, Best New Blog and Best Group Blog. You can review the nominees at http://vizbang.com/archives/cat-2003-weblog-award-nominees.php. The ballot box is open through Dec. 14.

Reset Hotmail to end devilish loss of copying

By James Coitane
The Baltimore Sun

Computers Q&A

Q. Oh Great One, I am being bedeviled by a problem that seems to have been going on for the past two years. I have used a Hotmail account for my e-mail. I have it synchronized with Outlook Express. When I receive e-mail work keeping I always copy it over to my local files in Outlook. For some bizarre reason I can no longer do so.

A. Receive an error message that says, "The server reported an error." Then in the details it says "Connection Failed." I still receive my Hotmail messages in Outlook, but I can no longer copy to my local folders.

A. If I were anybody's "Great One," I'd at least know how to find out which of its zillions of e-mail servers Microsoft uses for your particular account, Mr. H.

So call me "Little One" instead, and let me pass along some news and fix.

A little birdie told me not long ago that sometime late this year or early next year the free Hotmail account's Outlook interface will be going the way of antitrust enforcement worries at Microsoft Corp. It could happen when the company debuts the new version of the Microsoft Network service that will offer very cheap Web-based e-mail that can be accessed by Outlook and Outlook Express software instead of Hotmail's horribly clunky Web display.

So maybe they're realigning the servers, thus dropping your display in Outlook Express.

Let me suggest a workaround. Open Outlook Express and delete your current settings, then reload them.

To do this, click on Tools and Accounts in Outlook Express, and pick Mail. There you will find commands to back up your settings just in case and to delete the settings for Hotmail's "HTTP" e-mail service. Close Outlook and reboot the computer.

Now go back to the Tools/Accounts command tree and repeat the process of setting up the software to handle your current account. This will result in a new profile being created with another server and certainly should rectify your problem.

As background for other readers, Microsoft's Hotmail.com service is (soon to be was?) one of the best deals in computerdom – no-cost e-mail that comes ready for businesslike Outlook and Outlook Express software.

Microsoft has been pushing a reasonably priced, but not free, expanded Hotmail deal for a couple of years. It is said the new MSN service will be priced low as well, so the free Hotmail service amounts to the company's com-

ing against itself, something even Bill Gates couldn't afford if carried too far. That's the best advice this Little One can offer, thanks to some advice from that little birdie.

Q. How can I change my desktop color in Windows XP Pro to be transparent? I hate having to try to match it to my latest wallpaper.

A. Until Windows XP rolled around, most folks needed special software – usually shareware utilities – to fix that annoying display in which the background of the text on desktop icons was a different color than the surrounding desktop, making them look kind of like bugs splattered on a windshield.

The fix lies in the Control Panel for the system, which can be reached by clicking on Start and then Control Panel and System.

Or you can right-click on that bug splatter of a My Computer icon on the desktop and pick Properties and then System. Now click Advanced and then pick Performance. Look for the choice "Use drop shadows for icon labels on the desktop" option, select it with the check box and click OK.

This makes the background of the icons the same color as the desktop, and thus makes it transparent.

Multi-task printers save space on PC desktop

By Kevin Washington
The Baltimore Sun

More people have been asking me how best to save space on their desktops recently with the explosion of inexpensive peripherals: My best recommendation has been to get one of the good multi-task printers – often called three-in-ones and four-in-ones – that have hit the market in the past year. One of the best I've tested so far is the Lexmark X6170 (\$250).

You don't need a PC to run the X6170. For the first two weeks, I used it separately from a PC to test its capabilities. The printer has a 48-bit color scanner with 1,200 by 4,800 dot-per-inch resolution. This is solid enough for most amateur photography (such as digitizing photos from albums) and more than adequate for light office work such as copying.

Easy-to-read buttons on the face of the machine keep you from getting off track when you need to scan or copy.

The normal printer mode (600 by 600 dpi), while not nearly as fast as some other printers, was adequate for simple black-and-white copying. It took about a minute to print out five pages of a text document. Color images required the highest printing mode – 1,200 by 4,800 dpi – to achieve acceptable results.

If you plan to print photographs, stay away from cheap paper. If you print photos often,

find a dedicated photo printer. The software that comes with the X6170 for use with a PC is up to the task of helping to run your home office. The software control panel is easy to use. You can print from any Windows program to the fax function.

