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# Saddam is cooperating

### U.S. says it's already arrested top officials

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Jailed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein has been cooperating with U.S. military interrogators, providing intelligence that has led to the arrests of several high-ranking officials of his former regime and confirming details of guerrilla cells operating in Baghdad, U.S. officials said Monday.

Investigators also are studying documents seized during Saddam's arrest Saturday for further clues about a possible

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role in directing the insurgency that has claimed nearly 200 U.S. soldiers' lives since President Bush declared the end of major combat on May 1.  
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President Bush was all smiles at a press conference Monday morning in Washington as he discussed the capture of Saddam Hussein. He bid 'good riddance' to the ousted dictator.

AP photo

## Consensus: 'No Child' law needs tweaking

By Karin Kowalski  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The federal No Child Left Behind Act can be implemented in Idaho if there are some alterations.

That was the consensus at a meeting of educators and lawmakers Monday at Burley High School.

About 40 teachers, superintendents, principals and state officials talked with U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, and Eric Earling, representing the U.S. Department of Education, at a meeting organized by state Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley.

Many school officials aired common frustrations with the federal mandate: confusion over some of the law's requirements; concerns that some provisions don't work in small districts, and labeling of schools as "needing improvement" based upon the test scores of one or two students.

Simpson, who voted for the No Child Left Behind Act, acknowledged that implementing it isn't easy.

"No two people have the same idea of what you can and cannot do under No Child Left Behind," Simpson said. He wants there to be one person or entity to lay down definitions of the policies in the mandate.

The act itself is about 1,150 pages long, but it still leaves room for interpretation.

Jim Woodworth, superintendent of the Rockland School District, said the law's requirement for "highly qualified teachers" is difficult for small districts to meet because they often have one teacher instructing in several subjects. Woodworth said his teachers meet current certification requirements but won't meet the new ones under No Child Left Behind - and the district does not have money to hire more teachers.

Earling said that is one area where the flexibility within the act may help small districts, because each state can determine what makes a teacher qualified.

The demands of the act also make for some strange accounting. Two years ago, Oakley Elementary School in the Cassia County School District had two students out of 197 not make adequate yearly progress in passing the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. The school was labeled "needing improvement" while it had the highest test scores in the district, Principal Susan Harrah said.

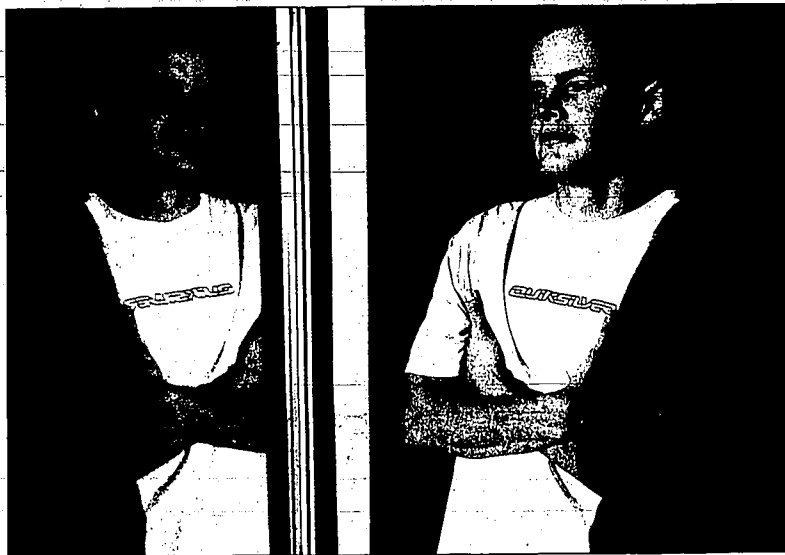
Under the law, students are given the option of transferring from a school "needing improvement." But in a rural district, the nearest school may be 40 miles away, so it isn't practical, Earling said.

Many administrators expressed frustration with schools being designated as "needing improvement" when it takes the test scores of only one or two students to tip a school over that threshold, especially in small districts. Most would prefer progress evaluations be based on growth, rather than arbitrary percentage benchmarks.

One effect of the act is that some teachers don't want the risk.

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## BITTERSWEET



R. ASBLEY SMITH/THE TIMES-NEWS

U.S. Army Pvt. Evan Hilliard, a water purification and analyst specialist with the 4th Infantry Division in Iraq, takes a break from a racquetball game to pose for a photo in Twin Falls Monday.

## Soldier takes leave; comrades nab Saddam

By Rebecca Moany  
Times-News writer

BURL - After months of longing to come home for a visit, Pvt. Evan Hilliard finally got the leave he had been waiting for.

He left his fellow soldiers in the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division in Iraq and headed for Burl, arriving on Thursday.

He was sleeping on his mom's couch Sunday when the news

arrived: Saddam Hussein had been captured.

"My dad called me, and then my friends emailed me," he said, with a wince of sadness at missing out on the action.

The soldiers who captured Saddam belong to the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), based at Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Carson, Colo. Their 15,000-plus soldiers have been deployed in Iraq since April, and they operate north of

Baghdad, where Saddam loyalists and die-hards from his Baath Party are most numerous.

Fort Hood-based Hilliard, 19, had been in Iraq since April, tasked with keeping the water safe for the 4th Infantry. He used a reverse-osmosis machine to decontaminate chemically contaminated water.

Potential hazards included cyanide and mustard gas, he said.

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Morale was terrible, but maybe this will change things.

- Pvt. Evan Hilliard



Saddam Hussein

## Sides line up for shot at captive in court

Newsday

Against a rising clamor Monday for swift vengeance administered by Iraqis, the U.S. government is sending a strong signal that it, too, has claims on Saddam Hussein's future.

The Bush administration "reserves the right" to try the fallen Iraqi strongman for crimes against the United

States, a senior State Department official said Monday.

In Baghdad, Iraqi leaders pressed the case for an immediate Saddam trial that may in part provide an opportunity for a national catharsis, salvaging the deep wounds of a country where an estimated 300,000 citizens were murdered by agents of the former regime.

Mouwafiq al-Roubai, a member of

the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council who was imprisoned by Saddam, and other council members said they want Saddam to be the first person tried under new war crimes tribunals created last week. Al-Roubai said the trial would begin "within weeks" while others said sometime in

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## Yellowstone enthusiasts await ruling

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Snowmobilers who plan to ride in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks when the winter season starts Wednesday may not know the rules of the trails until today. A federal judge is deciding whether the National Park Service, under the Bush administration, acted appropriately when it set aside a Clinton administration plan to ban snowmobiles and instead adopted regulations that limit the number of machines allowed in the parks and require them to be less-polluting than a typical snowmobile.

The Park Service is preparing to implement those limits on

### Judge could issue snowmobile decision today

Wednesday. If U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan strikes down the latest regulations, however, his decision would likely put in motion the earlier plan.

