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Flu vaccine dwindles

Number of cases this year might be about average, but early season sparked rush

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Unfortunately for 4-year-old Austin Kock, the signs posted at South Central District Health did not apply to him.

With very few flu vaccinations left, the clinic "put up" a notice Tuesday that walk-ins would no longer be accommodated. Only people with appointments would be able to get the flu shot.

"I'm not getting a shot," Austin declared, though his mom, Kelsey May, had other plans.

After May's parents notified her that the vaccine was in short supply and after hearing about the severe, occasionally deadly, toll the virus was taking on Colorado children, May made an appointment at the clinic - and just in time.

After Wednesday's roster of appointments, the clinic is having just one more day of scheduled shots.

"We've been inundated with phone calls since people hearing that the vaccine is in short supply," said Monic Smith, South Central District Health public relations officer. Reports of deaths among children have added to people's concerns, she said.

May, a nursing student at College of Southern Idaho, brought in Austin and her other son, Wesley Reneau, 7, who was undaunted by the prospect of getting a shot.

"It doesn't hurt," he said, encouraging his brother to be brave.

May didn't require her family to get shots last year, but awareness - from CSI classes and from public information - made her change her mind this year.

"I've seen all the things that can happen," she said. Besides getting flu shots, May doesn't let sick friends into her house, and she keeps her kids away from other people if Austin or Wesley show signs of illness.

Slim pickings
As of Wednesday afternoon, South Central District Health reported few remaining doses of the vaccine.

The Haley and Gooding clinics were out, Burley had 70 doses, Rupert had 20, and Jerome had just a few, Smith said.

The Burley office had a clinic Wednesday and the Rupert office

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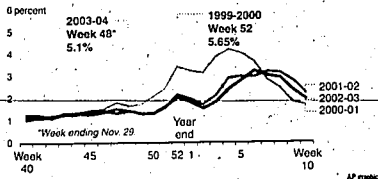
Kelsey May left, holds her 4-year-old son Austin Kock while two nurses administer a flu shot at the South Central District Health clinic in Twin Falls Wednesday. The flu shot is in scarce supply around the Magic Valley and in much of the country.

Give Jerome a try
St. Benedict's Family Medical Center has vaccine available for certain people, said Gail Mann, spokesperson for the hospital. "We prepared ourselves for a bad season," she said. Call 324-4301.

Influenza rising: flu season arrives early

The flu season is off to a fast start this year, with a spike in reported cases coming weeks earlier than in the 1999-2000 season, the most moderately severe season of the A-Fujian-H3N2 strain.

Percentage of patient visits for influenza-like illness



AP photo

Citing fairness, justices uphold soft money ban

By Charles Lane
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court endorsed the key provisions of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law Wednesday, issuing a strong affirmation of Congress' authority to regulate the flow of money in politics.

Rejecting opponents' claims that McCain-Feingold stifles free speech, a slender but emphatic five-justice majority upheld both the law's ban on so-called "soft money" - unregulated donations to the parties from wealthy individuals, corporations and unions - and its new rules limiting campaign-season political advertising.

Both parts of the statute were appropriately designed to combat a widespread and well-founded perception that large donors exercise undue influence over government, the majority ruled. The law effectively confronts what the court

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Justice O'Connor 'Danger' of large donations



Justice Scalia 'A sad day' for free speech

= ANTI-TERROR RALLY =



A supporter of the late Shiite cleric Muhammed Baqir al-Hakim, who was assassinated recently, is among the thousands of marchers Wednesday in Baghdad protesting against terrorist attacks in their country. The cleric was cooperative with the U.S. occupation force. Protesters also marched in Basra. For more on Iraq and terrorism, see pages A3 and A4.

Advisers lend support to knee replacements

Surgery eases pain, health agency hears

The Associated Press

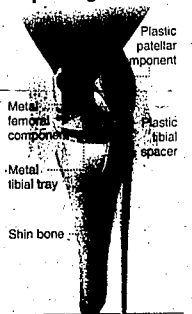
WASHINGTON - Knee replacement surgery is a safe and cost-effective treatment for persistent knee pain and disability, and increasing numbers of patients are seeking it at an earlier age, a panel of experts told the National Institutes of Health on Wednesday.

The panel found that the procedure, in which the moving parts of the knee are replaced with a man-made joint, is performed in about 300,000 patients a year in the United States. That number is expected to grow as the American population ages, the panel said in a report to NIH.

Dr. E. Anthony Rankin of Providence Hospital in Washington said the procedure is not for everyone. "It's major elective surgery that carries a variety of important risks, but it often offers dramatic relief after other therapies fail," he said.

The panel of experts said studies show the failure rate is about 1 percent per year over a 20-year period.

Replacing the knee



SOURCE: American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons

By far, the majority of patients who receive the operation are elderly Medicare beneficiaries, but the age of patients has declined in recent years, the panel said. Today, it's not uncommon for 50-year-olds to get new mechanical knees.

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Officials don't want ambulance district task

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If county commissioners decide to create an ambulance taxing district, they'll have complete oversight as its board of directors.

"They'll know how taxpayer dollars are being spent. And ambulance employees will still work for the county because they'll get their paychecks from the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center."

But commissioners have no desire to manage the ambulance service.

"We don't want to run it ourselves," said Commissioner Tom Mikessell. "We don't feel qualified."

Commissioners could put the project out to bid, but will probably contract with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, which has been providing the service, and absorbing its losses, for 19 years. Mikessell doubted that any other hospital or private ambulance service would want to take on such a business venture.

"I don't think anyone is standing in line waiting to take on a business that's losing money," Mikessell said.

Its ambulance service is losing

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Study: Upper Snake might not help fish

The Associated Press

BOISE - A scientific study concludes that drafting a huge amount of water out of Upper Snake River reservoirs to boost salmon and steelhead migrations downstream would do little to help the fish runs.

The study's conclusions backed the latest charge in an ongoing feud between irrigators and conservation groups this fall. Irrigators say an environmentalists' lawsuit threatens to dry up 2 million acres of farmland in southern Idaho. The Idaho Water Users Association on Wednesday said a study by University of Washington professor James Anderson debunks any claims that "flow augmentation" helps young salmon survive on their way to the ocean.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cool with increasing clouds... Highs in the middle 30s. Tonight: Cloudy and breezy. Lows in the middle 20s.

Tomorrow: Cloudy with developing rain or snow showers. Highs in the middle 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather for various cities including Boise, Bonaire, and Caldwell.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Periods of clouds and seasonal temperatures. Highs in the middle to upper 30s. Tonight: Cloudy and breezy. Lows in the lower 20s.

Tomorrow: Cloudy with developing rain or snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s.

DAHO'S FORECAST

Today: Highs 20 to 32. Tonight: Lows 0 to 15. Increasing clouds and turning breezy through Friday.

Increasing clouds and turning breezy through Friday. Be prepared for a cold rain or a wet snow throughout much of the weekend.

NORTHERN UTAH A low rain or snow showers will be possible through Friday.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 45 at Payette. Low: 14 at Stanley.

Advertisement for 'Comunidad' with phone number 733-0931 and address information.

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Table with columns for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset.

Temperature

Table showing temperature trends for Yesterday's High/Low, Month to Date, and Record High/Low.

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Table showing moon phases: Dec 11, Dec 23, Dec 30, Jan 7.

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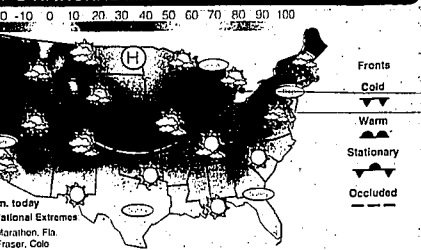
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Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Atlanta, Atlanta City, Baltimore, etc.

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Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Anchorage, Athens, Auckland, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, etc.

Vaccine's impact could be light

The Associated Press. As flu sweeps across the country, many health experts are worried that the shots taken by tens of millions of Americans will offer much weaker protection than any flu vaccine in recent years.

Flu season arrives early

Influenza activity for the week ending Nov. 29. No report, No activity, Sporadic, Local, Regional, Widespread.

Nixon: Reagan was 'strange'

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) - President Nixon apparently didn't think much of Ronald Reagan, calling his fellow California Republican "strange" and "an uncomfortable man to be around," according to White House tapes released Wednesday.

Flu

Continued from A1. Smith is scheduled to hold a clinic today, Smith said, which means there might be nothing left by the end of the week.

District

Continued from A1. money, but overall, the hospital continues to make a profit. Many who crowded into the third-floor conference room of the County Courthouse for Wednesday night's public hearing had questions about how the hospital spends its \$4 million profit each year?

A few facts

County commissioners will hold a public hearing to discuss the establishment of an ambulance district at 7 tonight at Buhl City Hall, located at 203 Broadway Ave. N. in Buhl.

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Optin to injection

FluMist, made by Gaithersburg, Md.-based MedImmune and its partner, Wyeth, is marketed as a painless alternative to the traditional flu shot and is available in the Boise area.

The Times-News NEW Information Line

Advertisement for 735-3350 information line, offering Ski, Lottery and Weather information.

Why an ambulance district?

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center officials say the hospital is losing money on ambulance service. They estimate they'll have to find \$526,650 to keep the ambulance service's bottom line in the black and operate five 24-hour ambulance stations.

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Iraq will stop tally of deaths

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's Health Ministry has ordered a halt to a count of civilians killed during the war and told its statistics department not to release figures compiled so far, the official who oversaw the count told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

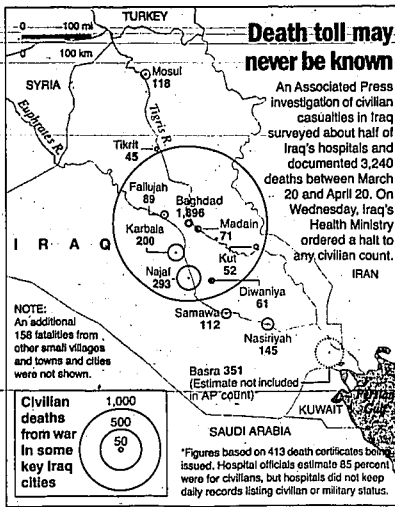
The health minister, Dr. Khodeir Abbas, denied in an email that he had anything to do with the order, saying he didn't even know about the study.

Dr. Nagham Mohsen, the head of the ministry's statistics department, said the order was relayed to her by the ministry's director of planning, Dr. Nazar Shabandar, who said it came on behalf of Abbas. She said the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority, which oversees the ministry, also wanted the counting to stop.

The health ministry's civilian death toll count had been reported by the ministry as early as August, and the count was widely anticipated by human rights organizations. The ministry issued a preliminary figure of 1,764 deaths during the summer.

Shabandar's office said he was attending a conference in Egypt and wouldn't return for two weeks. A spokesman for the CPA said it had nothing to add to Abbas' response, which came after the CPA reached him by telephone.

The U.S. and British militaries



don't count civilian casualties from their wars, saying only that they try to minimize civilian deaths.

A major investigation of Iraq's wartime civilian casualties was compiled by The Associated Press, which documented the deaths of 3,240 civilians between March 20 and April 20. That investigation, conducted in May and June, surveyed about half of Iraq's hospitals, and reported that the real number of civilian deaths was higher.

The number of U.S. soldiers killed in the war is well documented. The Pentagon says 115 American military personnel were killed in combat from the start of the war to May 1, when President Bush declared major combat over, and 195 since.

Iraq kept meticulous records of its soldiers-killed-in-action-but-never released them publicly. Military doctors have said the Iraqi military kept "perfect" records, but burned them as the war wound down.

Two soldiers die, four hurt in north Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two U.S. soldiers were killed and four wounded in separate attacks Wednesday in the northern city of Mosul, the military said.

A high-level Pentagon source said a U.S. Air Force transport plane that was forced into an emergency landing at Baghdad airport when an engine caught fire had been hit by a surface-to-air missile.

A U.S. helicopter was also hit by ground fire near Fallujah, west of Baghdad, and was forced to make an emergency landing, the military said.

Court could try Saddam for genocide

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's interim government established a special tribunal Wednesday to try top members of Saddam Hussein's government for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, and said Saddam could be tried in absentia.

The tribunal will cover crimes committed from July 17, 1968 — the day Saddam's Baath Party came to power — until May 1, 2003 — the day President Bush declared major hostilities over, said Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, the current president of the Iraqi Governing Council. Saddam became president in 1979 but wielded vast influence starting

from the early 1970s.

The tribunal will try cases stemming from mass executions of Iraqi Kurds in the 1980s, as well as the suppression of uprisings by Kurds, and Shiite Muslims soon after the 1991 Gulf War.

The first suspects brought to trial could include top officials of Saddam's government who appeared on the U.S. 55 most-wanted list, including former foreign minister Tariq Aziz, former president Taha Yassin Ramadan and Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali" for his role in chemical attacks on Kurds in the 1980s.

U.S. decision to ban critics from contracts reopens diplomatic scars

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Russia suggested it would not restructure Iraq's debt. Canada threatened to stop sending aid to Baghdad. The European Union said it would study whether global trade rules had been violated.

Across Europe, response was swift and angry Wednesday to the U.S. order barring firms based in important allied countries — opponents of the Iraq war — from bidding on Iraqi reconstruction projects.

Germany, another leading opponent of the war, called the decision "unacceptable," and government spokesman Bela Anderson said it went against "a spirit of looking to the future together and not to the past."

reconstruction contracts in the 2004 U.S. budget must participate militarily in the postwar effort.

"Prime contracts for reconstruction funded by U.S. taxpayer dollars should go to the Iraqi people and those countries who are working with the United States on the difficult task of helping to build a free, democratic and prosperous Iraq," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

He said companies from anti-war countries could compete for contracts being financed by a separate international fund that the White House estimates will be worth \$13 billion. Also, the ban does not prevent companies from winning subcontracts.

Such prospects, however, did little to assuage international anger over the directive issued by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.

Canada's deputy prime minister, John Manley, said the decision would make it "difficult for us to give further money for the reconstruction of Iraq," Canadian officials said the country has contributed \$225 million thus far.

Paul Martin, who becomes Canada's prime minister Friday, said the Pentagon decision was "really very difficult to fathom" and that he would raise the issue with U.S. officials.

Critics said the policy could discourage countries from helping to rebuild Iraq and complicate American efforts to restructure Iraq's estimated \$125 billion debt, much of it owed to France, Germany, Russia and other nations whose companies are excluded — under the Pentagon directive.

"Iraq's debt to the Russia Federation comes to \$8 billion and as far as the Russian government's position on this, it is not planning any kind of a write-off of that debt," Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov told reporters.

Last week, President Bush named former Secretary of State James A. Baker III to be his personal envoy in seeking an international deal to lower and refinance foreign debt, which clouds Iraq's prospect for economic recovery.

The White House defended the new policy, saying countries wanting a share of the \$18.6 billion in

French telecom giant Alcatel, for example, won a subcontract to carry out a third of the two-year deal awarded to Egyptian firm Orascom to build a mobile phone network in central Iraq.

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Witnesses identified the driver as a member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, or PUK, a major pro-American political party. The PUK's Mosul headquarters is across the street from the gas station.

A few hours later, guerrillas detonated a roadside bomb and opened fire on a U.S. military convoy, killing one soldier and wounding three others, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

On Wednesday, U.S. troops and Iraqi police in the oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk arrested 29 people, including five policemen, who were suspected of ties to Saddam's former regime, said Adnan Mohammed Saleh, a city police officer.

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NATION

U.S. will set up Iraqi spy unit

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration has authorized creation of an Iraqi intelligence service to spy on groups and individuals inside Iraq that are targeting U.S. troops and civilians working to form a new government, according to U.S. government officials.

The new service will be trained, financed and equipped largely by the CIA with help from Jordan. Initially the agency will be headed by Iraqi Interior Minister Nouri Badran, a secular Shiite and activist in the Jordan-based Iraqi National Accord, an exile group that includes former Baath Party

and intelligence officials. Badran and Ayad Alawi, leader of the INA, are spending much of this week at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., to work out the details of the new program. Both have worked closely with the CIA over the past decade in unsuccessful efforts to incite coups against Saddam Hussein. The agency and the men believe they can effectively screen former regime officials to find agents for the service and weed out those who are unreliable or unsavory, officials said.

By contrast, some Pentagon officials and Ahmad Chalabi, head of the Iraqi National Congress, vehemently oppose allowing former

intelligence and military officials into the new organization for fear they cannot be trusted.

Chalabi and his sponsors also fear some former regime officials would use the new apparatus to undermine the influence of Chalabi, who wants to play a central role in a new Iraq.

Establishing the service is just one of several new steps the CIA is taking to deal with an increasingly worrisome Iraqi resistance. In recent weeks, the Deputy Director for Intelligence, Jamy Mischik, has pulled together an analytical working group at CIA headquarters similar to the task force the agency used during the war.

Report: Al-Qaida targets Saudi Arabia

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - The al-Qaida terrorist network has decided to intensify its efforts to foment instability in Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil producer, and overthrow the "royal" family, warns a new top-secret CIA assessment.

The CIA Intelligence Memorandum, portions of which have been provided to President Bush, was described to Knight Ridder by intelligence and other officials on

the condition that they not be identified because the document is highly classified.

Moreover, there is some concern that disclosing the assessment could anger Saudi officials, they said.

A CIA spokesman declined to comment.

Serious instability in Saudi Arabia could disrupt the kingdom's petroleum exports, drive up world oil prices and cripple the U.S. economy, which is beginning to recover from recession, as well

as the economies of other countries.

A senior U.S. official familiar with the new CIA assessment, which was completed last week, insisted that "only in their dreams" could al-Qaida succeed in toppling the Saudi royal family.

An intense crackdown in May by Saudi security forces after the first of two al-Qaida suicide bombings attacks this year has "taken out" most of its senior leaders and left their network "badly damaged," he said.

Court

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majority's main opinion, written jointly by Justices John Paul Stevens and Sandra Day O'Connor, called "the danger that officeholders will decide issues not on the merits or the desires of their constituencies, but according to the wishes of those who have made large financial contributions valued by the officeholder."

The court's surprisingly unambiguous reading of a dizzyingly complex statute crowned a movement for campaign finance change that had been energized both by allegations of favoritism by the Clinton White House toward soft money donors and by the Enron scandal-surrounding-the-current Bush administration. That movement culminated last year in the passage of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act and its signing by President Bush.

Wednesday's ruling, delivered on an expedited basis after the justices returned early from their summer recess in September to hear oral argument in the case, moved the long-lingering uncertainty about the impact of McCain-Feingold on the pending 2004 presidential election campaign, ensuring that the virtually the entire law will remain in force through next year - and beyond.

So strongly did the majority back the law that the main opinion often echoed not only the reasoning but also the language of the law's sponsors, Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russel Feingold, D-Wis., and Reps. Marty Meahon, D-Mass., and Christopher Shays, R-Conn.

Stevens and O'Connor wrote of the need to "plug the soft money loophole" in existing campaign law of pernicious "sham issue advocacy" paid for by shadowy donors and of the parties' "peddling" access to federal lawmakers.

In the face of these problems, McCain-Feingold was a "modest"

law that would have "only a marginal impact on political speech," the majority ruled.

Stevens and O'Connor were joined by Justice David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer.

Through it all, the law has been opposed by lawmakers and interest groups, ranging from Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., on the right to the AFL-CIO labor federation on the left, who argue that its restrictions on the free flow of political ideas that money pays for.

"We believe the Court has moved in a deeply troubling direction that could chill important and worthwhile public expression and activity," the AFL-CIO said in a statement Wednesday.

In the end, those concerns were shared by only four members of the court: Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, and Clarence Thomas.

"This is a sad day for freedom of expression," Scalia wrote in a dissenting opinion. Ticking off a list of recent free-speech decisions by the court, Scalia added: "Who could have imagined that the same Court which, within the past four years, has sternly disapproved of restrictions upon... virtual child pornography, tobacco advertising... dissemination of illegally intercepted communications... and sexually explicit cable programming... would smile with favor upon a law that cuts to the heart of what the First Amendment is meant to protect: the right to criticize the government."

Whereas the majority said it was showing "proper deference" to Congress' judgment "in an area in which it enjoys particular expertise," the dissenters turned that argument on its head, arguing that Congress had enacted McCain-Feingold largely because it stacks the political deck in favor of incumbents.

Knees

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The average cost of a total knee replacement, experts said, is about \$32,000, including the cost of the hospital, the surgeon and the device itself.

The panel found the same racial and ethnic disparities for knee replacement that are seen in other fields of medicine and called for a study to determine why fewer minorities are getting the surgery.

From 1998-2002, the surgery was performed at the annual rate of 4.8 per 1,000 white males, 3.5 per 1,000 for Hispanic males and 1.9 per 1,000 for black males, according to Medicare data cited by the report.

The disparity could be due a number of causes, the panel said, including physicians' beliefs about their patients, limited familiarity with knee replacement in minority communities and patient mistrust of the health care system.

The panel, comprised of experts in the field, spent three days reviewing the latest medical findings on total knee replacement. Its report will influence the way doctors treat patients in the United States.

For those who get the procedure, the panel found that it is successful in the vast majority of patients.

The most common cause of failure is a loosening of the implant caused by a biological reaction to the metal and plastic parts of the device.

Another problem is misalignment but new techniques are being developed to reduce this risk, the panel said.

The panel said that the procedures tend to be more successful if the patients work with their primary physician and the orthopedic surgeon in preparation. The experts said preparation would include losing weight for obese people and strengthening the muscles.

Water

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is of critical concern to Idaho," said Norm Semanko, Water Users executive director. "There has been a wide range of reports and studies completed in the last year or two. It is of great benefit to have a credible, independent researcher take a look at all the research data and put into perspective."

Idaho Rivers United, Idaho Conservation League, American Rivers and the National Wildlife Federation recently asked a federal judge in Portland, Ore., to include operation of the Upper Snake River dams in the overall legal debate over how to preserve and revitalize Northwest salmon runs.

Anderson's study finds the Upper Snake reservoirs are too far upstream of the salmon migration corridors for their storage water to have any real benefit in the downstream dams.

Beginning in the early 1990s, the Bureau of Reclamation leased water from the Upper Snake, providing 427,000 acre feet annually to increase the river flow and help the migrating fish downstream. But with the long-running drought, the government's river flow targets have gone unmet the past three years.

Anderson said the current water policies for the Snake and Columbia dams are based on a "precautionary principle."

"In sum, it promotes acting to avoid serious or irreversible potential harm, despite lack of scientific certainty as to the likelihood, magnitude, or causation of that harm," he wrote.

"There's been a lot of studies and research and published data that run counter to that," Bert Bowler, Idaho Rivers United native fisheries chief, said of Anderson's conclusions.

Officials seek clues to ship's tipping

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - Authorities tried to determine why a cargo ship less than one-quarter full tipped on its side in the frigid Hudson River, while divers Wednesday continued the search for three missing crewmen. Coast Guard investigators were looking into whether the ship's ballast was managed properly to handle any shift in weight.

The 289-foot Stellamare, flagged in the Dutch Antilles, tipped as a 308-ton generator was being loaded Tuesday at the Port of Albany according to the Coast Guard. The ship had loaded 661 tons of General Electric steel turbines bound for Italy and Romania. Excessive weight was not a factor, authorities said.

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WORLD U.S. assault claims six children

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Six children were crushed to death by a collapsing wall during an assault by U.S. forces on a compound filled with weapons in eastern Afghanistan, a U.S. military spokesman said Wednesday, the second time in a week that youngsters have died in action against Taliban and al-Qaida suspects.

The children died during a night attack Friday against a complex in eastern Pakia province

where a renegade Afghan commander, Mullah Jalani, kept a huge cache of weapons, said U.S. Lt. Col. Bryan Hilfery. "The next day we discovered the bodies

of two adults and six children," he said.

"We had no indication there were noncombatants" in the compound. Jalani was not at the site, 12 miles east of Gardez, but Hilfery said nine other people were arrested. He did not identify the adults who were killed or say whether they were combatants or civilians.

Hilfery said that U.S. warplanes and troops attacked the compound, setting off secondary explosions. The bodies were discovered the following day.

Afghan warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, an associate of Jalani, urged in a compact disk released to journalist Wednesday the Afghan people to join a jihad, or holy war, against the U.S.-led coalition. The disk, on which Hekmatyar spoke for 22 minutes, was released by his fighters.

News of the deaths comes on the heels of a tragic U.S. military blunder in neighboring Ghazni province on Saturday. Nine children were found dead in a field after an attack by an A-10 ground attack aircraft that was targeting a Taliban suspect.

U.S. officials have apologized for those deaths. They originally claimed that the attack killed the intended target, a former Taliban district commander named Mullah Wezir, suspected of recent attacks on road workers. But U.S. ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said Tuesday they were no longer certain.

Villagers say the man killed was a local laborer who had just returned from Iran and that Mullah Wezir had left the area days before the attack.

On Dec. 2 the U.S. military launched an offensive, which involves about 2,000 troops across the south and east of the mountainous country, to knock Taliban insurgents off balance and keep them from attacking a historic constitutional council, the loya jirga, the American ambassador said Tuesday.

The loya jirga is considered a cornerstone event in Afghanistan's long path to recovery after U.S.-led forces ousted the hard-line Taliban regime two years ago. The delegates, who have begun filtering into Kabul from all around the country, must ratify a new constitution, paving the way for national elections scheduled for June.

Hilfery also said U.S. officials have "specific" intelligence the Taliban and their al-Qaida allies are planning an all-out campaign to wreck the grand council.

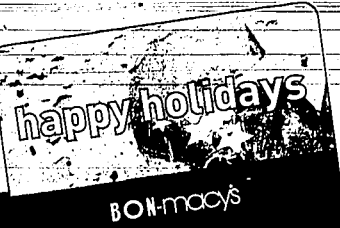
Under its new Operation Avalanche, involving about 2,000 troops across the south and east of the country, the U.S. military began an air assault in Khost province along the mountainous border with Pakistan.

