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'Caught like a rat'

U.S. forces find Saddam hiding in a dirt hole in a farmyard

The Associated Press

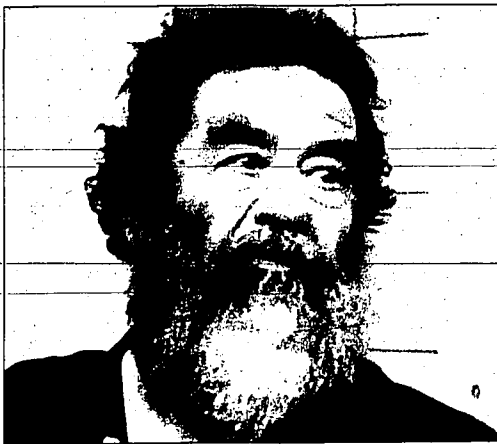
BAGHDAD, Iraq – Cornered alone in a cramped hole near one of his sumptuous palaces, a weary, disheveled Saddam Hussein was seized by U.S. troops and displayed on television screens worldwide Sunday, a humiliating fate for one of history's most brutal dictators.

The man who waged and lost two wars against the United States and its allies was armed with a pistol when captured in a Styrofoam-covered underground hide-out, but did not resist, the U.S. military said. In the broadcast images, he resembled a desperate fugitive, not an all-powerful president who had ordered his army to fight to the death.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we got him," U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer told a news conference. "The tyrant is a prisoner." "He was just caught like a rat," said Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, whose 4th Infantry Division troops staged the raid. "When you're in the bottom of a hole you can't fight back."

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Saddam Hussein is shown Sunday after his capture. He was reported to be disoriented and compliant when he was taken, but later showed defiance when four top Iraqis were permitted to visit him.



Now come decisions on justice

By Frank Davies
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON – Saddam Hussein "will face the justice he denied to millions," President Bush pledged Sunday. But how? And where?

Within hours of Saddam's capture, political and legal debates began over whether he should be tried by Iraqis in Iraq, or before an international tribunal. One key question is whether he will face the death penalty.

Top U.S. officials said those decisions have not been made. "I fear and when Saddam would face justice – and he will face justice – is a question that remains before us," said U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer.

Iraqis on the interim Governing Council, who last week set up a special tribunal to try Saddam's associates, insisted Sunday that Saddam should be put on open, public trial in Iraq.

"There is no question that the process will be an Iraqi process," said Adnan Pachachi, a council member.

But several jurists and human rights experts, along with some U.S. senators, said an international forum perceived as impartial – similar to the ongoing trial of ex-Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic – would be a better way to persuade the world of Saddam's crimes.

"Whatever the forum, the basic concern is that it have credibility in the eyes of the world, and it can't be seen as a sham trial," said retired U.S. Appeals Court Judge Patricia Wald.

For two years after she left the federal bench, Wald served as a judge in the special U.N. tribunal set up in The Hague, Netherlands, for Yugoslav war crimes.

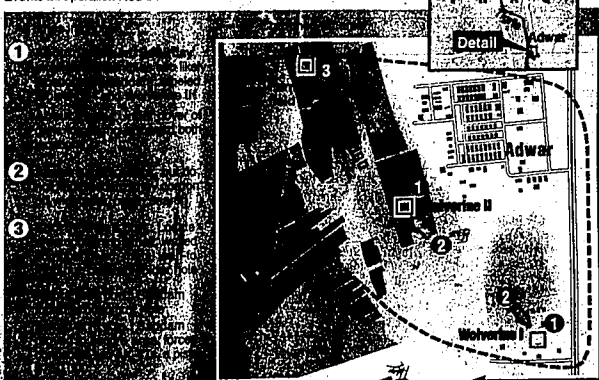
The trial of Milosevic is now in its second year, as he defends himself against charges of war crimes and genocide for "ethnic cleansing" in the Balkans. Several senators, including Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Joseph Biden, D-Del., said that such a trial could work for Saddam.

"Iraqi justice is going to want to be a swift and powerful sword," Biden said on ABC's "This Week."

"But I'd like to make sure it's done more like it was done with Milosevic and that every single thing is laid out there."

Saddam Hussein's capture

Events in Operation Field Dawn:



Saddam's hideout



Spider hole: About 6 ft. to 8 ft. (2 m to 2.5 m) deep; wide enough for a person to lie down

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U.S.: Expect resistance to continue

Newspay

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The resistance will go on.

Despite the capture of Saddam Hussein, guerrillas are likely to continue attacking U.S. and coalition troops in Iraq, according to Iraqi and U.S. officials. Without Saddam and his Baath party stamp on the insurgency, other Iraqis might join the guerrillas in what is seen as a nationalist and Islamic struggle against an occupying power.

While in its initial days the insurgency seemed to largely consist of former Baath loyalists and ex-Iraqi army and intelligence officers, it has taken on an Islamic stamp in recent months.

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Random drug tests gain favor

Most area schools prefer to focus on extracurricular activities

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER – Ask a high school student here about drug use, and you'll get a candid answer.

"This is a big party school," says Shanna Roehm, a Filer High School senior.

Roehm's comments were echoed in a survey conducted last spring. The student body of Filer High School was asked to rate the quality of their school's drug-free climate. Responses showed that 73 percent of sophomores and 74 percent of seniors believed that this was an area that needed improvement.

Principal Lyon Madsen admits

Buhl leads the way – A2
Some don't test – B1

that drug use has probably increased in the last few years, but the survey was a surprise. "A pretty high number of kids felt there was a problem, and we have dealt with about 15 instances involving marijuana," he said. "But I think alcohol is more prevalent."

So Filer is turning toward a new idea.

Across south-central Idaho, districts like Filer are grappling with the often controversial topic of drug

testing. Requiring students to submit to tests – sometimes randomly – has drawn fire across the valley, but school officials for the most part tout their policies.

By polling school officials throughout the region, *The Times-News* found that 13 out of 23 area districts have random drug-testing policies, with more contemplating the idea. Filer, for one, has varying standards for testing, punishment and paths of recourse.

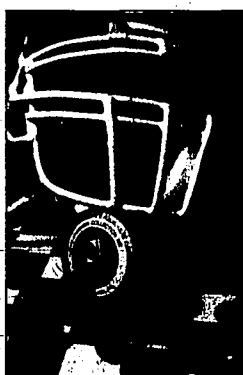
But the policies generally fall into two categories: random and "reasonable suspicion" testing.

With random programs, school

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Most school districts in south-central Idaho have adopted random drug-testing policies where students involved in sports and other extracurricular activities must provide urine samples when requested. "Participation in extracurricular activity is a privilege, not a right," says Max Excell, superintendent of the Shoshone School District.

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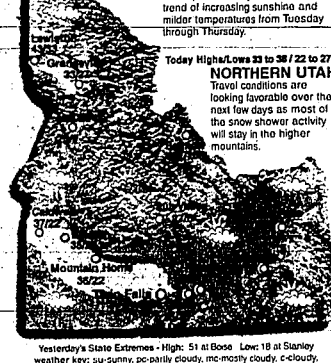
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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Clouds and isolated snow showers are expected today... BOISE Today High/Low 18 to 30... Tonight's Lows 0 to 10...



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Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

Yesterday's Weather

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

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Table showing barometric pressure for today, yesterday, and the forecast.

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Table showing UV index levels: Low, Moderate, High.

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Table showing moon phases: Last Glimpse, New Moon, First Glimpse, Full Moon.

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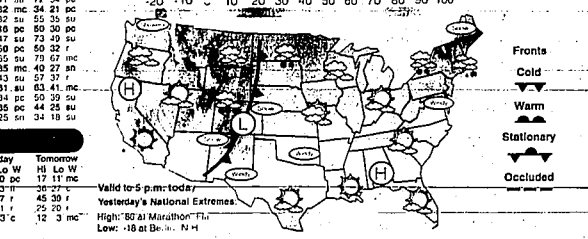
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Buhl sets standard for random testing

By John E. Swayze Times-News correspondent

Buhl - The school district here began randomly testing athletes and driver education students in 1997... Superintendent Richard Hill said...

Buhl is one of several districts that contract with Brent Cunningham from Spirit Walker Counseling in Twin Falls... "Many of these kids are sitting on the fence facing peer pressure," Cunningham said...

All students in extracurricular activities are tested at the beginning of the year, and then 10 percent receive random drug tests at intervals... "We found out, through an informal survey, that there was a need for testing," Superintendent Richard Hill said...

"It's difficult with kids, because they don't see any consequences," he said. "Unlike an adult who can lose a job, their biggest concern is getting busted by the cops..."

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Testing

Continued from A1 districts use the policy as a deterrent to their students involved in sports and other extracurricular activities... Reasonable suspicion policies are less specific. In most of these approaches, properly trained school employees who have a "reasonable suspicion" that a student is under the influence may take action...

Filer eyes random testing

In Filer, School Board members recently approved the formation of a committee to examine the random drug-testing policies used by surrounding districts... "This seems to be the way that all districts are going," Athletes' Director Loyd Greay said...

Lincoln schools in transition

As with Filer, other districts in the region are eyeing a move toward random drug testing, and the schools in Lincoln County offer a case study in the transition... Richfield Superintendent David Hocklander has never seen a positive drug test during his time as superintendent...

Glossary of terms

- Random drug testing: With this policy, school districts randomly test students... Reasonable suspicion drug testing: These policies are not targeted specifically at those in athletics or extracurricular activities...

Policies practiced

Table listing policies for various districts: Blaine County, Bliss, Buhl, Camas County, Carey, Cassia County, Castelford, etc.

school Principal Thomas Fenelon has never needed to enforce. He attributes this to a sense of community that exists in the school.

"We know each other on a personal level," Fenelon said. "But that doesn't mean that drugs don't exist... they just haven't been a presence in the school," he added... "We're not specifically out to find a problem. We want to help the kids," Fenelon said...

"It's been very positive, and I think we'll have a lot of support when the random proposal is presented in the spring," he said... "We're not specifically out to find a problem. We want to help the kids," Fenelon said...

Numbers are drawn by the superintendent and delivered to the principals, who match them up with names... "The student does his business in the restroom and hands the cup to an administrator waiting outside the door," Superintendent Max Excell said...

"There are staff members who've returned from reasonable-suspicion training, and teachers who need to be aware of student actual need," high school Principal Thea Perkes said... "Participation in extracurricular activity is a privilege, not a right," Excell said.

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Motive emerges in sniper trials

Los Angeles Times

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — When John Allen Muhammad was convicted last month, it still wasn't clear what had turned a seemingly ordinary pair into a sniper team who, authorities say, staged 20 shootings across seven states, killing 15 people and wounding seven. "We don't know what made them take the final leap," a member of the prosecution team said.

But in the last week, with confessed accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo's trial here nearing its final phase, a clearer picture of the hunt-er sniper gunmen has emerged — along with a possible motive laid out by Malvo.

The "mission," according to one of the many mental health experts who have conducted jailhouse interviews with Malvo, 18, was to incite a racial revolution over the "continued oppression of black people" and set up a utopian black city in Canada that would be based on racial and social justice.

In August 2002, psychiatrist Dewey Cornell testified, Muhammad reportedly told Malvo that "they were going to carry out a sniper plan, to start shooting people one after the other." No court testimony indicated why Muhammad or Malvo thought such attacks would spark a revolution.

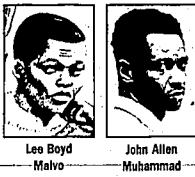
In the months preceding Muhammad's comment, various defense witnesses said the 42-year-old Army veteran had indoctrinated Malvo into sharing his rage over white American society. He had taken the teenager on trips across the country to speak with blacks in slums and homeless shelters. He had Malvo listen to tapes of anti-American speeches, using headphones to deliver the message even while the teenager slept.

Malvo has said, according to court testimony, that he was put through rigorous training: Muhammad reportedly taught him how to shoot, gave him violent video games to play, lectured him on Islam, put him on a strict vegetarian diet laced with vitamin pills and globes of honey, and once tied him to a tree so the youth could prove his toughness.

In the end, mental health experts for the defense said, Muhammad owned Malvo's mind. Dewey, who spent 54 hours interviewing Malvo, said the teen told him that "white people are devils." Malvo, he added, "came to believe there would be a revolution."

From the time of their chance meeting in an electronics shop on the Caribbean island of Antigua in late 2000, Muhammad and Malvo made an odd pair. Muhammad stood 6-foot-1. He was a handsome man who had a military bearing and hardly an ounce of fat on his 180-pound body. Malvo weighed 120 pounds, appeared younger than his 15 years and looked as though he belonged in a schoolboy choir. Muhammad was stoic, Malvo outgoing.

They did, however, share one significant quality: They were losers. Muhammad's two marriages had failed, his Washington state career as a business executive had fallen apart, he had lost custody of his four children and, in 10 years in the Army and National Guard, he had not risen above the rank of sergeant. He rebelled against authority, sometimes being disciplined by the Army, during the course of his military career.



Lee Boyd Malvo and John Allen Muhammad

Muhammad went to the top marksmen ratings for his shooting ability from the onset.

In the Persian Gulf War in 1991, Muhammad was assigned to an engineering unit, but told people he was with Special Forces. He was suspected of tossing an incendiary grenade into the tent of a sergeant he didn't like. Military records entered as evidence showed, and once told another black soldier in a counseling session: "Brother to brother, back off or you will be the first slaughtered. There is no place that your family will be safe while a decent student in Antigua and his native Jamaica who talked of becoming a pilot or an astronaut — was by all accounts a troubled teenager. He shot stray cats with a slingshot, was abandoned by his father, beaten by his mother, and bounced from home to home and school to school.

"I woke him up," Malvo's mother, Una James, testified about one of the many times she set off to find work on another island. "He gave me a hug and said, 'Mommy, I'm not crying because you're going back to look for your life. I'm not going to cry. I just wish you luck and prosperity.'"

Two months before the Washington, D.C.-area sniper attacks, Malvo wrote to a friend: "I tried to be a friend, a brother, a job, a man and yes I've always failed. I have tried to treat women the way they should be treated, like the queens they are. ... I play, joke, be stern, be appreciative, but I receive the opposite in return."

Malvo's surrogate father by the time the two settled into a Bellingham, Wash., homeless shelter in the fall of 2001. Friends said Muhammad was still numb that a Tacoma, Wash., judge the month before had taken away his visitation rights.

By the time Muhammad and Malvo reached the Washington, D.C., area in autumn 2002, their wallets were stuffed with the proceeds of a series of petty robberies, authorities said. They had walkie-talkies, binoculars, a stolen laptop, a computer, a laser, another device, detailed street maps and a 232-caliber Bushmaster — a semiautomatic rifle normally used for target practice or hunting small game. Their battered 1990 Chevrolet Caprice had a hole in the trunk that police said provided an excellent portal for a sniper's rifle.

Ten people died in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia between sunset Oct. 2 and sunrise Oct. 22, 2002, in the spree of random attacks. One man was shot while mowing a lawn, another pumping gas. A woman was killed while vacuuming her minivan. The victims included an immigrant from Haiti and one from India, a black and a 13-year-old boy headed to school. The attacks so terrorized the region that events were canceled and schoolchildren were kept inside.

Creator of Roth IRA dies

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Former Sen. William V. Roth Jr., a fighter for tax cuts during his five terms in the U.S. Senate and the creator of the popular retirement account that carries his name, has died. He was 82.

Roth collapsed late Saturday at his daughter's house in Washington, said U.S. Sen. Joseph Biden, who said he was notified by Roth's longtime secretary.

"It's a sad day for Delaware," said Biden, D-Del. "This was one of the truly great figures in Delaware politics."

Roth was a relentless champion of tax cuts during his time in Washington and also oversaw high-profile inquiries into both alleged taxpayer abuses by the Internal Revenue Service and Pentagon overspending that uncovered the famous, \$9,600 wrench and \$640 toilet seat.

The Republican co-authored the 1981 Kemp-Roth tax cuts, but was best known as the creator of the Roth Individual Retirement Account, or Roth IRA.

Before he lost the race in 2000 for a sixth term in the U.S. Senate, Roth was one of the longest-tenured politicians in Delaware's history and the state's longest-serving U.S. senator.

Roth was a native of Montana and became a political icon in his adopted state of Delaware, where he worked in 1954.

During World War II, he had served in an Army intelligence unit in the Pacific theater eventually receiving the Bronze Star for meritorious conduct. He attended Harvard after the war and became a lawyer.

Film institute's top 10 for '03 include 'Nemo'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The animated fish tale "Finding Nemo" and the fantasy epic "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" are among the American Film Institute's top 10 movie picks for 2003.

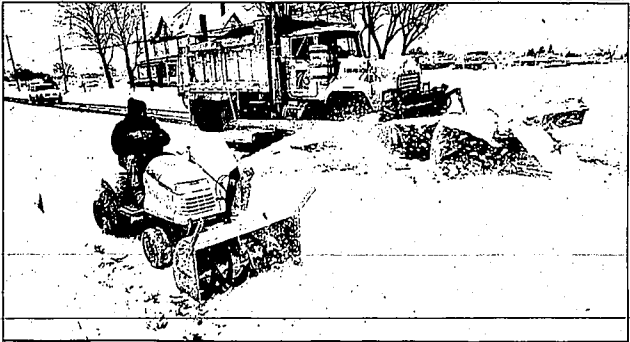
The group's top 10 list announced Sunday ranged from such historical spectacles as Tom Cruise's "The Last Samurai" and Russell Crowe's "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" to the intimate character studies "Lost in Translation" and "In America."

The list, which did not rank the 10 films, also included "American Splendor," "The Human Stain," "Mystic River" and "Monster."

The AFI also chose its top 10 television programs of the year: "Alias," "Angels in America," "Arrested Development," "Everybody Loves Raymond," "Joan of Arcadia," "Nip/Tuck," "Playmakers," "Soldier's Girl," "24" and "The Wire."

The lists were chosen by 13 member panels of filmmakers, critics, scholars and AFI board members.

THINKING BIG



Tom Kozak of Berwick, Pa., tries to keep ahead of the falling snow with his snow blower as the plow truck runs along Orange Street, in Berwick, Pa., Sunday.

Sentences for kids draw scrutiny

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Critics of a Florida law that allows child murderers to be locked away for life want it reconsidered after an appeals court overturned a young teenager's conviction in the death of a 6-year-old playmate.

While the 4th District Court of Appeal did not directly challenge the law, it did order a new trial last week, saying the boy's mental competency should have been evaluated before trial.

Tate was the youngest defendant to be sentenced to life without parole in Florida, which leads the nation in the prosecution of juveniles as adults. His lawyers argued Tate, then 12, was imitating pro wrestling moves when he punched, kicked and stomped Tiffany Eunick to death.

Democratic state Sen. Steven Geller has filed legislation that would allow child murderers under 16 to be eligible for parole if they had not been previously convicted of violent crimes.

"We must find a reasonable approach where justice is served and our humanity is kept intact," Geller said. "These are kids. They're not old enough to vote, they're not

old enough to drive, they're not old enough to drink or to do all of those other things. Why do we assume that they're able to make adult decisions?"

— Steven Geller, Florida state senator

While the appeals court said Wednesday that there is no "absolute right" for young children to be tried as juveniles instead of adults.

When they heard the appeal in September, however, they repeatedly questioned the law that allows any person, regardless of age, to be prosecuted as an adult.

"There's no discretion exercised at all in this — no societal judgment," Judge Martha C. Warner said.

N. Jersey's bear hunt ends with 328 tallied kills

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey's first bear hunt in 33 years, prompted by rising numbers of run-ins with humans, ended with hunters taking about 10 percent of the state's estimated bear population.

The six-day hunt ended Saturday evening with 328 confirmed kills — 209 females and 119 males, state Division of Fish and Wildlife Director Martin McHugh said. Sixteen of them had been tagged as nuisance bears, he added.

Wildlife officials initially had hoped the state's bear population, estimated at about 3,200, would be reduced by up to 500 bears, but McHugh said the hunt "went as we expected it would go. This hunt was not designed to eliminate bears. We're going to have bears in this state for a long time," he said.

The hunt was intended to stem the rising tide of complaints about bears breaking into suburban homes, raiding trash cans, killing livestock and wandering into traffic.

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Fishing boat capsizes

BOSTON (AP) — A fishing boat rolled over about 20 miles off Cape Cod, killing at least two crew members and leaving a third man missing. The New Bedford-based Atlanta founded and sank late Saturday night 27 miles south of Chatham after setting off its emergency beacon, according to Coast Guard spokeswoman Linda O'Brien.

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THE CAPTURE OF SADDAM

Soldiers were about to give up search

Then one soldier saw a rug on the dirt

By Sudarsan Raghavan
Knight Ridder News Service

ADWAR, Iraq — U.S. soldiers searching a farm near here for Saddam Hussein had come up dry once again and were about to leave Saturday when one of them spotted a white rug on the ground near a small tree with red flowers.

It looked odd, out in the dirt. They pulled the rug aside.

Underneath was what looked like a mud-panel in the ground. They pried it open and discovered a 6-by-8-foot hole, its entrance braced by lumber. At the bottom was a smaller cubbyhole with a pipe leading up to the ground for air.

And there they found Saddam. He had a white bushy beard and looked "disoriented," said Odierno. He was armed with a pistol, but he didn't use it.

"They just said he was very quiet," said Maj. Gen. Ray Odierno, quoting his soldiers. "He got out very quickly."

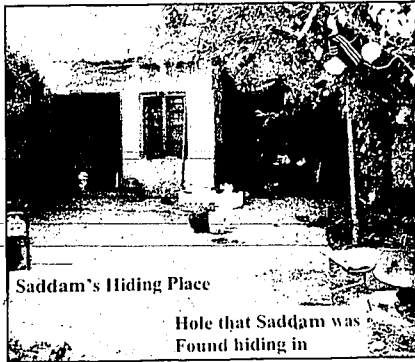
It was 8:26 p.m. The eight-month hunt for Saddam was over.

As it turned out, Saddam may never have been far from the American troops who finally seized him. The large farm where he was found is less than 10 miles from the luxurious palace complex that the 4th Infantry Division has turned into its headquarters and just a mile from the main road of Adwar, a quiet, dusty town where residents still refer to Saddam as Mr. President.

U.S. soldiers patrolled this town so often that they named the road heading to the farm "RPG Alley" — because of the rocket-propelled grenades that the guerrillas shot at them frequently.

"Anytime the coalition forces were in the area, he was probably going to that hole," said Odierno.

It's not clear why Saddam chose to hide on the farm. Neighbors said it belongs to a man named Qais Namik. He isn't a wealthy man. Neighbors said they never saw any strange cars or people go



This photograph of a farm yard taken by the U.S. military shows the place where Saddam Hussein was arrested during a raid, in Tikrit, north of Baghdad. Below, the entrance to the hole.



to the farm. There was only Namik's white Toyota pick-up truck.

"In the past he used to work with the regime, but I don't know what he did," said Muhammad Latif al Duri, 50, a taxi driver who lives near the farm. Other neighbors said he had no relationship to Saddam.

"He was an ordinary farmer," said Bilal Hami al Duri, 18, a student.

But the farm may have had nostalgic value for Saddam, said Capt. Joe Munger, a spokesman for the 4th Infantry Division who was guarding the road to the farm following the raid. After an assassination attempt on his life, Saddam escaped to his hometown of Tikrit by swimming across the Tigris river at the spot where the farm is now located, Munger said.

"This is where his supporters are," he added.

4th Infantry gets its man

By Eric Slater
Los Angeles Times

Weeks after coalition forces had toppled Saddam Hussein's regime in April, the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division was still camped in Kuwait, waiting to go to war. The gruff in a desert out-house summed up the sentiments of many glum soldiers.

"Here we are Still in Kuwait The No-War Four"

Has earned his name. Again." After troops from the 4th Infantry and special forces soldiers captured Saddam late Saturday near the Iraqi city of Tikrit, the division is enjoying a kind of attention and glory that has gone to other units, time and again, for nearly six decades.

The last time the division as a whole went into battle was during World War II.

Some smaller elements fought in the Vietnam War.

But the 4th Infantry has missed out on every war since, and crossed the "line of departure" into Iraq well after people had begun to speak of its latest conflict in the past tense — a premature judgment that changed as coalition soldiers continued to die week after week.

Over the years, grunts and officers alike had come to shoulder the 4th Infantry's reputation — as the division that couldn't quite



A soldier from the 4th Infantry Division guards \$750,000 seized during the arrest of Saddam Hussein during a press conference Sunday in Tikrit.

make it to the fight — with a stiff upper lip, self-deprecating nicknames and gallows humor.

"This is the 4th, man. I'm more likely to get shot by my sergeant than the Iraqis," offered a 22-year-old specialist at Camp New Jersey in Kuwait during the spring as the Army's 3rd Infantry Division was making headlines with the cap-

ture of Baghdad after its charge through Iraq.

On Sunday, the 4th Infantry, known as the Iron Horse Division, was receiving praise from President Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and, perhaps of equal importance to the troops, retired Army Gen. Wesley K. Clark, who is running for the Democratic Party presidential nomination.

Clark served with the 4th Infantry twice, commanding a battalion and later a brigade.