That would cut the number of machines allowed in the park by half and require the park to begin a transition to snowcoaches, which would carry groups of winter visitors to see Old Faithful and other park sites. Some snowcoaches are used now, but they are simply an option for park visitors.

Yellowstone spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews said rangers will be ready for either outcome. But the timing of the decision leaves little time for snowmobilers and rental companies - and the small Wyoming and Montana towns that depend on their business - to adjust.

The Bush administration agreed to revisit the Clinton-era snowcoach plan as part of a legal settlement with snowmobile makers. Under it, the Park Service intends to limit the number of snowmobiles allowed in the popular parks while requiring the machines to be built with new engines that are cleaner and quieter than those on typical snowmobiles.



Californians Hans and Teresa Nettel, right, and their dog, Prince, park their rented snowmobile after viewing Old Faithful Jan. 3.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST Today: Cold, partly cloudy and mostly dry. Highs near 37.

Tonight: Increasing clouds with patchy fog developing. Lows near 21. Tomorrow: Not as cold with morning fog giving way to partly cloudy skies. Highs near 41.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST Today: Brisk and mostly dry with fair skies. Highs in the middle to upper 30s.

Tonight: Areas of clouds and fog developing. Lows in the upper teens to lower 20s. Tomorrow: Starting off with clouds and fog. Becoming partly cloudy with fair skies. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

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Cloudy and foggy periods likely early today with an interval of patchy sunshine showing up this afternoon. Mostly dry and cold. Clouds and fog return tonight. Partly cloudy and milder on Wednesday.

Today Highs 16 to 33 Tonight's Lows 10 to 20. Cloudy and foggy periods likely early today with an interval of patchy sunshine showing up this afternoon.

Today Highs 16 to 33 Tonight's Lows 10 to 20. Partly cloudy to partly sunny and mostly dry all week. Starting off fairly cold today with gradually warming temperatures throughout the week.

Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 46 at Lewiston. Low: 7 at Stanley. Weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fb-fog, m-mist, mising-misting.

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Jerome water rate hike goes up for vote

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME — An increase in water rates comes up for a vote by the City Council tonight.

An ordinance amending the municipal code and raising the rates for domestic water service will be read to and voted on by the council at its regular 7 p.m. meeting.

If adopted, the increase will help finance a \$3.9 million city water system improvement project. The project will install 49,264 linear-feet of water mains, varying in size from 6 to 16 inches in diameter throughout the city, and install a new water source, pump, booster station and million-gallon storage tank at Jerome Butte east of the city.

In other business, the council

Meeting tonight

The Jerome City Council meets tonight at 7 in council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. The public is welcome.

will discuss and consider requesting qualifications for architectural services related to capital improvements to be made at the Jerome City Library. The City Council and library board will solicit proposals for architectural services to assist in the planning and design for the expansion of the existing library. Once the city selects a firm, it can enter into a contract with the firm for assistance during the construction phase of the expansion.

This is the beginning of the Evelyn Crowder Trust expansion to the city library. Crowder was a longtime teacher who, at her death in the spring of 2002, left nearly \$1 million each to the city of Jerome and the Jerome school system to be used for libraries. The high school has begun construction of its library expansion.

Democrat won't seek Senate seat

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Sen. John Breaux, a leading Democratic centrist, and lawmaker during three terms of office, announced Monday he will not run for re-election next year.

Breaux, 59, becomes the fifth Southern Democrat in the Senate to step down in 2004, further com-

pounding the party's difficulties in its struggle to retake control of the chamber.

Breaux frequently crossed the aisle to work with Republicans, sometimes angering fellow Democrats and earning a reputation as one of the GOP's favorite Democrats.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

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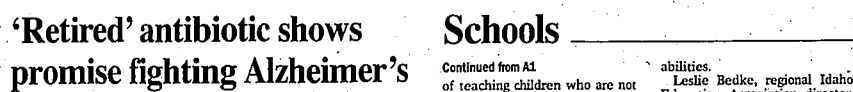
WORLD FORECAST

Large table with multiple columns for regional, national, and world forecasts, including city names and weather conditions.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: Today, Tomorrow, City, HI, LO, W. Includes Canadian city forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary, Occluded. Valid to 5 p.m. today. High: 83 at Aliso, Texas. Low: -2 at Happy Jack, Ariz.

'Retired' antibiotic shows promise fighting Alzheimer's

Chicago Tribune. An antibiotic no longer in use may be resurrected as a treatment for Alzheimer's disease, according to new findings suggesting the drug may be able to dissolve the destructive plaques in the brains of Alzheimer's patients.

Schools

Continued from A1. Venetta Williams of Rupert has four children, each with a different type of disability. "We fought so hard for inclusion, and now teachers won't want them," she said, tears coming to her eyes.

Trials

Continued from A1. The next three to six months. But the State Department official said the process would take "some time" and "not weeks."

Soldier

Continued from A1. and although he found no evidence of chemical tampering, the water was always treated just in case. His desire to be back in the action was tempered by his happiness at being home.

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Moffitt earned medical doctor degree

Sunday's newspaper incorrectly reported the type of degree earned by Army Capt. Mitchell J. Moffitt, son of Gary L. and Cheryl P. Moffitt of Twin Falls.

Breathers club won't meet until March

The Times-News incorrectly reported about meetings of the Magic Breathers Club. The club does not meet in the winter and will resume meetings in March.

CORRECTIONS

NATION

# Justices will review suit over energy meetings

The Washington Post



Vice President Cheney

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court announced Monday that it will intervene in a dispute between Vice President Cheney and two nonprofit organizations seeking information about the internal operations of the controversial White House energy policy task force he headed in 2001. Setting up a high-stakes clash at the court over the Bush administration's tightlipped approach to information, the court granted Cheney's request to review a lower court's order requiring him to show some of the material to the groups.

The court's action came in response to a petition on Cheney's behalf by Solicitor General Theodore Olson, who told the justices that the lower court's order involves "fundamental" separation-of-powers questions and threatens to "generate the kind of intrusions into the Executive Branch that this Court has sought to avoid."

The court's action was a blow to

the organization - Judicial Watch, a conservative watchdog group, and the Sierra Club, a liberal environmental group - seeking access to task force documents. The Sierra Club's brief had told the justices that the White House was stalling and that the Supreme Court should not help it by hearing his case.

"By the time the court decides this (July or sooner) it will be two years of complete stoppage that they've won," said Alan Morrison of the Public Citizen Litigation Group, who represents the Sierra Club. "In that sense, they've succeeded."

The task force, made up of several cabinet officers and White House aides, was set up on Jan. 29, 2001, and issued its report on May 16 that year.

# Bush proposes new standards for mercury

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration on Monday proposed giving power plants up to 15 years to install new technology aimed solely at reducing mercury pollution, a week after science advisers said the government should be issuing stronger mercury warnings to pregnant women.