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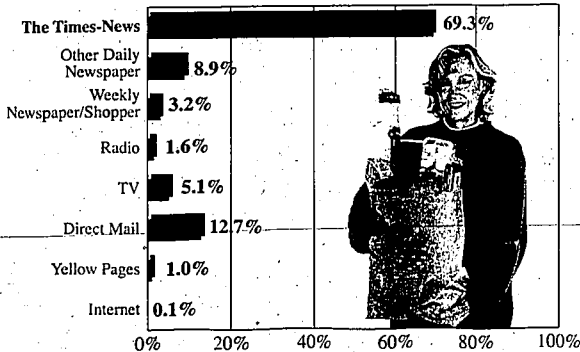
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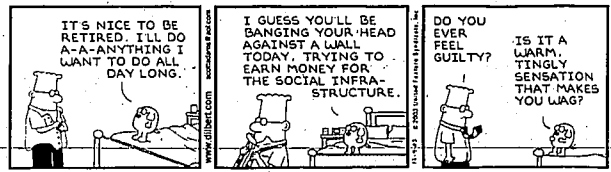
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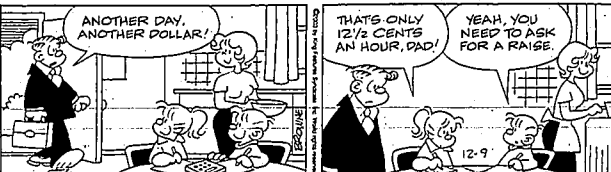
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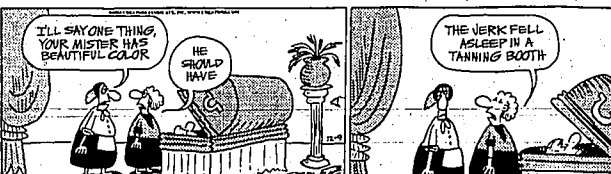
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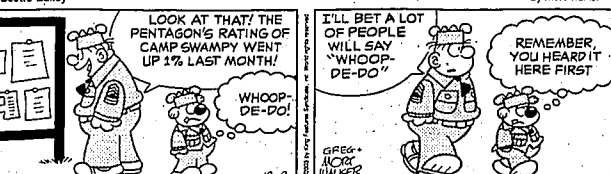
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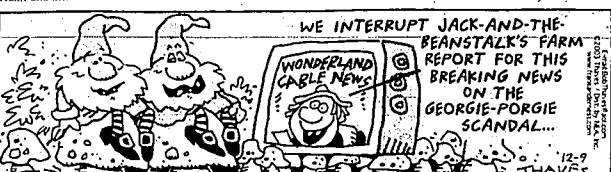
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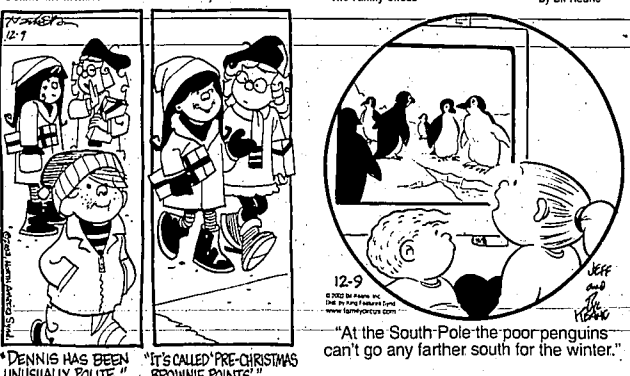
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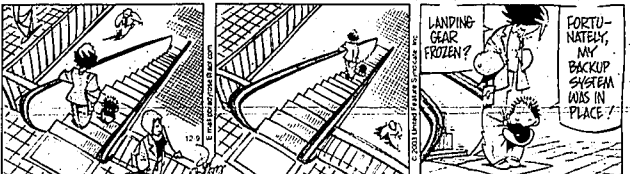
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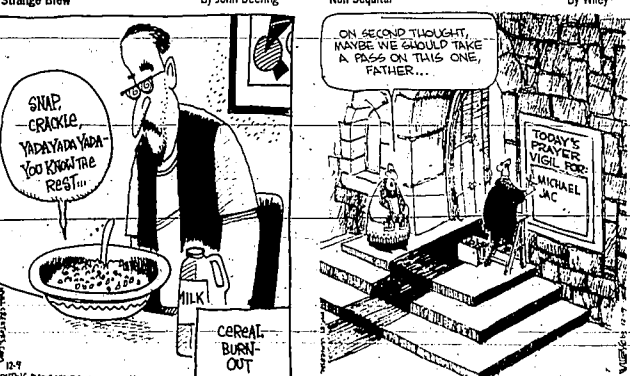
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Tribe's casino shows returns