"It's an outstanding unit," Clark said of the division on a conference call from The Hague, Netherlands.

At the division's headquarters in Tikrit, many soldiers were downright jubilant. "This is a hell of a glorious day for the 4th ID," said Spc. Brad Perkins, 37, originally from Rochester, N.Y. "I'm feeling all warm and fuzzy inside."

The 17,000-member division, based at Fort Hood, Texas with one of its brigades stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., had become the most technologically advanced mechanized unit in the Army by the launch of the war on Iraq. Known as the "digitized division," it boasted hundreds of tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Apache attack helicopters outfitted with computers that could track friend and foe on the battlefield, in real time.

Red Dawn. "The soldiers knew they were going after someone there, but they didn't know who," Odierno said.

As the evening gave way to a bone-chilling night, some 600 soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division's First Brigade Combat team swept silently onto the isolated farmstead along the banks of the Tigris.

Nearby were a row of houses, an electricity plant and a large, oat-meal-colored field. In the distance was a mosque with a green-lighted minaret.

At around 8 p.m., the Humvees pulled up quietly. Not a shot or a yell was heard, and the electricity was cut off, said neighbors. The soldiers quickly sealed off two square kilometers, Odierno said.

"One of the vehicles stopped nearby. Another stopped on the other side of our house," said Rabiah Jassen al Duri, 35, an accountant who lives near the farm. They didn't disturb us. There were no explosions. No gunfire.

The soldiers swept into the farm. There were two farmhouses at either end of a dirt road. The soldiers named both farmhouses, code-named Wolverine One and Wolverine Two. No trace of Saddam.

Then they went to a small mud-brick hut between the two farmhouses. It had two rooms. One was a bedroom that had a chair, a bed and clothes scattered everywhere, including some new, unwrapped ones. The other room was a rudimentary kitchen, Odierno said.

Nobody was in the hut. The soldiers prepared to leave. That's when they spotted the white rug.

Whether Saddam ever contemplated defending himself was not known, but two of his aides, carrying Kalashnikov rifles, tried to run away. They were captured, too. It's unclear what happened to the farm's owner.

A red and orange taxi was nearby. It contained a green metal crate filled with \$750,000 — all in \$100 bills.

Saddam was whisked to an unknown location.

Two hours later, the soldiers were back at the palace. Several lit cigars.

Search success validates hunch of general

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For months, Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno insisted that former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was hiding somewhere in the so-called Suni triangle near the ex-dictator's home city of Tikrit — and that his troops were hot on Saddam's trail.

Saturday night's raid on two farmhouses in the town of Adwar proved him right.

Odierno, 49, has long been considered one of the Army's most promising young generals for his combination of brains and muddy-boots brawn.

Now he will also be remembered as the general whose troops captured Saddam after months of near misses, providing a huge lift to the U.S. military's struggling counterinsurgency campaign against followers of the deposed dictator.

"I have said all along that I thought he was in this area," Odierno said at a triumphant news conference Sunday in Tikrit.

Inside the Army, Odierno, a former West Point tight end with a graduate engineering degree, has received high marks for leading the 4th Infantry, an experimental unit that had been equipped with the Army's latest digital equipment, and preparing it for war.

Magic Valley reaction

Folks from around Magic Valley who spoke to *The Times-News* were in agreement Sunday that the capture of Saddam Hussein is cause to cheer. Here's a sampling of what local people thought on Sunday as they were shopping and working in Twin Falls:

"Good, but I want to know about the other guy — bin Laden. He scares me as much as Hussein did."

— Nancy Williams, 47, Twin Falls, retired from the U.S. Air Force, Christmas shopping at K-Mart, has relatives headed to Iraq.

"I think it's a good step towards the war on terrorism. I was surprised that he was captured alive. I was definitely expecting a gun battle."

— Judy Legarreta, over 50, Gooding, was shopping at Albertson's Supermarket, has no relatives fighting in Iraq.

"Personally I think it's a good thing. It will give the Iraqis power to help themselves in their own country."

"Hooray. They say there's still a lot of people over there who are not good people... There are still a lot of leaders there who could cause trouble."

"I was overjoyed. I think it's a great deal. It's one of the goals we set out in Iraq, and we got it done."

— Marla Lloyd, 69, Ronan, Mont., selling Christmas trees in Twin Falls.

"I probably felt as happy this morning when I found out as my parents felt when Hitler strung him up. He's made a lot of misery in this world. The only thing that could be better in this world is if they get bin Laden."

— Brandon Sorenson, 23, Jerome, working as a checker at Albertson's Supermarket, has no relatives fighting in Iraq.

"I'm tickled, but I don't think it will make Iraq any safer. I didn't think they really wanted to catch him. I don't think they want to catch bin Laden. I think the government wants this to go on in order to develop more homeland security bills and let the United Nations tell us what to do. It's a way to get our guns."

"The soldiers, finally did for Bush what Bush's dad should have done in the first place. Saddam didn't look like he could coordinate an army. He didn't even look like he could coordinate his own life. The fighting might intensify in the short run, but in the long run, this will take the wind out of their sails."

"It's good, but it's not over yet. Have to bag him up. He's mean, killing all those innocent people. I don't like to pay the taxes for the war, but we have to stop these kinds of people. My grandson is in trouble. If we don't stop these people..."

— Ron Aquire, 38, captain of the Twin Falls Fire Department, shopping at Albertson's Supermarket, has no relatives fighting in Iraq.

"I think it's great. I thought I hope the war's over now since they've captured him, and they can send the troops home."

— Charlie Lenker, 62, Twin Falls, works in agriculture, buying a Christmas tree.

"I think it's about time. It kind of brought a tear to my eye. We've lost a lot of people getting to this point, but we're down one to go — bin Laden."

— Halla Graham, 55, Buhl, assistant manager at Oasi's Shop 'N Gas.

"Many members of our armed services contributed to the capture of Saddam Hussein, and I am proud of them all." U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo said. "This is not only a huge victory for America, but for the entire world as we take another step in eliminating terrorism."

— Luis Uriolaberto, 59, Rupert, originally a shepherd from Spain, now a U.S. citizen, now a truck driver taking a break by shopping in Twin Falls.

"I think it's important because it will show those who may still question our policy in Iraq the true nature of the evil this dictator possesses," U.S. Rep. Michael Simpson said.

— Roland Sorenson, 55, Twin Falls, K-Mart manager finishing his shift, has an employee fighting in Iraq.

U.S. authorities have not yet determined when — or whether — to hand Saddam over to the Iraqis for a war crimes trial or what his status would be.

"I think a public trial for Saddam is important because it will show those who may still question our policy in Iraq the true nature of the evil this dictator possesses," U.S. Rep. Michael Simpson said.

Idaho leaders praise military for success

BOISE (AP) — Idaho leaders are praising the capture of deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, saying it assures his countrymen that he will not regain power.

The disheveled leader was found in a cramped hole within sight of his sumptuous palace. He was displayed on television screens worldwide Sunday.

"The significance of his capture is enormous, because until this occurred, the Iraqi people lived in fear that he would regain power," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said. "They feared retribution from a man who killed upward of 1 million of his own people."

Kempthorne and Idaho's congressional delegation praised American soldiers who have suffered continual losses from

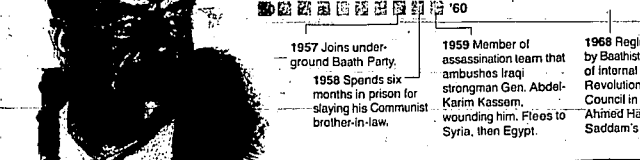
attacks by members of Saddam's former regime.

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Saddam: A shrewd and brutal dictator

Saddam's capture of onetime Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein ended a manhunt that had more than eight months. Born to a noble lineage, Saddam, 66, became a merciless leader who squandered his country's oil wealth on war.



1933 Returns from Egypt and takes part in coup that killed Kassem. Baath ousted in November.	1979 Takes over as president from al-Ba'kr, and purges eight years.	1980 Sends forces into Iran, war lasts eight years.	1990 Invades Kuwait, accusing Kuwait and United Arab Emirates of driving oil prices down. The U.N. imposes sanctions.	1996 Orders killing of two sons-in-law who had defected to Jordan and had just returned to Baghdad after receiving guarantees of safety.	March 20, 2003 U.S. forces strike Baghdad aimed at Iraq's leadership.	April 9 Crowds greet U.S. troops in Baghdad, and topple 40-foot statue of Saddam.	July 22 Saddam's sons, Qusai and Qadir, are killed in gun battles with U.S. troops.	Dec. 13 American forces capture Saddam in an underground hideout on a farm in Adwar.
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1957 Joins underground Baath Party.
1958 Spends six months in prison for slaying his Communist brother-in-law.
1959 Member of assassination team that ambushes Iraqi strongman Gen. Abdel-Karim Kassem, wounding him. Flees to Syria, then Egypt.
1968 Regime overthrown by Baathists. Takes charge of internal security. Revolutionary Command Council in control under Ahmed Hassan al-Ba'kr, Saddam's cousin.
1988 Iraq uses mustard gas and nerve agents to kill at least 5,000 civilians in the Kurdistan region of Iraq; Iran-Iraq ceasefire.
1991 Iraqi surrender after U.S.-led Operation Desert Storm. Shiite Muslims and Kurdish uprising underway in Iraq.
1998 Weapons inspectors withdraw; Hussein later orders a special war and missile strikes begin.
2000 Saddam, worth \$7 billion, ranks 85th on the Forbes' richest list. The U.S. calls for a special war crimes tribunal to try Saddam.
2002-03 Allows weapons inspectors back into Iraq amid U.N. pressure and U.S. war threats. U.S. officials continue to assert that Saddam is hiding weapons of mass destruction.

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THE CAPTURE OF SADDAM

Around the world: Jubilation, disbelief



Iraqis in front of the Iraqi Communist Party headquarters in Baghdad's Karrada neighborhood celebrate the capture of Saddam Hussein Sunday.

Most in Baghdad revel in news

A few express loyalty to captured dictator

By Ariana Eunjung Cha
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The power and telephone lines were down in Sadr City but the news nonetheless spread like wildfire, as residents ran from cars to homes to shops to announce that Saddam Hussein had been captured.

Jasib Faraj Muadi was at the barber shop when his friend came in around 1:30 p.m. and told him that he had heard the former dictator had been found north of the capital. It was joyous news for a neighborhood inhabited by Iraqi Shiite Muslims, where practically everyone seems to have had a relative or acquaintance who was tortured or killed during the former dictator's regime. The room broke out in dance.

"We were not truly free until today," said Muadi, a 29-year-old shop owner.

For a people who for over a decade were forced to stare at Saddam's glorified image on everything from billboards and paintings in museums to school books, the television images of Saddam with a puffy face, an overgrown beard and hair askew were a jolting sign of the end of an era. The arrest of Saddam, for many, was as significant as April 9, the day when U.S. troops first marched in to Baghdad. Some groups rejoiced, especially Shiites and Kurds, who had been treated harshly by Saddam. But in other parts of the city, Saddam's sup-



A photograph of Saddam Hussein following his capture by U.S. forces, printed off the Internet, circulates through the streets of Baghdad early Sunday.

porters lamented his capture and vowed to continue to fight the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

At the headquarters of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, a band played in the front yard. Near the traffic circle where the infamous statue of Saddam once stood, strangers congregated and debated what his capture would mean for all around the capital. And all future of the country, residents gathered in the streets to wave Iraqi flags and throw candy. They took to rooftops to fire celebratory gunshots that filled the afternoon sky.

A few miles west, in the Sunni-dominated neighborhood of Adhamiya west, there was anger and sadness. About 200 young men whose faces were hidden by red-

and-white scarves gathered in front of the mosque where the dictator was last seen before U.S. troops swarmed the city and chanted, "We will never give up Iraq and Saddam Hussein."

They marched down the streets of the neighborhood firing guns into the air as they mourned the loss of their leader. "He was like a father to Iraqi people. He struggled and fought against Israel and others who would hurt us," said Mohammed Azawi, 33. Azawi predicted that people would seek their revenge with a new wave of attacks. "You are going to witness some very black days," he warned.

Abdul Qader Hussain Mohammed, 26, a designer, was also upset about Saddam's capture and said he only realized how

"We were not truly free until today."

— Jasib Faraj Muadi, 29

good things were under his reign when the coalition occupiers came in. "In the days of Saddam people were very comfortable and happy, excluding politics. Fuel, cooking gas, electricity — everything was available. Now we can't get the basics and we see no security. We are locking our doors and our guns are in our hands," Mohammed said.

In Shiite-dominated areas like Sadr City and in places where Kurds gathered, the happiness was especially obvious. Under the old regime, ethnic and religious divisions dominated daily life. Being a minority Sunni Muslim like Saddam meant easier access to the best colleges and government jobs. Shiite Muslims, who make up the majority of the country, were repressed, as were the Kurdish people in the north.

"I wish I had a megaphone so I could stand on the tower of Baghdad and announce it to all the Iraqi people," said Maeda Muhsin, 50, who owns a pharmacy in Sadr City and was driving with her son Haidr Ghalib, 26, when she heard the news.

Nations' leaders express relief, hope for future

LONDON (AP) — World leaders expressed delight and relief Sunday at the capture of Saddam Hussein, with supporters and opponents of the Iraq war agreeing the arrest could mark a milestone in the country's journey toward peace.

The U.S. military announced that Saddam was apprehended without a struggle in a dirt pit in a farmyard near his hometown of Tikrit, ending one of the most intense manhunts in history.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a staunch ally of President Bush on Iraq, said the capture would convince Iraqis that "Saddam has gone from power, he won't be coming back."

"Where his rule meant terror and division and brutality, let his capture bring about unity, reconciliation and peace," Blair said in comments broadcast from his 10 Downing Street office.

French President Jacques

Chirac, a firm opponent of the U.S.-led war that toppled Saddam, said the former dictator's capture was "a major event that should strongly contribute to democracy and stability in Iraq," according to his spokeswoman, Catherine Colonna.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard, who sent troops to fight the war, said he supported the death penalty for Saddam. "If it were imposed, absolutely," he said on television.

In New York, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a statement that Saddam's capture could help stabilize Iraq.

"It offers an opportunity to give fresh impetus to the search for peace and stability in Iraq, on the basis of an inclusive and fully transparent process," Annan said. He reiterated U.N. readiness "to do everything possible to help Iraqis, if asked and as circumstances permit."

Some Arabs reject reports

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — For many Arabs, the scene on their television screens was inconceivable: one of the Middle East's once mightiest rulers humiliated, dined — and in the hands of American soldiers. It was a joy to behold for some, and a shock to those who lionized Saddam Hussein.

"Impossible! No, I don't believe it," Rami Maklouf, who works at a jewelry store in the Syrian capital Damascus, exclaimed when the news broke Sunday. At an outdoor

market in Cairo, shopkeepers could be heard yelling at each other, "They say he's been captured, do you believe that?"

Then when the images were aired showing Saddam in custody — blinking dully, his hair tangled and beard long and unkempt, as a U.S. military doctor examines him — the real shock came.

"I love him so much, I can't stand watching it," said Raafat Logman, 23, a Palestinian avoiding the television playing in the corner of a Gaza City pool hall.



Lt. Col. Steven Russell, a commander in the 4th Infantry Division, sprays over anti-American graffiti that reads, 'We will kill every American soldier,' while on patrol late Sunday in Tikrit.

Some Iraqis praise hometown-boy after capture

By Alan Spress
The Washington Post

ADWAR, Iraq — In this drab, dusty town, residents gathered at a U.S. army roadblock Sunday to praise their former president arrested a day earlier in a mud-brick hut about a half mile further down a country road.

"Until now, we still love Saddam and we still need him and we never want to get rid of him, not for a single minute," said Ahmed Abbas, 19. "Until now and from now on, we will continue fighting for him."

The residents of the Maabar neighborhood, a cluster of concrete block homes along the main street at

Dawr's northern edge, promised revenge, speaking openly within earshot of about two dozen soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division, who sealed the narrow country road since Saturday evening. But their mood was more of despair than rage.

"I believe it's true because I feel so sad," like I lost one of family members," said Raid Sami Hussein, 21. "The arrest of Saddam Hussein is something sad for all Iraqis and the resistance to the Americans will become even greater after this incident... If they get one Saddam, 20 million Saddams will grow in his place."

As in much of Iraq, Saddam still symbolizes fear. Several residents confided they were afraid to speak

about the former president in front of their neighbors. Officers at the Dawr police station, when asked for simple details, denied that Saddam had been caught within their district.

But Dawr also prospered under Saddam's rule, nurturing a continuing loyalty among the townspeople for their longtime ruler. Located across the river from his village of Awja and about 10 miles across an arid plain from Tikrit — long the center of Saddam's power and clan, Dawr is part of the Sunni region that has fiercely resisted the U.S. military occupation. And it is populated by Saddam's former intelligence, security and government officials, including his highly-sought deputy Tzatt

Ibrahim Douri.

Saddam was captured Saturday in the location famed as the scene of his most daring escape 34 years ago. After participating in a foiled assassination attempt against Iraqi leader Abdel Karim Kassem, a young Saddam, wounded in the leg, fled Baghdad-by-horse-until-he-reached Dawr. There, he swam across the Tigris River and headed on to exile in Syria, plotting his return.

After the 1991 Gulf War, Saddam returned to the same spot to swim the river again in bid to demonstrate his continuing prowess and ability to rule Iraq. These crossings have become part of Iraqi lore, celebrated in Iraqi film and taught at school.

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OTHER VIEWS

Jail time will help restore confidence

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If the sentence given to Boise's former director of human resources for misuse of public funds is any indicator of how the other two cases will be handled, then justice will be served.

Our justice system is designed to catch the criminals, punish them and remind others that crime doesn't pay.

In the case of three Boise city officials taking taxpayers for a ride - Mayor Brent Coles, Chief of Staff Gary Lyman and Tammy Rice - it's been a long process, starting about a year ago with allegations of extravagant trips and missed funds.

Rice was a critical key to unlocking the high-profile case. She provided information that helped convict her former bosses.

Coles and Lyman both ended up pleading guilty to felony charges and they await sentencing, so she didn't have to testify in court.

But even with her cooperation with investigators, Rice didn't escape time behind bars.

The Middleton woman was ordered to serve at least 90 days and possibly 180 days in the county jail, serve five years probation and pay the city

\$1,738.97 in restitution for children's clothing and three city-paid trips. She also must pay court costs and fees connected to her case.

She was devastated when the sentence was handed down. She, like many observers, probably thought she would escape jail time.

Obviously, 4th District Judge Thomas Neville felt the sentence was just. He scolded Rice and reminded her that she was a public servant.

Coles and Lyman should be ready for time behind bars, too. If Rice goes to jail, so should these two men.

The judge's punishment provides a big step in helping to restore public confidence in government. It is all part of the justice system that people expect.

New Boise city leaders have been elected, new financial processes have been implemented, and state, county and city officials throughout Idaho have examined their own spending programs to make sure taxpayers aren't footing the bill for unnecessary or illegal expenses and pleasure trips.

Confidence in Boise government is starting to build again, thanks to a justice system that works - at least in this case.

Their view: This guest editorial from the Idaho Press Tribune of Nampa says justice has worked in taxpayers' behalf in the Boise city hall investigation.

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

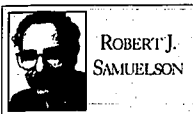
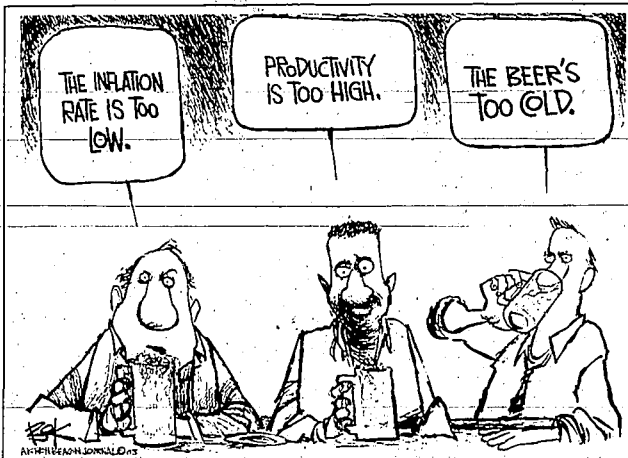
Greenspan comes back to the rescue

It may ultimately be said of Alan Greenspan that he enjoyed his finest hour just when the public admired him least. Let's recall that only a few months ago, the shaky economic outlook inspired fears of deflation - a general decline in prices caused by too much supply of unemployed workers - caused fiber optics and lots more chasing too little demand. Now the U.S. economy is leading a global recovery. Greenspan and the Federal Reserve deserve much; though not all, of the credit for this turnaround.

Of course, they aren't getting it. Greenspan is no longer the hero of the 1990s, when he was celebrated for engineering the longest boom in American history. Just the opposite. The bursting of the stock-market bubble spawned resentment that he had contributed to runaway speculation. Despite its recovery, the market has lost roughly \$5 trillion (30 percent) since its March 2000 peak, and despite economic revival, the 3.7 million unemployed workers in November was still 3.2 million higher than in April 2000.

Gripping is understandable - and shortsighted. By creating the Fed in 1913, Congress aimed to avoid banking crises. In an era before government deposit insurance, one bank's loan losses could trigger runs on other banks. There was the related problem of seasonal surges in loan demands, tied to farmers' needs to finance their crops. These surges could lead to higher interest rates, loan defaults and panics. The Fed was supposed to create an "elastic" currency that would stabilize the economy. It would supply funds to solvent banks threatened by panics, as well as accommodating - with more money - sharp jumps in credit demands.

Unfortunately, the Fed's history is mainly defined by two colossal blunders, says economist Allan Meltzer, author of "A History of the Federal Reserve." The first was the Great Depression of the 1930s, when it failed to provide sufficient money to prevent a series of deflation panics that devastated the economy. In 1933, the unemployment rate averaged 25 percent. The second blunder was the recent Great Inflation, when the Fed flooded the economy with



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too much money. From 1961 to 1980, inflation jumped from 1 percent to 13.5 percent.

What Greenspan & Co. may have done is to avoid a third big blunder. So much was beginning to go wrong with the economy at the end of 2000 - and the rest of the world was so dependent on the American economy - that a timid reaction from the Fed might have been fatal. It might have further weakened both spending and spirits. But the Fed responded forcefully. It cut interest rates 11 times in 2001 and once again in 2002 and 2003. The Fed funds rate (on overnight loans between banks) went from 6.5 percent in late 2000 to its present 1 percent, the lowest since 1958. None of this was preordained. The European Central Bank was more cautious. It cut rates much less and more

slowly than the Fed. Greenspan & Co. seemed to be operating mostly by a seat-of-the-pants judgment that: (a) inflation wasn't a present danger and (b) repairing the damage from the bubble economy required a long period of easy credit. Whatever the rationale, the Fed's low short-term interest rates influenced the decline of rates on mortgages and bonds, which in turn revived the housing market.

Home building, home sales and housing prices - all sensitive to mortgage rates - jolted upward. Homeowners refinanced mortgages at lower rates and (often) higher amounts. Through new loans or home sales, Americans raised \$421 billion of cash in 2001, \$599 billion in 2002 and \$358 billion in the first half of 2003, estimates Mark Zandi of Econovom. The extra cash bolstered consumer spending. Meanwhile, low rates also reduced corporate debt burdens and helped developing countries borrow more easily. Some rate declines have been stunning. At their peak in 2002, bonds for developing countries were about 9 percentage points higher than

U.S. Treasuries; now they're only about 4 points higher. This story requires two caveats. First, the economy's revival also has other causes: big tax cuts, innate American optimism, the ability of U.S. companies to cut costs and improve profits. And second, the revival still faces threats: the fading effects of tax cuts and lower interest rates (the mortgage-refinancing boom), cautiousness in corporate America, high levels of consumer debt and weak economies in Europe, Japan and Latin America. The avoidance of calamity may not seem like a big deal, but it is. The Fed can never deliver the economy into paradise but can, through well-intentioned mistakes, push it into purgatory. The hazards of the post-bubble economy were sufficiently unfamiliar to risk a major miscalculation that might have severely damaged the U.S. and global economies. If Greenspan has prevented that, people may not notice now - but history will.

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Arsenic has some ties to cancer deaths

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Until the introduction of penicillin, arsenic was of great importance in the treatment of syphilis; see Salvarian. In other medicinal uses, it has been displaced by sulfa drugs or antibiotics" (Funk

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ANTHONY WASH
Twin Falls

Centennial medallions could be made locally

We have followed your excellent articles on the Ferris statue and were pleased that the statue was cast locally. However, we were surprised to read that the official Centennial Medallions are being produced out of this area in Washington state. Does the Commission know that the Silver Creek Mint in Bull, Twin Falls County, does beautiful work on similar commemorative medallions? JOE RUSCHETTI - Twin Falls

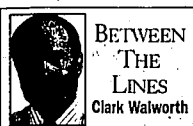
Making spirits bright through the newspaper

One of the best parts of my job is the power to make good things happen. I'm not talking about power to influence elections, or power to shape public opinion. In my experience, a newspaper's ability to do those things is iffy.