The Environmental Protection Agency's first-ever proposed controls on mercury pollution from power plants would be less than the limits envisioned by the Clinton administration, letting owners in some cases delay meeting requirements until 2018. They would let industry meet the first six years' goals by using pollution controls already installed to stem smog and acid rain. Environmentalists contend that the proposed controls would eliminate about a third of the mercury emissions proposed under the Clinton administration.

EPA also proposed a measure for power plants to cut smog- and acid-rain-forming chemicals from their smokestacks. Together, the programs are estimated to cost \$5 billion or more for industry to implement.

The proposal comes a week after the Food and Drug Administration was told by a scientific advisory panel that it should provide clearer advice to pregnant women and young children on the risks from mercury in their diet.

# Nurse contends he's killed 30-40 patients

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (AP) — A former nurse was charged with murder Monday after telling prosecutors that he has killed 30 to 40 severely ill patients in Pennsylvania and New Jersey since 1987 by injecting them with drugs.

Charles Cullen, 43, told investigators that he administered the drug overdoses to put "very sick" patients out of their misery, prosecutor Wayne Forrest said.

Cullen was charged with one count each of murder and attempted murder, but more charges could follow. Investigators are examining records at 10 hospitals where Cullen worked as they try to document his claims about the other killings.

# Panel: Anti-terrorism efforts in U.S. have waned a bit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The effort to protect Americans from terrorism "appears to have waned" since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks as both the government and its citizens worry more about the latest disaster or health crisis, a federal commission says.

In calling for the government to refocus on anti-terrorism efforts, the advisory panel, chaired by former Virginia governor and Republican party chairman James Gilmore, also called for an independent board to make sure that efforts to monitor suspected terrorists don't infringe on Americans' civil liberties.

The report issued Monday was the last of five by the nonpartisan panel created by Congress in 1998.

"Americans have very short-term memories," said commission member George Forsman.

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Nicolas Bardo, 6, is buried in snow as his father, Eugene, shovels out his Sunday's snowstorm Monday in Utica, N.Y. A nor'easter blanketed parts of the Northeast with heavy snow and slush Monday, just a week after another snowstorm pounded the region.

# Thurmond kin acknowledge woman's claim

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The late Sen. Strom Thurmond's family on Monday said it acknowledges a California woman's claim that she is his illegitimate mixed-race daughter. Her lawyer said the statement brought her "a sigh of relief."

"As J. Strom Thurmond has passed away and cannot speak for himself, the Thurmond family acknowledges Ms. Essie Mae Washington-Williams' claim to her heritage. We hope this acknowledgment will bring closure for Ms. Williams," the family's lawyer, J. Mark Taylor, said in a brief statement.

Williams had long been rumored to be Thurmond's child, though she had previously denied it. She came forward now at the urging and encouragement of her children, said Frank K. Wheaton, a Williams attorney.

Williams told The Washington Post that Thurmond privately acknowledged her as his daughter and had provided financial support since 1941. She said she waited to go public because she didn't want to embarrass herself or hurt Thurmond's career. The Post first reported her claims on its Web site Saturday.

In seven decades of politics, Thurmond gained fame and infamy as an arch-segregationist, but he later came to support a holiday for the slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King.

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# Candidate stands fast on Iraq

Knight Ridder News Service

LOS ANGELES - Democratic presidential hopeful Howard Dean on Monday brushed off the capture of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein as meaningless to the war on terrorism and insisted anew that the war to topple him was a costly mistake.

Dean's remarks came as he and two of his rivals for the Democratic nomination disagreed sharply over the impact of Saddam's arrest, but agreed on urging a broader, more expensive war on terrorism ranging from enhanced efforts to round up nuclear warheads to more money for fighting AIDS in an effort to cultivate international good will.

Their escalated rhetoric and promises to make the country safer underscored a key challenge facing the party as it enters its nominating season: A majority of Democrats opposed the war in Iraq, but the broader electorate long has viewed Democrats as weaker than Republicans on national security - which may be the main issue next November.

Dean, the front-runner for the Democratic nomination, was unapologetic about his opposition to the war in Iraq, which fueled his surge to the front of the pack. "Let me be very clear: My position on the war in Iraq has not changed," the former Vermont governor said in a speech to the Pacific Council on International Policy, a foreign-policy research center in Los Angeles.

"The difficulties and tragedies we have faced in Iraq show the administration launched the war in the wrong way, at the wrong time, with inadequate planning, insufficient help and at extraordinary cost, so far, of \$166 billion."

Dean said Saddam's capture didn't ensure a stable and peaceful Iraq, didn't help defeat the "greater danger" of the al-Qaida terrorist network and did nothing to stop the spread of weapons of mass destruction or the risk that terrorists might use them.

—Howard Dean, presidential candidate



# France pledges gesture on forgiving Iraqi debt

PARIS (AP) - France said Monday it will work with other nations to cancel billions of dollars in Iraqi debt and that Saddam Hussein's capture will open the way toward mending relations with Washington.

Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin of France, one of the most persuasive and persistent critics of the U.S. decision to wage war in Iraq, said he hopes the capture will allow the international community to "regain its unity."

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## EDITORIAL

### Saddam's capture shows long-term promise for Iraq

**T**he capture of Saddam Hussein by U.S. forces is good news for the world, and especially for U.S. and coalition troops. But it is greater still for the people of Iraq.

What better way to strengthen Iraq than an Iraqi-run tribunal to try Saddam for his crimes? Making the court more international may be necessary, since Saddam also attacked Kuwait and Iran. But it's imperative that the people of Iraq be prominent jurors. Such a tribunal will be a major step on Iraq's road to democratic rule.

**Our view:** Iraqis and the entire world can celebrate the downfall of Saddam Hussein. We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Saddam was a menace to the Middle East, the U.S. and the world. To his own people, he was a tyrant, a torturer and a murderer. It's fitting, then, that a man who ruled by fear for almost 25 years - who killed enemies, supporters, even his own family members - was hunted down and captured like a trapped animal. For Iraqis, Saturday's events were even bigger than the fall of Baghdad on April 9. Now freedom can truly take shape without fear or retaliation.

Saddam's arrest is a huge lift in the war on terror. By no means is it an end to violence, as President Bush pointed out Sunday. In some ways, Saddam's capture could escalate terrorist attacks in the short term.

But taking Saddam alive sends several bold messages:

- The hunt for terrorists continues. Finding Saddam in a country larger than California was no easy task. It took eight months of effort and sacrifice.
- Some critics of U.S. policy have tried to cleanse Saddam's record. But make no mistake, he was an agent of terror. Whether he was compensating Palestinian bombers, using chemical weapons on his own people, or pursuing nuclear bombs from North Korea, Saddam was in the business of fear and death.
- A new day for Iraqi justice.

• Bush's resolve grows stronger. The president's decision to take on Saddam's regime was the riskiest gamble of his presidency. His critics, especially those in the Democratic primary, have "hammered him" for every setback.

Cautioning Saddam doesn't assure the president's re-election. But Bush's resolve and his leadership are growing stronger. Bush must continue to emphasize vigilance in Iraq and here at home. Most importantly, he must push harder in the hunt for Sept. 11 mastermind Osama bin Laden.