Larry Karvoski of Drywall Specialties out of Spokane, Wash., works on the expansion of The Coeur d'Alene Casino in Worley on Nov. 13. At a remote crossroads east of Spokane, the Coeur d'Alene Indians have taken control of their economic destiny. The tribe's decade-old casino is thriving. With a new 18-hole golf course, and an expanded hotel and casino under construction, the complex near the intersection of U.S. 95 and Idaho Highway 58 is closer to becoming the destination resort the tribe envisions.

Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Heads in beds

Hotels, motels, campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks and other lodging facilities in Magic Valley's eight counties reported these lodging sales during October:

County	Oct. '03 reports	Change from Oct. '02
Blaine	\$3,405,253	up 36 %
Camas	\$7,261	down 70 %
Cassia	\$320,441	flat
Gooding	\$115,786	up 14 %
Jerome	\$242,386	down 25 %
Lincoln	\$2,357	down 38 %
Minidoka	\$103,462	down 8 %
Twin Falls	\$1,032,512	down 15 %
Magic Valley	\$5,229,438	up 14 %

The State Tax Commission tracks lodging sales monthly. But because of the normal reporting lag, the October sales totals — for the most part — reflect activity that happened in September.

Lodging totals include nonprofit sales, such as those from nonprofit resorts, hotels or state government employees, in addition to taxable sales.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Sun Valley gets '10' from ski magazine

SUN VALLEY — Ski Racing, The Journal of Ski and Snowboard Competition, gave Sun Valley Resort high praise in the "last word" column written by Bill McCollum of Barnard, Vt.

The full-page account reviewed a number of national ski areas, saying: "there's only one worthy of the highest grade."

McCollum wrote: "With a generous endowment of natural beauty and shapely undulations, copious quantities of snow, sun, vertical descent, unobstructed trails, the finest corduroy and a killer breakfast at the Western Cafe, Sun Valley, Idaho is my perfect '10.'"

OfficeMax shareholders want Boise stock

BOISE — Nearly all shareholders in OfficeMax Inc. are expected to take Boise Cascade Corp. stock over cash when the companies merge this week, Boise Cascade announced Monday.

Preliminary results of the merger consideration election showed holders of 94 percent of the 130 million shares of OfficeMax stock want stock, assuming that shareholders of both companies approve the deal in special meetings today.

The company said the rest either expressed no preference or wanted cash. Those selecting stock compensation will get 64 percent of the value in stock and the rest in cash.

Based on terms of the deal, OfficeMax shareholders will receive 0.03492 shares of Boise Cascade stock for each share of OfficeMax stock the company asks.

The Idaho-based paper and office products company announced in mid-July that it planned to acquire OfficeMax for about \$1.2 billion. Acquiring the Cleveland-based office-products retailer will more than double the size of Boise Cascade's office production distribution business and increase the competition for industry leaders Staples and Office Depot.

Both companies have Magic Valley operations.

McDonald's U.S. sales grow; Europe improves

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. posted strong sales results for November on Monday, reporting a third straight month of double-digit comparable sales growth as its U.S. restaurants and a slight gain in Europe.

Same-store sales from McDonald's restaurants open more than a year — a key barometer of the fast-food chain's performance — rose 6.4 percent from a year ago.

Total systemwide sales from the more than 30,000 McDonald's-brand restaurants worldwide jumped 14.9 percent from November 2002. Nearly half the increase was attributed to the weak dollar, providing favorable currency translations for the Oak Brook, Ill.-based company.

The McDonald's restaurants in Magic Valley are franchise-owned.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Coeur d'Alene venture thrives, giving economic boost to tribal members

The Associated Press

WORLEY — At a remote crossroads east of Spokane, Wash., the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians has taken control of its economic destiny.

The tribe's decade-old casino is thriving and growing. It has virtually eliminated unemployment on the reservation and provides an annual payment to each of the 1,900 tribal members.