No, I'm talking about the power to lift ordinary people out of their dour, to get things done. An example:

Over a Kivans Club lunch a few years ago, the local Salvation Army commander told me he had a problem. His new after-school program for children was short on volunteer math tutors. I replied, "Kivans?" or words to that effect. Then I went back to the newsroom. I dispatched a reporter and a photographer to Salvation Army headquarters, to interview the kids and the volunteers.

Their story appeared the next morning, with a little box soliciting math tutors. By the end of



BETWEEN THE LINES
Clark Walworth

the day, the commander had all the tutors he could handle.

Maybe this tale doesn't impress you. It's certainly not in the same league with unearthing a presidential scandal or covering a national disaster. Still, in my quarter-century in the news business, stories such as this one form some of my proudest memories.

I love being able to alert people to a need - and then watch people step up. But a newspaper's power to help make things happen is not absolute. It isn't even reliable. For every math-tutor story that

catches the public's imagination, there's another story that sinks like a stone. For reasons unknown, it just doesn't connect with readers.

Journalism, you see, isn't science. It's more like hockey. You skate like crazy, you smack the puck around, and sometimes you score.

Recently, we've been having doubts about one of our annual projects. Every year, on Thanksgiving, we print an anonymous list of nearly local people, such as low-income children and residents of nursing homes. The list suggests gifts our readers might donate to make Christmas brighter for these folks.

The annual list always strikes me as exceptionally dull reading - "slippers, socks, manicure set..." I've begun wondering whether printing it does any good.

So two of our staff members,

Denise Turner and Trena Tegan, have been making inquiries. The results shocked me.

One care center in Twin Falls reported receiving "literally hundreds of calls" from people who wanted to give. A Burley agency said this year's list has brought in new donors who hadn't given in the past.

Another care center said contributors brought the newspaper with them when they delivered their gifts.

Once again, I'm impressed by our readers' generosity. Thank you.

And, for the record, we've abandoned any thoughts about leaving out next year's list.

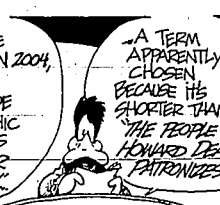
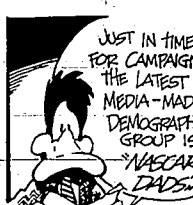
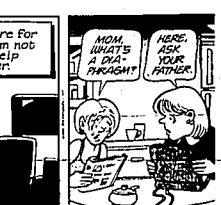
Managing Editor Clark Walworth regularly discusses the news business in "Between the Lines." If you offer a comment or to suggest a topic, e-mail him at clarkw@magicvalley.com, or call 735-3255.

Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

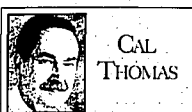
Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley





A gag order from the Court



CAL THOMAS

The court bought the argument by the law's proponents that money is inherently corrupting and that by limiting the amount of money and the timing of speech, the entire political process will somehow become more virtuous.

The Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling upholding virtually all of the McCain-Feingold law limiting contributions to political campaigns and proscribing television advertisements close to elections is a serious attack on the First Amendment.

The court bought the argument by the law's proponents that money is inherently corrupting and that by limiting the amount of money and the timing of speech, the entire political process will somehow become more virtuous. Like legislation designed to control guns rather than the people who use guns illegally, money cannot corrupt politicians. Politicians corrupt themselves.

Last year at a gathering of journalists in Boston, Nat Hentoff (an authority on the First Amendment) and I heard Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., respond to a question about limits to political ads one to two months before either a primary or general election. Meehan explained the limits were necessary "because that's when people are paying attention." So, when people are most interested in politics is when they should receive less information about the candidates? What kind of twisted reasoning is this?

This "terrible, terrible decision," to quote Hentoff, will further empower television. Under the guise of news reporting, liberal and conservative anchors and hosts can advance their personal political agenda by the guests they select to appear on their shows before an election. No advocacy group — unless it is a registered political action committee (PAC) — will be able to purchase an ad to tell another side of an issue or defend or criticize a political candidate. So, a Dan Rather, Peter Jennings or a Tom Brokaw can interview liberals who attack President Bush, providing little or no equal time for those who disagree, and a

1958 NAACP vs. Alabama case in which the state sued the civil rights organization to stop it from conducting activities in Alabama on grounds that it had failed to comply with the requirement that "foreign corporations" register before doing business in the state. During the proceedings, Alabama requested the NAACP produce a large number of its records. The organization did so but held back its membership lists. The Alabama court found the NAACP in contempt and imposed a large fine. In its opinion overturning the state court ruling, Supreme Court Justice John Harlan wrote, "Effective advocacy of both public and private points of view, particularly controversial ones, is undeniably enhanced by group association as this Court has more than once recognized by remarking upon the close nexus between the freedoms of speech and assembly..." Justice Harlan then said something that could serve as a stern rebuke to the five members of the current Court who have effectively diminished the freedom of political speech: "In the domain of these indispensable liberties, whether of speech, press or association, the decisions of this Court recognize the abridgment of such rights, even though unintended, may inevitably follow from varied forms of governmental action..." This Supreme Court has made the "indispensable" dispensable. It has also guaranteed that incumbents will have an easier time preserving themselves in office and that challengers will be further limited in having their voices and ideas heard. This is a loss for both parties and all persuasions. It will also diminish the political vitality of the nation.

Cal Thomas is a nationally syndicated columnist and Fox News Channel commentator.

More can be done to rehabilitate drug users

High profile people getting arrested for drug use. They should be setting an example to society and our young. I agree; however, they fall short of the American heroes. Did they pay for their own treatment? Did they break into other people's homes, steal property and then blame drugs? Better yet, did they try someone to shoot someone? No. Local heroes. Do you think that drugs or stealing falls in the line of a hero? — Something has to be done to put the message out there: (1) It is against the law to break and enter (2) We have the right to protect ourselves (3) If people would teach their children morals, standards and respect for others, and (4) that drugs are illegal, don't you think our crime rate would be down? Everyone has a real concern for our huge problem. There are programs to help people; however, they have a criteria to meet.

There is a program called Drug Court. It helps give a second chance, drug free. It is a great program. Some you can't rehabilitate. Judge Carlson is helping to save people and get them the help they need by honoring the laws. There are a lot of people who support programs that are designed to help make a difference. But they need money to support them. Do you contribute to help these programs so they have money to continue and increase these programs? I do!

A real hero does not steal or harm others. We have laws to help protect the innocent, and I think that the plea bargain programs need to be removed. Stop helping the criminals and let them see that they will pay a high price for their crime and maybe they will think twice before breaking the law.

I have a great concern for those using drugs. I deal with them every day. I see a lot, and yes, we need to contribute to help. There needs to be more programs that are designed to help our community, but the money is not there. Apparently, someone you know got 22 years in jail for breaking the law. Well deserved. I also assume that drugs were involved. Excuses are easy to come by; honesty is somewhat rare. Congratulations to law enforcement for doing its job and our court for upholding our laws. Don't do the crime if you can't do

LETTERS

Write to us

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the time. **BRENDA STALEY**, Twin Falls

(Editor's Note: Brenda Staley is the owner of *Advocate Drug Detection in Twin Falls and Burley and does drug testing for a drug court in Twin Falls and Burley*.)

Idahoans need to wake up, observe water needs

"Canyon line divides water users," read *The Times-News* headline. That summary statement and its attendant article frames the issue narrowly by a legal fracas to be fought by pump irrigators on the Snake Plain against surface users holding water rights below the canyon rim. A more comprehensive look

must teach Idahoans that the consequences of this water war are important for all of us in the region. But we residents seem complacent. Visitors to the canyon marveled at the natural resources of the Snake River Canyon, the abundance of birds and waterfowl, the year-round trout fishing, all dependent on the treasures of beautiful, pure spring waters. Who will speak out for the myriad of spring creeks, lakes, seeps, wetlands and the spring-fed Snake River? Why the silence from state and federal officials responsible for four large steel-head and trout hatcheries in the Snake River Canyon? Will the Idaho Water Resource Board move to protect approved minimum stream flows in the canyon? (Idahoans can no longer plead ignorance about the dynamic of the interconnected Snake Plain Aquifer and the Thousand Springs system because it is well documented by Department of Water Resource flow model studies. If you believe as I that we all have a stake in protecting spring water-dependent resources, then we must speak out and insist on responsible leadership from our legislators, regional and state officials. **DAVID ERICKSON**, Buhl)

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A new cookbook from the Wood River Valley Wednesday in *The Times-News*

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BLM to Host Public Meeting on Grazing Use Changes

The Bureau of Land Management is hosting a public meeting on December 17, 2003, to discuss the proposed changes to grazing use on 18 allotments under the management of its Jarbridge Field Office, located in Twin Falls, Idaho. The meeting will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the KMTV-TV public room, located at 1100 Blue Lakes Boulevard, North, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

No formal presentations will be made. An open-house format will facilitate exchange of information and discussions with interested stakeholders and members of the public.

Contact Jeff Steale at (208) 736-2350 if you need additional information.



THE CAPTURE OF SADDAM

Saddam

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During the arrest of Saddam, U.S. troops discovered "descriptive written material of significant value," another U.S. commander told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity. He declined to say whether the material related to the anti-coalition resistance.

Saddam, who could face trial before a new Iraqi tribunal for war crimes, was defiant when top Iraqi officials "visited" him in captivity hours later — people at the meeting said he refused to admit to human rights abuses.

Saddam will now "face the justice he denied to millions," said President Bush, whose troops and intelligence agents had been searching in vain for Saddam since April. "In the history of Iraq, a dark and painful era is over."

U.S. officials declined to specify Saddam's whereabouts on Sunday, but made clear he faces intensive interrogation — foremost, what he knows about the ongoing insurgency against the U.S.-led occupation, and later about his regime's unconventional weapons programs.

The raid by 600 soldiers and special forces took place Saturday night at a farm in Adwar, 10 miles from Saddam's home town of Tikrit, less than three hours after the pivotal tip was received from an Iraqi.

The informant was a member of a family close to Saddam," Odierno told reporters in Tikrit. "Finally we got the ultimate information from one of these individuals."

After a helicopter took Saddam to Baghdad, U.S. officials brought in former regime officials, including deputy prime minister Tariq Aziz, to confirm Saddam's identity, a U.S. official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Whether Saddam's capture would curtail the insurgency was unclear. Bush cautioned that more

anti-coalition attacks were expected, and Odierno said the lack of communications equipment in the hide-out indicated Saddam was not commanding the resistance.

Eager to prove to Iraqis that Saddam was in custody, the U.S. military showed video of the ousted leader, haggard and gray-bearded, as a military doctor examined him. In Baghdad, radio stations played jubilant music and some bus passengers shouted, "They got Saddam! They got Saddam!"

In northern Kirkuk, eight people were killed and 80 wounded by shots fired in the air during celebrations of the capture, said hospital official Suleibah Ahmed.

Saddam was one of the world's most-wanted fugitives, along with Osama bin Laden, the leader of the al-Qaida terrorist network who has not been caught despite a manhunt since November 2001.

The United States put a \$25 million bounty for Saddam, as it did for bin Laden, but it was not known immediately if anyone has a claim to the money. Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq, said he could not give any information on the reward.

U.S. troops found Saddam hiding in an underground crawl space at the walled compound, Odierno said. The entrance to the hide-out — covered with Styrofoam, rugs and dirt — was a few feet from small, mud-brick hut where Saddam had been staying.

Saddam was "very disoriented" as soldiers brought him out of the hole, Odierno said. A Pentagon diagram showed the hiding place as a 6-foot-deep vertical tunnel, with a shorter tunnel branching out horizontally from one side. A pipe to the concrete surface at ground level provided air.

Two other Iraqis — described as low-level regime figures — were arrested in the raid, and soldiers found two Kalashnikov rifles, a pistol and \$750,000 in \$100 bills.

Positive Identification

The news of Saddam Hussein's capture was kept secret until DNA testing confirmed his identity. Immediate identification was not certain because of his disheveled appearance and history of using imposters. Early Sunday morning, officials confirmed his identity.

DNA testing

A biological sample is taken to create a DNA profile. It was then compared to an existing DNA profile.



Physical Identification

A U.S. official said some marks on his body gave the U.S. military confirmation of his identity.

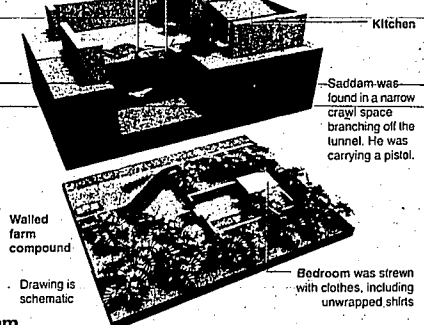


Manhunt ends with 'Ace' in the hole

Ending one of the most intensive manhunts in history, U.S. forces captured Saddam Hussein on Saturday in an underground hideout on a farm in Adwar, 10 miles from his hometown of Tikrit. He was the Ace of Spades in the deck of U.S. most-wanted cards.

Hiding underground

The ventilation pipe to surface provided air.



Walled farm compound

Drawing is schematic

(All times local)

The search for Saddam

More than eight months of multiple near-misses, U.S. forces finally captured the former Iraqi dictator.

MARCH 20, 2003
DORA FARMS

On day one of the war, missiles were fired in Baghdad where Saddam and sons were said to be hiding.

APRIL 7
MANSOUR

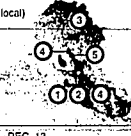
U.S. warplanes bombed the district in the capital.

JULY 22
MOSUL

Raid followed the killing of Saddam's sons.

JULY 27
TIKRIT AND BAGHDAD

A pre-dawn raid in Tikrit missed Saddam by 24 hours. Witnesses claimed soldiers looking for Saddam raided the Baghdad home of a tribal leader.



DEC. 13
ADWAR

10:50 a.m. — U.S. forces received intelligence on Saddam's whereabouts. The two reported locations were near Adwar.

Two locations, one goal

U.S. forces searched two areas labeled Wolverine 1 and Wolverine 2.

6 p.m. — Forces moved toward the locations

8 p.m. — Forces assaulted the two but did not initially find the target.

8:30 p.m. — Forces found Saddam near Wolverine 2.

9:15 p.m. — Saddam was moved to a secure area.

SOURCES: Associated Press; Pentagon

AP

Police: Car bomb kills at least 17

KHALIDIYAH, Iraq (AP) — A suspected "suicide" attacker detonated a car bomb outside an Iraqi police station Sunday near Baghdad, killing at least 17 people and wounding 33 others, hours before the announcement of Saddam Hussein's capture, the U.S. military said.

Also Sunday, an American soldier was killed trying to defuse a roadside bomb.

In the evening, after celebrations in the capital over the news of Saddam's arrest, three barrels of gasoline mounted on a pickup truck exploded in central Baghdad. No one was hurt, and it was not clear whether the explosion was an accident or an attack.

The car bombing in Khalidiyah, 50 miles west of Baghdad, killed police officers, city workers and civilian bystanders. U.S. Army Lt. Col. Jeff Swisher said.

No American soldiers were in the area when the bomb exploded and none was hurt in the blast, the military said.

An emergency room administrator at a hospital in the nearby city of Ramadi put the toll even higher — 21 killed and more than 20 wounded. Many victims were Iraqi police officers and workers sweeping the street outside the district police office, said hospital administrator Haidham Bahar Taha.

Resistance

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There are signs that Iraqis and Arab volunteers, who share a militant Sunni Muslim ideology, have taken a large role in the insurgency.

"These are people who were suppressed to a certain extent under Saddam's rule," said Naveem al-Jassour, an Iraqi political analyst. "There's not much love lost for Saddam among some of these Islamic militants."

It has never been clear how much influence Saddam had on the course of the

insurgency, and whether he was coordinating it in any way beyond sending out audiotapes to Arab satellite channels. Some U.S. commanders have cautioned against unrealistic expectations that the insurgency would end with Saddam's capture. President Bush said as much in his nationally televised address Sunday, warning that the violence can be expected to continue.

No satellite phones or other communications equipment were found at the farmhouses where Saddam was captured Saturday, suggesting that he may not have

been actively organizing the insurgency.

"I think he was more there for moral support and I don't think he was coordinating the entire effort," said Maj. Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of the 4th Infantry Division, which arrested the ex-Iraqi dictator near his home region of Tikrit.

U.S. military commanders have put the number of insurgents at about 5,000 — a combination of ex-regime loyalists and foreign fighters.

Recently captured Iraqi guerrillas have told U.S. interrogators that Saddam's cap-

ture could bring into the resistance new recruits who oppose the U.S. occupation but who have been reluctant to join because of their hatred of Saddam and his Baath party, according to intelligence reports being reviewed by U.S. Central Command officers.

An intelligence source familiar with the reports said that they conclude that there are "a lot of Iraqis who don't support Saddam and would be happy to see him go. But they also don't support the occupation."

There are signs of increasing foreign presence in the insurgency.

Senior Iraqi security officials have told Newsday that the suicide bomber who struck the Baghdad Hotel on Oct. 12 spoke a different dialect of Arabic than Iraqis, the first solid indication that foreign fighters were involved in some of the car bombings here.

The bombing killed eight people outside the hotel, which housed U.S. intelligence officers and members of the Iraqi Governing Council.

Southeast Twin Falls Regional Corridor Study

Attend to discuss the Proposed Most Feasible Truck Route

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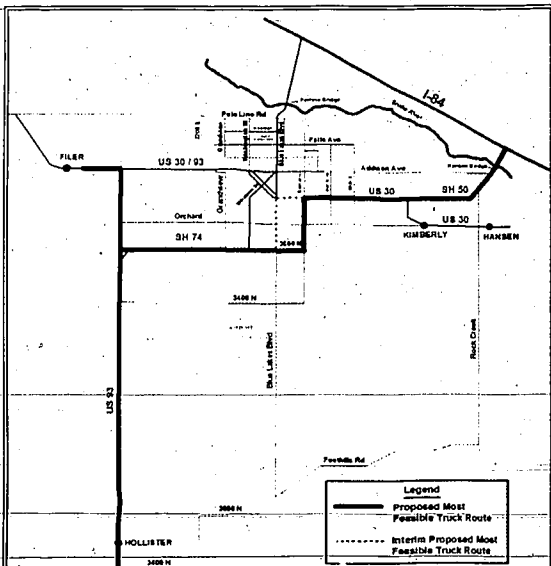
The Public is invited to attend the workshop to learn about the Southeast Twin Falls Regional Corridor planning process and discuss the Draft Prioritized Improvement Projects and Proposed Most Feasible Truck Route

PROPOSED MOST FEASIBLE TRUCK ROUTE

WHEN: Wednesday, December 17th, 2003
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: College of Southern Idaho
Taylor Administration Bldg, Room #277

DRAFT PRIORITIZED IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



Rank	Location	Recommendation
1	US 30 - from Eastland to SH 50	Reduce the Speed Limit
2	US 30 & Locust	Install left turn signals on US 30
3	Blue Lakes Blvd & Addison Ave	Additional Signaling and Striping
4	US 93 - between SH 74 and Hollister	No Passing Zone at 3400N & 3400 N
5	US 93 - between SH 74 and Hollister	Install additional passing lanes
6	US 30 & 3200 East (Hankins Rd)	Install a traffic signal in the future
7	SH 50	Turn lanes at 3600 E, 3700 E, and 3800 N.
8	Orchard Rd & South Washington St	Install a traffic signal in the future
9	US 93 - between SH 74 and Hollister	Re-grade hills south of 3400N and 3300N
10	SH 50 & 3800 East (Rock Creek Rd)	Widen intersection to improve turning
11	US 93 & 3700 North	Widen intersection to improve turning
12	US 30 & SH 50 (Red Cap Corner)	Install a traffic signal in the future
13	US 93 through Hollister	Add center turn lanes
14	US 30 & Rock Creek Rd.	Widen intersection to improve turning
15	SH 74 & South Washington St	Widen intersection to improve turning
16	Addison Ave & Washington St	Add an additional turn lane
17	Blue Lakes Blvd & Addison Ave	Add 1 additional lane in each direction

For more information contact:
Bob Humphrey, ITD Project Manager at 886-7832
Or Mike Pepper, KMP Planning at 734-6208



AROUND THE VALLEY

CSI looks at buying home on Madrona

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's board of directors will meet tonight to consider buying a house on Madrona Street.

CSI Vice President of Finance Mike Mason did not disclose for what purpose the house and lot at 522 Madrona Street would be used, although it is located next to the TransV bus complex. The board will discuss the purchase in executive session before making a decision at the meeting tonight. If the board approves it, the college will complete the purchase as soon as possible.

Other business to be considered: The board might change its bidding policy to match a new state law. The minimum purchase amount that the college must use is \$15,000. The board will decide whether or not to raise the minimum to \$25,000.

Jan Rogers, the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization's executive director, will present the group's annual report.

Twin Falls seeks to fill planning board openings

TWIN FALLS - There are three positions coming open on the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission as of Jan. 1. Two of the openings must be filled by residents who live in the city's area of impact, and the other opening must be filled by someone who lives within the city limits.

Those who are interested in serving on the commission should submit a letter expressing their interest to Lamar Orton or Renee Carraway, c/o Planning and Zoning, 321 2nd Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Or letters can be mailed the Planning and Zoning Office at P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Those interested can also fax a letter of interest to 736-2296, or e-mail it to lornton@csid.edu.

The commission will interview all of the applicants and make recommendations to the City Council for appointments of people living inside the city. The commission will make recommendations to the City Commissioners for appointments of those living in the area of impact.

Interviews will be held on Dec. 23.

Jerome event schedules Mexican Consul speaker

JEROME - Alfredo Gutierrez Valles, the designated representative for the Mexican Consul, has agreed to speak at the inter-cultural festivities being planned for September by the City of Jerome. Commissioner Mike Shaw, Idaho State, told the commission last week.

The commission did not have a quorum of members present at last week's meeting so were unable to vote or conduct formal business. Those present discussed the survival Spanish classes they are currently organizing and scheduling around the valley.

Russ Howell, a U.S. Postal Service employee in the Jerome office, told the group of the benefits he has gained from learning to communicate with his Spanish-speaking customers.

Shaw told the group that the Nazarene College in Nampa had indicated it would give college credit for the survival Spanish classes if certain academic and financial criteria was met.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake Basin	69%	20%
Salmon Falls	102%	27%
Salmon	90%	24%
Oakley	94%	23%
Big Wood	68%	23%
Little Wood	67%	25%
Henry's Fork/Teton	105%	20%
Big Lost	97%	25%
Little Lost	83%	24%
As of Dec. 13		

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

Planners lay out truck route

Proposal would require improvements on Eastland Drive South

By Rebecca Moany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Members of the public will get to be back-seat drivers for a while on Wednesday during a workshop to discuss creating a truck route from established roads.

The workshop is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Regional Corridor Study aims to find the best route for trucks to travel on Interstate 84 near the Hansen Bridge and U.S. Highway 93 at Jackpot, Nev.

For more than a year, the corridor issue has been formally examined to identify and evaluate the best options. Wednesday's will be the fourth of five public input sessions.

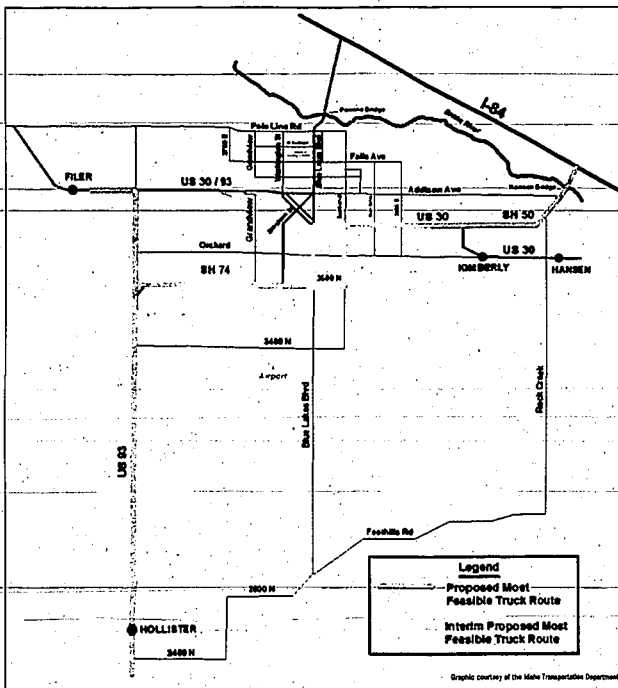
An origin/destination survey concluded that a new roadway is not needed. But reshaping existing roads has to be planned with other projects in mind.

"You obviously want to look at all the quadrants in a community

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If you go...

- **What:** Public discussion on proposed truck route and other projects.
- **Where:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Taylor Administration Building, Room 277, College of Southern Idaho.
- **Who:** The public is invited.



T.F. eyes expanding boundaries

By Rebecca Moany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The city's first proposed annexation in two years would bring seven parcels within the city limits.

A public hearing on the annexation plan is scheduled during today's City Council meeting sometime after 6 p.m.

Submissions slated for annexation are the North Pointe Ranches near the northwest section of the city, Candleridge East northeast of the city, Morning Sun east of the city limits, Arkwood, Villa Vista and City Vista south of town.