Some think Bush should work again to reconnect with our traditional allies, seeking multilateral support for the continuing war on terror. To a certain extent he can. But our allies should also step up to the plate in that collaboration.

As Congressman Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said Monday, "They can be included if they want to. But they need to show whether they're willing to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem."

Two years ago, Bush warned that the war on terror would be "a lengthy campaign unlike any other we have ever seen." No end is yet in sight. Yet the capture of Saddam Hussein shows that America and its allies are marching ahead.

## Trial could be a nation-building event

**T**he tyrant's capture has triggered a predictable chorus from those who have consistently subordinated the interests of Iraq and other things, to their agenda for aggrandizing international institutions. They say an international tribunal should have a role - perhaps the role - in the trial of Saddam Hussein. So it is timely to recall the Nuremberg anomaly.

The charges against leading Nazis in the 1945-46 war crimes tribunal included:

- Aggressive war: The judges included - necessarily but not exclusively - a representative of the Soviet Union, which was Hitler's ally in September 1939 when he invaded Poland, and which participated in Poland's dismemberment. It would be unseemly for Saddam to be tried in front of judges from, say, France, Germany and Russia, which tried mightily to prevent his removal.
- Opposition to "internationalizing" Saddam's prosecution involves different, larger and better reasons than the U.S. decision - which seems like a tantrum targeted up as foreign policy - to deny Iraq reconstruction contracts to companies from nations that opposed the war. A trial in Iraq, by Iraqis, can serve several important goals.

It might have been easier if Saddam had died resisting capture - although that would have allowed the mythmakers, who are legion in that region, to envelop his memory with a nimbus of martyrdom. The fact that he was captured with a pistol he would not use even on himself makes it unlikely that he can seem bravely defiant in his trial.

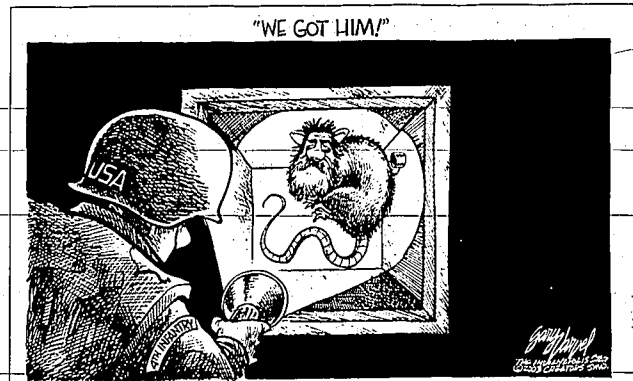
An Iraqi trial can build the authoritative record of Saddam's crimes. It also can give the new regime dignity.

The long, dispiriting history of Holocaust denial - a thriving lie in the Middle East, and alive elsewhere - would be a far worse plague had not the Nuremberg tribunal painstakingly rubbed the noses of various nations in what they did, or did too little to prevent. An unsparring presentation of Saddam's crimes would also usefully complicate the moral exhibitionism of some of America's critics.

In addition, an Iraqi tribunal would be a dramatic opportunity to demonstrate progress toward something even more crucial than the reliable production of electricity - competence at governing. It is axiomatic that hard cases make bad law, but this is not a hard case. There is no doubt that the person to be tried committed criminal enormities.

The attempts of "internationalists" to hijack Saddam's prosecution are partly for the purpose of demoting the importance and legitimacy of nation-states generally. But Iraqi nationhood - currently tenuous as a political and psychological fact - can be affirmed by entrusting it with the trial. By serving Iraq's national memory, the trial can be a nation-building event.

The Nuremberg tribunal, although necessary as a means of vilifying vengeance, raised trou-



bling questions not only because of its Stalinist component but because an ex post facto taint attached to the charge of "crimes against humanity." But Iraqis, not the abstraction "humanity," were Saddam's victims, and should be his prosecutors.

Israel's 1961 prosecution of Adolf Eichmann, although an admirable demonstration of implacable yet measured justice, did, to some critics, carry the blemish of the kidnapping from Argentina that made it possible. But there was no nonsense about Eichmann being tried by "the international community" for crimes against "humanity." He was tried by the nation summoned into existence by crimes in which he participated. Iraq is similarly the discrete locus of the great grievance against Saddam.

Ripples from Saddam's capture will - and should - radiate through America's domestic politics. The question of Saddam's trial, like the war itself, raises profound issues that divide America's parties. They are issues about the rights of nations, and the importance of defending them against the self-aggrandizement of international institutions of question-

able competence, legitimacy and accountability. Furthermore, no Democrat is running for president as a little ray of sunshine, but John Kerry used the occasion Sunday morning to tell Fox News that although the capture was good, the administration still has not done enough about AIDS. Can someone that tone-deaf govern?

Howard Dean was more gracious than he was when Saddam fled Baghdad. Then Dean said "I suppose" that Saddam's removal was a good thing; Saddam's capture was the third element in last week's trifecta for George W. Bush, coming after Al Gore strengthened the candidacy of Bush's preferred opponent, and the Dow passed 10,000. But perhaps Sunday's euphoria among the vast majority of next November's voters will cause Democrats to pause on their double-time march toward nominating the one serious candidate whose viability is most at stake going into an election year in which Saddam would be on trial in Baghdad.

• The anti-war movement: The man who would have benefited most if their efforts had succeeded will soon be on trial for war crimes, and perhaps genocide.

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- The winners**
- George W. Bush: He said to be patient, that we'd get Saddam. He was right. He is vindicated.
  - Tony Blair and European allies: The trial of Saddam will show they stood on the right side of history.
  - The Iraqi people: They're not coming back. Ever.
  - Coalition troops: Last week's suffering from bad morale thanks to the quoniamer. This week: on top of the world.

- OTHER VIEWS**  
Dallas Morning News
- The GOP: Faint rumblings of a "Bush landslide" next fall, which helps the party's candidates nationwide.
  - The "Axis of Weasels": Saddam's going to sing like a bird

- an albatross that will be hung around the necks of France, Germany, Russia and other countries that opposed the war.
- Pro-Saddam Arab leaders: Their hero was dragged out of a rat-hole, and will now be forced to answer for his crimes on the Iraqi people. Why did they support him? History will want to know.
- Howard Dean: Last week: only leading Democratic presidential candidate bold enough to oppose the war from the get-go.

This week: only leading Democratic candidate foolish enough to oppose the war from the get-go.

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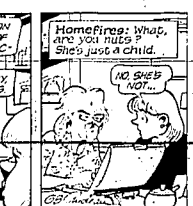
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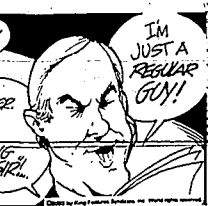
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Bin Laden remains out of grasp, some say

Chicago Tribune

KABUL, Afghanistan — Whether he is holed up in a mountain cave or enjoying the hospitality of a local tribesman, Osama bin Laden has little reason to fear the same fate as Saddam Hussein any time soon, according to Afghan officials involved in the hunt for al-Qaida's leader.