With a new 18-hole golf course, and an expanded hotel and casino under construction, the complex near the intersection of U.S. 95 and Idaho Highway 58 has become the destination resort the tribe envisioned when it first opened a small bingo hall in 1993.

"It helps when you live in one of the most beautiful places in the world," said David Matheson, chief executive of the tribe's gaming operations.

Indeed, while many Indian tribes were shunted to remote, undesirable reservations after signing treaties, the Coeur

Tribes with casinos contend they have created 300,000 jobs around the country and have finally started to create viable economies in Indian country.

d'Alenes got 345,000 acres in the forested mountains and lush valleys of northern Idaho. They also own the lower one-third of scenic Lake Coeur d'Alene and are close to the cities of Coeur d'Alene and Spokane, Wash.

About two-thirds of the casino's customers are from just across the border in Washington state. Tour buses also come down from Canada each week.

The tribe does not release

financial information about the casino complex, which has about 800 employees.

However, the tribe is required to give 5 percent of its casino profits to local schools each year. Based on past awards, the casino generates about \$15 million to \$20 million in annual profits. The Spokesman-Review newspaper recently calculated.

The bulk of the tribe's gambling profits go to government, education and social programs, Matheson said. Some of the money is used to buy land to expand the reservation.

Each tribal member gets \$2,400 a year from casino profits, with half coming in time for Christmas shopping and half in time for back-to-school purchases, Matheson said.

Unemployment, once over 70 percent among tribal members, is essentially zero, tribal officials said.

The federal government has approved 250 casino gambling compact for tribes in 25 states,

and there are another 30 to 50 tribes currently negotiating compacts, according to the National Indian Gaming Association.

But casinos remain a constant source of tension between Indian tribes and opponents who either seek a piece of the action or worry about the social cost of gambling addition. Many state governments also spar with tribes over the size and taxation of gambling operations.

Whether tribal casinos create more social problems than they solve remains in dispute. A national study by Harvard University on the economic impacts of tribal casinos is only now getting started.

But tribes with casinos contend they have created 300,000 jobs around the country and have finally started to create viable economies in Indian country.

A 2002 study by two University of Idaho researchers found Idaho's five Indian casinos provided 2,196 jobs and \$138 million in sales.

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Avon raises earnings outlook for quarter

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Avon Products Inc. Monday raised its earnings forecasts for this year, citing strong beauty products sales.

The New York-based company with independent representatives in Magic Valley said it now expects fourth-quarter earnings of \$1.03 to \$1.04 a share, including a gain of about 5 cents a share from a tax settlement it expects to finalize later this month.

The company had previously expected earnings of about 96 cents a share, compared with 80 cents last year.

Analysts expected earnings of \$1 a share, according to Thomson First Call.

Avon said it now expects full-year earnings of about \$2.72 a share, above its October forecast of \$2.65 to \$2.70, as well as ana-

lysts' expectations of \$2.68. In 2002, the company earned \$2.22 a share, including a charge of \$25.2 million, or 10 cents a share.

The company reaffirmed that earnings are projected to increase 10 percent to 12 percent next year, which would suggest 2004 earnings of \$2.99 to \$3.04 a share, compared with Wall Street's estimate of \$3.02 a share.

Avon said fourth-quarter dollar-denominated sales are expected to grow 13 percent, which would be the largest sales increase since 1994. Excluding the impact of foreign exchange, sales are projected to rise in the high single-digits percentages.

The company attributed the sales growth to an anticipated 16 percent rise in beauty products sales as well as an increase the number of active representatives of about 9 percent.

Mine expansion spares jobs

The Associated Press

MULLAN — Two years ago, the Lucky Friday mine appeared to be heading for closure, but owner Hecla Mining Co. says higher silver prices and higher productivity mean expansion will occur instead.

Shift boss Jim Angle said the town was essentially awaiting news on Hecla's next step. It came Friday.

"I've seen people from the mine every day, just checking in," he said. "A lot of the guys have 20, 25 and even 30 years at the mine, and they want to retire there."

Silver traded at \$5.40 per ounce last week, up more than a \$1 over prices two years ago, company spokesman Vicki Volkamp said. Worker productivity also is up.

Shoshone County's 10 percent unemployment rate is one of the highest in the state. The mine hopes to hire 45 additional employees by 2005, besides the

current 94 workers.