As of Friday, the Candleridge East parcel is the only one to have stirred debate.

According to a letter written by Bowlin Lane resident Mark Brunelle to members of the City Council, people who live in the area that borders the southern edge of the parcel are unhappy that the change in zoning for the parcel could be to R-1 Variable. This means the lots could be as small as 8,000 square feet and could change the density of the area from one home per acre to up to five homes per acre.

R-1 Variable designation also requires that any developments must be hooked up to city utilities.

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Some districts have no plans for random testing

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

HADLEY - Seven south-central Idaho school districts have not made plans to implement random drug testing any time soon.

One of the benefits that Blaine County Superintendent Jim Lewis sees with just a suspicion policy is that it doesn't target anyone specifically. In other words, every student could be tested, not just those in sports and other

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extracurricular activities, which random drug-testing policies target.

"If they look like it, smell like it and act like it, then we have reasonable suspicion and they must get tested within two hours," Lewis said.

"The district has had a suspicion-based policy in place since 2001,

which the nearby Carey School District borrowed and adopted. A committee of about 40 people in Blaine County spent a full year examining policies from around the nation.

There were 23 cases involving drugs during the policy's first year, and eight this year in Blaine County.

Those who have positive tests are recommended for a 30-day expulsion. But counseling reduces that to 15 days. If an adult goes

with them, it's brought down to 10 days - five days of in-school suspension and five days of community service.

"Parents are concerned about their kids using drugs," Lewis said. "And we're aggressive on discovering whether there's a drug problem but supportive on getting the kids help."

Others who no current plans for random testing included the Hazelton, Cassia County, Camas County, Glens Ferry and Valley

school districts.

The Cassia County School District employs a reasonable suspicion policy but makes a point to keep the testing out of schools. This policy has been practiced since 2000.

"You run into a lot of liability in drug testing kids," said Lauri Bailey, principal of the Cassia County School District. "The school district takes it out of the schools and puts

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Here's a look at how other school districts approach drug testing:

Bliss School District

Bliss has employed a random drug-testing policy for four years. "Our motivation, of course, was the health and safety of the kids," said Superintendent Kevin Lancaster. "But it also provides an opportunity for them to say 'no' because they might want to play basketball."

The response from students and parents has been positive, Lancaster said. "The response to the policy has been generally good because we've never had an incident that raised a concern."

Athletes are tested: Each of them takes a test at the beginning of the season, then the policy calls for 10 percent each week. The athletic director administers the test.

The consequences for positive tests are applied to a graduated system. For a first offense, law enforcement and parents are contacted and possible suspension from the school and team may result. The same consequence is applied for a second offense. The same occurs for a third offense, but then the issue is brought before the School Board and the student is recommended for expulsion. "We've never had a third incident," Lancaster said.

The level of counseling and treatment is up to parents, but they must provide written proof that they're going through a substance abuse program.

Camas County School District

A suspicion policy was implemented in 1998 after Camas County officials looked at what policies they already had on the books and formalized them. Superintendent Ed Marshall said, "There were a lot of rules and regulations, but nothing was written down," Marshall said.

The district has a gradual "three strikes" rule. A student will face three to five days' suspension the first time he tests positive for drugs. The suspension is doubled to six to 10 days for a second offense, and the third time the student has to appear before the School Board for a possible expulsion for the rest of the year.

A drug dog frequents the school.

Carey School District

Carey practices a reasonable suspicion policy in the drug testing of its students.

"It pulls in parents and the community to help a student get the help he needs," Principal John Peck said. Carey's drug-testing program is modeled after the policy of the nearby Blaine County School District.

Castletford School District

Castletford began its random drug testing program with the boys basketball team in 2000 and added other athletics in 2001. "It's unfortunate that we need a policy," Superintendent Kelly Murphy said. "But we brought it when there was a small spike in drugs."

Every player on each team is tested at the beginning of the season, and then a group is randomly chosen every two weeks.

About 100 tests are performed each year at a cost of \$10 each. There has only been one positive test in the last few years, school officials say.

Glens Ferry School District

Glens Ferry practices a reasonable suspicion drug-testing policy.

Students are not tested on campus, said Connie Willis, coordinator of the Safe and Drug Free School Program. Testing is handled by law enforcement.

Gooding School District

Gooding employs a random drug-testing policy for all students involved in extracurricular activities. The policy has caused a few parents to pull students out of activities since Gooding started drug testing in 2001. But most support the program, high school Principal Gayle Yakovac said.

Yakovac said the policy makes her feel more comfortable because there's some assurance that students are drug-free. "It makes it easier to teach," she said. Superintendent Bob Stearns also said he has seen the policy benefit in the school. "I can say drug use has decreased because the student body has really pulled together, and we don't have kids going off in splinter groups," he said.

Hagerman School District

The district uses a random drug testing policy for students involved in extracurricular activities. And the way high school Principal Mark Krass sees it, the more kids get involved in activities, the more drug-free Hagerman High School will be. "About 70 percent of our students are in athletics, band and

National Honor Society," he said. "But those who might be on drugs probably wouldn't get involved in testing situations anyway."

Testing is done every two weeks. No student has tested positive for drugs since 2002.

Hansen School District

The Hansen School District practices random drug testing - a policy it borrowed from Butte in 1998. "We're concerned about our kids and saw this as proactive," Superintendent Rick Abel said.

Random number selection for the 10 tests performed each year are generated by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and sent to the school.

A student whose sample comes out positive must be enrolled in counseling or forced out of extracurricular activities. The school has staff members who can provide some help, but outside counseling is the parent's responsibility. "They just submit a statement saying they're going through a specific program like Walker Center," Abel said. "We've never had anyone drop out."

There have been four or five positive tests since the policy was enacted, but it is seen by school officials as an effective influence. "I'm sure that students have been approached and have said no, because they might get tested this week," Abel said.

Hazelton School District

Hazelton practices reasonable suspicion drug testing.

Superintendent Laura Nelson said the district doesn't test students and there haven't been any cases of known drug use, but standard procedures would be to turn suspicious situations over to law enforcement.

The district has a student population of 200 at the high school and 150 in junior high.

Jerome School District

Jerome employs a random drug-testing policy, and Safe and Drug-Free Schools Coordinator Debbie Walsh sees it as a sign of the times. "We started this as a way to help deter kids from using," she said.

Funding for the 275 random tests performed this year was secured through Safe and Drug-Free Schools grants totaling \$72,000. Schools that receive state and federal funding for safety programs must meet requirements. "We keep

stats on referrals for substance abuse, counseling and instances involving weapons," Walsh said. "There's a whole list of things."

Kimberly School District

Kimberly moved toward random drug testing four or five years ago when rumors began to circulate that high school athletes were partying on the weekend.

Only two tests have come up positive since then. "I think it has built confidence that our students are drug-free," Superintendent John Gerner said.

Surprise visits from a drug dog also deter drug use among Kimberly students, officials say. "The officer brings Angus over to check lockers and the parking lot if he needs work," Gerner said.

Mindoka County District

Random drug testing has been a reality in the Mindoka County School District since coaches and students urged its implementation in 1999, school officials say.

Mindoka High School tests 10 percent of its athletes three times each year, and deals with an average of five to seven "dirty" tests. But Vice Principal Tim Perigot is quick to point out that many things can give a false reading. "Some of those tests were because of medication or food," he said. "Poppy seeds can give a positive reading."

Test results are completely confidential, as in many other districts. Parents and the principal are the only ones informed about the results of tests. "This is not a 'gotcha' program. We're just trying to help kids and give them a way," Perigot said.

Murtaugh School District

The district began random drug testing in 1999 as a way to help the student body of 68, and Principal Dennis Osman takes the issue of testing high school students personally. "I don't try to demoralize them," Osman said. "We've got some good kids, and we're not law enforcement."

About 63 students are regularly involved in extracurricular clubs and sports. Athletes are tested at the beginning and anywhere during the season. "We don't know when there's a problem," Athletic Director Stacey Winn said.

The school recently amended its policy to increase the percentage of students who could be tested from 10 to 30 per-

cent. The only positive test the school has had was the result of prescription medication, Osman said. "The school doesn't require a list of medications, but students usually come in and tell," he said.

Twin Falls School District

The Twin Falls School District implemented a random drug-testing program as the result of a meeting with parents in 2002, school officials say. "It's a student-led program that fosters an understanding that drugs and alcohol are detrimental to success," Drug Coordinator Sherri Molina said.

In the event a test comes out positive, the student can still practice with the team, but he or she can't play in games. "This is not a punitive policy. The idea is to assist students before they get out of hand," Molina said. "If they know there's a chance of being tested, they'll often come in and disclose."

The district has master's level counselors on staff to assist students, but they will make referrals to outside counseling when needed. "We are not a treatment center, but we do work with local counseling sources such as Spirit Walker," Molina said.

Valley School District

The Valley School District has practiced a reasonable suspicion policy since 1999. "We had to go that way because it's so hard to detect," high school Principal Rod Malone said. "With alcohol you can at least smell it."

Only three of the high school's 220 students have been tested in the past year. None tested positive.

Wendell School District

Wendell began the practice of random drug testing this year.

Ten students are randomly selected from about 100 who participate in activities and tested every week. No positive drug tests have been discovered so far this year, a school official said.

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Protesters demonstrate over monuments

Plans by controversial church draw opposition

BOISE (AP) - Several demonstrations were held Sunday over an existing Ten Commandments monument in a city park, a Christian minister with those Judeo-Christian...

A coalition from various local churches gathered in Julia Davis Park in support of a Ten Commandments monument which was put up by the Fraternal Order of Eagles in 1965.

A group wanting to put up an anti-gay monument in the park picketed some Boise churches Sunday morning, and counter-demonstrations were held to protest the anti-gay effort.

The Idaho group supporting the Ten Commandments monument had 10,000 yards sign to distribute to residents backing the marker. "I have a strong belief the Ten Commandments monument should stay on public ground because it's the very foundation of American law," said Colleen Schaub, one of the supporters.

The group also supports Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore, who was removed from office on Nov. 13 for refusing an order by U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson to move the monument from the grounds of the Alabama building.

Speaking at the rally was Republican state Sen. Gerry Sweet of Meridian, who plans to intro-



Boise State University student Stacy Rhoads, 18, right, talks with Westboro Baptist Church (Topeka, Kan.) member Rachel Hockenbarger Sunday in Boise.

duce a bill directing that a Ten Commandments monument be placed on the first floor of the Statehouse.

He said he plans on approaching Gov. Dirk Kempthorne with his proposal, and hopes "he's very supportive when the legislation reaches his desk for him to sign."

"It may be the most important piece of legislation I'll ever work on," the first-term legislator said.

But attorney Mary Durand with the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho said Saturday that

placing a religious monument on state property is implied endorsement of religion and could be easily overturned in court.

Some residents are leery about religious symbols in the Statehouse and the park.

"It just creates opportunity for other horrible groups wanting monuments of their own," Darryl Ampsacher said. "It's not a predicament we should have to be in."

Meantime, the Rev. Fred Phelps of the Westboro Baptist Church in

Topeka, Kan., wants to erect a monument in Boise condemning slain Wyoming college student Matthew Shepard for being gay. Shepard died in 1998 after being beaten into a coma near Laramie.

Fallout from botched UI project irks some

BOISE (AP) - University of Idaho students and professors and alumni have differing opinions about a troubled satellite campus, but they all would like the matter resolved.

Richard Reardon, chairman of the school's Psychology Department, said morale on the Moscow campus may be low because of budget cuts tied both to the University Place project in Boise and the overall economic downturn.

"People are looking for an end point and right now they can't see it," Reardon said. "It's like being in a tunnel. We've been in a tunnel for such a long time we're really not interested in learning how we get in here."

The Legislature had approved financing for the school's ambitious \$136 million University Place project in Boise through bonds. When the economy went sour the university abandoned all but the Water Center part of the complex.

Then-university President Robert Hoover and Financial Vice President Jerry Wallace lost their jobs in the fallout, and the school's nonprofit foundation wrote off

\$15.6 million of its investment in the project as unrecoverable. A new 600-page report by Boise attorney Larry Price for the State Board of Education found the clannish nature of the university's supporters led to the botched project.

Most of the outrage on the Moscow campus is reserved for the \$683,000 cost of the Prince report. The money comes from the school's budget. "I think \$600,000 is a lot to spend on a report that everyone knew what was going to come out of it," said Isaac Myhrum, student body president.

The report said school officials may have violated the law by misusing public money. The university foundation also likely violated a state law that protects the money that people donate to the university.

"I realize that mistakes were made," said Scott Green, president of the University of Idaho Alumni Association and an expert on corporate governance in New York City. "Vandal alumni, faculty and students are feeling persecuted. We wonder, when does this start to harm the university, higher education and the state of Idaho?"

SERVICES

Keith E. Moon of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Emerson Ward Chapel, 950 W. 125 S., Paul; burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Fayre Mortuary, Burley).

Annette Christine Montoya of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 222 Birch St. S., Kimberly; family will greet friends one hour before the service at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Zona Tappan of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today at the Paul 4th Ward LDS Church; burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Arnold Donald Heidemann of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N., Buhl.

Ted DeVon Smith of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Paul 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 300 S. 500 W., Heyburn; burial will be at the Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Kathleen Rutherford of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; interment to follow at sunset at the Buhl Cemetery.

Paul Montezuma Aguilar of Paul, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert; rosary at 7 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the mortuary and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

Jerry L. Garrison of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Church in Buhl (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

Warren Dale Barmingham of Heyburn, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

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Elise Lobb Warthen - Twin Falls

Elise May Lobb Warthen was born on Sept. 20, 1918, in Plymouth, England, where she met and married Albert Warthog in 1948.

Albert and Elise moved to the United States in December of 1948, shortly after the couple moved to Long Beach, Calif. where Albert continued his service in the United States Navy. Elise supported Albert through twenty-five years of Navy and Civil Service. After Albert's retirement, Elise, Albert, and their two sons moved to Twin Falls, Idaho.

They continued to live and raise their children in Rupert.

Elise took God's hand and left us on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003.

She is survived by her husband Albert Warthen, sons, Brian and Earl Warthen, grandchildren, Brooke Warthen, Gretchen Warthen, and Willow Nielsen, great-grandchildren, Ivory Warthen and Kai Nielsen.

Elise requested to be remembered for her kind, giving spirit. She requested no funeral, and only a small family memorial. We will all miss you dearly. Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.



Oma Bell Stockard - Kimberly

Oma Bell Stockard of Twin Falls, passed away Friday, Dec. 12, 2003 at Mt. View Care Center in Kimberly. She was born in Phalba, Texas, the second child of Lee and Pearl Baker Radtiff. Her father died when she was two months old. Her mother remarried and to that marriage three more children were born. Oma was like a second mother to those three kids as they were growing up.

She attended schools in Mexia, Texas and Kearns, Texas. Oma met Ed Easterling in 1928 and to this marriage two children were born. They were later divorced. She later married John Stockard in 1950 and he preceded her in death in 1965. Oma's love was her family, home, work and church. She loved to babysit children and spend time in her flower garden.

Oma is survived by her daughter, Margie Hoops of Twin Falls; her sister Jean Schoultz of Abilene, Texas; nine grandchildren, Robert Easterling of



Boerne, Texas, Ed Easterling of Twin Falls, Karen Cybert of Emis, Texas, Sharon Arco of Lubbock, Texas, Douglas Easterling of Killeen, Texas, Angela Pittman of Odessa, Texas, Tina Hoops of Twin Falls, David Bradley of Twin Falls and Linda Crisp of Hale Center, Texas; and a special granddaughter, Sherry

Simmons; who took care of her day and night during the last months of Oma's life; 16 great grandchildren and 18 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, two sisters, one great-grandson and her daughter, Frances Motherhead in May, 2002.

The family would like to thank Jim Shaffer and Judy Peterson who cared for Oma while she was at the Twin Falls Care Center, and her very special friend Opa Richards. A special thank you to Dr. Miciak who cared for her the past 15 years and also to Bev Williams of Magic Valley Hospice and to the staff of Mt. View Care Center. Funeral services for Oma will be held at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003 at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" with burial to follow at the Magic Valley Veterans Cemetery south of Hansen. Friends may call at White Mortuary from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Orval Theone Hymas - Burley

Orval Theone Hymas, age 96, of Filer, formerly of Burley, passed away Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, in Filer. He was born April 26, 1907, at Liberty, Idaho, the son of George Albert and Emma Josephine Johnson Hymas. Orval was the oldest of 12 children. When Orval was 11, the family moved to Springdale, Idaho in the Burley area. Orval attended school in Springdale and graduated from Burley High School. Orval married La Priel Pace on November 28, 1928 in the Logan, Utah L.D.S. Temple, Logan, Utah. Orval and La Priel were married in Burley until 1940 when they moved to Jerome, Idaho. In 1950 they returned to Burley. His challenge and blessings in parenthood began with the arrival of his five children. In 1996 La Priel passed away and in 1997 Orval moved to Filer, Idaho,



where he resided until his death. Orval is survived by his children, Phyllis and Idell Eriksen of Wells, Nev., Darl and Don Weeks of Salmon, Idaho, Forrest

Panhandle struggles with layoffs

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - The face of unemployment in northern Idaho is often a blue-collar man who lost a well-paying job in declining resource industries like logging and mining. Leland Walker, 29, watched his mechanic job disappear last month at Citedon Lumber Co., which cited weak sales of pine boards as it let 67 workers go. Walker's first unemployment check should arrive just before Christmas. His company-sponsored health insurance will run out at the end of December. And his \$35,000-a-year salary has become part of the past.

School and retraining could be an option, if Walker, the breadwinner for a family of five - can afford it. "I'm not sure what's next," said Walker, who has spent most of his adult life working in factories. "There are all these job listings at the employment office, but they are minimum-wage jobs. I have a family to support." Men, primarily, in hard hats and steel-toed boots, account for the majority of the layoffs in the Panhandle since the national recession began in early 2001.

DEATH NOTICES

Philip Wayne Reeves KIMBERLY - Philip Wayne Reeves, 83, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

William Harral HAZELTON - William Harral, 67, of Hazelton, Idaho, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003 at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

William "Bill" Zink FILER - William "Bill" Zink,

88, of Filer, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003 at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

BURJL - Larry J. VanKomen, 63, of Buhl, passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Dorothy L. Steelmon BURLEY - Dorothy Leota Steelmon, 90, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Funeral services shall be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Burley Assembly of God Christian Church, 317 West 27th Street, with Pastor Randy Gardner, officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday.

Leslie Slatter FILER - Leslie Slatter, 77, of Filer, died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

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Jerome rec district proposes fee increase

JEROME — A public hearing on proposed recreation fee increases for the Jerome Recreation District is Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at the recreation center conference room 2444 S. Lincoln.

Fee increases are proposed for gymnastics, dog obedience, yoga, fencing, jujitsu and adult open gym. They're intended to help offset expenses.

The public hearing follows the recreation district board's regular monthly board meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

M-C commissioners plan tour of justice center

RUPERT — Minidoka County commissioners are scheduled to join their Cassia County counterparts to tour the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center at 11:30 a.m.

The two bodies will also eat lunch at the jail at noon.

Minidoka commissioners start their meeting at 8:30 a.m. with a closed executive session to discuss requests for indigent assistance.

At 9 a.m. the meeting opens to the public. They meet in their chambers at the courthouse. Listed on the agenda are commission reports and a possible donation to the South Central Community Action Partnership.

Cassia commission agenda includes ambulance bids

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in a general sense to coordinate them," said Mike Pepper, planner and public involvement consultant for KMP Planning and Consulting. "The intent is not only to do a detailed analysis in the southeast corridor, but to consider other plans and projects in any recommendation for development, even though they're outside the project. We want them to fit with other plans and projects so they work together and all pieces fit together."

The Idaho Transportation Department and consulting agencies have proposed a most feasible truck route and an interim route. "The most-feasible route would run on U.S. Highway 30, down Eastland Drive South, across State Highway 74 and on to U.S. Highway 93.

An interim route is necessary to improve the south part of Eastland, which would require a fair amount of modification to work as a truck route, Pepper said.

"The rest will function as a truck route with minor improvements," he added.

So far, there is no definite timeline because no money has been approved for the project, Pepper said. The plan involves a mix of city, county and state roads, so it has to be a collaborative effort in

Valley in brief

ers meet today, beginning at 9 a.m. in the basement of the county courthouse. The meeting is open to the public.

At 9:30 a.m., commissioners are scheduled to hear a report from Wayne Mullen on emergency medical services. Bids for ambulance services are to be opened at 10 a.m. The fair board annual report is to be reviewed at 11 a.m. and the county road and bridge report is up for review at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners will join the Minidoka County Commission for the quarterly tour of the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center at 11:30 a.m. They'll eat at the jail at noon.

Other items on the agenda include discussion of how to sell property the county has acquired because people failed to pay property taxes, a review of the McWork program with the Bureau of Land Management for maintenance at recreation sites, consideration of a request from jail officials to get them a Wal-Mart credit card and determining what hours county offices will be open on Dec. 24.

Commissioners must again conduct a hearing on a proposal to charge higher fees for the sheriff's office — to serve civil papers because of an error. The new date for the hearing will be set.

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acquiring the necessary dollars.

"Each part has to secure its own funding for improvements on different portions of the roads involved," he said.

The bulk of funds likely would not come from local coffers.

"Because of the amount of money required," he said, "it would likely be federal funds."

Costs projections will be discussed at the meeting Wednesday.

In addition to studying truck routes, planners identified other areas that need attention.

"The study looked at the truck route, but also at other important necessities," Pepper said. "The prioritized list came from that discussion."

Some of those recommendations include: reducing the speed limit on U.S. Highway 30 from Eastland to State Highway 50; installing left-turn signals on Highway 30 at Locust Street; adding another lane in each direction at Blue Lakes Boulevard and Addison Avenue; adding a turn lane at Addison Avenue and Washington Street; and adding center turn lanes on Highway 93 through Hollister.

The study began as a request by the Greater Twin Falls Area Transportation Committee for an alternate trucking route and expanded into the current study.

Today

Semester finals week. Students with disabilities support group meeting, 3:15 p.m., Shields 112.

CSI board monthly meeting, 5:30 p.m., Taylor 256.

"The Nutcracker Ballet," 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Tuesday

"Retro Steel" art show on display (through Jan. 2004), Jean-B. King gallery, Horret Center for Arts and Science.

Pharmex scanning event, 6 p.m., Taylor 277.

Idaho Agriculture Department's milk haulers evaluation, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.

CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball against Treasure Valley Community College, 7:30 p.m., gym.

Today

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m. courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.

Buss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library, 601 E. Highway 30.

College of Southern Idaho board, 5:30 p.m., Room 256, Taylor Administration building, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.

Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.

Halley Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S. Halley.

Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 550 Main.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N.

Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 633 Fremont, Rupert.

Richfield School Board, 7:30

M-C officials tout juvenile program

By Loraine Cavenar Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Six years ago the "parent project" was touted as a "phenomenal" program.

At that time, Mini-Cassia judges began using the project as a training tool for parents, 78 percent of Minidoka School District employees were trained through the program, student expulsions in Cassia and Minidoka counties dropped about 85 percent within a year and juvenile court filings dropped at least 15 percent at the same time, a report from the state Department of Juvenile Corrections shows.

Today the program is still working, according to people involved in juvenile detention efforts.

In 1997, the Mini-Cassia juvenile detention program recorded 4,035 detention days, compared to 2,725 in 2002. A detention day is determined by multiplying the number of youths in detention every day by the number of days they are incarcerated. For exam-

ple, if 12 juveniles are in the program for 10 days that would equal 120 detention days.

Fewer juveniles are being jailed for shorter periods of time, Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center Social Worker Dixie Tate said.

Doug Whipple, the public defender for Cassia and Minidoka counties, offered an example.

Between October 2001 and May 2002 the number of new juvenile cases was 90, he said. From October 2002 to May 2003 the number of new juvenile cases was 55.

Whipple referred to that decrease as "pretty significant."

Whipple and Tate attribute the decrease to programs such as the parent project, teen project and juvenile drug court.

Tate acknowledged sometimes the monthly comparisons show increases, not decreases, from past years.

"But we look at it as a whole," she said. "Referral rates are up and the recidivism rate is down."

CSI TODAY

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday

Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board of directors meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 256.

Regional school superintendent's meeting, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Taylor 277.

Tech. Prep regional planning meeting, 9 a.m., Taylor 256.

Idaho State University College of Education student teacher celebration, 2 p.m., Evergreen atrium.

Idaho Transportation Department's Southeast Twin Falls Regional Corridor study, 7 p.m., Taylor 277.

Styx Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.

Idaho Agriculture Department's

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milk haulers evaluation, 7 p.m., Taylor 276.

Saturday

Snake River Elks Hoop Shoot, 9 a.m. to noon, gym.

Internal Revenue Service Tax-Aide volunteer tax preparation training, all day, Evergreen 933.

United Church of God International weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.

"The Christmas Star," 2 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"The Search for Life in the Universe," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"LaVaci children's choir concert, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium—

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Sunday

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

Recidivism is the rate at which a juvenile commits another violation.