Fewer than 100 troops took part, Hilfery said, far less than suggested Tuesday.



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Land users deserve fair recognition on Jarbidge

Me... tion the words "public lands" to residents of Elko County, Nevada, and you'll get an earful.

To many residents of north-east Nevada, the pristine lands of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest aren't a metaphorical back yard. They're more of a living room.

These folks are quick to defend their right to use public lands. Anything that discourages that use is a threat to their way of life. Which is why the standoff over the Jarbidge Canyon Road has continued for eight years. It's beyond time for federal agencies to recognize land users as partners in the forest's use and preservation.

The road washed away in a 1995 flood. Since then, the issue of how to rebuild it and re-establish its use has been botched repeatedly by the Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Federal wildlife experts say the Jarbidge River is prime habitat for threatened bull trout. Yet divers and scientific fish counts have recorded only "miniscule numbers" of fish.

That's good enough for eco groups, which want the Forest Service to put up a gate to discourage travel on the road until a permanent recovery decision is made.

A gate locking out public land users? Even in an issue that has been filled with PR disasters, that one would be a whopper. To save what's left of its credibility on this issue, the Forest Service instead should work with those who want road access restored.

Up till now, federal agencies seem to be tripping over themselves to obstruct public use of the road.

First there was Independence Day 2000, when Shovel Brigade members worked with their own hands and helped clear the road. Federal agencies suggested that such a gathering was illegal.

Then this year, the Shovel Brigade volunteered to remove waste from a closed outhouse near the Jarbidge River. The Forest Service nixed that idea - instead spending \$15,000 to airlift the waste.

There's the matter - of how the road is officially designated. After the '95 flood, the Forest Service treated the road as closed, and Fish and Wildlife still considers it so.

But since 2001, when the Forest Service agreed to recognize Elko County's right-of-way claims, the agency has opened up its definition - if only slightly.

Now, Vaught says the road is neither open nor closed. On the one hand, the road is not "available for public use." On the other hand, "people are not restricted from going up there."

Sounds like the Yogi Berra guide to land management.

The Forest Service should stop its semantic game and start defending public use of public land. Even better would be an aggressive rejection of the thin science that has blocked public land use for eight years.

After an eight-year battle over a 1.5-mile dirt road, that's a much better approach to take: Elko County residents would certainly agree.

The unbearable lightness of Dean

At the 1992 Republican National Convention in Houston, Pat Buchanan was excoriated by liberal pundits for saying "we must take back our country." Critics wondered what country he was talking about, and wasn't it their country, too?

Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean's book is titled "Winning Back America," and some people who criticized Buchanan for expressing similar thoughts, but from the right, think nothing about Dean's similar sentiment from the left.

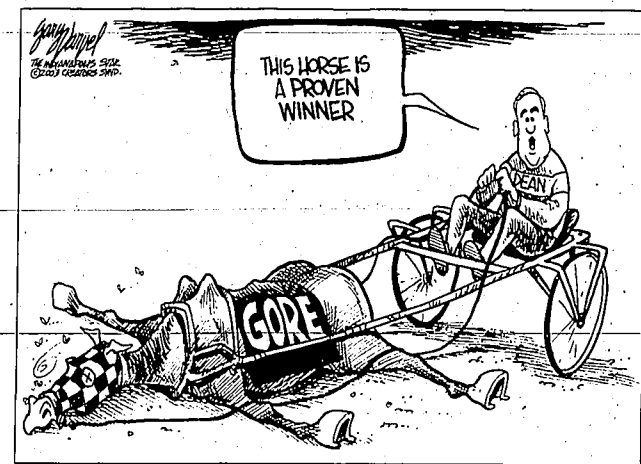


Cal Thomas

What does Dean mean? Dean is appealing to the basest of liberal instincts, which the Democratic Party seemed to leave behind during the eight years of the Clinton presidency. A product of the moderate Democratic Leadership Council, Clinton spoke-and-sometimes acted as a centrist, which is why he won in 1992 and 1996 when his liberal predecessors (Walter Mondale, Michael Dukakis and George McGovern) lost by landslides. Al Gore, who has just endorsed Dean, tried running as a moderate, but his heart and mind were much farther to the left, as the Dean endorsement suggests. Otherwise, Gore would have endorsed his 2000 running mate, the moderate Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.

Dean would take the country to higher taxes, bigger government, more regulation and moral decline. On foreign policy and the use of American power, Dean has been anything but consistent. Sometimes he has sounded like one of those Internet conspiracy theorists.

On Dec. 1, Dean suggested to National Public Radio host Diane Rehm that President Bush knew the 9/11 attacks were coming but failed to stop them: "The most interesting the-



ory that I've heard so far - which is nothing more than theory, I can't think; it can't be proved - is that (President Bush) was warned ahead of time (about the 9/11 attacks) by the Saudis."

On Fox News Sunday, Dec. 7, Dean was asked by host Chris Wallace why he would say such a thing. Dean replied, "Because there are people who believe that. We don't know what happened on 9/11..." Asked if he believed it, Dean said, "No, I don't believe that. I can't imagine the president of the United States doing that, but we don't know, and it would be a nice thing to know."

If Dean does not believe American power should be used when it is possible to stop a mass murderer like Saddam Hussein, when would he use American force and for what purpose? Would he subsume American authority and power to the morally and politically comatose United Nations, which will not enforce its own meaningless reso-

lutions? Domestically, does he not know - or does he not care - that terror cells are operating in this country, looking for the best time and place to strike? Would he not do everything possible to find and uproot them?

Has Dean's hatred of President Bush gone so far as to abandon all rational thinking about the security of this country? What about those documents from his years as governor of Vermont - 145 boxes of them? Dean directed they be sealed for six years, much longer than his predecessors ordered. What is he hiding? In response to a suit by Judicial Watch, Dean now says that a judge can determine which documents can be made public.

There is something else afoot with Dean's candidacy and Al Gore's endorsement. It affirms Gore's unvarnished liberalism and reveals he is not the moderate he portrayed himself as in the 2000 campaign. But it also suggests that the Clinton-Gore-

Terry McAuliffe wing of the Democratic Party wants to set the stage for the biggest liberal takeover of America since Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. An election loss by Dean would clear the deck of lesser lights, so that Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., has an unobstructed path to the nomination - and, liberals hope, the White House - in 2008.

If, as many expect, Dean follows the McGovern-Mondale-Dukakis wing of the party to another major defeat, Hillary Clinton will step in as the Democrats' savior, by which time she will, like her husband, have reinvented herself. Dean wants to take back America to the Carter era of economic weakness and military vacillation. We live in a dangerous world.

A Dean win would make it even more dangerous for America.

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Twin Falls drivers can't catch a break

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Hey, residents of Twin Falls. We are being ripped off at the rate of 10 to 16 cents per gallon. Perhaps a group could be formed to picket local gas stations?
DAN VICKERS
Twin Falls

Since when is Sen. Crapo a Democrat?

We have been subscribers to *The Times-News* for approximately 10 years, and I have always held *The Times-News* in somewhat high regard for its errorless reporting. I have always been under the assumption that Idaho was a fairly Republican state and voted on that basis each election. However, now I realize that I have wasted one of my votes for Rep. Mike Crapo who I now find out is a Democrat. What an awful realization! Almost lost my breakfast. In *The Times-News* paper dated Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, on the bottom of the front page, there is a picture of President Bush signing the forest bill. In the background, a picture witnesses to the signing. Among those is one

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Sen. Mike Crapo, D-Idaho. Note the D-Idaho.

My only hope is that *The Times-News* has an embedded Democrat in the picture-captioning department and this is really only an attempt to persuade those on the other side of the aisle to vote for Sen. Mike as a Democrat. Am I wrong? Oh! Please tell me that I am wrong and have not wasted my vote all this time.

ROBERT A. JOHNSON
Hansen
Editor's Note: Sen. Crapo has not suited politics. A hurried editor punched the wrong key on a computer. A correction appeared in the next day's edition.

Editorial board makes a shallow cry for diversity

Whatever else readers may think of the fellows at *The Times-News*, we must give them credit for comic effort. On Dec. 4, they divided the world into liberal descendants of Abbie Hoffman and the conservative offspring of, we must presume, the Christian martyrs. This is already funny, but there is more.

Letters

Anyone who watches television sitcoms knows that a standard way to raise a laugh is to have a character wave his arms and bluster a pronouncement, and then cut to a scene where he undoes himself. For example, in "The Nanny" Franny Fein's mother always much too upset to eat, and then seconds later, gnashing a chocolate toilet.

This is the same technique *The Times-News* uses on its bemused readers. After calling one day for intellectual diversity (the trust kind, they say) in the nation's colleges, the next morning they serve up yet another pleaful of Cal Thomas' wafers mashed potatoes. Their pet columnist sludgers in his slippers that a Democrat (and egad, a woman!) might threaten Republican hegemony in 2008.

Besides refusing diversity in their editorial boardroom, *The Times-News* peddles monothought in the name of open-mindedness. When they call for a fresh breath of religion and conservative politics in the hopelessly liberal college classroom, we doubt they have in mind memorizing the Koran (religion) and turning the United States into a Muslim theocracy (conservative politics).

As the Danish thinker Soren Kierkegaard so wisely observed, people fret about free speech and forget to exercise the ultimate freedom, which is to think outside the cliches of common discourse.
BRENDA LARSEN
Twin Falls
Editor's note: Brenda Larsen

Letters

teaches philosophy and world religion at the College of Southern Idaho.)

Create a more equitable airport authority

A recent article in *The Times-News* about the age-old desire to move the airport location to the north side of the Snake River Canyon has brought up memories of 30 years ago when we first moved to Twin Falls.

This was a heated controversial subject at the time, which really made good sense to us. We had just moved here from Boise, where the airport was conveniently located next to the city and adjacent to the freeway. A lot of taxpayers' money has been spent over the years for an airport location which is inconvenient for most of Magic Valley.

North of the Snake River Canyon would have been the most favorable for the growth of Magic Valley as a whole.

Why couldn't there be established an airport authority based on the population of each participating county. Jerome County is not getting any taxation on Bureau of Land Management land in its county, so why not create a separate tax authority for a true Magic Valley Regional Airport on the same basis. We think that this would bring a more united feeling for everyone in the Magic Valley.
GORDON AND KERMA GREAVERS
Twin Falls

Doodlesbury



By Garry Trudeau



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Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



By Bruce Tinsley



GOP has got to get off plan to put Reagan on the dime

ROBERT SCHEER

You've got to love Nancy Reagan for the steadfast way she guards her husband's legacy against opportunistic political poachers. The most recent example being her quick rejection of the benighted partisan move by nearly 90 congressional Republicans who signed on to a bill to have Reagan replace Franklin Delano Roosevelt's profile on the dime. "I do not support this proposal, and I'm certain Ronnie would not," was her no-nonsense reply.

Of course her husband would agree. His father had a job in Roosevelt's New Deal that saved their family and millions of others from starvation during the Great Depression. That's why Ronald Reagan voted for Roosevelt and became an active Democrat. Even after his conservative transformation, Reagan never insisted that he never left the party of Roosevelt but rather the Democratic Party changed over the years and left him.

Nancy Reagan, the daughter of a successful physician, did not suffer through the Depression years, but this is a classy lady not given to faux. "When our country chooses to honor a great president such as Franklin Roosevelt by placing his likeness on our currency, it would be wrong to remove him and replace him with another," she said. "It is my hope that the proposed legislation will be withdrawn."

What made this right-wing political ploy particularly objectionable was that the dime commemoration, a year after FDR's death, was in honor of the March of Dimes' support of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which Roosevelt founded in 1938. In the foundation's first year, more than 2.6 million dimes were

what was to become one of the great private charity efforts. It led to the eventual eradication of polio, which Roosevelt had. Roosevelt picked the dime as the fund-raising device because he felt that everyone could afford to make at least that contribution. Like the AIDS epidemic, polio was a pervasive plague throughout the world. In a message now etched in AIDS fund raising, Roosevelt viewed the fight against polio as a means of cultivating a greater awareness of our common humanity.

A Kansas City Star article reviewing this history quoted Roosevelt on the annual dances held on his birthday to raise funds and of the dime collections: "In sending a dime... and in donating that others may walk, see the people are striking a powerful blow in defense of American freedom and human decency. For the answer to class hatred, race hatred (and... religious hatred is the free expression of our love of our fellow man."

Not only did Roosevelt lead us against Hitler's fascism, he also invigorated the populace, during the Depression and war, with the notion that responsibility for the common good is met by the private and public sectors.

It is sad that Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., who initiated the campaign to get FDR off the dime, should dismiss him as simply a "liberal icon" who must be replaced with Reagan, "the conservative icon." That diminishes both presidents, who had leadership styles more complex than Souder's simplistic labels can hold. Fortunately, there

are still some Republicans who can think outside of that tiny partisan box. An example is Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, who in his autobiography makes clear that he endorses much of what has come to be known as the Reagan Revolution. But Powell cautions: "Because I express these beliefs, some people have rushed to hang a Republican label around my neck. I am not, however, knee-jerk anti-government. I was born a New Deal, Depression-era kid. Franklin

Roosevelt was a hero in my boy-hood home. Government helped my parents by providing cheap public subway systems so that they could get to work, and public schools for their children, and protection under the law to make sure that labor was not exploited... I received a free college education because New York taxed its citizens to make this investment in the sons and daughters of immigrants and the working class."

I was in Powell's class at the City College of New York and can attest that Roosevelt was a hero in all our classmates' homes, just as he had been in Reagan's. That shared memory of Roosevelt's

immense contribution to this nation ought to be reason enough for not trying to steal FDR's dime. Robert Scheer writes a weekly column for The Los Angeles Times.

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Section B

RISEING High School Sports STARS

Brett Vriesman

Twin Falls boys basketball

TWIN FALLS - Most area coaches would give their right arm for a player like Brett Vriesman. The 6-foot-5 sophomore post chaser rebounds with the speed and intensity of a black lab after a neighbor's cat. He has great character, won't ever talk back, and with 16 points against Century, has shown he can put the ball in the hoop.



On a Bruin team with size and scoring ability, the reserve post is moving away from the role-player category and looking more like a cornerstone for the future of coach Matt Harr's Bruin program.

"Having Brett does a lot for us because we know we'll have a big guy in the program for a few years," Harr said.

While that future is undoubtedly bright, Vriesman's play in the present can't be overlooked. Thought by some to be known only as Luc Martin's backup, Vriesman has made his name and face are known both on-court and in opposing coaches' nightmares.

"He's doing excellent on the boards," said Harr. "He's one of our better, if not our best rebounders."

For a young man who didn't enjoy basketball in the fifth grade, the turn from couch potato to low-post warrior has accompanied a growing love for the game.

"I used to hate basketball," Vriesman said. "In the fifth grade I used to watch Star Trek all the time and eat Twinkies on the couch, but after my sixth grade year I started playing better and working more. The better became the harder I worked and the more I enjoyed the game."

Outside basketball, Vriesman - whose father is a pastor - holds his faith in God and his relationship with his family dear. Articulate and pleasant, Vriesman's star is rising both on and off the court.

-Eric Larsen

Zac Davis

Wendell boys basketball

WENDELL - When combined, the terms "sophomore" and "starting point guard" usually illicit groans from coaches and sportswriters alike. Thoughts of sloppy ball-handling, lazy passes, and a scrawny kid with a doe-eyed look usually accompany the combination.



Then there's Wendell's Zac Davis. The 5-foot-9 sophomore controls a basketball as if it were an extension of his arm. He fires laser-guided passes between defenders, hitting streaking teammates in the numbers. Solid and muscular, Davis looks like a less doe-eyed sophomore, more professional wrestler in training.

On an athletic Wendell team, Davis is the captain that steers the ship.

"Coming into the season, I was pretty sure my role would be to handle the ball, get turnovers down, lead the team and kind of be a coach on the floor," Davis said. "While many sophomores would be intimidated from coaches' and sportswriters' alike, I was not. I was older, stronger, more experienced player, Davis shows no sign of fear on the court."

"I try not to be scared of anybody," Davis said. "I've played with older guys ever since middle school, so I'm used to it."

With driveway hoops competition like older brother Tyrel - a senior All-Canyon Conference quarterback and starting wing for the Trojan basketball team - the younger Davis probably sees his most athletic competition at home and in practice. Blame that on good genetics.

"My mom was a track star here. She held the record for 20 years or so on the 100 and 200 meter dash," said Davis. "My dad played basketball here and still plays in the old guys league down in Jerome."

-Eric Larsen

Area wrestlers gear up for season

Kimberly's Joey and Sonny Silva top list of talented area grapplers

By Eric Larsen Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS - With the Idaho High School Activities Association wrestling season here, Magic Valley area wrestlers are ready to hit the mat and find out just who has what it takes to be the top grappler in the state.



The Minico Spartans storied wrestling program will have to cope with the loss of Joey Vail, last year's 5A state champion at 171 pounds. While coach Brad Cooper returns only two state qualifiers, his team is battle tested with state experience and a

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wealth of off-season work. "We try to get everyone involved in freestyle wrestling during the off-season," Cooper said. "We have some kids that wrestled on the Idaho USA team at nationals. The kids can pick up a lot of experience in the summer."

Returning state qualifiers Gene Hammond and Kevin

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Kimberly's Joey Silva beat Snake River's Gage Allen to move on to the semifinals of the 2003 Idaho State Wrestling Championships at Holt Arena in Pocatello.

Jerome routs Century

By John Dorr Times-News writer

JEROME - In was supposed to be a battle of two of the top teams in Class 4A.

It turned out to be another dominating performance by the Tigers.

Jerome, with a solid defensive effort, kept its record perfect with a 60-37 victory over the Century Diamondbacks in Great Basin Conference girls' basketball action Wednesday.

Jerome trailed only once, 4-3, then built an early 13-point advantage.

Century rallied, but Jerome pushed the lead back to double digits and pulled away down the stretch.

Guard Mallory Meservy, a 5-3 senior, was the spark plug for the Tigers.

With the Diamondbacks focused on posts Vanessa West and Elisa Hope, that created opportunities for Meservy.

"The lanes were so open, I had to take it. They were worried about the posts and forgot about us," said Meservy, who finished with 16 points on 8 of 10 shooting. "We are looking forward to a great season. We need to stay strong and keep it up."

Meservy tossed in six first-quarter points as the Tigers led 13-6 after one. The lead could have been bigger, as Jerome missed several from point blank range.

The Tigers (2-0, 8-0) would take care of that in the second, going on a 9-0 run to open up a 16-point edge early in the period. Senior guard Whitney Clark knocked down one from beyond the arc. Clark finished with a game-high 20 points on 7 of 10 shooting.

"We had open shots outside and we knocked a few of them down," said Clark.

The Diamondbacks (0-1, 5-3), behind a full court press that forced eight turnovers, went on a 10-0 run and cut the deficit back to six. Senior guard Paige Knudson led the charge with six points.

The Tigers got it going again late in the second quarter, with buckets by Clark and Meservy, and led 26-17 at the break. Clark and Meservy scored again to open the second half as the lead grew to 13.

Britany Tremayne knocked

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Jerome High School guard Mallory Meservy, left, drives to the hoop against Century High School defender Jessica Hobday during the first quarter of their girls basketball game in Jerome Wednesday.

CSI women hope to keep rolling at Coke tourney

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Considering the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team has won 10 straight games, including eight in the Scenic West Athletic Conference, testing the waters outside the league appears to have come at a most inopportune time.

The Golden Eagles (10-1 overall, 8-0 conference) will have to wait until 2004, to, hope, continue their march through the ultra-tough SWAC. But that doesn't mean CSI won't be playing strong competition in the meantime.

Midland College (Texas), Casper College (Wyo.) and the Northwest All-Stars will descend on Twin Falls today, Friday and Saturday for the Coca-Cola Tournament at the CSI Gymnasium. It will mark the Eagles' second appearance in a tourney this season. CSI finished 2-1 at the season-opening Dixie Tournament in St. George, Utah.

Although playing out of conference means the Eagles' momentum will be momentarily halted in league action, CSI coach Randy Rogers knows there are other incentives out there for his team to chase.

"If you want to stay in the (National Junior) College Athletic Association) Top 20 in the rankings you have to win games," said Rogers, whose team is currently ranked 13th in the country. "It's not that these aren't league games so they don't really matter. It matters if you want to keep it (in the top 20)."

"And they matter to me because they're good games against good teams," he continued. "If we want to be a good team, these are games that we're going to have to compete in and win some of."

The Eagles will likely need to play better than they did in a pair of wins over Colorado Northwestern Community College this past weekend. Despite wins of 47 and 29 points, CSI gave an uninspired effort at times - not totally unexpected against a weaker opponent.

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Michigan RB Chris Perry does it all

By Larry Lage Associated Press writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Chris Perry was sprawled out on the turf at Michigan Stadium after taking a hit against Ohio State.

When Michigan's star running back didn't get up right away, his fans helped him out.

"Perry! Perry!" 100,000-plus fans chanted.

Perry peeled himself off the ground, and was helped from the field by the team's medical staff. He stayed on the sideline for only one play.

"The 'Perry, Perry' thing was a big deal," he said Monday. "It was such a big deal that I didn't want to focus on it during the game because I felt it would distract me too much.

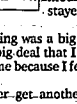
"I don't think I'll ever get the another feeling like that."

Unless, perhaps, he wins the Heisman Trophy. Perry is a candidate because he does it all - rushing, catching and blocking - for the fourth-ranked and



Heisman hopefuls

This is the second in a series of features on the Heisman Trophy candidates.



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Michigan running back Chris Perry is upended by a defender at In Ann Arbor, Mich., in this Sept. 27 AP photo.

Chris Perry Game-by-Game

Table with columns: Opponent, Rush, Yds., Rec., Yds., TD. Rows include Central Michigan, Houston, Notre Dame, at Oregon, Indiana, at Iowa, at Minnesota, Illinois, Purdue, at Michigan State, at Northwestern, Ohio State, and Totals.

Falcons fire Reeves

The Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. - Dan Reeves had only one request for his boss: If you're going to fire me, let me know first.

When Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank delivered the grim news, Reeves reacted in typical fashion.

Too proud to hang around as a lame duck, Reeves asked to be let go immediately. So, a remarkable 23-year run as an NFL head coach may have ended Wednesday with three games left in a disappointing season.

The Falcons (3-10) had high hopes after making the second round of the playoffs last season. But the team collapsed after Michael Vick broke his leg in a pre-season game.

Reeves' firing came just three days after Vick made his first start of the season, leading the Falcons to a 20-14 overtime victory over NFC South-leading Carolina.

"If the decision had already been made to release me, my feel-

ings were that I would like it to be immediately," said Reeves, the sixth-winningest coach in NFL history. "It's like calling a player in and saying, 'Tom, going to release you' but I want you to play three more games until I find somebody to replace you."

Defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, a former head coach in Denver and Buffalo, will take over for the rest of the season.

Reeves, 59, has a career record of 201-174-2, including the playoffs. He had one year left on his contract and didn't rule out the possibility of coaching somewhere in 2004.

Reeves has by far the longest tenure of consecutive years as a head coach in the league. He coached in four Super Bowls - three with Denver, one with Atlanta - but lost each time.

For all but one of the past 39 years, Reeves has been part of the NFL - first as a player, then a play-coach, then an assistant coach and, finally, as a head coach beginning in 1981.

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Burley blasts Declo in boys hoops, 60-32

The Times-News - Burley controlled the game for the first three quarters to pull away for a 60-32 non-conference boys basketball win over Declo Wednesday night. "We played really well," said Burley coach Jack Bagley. "We played zone (defense) and caught them a bit off guard. They were unable to make the shots."

Local sports - Hagerman 45, Shoshone 37 SHOSHONE - Quinn Smith scored 15 points to lead Hagerman, as the Pirates defeated Shoshone 45-37 Wednesday night in Shoshone. The Indians were led by Tony Pereira who scored 17 points to lead all scorers. The Pirates almost lost an 18 point lead in the fourth quarter before pulling off the win. "Quinn Smith got Hagerman a big lead in the third quarter, and after that we couldn't quite recover," Shoshone coach Larry Messick said. Shoshone (1-2) hosts The Community School on Friday.

Jackpot, Nev. 63, Magic Valley Christian 53 JACKPOT - Jackpot senior Faustino Avila scored 18 of his 26 points in the second quarter to lift the Jackpot boys past Magic Valley Christian, 63-53, to improve to 6-0 on the season. Magic Valley Christian was led by Colby Griffith with 11 points on the season. Jackpot 63, Magic Valley Christian 53. Magic Valley Christian 53. Jackpot 63, Magic Valley Christian 53. Jackpot 63, Magic Valley Christian 53.

the story of the game. Wood River made their shots, and we missed quite a bit," Buhal coach Scott Adams said. Buhal (2-4; 0-3 SCIC) travels to Middleton on Saturday.

Thrashers drop Kings in battle for first-place

ATLANTA (AP) - Marc Sward scored his second goal of the game with 1:23 left in overtime, giving the Atlanta Thrashers a 4-3 victory over the Los Angeles Kings in a matchup of first-place teams Wednesday night. The final four minutes of the third period, plus overtime, provided some thrilling end-to-end action. Slava Kozlov and Shawn McEachern gave Atlanta a 3-2 lead, but Joseph Corvo found the net with just 8 seconds remaining in regulation to force overtime. Byron Dufresne stopped 29 shots to win for the second time in five days. Before that, he had gone nearly 10 months between victories. Winning its third in a row, Atlanta stretched its lead in the Southeast Division to three points over Tampa Bay, Los Angeles, which leads the Pacific Division, 4-1-2 in its last seven.