"It's definitely without a doubt, the best news we've had in several years," Mullan School Superintendent Robin Stanley said.

The Lucky Friday is the school district's largest taxpayer, and the schools were hard hit in 2001 when the mine cut back production and laid off workers.

Construction at the mine will begin in January. Hecla officials estimate the new area contains 28 million ounces of silver. Mining should begin in that portion by late 2005.

Chief Executive Officer Phil Baker Jr. expects to double annual production through 2011, eventually mining 4 million ounces of silver per year, at costs of \$4.50 per ounce.

Mining is one of the highest-paid jobs in northern Idaho, with an average annual wage of \$46,000.

The Sunshine Mine near Kellogg closed in 2001, and the Galena Mine recently had layoffs.

COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

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

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Raymond Lee Bradshaw, also known as Ray Bradshaw, 323 S. 1300 W., Murtaugh, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42590.

Mary Elizabeth Crabtree, also known as Mary Sanders Crabtree, 1005 N. Buchanan St., No. 8, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42598.

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

Bart I. Beams and Robin Beams, 1941 Conant Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-42587.

Ervin D. Garner, 205 N. 200 W., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-42588.

Pamela Renee Kimpton, 205 E. Lincoln, Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-42595.

Leslie Wayne Lish, also known as Joe Lish, and Christine Emma Lish, 2091 E. Little Basin Road, King Hill, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-4400.

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

Aaron James Sorenson and Ginger Lynn Sorenson, also known as Ginger L. Hansen and Ginger L. Silva, 346 S. 550 E., Dietrich, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-42580.

Jamie William Jarrett, 118 Chocolate Gulch, Sun Valley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-42583.

Jose Juan Martinez and Gypsy Lynette Martinez, 606 S. F St., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-42596.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Laford Earl Weeks Jr., also known as Earl Weeks, 251 E. Baseline, Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-42597.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Ernest John Leslie Griggs and Lynette Rae Griggs, also known as Lynette R. Peterson, 4325 N. 1100 E., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-42594.

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

Gundaloo Lars and Michelle Lara, P.O. Box 6026, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-42600.

Daughter's credit history can't be cleared with money

Question: One of my children was extremely delinquent in paying several credit cards. These cards are now paid off.

A representative of one of the credit bureaus told me that these delinquencies would continue to show on her credit report for the next seven to 10 years, but that for \$198 plus \$12 shipping and handling, the credit report could be cleared within 30 days. A refund of the money she pays is guaranteed within that time period.



MONEY TALK
Liz Pulliam Weston

Is this a valid offer or a scam?
Answer: Of course it's a scam. Just think about the logic behind this offer: Credit reports are used by lenders to evaluate

applicants' creditworthiness. Lenders look at a person's history of paying debts on time, current obligations and the ratio of credit being used to determine how likely he or she is to repay a new loan. If everyone could get true, negative information removed from their credit reports for \$210, what good would the resulting artificially sanitized reports be to lenders? There would be no telling who's a good risk and who's not. The credit bureaus that provide the reports would be out

of business in a matter of days. That should have tipped you off that you weren't talking to a legitimate representative of a credit bureau. One would hope that a real credit bureau employee also would know that negative credit information is dropped after seven years. The exception is bankruptcy, which can be reported for 10 years. And that's appropriate. Lenders need to know that your child was irresponsible about her debts. That allows them to charge

her more for any credit she does get and to charge responsible borrowers less. People who pay their bills on time shouldn't be saddled with the costs of those who can't be bothered. In any case, your daughter can begin to rehabilitate her credit immediately. She can do that by not missing any more payments, not charging more than she can pay off in a month, not applying for credit she doesn't need and not maxing out her cards. Within

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MONEY

Analysts say Fed won't change interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Federal Reserve, finally starting to see the hoped-for rebound in the economy, still is expected to leave interest rates unchanged at its last meeting of the year, allowing consumers and businesses to enjoy the lowest rates in decades into the new year.

past two years. November marked the second birthday of the current expansion, but until recently, it had been a jobless recovery.

From November 2001 through July of this year, an additional 1 million jobs disappeared. Over the past four months, there finally has been some job growth, but the central bank will continue to hold what will be needed to make a major dent in the unemployment rate.

Last Friday, the government reported that the jobless rate dipped to 5.9 percent in November. Only 57,000 payroll jobs were created during the month, however, far below the 150,000 jobs analysts had hoped to see.