Lauri Bailey, Cassia Education Center principal, has seen firsthand the results of parent and teen projects. Bailey is a member of the Regional Substance Abuse Authority, the organization that supplies grant money for the two projects. In order for the programs to receive money results must be tracked to demonstrate the programs work.

Bailey likes the programs. She has seen parents and children work through conflict, manage anger and maintain discipline as a result of the teen and parent programs.

Perhaps no single person has seen the results more than Minidoka County Magistrate Judge Larry Duff, who handles all juvenile cases in Minidoka and Cassia counties.

Duff tells of one youth who stayed out of jail. The boy went through the program with his parents after the judge noticed a lot

of friction between the boy and his parents.

"We never saw him in court again," Duff said.

Later when the boy's younger sister was having problems one day her television and telephone disappeared. Each parent thought the other had taken the privileges away from the girl.

But they found out her brother had taken the items because that father, asked for him. "It must have worked," Duff said. "We've never seen the sister in juvenile court."

Duff is worried about adequate funding to keep the programs operating in the future.

The two programs cost about \$40,000 per year to operate, most of which comes from grants. Schools used to contribute, Duff said, but funding has been cut and state grants are available only for three years. He'd like to find alternate funding sources.

Practical nursing student graduation, 6 p.m., Taylor 276/277.

Probation and parole life skills class, 7 p.m., Shields 107.

Friday

Hispanos Unidos introduction to CSI and college life, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Taylor 277.

Student piano recital, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts 133.

Huggie — Bears — Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Assort 113.

"The Christmas Star," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Wednesday

Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.

Buhl School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 920 Main.

Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave.

Castelford School Board, 7 p.m., school library, 500 W. Main.

Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers, 300 Main.

Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 110 W. Main.

Jerome City Council, 7 p.m.,

Thursday

Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115

Friday

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Thursday

Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115

Saturday

Snake River Elks Hoop Shoot, 9 a.m. to noon, gym.

Internal Revenue Service Tax-Aide volunteer tax preparation training, all day, Evergreen 933.

United Church of God International weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.

"The Christmas Star," 2 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"The Search for Life in the Universe," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"LaVaci children's choir concert, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium—

"Steamrolling Through the Holidays," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Sunday

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

Friday

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

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

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Slick roads, bad brakes wreak havoc in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Troopers ran for their lives from an airborne trailer, a jackknifed semitrailer knocked a car off a mountainside road into a ravine and one person was critically injured in multiple northern Utah traffic wrecks.

The accidents started just after 8 a.m. Saturday when a pair of Utah Highway Patrol troopers narrowly missed getting hit by a van

that slid out of control on an icy I-80 at Parley. That van slid into the median and slammed into the red pickup that was lying on its side. The trailer, which was full of musical instruments for the band that was riding in the van, flew through the air, narrowly missing the troopers.

Those involved in both accidents suffered only minor injuries, Morgan said.

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ties, said Renee Carraway, assistant administrator for city planning and zoning.

Bruce also stated in his letter that the recommended change came "without addressing the established wetlands that lie within the proposed area, without addressing the hydrology of wells...without addressing storm runoff, without even a plat map showing what was being proposed."

He suggested that the council amend the area as R-1 43,000 instead.

But the consideration of wetlands and wells is not applicable in this particular situation, Carraway said.

"The commission's role is to evaluate the zoning of property," she said. "This is strictly an annexation issue, not a development proposal."

If it were a development issue, she said, the request would have to go through a public process, and such questions would be evaluated at that time.

A number of other planning and zoning issues are scheduled to come before the City Council today:

- Land use change — Triple C Concrete is set to request from the council a comprehensive plan amendment to change the land use map from commercial/retail to industrial for property located on Addison Avenue West between Grandview Drive and 2700 East Road.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended in favor of the request in October on a 5-4 vote, with the condition that, if approved by the City Council, it would apply to existing industrial businesses in that area that want to expand, Carraway said.
- One of the concerns is the first impression to visitors such a change might give. Addison Avenue West is a gateway arterial and a major entrance to the city, according to a staff report.
- Right of way vacation — Wills Inc. is asking the city to vacate a total of 17,250 square feet of street

Testing

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in the hands of law enforcement."

The district has a zero-tolerance policy toward drugs. Kids who are caught have two basic options. They can be suspended — which never has happened — or they can opt to go through the juvenile drug court system.

Four students in the district have tested positive for drug use through local law enforcement. A properly trained school employee can bring his suspicion of a student's drug use to the attention of a district principal, who will then choose whether to call in law enforcement to make a determination.

"There have been occasions where law enforcement has overruled my opinion," Bailey said.

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Utah awaits school performance reports

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's school performance reports will be released Monday, bringing the state into compliance with a new federal law that mandated the reports be released before the school year started.

The law, called No Child Left Behind, requires schools to publish annual reports called Adequate Yearly Progress outlining their progress in improving all students' academic performance. High-poverty schools receiving federal Title I money were supposed to release their reports early enough for parents to take advantage of services and resources potentially available to them.

Utah is among a handful of states that opted to delay its public reports until officials could ensure the accuracy and reliability of the standardized test data that determine whether schools meet their performance goals.

"We've all struggling to meet this federal mandate," said Louise Moulding, director of evaluation and assessment for the state Office of Education.

No Child Left Behind requires schools to ensure all students succeed regardless of a student's ethnicity, income, disability or English skills. The goal is for all to be 100 percent proficient in math and language arts by 2013-2014.

Progress is tracked through a school's Adequate Yearly

performance reports which is based on test data. Schools are graded in 40 categories. One failing mark in one category means an overall failing grade for the entire school.

Which schools are failing and which have passed this new indicator will be revealed Monday.

Reed Spencer, Ogden School District's director of testing, said the AYP is the public centerpiece of the law, but it's not the only way to evaluate a school.

"People should know this is based on a single measure," Spencer said. "Never in history has something this high-stake had just one single measure."

Under the federal law, parents of students attending those schools may eventually transfer their children to higher-performing schools at the district's expense.

School choice is the first in an increasingly stringent set of sanctions the law imposes on Title I schools that miss their targets for two consecutive years.

"We had challenges getting data loaded and clean enough for our calculations," said John Brandt, the state Office of Education's director of information technology.

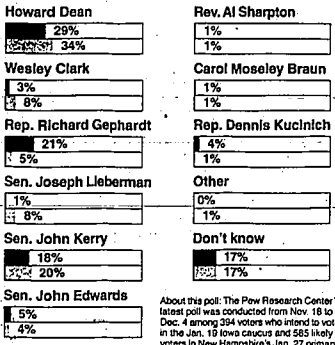
Utah is not alone. From Pennsylvania to Oregon, several states had to retract their initial reports after discovering they were based on flawed data.

PEW POLL

Don't knows' loom large in primaries

The latest poll from the Pew Research Center shows 17 percent of primary voters in each state do not yet know who they will support.

Which Democratic candidate would be your first choice for president? Iowa New Hampshire



About the poll: The Pew Research Center's latest poll was conducted from Nov. 18 to Dec. 4 among 394 voters who intend to vote in the Jan. 19 Iowa caucus and 585 likely voters in New Hampshire's Jan. 27 primary.

SOURCE: Pew Research Center

Sex offenders fight housing restriction

They say law in Iowa leaves them with no place to live

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — In Iowa, the law on where convicted sex offenders can live is so strict, 30 percent of the towns are off limits, civil liberties advocates say.

In some cases, offenders who have already served their time can't return to their parents' homes or find jobs because of some of the toughest restrictions in the nation. Others have been kept in prisons or halfway houses for lack of a place they could go, said Randall Wilson, legal director of the Iowa Civil Liberties Union.

"It violates the Constitution in several ways, the most serious of which is that it essentially banishes people from the state," Wilson said.

That's the argument the ICLU plans to take to court on Monday

in lawsuit filed earlier this year on behalf of three unidentified sex offenders. U.S. District Judge Robert Pratt issued a temporary restraining order blocking the law in July; now the ICLU is now asking him to make the order permanent.

The law prohibits convicted sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of a school or day care center. That puts about 30 percent of Iowa towns off limits, Wilson said.

Whatever Pratt decides could have an influence in the 10 other states that have laws limiting

where offenders may live.

Alabama also prohibits offenders from living or working within 2,000 feet — a little more than five city blocks — from schools and day care centers. Residences within 1,000 feet of schools or day care centers are off limits in Kentucky and Indiana, and California bars offenders from living within a quarter-mile of elementary schools.

Iowa's law was enacted in July 2002. Even though it exempted offenders already living within the 2,000-foot radius, it didn't take

long for problems to arise.

Police and correction officials have complained of sex offenders filling up halfway houses while waiting for places to live, overpopulation of offenders in legal areas, and intentional disregard for the sex offender registry — Iowa has about 4,500 registered sex offenders.

Attorney J. Patrick White, a defendant in the lawsuit, will team with the state attorney general's office to defend the law during the two-day hearing.

"Our position is that the Legislature has the right to establish criminal offenses in an effort to protect society," White said. "That's the Legislature's prerogative, and we don't believe it runs afoul of any constitutional impediment."

Mars probes prepare for close encounters

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — They've sailed through searing solar flares and survived unexpected mechanical ticks. Now as an international fleet of robotic explorers closes on the Red Planet, the big question isn't what they'll find, but whether they'll land.

Delivering a spacecraft safely to Earth's nearest planetary neighbor is an engineering nightmare: Two-thirds of the 34 probes dispatched to Mars since 1960 have gone belly up.

"Some, including myself, call it the 'death planet,'" declares Ed Weiler, NASA's associate administrator for space science.

Last week, the death planet claimed its latest victim: Japanese officials announced that Mars-bound Nozomi, launched in 1998 and due to arrive this week, was crippled beyond repair. The spacecraft, whose name means "hope," was supposed to study the Martian atmosphere and moons, but it blew a thruster en route.

Next up the spindly, British-built Beagle 2, a 73-pound machine designed to conduct the first sweep for Martian life in three decades. On Friday, the robot will peel away from its companion, the European Space Agency's Mars Express, in preparation for a Christmas Eve arrival. Mars Express' main mission will swing into orbit to begin a two-year mission to map the planet surface.

Trailing Beagle are the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's twin, \$820 million golf-cart-sized rovers: Landing on nearly opposite sides of the planet in January, Spirit and Opportunity will spend 90 days rumbling over the dusty soil in search of water.

"Although the NASA rovers are generating the most buzz, the quirky Beagle 2, named after the vessel that carried 19th-century naturalist Charles Darwin around the South Seas, has the die-hard cheering section. "Even though I work for NASA, I have to admit I'm rooting for Beagle," says Christopher McKay, an astrobiologist with the space agency's Ames Research Center in California.



SOURCES: British Space and Aeronautics Science; NASA; Planetary and Space Sciences Research Institute

ate minerals such as limestone, which they would expect if water had sloshed over the surface. Another strike: Scientists have detected minerals such as olivine on the surface. On Earth, olivine quickly disappears when water is around.

Finally, scientists who study the Martian atmosphere have argued that Mars would have been too cold for water to flow. "We see things that don't quite jibe with the picture of a wet Mars," says planetary geologist Bruce Jakosky of the University of Colorado.

Although NASA is proving real time access to Spirit and Opportunity through its Web site, (http://marsrovers.jpl.nasa.gov), the rovers' big Martian adventure might not produce magnetic television viewing.

"This vehicle has just about the same mass and top speed as a Galapagos tortoise," notes Cornell's Squires. Just getting to a rock, he says, could take a day or more.

Spirit's three-month mission is expected to get under way at 9:35 p.m. MST Jan. 3, while Opportunity is scheduled to touch down at 10:05 p.m. Jan. 24. Both rovers will duplicate the daredevil landing pioneered in 1997 by NASA's microwave-sized rover Sojourner.

Huddled inside a heat shield-protected lander, each buggy will blaze into the Martian atmosphere at 12,000 mph. Friction — and then a parachute — will slow the lander to less than 300 mph.

Just before it hits the ground, the rover will fire three small retro-rockets, cut loose the chute and inflate a series of airbags. Swaddled in its cushiony nest, the rover will free-fall the final four stories to the planet's surface. After bouncing and rolling, the lander will unfold, flowerlike, to reveal the 380-pound rover.

While the technique worked flawlessly for Sojourner, NASA engineers are well aware that on Mars failure is never far away.

"All it will take in the last few seconds is a strong gust of wind more than expected," warns NASA's Weiler, "and the mission will be over."

The brainchild of Colin Pillinger, a planetary scientist at the United Kingdom's Open University, Beagle 2 began life as a sketch on the back of a beer coaster. Pillinger spent years pitching his clam-shaped craft to everyone from the British government to the European Space Agency, which finally agreed to give it a lift to the planet alongside its orbiter, Mars Express.

Beagle 2's sophisticated onboard lab will spend six months searching for chemical building blocks of life — the first direct search for extraterrestrial biology on Mars in 27 years. In 1976, twin U.S. Viking landers searched for life but sent back inconclusive results.

"If Beagle 2 does find something," says McKay, "it's going to completely eclipse the rover mission."

Meantime, NASA's Spirit and Opportunity will tackle an equally

frustrating Martian mystery: Has the planet ever been lush and wet like Earth? Without water, scientists note, there is no chance of finding life as we know it.

"If you look at the surface of Mars today, it's cold, it's dry, it's barren. It's not an inviting environment for life," says Steven Squyres of Cornell University, the mission's science chief. "And yet we see these tantalizing clues."

From space, it appears that Mars was once awash in water. Pictures snapped by Viking and its successors show the same, lazy looping channels and sculpted banks formed by terrestrial rivers and lakes. Scientists also know that significant water-based ice sits below the surface at both poles.

But evidence gathered in recent years by Mars-orbiting spacecrafts has muddied the debate. Scientists, for example, have found no carbon-

Undecided voters could play big role

The Associated Press

For months Lorraine Lordi has worn a pin with a picture of the Democratic presidential hopefuls and three little words: "Anybody But Bush." Yet choosing, among the nine candidates, just one to be the nominee has turned out to be tough.

"I'm probably more undecided than I ever was," said Lordi, a college professor of English who is from Londonderry, N.H. "I just don't know if anyone is strong enough to carry the country against Bush. He's just so clever."

Countless other voters are unsure of their preference ahead of the Iowa caucuses Jan. 19 and the New Hampshire primary Jan. 27. The latest poll from the Pew Research Center shows 17 percent of primary voters in each state do not yet know which politician they will support.

Given the large field, it is not unusual for voters to be undecided in mid-December. The Democratic Party, out of power in Congress, lacks a clear national leader to rally the effort to unseat President Bush.

"There's no shadow chancellor or shadow prime minister. It's hard to find out who the leader of the party is," Drake University political science professor Dennis Golderford said. "These guys have been doing yeoman's work in putting in time and effort here, but nobody's run away with it."

Moreover, those who say they back one candidate today could change their mind over the next several weeks. Candidates trailing former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who holds a double-digit lead in New Hampshire surveys and is in a tight race with Rep. Dick Gephardt in Iowa, take heart in that possibility and the notion that nearly one in five votes is up for grabs.

"I think that number could be a little higher," said Iowa activist Joe Shannahan, who supports Dean. "Most people are probably still making up their minds."

Preferences in Iowa changed late in the 1998 Democratic primary. Gephardt rallied from dead last in polls in December 1997 to finish first at the January caucuses.

This year, the Missouri congressman is running closely against Dean but ahead of the rest of the pack. Undecided voters and those switching from candidates far in the back of the field could determine the outcome.

Phil Roeder, a Sen.-John Kerry supporter who runs the political operation of a large Iowa law firm, believes the numbers are soft even now. "It's a completely wide-open race here for any of the candidates," Roeder said. "With the exception of leading Democrats who have formally endorsed a candidate, the typical caucus-goer is apt to change their mind."

In New Hampshire, the number of undecided voters is smaller than might be expected, according to Jennifer Donahue, a senior adviser for the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College in Manchester. A Zogby poll places undecided voters in her state at close to 20 percent.

"I think the play in New Hampshire goes right up until primary day," Donahue said. "I don't know if Dean has peaked or if he can maintain the base he's got, but those who haven't signed on with Dean appear to be shopping around."

With such a wide lead in New Hampshire, the Dean campaign may be overly worried about undecided voters. "You're getting into a situation where you can give any of the eight candidates the undecideds and it doesn't make a difference," said pollster Dick Bennett of the American Research Group in Manchester. His poll, released Thursday, showed the undecided count at just 15 percent in the state.

In Newton, Iowa, uncertainty has been in the air even among activists who get together regularly at Uncle Nancy's Coffee Shop to talk politics.

"You see a lot of the same people going to see all of the candidates," said legislative staffer Ron Parker, himself undecided. "You talk to them afterward, and they'll say they're leaning toward this person or that person, but they haven't decided 100 percent. They want to keep an open mind and see what happens in the next 30 days."

Thousands attend emotional farewell to former Sen. Simon

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — Former Sen. Paul Simon was honored Sunday in a memorial service filled with dignitaries who paid tribute to the popular low-key senator as a tireless advocate for the oppressed.

Simon's plain casket — topped by the art work of his grandchildren — rested in front of a stage at Southern Illinois University's sports arena, where more than 3,500 people attended a service that included a 60-piece orchestra.

Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy compared Simon to his brother Robert Kennedy.

"Paul Simon had that quality of moral courage in abundance," Kennedy said from the flower-covered stage. "He couldn't have cared less about the games of politics, that's why he was successful in politics,"

Kennedy said. Bill Clinton, originally scheduled to speak, sent his regrets after bad weather grounded his plane.

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich linked Simon to Illinois, where the son of Lutheran missionaries first moved as a 19-year-old.

"He may have been born in Oregon, but he was raised on the west coast of the heartland of Illinois," Blagojevich said. Simon, 75, died unexpectedly Dec. 9 in Springfield after suffering complications from heart surgery.

He told his family years ago he wanted a low-key church funeral that didn't focus on him too much. Instead, mourners at the musical, prayerful and emotional service hailed him as a friend of people in need and a decent man even to his adversaries.

Snow hampers Sunday shopping in Northeast

The Associated Press

With 11 days until Christmas, shoppers crowded the nation's malls and stores over the weekend, their spirits buoyed by news of Saddam Hussein's capture. But it was unclear whether stores met their sales goals.

Business dropped on Sunday for many stores hampered by the second major snowstorm in the Northeast in just over a week. Still, several experts said the news of Hussein's capture, revealed early Sunday, couldn't be a better holiday gift for merchants during the season's last, critical stretch.

"Ultimately, in the long run, this is going to put people in better spirits, and we are definitely excited that this has come during the holiday season," Ellen Tolley, a spokeswoman at the Washington-based National Retail Federation, said Sunday. "This is a piece of news that we were not expecting."

C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group in Charleston, S.C., believes Hussein's capture will result in improved consumer confidence that will translate "into bigger sales."

However, that remains to be seen.

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The capture of Saddam

Al-Qaida remains key threat, analysts warn

By Steve Goldstein
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Nearly obliterated by Sunday's stunning news of Saddam Hussein's capture was a bomb explosion apparently intended to kill Pakistan's military president, Pervez Musharraf.

"It sent a chill down my spine," said Joseph Cirincione, a nuclear proliferation expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "That's a country with 30 to 50 nuclear weapons."

Saddam's capture may decrease attacks in Iraq by members of his Baath Party, Cirincione said, "but it is largely irrelevant to the larger war against terrorism. Saddam means nothing to al-Qaida and all the al-Qaida-like forces."

The war on terrorism lost a figurehead in Saddam, not a mastermind or even a major leader. Although his capture gave the United States and the Bush administration a huge psychological victory in Iraq, the effort to defeat the forces of anti-American terrorism worldwide was mostly unaffected.

Still, the placid surrender of the second most wanted man in the world may have sent a message to Osama bin Laden that more resources could be brought to bear on running him to ground.

Even as he basked in the news from Iraq, President Bush acknowledged a distinction Sunday.

"The war on terror is a different kind of war, waged by capture, cell by cell and victory by victory," he said.

The president didn't mention his year-old rationale that war against Saddam was necessary to defeat terrorism. That rationale - and its accompanying claims of Iraqi

weapons of mass destruction - has been dropped from administration pronouncements.

Some experts expect al-Qaida and its adherents to stage a major attack to regain the initiative, as the humbling of Saddam pushes recent terrorist strikes in Turkey and Saudi Arabia to the back pages of newspapers.

Jean-Robert Leguey-Feilleux, who's been teaching a course in international terrorism for 30 years at St. Louis University, was unconvinced that Saddam's capture would demoralize al-Qaida.

"I don't think this is going to put much of a dent in bin Laden's network," he said. "Al-Qaida is capitalizing on the unpopularity of the U.S. occupation in Iraq and has recruited for its forces, much as in the Afghan war against the Soviet Union. For al-Qaida, this U.S. involvement is a blessing."

The American involvement in Iraq also has diverted attention from the pivotal Islamic country of Pakistan, thought to be the hiding place of many al-Qaida leaders, including bin Laden.

Sunday's bomb exploded moments after Musharraf's motorcade passed a bridge near Pakistan's capital, Islamabad. It marked the second assassination attempt on Musharraf since he incited extremists by assisting in the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The president has reason to celebrate," said Carnegie's Cirincione, "but we should all be worried about what would happen if Pakistan loses control over the warheads or the country falls into the hands of fundamentalists."

Capture won't free forces to seek bin Laden

Knight Ridder News Service

Saddam Hussein's capture is unlikely to prompt U.S. officials to intensify their search for Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan, terror experts said Sunday.

The CIA and Pentagon are unlikely to return to Afghanistan the scores of U.S. commandos and intelligence agents that had been seeking bin Laden before they were shifted to Iraq to crack down on Iraqi rebels killing one or two U.S. soldiers a day.

That mission remains more important than turning up the heat on bin Laden, who they believe to be all but isolated in a remote corner of Afghanistan, the analysts said.

"The priority of the effort in Iraq is not just finding Saddam. It's trying to identify and neutralize the resistance," said Vincent Cannistraro, former director of the CIA's counterterrorism operations and analyst.

Nearly half the U.S. intelligence and commando agents who had been in Afghanistan and neighboring Pakistan were reassigned to Iraq starting last summer after the resistance began intensifying. The redeployment raised complaints in Washington that President Bush was easing the pressures on bin Laden.

Many of the new arrivals in Iraq wound up in Task Force 121, an elite force of CIA analysts and linguists, Army Green Beret, Delta Force and Navy SEAL commandos and CIA paramilitary units created in October to track down and capture or kill Saddam and resistance leaders.

Cannistraro and other analysts argued that the manhunt for Saddam and bin Laden are quite different and therefore require different types of resources.

Saddam's capture gives Bush leg up on Democrats - for now

By Jeff Zeleny
Chicago Tribune

SAN FRANCISCO - The Democratic presidential hopefuls, who have spent months criticizing the Bush administration for its inability to find Saddam Hussein, applauded the former Iraqi leader's capture Sunday, even as they watched the prospect of another election-year advantage being handed to President Bush.

The snaring of Saddam, who U.S. military forces plucked from the darkness of a farmhouse pit, instantly changed the debate over the war in Iraq that divided the Democratic candidates. For those who supported the military action, the seizure of Saddam provided new validation for their positions and created fresh ammunition to aim at Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor whose candidacy has been built on his opposition to the war.

"This news also makes clear the choice the Democrats face next year," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, one of the staunchest Democratic supporters of the president's decision to invade Iraq. "If Howard Dean had his way, Saddam Hussein would still be in power today, not in prison, and the world would be a more dangerous place."

As Dean traveled here Sunday, to a city at the heart of the antiwar movement, he declined to respond to Lieberman and other rivals. Gone was the anger-laden critique that has become a familiar refrain of his campaign. Instead, Dean offered rare praise, saying, "President Bush deserves a day of celebration."

But to a crowd of 2,500 people at a fundraising concert here, Dean added: "You should know that my views on Iraq have not changed one bit. People say, 'Oh, Saddam Hussein is caught and the whole campaign's going to go away.' I don't think so."

Still, one month before Democrats launch their presiden-



Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean faces reporters Sunday in West Palm Beach, Fla. Dean said he hoped the capture of Saddam Hussein will change "the course of the occupation of Iraq."

tial nominating season, the 2004 race has again been unexpectedly scrambled by events unfolding halfway around the globe. The unusual silence by Dean - a strategic move, aides said, designed to leave an impression of statesmanship - underscored a wartime campaign's unpredictability and the difficulty in criticizing a sitting president.

While the political ramifications of the capture will take days, if not weeks, to sort out, Democratic strategists said such a significant development one month before the presidential nominating season begins could give new life to the two candidates - Lieberman and Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, who have steadfastly supported the war. At the same time, strategists said, the campaign will unfold as Saddam is detained, imprisoned and ultimately tried, all of which has the potential to boost Bush.

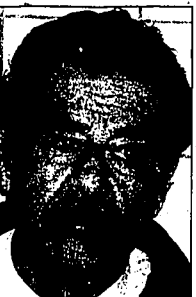
"This is a huge victory for Bush," said Donna Brazile, a Democratic

strategist who ran Al Gore's campaign in 2000. "It's clear by getting Saddam early, bringing him to trial, the president can send out a message that he's winning the war on terror."