2-09 of the extra period to give New-Jersey the victory. Elias dropped a pass to Scott Gomez and then went to the net and swatted the return pass into a wide-open net to give Martin Brodeur his league-high sixth shutout of the season and the 70th of his career. Brodeur made 18 saves in his third straight shutout of the Islanders.

Deltrich 56, Rimrock 52 OT RIMROCK - No report.

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Girls basketball Wood River 51, Buhal 44 BUHAL - Wood River grabbed an important victory on the road, as the Wolverines defeated Buhal 51-44 Wednesday night in Buhal. Natalie Green led all scorers with 17 points for Wood River. Jessica Brown netted 14 points for Buhal. "The fourth quarter really told

Wednesday night. San Antonio, which began the night percentage points behind Utah for last place in the Midwest Division, won its fourth straight game. The Spurs played four as Tony Parker and Rasheed Nesterovic added 17 points apiece. Portland, which dropped to 0-8 on the road, was led by Rasheed Wallace's 23 points and Zach Randolph's 22. The Trail Blazers were playing the second game of a back-to-back set after losing at Houston on Tuesday.

Red Wings 7, Sabres 2 BUHALLO - N.V. - Pavel Datsyuk had two goals and an assist, and Curtis Joseph made 23 saves in Detroit's victory over Buffalo. Kris Draper, Mathieu Schneider and Brad Pearce each had a goal and an assist, and Kirk Maltby and Jiri Hudler also scored for the Red Wings, who won their second straight despite missing 10 regulars due to injuries. Daniel Briere and Jochen Hecht scored for the Sabres, who lost their third straight and are 1-4 in their last five. Joseph, who cleared waivers Friday after Detroit demoted him to Grand Rapids of the AHL, made his first start of the season and first since a 5-2 win over Minnesota on Nov. 22.

Canadiens 2, Rangers 1 NEW YORK - Jan Bulis broke a third-period tie and set up Montreal's other goal in the Canadiens' victory over New York. Bulis got free in the right circle, curled around and snipped a wrist shot over Alike Dunham's glove at 6:12. Bulis also assisted on Mike Ribeiro's goal in the first period that gave Montreal a 1-0 lead.

Twin Falls J.V.72, Castletford 44 CASTLETFORD - No report.

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Grizzlies 103, Hawks 90 MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The Grizzlies are playing as well as they ever have - whether in Vancouver or Memphis. Mike Miller scored a season-high 22 points, including 11 in a key third quarter rally, and Memphis defeated the Atlanta Hawks 103-90 Wednesday night to tie a franchise record with its sixth consecutive win. Jason Terry led the Hawks with 19 points, while Stephen Jackson finished with 14 points off the bench. Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 12 points and 15 rebounds.

Bucks 94, Warriors 89 OT MILWAUKEE - Michael Redd scored 25 points and Dan Gadzuric had career highs of 19 points and 13 rebounds, leading the Milwaukee Bucks over Golden State 94-89 in overtime Wednesday night. Desmond Mason scored 13 points and T.J. Ford had 11 for the Bucks. Gadzuric added five blocks and three steals. Golden State was led by Van Exel's 21 points. Speedy Claxton added 15 points and Erick Dampier had 11.

Devils 1, Islanders 0 OT EAS RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Patrick Elias, stopped on a key shot early in overtime, scored at

Bruins 1, Panthers 1 SUNRISE, Fla. - Ted Donato scored a short-handed goal with 9:08 left in the third period to help Boston salvage a tie against Florida. Valeri Bure scored on a nice individual effort in the first period for Florida, which had its winless streak extended to six games at 0-3-3. Boston's Andrew Raycroft finished with 30 saves, while Roberto Luongo made 29 saves for Florida.

Jazz rattle Knicks, 95-73; Celtics top Sonics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Greg Ostertag scored a season-high 16 points with 12 rebounds and Andrei Kirilenko had another impressive stat line Wednesday night as the Utah Jazz defeated New York 95-73, handing the Knicks their sixth straight loss. All five Utah starters scored in double figures and the Jazz barely missed getting four double-doubles. Raul Lopez scored 12 points with nine rebounds and nine assists, and Matt Harpring finished with 22 points and nine rebounds. DeShawn Stevenson scored 14, and Kirilenko had 10 points, 12 rebounds, five blocks, six steals and six assists for Utah, which lost two straight. Former Utah guard Shandon Anderson led the Knicks with 16 points. Charlie Ward scored 12 and Kurt Thomas and Antonio McDyess added 10 points apiece for New York, which went 0-5 on a five-game Western road trip.

the bench for the entire fourth quarter. Pierce scored 36 points and grabbed 13 rebounds while Mike James added a career-high 24 points to lead the Celtics to their third straight victory, 126-112 over Seattle's SuperSonics on Wednesday night. Ronald Murray had 14 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter for Seattle, which tied a franchise record with 17 3-point field goals. The Sonics were 17-of-41 from behind the arc and saw a combined 38-of-85 over the last three games.

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Blue Jackets 1, Flyers 1 COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Sami Kapanen scored with 1:08 left in regulation to lift Philadelphia into a tie with Columbus. Columbus' Fred Brathwaite was brilliant all night while stopping 40 shots. Kapanen's goal came after the Flyers had continually peppered Brathwaite with a series of shots for a full minute. Valeri Bure scored the first goal at 6:47 mark of the first game Columbus a 1-0 lead.

Celtics 126, SuperSonics 112 BOSTON - Paul Pierce finally got some offensive support, though not enough to keep him on

Magic 95, Wizards 91 WASHINGTON - It's not exactly Magic, but it's a stunner nonetheless: Orlando has a two-game winning streak. The team that began the week with a 19-game losing streak got 27 points from Tracy McGrady and a season-high 17 from Shaquille Williams to defeat the Washington Wizards 95-91 Wednesday night. Williams made three 3-pointers and hit two clinching free throws with 8.1 seconds left for Orlando.

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Suns fire coach Johnson; lead assistant takes over

PHOENIX (AP) - Frank Johnson was fired on Wednesday as coach of the Phoenix Suns, a young team with high expectations that is off to an 8-13 start and has lost six of its last seven games. The Suns promoted lead assistant Mike D'Antoni, a star player and highly successful coach in Italy who coached the Denver Nuggets in the lockout-shortened 1998-99 season. "It's been something amiss all year, in my opinion," Suns owner Jerry Colangelo said. "The more I saw on the floor, the more I disliked what I saw as it related to body language, communication or lack of same." D'Antoni, under contract through next season, promised to immediately try to boost the tempo, beginning with the next game Thursday night at home against New Orleans.

"It should be exciting the first couple of nights. Balls should be flying around. We'll try not to hurt anybody," D'Antoni said. "But hopefully I will make it exciting, anyway." Frank Johnson was Jerry Colangelo, the owner's son and president of the Suns' basketball operations, accompanied the team on its four-game trip to the East. He watched Phoenix blow a 22-point early lead in Orlando on Monday night and lose to a Magic team that had dropped 19 straight. On Tuesday night, the Suns looked unmotivated in a 92-72 loss at Miami.

On the long plane ride home, the younger Colangelo said, he began seriously thinking about a coaching change. "Reflecting back to a few things that I was observing on the road trip, and just reflecting back over the past several weeks and months, it became pretty apparent," he said. Johnson spent 10 years in the Suns organization as a player, community relations official and coach. Known as "Fourth-Quarter Frank" for his shooting ability, he was a key reserve on the 1993 team that reached the NBA Finals. Johnson replaced Scott Skiles as the Suns' head coach late in the 2001-02 season, going 11-20 the rest of the way. Last season, Johnson guided the team to a 44-38 record and a surprising playoff berth. The Suns - led by the athletic trio of Steph-

"Marbury, Amare Stoudemire and Shawn Marion - played San Antonio tough in the first round but lost to the eventual NBA champions." "This year's season began with high expectations, but it was obvious that last year's chemistry had for the most part, disappeared." D'Antoni, 52, has dual citizenship in Italy and the United States. A star point guard at Michigan, he played one season for the Kansas City-Omaha Kings before spending 13 seasons with Milan of the Italian League. He led the team to five Italian League titles and two Cups of Europe championships. D'Antoni coached Benetton Treviso of the Italian League from 1994-97, capturing the Cup of Europe title in 1995 and the Italian League crown in 1997. He returned to coach Benetton again in 2001.

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Continued from B1. down a pair of jumpers to keep Century in the game, but Clark drained her second three-pointer at the end of the period and headed 41:28 heading into the final period. Knudson tried to keep the Diamondbacks close, draining another from downtown as she finished with 19 points, but the Tigers continued to pull away.

Jerome finished the game hitting 55 percent of their shots - including several lay-ups - while Century knocked down 42 percent, forced to take most of their shots from the outside. "We broke down and they got lay-ups against us and you can't do that against Jerome," said Century coach Courtney Smith. "We usually score 60 or 70 points, but our shooting wasn't there tonight. We play better defense and shoot better it would be a different ball game." Despite the victory, Jerome coach Michelle Skyles said it wasn't her team's best performance. "I didn't feel like we had good focus tonight. When we passed the ball and were patient we scored a little better," said Skyles. "Century is a good team and they did a good job."

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CSI Continued from B1. "It's almost for sure that these three teams are better than (CNCC)," Rogers said. "In that sense, that probably wasn't a great warm up for us for this weekend." Rogers can take some solace in recent performances from coaches Sidney Orndorff, a freshman, and sophomore Andrea Sivakova. Orndorff finished Saturday's game just one assist shy of a triple double, tallying 13 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists. She scored 19 points the night before and was averaging 14.4 points, 7.2 rebounds and 3.3 assists per game.

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her tenacity on defense and a surprising low-post game. She scored a combined 30 points in the contests this past weekend, many of which came in transition or with her back to the basket. Midland (9-3) could be the Eagles' toughest foe. The Chaparrals were ranked ninth in the JUCAAA preseason poll but have since dropped out. That shouldn't, however, overshadow the talent on the team. They continue to receive votes in the latest poll. With Midland, Texas, we're going to have to play our best basketball against a team like that," Rogers said. "We just don't

play against that many athletes or consistent back. They came in here and they're fast, athletic, they jump well, they rebound well, they shoot well." Melissa Jacob, a 5-foot-9 sophomore, is the leading returnee from last season, when she averaged 11.2 points per game and led the team in scoring six times. She's joined by 5-10 Latasha Christmas, who averaged 6.8 ppg last season and has battled back from a knee injury. Casper (-7-5), which defeated CSI by five points in an exhibition game before the regular season began, is led by 6-0 center Tiffany Scott and 6-2 forward

Marina Andonova. Scott scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in one of the teams' meetings last season. Casper won both games. According to Rogers, the Northwest Sports All-Stars have the potential to be the best, or the worst, team in the tournament. They defeated Washington State 76-66 in an exhibition game earlier this season. But the squad's roster is inconsistent, with players frequently joining and leaving the team. "We don't know a lot about them," Rogers said. "We'll find out more here very shortly."

SCORES AND STATS

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Table with columns for team names and scores for various basketball games.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- High School, Edgewater (Ontario, Fla.) vs. Lincoln (Brooklyn, N.Y.), ESPN2, 5 p.m.
Pistons at Cavaliers, TNT, 5:30 p.m.
Purdue at Oklahoma, ESPN2, 7 p.m.
Home at Suns, TNT, 8 p.m.

Area ski report

Boys Race - Plan to Open 12/13/14 for Inters only
Friday - Wed 4:45 opening light 27 degrees open, middle closed 24, -26 base 31 at 31
Friday, 5 to 5:30, 1000 open, Max lift 9:30-4:30, Sun lift 9:30-4:30

LOCAL SCHEDULE

- College basketball
Coca-Cola tournament
Women, Northwest All Stars at CSI, 8 p.m.
High school girls basketball
Flier at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Bliss at Camas County, 6 p.m.
Hagerman at Wendell, 6 p.m.
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New UI football coach brings in locally-known staff

COEUR D'ALENE - Incoming University of Idaho football coach ... Thomas, Jeff Mills, Johnny Hanson, Jonathan Smith and Nate Kuczer are joining Holt at Idaho.

MRI test results positive for Cougars quarterback

PULLMAN, Wash. - Washington State quarterback Matt Kegel has no significant damage to his throwing shoulder and should be ready to play No. 5 Texas in the Holiday Bowl Dec. 30, coach Bill Doba said.

Burley Lions Club holds youth basketball registration

BURLEY - All fifth and sixth grade boys interested in playing basketball are encouraged to drop by White Pine School's front foyer to register for this year's season. The cost is \$15 per player or \$5 plus a good used coat, which will go to the Christmas Council's coat drive.

Oklahoma QB White named AP Player of Year

NORMAN, Okla. - Oklahoma quarterback Jason White was named as the AP College Player of the Year Wednesday.

Twin Falls High School softball, baseball set fruit

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High baseball and softball teams will sell grapefruit and oranges at \$15 a 20-pound case or \$27 for one case of each as a fund-raiser for the programs.

Bears rookie Grossman gets first start Sunday

LAKE FOREST, Ill. - Rex Grossman will make his first NFL start Sunday at quarterback for the Chicago Bears against the first-place Minnesota Vikings at Soldier Field.

Minico girls hoops games, wrestling meet rescheduled

RUPERT - The Minico High girls basketball games scheduled for 6 p.m. on Dec. 12 were moved to the same time Dec. 13 while the wrestling dual meets between Minico and Burley and Rigby and Madison will start at 6:30 p.m. instead of 4 tonight in Rigby.

Oklahoma tackle wins top lineman award

HOUSTON - Oklahoma tackle Tommie Harris won the Lombardi Award as the nation's top college lineman Wednesday night, one year after being runner-up for the honor.

Washington Capitals fire coach Bruce Cassidy

WASHINGTON - Coach Bruce Cassidy was fired Wednesday by the Washington Capitals, who are mired at the bottom of the NHL standings despite one of the league's highest payrolls.

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2003-04 WRESTLING CAPSULES

Pettitte will likely decide by Friday

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Pettitte is likely to decide by Friday whether to stay in New York or sign with the Houston Astros, and the Yankees think there's a good chance he might bolt for his hometown team.

Pettitte was on the verge of an agreement with the Astros, but the Yankees still planned to make another offer to Randy and Alan Hendricks, the agents for the 21-game winner, a baseball official said on the condition of anonymity.

"There is no deal," Randy Hendricks said in an e-mail message. "I believe it will be resolved by the end of Friday."

Astros owner Drayton McLane and general manager Gerry Hunsicker did not return telephone calls seeking comment. The Houston Chronicle reported on its Web site Wednesday that Pettitte already has passed a physical for the Astros.

In other baseball news, Detroit agreed to a \$6 million, two-year contract with second baseman Fernando Vina, Colorado agreed to a \$5 million, one-year deal with third baseman Vinny Castilla and Texas released Rafael Palmeiro at first by agreeing to \$1 million, one-year contract with Brad Eulinger.

The New York Mets finalized their \$20.1 million, three-year contract with shortstop Kazuo Matsui, and San Diego completed a two-year contract with reliever Alton Otsuka, a deal worth just under \$2 million.

In Texas, general manager John Hart sounded doubtful the Rangers would pull off the big-money trade that would send AL MVP Alex Rodriguez to Boston for Nomar Garciaparra. Hart said he and Texas manager Buck Showalter had said "many, many things" that they envision Rodriguez staying with the Rangers.

Around the major leagues, teams prepared for the start of the winter meetings Friday in New Orleans.

Another free agent the Yankees are dealing with, outfielder Gary Sheffield, is confident he will sign with New York despite differences that have jeopardized the deal.

Outlook: A good core of returnees including former district champs Hutchinson (125) and Erickson (125) gives the Trojans a good start but this year will be a learning experience for most of a freshman-heavy squad. The school combines again with Oakley during the regular season.

Coach says: "Brodie Hutchison and Brody Erickson have put in a lot of hard work ever since junior high and I feel their work will be paid off at state."

Valley
Coach: Jim Stewart, sixth year
2002-03 record: n/a
Returning wrestlers: Jesse Coats, 112, soph.; Camas Beames, 135, jr.; Drew Black, 145, soph.; Nate Madewell, 160, soph.; Trent Laman, 119, jr.

Outlook: A strong team with no seniors will look to improve as the season progresses. Raft River will be tough as will Wendell.

Coach says: "Some of our underclassmen are going to have to step up and provide some leadership."

Wendell
Coach: Steve Matthews
2002-03 record: n/a, first in district

Returning wrestlers: Michael Sams, 112, jr.; Matt Lindsay, 119, jr.; Tyler Slade, 135, jr.; Kenny Koopman, 140, jr.; Andrew Coleman, 145, jr.; Tyler Traubner, 140, jr.; Loren Gardner, 160, sr.; Ryan Bonawitz, 171, soph.; Tyson Bowers, 152, soph.; Zach Rietkerk, 215, jr.; Stephen Medina, 275, soph.; Jose Salazar, 119, soph.

Others who will help: Jay Addey, 125, soph.; Jake Gold, 112, jr.; Patrick Lorenzo, 119, jr.; Marcos Noriega, 125, soph.; Kortney Prestwich, 189, soph.; Aaron Spencer, 125, soph.; Cory Weaver, 140, jr.; Brady Slade, 130, jr.

Outlook: Good mix of experienced juniors and talented sophomores. Only missing the 103-pounder so the Trojans should prevail in many dual meets. This team could be a year of experience away from contending for a state trophy.

Coach says: "We have a solid group of wrestlers that come back into this year with good skills and a competitive attitude about winning."

Wood River
Coach: Danny Turner, third year
2002-03 record: 8-8

Returning wrestlers: Sid Watson, 112, Josh Orchard, 130; Tim Vert, 140; Duane Miller, 145; Robert Wiesen, 152; Brandon Silva, 160; Greg Lyons, 171; Russ Adams, 171/189; Brad Dussell, 189/215; Dustin Seiner 215/275.

Others who will help: Murdock Miller, 103; Jordan Vert, 119; Bronco Bravo, 125; Steve Fields 135; Mike Heinrich 145/152; Levi Sarnett 152/160; Donald Spuder 152/160; TJ Squires 171.

Outlook: The upperclassmen have experience while the younger wrestlers are strong and talented, making this a year with a lot of potential for Wood River wrestling.

Coach says: "This year's team has experience and quality throughout the lineup."

Class 2A-1A
Coach: Sid Nelson
2002-03 record: n/a, 12th at state

Returning wrestlers: Kevin Bliss, 119; Steve Terry, 125; Wes Hughes, 160; Harley Thomas, 171; Braden Peterson, 103, all second at district; Brad Lierman, 275, third at district.

Others who will help: Alan Bliss, 103, fr.; Thomas Whitte, 116, fr.; Mike Mulhstien, 125, jr.; Meade Peterson, 152, jr.

Outlook: The team has some good upperclassmen but will rely on four freshmen to bolster the lineup, notably Bliss and Mulhstien. The school combines again with Raft River during the regular season. "We'll be rebuilding to start the year. Wendell will be the team to beat with all their returning wrestlers."

Oakley
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Raft River
Coach: Justin Bair, eight years
2002-03 record: n/a, second in district

Returning wrestlers: Brodie Hutchinson, 145, sr.; Brody Erickson, 135, sr.; Erick Locke, 171, soph.; Zach Hutchison, 119, soph.

Others who will help: Andrew Gilbert, 112, jr.; Reagan Ward, 125, fr.; Ace Jones, 125, fr.; Justin Teeter, 145, fr.; Scott Rasmussen, 152, fr.; Brodie Boden, 160, fr.

Filer
Coach: David Stuhlberg, third year
2002-03 record: 6-6, sixth in district

Returning wrestlers: Sam Coates, 145 pounds, jr.; Chad Hoffland, 160, sr.; Spencer Hughes, 275, sr.; Rey Juarez, 135, jr.; Brad Reedes, 140, jr.; Brad Silvester, 171, jr.; Mykal Thaeite, 152, sop.; Justin Walker, 189, jr.

Others who will help: Tyler Day, 103, fr.; Justin Holley, 130, fr.; Tyler Hutchinson, 133, fr.; Tyler Knauge, 145, fr.; Hugo Lopez, 189, fr.; Erick Nielsen, 112, fr.; Jake Starr, 189, fr.; Alex Serrano, 189, jr.; Jade Stewart, 130, soph.

Outlook: The upper weights should be the team's strength this year while the lighter weights are young. Top three in the district is a good possibility.

Coach says: "We are still a growing program and we are growing well."

Gooding
Coach: Lyle Rogers, first year
2002-03 record: 6-8, fifth in district

Returning wrestlers: C.J. Toone, 189, sr.; Lance Gillette, 140, sr.; Cody Rogers, 145, jr.; Helaman Bingham, 152/160, jr.

Outlook: With four state tournament participants back, the Gooding squad should do well this season. The school has 20 wrestlers out so there is potential for the years ahead.

Coach says: n/a

Kimberly
Coach: Troy Palmer, 14th year
2002-03 record: 11-4, fifth at state, district champ

Returning wrestlers: Joey Silva, 171, jr., defending state champion; Sonny Silva, 119, jr., state runner up; Curtis Giles, 145, sr.; Josh Archer, 103, soph.; Trevor Mulberry, 135, jr.; Trevor Hollibaugh, 140, jr.; Jason Miller, 215, soph.

Others who will help: Brent Higley, 152, jr.; Jeremiah Spencer, 160, jr.; Nick Mulberry, 125, jr.; Matthew Talbot, 140, jr.

Outlook: A young team with some proven wrestlers that could be tough by season's end.

Coach says: "We are expecting Joey and Sonny Silva to contend for a state title and if things fall into place, we could have 3-5 other state medalists."

Jerome
Coach: Des Case, seventh year
2002-03 record: 4-10, district champion

Returning wrestlers: Em Powell, Jesse Trelles, Tyler Larsen, Brian Greenwald, Patrick Fleming, Cody Luper, Keith Blanc, Ryan Musgrave, Albert Villa, Tanner Patterson, Jordan Jackson, Cody Carpenter, all were state qualifiers.

Others who will help: Britt Thiessen, Jeremiah Weston, Chance Jasso, Ken Fetterly, Justin Becker, Tyler Rombough, McLain Gilbert.

Outlook: High expectations with most of last year's district championship team back for another season.

Coach says: "The nucleus of our district championship team is back this year and we are looking to improve on last year's performance."

Class 3A
Coach: Stacy Wilson, ninth year
2002-03 record: 14-6, seventh at state

Returning wrestlers: Will Baggs, 160/171, sr., second at state; RC Sisson, 145/152, sr., fourth at state; Dave Alves, 125, sr., fourth at state; Camron Sobotta, 130, soph.; John Alves, 135, soph.; Daniel Avelar, 140, soph.; Joe Thompson, 145, sr.; Mike Serrano, 152, soph.

Outlook: The team should pick up some big points with two potential state champions with three more capable of placing. Lack of numbers at several weights will hurt the dual meet record though.

Coach says: n/a

Buhl
Coach: Ben Merrill, third year
2002-03 record: 8-8, 3rd in district/8th state

Returning wrestlers: Trinity Osterhout, 125, junior, sixth state; Trevor Dschaak, 130/135, jr.; Dustin Osterhout, 130/135, soph.; Ryan Turnage, 135/140, jr.

Others who will help: Gordon Zinger, 103, jr.

Outlook: A young squad that will be challenged this year to take third.

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Declo
Coach: Ben Merrill, third year
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Returning wrestlers: Trinity Osterhout, 125, junior, sixth state; Trevor Dschaak, 130/135, jr.; Dustin Osterhout, 130/135, soph.; Ryan Turnage, 135/140, jr.

Others who will help: Gordon Zinger, 103, jr.

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Class 5A
Coach: Brad Cooper
2002-03 record: n/a

Returning wrestlers: Gene Hammond, sr.; Kevin Killey, 112, sr.; Shawn Comes, 152, sr.; Dale Sayles, 160, sr.; Rowdy Hawkes, 171, Ryan Cotton, sr.; Preston Arthur, 180, sr.

Others who will help: Sam Ward, 180, soph.; Brad Clark, 215, soph.; Bryce Cole, 275.

Outlook: Offseason work has bolstered the Minico youngsters' experience, giving coach Cooper reason to be hopeful for a strong season.

Coach says: "We have some kids that wrestled on the Idaho USA team at nationals. The kids can pick up a lot of experience in the summer."

Twin Falls High
Coach: Said Dabestani, first year
2002-03 record: n/a

Returning wrestlers: Dusty Scott, sr.; Brian Thompson, sr.; Justin Hansen, jr.; Eli Willden, soph.; Andrew Wilkin, sr.; Kyle Smith, soph.; Jon Kinjon, soph. Benjamin Salinas, sr.

Outlook: A big turnout bodes well for first-year coach Dabestani, giving him a young team with a lot of potential. In a year or two, Bruins wrestling could be formidable as a team. The few seniors will strive for individual placings.

Coach says: "Thus far they are working hard and have set goals for themselves. They strive to win and do not give up."

Class 4A
Coach: Clint Milliron, sixth year
2002-03 record: n/a, second in district

Returning wrestlers: Steven Ritchie, 103; Josh Brunk, 125; Jason Brunk, 119; Kyle Bowers, 160/171; Eric Floyd, 275; Cole Jones, 215; Eric Naranjo, 140; Michael Periman, 152; Chris Talbot, 160, all state qualifiers.

Outlook: Nine returning state qualifiers makes this a solid team. Cole Jones took fourth last year and could contend for a title.

Coach says: "There is a good possibility that we will have a few state placers. Jerome will probably be the conference favorite."

Burley
Coach: Clint Milliron, sixth year
2002-03 record: n/a, second in district

Returning wrestlers: Steven Ritchie, 103; Josh Brunk, 125; Jason Brunk, 119; Kyle Bowers, 160/171; Eric Floyd, 275; Cole Jones, 215; Eric Naranjo, 140; Michael Periman, 152; Chris Talbot, 160, all state qualifiers.