Many analysts believe the next available opportunity for the central bank to withdraw its explicit commitment to keep rates low will come at the first meeting of the new year on Jan. 27-28.

That two-day meeting will work to the Fed's updated economic forecast which Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan will deliver to Congress in early February.

By waiting until January, if there should be an adverse bond market reaction to withdrawing the "considerable period" commitment, Greenspan's commitment, Greenspan has his testimony.

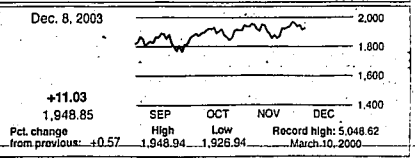
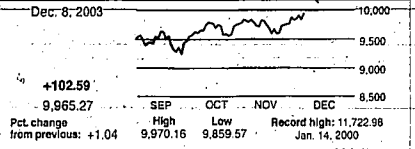
Even after the Fed has decided the wording of its statement, many analysts believe the central bank will continue to keep rates unchanged, possibly until after the presidential election in November.

Stocks push higher on investor optimism

NEW-YORK (AP) - Wall Street sprinted higher Monday as investors kept their faith in a strengthening economy despite Friday's disappointing employment report. The Dow Jones industrials climbed 102 points to fall just shy of 10,000.

Stock market rebound helps Idaho schools - B6

since May 28, 2003, when the blue chip average stood at 9,981.58. The last time the Dow traded above 10,000 was May 31, 2003.



Casino

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Providing jobs for members was the main reason for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe opened a small-banking parlor in 1993 about 20 miles south of the resort city of Coeur d'Alene, casino spokesman Bob Bostwick recalled.

"The goal here was to become a true destination resort," Bostwick said. "The golf course complex that."

But it still wasn't enough. A \$15 million expansion currently under way will add more than 100 new hotel rooms by Christmas.

boxing, concerts and other entertainment in its ballroom. Next year, the tribe hopes to begin construction on a 5,000-seat indoor arena to double the crowds it draws for such entertainment.

Matheson, 52, was born on the reservation and has an MBA from the University of Washington. He was a former chairman of the tribe before spending several years working in Washington, D.C., for the Interior Department.

He came back home to launch the casino, which he hoped would eliminate chronic poverty among his people.

investor. With no pressure to produce a big profit, Matheson said the casino has no minimum-wage jobs. The average pay is more than \$8 per hour, excluding tips, and the jobs come with medical and dental coverage, plus a retirement plan.

Workers get free meals in the cafeteria, and the casino also provides onsite day care for employees' children.

While tribal gambling has many critics, Matheson said there hasn't been much of a downside for the Coeur d'Alene.

Coeur d'Alene would avoid that trap. "Tribes that divide all their money are hurting their people," Matheson said. "They are crippling their young people."

When Bostwick was hired by the tribe as press secretary 12 years ago, the tribe had 75 to 100 total employees, and unemployment was more than 70 percent on the reservation.

Now "the tribe has a job for every tribal member who wants one," Bostwick said.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, Company, and various stock prices and changes.

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Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the American National Market, and the 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed in this report.

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

MARKETS

Table of market data for various commodities such as soybean meal, soybean oil, and various grades of wheat and corn.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metals and currency prices, including gold, silver, platinum, and various international currencies.

Kerry touts technology as key to job growth

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry proposed a broad economic recovery program that ties job creation to technology investment. Kerry praised for Silicon Valley's fledgling garage-based startup companies and the soaring possibilities of the Internet.

BEANS

Table of bean prices, including soybean meal and soybean oil.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices, including cheddar and mozzarella.

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Table of unleaded gasoline prices for various regions.

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Continued from D4 a few years, the effects of her old bad behavior should be significantly lessened. The chances of her actually doing that may depend on whether she learned her lesson.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices, including Idaho potatoes and various grades.

SUGAR

Table of sugar prices, including various grades of sugar.

NATURAL GAS

Table of natural gas prices for various regions.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Weston

at askweston@hotmail.com or mailed to her in care of Money Talk, Business Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices, including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices, including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuel prices, including oil and coal.

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Table of wheat prices, including various grades and origins.

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Table of cattle prices, including various grades and weights.

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Table of soybean prices, including various grades.

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Large table of mutual fund prices, including various fund names and their performance metrics.

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