While the president addressed the nation from the Cabinet Room of the White House - being careful to avoid gloating over the capture - several struggling Democratic candidates seemed to revel in the news. Each of the Democrats who voted for the war resolution made themselves available to reporters, speaking on the Sunday talk shows, by a hastily arranged conference call or in Lieberman's case, both.

Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri, who faced considerable criticism inside his own party for helping to write the resolution that authorized the military action, took a more oblique swipe at Dean, saying: "I supported this effort in Iraq without regard for the political consequences because it was the right thing to do."

THREE FACES OF SADDAM



The U.S. released these photographs of Saddam Hussein following his capture Sunday near Tikrit. Included are a photograph of medical personnel taking a DNA swab of Hussein to confirm his identity and a photograph of him clean-shaven.

With capture of former Iraqi dictator, U.S. faces new challenges

By Robin Wright and Glenn Kessler
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Saddam Hussein's arrest symbolizes major progress in wrapping up Iraq's past, but the United States still faces complex challenges in sorting out Iraq's future and winning support from the outside world - both essential in stabilizing the country enough to bring American troops home.

The insurgency is only part of the problem. Under its own schedule, the Bush administration has less than seven months to bring together ethnic and religious communities divided for decades in a new democratic government. It also has to re-create a country devastated by the world's toughest economic sanctions and three wars during Saddam's 24-year rule.

This does mark the closing of an important chapter in Iraq's history, but so far the United States has not been able to open a new chapter by constituting an Iraqi political authority considered legitimate by Iraqis that is representative of their views and competent to rule the country," said Kenneth Pollack, an Iraq expert at the Brookings Institution and former national security council staffer.

On the international front, the United States this week launches two pivotal missions that face resistance because of past U.S.

policy - one to win debt relief for Iraq and the other to garner U.N. support for the plan to transfer political power.

Despite congratulatory messages from world leaders Sunday, Washington has yet to persuade the international community to provide political support and financial aid to reconstruct Iraq. France, Russia and Germany heralded the capture, with French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin calling for the capture to be a catalyst for new global unity on Iraq.

But all three nations also pointedly stuck to their joint position that the U.S.-led coalition should not alone oversee the transition and reconstruction. "We have today a path for the reconstruction of Iraq, which we must all commit to...giving a full role to the United Nations to guarantee the legitimacy of the process," said de Villepin.

As other U.S. officials spoke publicly on the military operation that nabbed the illusive Iraqi leader, Secretary of State Colin Powell worked the phones to try to mobilize international support after a year of tension with key allies. He told more than a dozen of his counterparts in Europe and Asia that Saddam's seizure reflected what alliances can achieve when they put aside differences and pool resources, said a senior State Department official.

The new diplomatic push came on the eve of former Treasury

Secretary James Baker's trip to Europe to persuade allies to forgive debts run up by Saddam's government. Baker's mission was complicated last week when the U.S. announced that those countries and others that opposed the war will not be eligible for U.S. reconstruction contracts, prompting furious criticism from U.S. allies.

In a bid to win concessions, the administration appears prepared to suggest that nations that reduce Iraq's debt may become eligible for reconstruction contracts - even if they were not part of the original "coalition of the willing."

"As circumstances change, we may be able to change the eligibility list," said a U.S. official. He cautioned, however, that the idea is only "hanging out there - no promises."

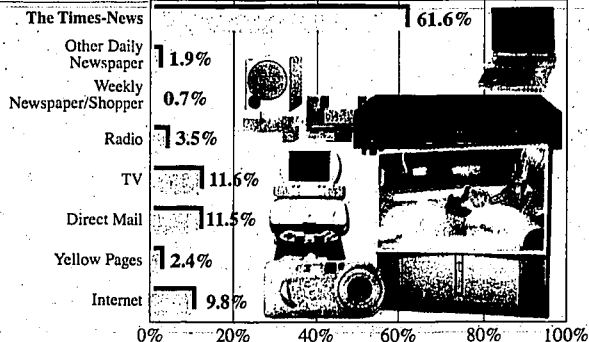
Administration officials cautioned that a single event won't immediately change views in Europe and elsewhere that Bush's Iraq venture has been misguided and mishandled. In fact, one official said, Saddam's arrest could lead to an upsurge of violence and acts of desperation by his followers.

Still, the official said, "this capture shows the forces of Saddam will be defeated and the U.S. will persevere. The longer-term prospects for Iraq go from uncertain to success. As that sinks in, hopefully that will change some of the willingness to get involved on debt and question of assistance."

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Coming Tuesday

The Twin Falls Christian girls basketball team takes on Jackpot, Nev.

SPORTS

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

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Section C

MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

Dan Reeves has been fired as coach of the Atlanta Falcons with three games left in the season. In San Diego, management said, 'Hey, wait a minute, you can do that?'

—comedian Jerry Pericho, on the struggling San Diego Chargers

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who is the NFL's all-time leader in career Pro Bowl scoring? ANSWER: ...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school girls basketball ISDB at Camas County, 6 p.m. T.F. Christian at Richfield, 6 p.m. Jackpot, Nev., at T.F. Christian, 6 p.m.

High school boys basketball Hagerman at Gooding, 6 p.m. Richfield at Murtaugh, 6 p.m. Wendell at Castleford, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Pleasant Valley GC offers winter rates

KIMBERLY — The winter rates for the Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Kimberly are announced as \$8 for nine holes and a cart and \$12 for 18 holes with a cart. The greens fees for Tuesday and Thursday are still half price.

Burley football team will be 'Santa's helpers'

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

Anyone in need of holiday help — decorating, putting up lights, wrapping presents — can call 578-3903 or 431-4274, or e-mail honda@pmt.org to ask for assistance.

The fee-for-help is a donation made to the Bobcat Football Camp Fund. For your donation, a team of adult-supervised athletes will help you get ready for the holidays. They will also be available after Christmas to help take down decorations.

Open gym times available in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and the Twin Falls School District are sponsoring a free open gym on Sundays through Feb. 29 at Robert Square Junior High.

Adults play from noon-3 p.m. with youth playing from 3-4 p.m. For more information, call 736-2265.

Pomerelle holds free learn to ski, snowboard

ALBION — Anyone age seven or older that has never tried skiing or snowboarding is encouraged to come to the Pomerelle Mountain Resort Saturday, December 20 at 9 a.m. for a free equipment rental and one-and-a-half-hour lesson. After the lesson, participants are welcome to spend the rest of the afternoon practicing on the beginner rope tow area with a complimentary ticket. Lessons begin at 10:30 a.m. All participants will need to bring valid identification. To assure space, please pre-register by calling 673-5599.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Morten Andersen, with 45 points

NFL WEEK 15

Rams clinch NFC West

By R.B. Fallstrom Associated Press writer

ST. LOUIS — Bottled up all day, Marshall Faulk finally took matters into his own hands, lifting the St. Louis Rams to the NFC West title.

With the Rams ahead by two points, Faulk led a final, clock-killing march that clinched a 27-22 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday.

Faulk more than doubled his yardage for the first 3.5 quarters, when he was held to a measly 34 yards on 20 carries, to help the Rams (11-3) clinch their third division championship in five years.

The Rams have won 13 in a row at home, tying a franchise record set from 1998-2000, and are 7-0 this year. They did just enough right to continue the Seahawks' road woes and put a dent in Seattle's playoff hopes.

Shawn Alexander had 126 yards on 25 carries and a touchdown for the Seahawks (8-6), 1-6 on the road. Seattle played much better than last week, a 34-7 loss to the Vikings, even with four replacement starters on defense largely due to injuries.

The Rams avenged a one-point loss in Seattle in September in which they blew a 13-point second-half lead. In the rematch, the Seahawks cut what had been a 12-point halftime deficit to two early in the fourth quarter on Alexander's 2-yard run. Then the Rams put it away.

Faulk had 85 yards on 20 carries, ending a string of four straight 100-yard games. But he had the fall on all nine plays in the clinching drive that started on the St. Louis 15 with 5:57 to go. He went 28 yards on the first play and had eight carries for 51 yards and one reception for 6 yards to set up a 46-yard field goal by Jeff Wilkins with 1:37 to go.

The Seahawks made it interesting at the end before stalling at the Rams 34. On one long pass attempt during the final drive, wide receiver Bobby Engram might have had a chance at scoring the go-ahead touchdown, but he tripped over an official near the end zone.

Getting forced to settle for two short field goals by Josh Brown also hurt them in the end. Seattle got the early advantage when Orlando Huff sacked Marc Bulger in the end zone on the Rams' first drive for a safety. The Rams answered with a 5-yard run by Faulk and a pair of touchdown passes by Bulger for a 21-12 lead at the half.

Torry Holt caught his 11th touchdown pass, and first in four games, on an underthrown ball in the end zone in the second quarter. Holt had six catches for 100 yards to help the Rams compensate for the loss of Isaac Bruce, who left in the second quarter with a sprained ankle.

Darrell Jackson caught his ninth touchdown pass, a career best, for the Seahawks. Randall Godfrey's interception gave Seattle the ball at the Rams 36 near the two-minute break, but the Seahawks had to settle for a field goal when a 9-yard touchdown pass to Alexander was called back because of an illegal shift.

The Seahawks again had to settle for three points in the third quarter on a 38-yarder by Brett Carr, cut the gap to 21-15 after Adam Archuleta batted down a third-down pass.



Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander (37) runs the ball at the St. Louis Rams' Travis Fisher (22) in the second half Sunday in St. Louis. Alexander rushed 25 times for 126 yards in a 27-22 losing effort to the Rams.

Mortensen ties record

Claims sixth saddle bronc title to match 44-year-old mark

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Dan Mortensen matched Casey Tibbs' 44-year-old record of six world saddle bronc titles Sunday, finishing the 10-round National Finals Rodeo with \$219,999.

Casey Tibbs did a lot for the sport of rodeo, said Mortensen, from Billings, Mont. "The mark that he set and the records that he achieved will never be taken away from him. He's done so much for the sport. His legacy will live on forever."

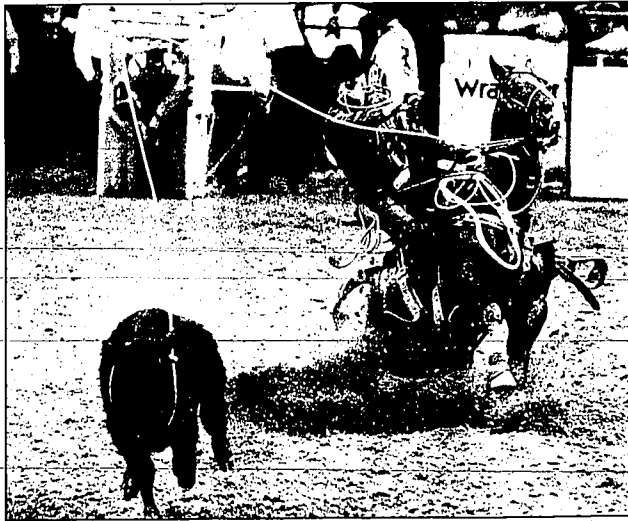
"I'm happy with the week I had down here. I felt like I rode well. It's been a long time (1998) since I won the world, so to do it again is pretty special."

Canada's Glen O'Neill was second with \$215,574. In the 10th round, Cody Wright of Milford, Utah, won with a 91.5-point ride on Bush Rodeo's Mullin Hill. Canada's Rod Hay was second at 89, and Mortensen tied for fifth with an 83.5.

Cody Ohl of Stephenville, Texas, set a world rodeo record by winning the final round of the clown roping in 65 seconds. He won his fourth world title, finishing the season with \$212,366. Six-time champ Fred Whitfield of Hockley, Texas, finished second with \$200,656. Since 1995, either Ohl or Whitfield have claimed the world title.

"I have been put down three or four times and I have bounced back every time," said Ohl, who won \$102,158 in the NFR after missing most of the 2002 season due to injury. "This year has been unbelievable, though. I can't express what it means to me to come back this year after what I went through."

"This one is so special. This was like coming back from a handi-



Trevor Brazile of Decatur, Texas, competes in the calf roping event Sunday during the final round of the National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. Brazile won the all-around cowboy title for the second year in a row.

cap. It took a lot of work, physical and mental. This one probably means the most to me."

Terry Don West of Henryetta, Okla., won his second bull riding world championship with \$211,879, including \$61,503 in the NFR. Greg Potter of Whit, Texas, finished first in the aggregate with 502.5 points for six rides.

Myron Duarte of Auburn, Wash., won the final round with a 92.5. Will Love of Canyon, Texas, took his first barrel racing title, finishing with \$188,246. "Everyone goes out to win every time they get on," Love said. "I would have liked to have please see RODEO, Page C2

Tar Heels shaky in victory

By Aaron Beard Associated Press Writer

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Roy Williams could barely hide his frustration Sunday.

Rashed McCants had 14 points and Sean May had a Smith Center-record 21 rebounds to lift No. 7 North Carolina to a 64-53 victory over Akron. But Williams, in his first season as coach at his alma mater, couldn't look past the woeful shooting and what he called a "pathetic" defensive effort.

"We didn't play basketball the way we're capable of playing," Williams said. "We didn't have any intensity. We didn't have the concentration. A lot of things we didn't have today, but luckily we got a 'W' out of it."

North Carolina (6-0) had been averaging 93.3 points and shooting 52 percent this season, but shot just 38 percent Sunday. That included an 8-for-34 effort in the second half, a 24-percent effort

that was the worst in a half for the Tar Heels since at least the 1979-80 season.

The Tar Heels were 4-for-21 from 3-point range. Still, they hit 18 of 28 free throws, blocked nine shots and took a 53-40 rebounding advantage to stay unbeaten heading into Saturday's Atlantic Coast Conference opener here against No. 15 Wake Forest.

Jawad Williams scored 13 points and Raymond Felton added 12 for the Tar Heels, who are off to their best start since winning their first eight games in 1998-99.

May finished with 10 points on 3-for-18 shooting, and his rebounding total was the highest by a Tar Heel since Mitch Kupchak had 21 against Tulane in February 1976.

Wade leads Heat

The Associated Press

TORONTO — The Toronto Raptors were unable to recover after Vince Carter crashed into Miami coach Stan Van Gundy.

Dwyane Wade scored 23 points, including the go-ahead jumper with 28 seconds left, and had a key block on Carter to lead the Miami Heat past the Raptors 90-89 Sunday for their third straight victory.

After Carter missed a fade-away with 43 seconds remaining, he banged into Van Gundy. "He turned around and ran into me," said Van Gundy, who has a welt under his left eye. "I'm not very big and I'm certainly not very tough, so I can't imagine if hurt him that bad because I would have gone down. I sort of took it and looked up the floor."

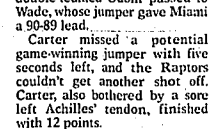
Carter stayed on the floor for several seconds before a timeout was called. He glared back at Miami's bench after getting up a couple of minutes later.

After a foul and a timeout, a double-teamed Odom passed to Wade, whose jumper gave Miami a 90-89 lead. Carter missed a potential game-winning jumper with five seconds left, and the Raptors couldn't get another shot off. Carter, also bothered by a sore left Achilles' tendon, finished with 12 points.

"Sometimes an 80 percent Vince Carter is OK," Toronto coach Kevin O'Neill said. "I wanted to go back to him at the end of the game. He's our guy. We run things through him. He had some great opportunities, and a couple of shots rimmed in and out for him." Carter said he felt a little dizzy after the collision. "He's got a hard cheek bone," Carter said.



Akron's Romeo Travis (24) puts up a shot as he collides with North Carolina's Raymond Felton in the first half Sunday in Chapel Hill, N.C.



SPORTS

Sunday's NFL statistics leaders

SUNDAY'S SUMMARIES

Passing

Trent Green, Chiefs was 20-for-25 for 341 yards and three TDs in a 45-17 romp over Detroit. His quarterback rating of 158.3 matched Peyton Manning for the only perfect rating this season.

Brett Favre, Packers threw a season-high four touchdown passes, three in the fourth quarter, in a 38-21 win over San Diego. He went 23-of-33 for 278 yards.

Rushing

Curtis Martin, Jets gained 174 yards on 30 carries and caught four passes for 54 yards in a 6-0 victory over Pittsburgh. He also went over 1,000 yards rushing for the ninth straight season.

Shaun Alexander, Seahawks had 126 yards on 25 carries and a touchdown for the Seahawks

Receiving

Derrick Mason, Titans caught nine passes for 137 yards and had 165 yards combined on kickoff-and-punt returns in Tennessee's 28-26 win over Buffalo.

Marvin Harrison, Colts had seven catches for 117 yards and two TDs and went over 1,000 yards receiving



Brett Favre



Curtis Martin

Denver wins in OT

DENVER (AP) — Jason Elam made sure the Denver Broncos kept their edge in the playoff race.

Elam hit a 36-yard field goal with six seconds left in regulation, then a 25-yarder in overtime, leading Denver to a 23-20 win over Cleveland Browns on Sunday that kept the Broncos in the lead for the final AFC playoff spot.

Denver (9-5) has won three straight and five of six to stay at least a game ahead of Miami. The Broncos hold a tiebreaker advantage over the Dolphins, who host Philadelphia on Monday night.



Denver Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer (16) is sacked by the Cleveland Browns' Gerard Warren (94) during the third quarter in Denver on Sunday.

Chiefs 45, Lions 17

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City clinched its first AFC West title in six seasons Sunday, and Detroit tied an NFL record with its 23rd straight road loss.

Pris Holmes scored three touchdowns and Trent Green passed for 341 yards and three TDs.

Panthers 20, Cardinals 17

TEMPE, Ariz. — John Kasay kicked a 49-yard field goal with four seconds to play to give the Panthers the win and the NFC South title.

In clinching its second division title and first playoff berth since 1996, Carolina (9-5) snapped a three-game losing streak.

Bears 13, Vikings 10

CHICAGO — Rex Grossman won in his NFL first start at quarterback. Another rookie, Charles Tillman intercepted Daunte Culpepper with 1:02 left to preserve the victory.

Packers 38, Chargers 21

SAN DIEGO — Brett Favre threw a season-high four touchdown passes to lead the Packers. Combined with Minnesota's loss, it left the Packers tied with the Vikings in the NFC North at 8-6.

Titans 28, Bills 26

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Backup quarterback Billy Volek, playing in place of Steve McNair, threw for two touchdowns and ran for another in his NFL first start.

Drew Bledsoe drove the Bills (6-8) 81 yards in nine plays and threw a 6-yard TD pass to Mark Campbell with 24 seconds left. But Bobby Shaw couldn't control a loss pass on the 2-point conversion

try, and Errol Kinney recovered the Bills' inside kick.

Bengals 41, 49ers 38

CINCINNATI — Chad Johnson caught the first of Jon Kim's two touchdown passes, and Rudi Johnson ran for 174 yards and two scores as the Bengals stayed in playoff contention and the 49ers remained winless on the road.

The Bengals (8-6) took advantage of three costly fumbles, putting the game in the hands of the Johnsons. The 49ers (6-8) have lost all seven road games this season because of mistakes and defensive lapses.

Raiders 20, Ravens 12

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Raiders shut down Jamal Lewis and the Ravens' offense to snap Baltimore's three-game winning streak.

The loss dropped Baltimore (8-6) into a tie with Cincinnati for first in the AFC North.

Patriots 27, Jaguars 13

FOXBORO, Mass. — New England won its 10th straight as Tom Brady threw for two touchdowns.

However, Byron Leftwich's 27-yard TD pass to Kevin Johnson with 3:22 left gave the Jaguars (4-10) the first touchdown scored against the Patriots in Foxboro in five games.

Cowboys 27, Redskins 0

LANDOVER, Md. — Rookie Terence Newman tied a team record with three interceptions and Troy Hambrick ran for a career-high 187 yards for Dallas.

The victory kept the Cowboys (9-5) in solid position for a wild card berth in coach Bill Parcells' first season with the team.

Buccaneers 16, Texans 3

TAMPA, Fla. — The Bucs got back to .500 for the first time in six weeks and remained in contention for an NFC wild-card berth as Thomas Jones ran for 134 yards and a touchdown.

Martin Gramatica added three field goals.

Jets 6, Steelers 0

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Curtis Martin ran for 174 yards and went over the 1,000-yard mark for the ninth straight season as the Jets (6-8) won in the show on Doug Brien's two field goals.

Saints 45, Giants 7

NEW ORLEANS — Saints wide receiver Joe Horn had four touchdown catches in New Orleans' victory. After the second one, he made a call in the end zone on a cell phone hidden in the padding of the goal post.

Horn, who scored on receptions of 50, 13, 7 and 18 yards, received a 15-year penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

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Rodeo

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James Boudreaux of Cuero, Texas, won the final round with an 88. In steer wrestling, Teddy Johnson of Checotah, Okla., won his first world championship, finishing with \$149,498 — Birch Nevard of Stephenville, Texas, and Wade Wheatley of Hughson, Calif., and Britt Bockius of Claremore, Okla. Janae Ward of Addington, Okla., won her first world championship with \$155,792. She entered the NFR in 14th place, and paid off my place. I'm loving it." Todd Suhm of Brighton, Colo., won the final round in 3.7. Speed Williams and Rich Skelton of Llano, Texas, tied for the lead in career titles by claiming their seventh straight team roping championship. Williams, the header, and Skelton, the heeler, each earned a single-season record \$180,305. David Key of Caldwell, Texas, and Clay O'Brien Cooper of Glen Rose, Texas, split first in the final round in 4.4 with Chad Masters of Adams, Tenn., and Michael Jones of Stephenville, Texas, and Wade Wheatley of Hughson, Calif., and Britt Bockius of Claremore, Okla. Janae Ward of Addington, Okla., won her first world championship with \$155,792. She entered the NFR in 14th place,

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SPORTS

Flurry lifts Hoosiers to CAA title

By Anita Chang Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Jerry Yeagley got the send-off he was hoping for...

and being engulfed by a mob of his exultant players...

get wet and they were just starting to pump balls into the box...

between him and the goal when he was fouled...

On the free kick, Grabavoy set up from 18 yards out from the middle of the goal...



Indiana's Drew Shinarberg (18) beats St. John's Ashley Koziak to the ball during the first half of the NCAA Men's College Cup at Crew Stadium, Sunday in Columbus, Ohio.

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Area ski report

Report from the Area Ski Council regarding ski conditions and events in the region.

CSI booster club luncheon will not be held today

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho booster club luncheon will not be held today.

Idaho edges Idaho State in women's basketball

MOSCOW - Leilani Mitchell hit a late basket, which gave Idaho a 77-70 victory over Idaho State.

No. 12 Saint Joseph's drops Drexel, 92-70

PHILADELPHIA - Jameer Nelson scored 24 points, Delonte West added 20 and Chris Stachias hit a career-high 14, leading No. 12 Saint Joseph's to a 92-70 victory over Drexel on Sunday.

BASKETBALL

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NBA Leaders

Table listing NBA leaders in points, rebounds, and assists.

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Table of golf scores from the PGA Tour including Tiger Woods and Phil Mickel.

No. 2 Tennessee women topple No. 6 Stanford

STANFORD, Calif. - Once Tennessee finally figured out how to fluster Nicole Powell, the Lady Vols began a remarkable rally.

Dutch relay team sets short-course world record

DUBLIN, Ireland - Pieter-vaan den Hoogenband led the Dutch 200-meter freestyle relay team to a world record Sunday at the European Short Course Swimming Championships.

College bowl schedule

Table listing college bowl games such as the Sun Bowl, Cotton Bowl, and Fiesta Bowl.

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HOCKEY

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NHL Western Conference

Table of NHL Western Conference games including Colorado vs Dallas, Minnesota vs St. Louis, etc.

Finland's Palander wins World Cup giant slalom

ALTA BADIA, Italy - Finland's Kalle Palander won a World Cup giant slalom for the first time Sunday in a race in which Bode Miller finished fourth.

Yankees complete deal to acquire Brown

NEW ORLEANS - Pitcher Kevin Brown agreed to a two-year, \$12 million contract with the New York Yankees Saturday.

Minico wrestlers claim wins in two meets

RICBY - The Minico wrestling team won both of its dual meets Saturday taking advantage of a number of forfeits in a 54-19 win over Madison and 51-29 over Holy Cross.

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Table listing high school sports scores from various schools.

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No. 4 Duke men hammer Portland, 84-43

DURHAM, N.C. - Reserve Luol Deng scored 15 points, and fourth-ranked Duke held Portland to three first-half baskets in an 84-43 victory Sunday night.

Duke got off the bench for the first time this season, but the freshman didn't miss a beat, scoring 11 of his points as the Blue Devils built a 28-point halftime edge.

In a 26-second span in Duke's masterful first half, Deng blocked a shot, hit a 3-pointer and then drew a charge, showing of his all-around game.

Duke (6-1) didn't have much trouble with its overall game after an eight-day layoff for exams, extending the nation's longest home winning streak to 3.

Eugene Jeter led the Pilots with 10 points.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRANSACTIONS

Section listing various sports transactions, trades, and signings.