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Killoy, both seniors, top the list of Spartan returners. Hammond and Killoy both wrestled at 103 pounds last year, placing second and sixth, respectively. Killoy has bulked up after a summer with the Idaho USA team and will give the Spartans experience and talent at 112 pounds. Stepping up for a young Spartan team will be freshman Josh Clapier, a freestyle and Greco-Roman state champion as an eighth-grader. At 152 pounds, Shawn Comes could be Minico's most improved wrestler, while Rowdy Hakes and Ryan Cotton will both fill the gap at 171 left by Vale's graduation. Sophomore Dale Sayles looks promising at 160 pounds.

"We're young, but by the end of the season we should be solid," Cooper said. "We always set our goals high and we're hoping for great things."

The Twin Falls High Bruins, under first-year head coach Said Dabestani, are young and full of potential. While the Bruins lack varsity experience, senior Dustin Scott returns after last year's fourth-place finish in state at 189 pounds.

While Dabestani doesn't expect his team to run straight to the state championship this year, the native of Iran is planting the seeds of success at Twin Falls.

"Wrestling is a very individual sport and we have been introducing a different way of training, trying to get (our wrestlers) mentally prepared," Dabestani said. "Wrestling is a mental sport, contrary to its reputation. We are try-

ing to teach positive discipline and character building."

The new approach has everyone excited, as numbers are up from the past two years. Dabestani's practices—which include time for homework, relaxation exercises, and water aerobics—are staples of the successful wrestling programs of the mid-west, where Dabestani coached in Nebraska the past ten years.

"In Nebraska, they wrestle year-round," Dabestani said. "After this season we will start a wrestling club that will help us build the program. If I have my way, we will be a powerhouse in two or three years. As for this year, we are planting the seeds. Winning will come."

4A
The Burley Bobcats return nine state qualifiers, including Cole Jones, who took fourth in state at 215 pounds last year. With a state-experienced team, coach Clint Milliron's team is upset-minded, looking to improve on last year's second-place finish at district by knocking off early-season favorite Jerome. From senior Steven Ritchie at 103 pounds to Eric Floyd at 275, the Bobcats enter this year with hopes of placing more wrestlers on this year's list of the state's top wrestlers.

"There is a good possibility that we will have a few state placers," Milliron said. "Jerome will probably be the conference favorite by winning it last year and bringing back quite a few returners."

Chris Talbot took first in the District 4-5-6 meet at 160 pounds last year and will look to finish in the top six in state this season.

Jerome's Tiger wrestlers come off a 12th place finish in last year's state tournament and return twelve state qualifiers. With the nucleus of last year's District 4 championship team back, the Tigers are looking to be the best performers when February's district and state meets roll around.

Junior Ryan Musgrave will look to improve on last year's state quarterfinal showing at 160 pounds. Senior Jose Trelles should also be strong at 119 pounds.

"Century senior" Brad Chaney comes off last a sixth place finish at 130 pounds last year and will look to lead the Pocatello-based Diamondbacks to an improved 2003-04 finish.

3A
While the Kimberly Bulldogs are relatively young and inexperienced, they return seven state qualifiers, including juniors Joey and Sonny Silva. Joey took the state gold at 171 pounds last year while Sonny took second at 119. Kimberly coach Troy Palmer, now in his 13th year with the Bulldogs, expects the Silva boys to contend for the state title in their respective weight classes. Senior Curtis Giles finished first at 145 pounds in last year's district tournament and could contend for a state medal this year along with sophomores Josh Archer at 103 pounds and junior Trevor Mulberry at 135.

"...things fall into place," we could have three to five state medalists from both Joey and Sonny Silva," Palmer said.

Led by the Silvas, the Bulldogs could improve upon last year's fifth-place team finish at the state

tournament.

With Buhl returning a tough squad and Declo improving, Palmer expects a tough conference schedule.

"Overall, I think that our league will be well represented at the state tournament," Palmer said.

The Buhl Indians took seventh in state last year and return seniors Will Baggs, R.C. Sisson and Dave Alves. Baggs placed second at 152 pounds last year and will wrestle at 160-plus pounds this season. Sisson placed fourth at 140 last year and will also be wrestling one or two weight classes up. Alves will stay in the 125-pound class where he finished fourth last year. While the Indians have five potential state medalists on their roster, they are several weights short of a full team this year.

The Declo Hornets are coming off an 8-8 season and feature a young nucleus of talented wrestlers. Junior Trinity Osterhout took sixth at state at 215 pounds last year while junior Trevor Dschaak and sophomore Dustin Osterhout qualified for state at 130-135 pounds. Hornet coach Ben Merrill will look for his team to work hard through another tough conference schedule.

"We need to continue working and climbing until we reach the level we expect ourselves to be at," Merrill said.

The Gooding Senators return four state participants from last year's team, including seniors C.J. Gillette at 140, the Senators' 20-man roster includes six freshmen and three newcomers. Junior Cody Rogers will be one to watch at the 145-pound level. Rogers finished

first in districts at 145 pounds last year. With good numbers and multiple options at most weight classes, the Senators are poised to improve on last year's fifth place finish at districts.

Wood River returns ten wrestlers with varsity experience who will be looking to improve on last year's 8-8 record. With seniors with good work ethic and a talented group of youngsters, coach Danny Turner's team should be competitive in the tough Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference.

Filer placed five grapplers in last year's state tournament and will be looking to build on last year's experience gained in tough SCIC play.

2A-1A
Wendell returns six of last year's eight state qualifiers. Lone senior Loren Gardner returns at 160 pounds while a talented group of juniors fill out the bulk of the Trojan roster. While the Trojans have twenty-wrestlers on their roster, they lack a grappler at the 103-pound weight category. Juniors Michael Sams, Matt Lindsey, Tyler Slade, Andrew Coleman, Loren Gardner, and Zach Rietkerk all return from successful sophomore campaigns. With the rare combination of youth and experience, the future looks bright for coach Steve Matthews' team.

"It will be interesting to see how things fall into place as the season progresses, but at district time these kids will be there and ready," Matthews said.

Oakley and Raft River will combine for regular season duels and tournaments. The Trojans feature

two district champions, seniors Brodie Hutchinson at 145 pounds and Brody Erickson at 135. The two are Raft River's only two upper-classmen, as sophomores Eric Locke and Zach Hutchison are the only other Trojan wrestlers with varsity experience.

Oakley returns five wrestlers that took second at districts last year — Kevin Bliss, Steve Terry, Wes Hughes, Harley Thomas, and Braden Peterson. Freshmen Alan Bliss and Brock Mulhstien will have varsity's starting lineup at 103 and 125 pounds, respectively.

Raft River's Brody Lierman took third at districts last year in only his first year wrestling. Strong and quick, Lierman could be one to watch. The combination with Raft River gives both teams the opportunity to compete with larger teams at all weight classes. However, when the district tournament rolls around, the teams will split and wrestle as individuals.

Both coaches — Raft River's Justin Blair and Oakley's Steve Nelson — have seen their teams benefit from playing together. However, come district time, don't expect the two teams to lie down for each other.

The Valley Vikings return two state qualifiers in sophomore Jesse Coats and junior Camas Beames. Valley's only senior, Ryan Buck, is new to the Viking team, making this a very young and inexperienced team. Coach Jim Stewart will look for his underclassmen to step up and tough out matches with more experienced opponents.

"We do have some good potential, and hope for much improvement as the season goes on," Stewart said.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Police identify accident victims

TWIN FALLS - Two people were hospitalized in critical condition and one in serious condition at a Boise hospital Wednesday following a Tuesday night crash that killed a 47-year-old Twin Falls woman.

Annette Montoya was declared dead at the scene of the three-vehicle wreck at the intersection of Addison Avenue and 3500 East at about 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department reported.

In critical condition at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise Wednesday were Joshua Krewsun, 25, and Juan Perez, 24, both of Twin Falls; Patsy L. Atkin, 60, of Kimberly, was in serious condition at the Boise hospital.

According to the accident report, a Ford Taurus driven by Alkin was headed south on 3500 East and failed to yield at the stop sign at the Addison Avenue intersection. The car hit a Ford Expedition driven by Wade Bond, 44, of Twin Falls, who was headed west on Addison.

The collision sent the Expedition sideways into the eastbound lane of Addison, where it was hit by a Toyota pickup driven by Krewsun. The Expedition then rolled.

Montoya, a passenger in the Toyota pickup, was wearing a seat belt, the report said. So was Krewsun. Perez, another passenger in the pickup, was not wearing a seat belt.

Bond and Mark Holmes, 44, of Kimberly, who was a passenger in the Taurus, both were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where they were treated and released.

Bond, Atkin and Holmes were all wearing seat belts, the report said.

Trailer manufacturer seeks air permit

TWIN FALLS - Charmac Trailers is seeking an air quality permit from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

The application is up for public comment through 5 p.m. Jan. 5. The application is a revised version of the permit Charmac has sought from the DEQ.

The proposed permit establishes emissions limits to meet air quality standards in the company's production of horse and recreation trailers on South Park Avenue. The pollutants regulated are volatile organic compounds emitted from paint.

Find more information online at www.deq.state.id.us. Select the Permits and Certifications section. Information is also available at the DEQ office in Twin Falls, 601 Pole Line Road, or at the Twin Falls Public Library.

For technical information about the permit contact Bill Rogers, DEQ Air Quality Division, in Boise at 208-373-0502 or wrogers@deq.state.id.us. Submit comments to Joan Lechtenberg, Air Quality Division, DEQ State Office, 1410 N. Hillon, 83706; or 208-373-0234; jlechten@deq.state.id.us.

Salmon Dam open during search for missing teen

ROGERSON - Spot checks for a missing teen presumed drowned at Salmon Dam have not shut down the area to visitors.

The dam is not closed to the public, nor has it been during the search, according to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

Bradley DeCar, 16, was reported missing Dec. 3. Searchers believe they have spotted his body underwater, but recovery efforts have been hampered by rough weather and malfunctioning equipment.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	99%	28%
Salmon Falls	103%	26%
Salmon	87%	23%
Oakley	95%	22%
Big Wood	86%	23%
Little Wood	96%	25%
Henry Fork/Teton	102%	28%
Big Lost	96%	24%
Little Lost	81%	23%
Avg of Dec. 10		

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

Legislators differ on sales tax removal

Bell says it should end in 2006; Newcomb keeps options open

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

JEROME - Both the chairwoman of the Idaho House Appropriations Committee and the House speaker agree that eliminating one penny from the state's sales tax in 2006 will be constantly on lawmakers' minds during the 2004 legislative session.

But they don't quite agree on how to eliminate it.

Lawmakers resolved budget problems during the marathon 118-day session of 2003 by finally passing a two-year, 1-cent sales tax hike after Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recommended it on the first day of the session.

Jerome Republican Maxine Bell, who chairs the finance committee, said lawmakers will be mindful of the projected \$180 million to be generated by the sales tax increase while they determine appropriations for the session. If they don't, they'll be digging themselves a hole come 2006.

Bell spoke at a Jerome Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Wednesday. She told chamber members to expect a flat budget this coming session.

"While states around us are still dipping Please see LEGISLATORS, Page C3

Lawmakers criticize school bus 'gimmicks'

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Though the Boise School District plans to increase the reimbursement it gets from the state for transporting students to school through bribing them to ride the bus, local superintendents say there's no reason to do that in Magic Valley.

This week the Legislature's chief-budget writers - Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert - accused the capital city's school district of luring students with hamburgers to ride the bus on the two days that determine transportation aid from the state.

They called Boise's maneuver "cheap carnival gimmicks" that were being used to "game the system." Bell also said she wondered how much it cost Boise to pay for the coupons.

The Boise school officials hope to get more riders for head counts next Tuesday and Jan. 7. They want to prevent an expected \$1 million drop in state support because of changes the Legislature made last winter. And they're doing it by offering coupons for hamburgers to students who ride the bus on those days in hopes of convincing 8,100 of the district's 10,000 students to ride to school. The district usually averages 6,200. Please see LAWMAKERS, Page C3

From gangster to Harvard

Hispanic students warm to motivational speaker's message



Top left, Richard Santana wears his 'Mr. Chocolate' outfit. Later in his speech, he changed into a tie and dress shirt to illustrate the transformation of his life. Above, Richard Santana talks with students from around the Magic Valley at Valley High School after a speech he gave Wednesday. Santana's speech was about his life, growing up as a gang member in California, and how he left the streets to eventually graduate from Harvard.

Third-generation gang member turns his life around to help others

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

HAZELTON - Motivational speaker Richard Santana was lost in a crowd of students who treated him like a rock star after he spoke at Valley High School to 10 groups of Hispanic students from around the Magic Valley Wednesday.

The school's La Onda - Latino American Organization. Never Denying Anyone - club sponsored Santana's speech and invited about 300 students from schools around the valley, including Jerome, Twin Falls, Burley, Hansen, Shoshone, Kimberly, Murraugh and Gooding.

Santana was a third-generation gang member who managed to turn his life around and get a master's degree in education from Harvard in 1995. He started his presentation in the guise of "Mr. Chocolate," his old gangster name, wearing shades, baggy pants and a long coat.

"I wasn't supposed to be a Harvard graduate," Santana said. "I was supposed to be dead or locked up."

Santana spoke about his trials growing up in California with only the welfare system as a parent. He touched on drugs, sex, violence and gangs, tempering the stories with humor as the crowd responded with laughter. He said he was able to change because he had teachers who believed in him.

Miranda Fields said the speech was something all students could relate to, even if they hadn't been in gangs.

"He talked like he was equal with us and used words we use every day," Fields said. Sylvia Renora, a sociology major at the Please see GANGSTER, Page C3

Jerome officials scrutinize yard sales

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - An ordinance limiting the number of yard sales per residence in Jerome has begun its journey from the Planning and Zoning Commission to the City Council.

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing Tuesday on the ordinance which, if adopted in its present version, would restrict the number of yard sales per residence to two per year. It also would include a limit of 96 continuous hours per sale. There was no public testimony offered at the hearing.

City Administrator Travis Rothweiler called the ordinance "a nuisance regulation that the city shouldn't have to get into."

"Most people start a yard sale on Friday and by Saturday afternoon they have had it and quit," he added. "However, a few people in town claim to be having a garage or yard sale and the stuff in their garage or yard continues to grow and the sale goes on forever."

Rothweiler instructed P&Z commissioners that by approving the ordinance, they would basically be "telling the City Council that they feel it is needed. The council can modify the ordinance or reject it. It will be the council's responsibility to determine the number of garage sales to be allowed and how long they should run.

The City Council also will determine if a permit will be required for a yard sale and if a fee is appropriate, Rothweiler said. By requiring a permit the city can track the number of Please see YARD, Page C3

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

Interested in working as a BLM firefighter? Apply online at www.southidaho.blm.gov or in person Dec. 17 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the BLM office in Shoshone.

This is their third year recruiting in high schools. Last year the Shoshone office got about 600 applications for about 40 job openings, said Sky Blufaker, spokeswoman for the BLM.

BLM firefighters are about half men and women, but in the classroom in Jerome, the majority were girls.

Rachel Novak, a senior, plans to study teaching at the College of Southern Idaho next fall. She's looking at the BLM for a summer job.

"If I want to help people out, then I'll do firefighting," she said. First-year firefighters, she said, engine crews and stay on call all summer to fight fires in Idaho and around the country.

Those who come back year after year can join more advanced crews such as the smoke jumpers, dispatch and support, aviation crews and fuels program, which does controlled burns to prevent large fires.

Jerome High School Principal Paul O'Dell has two sons who worked on fire crews. She said she was apprehensive about it until she learned how much preparation they have.

"I know that they're well trained and supervised," O'Dell Please see BLM, Page C3

Professor's history book hits store shelves

Journalist's will follow soon

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A college professor's 13-year writing project concluded Wednesday as his 413-page volume on local history hit bookstore shelves.

"It's been so many years it's hard to believe it's truly done," Jim Gentry said.

His "In the Middle and on the Edge: The Twin Falls Region of Idaho" became available, at \$14.95, in time for the last two weeks of the holiday shopping season. It's a product of his interest in the factors that shape regions, and his love of Twin Falls.

The soft-bound book is a joint publication of the College of Southern Idaho - where Gentry teaches history - and chairs the Social Science and Education Department - and the Twin Falls Centennial Commission. They printed 5,000 copies.

The CSI Bookstore is the primary outlet for sales of "In the Middle and on the Edge," and the Centennial Commission is lining up other vendors, too. By Wednesday, the list included Cies Office Supply in downtown, and A Happy Camper and Crowley's-The Quad in Magic Valley Mall, the commission's Doug Maughan said.

Gentry's new book will also be for sale at the commission's New Year's Eve gala at the mall, which kicks off 10 months of centennial events.

Gentry uses the Twin Falls region's center-and-edge placement - geographically and otherwise - to hold together his newest book. His thesis stretches from American Indians' seasonal movements for food gathering and winter survival, to present-day shopping patterns. He applies the center-and-edge thesis to such topics as expansion of ranching operations, and location of east-west transportation connections.

Hard on the heels of Gentry's book availability will be another centennial-related volume of local history.

Patricia Santos Marcantonio, a longtime Magic Valley journalist and award-winning short-story writer, wrote "On Holy Ground: The History, Art and Faith of St. Edward the Confessor Roman Catholic Church," and expects it to become available between Christmas and mid-January.

Pioneer families held their first Mass in the new city of Twin Falls in 1904. The local Catholic congregation still occupies its second church building, built in 1921 by City Park.

Marcantonio, the Times-News' Community editor, said she "wanted to preserve in words and pictures that beautiful building." Her "On Holy Ground" covers the beginnings of the Twin Falls parish, the architectural beauty of the 1921 building and "the spiritual history of the church, including several of the church groups," she said.

The 112-page, soft-bound book will sell for \$16, with \$1 of each sale going to the St. Please see PROFESSOR'S, Page C3



Patricia Santos Marcantonio



Jim Gentry

MAGIC VALLEY WEST

Mexican youth loses both legs

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - A slow-moving train near Green Valley crushed the legs of Efron Martinez Depaz, as well as his dreams of working in the United States to help his parents in Chiapas.

Now, the 14-year-old boy lies in a bed at University Medical Center, his legs amputated just below the groin, his face set as grim as his future.

Efron was traveling to Tucson, where his uncles live and where he heard he could work and save the money he needs to get his mother treatment for serious mental problems.

He had traveled mainly by bus from Tonala, in the Mexican state of Chiapas, walked for miles to get around border security in Nogales, then entered Arizona illegally.

Seeing a chance to speed his journey, he snuck aboard a Union Pacific train in Rio Rico.

It was a little after midnight Nov. 16 when Efron, less than 30 miles from his destination and too cold to stay exposed any longer, climbed off near Green Valley as the train stopped.

"I tried to cross the tracks in front of it, but it started moving again," he said.

The train pushed him over, trapping one leg as he tried to get away. The train slowly ran over his legs, then kept moving.

Soon after, some other illegal crosses came across the unconsolidated bog. At about 1:30 a.m., two of them flagged down a car that turned out to be driven by a U.S. Border Patrol agent heading home from work, said agency spokesman Rob Daniels. The two men told the agent they left their border crossers with the boy.

The agent rode off in an ambulance, Daniels said, then took off with the men to find the boy lying on the side of the tracks.

He was taken by helicopter to University Medical Center. Hospital officials expect him to be taken to Shriner's Hospital in



Efron Martinez Depaz, 14, of Chiapas, Mexico, lies in a hospital bed at University Medical Center Monday in Tucson, Ariz., recovering from a train accident. A slow-moving train near Green Valley crushed his legs.

Mexico City, said spokeswoman Katie Riley.

Two months ago, his mother's problems escalated to the point where she became a danger to herself, Efron told his father he

"But it was a grave situation. There is no money here," Cruz said. "I didn't want him to leave. But he decided he wanted to leave. I never thought this would get to this point."

Efron gathered a few belongings, bought a bus ticket with money his family scraped together and left for Tucson.

Efron's uncle, Pedro Vasquez Salazar, works as a day laborer here after crossing illegally into the United States 16 months ago.

"We survived by fishing, but there's no longer any work in the area," Salazar said.

Salazar and another uncle had hoped the Mexican government would help the injured Efron stay in Arizona. But Carlos Flores Vizcarra, the Mexican consul in Tucson, said Efron's parents preferred that the boy return to Chiapas.

Vizcarra called the accident a tragedy, but still an accident, unlikely to bring Efron any kind of amnesty.

"I think he's a young man, he suffered a great loss, but hopefully he will get over it and he will have a life," Vizcarra said.

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- Carlos Flores Vizcarra, Mexican consul

wanted to come to the United States to earn money for her care. "I told him I didn't want him to go," said his father, Aristote Martinez Cruz, reached by telephone in Chiapas.

Utah governor: Increase financing for public schools

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Gov. Olene Walker on Wednesday said she would seek \$12.7 million for public education during the upcoming 2004 legislative session. The \$1.9 billion increase in education spending will be the main priority of the budget proposal she plans to release Monday.

Since her Nov. 5 inauguration, Walker has repeatedly said education would be her top priority. Wednesday, she put the promise in numbers and acknowledged that she had a fight on her hands. "I know it's going to be tough getting (the proposal) through the Legislature," she said.

Walker deflected questions about how and where she and lawmakers would find the money.

"Before the end of the Legislature, I guarantee you we will be working together," she said.

Walker said that while she supports the state Board of Education's Performance Plus reading achievement plan, its estimated cost of \$393 million to \$400 million was prohibitive. She said the best way to trim back the ambitious student achievement plan would be to ensure every child can read at grade level by the end of third grade. Performance Plus would define

what it means to be competent in core subject areas and come up with ways to measure that competency. For instance, the state board proposed high school students get at least C grades and pass a test.

The 2003 Legislature enacted Performance Plus, and former Gov. Mike Leavitt had planned to sign an executive order to get the plan moving, but pulled back in October when the state Board of Education decided to forgo for now all but a small part of the plan that would advance students as they master skills, not merely as they age.

Whistleblower testifies timber theft unit disbanded despite unfinished work

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - A U.S. Forest Service timber theft unit was disbanded just as it uncovered evidence of massive theft and fraud on the Tongass National Forest in Alaska, a former investigator testified Wednesday.

Steven Slagowski, a former special agent for the unit, said huge profits of logs worth millions of dollars routinely disappeared while they were being floated down Alaskan rivers in the early 1990s, only to end up being secretly sold in Asia for inflated prices.

He also said entire islands in southern Alaska were cleared but a fringe of forest was left standing around their perimeters to make it appear to sea traffic as if nothing had been removed.

Slagowski said there was evidence the clearcuts destroyed bald eagle nesting sites, in violation of federal law.

"I felt the timber theft I looked at was potentially massive," Slagowski said. "It was theft of unprecedented proportion."

But his report was ignored, and a meeting of the concerned agents arranged with former Forest Service chief Jack Ward Thomas eventually resulted in a decision to disband the unit in 1995.

The timber theft task force was established by Congress in 1991 to investigate the timber industry along the Pacific Coast in Oregon, Washington, California and Alaska.

After a string of successful convictions that won millions in damages from timber companies, Thomas sent task force supervisor Al Marion a letter thanking the 16-person unit for its service but ordering it disbanded.

Five former agents have charged they were harassed and prevented from doing their job, leading to a Forest Service cover-up and a whistleblower lawsuit that is being heard in Portland by a federal administrative law judge for the Merit Systems Protection Board.

The Forest Service claims the timber theft unit was eliminated because it was not the most efficient way to protect trees from theft.

National Park Service will publish final Yellowstone snowmobiling rules this week

WASHINGTON (AP) - The National Park Service chose the stricter of two ways it was considering to test snowmobile emissions when it wrote final rules for snowmobiling in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, officials said Tuesday.

Conservationists attacked the rules, expected to be published on Thursday, saying the service ignored thousands of people who said they don't want snowmobilers in the parks.

They contend that allowing even the cleaner and quieter snowmobiles called for in the

final regulations will dirty the park's air and harm wildlife and workers. They favor a plan written by the Clinton administration to phase out the machines in favor of snowcoaches, which would carry groups of visitors.

The final rules were filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Washington, where conservation groups have asked a judge to reinstate the plan to phase out snowmobile use in Yellowstone and nearby Grand Teton National Park.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan is deciding whether the Bush administration acted appro-

priately when it set aside that plan in favor of strict limits on the type and number of machines allowed to enter the parks, which sit at the corner of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

A hearing is set for Monday. The snowmobiling season is set to start Dec. 17.

When fully enacted, the rules will require snowmobiles to be built with cleaner and quieter engines; riders to make reservations and travel in guided groups; and rangers to monitor the machines' effect on wildlife, air quality and noise and adjust daily limits as needed.

Court orders evaluation for grandmother

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A second mental evaluation has been ordered for the Utah woman accused of kidnapping her 19-month-old granddaughter, fleeing to Idaho and then drowning the child in the Snake River.

Attorneys involved in the prosecution of Kelley Lodemell, 38, of Salt Lake City, appeared before 7th District Judge Jon Shindurling on Wednesday to update the status of the federal kidnapping charge against her. Shindurling is delaying the state trial on kidnapping and murder charges until after Lodemell's federal trial in Utah, which has

now been moved back to February to accommodate the additional psychiatric evaluation.

Relatives maintain that she suffers from paranoid schizophrenia, but a mental evaluation in Texas last summer determined that Lodemell was competent to stand trial.

The new evaluation is intended to help defense attorneys decide whether they can mount a defense based on the theory that Lodemell was insane when she allegedly kidnapped her granddaughter on May 25.

Authorities claim Lodemell kidnapped the child while other relatives were baby-sitting.

Prosecutors allege Lodemell drove to Idaho Falls with the child and stayed at a hotel overnight before taking the child to a riverbank park right near the city's downtown area and jumping in. Lodemell swam to safety, but the toddler's body has never been recovered.