More than two years and \$20 billion after U.S. forces set out to find the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, bin Laden remains as elusive as ever, officials said.

"If they catch him, it will be by accident," said Gen. Hilaruddin Hial, Afghanistan's deputy interior minister in charge of security. U.S. officials promised Monday that Hussein's capture would reenergize the hunt for bin Laden and his al-Qaida associates and allies.

But there is no reason to believe U.S. forces are any closer to finding the Saudi exile than they were when he gave them the slip in the mountains of Tora Bora in 2001. Afghan and U.S. officials said

they believe he most likely is roaming the frontier wilderness straddling the Afghan-Pakistan border, home to the fiercely independent Pashtun tribe.

The area stretches 1,500 miles from the bleak deserts of Baluchistan in the south to the peaks of the Hindu Kush mountains in the north. The hunt is complicated by the tortuous nature of the terrain and also by the complex history of the tribal region.

Whereas Hussein and his coterie always were vulnerable to the treachery of anti-Hussein Iraqis, bin Laden remains protected by Pashtun customs and culture and by the fiercely Islamic loyalties of the local tribesmen.

The offer of a \$25 million reward, an unimaginable fortune in this impoverished region, means nothing against the rigid code of tribal honor that requires tribesmen to offer hospitality to any stranger in need, said Mohammed Omar Babrakzai, Afghanistan's deputy minister for border and tribal affairs.

The American military said the intelligence, supplied by Saddam was the major breakthrough Monday one that gave them hope they could start eliminating secret cells whose guerrilla tactics have impeded restoring basic goods, services and safety to Iraq.

Suicide bombings of two Baghdad-area police stations in which 10 people were killed and at least 22 others injured were reminders that the battle to root out guerrillas were far from over. Because interrogators have had less than 24 hours to question the deposed Iraqi leader, they are only beginning to convert clues gleaned from Saddam into military operations aimed at eliminating insurgent cells, said Capt. Aaron Hatok, a spokesman for the 1st Armored Division, which is responsible for American troops in Baghdad.

The circumstances in which Saddam was discovered in a ditch with no means of communication, raised doubts about the extent to which he might have been directing insurgent attacks on U.S. troops.

But Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, commander of the 1st Armored Division, said he believed Saddam was in some way coordinating those cells.

The general, in an e-mail exchange with a Washington,

D.C.-based Los Angeles Times reporter, said the information gleaned from Saddam and documents he had with him confirmed many of the theories American intelligence analysts had already been pursuing.

Hertling said the U.S. troops will use the newly gathered intelligence "to further connect the dots of cells that operate in Baghdad." He said the next phase will be working with the Iraqi police to hunt down "car-

theft rings — a further step in restoring security to the Iraqi capital. Investigators also said they were trying to determine whether Saddam was linked to a money trail funding insurgents.

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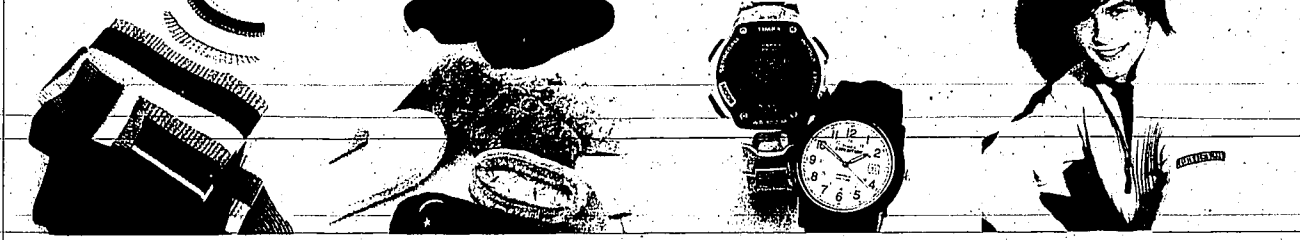
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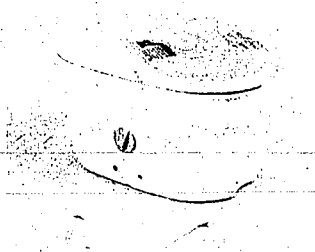
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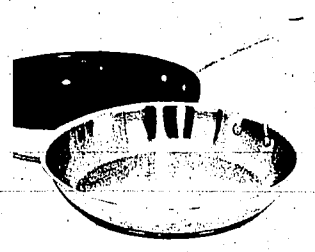
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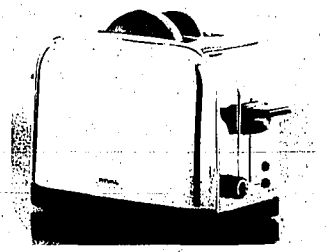
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and charges are filed. Limbaugh's rights have been scrupulously protected during the investigation, Palm Beach State Attorney spokesman Mike Edmondson said Monday. Limbaugh's petition asks for a court hearing within three days. "No citizen would want these highly personal details to be held by minions of the state to finger through at their leisure. Nor would any sane person wish his medical diagnosis and medical prescriptions to be widely published on television shows, tabloid newspapers, Web sites and the like," the petition says.

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| LT225/70R-15R/W   | 123.30 | LT225/50R-15      | 165.75 |
| LT245/70R-15R/W   | 119.49 | LT245/50R-15      | 91.25  |
| LT270/50R-15      | 116.72 | LT270/50R-15      | 107.40 |
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| SIZE         | PRICE | SIZE         | PRICE |
|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| P185/70SR-13 | 41.61 | P225/70SR-15 | 52.91 |
| P185/65SR-13 | 43.89 | P235/70SR-15 | 66.52 |
| P175/70SR-13 | 46.41 | P185/70R-15  | 59.35 |
| P185/70SR-13 | 48.46 | P185/70SR-14 | 60.00 |
| P185/70SR-14 | 50.19 | P205/70SR-14 | 61.45 |
| P185SR-14    | 51.97 | P210/70SR-14 | 65.60 |
| P205/70SR-14 | 54.67 | P205/70SR-15 | 64.61 |
| P210/70SR-14 | 54.52 | P215/70SR-15 | 67.27 |
| P235/70SR-15 | 56.81 | P225/70SR-15 | 69.56 |
| P215/70SR-15 | 59.91 | P235/70R-15  | 73.35 |

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| SIZE & LOAD RANGE | PRICE  | SIZE & LOAD RANGE | PRICE  |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| P225/70R-15       | 81.89  | P225/70R-17       | 113.29 |
| P225/70R-15       | 87.69  | LT225/70R-17      | 145.13 |
| P225/70R-15       | 91.59  | LT225/65R-15R/W   | 159.05 |
| LT215/70R-15      | 99.91  | LT225/65R-15R/W   | 114.39 |
| LT225/70R-15R/W   | 119.70 | LT225/55R-15      | 129.07 |
| LT225/70R-15      | 125.25 | LT205/55R-15      | 88.02  |
| LT235/70R-15      | 119.41 | LT210/50R-15      | 109.55 |
| LT245/70R-15      | 127.40 | LT245/50R-15      | 165.75 |
| LT270/50R-15      | 135.04 | LT270/50R-15      | ADAPT  |
| LT270/50R-15      | 139.56 |                   |        |

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RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE BRAKING POWER OCCURS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO LOSING TRACTION. SIPING EXTENDS THE WINDOW ALLOWED FOR MAXIMUM BRAKING POWER BY GIVING THE EXISTING TREAD A HELPING HAND. IN THE EXAMPLES ABOVE, NOTICE HOW THE SIPED TIRE HAS MORE GRIPPING EDGES. THESE MICRO EDGES REDUCE THE DISTANCE NEEDED FOR BRAKING ON WET AND Icy ROADS.