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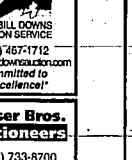
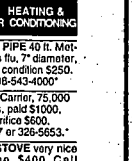
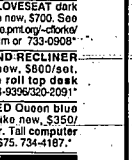
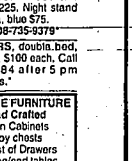
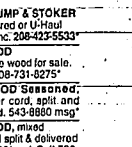
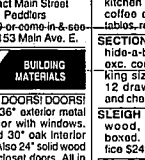
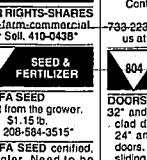
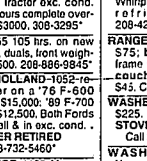
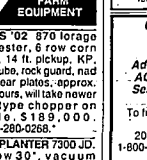
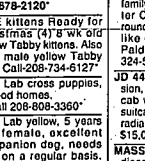
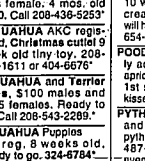
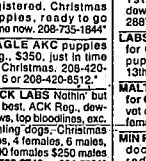
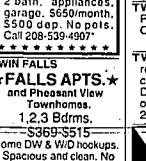
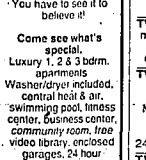
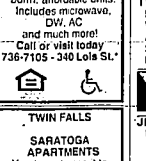
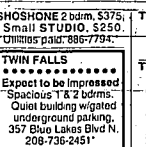
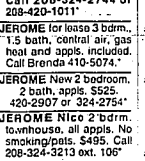
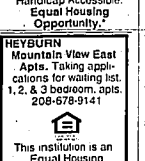
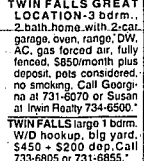
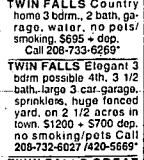
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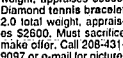
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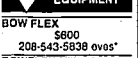


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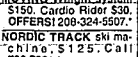


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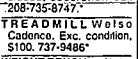
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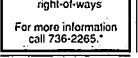
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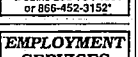
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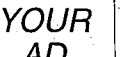
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South is too weak for a strong no-trump, so he opens one club. Over the one-spade response, he rebids one no-trump, not two clubs - which would imply a six-card suit. When North now jumps to three hearts, he implies he has at least five spades and four hearts. Since South cannot see an eight-card fit in a major, he rebids three no-trump. North has no reason to mistrust his partner.

When a diamond is led to East's queen in three no-trump, South has no particular reason to duck, so takes his king and now has eight tricks on top. It might be tempting for South to play on spades, but a losing finesse would let East in for a potentially disastrous diamond continuation. Similarly, South could try to build extra tricks in clubs, but the key to the hand is that South must prevent East from gaining the lead while he sets up his ninth winner. The safe route is to cross to dummy and play a heart to the 10, a safe route to nine tricks. Indeed, as it turns out, this produces a 10th winner.

This sort of maneuver is called an avoidance play. You diagnose which opponent you want to keep off lead, and then arrange the play of the suits to minimize the danger of that hand getting in. On this deal, the hearts offer a perfect example of allowing you an avoidance play against either opponent.

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South West North East
2 A Pass 1 A Pass
1 NT Pass 3 ♥ Pass
All pass

Opening lead: Diamond five
LEAD WITH THE ACES
12-15-11

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South
The bidding:
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Today on Keyboard Korner we will address a very important topic: computer security. If you own a computer, or have touched a computer, or have ever shaken hands with somebody who might have touched a computer, you need to take precautionary measures now. Because modern cyberspace is not the friendly, open, trusting, safe place it was "back in February." Modern cyberspace is a deadly festering swamp, teeming with dangerous programs such as "viruses," "worms," "Trojan horses" and "licensed Microsoft software" that can take over your computer and render it useless.

This is exactly what happened last summer when the "Sobig" virus infected computers around the world, causing millions of computer users to be completely cut-off from the Internet during what turned out to be a critical phase in the relationship of Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck. Fortunately, most of these computer users were able to resume monitoring the situation by turning on their televisions. But precious minutes were lost.

If you want to prevent a similar tragedy from happening to you, you should immediately take the following steps to protect your computer from viruses:

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And that's why it is so important that you take certain simple steps to protect your computer. To determine what these steps are, Keyboard Korner called the Association of Technical Support Personnel Who Actually Understand Computers, where, after a brief wait, we were connected with a cheerful record message informing us that we would be kept on hold until the sun was a cold dark cinder the size of a walnut.

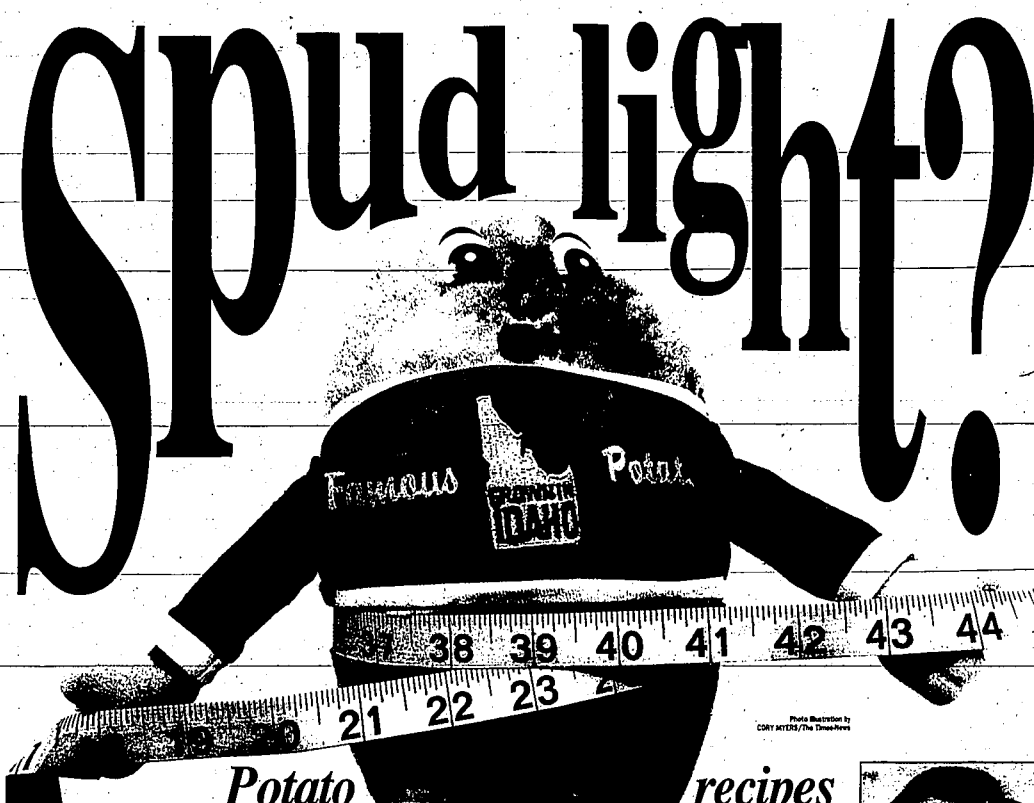
In the meantime, here are some simple, basic steps that you can take to make your computer secure:

CHECK FOR INCOMING ELECTRICITY—One factor common to many computer viruses is that, in order to function, they require electricity. Get down on your hands and knees and crawl under your desk to see a wire going from the computer to the wall? The chances are that—unbeknownst to you—this wire is bringing electricity directly into your house from a massive "power grid" that is also connected to prisons, crack houses, municipal sewage facilities, porno film studios and, of course, it out. (The wire, we mean.) Then curl into a fetal position and remain under the desk, because there are new computer viruses out there now that can travel "through the air" and bypass your computer entirely and enter your brain via your dental fillings. Keyboard Korner can feel it happening right now.

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HUMOR
Dave Barry



Low-carb diets can be political trouble here in potato country

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Spuddy Buddy, Idaho's potato mascot, is still a friend of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's. But they don't go to dinner together anymore.

The governor and his wife are recent converts to the carbohydrate-sky Atkins Diet, and since a Boise television station reported that fact on Nov. 26, some folks who grow carb-rich potatoes have grown indignant.

"We got a laugh out of it," said Keith Frank, public affairs director of the Potato Growers of Idaho. "But when you have the governor of the biggest potato-growing state announcing that he's not eating potatoes, well, it doesn't help."

The Kempthornes are among millions of recent adherents to the protein-rich Atkins Diet, but the governor isn't skipping spuds entirely.

"He doesn't pass up french fries," said the governor's spokesman, Michael Journee. "But he's at his college weight."

The Kempthornes' Atkins experiment is a personal lifestyle choice, Journee said. The governor is still a big promoter of spuds and that other commodity that Atkinsites shun, grain.

"The governor recently got back from a trade mission to Mexico, and he was selling grain," Journee said in a telephone interview from his Boise office. "And he's always selling potatoes."

But the Kempthornes' flirtation with the Atkins Diet begs the question: Can you eat potatoes and still lose weight?

"Absolutely," said Wendy Rice, a Twin Falls registered dietitian. "The trick to losing weight is cutting calories, not carbohydrates."

The late Dr. Robert Atkins, who developed the diet, sharply limited carbohydrates in the initial phase because he believed that carbs affect the body's biochemistry in ways that promote the storage of fat. He invited dieters to add carbs in limited amounts in subsequent phases of his diet, which he intended to be a lifetime eating plan.

"Eliminating carbs is popular in diet plans because it eliminates water weight and you get quick weight loss," Rice said.

That because the body's pro-

Potato recipes (low-calorie)

Greek Pita Salad with Potatoes

6 servings
Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 15 minutes

- 2 pita breads, torn into 1-inch pieces
- 1 package (16 ounces) refrigerated diced potatoes (about 3 cups)

- Dressing:**
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
 - 2/3 cup (about 6 ounces) plain low fat yogurt
 - 4 teaspoons chopped fresh dill
 - 4 teaspoons chopped fresh mint leaves
 - 1 clove garlic, crushed
 - Salt and pepper
 - 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
 - 1 small cucumber, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
 - 3 cups cut-up romaine lettuce



leaves (1-inch strips)
1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions (white and light green portions only)
1/4 cup chopped pitted ripe olives

Heat oven to 350 degrees F. On large baking sheet, arrange torn pita in even layer; bake until crisp, about 15 minutes. Cool. Meanwhile, in large saucepan, bring 5 cups water to a boil. Add

potatoes. Return to a boil; reduce heat and simmer until tender, about 2 minutes. Drain; cool. For dressing, in blender container combine feta cheese, yogurt, dill, mint and garlic; process until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

In large bowl, combine pita, potatoes, tomatoes and cucumber. Add dressing; toss lightly to coat. Place romaine in large serving bowl. Mound vegetables over lettuce. Sprinkle with olives and green onion.

Calories: 171. Carbohydrates: 26 grams.
Fat: 5 grams. Fiber: 3 grams.
Cholesterol: 14mg. Protein: 7 grams.
Sodium: 438mg.
—Source: National Potato Board

Broccoli Baked Potatoes

6 entrees or 12 side dishes
6 medium Idaho potatoes

- 3 stalks broccoli
- 1/4 cup skim milk
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- Scrub potatoes. Make shallow slits around the middle as if you were cutting the potatoes in half lengthwise. Bake until done, 30 to 60 minutes, depending on size.
- Prep broccoli stems. Steam whole stalks just until tender and



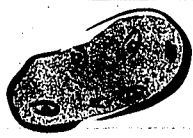
chop finely.
Carefully slice the potatoes in half and scoop the insides into a bowl with the broccoli. Add the milk, 3/4 cup cheese and pepper.

Mash together until the mixture is pale green with dark green flecks.
Heap into the potato jackets and "sprinkle" with remaining cheese. Return in oven to heat through (about 15 minutes). Oven: 350° F. Time: 30 to 60 minutes; 15 minutes to melt cheese or to reheat.

Calories: 315. Fiber: 6.6 grams.
Cholesterol: 25 mg. Sodium, 160 mg.
—Source: Idaho Potato Commission

Italian Potatoes

- Makes 6 servings.
- 2 cups 1-inch cubed unpeeled baking potatoes (approximately 3 medium)
 - 3/4 cup finely chopped onion (1 1/2 medium)
 - 1/2 cup finely chopped carrot (1 medium)
 - 1/2 cup low sodium chicken broth
 - 2 tablespoons tomato paste
 - 1/4 tablespoon pepper



2 tablespoon parsley
1/4 tablespoon salt

2 cloves garlic finely chopped
Cook all ingredients except parsley in 2 quart saucepan over medium low heat 25-30 minutes. Stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender. Stir in parsley.

Calories: 80. Carbohydrate: 18 grams. Fat: trace.
Protein: 2g. Cholesterol: trace. Sodium: 199mg.
—Source: Maine Potato Commission

ferred energy source is glucose. When carbohydrates are significantly reduced, the body runs short of glucose, which is produced when carbs are broken down. That "glucose," in a form called glycogen, is stored in the muscles and liver. For every gram of glycogen the body stores, it must store 3 grams of water.

So when carbs dry up, the body begins to break down glycogen to get glucose. And water—in significant amounts—gets released with it.

For his part, Atkins argued that he wasn't against carbohydrates; he was against too many carbs.

He thought 25 grams a day or so was enough for beginning dieters (a 5 1/2-ounce potato contains 27 grams of carbs); mainstream dieters think that misses the point.

"The key to losing weight is balance," Rice said. "A balance of calories from different sources." A calorie is not a carb, Rice emphasizes.

"If you eliminate carbohydrates from your diet and you don't

reduce the number of calories, you're unlikely to lose weight in the long run," she said.

What alarms mainstream dieters about Atkins is that cholesterol-rich red meat and eggs are substituted for the calories in carbs.

"That's a particular problem for men who are at risk of heart disease," Rice said.

Meanwhile, the Idaho Potato Commission has launched a TV ad campaign nationwide, urging dieters not to ignore that fact that



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne On the Atkins Diet

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—Michael Journee, Kempthorne's spokesman

spuds contain no fat. "It's got fiber, protein, no fat, no cholesterol and twice the potassium as a banana," Frank said in a telephone interview from his Blackfoot office. "I had a food scientist at Idaho State University tell me that it's the perfect fruit nutritionally."

Idaho's potato industry hopes that \$2 million message sticks; potato sales in the United States are down 10 percent.

"It's partly Atkins; partly the South Beach Diet, partly people eating fewer french fries," Frank said. "Diets come and go; our message is that the potato is good nutrition."

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HEALTH & FASHION

T.F. hospital offers childbirth classes

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Tuesday through Jan. 13, in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

To do for you
The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Learn about healthy eating
A free class, Healthy Eating During the Holidays, will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the conference room at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

CPR class
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6-10 p.m. Wednesday in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

'Baby and Me'
St-Benedicts-Family-Medical Center will offer Baby and Me classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

Many health problems start with poor oral hygiene

Knight Ridder News Service

Gum disease is easy to ignore. There's not much to see. And it's rarely painful or even uncomfortable.

But subtle doesn't equal benign. A chronic mouth infection - that's what gum disease is, in fact - can play out in several serious ways. It's thought to:

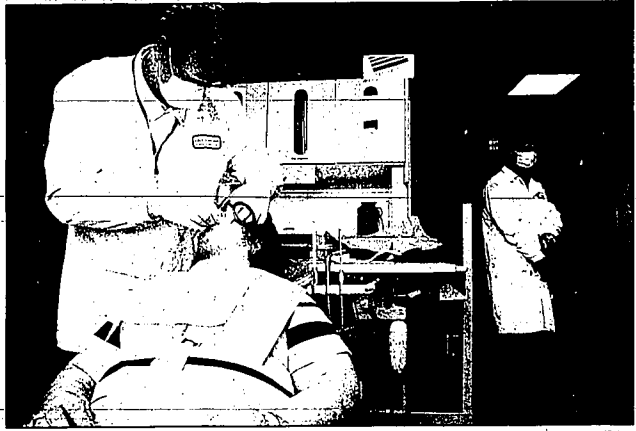
- Increase the risk of heart attack and stroke.
• Increase the incidence of premature, low-birthweight babies.

Exacerbates diabetes, which now affects 17 million Americans.
Possibly contribute to grave lung disorders such as pneumonia and emphysema.
People tend to see (periodontal disease) as a local problem," said Marjorie Joffcoat, dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. She has studied the impact of oral infection on low birthweight. "As the evidence is coming in, it may be that it can have serious ramifications for certain people."

Aside from colds and flu, periodontal disease is the most common infection in the United States. It's estimated that 25 percent to 35 percent of people 35 to 60 years old have the disease to at least a moderate extent. Among people older than 60, that rate escalates to 60 percent to 75 percent.

It makes sense that an infection in the mouth, like an infection anywhere else in the body, can spread and become a systemic problem, Joffcoat said. After all, the blood that circulates through the blood also travels throughout the body. The connection between gum disease and fetal health is well established. A pregnant woman with periodontal disease is more likely than a noninfected woman to give birth prematurely and to deliver a small baby, Joffcoat said. In a severe case of periodontitis, she is about seven times more likely.

There also are signs that treating periodontal disease in a pregnant



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woman can greatly improve the odds of her delivering a full-term, normal-weight infant.

"If we treat it very simply, by cleaning above and below the gum line, we can cut that risk," she said. A study by Joffcoat that was published a few months ago in the Journal of Periodontology reported that a simple cleaning cut premature delivery and low birthweight by about 84 percent.

The connection between periodontal disease and heart trouble is also strong. About 90 percent of the studies done-to-date point to significantly more heart disease and strokes among people with periodontitis, said John Rapley, chairman of the periodontology department at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry.

and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice is \$25. Preregistration is required, call 737-2907.

CPR for babies
Infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. New parents, grandparents and children are encouraged to attend to learn about infant CPR, choking, child safety and prevention of injury.

The class is free and preregistration is not required. For more information, call 737-2900.

Alzheimer's support
SunBridge Care Center and Rehabilitation will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at

SunBridge, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.
For more information, call Steve Jones or Dawn McCoy at 734-8645.

Refresher course
Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Dec. 23 in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed along with a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.
Cost is \$20. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

ENGAGEMENT

WILDE-GARVIN

BURLEY - Brian and Suzette Wilde of Burley announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Wilde, to John Garvin, son of William and Peggy Garvin of Idaho Falls.



Jamie Wilde and John Garvin. The couple will reside in Idaho Falls.

Wilde is attending Brigham Young University Idaho and is also employed by the Idaho State University, and is employed by Center Partners in Idaho Falls.

The wedding is planned for Friday, Dec. 19, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Springdale LDS Church, 200S. 475 E. Burley.

Try kids clothes for Christmas

By Maria Blackburn
The Baltimore Sun

Fashion notes

Christmas is for kids, everyone knows that. But what are you supposed to get the little nippers on your list?

Toys are nice, but Santa usually takes care of that. Organic brussels sprouts, though healthy, aren't all that popular with the mac-and-cheese set. And so that leaves us with our favorite choice - stuff to wear.

Kids grow fast, which means they always need clothing and accessories. And little people fashion is so gosh-darn cute, you won't have a hard time finding something for all the elves in your workshop.

CHARGE-IT, KITTY: The cat is where it's at when it comes to fresh, fun accessories featuring everyone's favorite feline, Hello Kitty. We love the flirty, fustafur-trimmed Hello Kitty wallet and tote bag for jaunts to the mall (\$8 and \$25).

For longer trips, like weekends

at Grandma's, a girl needs the sleek Hello Kitty silver-veeched suitcase (\$120).

Hello Kitty products are available at Zany Brains, the Sanrio stores and at www.sanrio.com.

JUST ADD DUCKS: When it comes to bath time, simple is best. What, with all the toys and bubbles in the tub, who can possibly find the shampoo and the soap? Goldwell's Definition Kids hair and body shampoo does it all in a gentle, daily-use cleanser formulated for children.

The fruity blueberry fragrance smells heavenly. The extra mild formula won't irritate eyes. And a bitter additive deeters bathers from sniffing the stuff. Plus the cleanser comes with an adorable stuffed toy zebra. \$10 for an 8.4-ounce bottle.

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Embroidery can help personalize holiday gifts

These days, who owns embroidery machines are probably well on the way to personalizing gifts for loved ones. It's a very hot trend, so supplies and designs abound. Machine-generated embroidery is popular on home decor items, accessories, baby gifts and quilts, as well as on garments. Monograms are especially trendy now.

Creative Machine Embroidery magazine offers new ideas for this hobby. It's \$6.99 on newsstands, or \$24.95 for one year (6 issues). You can order at 800-677-5212 or www.creativeemb.com.

A recent issue suggested embroidery on a soft shawl, either ready-made or sewn from a simple 36-inch square of fabric. Adding a lot of thread to the fabric will stiffen it somewhat, so start with a drapery piece. It makes a lovely canvas, and you can add fringe to complete the look.

Try machine embroidery on holiday decorations, even greeting cards. Use card stock, scraps of fabric and machine embroidery thread or yarn. Or personalize Christmas stockings with designs that are meaningful to you and family. Machine embroidery is also a good way to breathe new life into some older garments in your closet, just

SEWING
Barbara Gash
in time for holiday parties.
Specialty threads are fun to use.
Solar reactive thread is a 40-

weight that changes color when exposed to sunlight and can be embroidered on any type of fabric. Glow-in-the-dark thread, available in many colors and weights, can be charged with natural or artificial light. It can glow for up to 6 hours. Sew something for kids in one of these specialty threads, maybe a design on pillowcases or pajamas. Remember that it's illegal to sell or rent designs even if they are

free from the Internet. The creator of the design is the only one who can distribute the files, so just direct friends to the same site.

Barbara Gash writes about sewing for the Detroit Free Press. Write to her at the Free Press, P.O. Box 828, Detroit, Mich. 48231, or send e-mail to compusew@aol.com. Letters can not be answered personally.

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CAUSES:
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SIGNS/SYMPTOMS:
You may have fever, nausea, vomiting, or may have jaundice. Early signs may be tiredness or loss of appetite. Later you may have diarrhea which makes your eyes and skin yellow. Your urine may be a dark yellow. Your stools may be a light brown or light yellow color. Your skin may itch. It may have no symptoms at all.
CARE:
You may usually be treated at home. Resting and eating healthy food will help you get better. You should drink 8 glasses of water each day. But you may need to be put in the hospital for tests and treatment. There is no special medicine used to treat hepatitis A. You should not drink alcohol. Friends and family may get a shot to keep them from getting hepatitis A.
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Obese children can face emotional harm

Los Angeles Times

Obese children face well-known risks to their physical health, but they're also in danger of developing serious social and emotional problems. Two recent studies have found that they're more likely to be teased and to have smaller, social networks than their non-overweight peers.

Another report has established that schools may be able to help parents gain control of their children's weight problem by sending health reports to the parents. The studies are among a recent spate of research focusing on childhood obesity. With the problem on the rise - 15 percent of people age 6 to 19 were overweight in 2000, according to federal statistics - researchers have been attempting to study the effects of the problem and what to do about it.

In a survey of more than 90,000 teens, researchers at the University of Michigan School of Public Health and the Robert Wood Johnson University in New Jersey found that overweight students were 70 percent less likely than their healthy-weight counterparts to be listed as friends of their peers. Although the overweight students listed classmates as friends, the "friends" didn't reciprocate.

In another study, University of Minnesota researchers surveyed nearly 5,000 middle- and high-schoolers in urban Minneapolis-St. Paul and found that adolescents who were teased by peers and family members were highly likely to be dissatisfied with their bodies, suffer low self-esteem and feel depressed.

More than half the teenage girls who reported being teased about their weight by friends and family said they had thought about suicide, and close to a quarter of them reported attempting to take their own lives.

"Teasing is not as harmless as people think it is," said study author Maria Eisenberg, a research associate in the schools of public health and medicine at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. "There's a tendency

Stressed kids and fatty foods

Stressed kids are more likely to eat high fat, fatty and snacks than their placid peers, regardless of whether they respond to anxiety by eating more or less than usual.

A study of 4,320 British schoolchildren found a strong relationship between stress and fatty foods. These 11-year-olds who were the most stressed ate nearly twice as much fatty food as their less anxious classmates.

They also were bigger snackers, often at the expense of starting off the day with a good breakfast. At the same time, they were also less likely to consume the recommended five or more fruits and vegetables a day and eat a daily breakfast, said Jane Wärdle, director of Cancer Research UK Health Behaviour Unit.

She and her colleagues based their findings on a standard test measuring the youngsters' stress levels and an assessment of their eating patterns.

The report appeared in the August issue of the journal Health Psychology.

—Source: Los Angeles Times

Why spray flu vaccine flopped

Los Angeles Times

The concept sounded great: Get protection against the flu with a couple of spritzes into the nose instead of an injection. But FluMist has flopped in its first season, hampered by a price that some found too steep and the fact that the medication can't be used by those who need protection the most: people younger than 5 and older than 49.

Many people don't get flu vaccinations because they dislike getting shots. So public health officials hoped an alternative to needle sticks would motivate more people to get vaccinated.