Searchers spent weeks looking for the child to no avail.

Acacia's parents, Adam Bishop and Casey Lodemell, believe Lodemell may actually have turned over their daughter to someone else in Idaho and that Acacia may still be alive. A reward for their daughter's safe return hit \$500,000 in September.

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Floyd Samuel Barker - Elba

Floyd Samuel Barker, 69-year-old Vallejo, Calif., and former Elba resident died Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003, at his home in Vallejo, Calif.

He was born June 9, 1934, in Elba, the son of Jennings and "Bill" and Viola Granger Barker. He married Delilah Lou Weir and they divorced after 17 years of marriage. He served in the U.S. Air Force active duty for 10 years, of the U.S. Naval Reserves, and then he retired in 1995, from the Army National Guard in California. Throughout his military career he was stationed in Merced, Calif., Moses Lake, Wash., Roswell, N.M., and Guam. He worked as a salesman for Fuller Brush and sold life insurance and advertising.

He recently decided to further his education and attended Napa Valley College. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the VFW No. 1123. He was an avid coin collector and a big fan of the San Francisco 49ers and Giants. He loved 40s, 50s and Big Band music, and enjoyed John Wayne movies.

Survivors include two daughters, Lonette Zavalva Pope of Porterville, Calif., and Suzanne Cacciatore of Brandon, Fla.; a sister, Helen-Suzanne of Albion; seven grandchildren, Suzanne Michelle, Amber Nicole, Jenna Brianna, Christopher Adam, Richard Cameron, Devin Alexander, and Katie Elizabeth; and one great-grandchild, Kaitlyn Grace.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Kenneth Bryan Barker in 1963, and a sister, Leah Graves.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Elba Ward Chapel, with Bishop, William Loughmiller, officiating. Burial will be in the Grandview Cemetery in Elba, with military rites by the local veterans. Friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. The family suggests memorials be given to The Utah Boys Ranch, 5500 W. Bagley Park Road, West Jordan, UT 84088. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

SERVICES

Manuel Andrade of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. today at the Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. Rupert-burial-will-follow-in the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. today at the church.

Vereel McCulloch Carney of Burley, service at 1 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St./Burley; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the funeral on today at the funeral home.

Robert M. Hamilton of Boise, service at 1:30 p.m. today at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 Overland Road, Boise; burial will follow at Terrace Lawn Cemetery (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel).

Oscar Fred Mills of Elko, Nev., and Burley, service at 1 p.m. today at Burns Funeral Home in Elko, Nev.

Mary Teresa Tverdy of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Edward the Confessor - Catholic Church; prayer vigil with rosary and viewing at 7 p.m. today at the church; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Kelsey Kaye Powlis of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4th Ward, 824 Casswell Ave. W. Twin Falls; interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls; visitation

from 6-8 p.m. today at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Oran Albert Jones of Hollister, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary.

Robert William Ratto Sr. of Hansen, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS Chapel; interment will follow at the Magic Valley Veterans Cemetery south of Hansen; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the White Mortuary, Kimberly Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Rachel Ann Bankhead MALTA - Rachel Ann Bankhead, 44, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and formerly of Malta, died in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The service will be held at noon Sunday, Dec. 13, 2003, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Albion Ward Chapel with Bishop's Counselor, Jim Powers officiating. Burial will be in the Valley View Cemetery in Malta. Friends may call from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Keith E. Moon HEYBURN - Keith E. Moon, 79, of Heyburn, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Elsie May Warthen RUPERT - Elsie May Warthen, 85, of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Homeless man makes donation to youth charity

ODDEN, Utah (AP) - A donation in the "four figures" range to a children's museum was traced by police to a jailed homeless man.

Lynn Goodwin, director of the Trechouse Children's Museum, said she was surprised to find "a substantial amount" of money in a locked mailbox at Christmas Village near a playhouse the organization is auctioning. The box was for collection of bids, and, "We didn't anticipate that anyone would actually put donations in the box," Goodwin said.

But last week, Goodwin found a stash of money orders that weren't made out to anyone, so she called the police. Neither the donor nor police disclosed the exact amount.

"We thought the money may have belonged to someone else," Goodwin said. "We thought it may have been stolen, and we thought it best to report it."

Twin Falls' 100th



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Richfield plans RV park

By Jeanette Chambers
Times-News correspondent

RICHFIELD—Although planning remains in the early stages, the city of Richfield is looking at building an RV park in the near future.

Folly Higgins of the Wood River Soil Conservation District attended Richfield's City Council meeting Monday to get ideas and offer suggestions for a new RV park that is being planned for an area just south of Richfield on the Little Wood River.

The park will be made possible through a grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. The city needs to decide on a plan and submit the grant application by January as the funds will be dispersed in June. Current discussions have involved a plan to have five slots for parking RVs, a pavilion and restroom facilities.

Other City Council business Monday included:

- **Bonuses** — The City Council approved a motion to give each Richfield city employee a \$100 bonus for Christmas. The action was urged by Mayor Charles Buttkane.

- **Park money** — Richfield City Clerk LuAnn Swainston reported that Lincoln County issued the city a \$5,000 check from parks and recreation funds for new playground equipment in Richfield City Park.

- **The money must be used by June 2004** so we need to decide on what kind of equipment to order," Swainston told the council.

- **No parking** — City Council members approved the purchase of two "No Parking" signs to be placed in an appropriate place to alleviate a problem brought to their attention by Buck Ward.

- **Christmas tree** — A memorial Christmas tree decorating and lighting celebration will be held in City Park on Sunday, Dec. 14. High School cheerleaders will sell hot chocolate.

apartment driveway during school activities in the evening.

- **Permit approved** — The council approved a building permit that will allow the Richfield Modular home to be converted to a library.

- **The structure was never intended to be used as a home.** It currently has two classrooms that would be renovated and made into one room for the library.

- **The building will have to be some distance from the school,** explained Richfield Building Inspector Pat Riley.

- **It has to be 300 feet from the current building due to fire codes and it's even further because of a power pole proximity,"** he said.

- **Memorial tree** — A memorial Christmas tree decorating and lighting celebration will be held in City Park on Sunday, Dec. 14. High School cheerleaders will sell hot chocolate.

Reconfiguration plan causes worry among parents, teachers

By J. Drew Johnson
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Tears fell and voices cracked as people shared their views about proposals to reconfigure Burley public schools.

A public hearing was held during Tuesday's Cassia County School Board meeting to hear comments about a plan to change the grade levels in all Burley schools.

School officials are considering moving ninth-graders to Burley High School, sixth-graders to Burley Junior High School, making White Pine Intermediate School a third-through fifth-grade school and housing kindergarten through second grades in Mountain View and Dworshak elementary schools. The possibility of adding more sections of all-day kindergarten is also on the table.

Several parents and teachers voiced concern that the changes were imminent and their comments wouldn't really be taken into consideration. Others worried the proposal is too broad.

Parent Renee Preston told board members there is confusion about the changes. She suggested

four separate proposals for each education level, each with separate discussions and separate votes by the School Board.

Board members were quick to point out they are considering four separate proposals. Superintendent Mike Chesley explained the proposals are not "all or nothing." In fact, he said, the all-day kindergarten expansion "is barely on our radar screen." With the district's financial constraints, that change couldn't happen immediately.

Board members reassured people at the meeting no final decisions have been made about any changes. Board Chairman Bruce Bowen said the board wants public input.

Recalling a near-decade-old discussion of neighborhood schools in Burley, Dworshak Elementary School third-grade teacher Beth Greer said the perception exists that the board had "already made the decision." Greer said teachers don't feel they've had any say in the proposal.

Many parents and teachers shared their concerns about transitions between schools and placing students in social situations before the students are ready.

"In a detailed report" to the board, parent Jolie Graham referred to national statistics that show better academic success on attendance records and less occurrence of disruptive behavior, including violence, in schools with enrollments of less than 1,000. Burley High School's enrollment could be near 1,000 if freshmen are moved to that building.

Graham made a plea for the board to consider neighborhood schools for kindergarten through eighth grades.

"Fewer transitions in students' careers point to greater success," she said.

Uyvan Waymont, who has three children in Burley schools, worried that freshmen would face undue social and moral pressures if they attend BHIS.

Ninth-grade teacher Carrie Carson reiterated the problem that teachers and administrators face with some freshmen students. Because they attend the junior high, some freshmen don't realize their classes count as high school credits, she said.

Board members indicated they'll vote on the proposals at the Jan. 13 School Board meeting.

Legislators

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ping in red ink, it appears if we're very, very cautious, we're going to pull out of this," Bell said.

Most likely appropriations will be the same as last session's, except possibly for a percent boost to state worker salaries, Bell said. Otherwise, state employees would go into a third year without raises while their counterparts in schools, cities and counties have seen their salaries increase between 4.7 percent and 5.3 percent over the past two years. That's because those entities have other sources from which to collect taxes and revenues, she explained.

"I'm afraid we'll be losing our best, most qualified state workers to the cities and counties if we don't do something," Bell said. "The governor is very concerned."

A 1 percent increase to state workers' salaries would amount to about \$5 million annually. At the same time, she said she and other lawmakers have absolutely no appetite for making the sales tax increase permanent.

In a telephone interview, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said he's still toying with the idea of backing out the penny increase over more than one year, even up to over a four-year period.

"I'm not pushing anything, but I think we need to be reasonable about it," Newcomb said. "Instead of saying we will definitely take it off this coming year, we've got to look at the revenues. We've got to be cautious. We're coming out of this thing slow."

He noted that the state's largest

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employer, Micron Technologies, is still not in recovery mode and that the state can't expect another federal government windfall of \$79 million that it got this year.

If it hadn't been for national tobacco settlement money, which lawmakers had to use for purposes

other than that it was intended, and aid from the federal government, the state would still be in big trouble, Bell said.

"You'll watch us and perhaps think we are mean-spirited, but tell yourself they're thinking about next year," Bell said.

Auditor gives Kimberly good scores

KIMBERLY — The city of Kimberly's \$1,202,357 budget has been given a good report from City Auditor Mike Burr.

The annual city report was complete and easy to follow, Burr said during the City Council's Tuesday night meeting.

Next year's audit, however, will be much more complicated due to new bookkeeping and inventory methods required by the state for municipalities.

In other business, the council voted to replace the overhead doors for the garage at City Hall. One of the doors is broken and can't be opened easily and the other door is also old. The new doors will be insulated and will cost around \$800 each.

A review of the November fire report revealed the Rock Creek and Kimberly fire departments responded to 13 incidents. The district incidents were three motor vehicle accidents, three false alarms, a rubbish fire and a downed power line. Kimberly calls included three false alarms and a broken gas line.

Motorized tricycle stolen from disabled woman

TWIN FALLS — A woman

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suffering from eye and heart problems is asking for help in locating her mode of transportation, which was stolen from her driveway last week.

The three-wheel, three-speed tricycle was parked behind a bush at her house on the 400 block of Jackson Street.

When she went out to cover it up one evening, she found it gone. The bike is described as an old model, reddish-brown in color, with chrome fenders over the back wheels. There is a basket on back.

The vehicle cost \$50 used, but the victim says it would cost her between \$400 and \$600 to replace it.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-7200.

United Way half-way to fund-raising goal

TWIN FALLS — At the midway point in its fund-raising campaign for 2004, the United Way of South Central Idaho has received commitments

for almost half of its \$450,000 goal, Executive Director Jim Ponzio said.

"So far, the response is very gratifying," he said. The tentative commitments of about \$200,000 are about the same as last year at this point, Ponzio said. The United Way raised a total of about \$325,000 in last year's campaign.

While initial responses to individual contribution requests are steady, corporate partners that offer their employees the ability to contribute through payroll deductions are reporting great campaigns, Ponzio said. Results so far include Costco Wholesale, \$29,300; JC Penney, \$5,360; First Federal, \$12,000; The Bon-Macy's, \$6,500; College of Southern Idaho, \$15,800; Best Buy, \$3,600; and the Twin Falls School District, \$5,500.

The United Way Allocation Committee will decide in February how to distribute money to 21 agencies in the eight-county area.

Applications to the United Way can still be sent to P.O. Box 65, Twin Falls, 83403; P.O. Box 1092, Burley, 83318; and P.O. Box 2176, Hailley, 83333.

— compiled from staff reports

Gangster

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College of Southern Idaho, said Santana addressed the problem of Hispanic students following stereotypes.

"We are faced with the exact thing every day," she said. Santana has been working to prevent gang violence and promote racial harmony since he was 17. Today he gives about 200 to 300 presentations a year.

Santana's message to stay in school and graduate poses a challenge for many Hispanic students who will have to pass the Idaho Standards Achievement Test in order to get diplomas. Rod Malone, Valley Schools' grade 6-12 principal, said teachers are trying to combat low test scores by giving students more individualized instruction tailored to the areas where they need help. Those who can't pass the ISAT will have to be evaluated by alternative methods to see if they can graduate. The school

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— Becky Rudolph, counselor and adviser to La Onda

is still developing those methods. Becky Rudolph, the school's counselor and adviser to La Onda, said the club has had success with a bilingual tutoring program. About 15 to 20 students come two nights a week to supplement their learning in Spanish. Rudolph said

that when students with limited English get instruction in Spanish, they are much better able to transfer what they know into English. The school also has a program to translate children's books and read them in both languages to kindergartners and first-graders. Other students translate for parent/teacher conferences.

"We take our worst kids — those on probation — and put them in positions of leadership and watch them rise up," Rudolph said.

La Onda has about 55 members and raises money for trips, speakers and scholarships for seniors. Last year the students gave two \$100 scholarships, and they want to be able to give more, said Graciela Magana, the club's vice president.

Juniors and seniors in La Onda saw Santana speak at a conference in Boise last fall and knew they wanted to bring him to the rest of their school. Magana said she cried after hearing him, he was so inspiring.

Yard

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sales per residence. Planning and Zoning Commissioner Julie Thomas suggested permits require the city post them in a conspicuous place at City Hall so people could learn where the yard sales are located. "It would be a welcome public service," she said.

Rothweiler said the ordinance will probably have a public hearing before City Council at the second council meeting in January. There would be no grandfathering of garage or yard sales currently in progress.

Lawmakers

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It used to be the state would pay 85 percent of the school districts' busing costs with no limit on total payments. Changes to the law last year now has the state paying 85 percent of the cost as long as it is within 110 percent of the statewide average. Lawmakers wanted to force districts to make their busing systems more efficient.

Before the funding formula changes, all reimbursement was based on mileage, said Allison Westfall, spokeswoman for the state Department of Education. Last year lawmakers gave school districts two options, however. So for the first time, districts can tie their reimbursement to how many miles they drive buses on the two days that Boise has chosen to award hamburgers to riders.

"In the past ridership was not tied to budgeting," Westfall said. "It looks like we have an unintended consequence."

Nick Hallett, superintendent of the Minidoka County School District, said Wednesday he was actually happy to see lawmakers make the change.

"I applaud the Legislature for trying to get a handle on that spending," Hallett said. There has been too much deviation in what each district across the state gets based on their student num-

Commission activity

JEROME — Planning and Zoning Commission business on Tuesday included:

- **Senior homes** — The commission granted a variance to Santos Capps to allow her to build houses 5 feet from property lines in a subdivision to be located at 333 16th Ave. E. Capps wants to build a group of 12 houses in the \$110,000 to \$150,000 range for senior citizens. The standard city setback is 7 feet. With the 5-foot setbacks Capps said the lots will be smaller so the

seniors will not have as much yard maintenance.

- **Shop variance** — The commission also granted a variance to Rosalind Pustion at 131 North Dale to allow him to build a shop within 3 feet of the west property line. Franklin Building Supply's storage yard is located near door on the west side where the shop will be located. The variance requires Pustion to put no doors or windows on that side and a fire wall must be installed on that side of the building.

“I think the biggest concern is trying to equalize dollars throughout the state...”

— John Graham, superintendent, Filer School District

"We have a long history of being below the state average of cost per mile," Hallett said.

John Graham, superintendent of the Filer School District, said it's hard to compare his relatively small district to a large one. But still, he pointed out that larger districts with lots of safety busing issues, such as kids living more than one and a half miles from school but still facing dangerous situations, might be tempted to reduce the amount of that kind of busing they provide

in order to save money. "I think the biggest concern is trying to equalize dollars throughout the state for busing and putting everyone on an equal playing field. In reality this is going to penalize districts that have extra costs through no fault of their own," Graham said.

If a school district isn't being reimbursed the usual 85-percent-it is used to getting to cover its busing. Graham said the district will be forced to pay extra out of funds that could be used in the classroom.

Hallett said he gets nervous when the Legislature talks about reimbursement for busing. Just the same, he's not afraid of lawmakers moving more closely at busing costs. He said he'd been paying the costs of contract busing versus districts owning their own buses.

Twin Falls School District, which contracts for busing, was one of a few districts throughout the state that the Legislature was looking at cutting out about busing costs. The information will be used for continuing studies during future sessions, said Wiley Dobbs, interim superintendent. The thing was, district officials did not get any of that information back that they could make decisions. Dobbs said.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

Professor's

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Edward church. It will include historical pictures of pioneer interests, and images of the church's architecture.

Gentry and Marcantonio are just two of a handful of local authors releasing history-related books as Twin Falls celebrates its 100th birthday.

Mary J. Inman's "Twin Falls Centurybook, 1904-2004," has been on store shelves since September, and donors bought copies that were given to Twin Falls schools.

Desert: Essays Celebrating Twin Falls, Idaho, and 100 Years on a High Desert Plain" will come out in early spring. Dodge wrote personal essays about landmarks in Twin Falls.

And Mareda Wright of Twin Falls is writing "The Knowledge Box: Country Schools and Current Schools of Twin Falls County" about the architecture and history of local school buildings. She and her husband did the research — not in connection with Twin Falls' centennial. Still, the late spring timing of the book's release will capitalize on residents' interest in local history.

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IDAHO

Idaho judge sidesteps school issue

LEWISTON (AP) — The state's lawsuit to force Whitpine School District residents to pay for building improvements has been put on hold while the state Supreme Court considers the constitutional-ity of the law under which it was filed.

Second District Judge Jeff Hilde said the district and the state could discuss an out-of-court settlement while the high court deliberates, but he said he wants a decision on the validity of the law before court proceedings resume.

Two other district judges have declared the law unconstitutional. The high court has yet to schedule arguments.

The law was declared invalid initially in October by Fourth District Judge Deborah Bail, the lead judge in the 13-year court-house confrontation between school districts and the state over financial support for education.

Second District Judge John Bradbury agreed two weeks ago.

The law is the Legislature's latest attempt to end the legal battle by essentially dismissing the lawsuit and giving the attorney general authority to sue districts to force repairs of unsafe buildings.

If the districts cannot afford to pay for the repairs, the local district judge must impose a property tax increase to cover the bill.

Bail voided the law because it ran afoul of her 2001 ruling that the existing system that relies solely on property taxes to finance school buildings is inequitable. Bradbury invalidated the law because it tried to shift the taxing power from the Legislature to the judiciary.

Idaho is the only state in the nation that prohibits no direct support for a public school construction and still requires a two-thirds majority vote to approve local construction bonds. The state does provide some subsidy for bond interest.

Whitpine was one of six districts the state sued under the new law even though its validity has been questioned. One has already agreed to an out-of-court settlement, and Whitepine Superintendent Daryl Berenssen said his district may be willing to go to the state. The cases are still pending against the other four.

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

Misdemeanor arraignments

Arlo Pell-Hastings, 34, two counts fraud-influenced funds check, pretrial conference Dec. 29, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. David Miles Connor, 48, driving under the influence: failure to provide proof of insurance, pretrial conference Dec. 29, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Brian R. Hinton, 33, driving without privileges, pretrial conference Dec. 29, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Helen K. Lanning, 42, petit theft: pretrial conference Dec. 29, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Brent J. Stahell, 25, use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, possession of a controlled substance: pretrial conference Dec. 29, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson.

Misdemeanor sentences

Garrett Randall Bowers, 28, driving under the influence: 20 fine, \$50 suspended, \$750 court costs, \$50 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, credit for one day served, when on constant, dismissed by prosecutor, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Dennis Leroy Collins, 44, battery: domestic violence, one year supervised probation, 180 days in jail, 180 suspended, 30 days dispositive, use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, dismissed by prosecutor, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. David R. Cox, 35, criminal trespass: \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$6,500 court costs, \$35 probation fee, 500 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, credit for one day served, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. John D. Noreaga, 43, criminal trespass: \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$6,500 court costs, \$35 probation fee, 500 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, credit for one day served, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Rick Steven Flynn, 39, assault: dismissed by prosecutor, disturbing the peace: \$90 fine, \$200 suspended, \$6,500 court costs, one year unsupervised probation, 170 days in jail, 80 suspended, credit for 48 days served, 130 days to serve concurrent with separate case, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Matthew David Graves, 19, driving without privileges: \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$6,500 court costs, \$35 probation fee, one year unsupervised probation, 180 days in jail, 180 suspended, credit for 36 days served, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Justin M. McElching, 22, driving without privileges: amended to failure to purchase/affidavit driver's license: \$100 fine, \$6,500 court costs, \$35 probation fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Shaun H. Ehrlich, 19, drive without privileges: amended to failure to purchase/affidavit driver's license: \$69.50 fine, \$6,500 court costs, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Antonio Espinos, 22, driving without privileges: amended to failure to purchase/affidavit driver's license: \$100 fine, \$6,500 court costs, \$35 probation fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Matthew J. Hearn, 19, possession of a controlled substance: dismissed by prosecutor, use



or possession of drug paraphernalia — with intent to use: \$100 fine, \$6,500 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$20 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, credit for one day served — Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Jared Wade Hillier, 22, fraudulent use of a financial transaction card: \$300 fine, \$400 suspended, \$6,500 court costs, \$50 public defender fee, two years supervised probation, 150 days in jail, credit for 54 days served, receiving/possessing goods fraudulently obtained with a financial transaction card, dismissed by prosecutor, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Stacy Marissa Lewis, 18, driving under the influence: under age 21, amended to inattention: disturbing the peace: \$50 fine, \$6,500 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, credit for one day served, failed to provide proof of insurance: \$100 fine, \$6,500 court costs, \$35 probation fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program, receiving or obstructing affairs, dismissed by prosecutor, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Anthony J. Silva, 22, disturbing the peace: \$50 fine, \$6,500 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, credit for one day served, one day eligible for work program, receiving or obstructing affairs, dismissed by prosecutor, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson. Teresa M. Vieira, 36, petit theft: \$100 fine, \$6,500 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, credit for 42 days served, host/act served, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson.

Juvenile misdemeanor sentences

Justin R. Ramonson, 16, failure to provide proof of insurance: dismissed by prosecutor, operating a motor vehicle without validly insurance: \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson.

Felony arraignments

Salvador Huerta, 20, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer: receiving or attempting to receive stolen property: dismissed by prosecutor, pretrial conference Jan. 26, District Judge R. Barry Wood. Craig Spencer Benthick, 20, possession of a controlled substance: use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, status hearing Dec. 1, District Judge R. Barry Wood. Brandon Ramirez, 23, possession of a controlled substance: status hearing Dec. 1, District Judge R. Barry Wood.

Felony sentences

Rebecca Fern Hoy, 24, fraud: insufficient funds check, \$80.20 court costs one year determinate penitentiary time, two indeterminate two counts fraud: insufficient funds check: dismissed by prosecutor, District Judge R. Barry Wood. Clinton James Neal, 29, possession of a controlled substance: with intent to manufacture/deliver, amended to possession of a controlled substance: 2,000 fine, \$850 court costs, \$230 public defender fee, four years penitentiary time, two years determinate penitentiary time, five indeterminate, 180 days discretionary credit for 42 days served, host/act served, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Berenson.

Civil

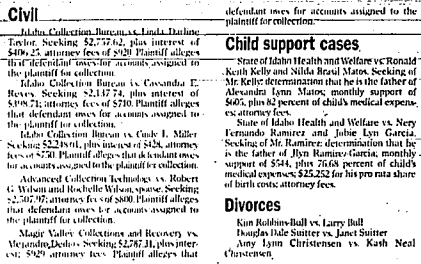
Idaho Collection Bureau v. Linda Thelme Taylor, Seeking \$2,777.62, plus interest of \$409.25, attorney fees of \$929. Plaintiff alleges that defendant failed to account, avoided to the plaintiff for collection. Idaho Collection Bureau v. Cassandra E. Reyes, Seeking \$3,137.73, plus interest of \$308.74, attorney fees of \$710. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection. Idaho Collection Bureau v. Cady E. Miller, Seeking \$22,811, plus interest of \$424, attorney fees of \$720. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection. Advanced Collection Technology v. Robert G. Wilson and Rebecca Wilson, Seeking \$2,207.97, attorney fees of \$800. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection. Magi Valley Collections and Recovery vs. Alejandro DeLos Santos, Seeking \$2,071.10, plus interest, \$295 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that

Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Ronald Keith Kelly and Nikita Brigid Matos, Seeking of Mr. Kelly determination that he is the father of Alexandra Lynn Matos, monthly support of \$665, plus 82 percent of child's medical expenses, attorney fees. State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Nery Fernando Ramirez and Johne Lynn Garcia, Seeking of Mr. Ramirez determination that he is the father of Jlyn Ramirez Garcia, monthly support of \$544, plus 20% percent of child's medical expenses, \$22.52 for his pro rata share of birth costs, attorney fees.

Divorces

Kim Robinson-Hull vs. Larry Hull, Invasiva Dale Suttner vs. Janet Suttner, Amy Lynn Christensen vs. Keith Neal Christensen.



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THIS TIME OF YEAR



Emma Merino, 81, looks at an image of the Virgen of Guadalupe at an exhibit entitled, 'Guadalupe in Popular Culture' along the fence of Chapultepec Zoo in Mexico City. Mexican Catholics honor the country's patron saint every year on Dec. 12, the Day of the Virgen Guadalupe.