BETTER TRACTION!  
THE TREAD SURFACE ON YOUR TIRE IS MADE UP OF MANY SMALLER SURFACES KNOWN AS "TREAD BLOCKS". THE TIGHTER THE SURFACES ARE, THE MORE EFFECTIVELY IMPROVED WHEN IT COMES TO TRACTION ON WET AND Icy ROADS. THE TREAD BLOCKS GET THEIR GRIPPING POWER NOT FROM THEIR MANY SMOOTH SURFACES, BUT FROM THE EVEN MORE NUMEROUS CHANGING SURROUNDING EDGES. SIPING PROVIDES MORE OF THESE GRIPPING EDGES.

WHY DON'T MY TIRES COME SIPED FROM THE MANUFACTURER?  
OUR SIPING PROCESS DOESN'T REMOVE ANY RUBBER FROM THE TREAD ALLOWING THE ORIGINAL TIRE TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER. A MOLDED SIPING GROOVE IS CUT INTO THE TREAD. SIPING CREATES EDGES WITHOUT SIPING.

SMOOTHER RIDE!  
NEW ASPHALT IS RELATIVELY SMOOTH BUT, TIME AND WEAR EXPOSE THE UNDERLYING CRACKS AND HOLES. SIPING GIVES YOUR TIRES A MICRO-FLEXIBILITY REDUCING THE WEAR ON YOUR TIRES' CONTACT AND SIDEWALL. THIS EFFECT NOT ONLY INCREASES TIRE LIFE, BUT WILL RESULT IN A SMOOTHER RIDE.

HOW IS SIPING DONE?  
SIPING IS DONE BY PLACING YOUR TIRE (NEW OR USED) ON A SPECIALLY DESIGNED MACHINES THAT RUBBERS YOUR TIRE WHILE MAKING STRIPS, WHICHIY REMOVABLE 90 DEGREE CUTS IN YOUR TREAD. DON'T BE ALARMED! ALTHOUGH THE PROCESS IS ACTUALLY CUTTING YOUR TREAD, IT DOESN'T HURT YOUR TIRE IN ANY WAY. IT IMPROVES ON IT. ONLY UNDER VERY CLOSE INSPECTION CAN THE SIPING BE SEEN, AND YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN TOLD BY YOUR IMPROVED DRIVING EXPERIENCE THAT YOUR TIRE IS BETTER!

WILL SIPING AFFECT MY TIRE'S PERFORMANCE?  
SIPING WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR TIRE'S PERFORMANCE IN ANY WAY. THE TREAD ON YOUR TIRES REMAINS ALL IN PLACE. THE ONLY CHANGE IS THE PATTERNED SIPPING CUTTING PROCESS. THIS PROCESS REMOVES RUBBER STRIPS KNOWN AS THE TIRES LEAKING YOUR TREAD STRIP.

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Section B

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Searchers recover body of man

**JEROME**—Searchers recovered the body of a man who fell in the Snake River Canyon Monday evening, Jerome County Sheriff's Capt. Gerald Brant said.

Officials weren't releasing the man's name.

The body was found about half a mile east of the Perrine Bridge on the north side of the canyon, Brant said. The body was not in the river. He said officials had not determined why the man fell.

"At this point, I would hesitate to say one way or another," he said. "We are doing more interviews and investigation."

He said the search was initiated at about 5 p.m. after a person who was with the victim called emergency officials.

Along with the Jerome County Sheriff's Dept., agencies involved in the search included the Jerome Fire Department, Jerome County Search and Rescue, the Jerome Police Department and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

Crews were out of the canyon at about 9 p.m., Brant said.

### CSI will buy house to serve as offices

**TWIN FALLS**—The College of Southern Idaho will pay \$95,000 for a house and lot on Madrona Street to serve as offices for a grant-funded disabilities program.

College board members voted unanimously Monday to buy the property at 522 Madrona St., which consists of the house valued at \$85,000 and the lot at \$10,000. The property is located near the TransV bus complex and land owned by the college.

CSIVice President of Finance Mike Mason said the house will serve as offices for two professionals and an administrative assistant who will evaluate people for disabilities services. The program is in conjunction with Idaho State University and the state Department of Health and Welfare.

Also Monday, the college board changed its bidding policy to match a new state law. The minimum purchase amount that the college must use a formal bidding process for is now \$25,000, up from \$10,000.

### Gang prevention board offers grants to groups

**TWIN FALLS**—The Gang Prevention Advisory Board has \$4,700 to distribute to qualifying "south-central Idaho" programs through the Young Offender Demonstration Project, operated by Region IV Development.

The board awarded a \$5,300 grant Thursday to the Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club to initiate a boxing program for youth in the Mini-Cassia area. The program will be based on an existing program in Twin Falls.

Nearly half of the original \$10,000 from Region IV Development remains.

For more information or to apply for the grant, call 732-5727, Ext. 3004, or download a grant application from [www.rivda.org](http://www.rivda.org).

### Police offer class on abuse of inhalants

**TWIN FALLS**—Abuse of inhalants will be the topic of tonight's community drug awareness class, presented as part of the Twin Falls Police Department's Operation Zero Tolerance.

The class will be held at 7 p.m. in the conference room at City Hall, 321 Second Ave. E.

Members of the public are invited to attend.

For more information, call Sgt. Terry Thuesen or Detective Scott Smith at 735-HELIP.

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

| Watershed           | % of Avg*     | % season peak** |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Slipper Snake Basin | 110%          | 35%             |
| Salmon Falls        | 117%          | 33%             |
| Salmon              | 106%          | 31%             |
| Osley               | 112%          | 29%             |
| Big Wood            | 100%          | 29%             |
| Little Wood         | 113%          | 32%             |
| Honyrs Fork/Toten   | 124%          | 38%             |
| Big Lost            | 114%          | 33%             |
| Little Lost         | 92%           | 28%             |
|                     | As of Dec. 15 |                 |

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

# Workers turn soil at Pit 9

## Nuclear waste retrieval begins in January as topsoil removal is now underway

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS**—The first scoop of soil at last has been turned at the infamous Pit 9 near Idaho Falls.