In this case, though, it appears that the price of FluMist, which typically is not covered by health insurance, was too painful. Flu shots run \$10 to \$20 but are available free at many workplaces, clinics and senior centers; FluMist nasal spray costs \$45 to \$60.

Price has been the biggest deterrent to the success of FluMist, said Peggy Han, clinical coordinator of community pharmacies for USC. Even with the companies that market FluMist, Wyeth and MedImmune, offer-

ing a \$25 mail-in-rebate, many people don't want to cover the difference or wait for the rebate.

The companies expected to ship 5 million doses this year, but sales are falling behind, in part because shipments began late. For example, Han began giving flu shots in mid-October and had immunized about 600 people by the time she received supplies of FluMist.

Han said some people who came in for vaccinations decided against FluMist after learning the product contains live vaccine. Even though it's a weakened live vaccine, people old enough to remember receiving live polio vaccine and not feeling well afterward were wary of FluMist. FluMist can produce nasal stuffiness and a runny nose.

Wyeth and MedImmune remain committed to bolstering FluMist's sales. Wyeth spokesman Douglas Petkus said the companies would be examining the price issue while continuing to develop a version of FluMist that can be used by higher-risk flu groups and that can be refrigerated instead of frozen.

Scientists agonize over less-than-perfect vaccine

The Associated Press

Late last winter, a committee of vaccine experts designing this season's flu shot considered their choices. They had two, and both seemed bad.

Should they stick with last year's formula, even though a new strain of the bug was ominously building strength? Or should they try to make a new vaccine and risk complications or delays that could result in a shortage or maybe even no vaccine at all?

In the end, the committee voted 17-1 to bring back last year's version, even though they feared they were telling millions of Americans to roll up their sleeves for shots that might not work very well.

Many of them probably agreed with Dr. Theodore Eickhoff of the University of Colorado, who said: "For the first time in many years of participating in these deliberations, I must add I am very uncomfortable with the recommendation."

What Eickhoff and the others dreaded is exactly what happened. That new strain of flu became the dominant variety, accounting for three-quarters of all cases as the disease got an unusually early start this fall.

About 83 million doses of vaccine were made, but no one really knows how much protection from illness it gives. It almost certainly will not be the usual 70 percent to 90 percent, and some experts fear it is below 50 percent.

"We agonized. We asked repeatedly 'Is there another choice?'" remembered Dr. David Stephens, who chaired the panel and heads infectious diseases at Emory University.

Their experience shows the frustrating and often imprecise nature of humanity's labor to stay ahead of this perennial nuisance and sometime killer.

The flu virus mutates constantly. Picking the best combination is a mixture of science, luck and seat-of-the-pants instinct.

Teasing is not as harmless as people think it is.

— Maria Eisenberg, research associate at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis

to say, 'Get over it, it's no big deal.' But it really is a big deal. It can have profound effects."

Both studies were published in the August issue of the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine. Among the other obesity-related reports in the issue was one that assessed the effect of health report cards.

after the powder has been applied to "set" and groom the brows. There are three shades available (one per kit) and all of them are great.

Considering Hard Candy, Chanel, and Smashbox each have nearly identical and considerably more expensive versions, this is truly a bona-fide beauty steal!

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (6th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$27.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmetic-scoop.com

DEAR PAULA: I know you don't like brow pencil because it tends to make brows look heavy and overly drawn on. Yet I haven't been able to find a brow powder that works for me. What do you recommend?

— LAURA, CHICAGO

DEAR LAURA: The more then reasonably priced cosmetics line N.Y.C. (which stands for New York Color - <http://www.newyorkcolor.com/eyes/browkit.html>) has a rather useful brow kit called Brower Brush-On Brow Powder (\$3.57). Included are a matte powder brow color along with a brow wax (for grooming), a synthetic mini brow brush, and mini tweezers.

The brow color is sheer but builds well, though the included brush is too stiff for a soft, feathered application, but at this price you can always replace that with a softer brush.

The metal tweezers won't make you toss out your full-sized pair, but they certainly work in a pinch. As for the Brow Wax, this can be mixed with the brow powder for a stronger color, or used

ANNIVERSARIES

THE ADAMS

GOODING - Lyle and Betty Adams of Gooding will be honored at an open house for their 60th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding. The couple requests no gifts.

Adams, a native of Declo, and Betty Satchwell of Albion were married Dec. 24, 1943, in view at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Adams. Their marriage was solemnized Dec. 7, 1949, in the Boise Temple.

Two months after their wedding, he was drafted and shipped out to the South Pacific on the LST 476 during World War II. After the war they made their home in view and began farming and dairy operation. In 1954, they moved to Shoshone to expand their dairy. In 1977, they sold the dairy to their son and retired. They now reside in Gooding and are enjoying their retirement.

The event will be hosted by their children, Lyrre (Jerry) Warren, Roddy (Cheryl) Adams,



Lyle and Betty Adams
Delila (Scott) Williams and Sandra (Larry) Strickland. The couple has 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

THE PAULS

EDEN - Herbert and Jean Paul of Eden will be honored at an open house for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to attend from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at their home at 1248 E. 900 S. in Eden.

They have lived their entire married life on the Paul family farm, where he was born and also where he and Jean Howard were married Dec. 22, 1953.

The event is hosted by their children, Bill (Sandy) Paul of Twin Falls, Mike Paul and Julie Davis of Salmon and Susan (Mike) Pohanka of Jerome.



Jean and Herbert Paul
The couple has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren due in 2004. The couple requests no gifts, just your presence.

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Girl complains that boys focus on her bust line

DEAR ABBY: I am 12, and people say I am cute. My problem is, I want boys to like me for who I am, not because I have a big bust. I hate it. How can I make boys realize that I am much more than that? --DARLENE IN DALLAS

DEAR DARLENE: I may not be easy, because in our society it is normal for boys your age -- and older -- to fixate on a woman's "physical assets." However, one way to accomplish it is by dressing to make your bust size less noticeable. Another way is to impress them with attributes you want them to notice -- your intelligence, your personality, or some other talent or special quality. Please consider this: Your bust size may seem like a curse now, but it can also be an advantage because it will be obvious which men care about that, and it will help you to weed out the undesirables.

DEAR ABBY: I am a part-time server at a nice restaurant. Recently a woman came in who had lunch with "Vic," the owner. He paid for the woman's lunch and tipped me before he left. The woman stayed longer and talked to me for a while. When she left, she handed me a small tip. I hesitated but felt she'd be offended if I refused.

Two weeks later, this woman saw me at my other job and said Vic told her he had tipped me. She then demanded her money back. I was horrified. I didn't have cash on me so I told her to stop by the restaurant later in the week. I said I would apologize to Vic, but she said she didn't want him to know. I feel awful about taking her tip. I mentioned it to another employee, and she said I shouldn't feel bad because what this woman did was appalling. Was I wrong in taking the tip? --SHOCKED SERVER IN AMERICA

DEAR SHOCKED: When the woman offered you the tip, you should have told her Vic had already taken care of it. However, for her to demand the money back was rude. Return the money and steer clear of her in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Curtis" for 10 years. His wife recently found out about us and blocked my number from his telephone. (As though that's going to stop us from talking!) I see Curtis every day. Everyone



knows, and some people think we're married. Curtis has been part of my life and my family for so long I can't imagine life without him. I love Curtis and he loves me. It just seems like he doesn't want anything to change. I have tried to end the relationship, but Curtis keeps coming back. He says he is not in love with his wife and that he will leave if she runs him off. I'm so confused. I love Curtis. I don't want to be without him. But I don't want to spend the rest of my life as the "other woman," either. If Curtis' wife is willing to put up with knowing the truth about us, should I stay with him? --SECOND PLACE IN TENNESSEE

DEAR SECOND PLACE: Why should Curtis change anything? He has a wife who tolerates his straying and a honey on the side who believes anything he tells her. Do you really want someone who will be with you only by default? You have already thrown away 10 years of your life on this addiction. Regardless of what his wife does, you should quit cold turkey.

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HOROSCOPE: Jeraldine Saunders

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Your sensitivity looks for peace and your body for relaxation. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You get used to the unpleasant side that partners can display. Like sleeping on an old mattress and getting used to the bumps.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This is the time to take stock of what you want and where you're going. Doing a profit and loss inventory on your achievements this year is practical and necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Money makes the world go 'round -- or is it love? You could be getting involved in a drama.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A new phase brings opportunity. Your judgment and acumen are under scrutiny, and a joint venture brings rewards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): With so much on the menu, and only so much of an appetite, life can be trying.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Waking up, you wipe the star dust out of your eyes and ask, "Did I do something wrong?" It may be only half as bad as it seems, but reading the small print is a must.

LOOKING FOR SANTA



An apprehensive Kyndal Elko, 2, looks out between the legs of her mom, while waiting Santa at the Kallspell Center Mall in KallsPELL, Mont., Friday.

Dancer gets honorary degree

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) -- The late tap-dancing actor Gregory Hines will be awarded an honorary degree by Rutgers University in May 2004. Hines, considered the greatest tap dancer of his generation, died of cancer in August at age 57. He had created the Gregory Hines Dancepower Endowed Scholarship at the state university.

The Tony Award winner starred on Broadway and in movies including "White Nights" and "Running Scared." He also had a recurring role on NBC's "Will & Grace."

Others who will receive honorary degrees from Rutgers include Puerto Rico Gov. Sila Calderon and NBA Commissioner David Stern, Rutgers announced Friday.

Televangelist objects to commercial

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- The Rev. Robert H. Schuller, whose weekly "Hour of Power" televangelist show airs nationwide, is objecting to TV ads that use Playboy founder Hugh Hefner to hawk a new line of hamburgers.

Burger," said by Carl's Jr. restaurants in 14 Western states. They feature Hefner, 77, in his signature silk pajamas holding a bulging sandwich.

"People always ask me, 'Hey Hef, do you have favorites?'" he says in one version. "I love them all. It just depends on what I'm in the mood for."

Parton's book program hits milestone

PIGEOON FORGE, Tenn. (AP) -- Country singer Dolly Parton's book program, which she started seven years ago to inspire preschoolers to read, has reached a milestone with delivery of its millionth book.

Parton was on hand Friday when her Imagination Library gave a copy of "The Little Engine That Could" to the parents of 1-

year-old Ciana Waynick of Danville, Ala. Children start receiving books at birth and continue through 60 selections until age 5. Parton launched the library in 1996 to promote reading among children in Sevier County, the rural community where she grew up in the Great Smoky Mountains. Today, 206 communities in 35 states participate.

Bees possess more strength than elephants

A bumblebee this is one of those pound-for-pound stats -- is 150 times as strong as an elephant.

How the Turks bathed on Oct. 6, 1865. I do not know. But not in a Turkish Bath, as we call it. Record shows the world's first Turkish Bath opened on that date in Brooklyn.

Coyotes love watermelon. Even a highly independent wife knows roughly how many pairs of shoes her husband owns. Or most wives do. But our Love and War man observes it's a rare husband who has any idea at all how many pairs of shoes his wife owns.

Could be you've already added "studied indifference" to your list of oxymorons. If the dish on the menu is labeled "St. Germaine," it's made with peas.

A baby hamster also is called a pup. Item 415A in our Language Man's file: "Misspelled" is always misspelled, and "incorrectly" cannot be spelled correctly.

Authenticated weather records indicate it rained hundreds of thousands of maggot... on Acapulco in 1968. Maybe you knew about the heavy rainfall of spiders over Hungary in 1922. Much earlier, in 1859 over England, it rained great schools of tiny fishes.

Sharks came before dinosaurs. Some phrases we hear so often their meanings go completely dead. I've had people ask me how jigsaw puzzles are made.

NEW WRINKLES ON OLD PROBLEMS G. Adrian Dean, M.D.

Q. What is Art Therapy, and can it really be helpful in the care of the elderly?

A. Most programs in senior centers and long term care facilities employ the techniques of art therapy, which is based on the concept that the creative process involved in making art is healing and life enhancing. Art therapy can be the bridge between the medical and psychological models of treatment for those suffering from cognitive impairments: One of the more innovative forms of art therapy for people with dementia is the storytelling method. This method opens the storytelling process to incorporating any responses the people in the group contribute, by emphasizing the use of imagination rather than fact based memory, the therapist can weave all contributions into the story and involve even those who can only make sounds and gestures. The participants can then realize they are being listened to, accepted and understood on some level, which is helpful to them and to all of us.

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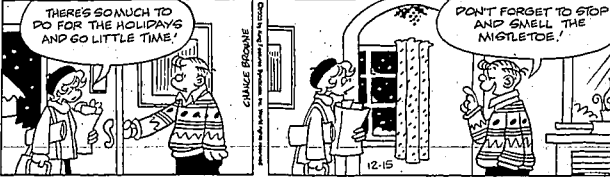
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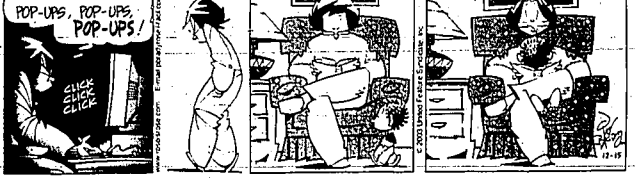
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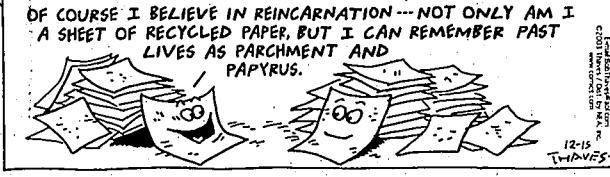
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SCHOOL DAYS

Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 735-3288

SCHOOL NEWS

Gooding Middle School Gooding Middle School hits stage

GOODING - The Gooding Middle School Winter Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the school.
Performers include the sixth-grade band, seventh and eighth-grade combined band, the sixth-through eighth-grade choir and solo ensembles.

O'Leary students raise money for needy families

TWIN FALLS - Thanks to the generosity of O'Leary Junior High students, the O'Leary Turkey Drive Fund-raiser brought in \$303, which gave 40 families had a Thanksgiving turkey.
Laurie Geren and Sandy Rayborn were instrumental in the project and provided the extra help that made this project a success, the school district reported.
For more information, call Teresa Hernandez at 733-2155.

Stuart students donate boxes of gifts to the needy

TWIN FALLS - Students at Robert Stuart Junior High participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Project and donated 96 shoe boxes full of gifts, pictures and letters to children in need all over the world.
For more information, call Craig Ainsworth at 733-4875.

Burley automotive students do well at competition

BURLEY - Burley High School seniors from the automotive service technology program at the Cassia Regional Technical Center competed in the annual Weber State Automotive competition recently.
More than 400 students from 31 Idaho and Utah schools competed with 17 schools qualifying students to return on Feb. 12 for the practical hands-on portion of the competition.

Alex Metewer earned the highest test score of any student during the examination portion of the competition and received a tool set valued at \$75. Courtney Worthington received the second highest score for the tech center with Chance Topfitt placing third high for center.
Each of the returning schools brings their top two students and one alternate to compete in this event. Alex and Courtney will compete as a team with Chance acting as alternate.
The top three schools will receive a vehicle, and the students receive a one-year tuition waiver to attend Weber State University's automotive school.

More students earn praise at Harrison Elementary

TWIN FALLS - Some students were omitted from the recently published list of students honored

at Harrison Elementary School during the third quarter.
They are:
All As
Dan Plant, Kalise Dudley and Zerina Mehic
As and Bs
Blaze Requa, Bradyn Wells, Armin Kadric, Alyssa Hernandez and Levi Metcalf
Citizenship
Blaze Requa, Andrea Jenkins, Kristina Seawright, Armin Kadric, Samantha Stockton, Dan Plant, Alyssa Hernandez, David Leon, Levi Metcalf, Mustafa Cosic, Zerina Mehic, Kalise Dudley and Silvester Begic

Burley High School drama team places in sweepstakes

BURLEY - The Burley High School drama team placed third in the sweepstakes at the state drama competition.
Placing third in their categories were Danny Rock, Roxanna Simmons, Katherine Moses, Daisy Heiner, Lindsay Arrit and Stephanie Johnson.

Big Valley Elementary presents Christmas program

RUPERT - Big Valley Elementary School will present a Christmas program at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the school, 202 18th St., Rupert.
The public is invited. For more information, call 436-9707.

Third-grade performs at Heyburn Christmas program

HEYBURN - Heyburn Elementary School will present a Christmas program at 7 p.m. Thursday at the school, 1431 17th St., Heyburn.
The third grade will perform and the public is invited.
For more information, call 679-2400.

TFHS presents band and orchestra Christmas concert

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School band and orchestra present their 2003 Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Roger Auditorium.
Admission is \$2 for adults and students are free.
The concert will end with an audience sing-along.
Directors are Kevin Howard, orchestra, and Ted Hedley, band.
For further information, call Hadley at 733-6551 or 733-4875.

Twin Falls High dance team names dancer of the month

TWIN FALLS - The Bruinettes, the Twin Falls High School dance team, has named Amanda "AJ" Johnson as December Dancer of the Month.
She was selected for her attitude and valuable contributions. Marie, is the daughter of Bill and Marion Johnson.



Left, TJ Ruiz shows friends, Wyatt Johnson and Parker Cummins, a book during the Family Reading Night held at Murtaugh Elementary School. Right, 'The Cat in the Hat' visits with friends at Murtaugh Elementary School for Family Reading Night.



Students, school, families gather to read

MURTAUGH - Parents and students of the Murtaugh School District got a real treat recently as they entered the elementary school library for Family Reading Night.
More than 100 parents and chil-

dren received a free book and a Cat in the Hat pencil.
The reading night, held as part of Family Reading Week, was an opportunity for families to visit the library and receive a free book.

The goal of the evening was to bring parents and children together in an environment that fosters reading and promotes literacy, the district reported.
Murtaugh has hosted two or three Family Reading Nights per

year for the last three years.
It was one of the largest and most fun nights they've had, a school spokesman stated.
For more information about the Family Reading Nights, call the district at 432-5451.

GOOD CITIZENS



Top, Citizens of the Week at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert were, from left, first row: Nathan Eagle, Zamantha Dixon, Jaylor Vega and Autumn Dey; second row: Anissa Ramirez, Mikayia Jones, Maria Vega, Sarah Mehan, Kaden Pfeiffer; third row: Mikayia Jones, Dakota Rupard, Micah Stenzel, Juana Vargas and Becky Jurado; fourth row: Lyndy Woodman, Jalma Artega, Marilinda Garza and Taylor Duncan.
Above, Citizens of the Week at Big Valley Elementary School were, from left, back: Cody White, Jacob Bessiro, Sonora Nez, Tyler Gerner and Michael Sunderland; center: Melanie Ahoan, Kerri Tolman, Adriana Rivera, Alexander Vega and David Leon; front: Andrew Donnis, Jose Villason, Sierra Gardner, Kara Tolle, Eduardo Magana and Juan Carlos Alamillo.

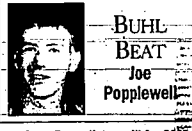
Richfield celebrates student achievement

RICHFIELD ROARS
Charlene Fenelon

"We come from the best school in the land! We come from the best school in the land!"
That is the chant echoing throughout the halls of Richfield Elementary School the first Friday morning of each month.
On this day, kindergarten through sixth-grade classes assemble in the school cafeteria for the elementary school's monthly award ceremonies.
During each month, teachers take notes of students "caught" giving Tiger Pride while at the same time practicing good environmental awareness.
One student from each grade is awarded with a Super Student award from the school custodian, Teri Turnage. The award can be given to elementary students for performing such good citizen acts around the school as erasing black marks off the floors, picking up trash in the hallways and around the playground and cleaning up messes in classrooms.
Along with the Super Student award, certificates for perfect attendance for the previous month are distributed and birthdays for the current month are recognized. Elementary teachers also use this time to motivate the students into a fun and productive month of learning, creating and growing in our school.
From chanting to singing their new school song, which was written by music director Phyllis Twichell, Richfield Elementary School teachers and students alike are teaching us all how to show our "Tiger Pride."

Charlene Fenelon is administrative assistant with Richfield School.

Top 10 reasons to attend Buhl High School



Buhl High School is unique. Here are the Top 10 reasons why.
1. Each morning students are greeted with algebra teacher Nelson Wood's famous attire.
2. The music, art and drama departments are some of the best in the area.
3. Students each have their own parking space, and we love our block schedule.
4. The school supports more than 22 active and well-attended clubs and organizations.
5. The varsity football team has made it to the state playoffs for four consecutive years. Many of our other teams have earned recognition in the past few years, such as our Softball State Champions in 2003.
6. We have a top staff, including teachers from all around the area as well as across the nation. Our scores keep rising because of their diligent efforts.
7. Buhl supports a student council that won the "Outstanding club" award.

Student Council Award" for 2003.
3. We have the support of our community, whether it be in attendance at sporting events or support by service clubs, such as Rotary, Kiwanis and the West End Men's Association.
2. We are getting a new high school.
And the no. 1 reason why Buhl High School is so unique...
1. Tribe Pride!
For these reasons, we are proud of our district and have a great time going to school here.

Bakery class results in good lessons, delicious baked goods

HUSKIES UNLEASHED
JESSICA JOHNSON

A highlight in the Husky day is Husky Break.
During this time, Linda Newberry's two-hour bakery class sells nutritious food, like breadsticks, bread and jam and muffins.
The class started in 1991 because of a school-based enterprise grant. This grant has allowed the bakery to run like a business in which the profits pay for product expenses.
They sell their baked goods at games and other special occasions and have catered many different school-related events.
Their specialty is braided breads, and during the Christmas holidays they will be making iced braided cherry cheese breads shaped like candy canes and topped with crushed peppermint sticks.
The class consists of six members: Celest Shuldes, Nikki Friel, Ashley Hansen, Shandra Kissinger, Jamie Ratto and Ruben Salazar.

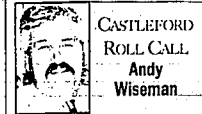
Celest says that being in bakery class is "Foodierific. There is never a dull moment."
"We're always busy," Ashley said.
Another up-coming event in Hansen is the annual Christmas concerts at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. The high school will perform on Monday and the preschool through sixth grade will perform on Tuesday.
Everyone at Hansen High would like to thank the community for their support in our athlete's apple fund-raiser. Thank You!
Hansen High School student Jessica Johnson initiated and publishes the school newspaper.

Where is Elvis? Doing well at Arizona Western

Where is Elvis? Elvis Medina, our outstanding athlete who graduated last year, is playing basketball for Arizona Western in Yuma, Ariz.

Arizona Western Coach Kelly Green reports the team is 6-2, and Elvis is doing a great job. Coach Green also said that several games will be live on the Internet for fans to watch; the next game is Jan. 14. The Web site is www.swn.net.
Both our girls and boys basketball teams are in season, so come out and support the teams.
Our FFA teams competed recently in the foods and crops contests at the College of Southern Idaho.

Donations for academic incentives, started by the Castleford Men's Club, continue to be offered. Cedar Lane bowling alley recently offered incentives for mathematics achievement, including free bowling and food coupons. Tracy and Juliet Ridgeway, said that they are happy and willing to support the accomplishments of the Castleford students.
Mrs. Herzinger, our school counselor, has organized a Christmas card writing activity. All elementary classes and the

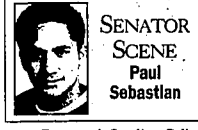


high school junior class are writing Christmas cards to service men and women.
Evan Willard with the Army and on leave will visit each classroom to pick up each classroom on Thanksgiving. He will deliver them when he returns to Iraq prior to Christmas.
Richard Hartman, science professor at the University of Idaho, will be a guest teacher at Castleford Thursday. He will teach grade-level appropriate chemistry units to our third-through sixth-graders. Parents are welcome to take part in these units.
Norma Chandler, school lunch supervisor, invites parents and friends to our Christmas dinner Thursday. The menu includes turkey, scalloped potatoes and all the fixings. Our Christmas vacation is Dec. 22 to Jan. 2.

Andy Wiseman is principal of Castleford School.

Gooding High School holds cultural diversity, 'lockdown'

Gooding High School will celebrate cultural diversity Friday.
Activities will include a lunch hour that offers food from around the world. Clubs and classes are given the opportunity to pick a country, and at lunch each club will prepare food from their selected countries.
Following lunch, Gladys Esquibel, chairman of the Idaho Commission of Hispanic Affairs, will speak on cultural diversity. After that presentation we will announce the winner of the cultural diversity essay contest.
First place will receive \$40 and second place will receive a \$10 gift certificate to the student store.
The campus will be closed Friday to encourage students to take part in the celebrations and experience other backgrounds and culture. Students will be released at 2 p.m. for Christmas vacation.
Gooding High School, in cooperation with the Gooding Sheriff's Department, Tri-County



Swat Team and Gooding Police Department, are having a practice "lockdown" and swat team drill.
This drill is to emulate the safety measures Gooding High School personnel would take to insure the safety of the students.
It is the consensus of the administration and staff members that practice is the best method to create a safe environment.
Parents are welcome to remove their students from school at 2 p.m. Wednesday if they do not want their children to participate in the drill.
Paul Sebastian is Gooding High School student body president.

We want your school news
Please send your news and photos to:
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