Symposium plans get under way

S.V. event will encourage youth to stay in school

The Times-News

SUN VALLEY - Plans are under way for the annual Hispanic Youth Symposium.

The 2004 Hispanic Youth Symposium will be held April 30 to May 2, 2004 in Sun Valley. The event is designed to encourage Hispanic teens to seek brighter futures for themselves and their families by staying in school.

Using a bilingual format, the symposium has three primary goals:

mentoring/drop-out prevention; pride in Latino culture/history and encouraging students to pursue higher education.

The symposium brings together Hispanic high school students from throughout Idaho, including many from the Magic Valley, to listen to motivational speakers and participate in interactive workshops designed to enhance self-esteem, leadership and problem-solving skills and examine possible career paths. The students compete in speech, talent, athletic and interactive skill contests for awards and scholarships.

The symposium grew out of a 1988 brainstorming session centered on ways to curb the 60-plus percent school dropout rate for Hispanic teens in Idaho, symposium representatives reported. In 1990, about 100 students attended

Interested?

If you're interested in participating/volunteering or presenting at the 2004 Idaho Hispanic Youth Symposium, contact: Toni Vandell at (208) 526-0085 or howaat@not.gov or Roberta Jordan at (208) 526-4290 or jordjm@inel.gov. Students apply to attend the symposium through their schools and are selected on the basis of achievement and potential by their teachers and administrators. Students must also submit an essay on why they want to attend the Hispanic Youth Symposium.

and a single \$1,000 scholarship was awarded.

Toni Vandell, Idaho symposium organizer reported that recruiters from 17 Idaho, Utah, Washington, Montana, Iowa, Oregon, and Illinois colleges and universities observed the students as they participated at the 2003 event and awarded more than \$560,000 in academic and athletic scholarships. The 14-year scholarship total now exceeds \$25 million.

The keynote speaker for 2003 was Derek Parra, 2002 Winter Olympics Gold and Silver medalist.

The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and associated companies, Gem State Diversity Initiatives, Idaho Migrant Council, and DOE were the primary sponsors for the 2003 event. Many other Idaho companies and associations donate to the event, and many people volunteer their time.



Young people from the state show skills and talents at the annual Idaho Hispanic Youth Symposium. The event offers encouragement, information and scholarships so the high school students will continue their education.

Peruvian graduate sees success after obstacles

MOSCOW - Jaime A. Yanez of Peru overcame challenges at home and in the United States.

For his work, Yanez is graduating Saturday from the University of Idaho with a degree in food science and toxicology and a double minor in chemistry and Spanish. As a UI undergraduate, he's worked in two different laboratories on campus and written scholarly articles for publication in scientific journals.

The Peru native doesn't plan to halt his academic pursuits with a bachelor's degree. After a brief academic hiatus, Yanez is headed to graduate school, possibly at UI. Before attending school in Moscow, Yanez studied English for eight years in Peru, two hours a day, five days a week.

Still, language proved to be a big challenge on the UI campus. But that didn't deter him from pursuing his dream of acquiring a degree, UI reported.

"I can definitely see a change in myself from three years ago," he said of his personal leadership abilities and "increased language



Jaime Yanez

profess. Yanez was recognized recently for his leadership abilities, receiving the ASUI Student International Leadership Award. He's also been able to hone his communications skills as president of the Association of Latin Americans and Iberians and assisting with orientation for new international students. Yanez organized the Latino-Iberian Festival this year and started a Spanish Conversation Club on the Moscow campus, which received the ASUI Program of Excellence Award.

For those far away from home, homesickness is inevitable but curable, Yanez said.

"Remember why you came here to begin with. Believe in yourself, and start making friends," he said.

Latino or Hispanic: A debate about identity

By Darryl Fears
The Washington Post

One day, Sandra Cisneros walked into Valenzuela's Latino Bookstore and thought she had discovered a treasure. It was one of the few independent book sellers in her home town of San Antonio, Texas.

But within minutes, her mood changed. A clerk innocently used a word to describe a section of books that made Cisneros's skin crawl. "She used the word 'Hispanic,'" Cisneros said, her voice dripping with indignation. "I wanted to ask her, 'Why are you using that word?'"

"People who use that word don't know why they're using it," said Cisneros, a Mexican-American poet and novelist. "To me, it's like a slave name: 'M-r-a-Latina'."

That declaration, "I'm a Latina" is resounding more and more through the vast and diverse Spanish-speaking population that dethroned African Americans as the nation's largest ethnic group a few months ago.

It is also deepening a somewhat hidden but contentious debate over how the group should identify itself - as Hispanics or Latinos. The debate is increasingly popping up wherever Spanish speakers gather.

It was raised last month at the National Council of La Raza's convention in Austin. The Internet is littered with articles and position papers on the issue: Civic organizations with Hispanic in their titles have withstood revolts by activist members seeking to replace it with the word Latino.

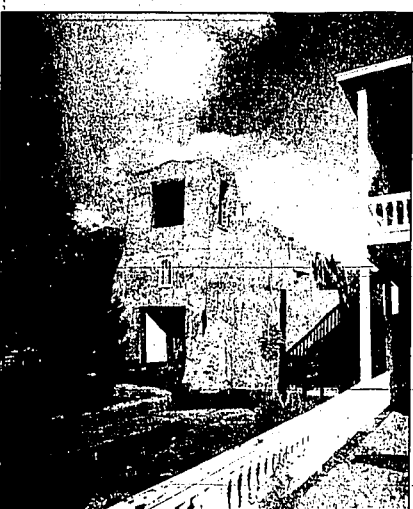
Cisneros refused to appear on the cover of Hispanic magazine earlier this year because of its name. She relented only after editors allowed her to wear a huge tattoo on her bicep that read "Pura Latina," or Pure Latina.

Some have called the argument

an insignificant disagreement over words that is being blown out of proportion. But others believe such labels can change the course of a people; as advocates of "black power" showed when they cast aside the term Negro during their crusade for self-determination amid the 1960s civil rights movement.

Although the terms Latino and Hispanic have been used interchangeably for decades, experts who have studied their meanings say the words trace the original bloodlines of Spanish speakers to different populations in opposite parts of the world.

CHANGED CHURCH



San Miguel Church in Santa Fe, N.M., which underwent major restoration in 1887 and again in 1955, is shown in this modern photo by William Stone. The photo is included in Stone's book, 'New Mexico Then & Now.'

Cuban pianist Ruben Gonzalez dies at age of 84

By Anita Snow
Associated Press Writer

HAVANA - Cuban pianist Ruben Gonzalez, who found new fame in the mid-1990s playing with Compay Segundo's Buena Vista Social Club band, died Monday. He was 84.

The Cuban Music Institute con-

firmed that Gonzalez died in the capital, Havana, but did not provide a cause of death.

Gonzalez's keyboard gymnastics provided the heartbeat of the Buena Vista Social Club's string of traditional Cuban "son" music albums: beginning in 1997.

The smallest man with grizzled hair gained worldwide attention

as the pianist on the opening album of the series, the Grammy-winning "Buena Vista Social Club."

The best-known "Buena Vista" figure, guitarist and lead singer Compay Segundo, died at age 95 in July.

He also played on subsequent Buena Vista albums produced on

the World Circuit/Nonesuch label that featured fellow older artists Ibrahim Ferrer, in 1999, and Omara Portuondo, in 2000.

But most of his individual fame came with his solo "Introducing ... Ruben Gonzalez" in 1997, and an additional solo album, "Chanichullo," three years later.

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Sagittarius: You often feel different, apart

IF DECEMBER 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are often feeling different and apart; your life can be a tightrope walk. With Pluto meeting your sun today, a fresh chapter is starting with psychological and financial matters being placed on the new footing. On a soul level, you're growing light years, painfully at times, as your priorities change.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You're presented with a chance to enjoy yourself, which is heart and soul medicine, especially as Saturn has been dishing out doses of self-discipline.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Do everything correctly is your motto. Money should be forthcoming, but there may be strings attached. Discretion is needed if you're to get the task done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You clear the air as a relationship marches to a different tune. Your busy timetable doesn't support someone's dragging feet. Things have to be done now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make a commitment to a healthier lifestyle. Venus is promising a romantic surprise as not everything is "work, work, work." Gossip needs to be sidestepped and ignored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Are you ready for magic moments filled with love? Your passion may be contested, but when it comes down to it, you have a special way to handle such things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Adding a touch of magic to a domestic scene or party has others' high expectations on alert—Don't disappoint them with a hit-or-miss attitude when a promise can't be kept. Better to play it safe.

HOROSCOPE - Jeraldine Saunders

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The Saturn-noon alignment on the high point of your chart indicates that someone is impressed with your professionalism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A legal matter on hold soon gets the green light as money comes your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The sun-Pluto alignment is a turning point for finances. Silence is golden, talk is cheap. Looking for meaningful conversation when everything looks meaningless, you open your heart, ears and eyes and welcome change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As Santa's jingles strike your ears, your determination doubles and your play pressure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Giving up something you enjoy when you're feeling vulnerable is upsetting. Keeping loved ones happy wins out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Someone's expecting answers, though you haven't been asked. An excuse or an alibi isn't going to do the trick either. Eating humble pie is out of place. Speak up and turn the tables.

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Women likely to cry over sadness

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A man now remembered only as Heydon started a fasting cult three centuries ago in England. He convinced his followers they'd get sufficient nourishment if they merely inhaled the aroma of cooked food without ever eating any. The cult died out.

Two of the larger intellects in modern history, psychologists Carl Jung and Alfred Adler, had something else in common: Neither was any good at all in mathematics.

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Study finds three-drug AIDS combo superior

A three-drug cocktail used by many HIV-infected people proved clearly superior to other combinations at treating new patients in the biggest head-to-head comparison of AIDS medications to date.

The combination works better and longer, is easier to take, and suppresses the virus more quickly, the international study found, offering powerful confirmation of what many AIDS specialists already believed.

Among the study's other, more surprising findings: Four drugs are not necessarily better than three.

The study was also the first to determine the best sequence for drug combinations — critical information because patients' medication must be changed when the virus mutates and begins to resist the first drugs.

Preliminary findings from the research were announced at an AIDS conference over the summer and have already changed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' guidelines for initial HIV treatment and doctors' prescribing habits.

Fed's post-Sept. 11 Detroit terror case might unravel

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration's first major post-Sept. 11 prosecution, which broke up a terrorist cell in Detroit, is in danger of unraveling after the Justice Department divulged it had failed to turn over evidence that might have helped the defense.

The evidence includes a letter from an imprisoned drug gang leader who alleges the government's key witness confided he made up some of his story.

The December 2001 letter, which could have been used by defense lawyers to challenge the prosecution witness during the trial this spring, wasn't turned over until a couple of weeks ago.

The defendants are now asking that their convictions be overturned, and the judge has scheduled an emergency hearing Friday to demand an explanation from the government. Senior law enforcement officials told The Associated Press Wednesday the Justice Department will acknowledge that its prosecutors erred.

Fourth Buffalo man gets prison in terrorism case

NEW YORK — A 26-year-old man

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whom prosecutors said led a group of American recruits to an al-Qaida training camp in Afghanistan received a 10-year prison sentence Wednesday for supporting the terrorist organization.

Yahya Goba, who was born in New York's Bronx borough and spent part of his childhood in Yemen, knew before leaving Lackawanna, near Kandahar, Afghanistan, that it was associated with Osama bin Laden, authorities said.

All of the defendants in the "Lackawanna Six" case who attended the camp, where the use of explosives and weapons was taught, have pleaded guilty to single counts of providing support or resources to a dedicated foreign terrorist organization.

Psychiatrist testifies sniper suspect was legally insane

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo "displayed a pathological loyalty" to John Allen Muhammad and was so brainwashed by him that he was legally insane during last year's killing spree, a defense psychiatrist testified Wednesday.

Diane Schetky, who twice interviewed Malvo in jail, said Malvo was unable to distinguish right from wrong when he and Muhammad killed 10 people during a three-week shooting spree in the Washington, D.C., area.

An inability to distinguish right from wrong is the legal standard for insanity in Virginia.

Prosecutors argued Tuesday that Malvo was a willing participant and challenged the testimony of defense psychologist Dewey Cornell, who also said Malvo had a dissociative disorder and was brainwashed by Muhammad.

Ousted chief justice files notice of appeal

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Roy Moore, ousted as chief justice from the Alabama Supreme Court for refusing to move a Ten Commandments monument, filed a notice of appeal Wednesday with the state Supreme Court and asked a former colleague to step down from the case.

The Alabama Court of the Judiciary removed Moore from

office Nov. 13 for refusing to obey a federal court order to remove the granite monument he had installed in the state Judicial Building's public rotunda.

In a separate motion Wednesday, Moore asked that acting Chief Justice Gorman Houston step down, or be ordered by the court

to disqualify himself from hearing Moore's appeal because of statements Houston has made to the media about the case.

Moore is talking with publishers about writing a book on his life and his efforts to acknowledge God, said his spokeswoman, Jessica Atteberry.

Court throws out teen's murder conviction

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — An appeals court Wednesday threw out a boy's conviction for beating a 6-year-old playmate to death in a case that focused attention on a Florida law that says child murderers must be locked away for the rest of their lives.

The 4th District Court of Appeal ordered a new trial for Lionel Tate, 16, saying his mental competency should have been evaluated before his trial. He was tried as an adult and is serving life without parole at a maximum-security juvenile prison.

Tate's lawyers argued that Tate, then 12, was imitating the pro wrestling moves he saw on television and did not mean to kill Tiffany Eunick. The 46-pound girl was punched, kicked and stomped to death by Tate, who weighed 170 pounds.

The case has raised questions about a controversial Florida law that requires children convicted of first-degree murder to get life in prison without parole. Florida has been widely criticized for using the law to lock up children.

U.S. expects 7.3 million to get drug discount

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration estimates that 7.3 million Medicare recipients will sign up for the new prescription drug discount card next year,

including 4.7 million with incomes low enough to receive \$600 from the federal government to pay drug bills.

But 2.7 million other low-income beneficiaries will fail to enroll and forfeit the annual subsidy, government officials said Wednesday.

The card, expected to be available in June, is a step on the way to prescription drug insurance under Medicare that will begin in 2006. The drug card is included in the Medicare law that President Bush signed on Monday.

For an annual fee of no more than \$30, the card should offer savings of 10 percent to 15 percent off overall drug spending, with savings on individual prescriptions as high as 25 percent, officials said.

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Section D

Keeping my family well fed

I've explained to my wife many times there is an important reason for the sacrifices we make for hunting. I understand it's a nuisance to schedule the time off from my job. It's frustrating to leave basic home repairs undone year after year. It's a strain to scrape together the cash for licenses, tags, stamps, gas, groceries ammunition and gear, but I make these and other sacrifices with one thing in mind. My family needs the meat.

The recent addition to our community of a Sportsman's Warehouse store has been an event of no small concern to Tummy. She knows all that Gore-Tex and gunpowder in one place presents strong temptation to a guy like me, but I have reassured her that our bank account is safe. After much thought, I've come up with a litmus test for the responsible purchasing of hunting stuff.



COUNTRY LARKS
Sam Hutchins

I, Sam Hutchins, hereby resolve that I will not succumb to the lure of any item, no matter how unbelievably cool it may be, until first I ask myself honestly: Will this product contribute to my primary purpose for hunting - to get meat for my family? With this noble resolution in mind, I steeled myself and entered those double doors to an outdoorsman's candy land. I needed some shotgun shells.

That's what I was on my way to get when I was besieged by the hunting apparel. I've been needing a new hunting vest. My old one spills shells whenever I cross a fence and it can get quite uncomfortable because it doesn't distribute a load evenly. It seemed obvious that the eighty-five dollar price tag for a camouflaged beauty full of straps, pockets and zippers was peanuts compared to the money I was wasting losing shells and running my back to heat. How can a man with a bad back and no shells get meat for his family? This was a no-brainer; I threw the vest in my cart.

A few aisles down, I was surprised to find that a standard winter coat has become passe. What we have now are garments that split apart, reverse and break down into various combinations of jackets, vests, parkas etc. The one that really impressed me did all that as well as snapping together to form a stylish camo soft-top for your Jeep Wrangler. With a special conversion kit it could even be made into a serviceable six-man wall tent. Yes sir, the Field Ranger 10X Deluxe Mighty Morphing Foul Weather Clothing System was just about everything a guy could ask for in a hunting coat, but I was only after shotgun shells so I moved on.

On route to the ammunition I found myself confronted with quite a few more items. I didn't have time to subject it all to the litmus test, but I'm pleased to report that the Super Lucky Duck Motion Decoy passed, as did the Action Bird Bucket and some nifty neoprene booties for my dog.

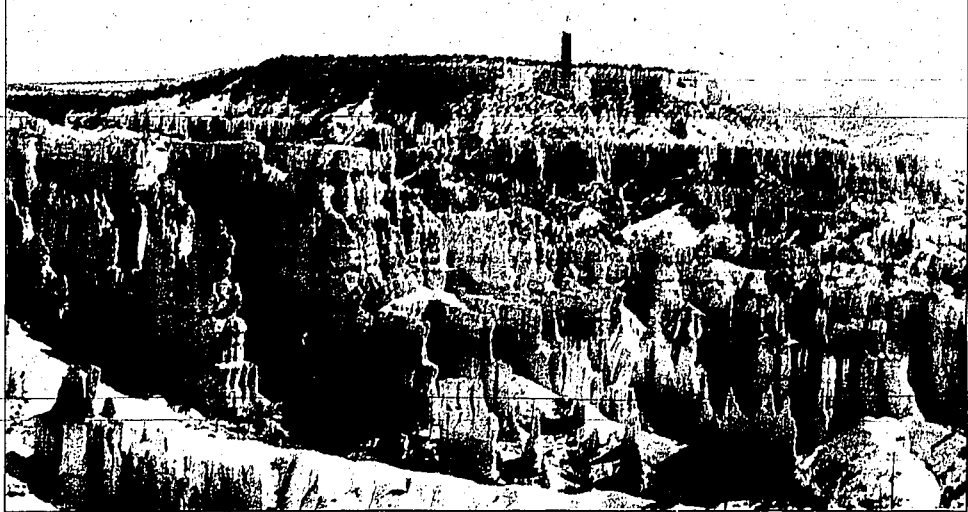
Once I finally made it to the shotgun shells I was faced with a myriad of new choices. Of course, there were plenty of the standard loads that I've been reliably missing ducks with for years, however I couldn't help but notice a flashy new product that promised to reach out and touch those drakes like nothing else ever delivered from a 12-gauge. They were the Kent Impact Tungsten Steel Matrix Magnum shotgun shells and at \$22.99 per a box of 10, I did hesitate.

It's a good thing I had the litmus test for that one or I may not have seen so clearly how, even at nearly two and half-dollars per a shot, they did indeed meet the criteria for the responsible purchasing of hunting stuff.

For one thing, I'd surely use a lot less of them and considering the sheer firepower of this ammunition, it was more than likely whole flocks of ducks would simply give up and surrender as soon as they realized what they were facing.

It hardly seems sporting but so be it after all, I'm just out there to get meat for my family.

Warm winter wonders



Whether in summer or in winter, the jagged peaks of Bryce Canyon National Park are a wonder to behold.

Photo by KARLA BARNES/The Times-News

Now may be the cheaper, quieter time to visit Utah-Arizona park lands

By Karla Barnes
Times-News correspondent

While the weather outside is frightful, snowbirds from all over the country are packing up their RVs and driving south for the winter.

If spending Christmas vacation in the depths of winter isn't your idea of a holiday, you may want to make your next retreat to warmer climates and experience the southwest at its best in Kanab, Utah.

Kanab, the gateway to adventure is located 258 miles south of Salt Lake City, Utah. Long before tourists stumbled on to this unspoiled paradise, Anasazi Indians thrived in this picturesque region of the United States.

In 1922, Hollywood discovered Kanab and added its own cowboys and Indians to this magnificent red rock region. Over 150 movies and television shows were filmed here, some of the most famous being, The Greatest Story Ever Told, Planet of the Apes, The Outlaw Josey Wales, Gunsmoke, and The Lone Ranger.

Today, tourists from all over the world come to Kanab as it is a great "home-base" while touring some of America's most scenic wonders. Most of the visitors flock to the colorful region during the hotter summer months.

But more affordable rates and sparse crowds are the norm in the off-season. And with temperatures hovering in the 50s, now could be a perfect time to see much of the grand sites surrounding Kanab.

The following are some of my favorite sites, all located within 100 miles of Kanab.

GLEN CANYON / LAKE POWELL NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
73 miles E. of Kanab on Hwy. 89

This is a water lover's paradise. Houseboats, speedboats, and jet-skis offer visitors a magnificent experience on Lake Powell. This 185 mile long lake is one of the most beautiful in the world. One of the most popular day trips on the lake is a journey to Rainbow Bridge. This bridge is the world's largest natural stone bridge; it spans 275 feet across and arches to 290 feet high.

A visit to Lake Powell would not be complete without a tour of Glen Canyon Dam. Winter boat tours are available by calling (800) 528-6154. This man-made wonder is one of America's most amazing accomplishments.

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK-NORTH RIM
78 miles S of Kanab on Hwy. 89A to Jacobs

Antelope Canyon features slot canyons that have been "Lake"-then "take"-shaped by years of wind and water erosion.



Rainbow Bridge is the defining experience for any visit to Lake Powell, and is accessible by boat tours in winter months.

Before you go

If you head to national parks and monuments in southern Utah or northern Arizona this winter, make sure that road conditions are safe.
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Hwy. 67 to the park.

The views from the Lodge on the North Rim are outstanding. A photograph cannot seem to capture enough of this fabulous 277-mile long 18-mile wide panoramic view. The Grand Canyon is the most visited spot in the United States. Adventure is at your fingertips, whether you are hiking the floor of the canyon, riding a raft down the Colorado River, or enjoying the views at an overlook along the rim.

Heavy snow conditions will close the North Rim road. Be sure to check before your trip to see if it is open.

ANTELOPE CANYON
75 miles from Kanab - 6 miles E. of Page, AZ on Hwy. 98

Color overflows throughout the corridors of Upper and Lower Antelope Canyon. These slot canyons have been formed by years of water and wind erosion. Photographers come here from around the world to capture the constantly changing light—and color—of these impressive canyons. This area is sacred to the Navajo who



The Red Cliffs of Zion in spring. Zion National Park is jammed in summer, so now's a good time to visit.

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HORSESHOE BEND
78 miles from Kanab- 6 miles S of Page, AZ on Hwy. 89

A 10-minute hike through thick red sand will provide you with one of most thrilling landscapes in the country. Horseshoe Bend is in essence the Colorado River sweeping around a huge mountain of sandstone. This is a fantastic side trip that is commonly overlooked. Bring your camera and be prepared to hang on to your hat.

GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT
18 miles E of Kanab on Hwy. 89

You can see forever at Escalante. This 1.8 million-acre monument is accessible to everyone. Hikers, bikers, and horseback riders will love the endless mesas, plateaus, and breathtaking vistas within the monument. This is a place of remarkable beauty.

BRUCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK
80 miles N of Kanab off of Hwy. 12

The multi-colored spires of Bryce Canyon will amaze and entice travelers. This national park is a geological wonder of Mother Nature. The canyons are filled with stone figures, temples and unusual "hoodoos" that all make Bryce Canyon one of Utah's

most popular attractions.

ZION NATIONAL PARK
37 miles NW of Kanab on Hwy. 9
Sheer red-cliffs and the corridors that divide them will draw you into their spell as you discover the beautiful landscapes at Zion National Park. Streams, waterfalls, and red-paved roads will provide endless adventure for any outdoorsman. Bike, Hike, or take the Tram to experience Zion National Park.

CORAL PINK SAND DUNES STATE PARK
21 miles North and West of Kanab off of Hwy. 89

One glimpse at the Coral Pink Sand Dunes and you will feel as if you have been beamed into Egypt or Saudi Arabia. Everyone in the family will love this unique place. The sand has gathered here from years of eroding red sandstone. This area is a fun stop and offers four-wheelers a place to "cut-loose".

When the sun sets, and you need a place to hang your hat, enjoy the hometown hospitality of Kanab. Comfortable accommodations and delicious cuisine are abundant in Utah's little Hollywood.

OUTDOORS

Avoid traps by keeping pets from wandering

Question: "I have heard several recent instances where domestic dogs have been caught in leg hold traps. If a pet is caught and injured in a trap or snare is the trapper legally responsible and liable for damages?"

Answer: If the trapper is operating a lawful trap line during an open season, not using exposed bait, is checking his traps within 72 hours and his traps are marked with his name and address, he is a lawful trapper. The traps must also be set on public land or the trapper must have permission from the landowner. As long as the trapper was obeying the law he would not be criminally liable.

The Multiple Use and Sustained Yield Act allows for many uses of public land. In addition to non-consumptive recreation such as sight seeing, those uses include hunting and trapping.

When you take your pets for a run on public land avoid allowing them to roam unattended. There are many perils on public land. For example, a pet could be hit by a car or killed by mountain lion. There is always certain amount of risk when you recreate on public land.

When dogs are allowed to stray from home the owner is responsible for pets accidentally being caught in a trap. Trappers try to avoid these areas because catching non-target animals costs the trapper time and energy.



ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

A trap on the foot of a domestic dog can usually be easily removed. If you are trying to remove the trap, be aware, dogs often bite defensively at the pain of the trap being removed.

As a conservation officer I will not give you legal advice. However, in our litigious society people can and do pursue frivolous civil suits for just about anything.

The death or injury of a family pet caught in a trap is an emotional situation. I would be devastated if my hunting dog was maimed in a trap called in a snare. At the same time, I understand trapping is a wildlife management tool to reduce nuisance and predatory animals and harvest furbearing animals as a renewable resource.