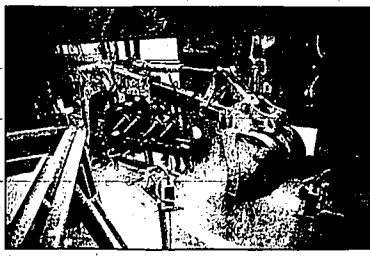
Removal of topsoil is under way, with nuclear waste retrieval scheduled to begin in January after about 3 to 5 feet of soil is removed, officials announced Monday.

But it's unclear whether the long-awaited and expensive project ultimately will mean removal of all transuranic waste buried above the aquifer that provides drinking water for southern Idaho.

trenches between 1954 and 1970. Today the buried barrels and boxes containing the waste are rusted and broken.

The landfill sits 580 feet above the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, which drains into the Snake River from Kimberly to King Hill.

The buried waste includes transuranic waste—waste that includes plutonium, americium and other radioactive materials and organic solvents along with garbage, parts of machinery and reactors, even an old pickup truck bed, that have been contaminated by radioactive elements.



The first clean overburden soil is placed into high-strength storage bags at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's Pit 9 on Friday. The bags will be stored until the nuclear waste retrieval is complete and will then be returned to the dig area.

**Pit 9** is a one-acre burial pit in an 88-acre landfill at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Nuclear waste and other hazardous contaminants were buried there in unlined pits and

The Pit 9 test project is expected to provide details on the condition of the buried waste and other information to help determine future remediation projects, Jessie Roberson, the U.S. Department of

Energy's assistant secretary for environmental management, said in a prepared statement.

By 2007, the test project must produce an excavation plan for retrieval of the entire

one-acre Pit 9.

An estimated 10 to 12 acres of the landfill contain transuranic waste. The Department of Energy contends it is not

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# State wants shift in land management

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Little information was available Monday about a public meeting scheduled tonight on a proposal that could shift management of 1.3 million acres of public lands in Twin Falls and Cassia counties to one federal land agency and involve more local input.

The only notice given was through small legal advertisements that described the meeting as an informal workshop. Consultants hired by the state to explore local management on areas of federal lands in Idaho could not be reached for comment.

Tonight's meeting is an outgrowth of the Idaho Federal Lands Task Force formed in 1996 by the Idaho Legislature. Four other proposals that involved state management of federal land—emerged—in areas of Idaho's central and northern timber country.

State Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, said Monday that a new proposal is being developed for public land in Twin Falls and Cassia counties. It would be the same as a plan unveiled in 2000 that would have shifted management of 1.3 million acres of Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service land in Twin Falls and Cassia counties to the state.

"It would be a step in that direction," Bedke said.

Bedke, who runs cattle on federal land in the two counties, was involved in drafting the original proposal. A new proposal has not been written, he said. Tonight's meeting likely will involve exploring a plan that could include shifting management to one federal agency for more efficient public lands management in the two counties, he said.

The Federal Land Task Force was appointed by former Gov. Phil Batt out of concern that "federal policies are making it harder and harder for industries to survive," Bedke said.

The task force no longer exists, but Idaho has been working to implement its recommendations. Implementation requires federal legislation.

Officials from both the BLM and Sawtooth National Forest said Monday that tonight's meeting does not involve their agencies.

Times-News writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237, or [jsandmann@magicvalley.com](mailto:jsandmann@magicvalley.com).

### Meeting Tonight

A public meeting will be held tonight to discuss a state proposal to alter management of 1.3 million acres of public land in Twin Falls and Cassia counties. The land is managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Sawtooth National Forest. Consultants hired by the Idaho Department of Lands will hold an "informal workshop" from 7- to 8:30 tonight at the Idaho Farm Bureau building, 2732 Kimberly Road, in Twin Falls.

## IT'S FINALS TIME



Sophomore Matt Housley calls a friend to make sure he is on his way to a first aid and CPR final test Monday.

# T.F. council delays annex decision

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—With a chorus of opposition ringing in their ears, City Council members Monday delayed action on the rezoning and annexation of a proposed subdivision.

Neighbors of Candlridge East on Eastland Drive south of Pole Line Road expressed frustration that a rezoning from R-1 43,000 to R-1 Variable would allow for much smaller lots than the current zoning requires.

"Annexation is probably an inevitable fact," Desert View Drive resident Dick Sterling said. "But when a request comes in asking for a more dense zone than the current zoning, it's a different story."

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### Council chooses Auger Falls engineering firm

Development of city-owned land near Auger Falls as a park and wastewater treatment area is one step closer. JUB Engineers Inc. of Twin Falls will lead the study to develop nearly 550 acres of land northwest of the city in the Snake River Canyon, the City Council decided Monday.

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

Six engineering firms presented their ideas to the City Council last week. Council members voted to hire JUB Engineers Monday without discussing costs, though city officials said last week the "concept phase" of planning could cost \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Several council members cited JUB Engineers' emphasis on public input as

a deciding factor. Most said they wanted to select a local firm.

If all things are equal regarding experience and talent, said Mayor Lance Clow, "then the tie goes to the local runner."

Others noted that the employees of the company would stand to benefit from the project because they are citizens themselves.

"They live here and work here," Councilman Tim Guig said. "They have a vested interest in the area."

Councilman Chris Falkington cast the lone vote against JUB Engineers, instead supporting CH2M Hill. He cited JUB Engineers' presenters' superficial treatment of water purification, which he said should have been the most important consideration.

"The public component is a relatively minor one," he said, "improving the middle stretch of the Snake River and

getting pollution credits could be a long-term economic benefit for the city. That's what's important."

City officials hope to reduce the amount of phosphorus and other nutrients in wastewater discharged from the city's sewer plant, which would improve water quality in the Snake River. Plants and trees, such as hybrid poplars, would do the job naturally.

If the city can remove large quantities of phosphorus, it can sell credits to businesses that can't remove it from their wastewater as inexpensively, resulting in a money-maker for Twin Falls.

Bill Block, senior project manager at JUB Engineers, addressed the council and promised a good working relationship with the city.

"I understand your issues, and we'll do everything we can to do a good job," he said.

# Simpson: Iraq should try Saddam

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—When U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson's wife woke him up early Sunday morning to tell him the ace of spades had been caught, Simpson thought he was dreaming.

But it wasn't a dream. Saddam Hussein was indeed in U.S. hands.



Rep. Mike Simpson

### More on Saddam - A1

"It's a good day for everyone, but it's an especially good day for the people of Iraq," Simpson said Monday afternoon in a meeting with The Times-News editorial board.

Since the U.S. intends to give total control of Iraq back to the Iraqi people as soon as possible, it only makes sense for Saddam to stand trial in an Iraqi court, Simpson said.

"I think it would be best to have the people of Iraq try him," he said, adding that it would help dispel the terrorist myth that events in Iraq and Afghanistan are a war between the U.S. and the Arab world.