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Spelunker group helps tally Idaho caves

BOISE (AP) — It may be time to hibernate in caves for some critters, but members of the Gem State Grotto are going into their mounds with other things on their minds besides sleep.

One of their big projects is helping the Bureau of Land Management to inventory caves in the Wapi Flow at the Craters of the Moon National Monument. The recent designation as a national monument meant an increase in the size of the area, with unknown and unidentified caves on it.

Idaho has two basic types of caves: limestone and lava, with lava being the state's most common. There are 400 identified caves in Idaho, and as the inventories continue, that number could double. The basalt flows of the Craters of the Moon are prime terrain for the discovery of caves.

Members of the Gem State Grotto travel to the monument in teams on the weekends to work on the first stage of the project, which is called the grid search. Grids are marked on maps and then volunteers walk each section of the area with GPS units.

The group systematically covers a block of the barren basalt flows, looking for openings. When they find an opening, they peek inside to see how big it is and to note whether it contains a significant feature. If it is 20 feet or longer or has something in it worth noting, members write it down so they can come back later to explore it further.

Because the Wapi Flow, which covers many miles, is so big, the team is focusing on portions accessible by road.

"What I have liked so far is the sense of adventure," said Betsy Lloyd, a cave resource project team member involved in the grid search. "When you are out there on the flow, it gets your adrenaline up. You can get really lost." She added that the inventory has helped her become skilled in using two-way radios and GPS units.

David Kesner, conservation co-chairman of the Gem State Grotto and a member of the survey team, said there are two main approaches to identifying new caves. One is the surveying of a cave, which is a scientific approach to learning what is inside. Using compasses and tape measures, data is gathered and recorded as the cave is painstakingly mapped.

"The other approach," is when visitors step into a cave and give it a quick look.

"Surveyors call the quick look 'scoping,'" Kesner said.

Surveyors are careful when they enter a cave because they don't want to harm fragile cave formations or archaeological artifacts that might be in the cave. Surveyors also identify flora, fauna, signs of previous inhabitants and potential hazards. Documentation helps protect fragile caves or those with historical significance.

The Gem State Grotto is busiest inventorying caves in the late spring and early fall. Surveying is difficult in the summer because the surface temperatures out on the lava flows at the Craters of the Moon can reach up to 120 degrees. Surveying is also difficult between Oct. 15 and May 1, when a number of caves in Idaho are closed due to hibernating bats.

Winterstart kicks off races at Galena Lodge

KETCHUM — Galena Lodge in Ketchum will hold Winterstart, its first cross-country ski race of the season this Saturday at 11 a.m.

The race will be skate-skiing format with waves starting every four skiers every minute. Registration runs from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Galena Lodge. Fee is \$5 with proceeds to benefit Sun Valley Junior Race Team.

Skiers will race on the Horse Creek Loop. Skiers can pick what they are ready for. One lap is equal to 2.5 kilometers, with three laps being the maximum length. Warm-up skiing will be held along the North Wood River Trail to Horse Creek.

No formal awards will be given, just fun raffle at 12:30 p.m. afterwards with food served at Galena Lodge. Times will be posted at Backwoods and Elephant's Perch in Ketchum.

For information call Galena Lodge at 726-4010 or SV Cross Country Ski Team at 726-3899.

Outdoors in brief

teacher, Schiermeier loves hunting and also supports shooting and conservation groups. He is an active member of the Southern Idaho Muzzleloaders, Ducks Unlimited, National Rifle Association and the Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club.

"I believe strongly in giving something back to the sport of hunting—to ensure a future for Idaho's first-time hunters," said Schiermeier. "The Hunter Education program is one of the avenue I use to do it."

Seattle Ridge, Nordic Center, open at Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY — Seattle Ridge and Nordic Center will open for skiing and snowboarding Saturday, Dec. 13, with high-speed detachable quad Seattle Ridge #12 and Mayday #14 in operation. Seattle Ridge Lodge also will open for food service.

Baldy has received 17 inches of new snow in the last 48 hours to the delight of early season skiers who are enjoying 33 runs on Baldy with five lifts in operation. Dollar Mountain also will reopen for Sun Valley's 68th ski season Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Sun Valley Nordic and Snowshoe Center will open for the winter season today. Operating hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open terrain will include Practice Loop and Bench Loop. For updates on current conditions and open terrain please visit www.sunvalley.com Mountain Report or call the Sun Valley Snow Report, 800-635-4150. For information on Nordic rentals or instruction clinics, call 622-2250.

Duck-calling workshops open up at CSI in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — Mike Plein, four-time Idaho State Duck Calling Champion, will lead duck-calling workshops in January at the College of Southern Idaho.

In "Duck Calling 101: Medium Range" students will learn the basics of this ritualistic form. Topics include the five basic mallard calls, how to tune a single reed duck call, decoy placement, how to blow a team meat contest routine and confidence calls. Class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 8-29, in Room 113 of the Desert building. Cost is \$45 plus \$30 payable to instructor for a quality duck call with replacement reeds and cork.

For more advanced students, "Duck Calling 201: Well Done" will teach the fine details, finesse and world-class contest routines of duck calling. Topics will be calling, "refuge" feeding, advanced team calling and one-man-team routines. Class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 6 through Feb. 3, in Room 113 of the Desert Building. Cost is \$50. Class size is limited; early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

—compiled from staff reports

F&G names Murtaugh man as 'Instructor of the Year'

JEROME — Rick Schiermeier, Murtaugh, was chosen as the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Hunter Education "Instructor of the Year" for the Magic Valley Region.

Schiermeier is one of nearly 100 volunteer hunter education instructors in the region. He has taught an average of three to four classes a year since 1988.

"He is a very important member of our Hunter Education program in the region," said Clayton Nielson, Fish and Game Regional Hunters Ed Coordinator. "Not only does he teach classes, but he helps recruit quality instructors and helps train them."

"He is great with the student," said Nielson. "He makes his classes fun for the kids, providing an important learning environment. His love for hunting, wildlife and ethics is passed on through his example."

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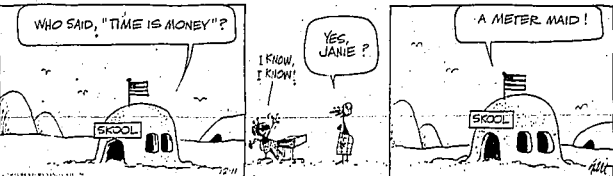
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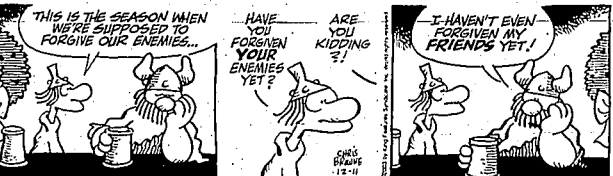
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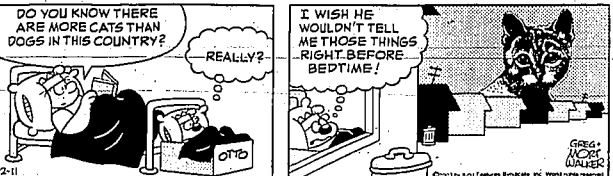
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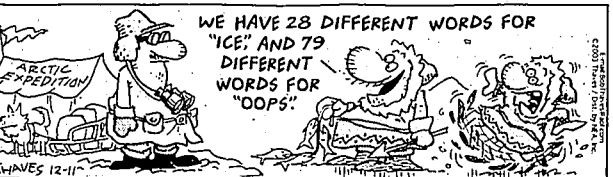
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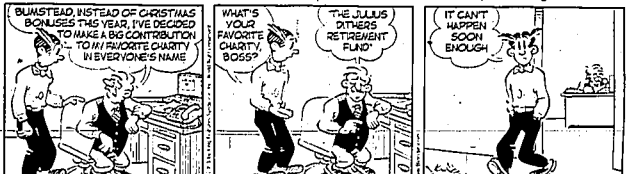
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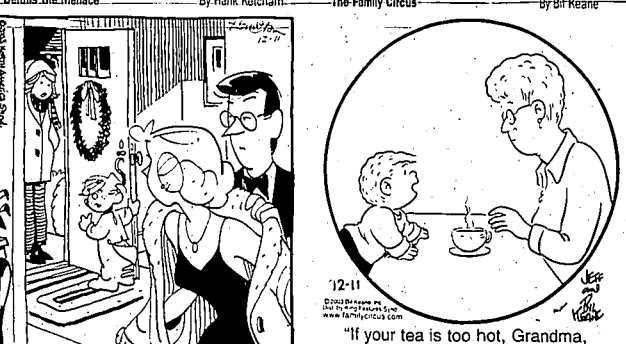


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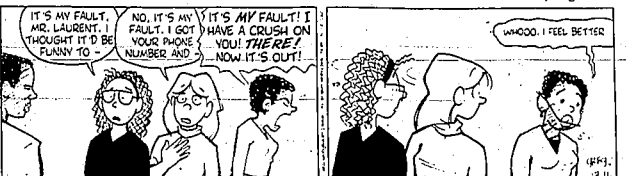
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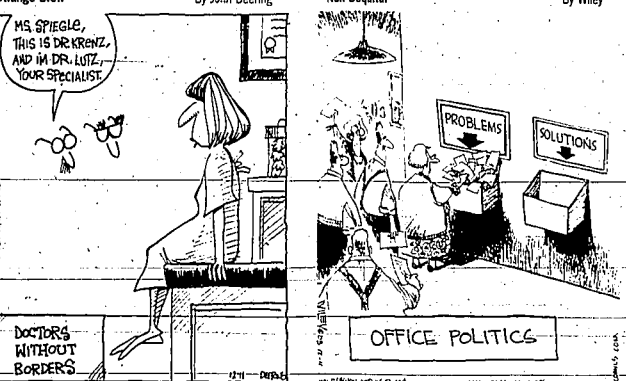


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OUTDOORS

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A horse feeds in a field in the Shields Valley north of Livingston, Mont., Tuesday as the sun sets behind the Bridger Mountains, giving the clouds a colorful glow.

Study says hunters, not elk or lions, attract bears

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — A new study suggests hunters attract grizzlies, sometimes from Yellowstone National Park.

But mountain lions and elk tend to leave areas attracting hunters mostly moving into the park, and wolves did not seem to change their habits.

A group of carnivore researchers monitored radio-collared grizzlies, wolves and cougars in the park's northern range and in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Area, just north of Yellowstone to determine how the predators react to the presence of hunters.

"Grizzly bears shifted north of the boundary once hunting began," the researchers determined in looking at a small sampling of bears.

Cougars, however, tended to leave the wilderness and head for the park once large numbers of hunters arrived, possibly following elk herds that also headed south. "Our findings for grizzly bears were not unexpected," wrote the

study's authors. The scientists included representatives of the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Montana State University and the private research groups Wildlife Conservation Society and Beringia South.

The 10 scientists cited previous studies showing hunters leave behind as much as 500 tons of guts, bones and discarded meat every year in the greater Yellowstone area.

That much food is a big motivator for grizzly bears, especially since hunting season coincides with the hyperphagia, a sort of feeding frenzy that grizzly bears enter before they take to their dens to hibernate.

Hunting-related grizzly bear deaths increased in the Yellowstone area during the 1990s and nearly half the increase came during early season hunts in September, the researchers said.

Utah's wild side: Critters abound close to cities on Wasatch Front

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah really does have a wild side.

Places exist where the button-down state throws off its muzzle. There's unbridled carousing. Howling and howling. It's OK to buy at the moon. And all within minutes of nearly every city along the Wasatch Front.

The mountains are where the wild things are.

Critters of all kinds — there are some 300 animal species in the Wasatch Mountains — make their homes on the range that anchors the populated valleys from Logan to Provo. Some people just like to look at them. Others like to shoot them.

Animal watching and hunting are among the state's most popular pastimes.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that there are 432,700 residents and nonresidents who watch wildlife in Utah each year, including 286,400 who watch birds. There are nearly twice as many bird-watchers as big-game hunters, whose numbers

have diminished the past few years.

Spotted on recent drives were two coyotes tussling over a garter snake near Mountain Dell Reservoir, a cow-moose-and-herd calf munching oak brush along Guardsman Pass, and a plump marmot toddling over rocks in Albion Basin.

"How many metropolitan areas can you go to and be this close to a mountain goat?" said Richard Williams, a U.S. Forest Service wildlife biologist scanning the Little Cottonwood Canyon cliffs for the shaggy, white beasts. "It's amazing what you can see right from the road."

Or from the back yard. And there comes the rub.

Wildlife managers say the high country where animals spend their summers is in good shape. It's not pristine like it was 150 years ago.

But ecosystems are working. Areas that were heavily logged or grazed have made a comeback. Forage and prey are plentiful.

Most species are at least making it, if not thriving, though some like the grizzly bear are gone. (There are no endangered species in the Wasatch Mountains. The bald eagle and the Canada lynx are considered threatened.) But areas below 7,000 feet elevation aren't faring well.

The concrete jungle's continued spread into the forest is paving over traditional animal habitat, particularly in the foothills. Houses, condos, driveways and roads now stand where deer and elk once found sustenance. Though often at odds, wildlife managers, environmentalists and hunters agree, urbanization is the greatest threat to Wasatch wildlife.

"In most instances, people are going to win out over wildlife," lamented Mike Welch, a DWR wildlife manager in Springville. "I don't see it changing."

Winter ranges along the east benches in Salt Lake and Utah counties "are pretty much shot," said Bill Christensen, regional

director for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, a sportsman's group that promotes habitat conservation and restoration as well as hunting.

"The summer range is fine, but that, of course, is not the limiting factor. The limiting factor is how much food you can eat in the winter. That's what limits population."

"In my opinion, we're setting ourselves up for another disaster like we've seen every 10 years when (animal) populations increase and we don't have the winter range; we have a bad winter and they crash."

Whether the house-covered foothills will ever be suitable winter feeding ground again remains to be seen.

"That's the million-dollar question," Christensen said. "Is it too late?"

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has practically given up trying to restore lost habitat along the Wasatch Front. It prefers to spend its reclamation dollars at higher elevations where it has a

chance to make a difference. Or as DWR director Kevin Conway said, "Get a bigger bang for its buck."

Wildlife managers on the Wasatch Front spend a good chunk of their time handling close encounters of the animal and human kind.

Elk wander onto busy highways. Deer roam yards looking for ornamental shrubs. In 2001, wildlife officers removed 30 moose that found their way into foothills neighborhoods. Predators like mountain lions often stalk big game into urban areas.

"One of the ways to balance the population with the habitat is hunting," said Kevin Conway, DWR director.

Hunting is a long-established tradition in Utah, though numbers of those toting rifles in the woods have dropped significantly. Twenty years ago, deer hunters numbered nearly 200,000. Recently, the DWR capped permits at 97,000.

The Western Wildlife Federation isn't anti-hunting, says

executive director Kirk Robinson.

But it does oppose bagging cougars and bears for trophies. As top-tier predators are killed, Robinson said, midlevel predators proliferate, throwing the food chain out of whack.

Robinson frets that the Wasatch Mountains aren't as wild as they once were. Grizzly bears no longer roam the mountains, and black bears are few. Cougars and bobcats still slink around, but the Canada lynx isn't to be found. Wolverines, too, apparently have disappeared.

"The Wasatch is too fragmented and abused as well as heavily used for them to find a home here," he said. "But I wouldn't count it out completely. For all I know, there might be a lynx tracking a snowshoe hare in the upper basin of City Creek Canyon right now. And if there is not, well, at least there is a mountain lion stalking a deer and possibly a black bear snuggling up in its den for the winter."

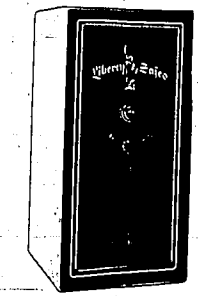
Plenty of large bull elk remain for rifle hunters



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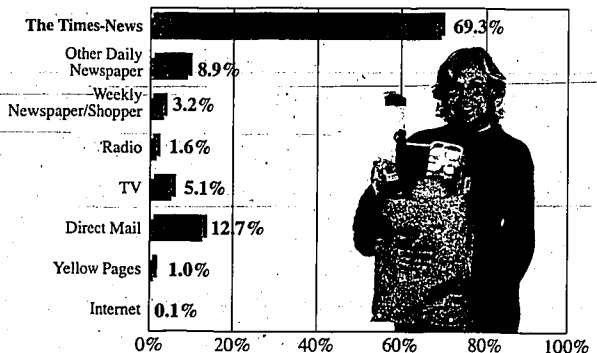
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

AutoZone sees rise in sales last quarter

TWIN FALLS - Memphis, Tenn.-based auto parts chain AutoZone Inc., which has stores in Jerome and Burley and is building one in Twin Falls - reported sales of \$1.282 billion for its first fiscal quarter, up 5.2 percent from a year earlier.

Net income for the quarter increased by 16 percent to \$121.7 million, and diluted earnings per share, reflecting net income and the benefit of AutoZone's share repurchase program, increased 30 percent to \$1.35 per share from \$1.04 reported in the year-ago quarter.

"We are very pleased with our performance as we continue to build on the momentum from our prior fiscal year and implement our new initiatives for this fiscal year," said Steve Odland, chairman, president and chief executive. "We have developed new sales initiatives for retail and AZ Commercial, that we began to implement at the end of the previous quarter. We are beginning to see initial results through stronger sales performance for the last period of the quarter."

Under its ongoing share repurchase program, AutoZone repurchased 644,000 shares of its common stock for \$60 million during the first quarter.

Costco bounces back from price cuts

SEATTLE - After spooking investors in August with an unexpected dip in profit, Costco Wholesale gave Wall Street a more welcome surprise.

Boosted by lower taxes, rising gasoline sales and - thanks to the California grocery strikes - more fresh-food customers, the Issaquah, Wash.-based warehouse club "chain" saw its first-quarter profit climb 10 percent to \$160 million, or 34 cents a share.

The company, which has a Twin Falls store, continues to grapple with higher health-care and workers-compensation costs, and its bottom line was hurt by a new accounting rule requiring retailers to calculate the value of perks they receive from vendors.

In early August, Costco shares dropped nearly 20 percent in one day after executives warned that fourth-quarter profit would fall short of projections, in part because the company had to cut prices on some items to counter similar moves by rival Sam's Club.

"That announcement unleashed fears of a full-fledged price war with Sam's, which is owned by Wal-Mart. But Chief Financial Officer Richard Galanti told analysts this week those concerns were 'overblown,' and he cited the latest quarter as proof Costco can keep its prices 'competitive' and still grow profits.

Washington Mutual cuts jobs, profit outlook

SEATTLE - With its key mortgage business coming off a historic high, Washington Mutual this week announced deep-job cuts and said profit would fall short of expectations this year.

One of the nation's largest mortgage lenders, WaMu said it will cut the equivalent of 2,000 full-time jobs by March out of about 19,000 in its home-loan operation, which has already shed 4,500 since August. About 900 more jobs will be cut from administrative and technology operations.

WaMu employs 59,000 nationwide. The job losses are part of cuts totaling about \$1 billion, or 13 percent of expenses, that will be eliminated by mid-2005 in response to waning demand for home loans, WaMu said. The strategic shift comes after years of building its national mortgage business through acquisitions.

"Now that the mortgage market has clearly slowed, we are adjusting our business to adapt to the new realities of the current environment," Chief Executive Kerry Killinger said.

WaMu also lowered its profit forecast to between \$4.15 and \$4.25 a share this year, far short of the \$5.25 share expected by analysts. Last year, WaMu earned \$4.02 a share.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Operation will stay in Chicago

Office products firm won't move after merger

The Associated Press

BOISE - A day after shareholders approved the takeover of Cleveland-based OfficeMax Inc., Idaho-based Boise Cascade Corp. announced that the combined office products business will still be located in the Chicago area.

"The combined office products business will be strategically stronger and better able to deliver compelling value to its customers through all channels and across all segments of the market," Boise Cascade Chairman George Harad said.

The takeover, estimated to be

worth between \$1.3 billion and \$1.4 billion, will more than double Boise Cascade's office products business to over \$9 billion, increasing the competition for industry leaders Staples and Office Depot.

Christopher Milliken, who had been president and chief executive officer of Office Solutions, will run the unified operation from the headquarters in Itasca, Ill., a Chicago suburb.

The efficiencies generated by the merger should save \$100 million next year, \$150 million in 2005 and \$160 million in 2006 and beyond, Milliken said Wednesday. Retail operations - which include a Twin Falls OfficeMax store - will remain based in the

Cleveland suburb of Shaker Heights and be run by Gary Peterson, the former president and chief operating officer of OfficeMax.

Milliken said a few key managers will move from the Cleveland headquarters to Itasca right away but no decision has been made yet on whether any of the other 1,000 employees will be moved or laid off.

Boise Cascade has about 1,000 employees at its Itasca office. All retail sales will continue under the OfficeMax brand and the contract business will continue to operate under the Boise Office Solutions banner during a transition period that could take up to 18 months for the largest customers, Milliken said.

Following completion of the takeover on Tuesday, Harad again referred to Boise Cascade's impending re-evaluation of its timber operations.

He said the acquisition of OfficeMax not only represented a major step in the transformation of the "office products" business but also of the company.

When the OfficeMax deal was announced in July, Harad said Boise Cascade expected to determine by the end of 2004 whether it would remain in the timber business and if it did, to what extent.

Building supplies and paper production generated \$3.9 million in revenues last year for Boise Cascade, which has a corrugated-container plant in Burley.

LESS STRESS FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Laura Iyer sits in her living room as her sons, Ryan, 4, right, and Nathan, 6, sit in front of their Christmas tree Wednesday in Houston. A lot of Americans are looking for alternatives to the buy, buy, buy and stress, stress, stress that have become associated with Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. 'The commercialism has always bothered us,' Iyer said.

Some families seek spirit of the Christmas season

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - When it comes to the holidays, less can be more.

Many Americans are looking for alternatives to the buy, buy, buy ethic that has become associated with Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. For some, it's an attempt to hold their spending in check. For others, it's concern about the environmental impact of overconsumption. For still others, it's about rediscovering the spirit of the holidays.

"The commercialism has always bothered us," said Laura

Iyer, 40, of Houston. "There's so much emphasis on gifts, which leads to a lot of hassles. 'We just don't want to spend the season in the mall.'"

So Iyer and her husband, Dr. Mohan Iyer, an eye surgeon, have tried to refocus their holiday activities.

The gift for their sons, who are 4 and 6, will probably be full-year passes to the zoo. Together they'll be "remembering our outdoor friends" by making feeders for the birds and squirrels that visit their yard. And they'll be baking and decorating ginger-

bread cookies.

"It's supposed to be fun and a time of building memories, and that's what we're aiming for," she said.

Betsy Taylor, president of the Center for a New American Dream in Takoma Park, Md., said a series of holiday polls the non-profit group has done found that "people overwhelmingly say they wish Christmas was not so materialistic and that they would prefer a far less commercial season."

She added that people "don't want to completely unplug from the commercial machine, but

want to put it in balance."

For Taylor, that translates into homemade gifts, such as pots of vegetarian soup for friends and time for ice skating parties and walks in the woods.

The group's site at www.newdream.org offers a free booklet titled "Simplify the Holidays" with ideas for low-cost giving, from handmade cookbooks to pledged baby-sitting nights and volunteer activities.

Sister Mary Louise Foley of the University of Dayton, a Roman

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Medical Discoveries Inc. engages investment banker

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Medical Discoveries Inc. on Wednesday said it has engaged C.K. Cooper & Co. to serve as MDI's investment banker and advise the company on its restructuring and future capital formation.

"C.K. Cooper's innovative financing products, industry advisory expertise and commitment to quality interaction with clients have made it our first relationship of choice as a small/micro cap therapeutic product company," said Judy M. Robinett of Twin Falls, president and chief executive officer of publicly traded MDI.

MDI said in a statement that C.K. Cooper & Co. is a specialty, full-service investment banking and brokerage firm, focusing on life sciences, oil and gas and other small and micro cap growth companies. Mikael van Loon, managing director of the financial firm's Life



Judy Robinett

Sciences Group, said in the statement: "We believe their (MDI's) technology may have tremendous upside, and we have observed the current management team demonstrate the ability to make promises-and-deliver on those promises."

Formed in 1991, Medical Discoveries is a development-stage biopharmaceutical research company engaged in research, development and validation of a new class of drugs, based on the company's patented and proprietary electrolysis technologies. MDI said it is developing active anti-viral (HIV/AIDS), anti-bacterial and anti-fungal agents for a variety of applications.

Qwest becomes first Bell to fully embrace technology

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - Qwest Communications, International Inc. said Wednesday it has begun offering Internet phone service to some customers in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, marking the firm's embrace by a Baby Bell of a technology that could undermine the traditional phone business.

Denver-based Qwest said it would expand the service to other parts of its 14-state area in the first half of next year. The company would not provide price details.

"The future of voice communications will be based on the Internet, and Qwest is excited to lead the way for customers," said Richard Notebaert, Qwest's chairman and chief executive.

The technology, known as voice over Internet protocol, or voice over IP, lets users make calls as

normal, using a special phone or a regular phone connected to an adaptor device. The phone or adaptor is connected to a DSL or cable modem at the customer's home.

In a traditional phone call, calls are converted to electronic signals that traverse an elaborate network of switches. Regional carriers get paid for calls that pass through their switches.

Internet protocol converts a call into small packets of data - about 50 packets for every second of conversation - scatters them across the Internet, and reassembles them into sound on the other end of a call. The process can remove some network-access charges from the equation, leading to cost savings.

Long-distance carriers and big companies increasingly use voice over IP to route calls. And sever-

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State holds unclaimed property

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Mary Niven, read this story.

The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for you, and for hundreds of other people and businesses, whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax records, stock div-

idends, worker's compensation benefits and the like. The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last-known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Twin Falls and Burley, and the tax commission said each person or business list-

Twin Falls

- Venita Beghan
- Bio Recovery Technologies
- DuBois Ball
- Dean Bridwell
- Beth Britton
- Thomas Chaput
- Edward Chavez
- Vivian Cook
- Richard Costa
- Crandall's Flower Shop
- Troy Dixon
- Katrina Escobar-Alvarez
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- Vera Monroe
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- Shirley Osterhout
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- Mary Kay
- Destiny Richardson
- Terry Roemer
- Southern Radio Radiology
- Sam Standley
- Floyd Stokes
- Theodor Straub
- Ed Studdard
- Tax Planning Inc.
- Kesley Van Engelen
- Marguerite Wallace
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- Adan Giles Lopez
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- Michael Martinez
- Chris Page
- Ric Perkins
- Maria Rodriguez
- Juan Sanchez
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- Scott Seaman
- Johnny Vallejo
- Jorge Velazquez
- Wal-Mart, Pharmacy 10

What to do

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:

• Call 1-800-972-7660, Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627.

• Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.

• Send e-mail to lostandfound@tax.state.id.us.

Log on to www2.state.id.us/tax and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and a link to other states' unclaimed-property listings.

MONEY

Natural gas markets undergo transition

Higher prices benefit companies, hurt homeowners

The Associated Press

The U.S. natural gas industry is in the midst of a turbulent transformation as petroleum giants such as ChevronTexaco and ExxonMobil increasingly hunt fuel overseas, leaving smaller players scrambling to pick up the slack domestically.

Over the past two to three years, "there has been a major emphasis on the importance of exploration in this country" by the world's largest petroleum companies, said Rhone Resch, vice president of energy mar-

kets at the Natural Gas Supply Association, a Washington-based trade group. "That results in fewer new fields that are going to bring significant new supplies."

The transition has benefited smaller companies struggling to make up the difference as a result of high prices, boosting profits and stock prices. Yet it has come at the expense of homeowners and industrial users, who could see high energy bills for several more years.

Longer term, however, America will gain access to vast international supplies that should help ease the current crunch, analysts and executives said.

Indeed, as the biggest players expand natural gas production in countries such as Indonesia, Nigeria, Qatar and Russia to build reserves and please shareholders, they do so with the understanding that a significant portion of this fuel will eventually be exported to America.

"That's what the future holds for natural gas," said Robert Ineson, a Houston-based direc-

tor at Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

Trouble is, the United States currently has limited infrastructure to support the growing intercontinental trade for natural gas. To get it across oceans, the fuel must be cooled to its liquid state, shipped in refrigerated tankers and then "re-gasified," so it can be piped to homeowners, power plants and manufacturers.

There are just four U.S.-based terminals today that can receive tankers carrying liquefied natural gas, or LNG.

While roughly 30 new LNG terminals have been proposed and LNG imports are expected to quadruple by the end of the decade, it will be several years before substantial new capacity is added.

Keeping up with rising demand between now and then will be tough, experts said.

Natural gas imports from Canada have been growing to compensate for the slide in U.S. productivity, but that safety net is gradually fading, analysts said, because drillers there are

also working harder every day.

"Today, the U.S. uses roughly 60 billion cubic feet of natural gas daily, with nearly 15 percent coming from Canada via pipeline and 2 percent from LNG. Demand for natural gas is expected to rise 14 percent by the end of the decade.

Ineson predicted there will be another "four to five years where their legs are going to be a little difficult."

With the price of natural gas soaring - January futures approached \$7 per 1,000 cubic feet this week - many companies are drilling aggressively.

Baker Hughes Inc., a Houston-based services firm, reported Dec. 5 that the number of rigs pursuing natural gas in the United States was up 38 percent from the year before. And that doesn't include the thousands of mom-and-pop operators, who are even more price sensitive, investing their limited resources in the nation's oldest and least productive wells.

IP

Continued from E1

all companies are offering consumers voice over IP service. Sometimes with unlimited calling plans at prices \$20 and more below the competition, not including the cost of high-speed Internet service.

But perhaps the biggest reason the bells is that cable TV companies are beginning to use it to offer phone service, enlarging the "bundles" they can sell to

customers. Time Warner Cable announced such a plan Monday in conjunction with Sprint and MCI to fuel phone service in 31 markets - including Minneapolis-St. Paul.

USB Warburg analyst John Hodulik describes the move as "an important, aggressive" and predicted that Qwest would see some of its traditional customers switch to the newer technology. "They're going to self-can-

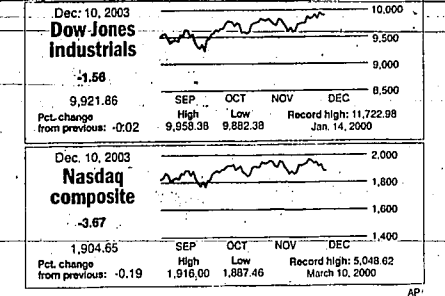
ibalize, but the goal is to maintain the customer," he said. "So you'd rather make less money on a given customer but keep that customer versus having that customer switch providers."

Hodulik said he expects other phone companies, including AT&T Corp., Verizon Communications Inc. and SBC Communications Inc., to make similar announcements soon.

The Federal Communications

Commission has passed a task force to study whether Internet calls are subject to the same taxes and regulations as calls using conventional telephones.

A federal judge in Minneapolis ruled in October that states should not be allowed to regulate Internet phone companies the same as traditional phone companies because doing so would conflict with federal law and new technology.



Stocks retreat in light trading

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street retreated modestly in light trading Wednesday, with the market in search of a direction following the Dow Jones industrials' brief foray above 10,000 a day earlier.

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Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Columns include Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary. Includes volume and index data.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing NASDAQ national market data, including various stock indices and their performance.

INDEXES

Table of various market indices including Dow Jones Industrials, S&P 500, and others, with their current values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD, etc.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing American Stock Exchange data, including various stock indices and their performance.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds listed in 15-point format. Stocks in boldface type are in the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Stocks in italics are in the S&P 500. Stocks in regular type are in neither. Stocks in boldface type are in the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Stocks in italics are in the S&P 500. Stocks in regular type are in neither.

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CHOICE HEDGES

Table of choice hedge prices for various metals and currencies.

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago

Table of new york futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Foreclosure, bankruptcy rates see decline in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah's economy is looking up. Mortgage delinquencies, foreclosures and bankruptcies are all down while job growth is up.

HOLIDAYS

Continued from E1. Christmas Eve in Dayton, Ohio, runs circles each holiday season to help people take a break from how they celebrate Christmas.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types like Valley Beans, Pinto Beans, etc.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices for various types like Cheddar, Swiss, etc.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metals and currency prices for various items like Gold, Silver, etc.

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the NY

Table of new york futures trading on the NY Mercantile Exchange.

SOMETHING MISSING?

We are able to customize our market reports. If you're interested in a stock, mutual fund, or commodity that's not in our report, just call.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices for various types like Valley Grains, Wheat, etc.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices for various types like Idaho Potatoes, etc.

SUGAR

Table of sugar prices for various types like Sugar World 11, etc.

NEW YORK (AP) - Sugar futures trading on the New York

Table of new york sugar futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund performance data including fund names, returns, and other metrics.

COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marraquonia - 735-3288



Teresa Pratt, Rick Hurst and Andy Smyth were the Distinguished Service Award winners at the recent 4-H Forum.

Idaho 4-H leaders, youth enjoy forum

TWIN FALLS—More than 150 4-H leaders and young people from the state gathered for the 2003 4-H Youth and Me State Leaders Forum in Twin Falls, Nov. 7-9.

On the first day, people participated in workshops on livestock day camps, mutual respect, sewing and others. The tours of downtown-historic-Twin-Falls were fun and educational, reported Maria Lowder, 4-H program coordinator, Cassia County.

Nov. 8 opened with Jana Kemp as the keynote speaker. Kemp, who owns a Boise business, related the experiences she gained through 4-H and how they helped her get where she is today. In the afternoon, participants attended numerous workshops on leadership, family and consumer science, livestock and miscellaneous projects.

That evening was the Distinguished Service Award banquet. Each county nominated one leader to receive the award, and district and state winners were announced. Canyon County volunteer Andy Smyth was the state winner.

The teen tract involved 69 young people who learned about national 4-H programs, leadership skills, navigating their "life boat," job skills and stress management

At night, teens went rollerskating and bowling.

"We all love working with the youth because they give us energy and make us feel young," said Jeni Bywater, Minidoka County 4-H program coordinator.

One great thing about the forum was the network of people and the knowledge they shared on different subject areas, Lowder reported. The conference wrapped up with speaker Joey Mills of Weiser, who talked about how the experiences that have affected her life as a parent and a church pastor.

Two state contests were held for young people in conjunction with the forum. The Idaho 4-H Wool Contest featured 16 young people in the basic and advanced levels. The winner was Brienne Rudeen from Power County who received a \$700 savings bond for winning the district and state award. The Statewide 4-H Public Speaking Contest had 11 participants with the first place winners both from Minidoka County. Sarah Gillespie won the original speech category, and Emily Potecot won the dramatic presentation. Cash scholarships were awarded.

For information about the 4-H program, call the nearest University of Idaho Extension Office or 878-9461

Sponsor sheets available for Freeze on Skis

TWIN FALLS—The 17th annual Freeze on Skis will be held at noon Jan. 1 at Shoshone Falls in Twin Falls.

Sponsor sheets are available at Pinetree Sports in Burley; Claude's Sports, Elevation Sports, Big 5 Sporting Goods and The Times-News, all in Twin Falls; and El Sombrero Mexican Restaurant in Jerome.

Skiers must raise a minimum of \$50 to receive a T-shirt. Those who raise \$300 or more will receive jackets. Prizes will be awarded to those who raise the most funds.

Proceeds go to the People for Pets Building Fund and the Snake River Freeze on Skis Medical Fund.

For more information, call Brian Moore at 734-7377 or 280-0724, John Pohlman at 420-0661 or Henk Heckling at 731-0026.

Card parties are canceled for December

PAUL—There will be no card parties in December at the Masonic Lodge in Paul due to the cold and flu problems in the area.

Card parties will resume after Jan. 1. For more information, call 677-4748.

Jerome High School Band presents concert

JEROME—The Jerome High School Band will present its band concert at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school auditorium, 104 N. Tiger Drive.

DAR holds annual Silver Christmas Tea

TWIN FALLS—The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the home of Maureen Williams in Twin Falls.

Williams will present a program on the bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase, and the group will hold its annual Silver Christmas Tea. Members and prospective members are invited.

For more information, call 733-8415.

Buhl Middle School presents holiday concert

BUHL—The Buhl Middle School music department will present a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium, 216 Seventh Ave. N.

The concert will include performances by the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade bands, the sixth-grade treble choir and the seventh- and eighth-grade mixed choir.

Admission is free. Donations will be taken at the door. Money raised will go toward instrument repair and purchase and uniform purchases.

Buttons and Bows holds Christmas dance

TWIN FALLS—Buttons and Bows will hold its Christmas dance Saturday at the Moose Hall in Twin Falls.

Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. with the club furnishing the ham and the rolls. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Election of officers will be held. A square dance will follow the election.

West Magic Recreation Club holds Christmas party

SHOSHONE—West-Magic Recreation Club will hold a Christmas party Sunday at Burien West Resort.

The monthly meeting will be at noon with the party following.

There will be a gift exchange with a \$15 minimum (no food items). Men should buy for men, women should buy for women. Finger food will be provided.

The public is invited. For more information, call 487-2288.

Idaho Writers League holds Christmas meeting

TWIN FALLS—The Idaho Writers League Twin Falls Chapter will hold its Christmas meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday at the home of Marilyn Aggeler in Twin Falls.

Those attending should bring finger food to share. Members are also asked to bring a small gift and a cryptic note about the pack-

age's content for the gift exchange. The gift must not cost more than \$7.50.

The 2004 officers are Jay Coemmer, president; Connie Davis, vice president; Jack Lintelmann, secretary and treasurer; and Cindy Snyder, newsletter.

For more information, call 324-7694 in the evenings or e-mail thelms@northrim.net. The Idaho Writers League Web site is www.idahowritersleague.com.

Buhl Community Ed offers holiday classes

BUHL—The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association announced the following upcoming classes:

"Bath Crystals for Kids" will be held from 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Room 201 of the Buhl Middle School, 216 Seventh Ave. N. Children will create bath crystals for their parents. The cost is \$2.50 plus \$3 for supplies. Children must be at least 3 years old.

"Mailbox on a Tree" will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday in the Buhl High School art room, 525 Sawtooth. Participants will create a birdbath mailbox that can be displayed on a table or shelf. Participants should bring old Christmas cards to fold into small wrapped packages, and a short string of mini lights. A sample can be seen at Concepts 'N Motion, 125 South Broadway. The cost is \$5 plus \$6 for materials.

For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

Buhl Lucerne Grange holds annual Christmas party

BUHL—The annual Buhl Lucerne Grange Christmas party will be held at 6:30 p.m. today.

Members should bring finger foods and a gift for their child. Santa will visit.

For more information, call Doris Pearson at 543-5017.

Friends of Stricker holds Christmas gathering

TWIN FALLS—The Friends of Stricker annual Christmas party

and awards dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Idaho Joe's in the Lynwood Shopping Center in Twin Falls.

The dinner will be no-host. Certificates of appreciation will be awarded to the Twin Falls County Highway District, Twin Falls Juvenile Detention Center, Idaho Dairy Products Commission, Army National Guard in Twin Falls, Mark and Mike Makin and Harold Waggoner and his Boy Scout Troop.

Winemaker explains process of making wine

RUPERT—Idaho winemaker Neil Glancey will explain the process of wine making from 5-7 p.m. today at the Drift Inn in downtown Rupert.

Samples of new and mature vintages will be free.

Glancey makes wines at Carmela Vineyard in Glenns Ferry. His wines have won several awards throughout the Pacific Northwest, organizers say.

Bottles of wine will be available for sale.

Crossfire Youth Ministries hold rally Friday in Buhl

BUHL—The Crossfire Youth Ministries sports division, led by the Buhl First Christian Church's Associate Pastor Steve Marshall, will hold a rally after the Buhl High School boy's basketball varsity home game Friday at the church, 1005 Poplar St.

A second rally will be held after the game on Jan. 2.

The rallies include free food and drinks, music, air hockey, foosball, ping pong and pool. Friday's rally will feature a video clip from "Give me the Rock," a collection of testimonies from NBA players.

The rallies begin 20 minutes after the end of each home game.

The rallies during the football season attracted 252 students, organizers reported.

To help financially or volunteer, call Marshall at 543-4250 or 543-4120.

'YANKEE DOODLE'S DANDY CHRISTMAS'



Photo courtesy of SANDRA WISSENER

Some of the fifth-graders performing in the Castleford School Christmas program include, from left, front: Lisa Garabaldi and Ashley Harris; standing: Brook Bishop, Rata Zimmers and Dakota Hoogland. A highlight this year will be the musical, "Yankee Doodle's Dandy Christmas," by fifth-graders. Vocal selections also will be performed by the kindergarten through fourth-grade students and high school choir. Instruments will be presented by the sixth grade, junior high bands and high school bands. The all-school program, under the direction of music instructor Carolyn Kohnpott, starts at 1:45 p.m. in the Cothern Memorial Gymnasium. The public is invited, and it is free of charge.

LEARNING SAFETY



Buhl firemen Earl Tye, left, and Scott Wilde visit with preschoolers and parents who attended one of the Wednesday story hours at the Buhl Public Library. They learned about the fire trucks, ambulance and fire safety in conjunction with National Fire Safety Week. For more information, call the library at 943-6500.

People support convoy to the Boise Veterans Home

Fairfield American Legion Post 19 wishes to thank all of you that supported us for the food convoy to the Boise Veterans Home. It is a very worthy cause.

GENE BEHUNIN
Adjutant, Post 19
American Legion
Fairfield

Money raised from turkey shoot helps with youth

We would like to give thanks to the following businesses and organizations for helping the Twin Falls Optimist Club with the 18th Annual Wayne Kinney Memorial Turkey Shoot. The Twin Falls Gun Club is its generous help and support every year and for Red Turkeys. Best for donating guns for the raffle.

We would also like to thank all the people for attending the event on Nov. 16. The money raised from this event will help the Optimists in their various youth projects, including Coats for Kids, Request for Law Week, Youth Appreciation Week, Easter Egg Hunt and the Youth Support Services helping any youth that is in need.

DENNIS J. BOWYER
JOHN HEAD
Co-chairmen
Optimist Club
Twin Falls

Alpha Phi Chapter meal proceeds go to projects

Alpha Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently held its annual Harvest Dinner and Auction with a German meal of homemade sausages and salads.

Thanks to Ben and Marsha McCool for preparing the meal, Larry Goolsby for washing the dishes and Karen James of JMA Auctioneering for running a successful auction. Proceeds from the auction are donated to various charities in the community. Yearly donations help with oxygen for a patient at St. Benedict's, Breast Cancer Awareness, Mountain States Tumor Institute, Jerome High School Senior Night, Jerome Ministerial Holiday Food Baskets, Women's Crisis Center, school supplies for elementary schools, adopting a family Christmas, Help for Life and March of Dimes walks. Chairman Mary Ann Pappani and her com-

mittee of Nancy Auclair, Sandra Moore and Betty Zimmerman helped me plan the evening.

To our guests, we thank you for joining us, supporting our chapter and purchasing auction items. MARY GILBERT

Alpha Phi Chapter
Beta Sigma Phi
Jerome

'Puttin' on the Dog' dinner and auction is success

People for Pets-Magic Valley Humane Society Inc. would like to express our gratitude to all the individuals, businesses, volunteers and the community for their support and donations for our recent fund-raiser for the "Puttin' on the Dog" dinner and auction held Nov. 1. Those who attended enjoyed a wonderful evening of food, service and live auction entertainment. Special thanks to Mayor Lance Clow and Dee Dee Clow for their participation and organization with the mayor's table. This fund-raiser was an immense success, and we were able to raise approximately \$2,000 for the Buhl Shelter-Fund. Thank you also to Kent Just, Kelly Klaus, Regina Murua, Kristi Litman, Monica Blackwood, Blue Lakes Country Club, Linda Waag, Bev Ward and Janet Thomas.

KATHLEEN OLMSTEAD
People for Pets
Magic Valley Humane Society Inc.
Twin Falls

Many contribute to make Firefighters Ball a success

The Jerome Firefighters would like to express thanks to all who helped make our 2003 Firefighters Ball a success. Thanks to: Allen's Photo, Arlene's, Blankies & Sons, Blockbuster Video, Cactus Petes, Cleveron, Columbia Paint, Corner Lounge, Curves for Women, D.L. Evans Bank, Domino's Pizzeria, El Sombrero Restaurant, Erica's, Naik, Eric's Custom Upholstery, Farmers National Bank, Fed Ex Ground, Franklin Building Supply, Giltner Inc., Golf 93, Gypsy Sun Bath & Body, Honker's Mini-Mart, Honker's Storage, The Hair Connection, Jerome Fitness Shop, Jerome Floral, John's Barber Shop, Johnson Chiropractic, Les Schwab Tires, Minico Auto Parts, NAPA, North Side News, Papa Kelsey's,

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
- Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.

For more information, call 733-0931. Ext. 208

To express gratitude of a personal nature than public nature, call The Times-News Classified department at 733-0931; Ext. 270.

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MARK KORSEN
Door Prize Chairman
2003 Firefighters Ball
Jerome City Fire/Rescue Team
Jerome

Veterinarian shows care, compassion for pup

We would like to publicly thank Dr. Connie Rippel of Magic Valley Veterinary Hospital for the wonderful care she provided to our injured puppy on Thanksgiving Day. Dr. Rippel missed her holiday meal in order to meet us at her office and treat our wounded dog, and she graciously called us twice during that afternoon to update us on our puppy's condition. She even took our dog to her home for the night in order to monitor and care for her until the office reopened Friday morning. Thank you, Dr. Rippel, for your wonderful care and compassion.

KEFF AND BECKY YEGGY
Twin Falls

Family appreciates support at benefit event in Wendell

We wish to thank all those who helped us at the recent Shelli-Mason Kidney Transplant Benefit at the Silver Spur in Wendell on Nov. 8. Those of you who donated items for the raffle or silent auction or

gave money and those of you who bought the raffle tickets and played in the tournament, we appreciate all your support.

HELEN BROWN
And Family of Shelli Mason Hansen
(Editor's note: Helen Brown is Shelli Mason's mother. Mason lives in Wendell.)

Thanks go out to people who supported the arts

The recent Mayor's Excellence in the Arts Awards and Red, White & Bluegrass dinner was a huge success! On behalf of the Magic Valley Arts Council's Board of Directors, I would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their support: Jeff Bick, Mayor Lance Clow and the recipients of the Excellence in Arts Awards. Jensen's Jewelers, Chris Bolton, Clear Springs Foods, The Junior Club of Magic Valley, Westerra, Deadline Ridge, The Ballroom, Magic Valley Distributing, Historic Old Towne Twin Falls, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, Sonja's, J & M Antiques, Bill Brulotte and the many artists and individuals who donated items for the art auction. Thank you to everyone who attended this event dedicated to supporting the arts in the greater Twin Falls area. Your efforts benefit it all.

RHONDA LAPATRA
Program Director
Magic Valley Arts Council
Twin Falls

Club appreciates support of fund-raising activities

On behalf of the College of Southern Idaho's Surgical Technology Program Club, we'd like to thank the many individuals who participated in our Child Care booth or purchased a ticket for raffle prizes and tuition at the Harvest Festival in November. Your contributions and continued support through our local fund-raising activities are sincerely appreciated!

DAWN JOHNSON
President
CSI Surgical Technology Club
Twin Falls

Foot Clinic

• Adult / Child Foot • • Toe / Nail Pain •
• Ingrown Toenails • • Corns / Calluses • • Other Foot Problems •

Timothy G. Tomlinson, DPM
1120 Montana, Gardnerville • 934-4500



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Parcel No. 6C
Section 22: NE1/4 and SE1/4NW1/4
SUBJECT TO: Twin Falls County Highway Right of Way

Parcel No. 7
Township 11 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 23: A parcel of land located in the NW1/4NW1/4, more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No. 8
Section 20: A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 20, more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 20

Parcel No. 11A
Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 6: A parcel of land located in the E1/2SE1/4, more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No. 11B
Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 6: SE1/4NE1/4
SUBJECT TO: A 25 foot right of way on the South side of the property.

Parcel No. 11C
Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 6: SE1/4NE1/4
SUBJECT TO: A 25 foot right of way on the South side of the property.

Parcel No. 11D
Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
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Parcel No. 11E
Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
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SUBJECT TO: A 25 foot right of way on the South side of the property.

Parcel No. 11F
Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
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SUBJECT TO: A 25 foot right of way on the South side of the property.

Parcel No. 11G
Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
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Parcel No. 11H
Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 6: SE1/4NE1/4
SUBJECT TO: A 25 foot right of way on the South side of the property.

for the purpose of ingress and egress. Said easement is centered on the following described line:
Commencing at a point on the Southeast boundary of Section 20, said point being located South 89'22"12" East 132.68 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 20;

Parcel No. 9
Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho
Section 20: A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 of Section 20, more particularly described as follows:

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Section 6: A parcel of land located in the E1/2SE1/4, more particularly described as follows:

(1) 7/8" Tower control pivot serial #N#0
(1) Marathon 30 hp motor serial #11-95282-1192-07
(1) 1/2" 1/4" center drive wheel lines
(1) G.E. 30 hp motor serial #BJG210420

(1) Wellco short coupled turbine pump serial #LP8146
1,300 feet of 8" buried plastic mainline
Together with all valve operators, end plugs, hoses, tubing, switches, panels, bowls, wiring, suction pipes, cones, valves, reducers, sprinkler heads, buried and above ground and any replacement thereof appropriate to the above listed equipment and lands.

(1) 120,000 CWT Q-SPAN SLANT WALL POTATO STORAGE
Together with all aluminum pipe, control panels, fans, etc., pertaining and appurtenant and adequate for the above listed potato storage.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Conversation should touch everything, but should concentrate itself on nothing. Oscar Wilde

Handwritten bridge score showing North and South hands with cards and tricks.

You are East, and when partner leads the diamond king against two hearts, let us say that you overtake. What will your plan be? You can see five defensive tricks: two hearts, two diamonds and either a diamond ruff, or an overruff by partner on the third round of diamonds. Where is the sixth trick to come from?

If partner has the spade king, a spade switch now will see your side collecting a diamond ruff eventually. There is also room for partner to have the queen and 10 of clubs, which will give him a club trick, but he would also need the spade queen or declarer will simply discard dummy's losing club on the spades.

The best defense does not need partner to have any high cards at all. Since the bidding marks partner with three trumps, you can give yourself an excellent chance to defeat the contract by switching to a club at trick two. Declarer will win the club switch and run the heart nine. You will win your queen and play a second club. Again declarer will take the trick and play a trump. You win your ace, cash the diamond queen, and play the four of diamonds for partner to ruff. Now he will give you a club ruff to beat two hearts.

If you cash your diamond queen at trick two and then play a club, declarer wins and leads a diamond himself! Now your partner's entry is taken out prematurely.

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South The bidding:

Handwritten bridge bidding sequence.

Showing a doubleton heart Asking South to bid two hearts

Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES

Handwritten bridge score for 'Bid with the Aces'.

Handwritten bridge score for 'South leads'.

ANSWER: Compete to three hearts. Your fifth heart and your support for clubs (a suit partner probably has length in) suggest you should bid one more time. When you have a nine-card trump fit and a possible second fit, you should try to compete to the three-level.

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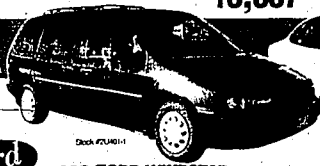
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