Simpson predicted there would be an increase in terrorist violence in the short term, "but in the long run, it must be demoralizing for their organizations."

Simpson said though Sunday morning's events will probably calm the political rhetoric in Iraq for a while, it won't change the minds of the Howard Dean faithful who were against invading Iraq in the first place. However, when more about the truth of

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# Lawyer's wrangle over suspect's transfer

By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY**—A Wood River Valley teenager charged with slaying her parents was moved from the Blaine County Jail to Burley's Mini-Cassia jail for a week because she made "incriminating" statements to a female cellmate, a prosecuting attorney said in court Monday.

The 16-year-old's alleged statements presumably could have complicated the case.

However, Sarah Johnson, the attorney for

Pangburn said. Although he knows the name of the cellmate, Pangburn declined to name her or why she was being held by Blaine County.

Inside 5th District Court, Pangburn rose and said Blaine County deputy prosecutor Justin Whatcott's allegation "violated Judge James May's Nov. 21 gag order restricting what lawyers, witnesses, law enforcement officers and court employees could say about the case before trial."

Whatcott asked for the Monday hearing so May could tighten the gag order. Whatcott complained to the judge that while prosecutors "have been avoiding calls (from the media) to not violate the gag order," Pangburn had made "a number of statements (to the media) that concern us—attempts to elicit sympathy (for Sarah Johnson)—and contempt (for the sheriff's office)."

It was Pangburn's published comment about Johnson's transfer from Blaine

County and return from Burley after eight days two weeks ago that prompted the prosecution's criticism—that Pangburn thought it was "peculiar" for Sarah Johnson to be moved, plus comments the teenager was lonely.

"This brought Pangburn to his feet, saying that the reason for moving Johnson 'remains peculiar' to him. He also told the media when he learned of Johnson's transfer that he assumed it had been done for legitimate purposes, and to not interrupt consultations with his client."

The brief flash of lawyerly testiness between prosecution and defense attorneys was witnessed by Johnson, who sat in the jury box with another female inmate in orange-colored jail uniforms and in handcuffs and leg shackles. A jailer sat behind them.

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Sarah Johnson



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William 'Bill' Zink - Filser

William "Bill" B. Zink passed away at home on Dec. 14, 2003. He was born on March 17, 1915, at the Twin Falls Hospital to Burrett H. Zink and Fannie M. Trentowsky Zink. Bill graduated from Filser High School in 1933. He has lived on his farm north of Filser all of his life. He married Darlene Clay Worley and her three children on Dec. 15, 1961, adjoining Donald and Violet. He joined the Cedar Draw Grange when he was 15 years old. He held the office of secretary and master and other over the years. Bill farmed until a bale of hay fell on him in 1993 at the age of 78.



Ind., and Jeanne (Lucas) Conway of Twin Falls; three step grandsons, Robert Boyce of Twin Falls, David

Boyce in Virginia, and Jason (Julie) Boyce in Arizona; and a great-granddaughter, Alexandra Boyce of Twin Falls. He is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Shirley (Stan) Hostetler of Kimberly and LaVonne (Roland) Cindist of Twin Falls; a brother-in-law, Robert Clay in Missouri; and numerous nieces and nephews. A graveside service will take place at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at the Filser Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests that contributions in Bill's name can be given to the Magic Valley Regional Hospice or to the Arthritis Foundation and can be left with Reynolds Chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

William V. 'Bill' Harral - Hazelton



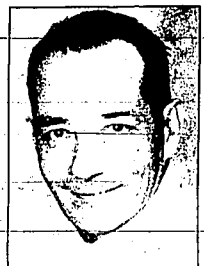
Bill Harral, 66, of Hazelton, passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, of natural causes. Bill was born Oct. 12, 1937, in Declo, Idaho, to William Orval and Voleta Fries Harral. He grew up and attended school in the Buhl area. In August of 1956, he married the love of his life, Betty Jean Corben. Bill worked in agriculture all of his life. He has done custom farming and worked for various farmers in the Magic Valley. His hobbies included hunting and fishing, but his greatest pleasure was spending time with his family.

Through his passing he leaves behind his loving wife of 47 years, Betty; children, Joyce, Cindy and Barbara; all of Hazelton; Gene and Jim of Blackfoot; Idaho, and Cheri of Jerome; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Also surviving is his brother, Floyd Harral of Twin Falls, Idaho. His parents and three brothers preceded him in death.

The service for Bill will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Valley Christian Church in Hazelton, with Pastor Kent Sullivan officiating. Interment will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery in Hazelton. Friends may call from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at the Valley Christian Church in Hazelton, Idaho. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Leslie (John) Slatter - Filser



Leslie (John) Slatter, age 77, passed away at Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at his home. He was a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was born Aug. 6, 1926, to Les and Bessie Slatter. He married Larene Taylor on Sept. 30, 1945 in Filser, Idaho.

Leslie (John) loved the Lord Jesus because Jesus made it possible for him to go to heaven where he will see his Savior and his loved ones. To see Jesus in Heaven was his greatest joy.

Leslie loved to fish and hunt. And he spent many wonderful camping trips with all his family whom he loved very much.

After Leslie and Larene were married, he worked for Joe Taylor, his father-in-law, until he was discharged into the U.S. Army. Following his honorable discharge he returned to work at Joe Taylor Electric. Leslie farmed in Wendell, Idaho, and for

the Cox Brothers Custom Farming in Kimberly. He was working for Hawkins Warehouse when he fell and went on disability. He enjoyed his hobby of fixing things in his

small shop. Leslie is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Larene-of-Filser, his children, Christine (Jim) Curry of Shoshone, Galen Slater of Twin Falls, and Steven Slater of Filser; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one brother, Glenn (Lavelle) Slater of Gooding; and one sister, Hazel Huddelson of Spring Creek, Nev.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, George, Bob and Ben Slatter.

The service for John will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Pastor Clarence Knutson of the Magic Valley Baptist Church in Buhl officiating. Burial will follow at the Filser Cemetery. Military honors by the Filser American Legion Post No. 47. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Phillip 'Wayne' Reeves - Kimberly



Phillip "Wayne" Reeves, 83 years old, a resident of Kimberly, Idaho, passed away at his home from cancer. Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003, at his home surrounded by his family.

Wayne was born in Stanford, Texas, on Feb. 1, 1920, the 10th of 12 children to William Osborn and Madeline Irwin Osborn. He served in the Air Force for 3 years. While serving in the military, he met and married Hazel Bess Merritt in February 1943. They lived in west Texas until they settled in Idaho as one of the first Mimboko County homesteaders in April of 1954. They had eight children and were later divorced. Wayne married Marlene Braswell on June 21, 1969, in Elko, Nev. They have resided in the Kimberly area, for 34 years. Between the two of them they had 14 children.

Wayne had a long and successful career as a farm implement salesman in the "Magic Valley" area. During his career, he made many wonderful and lifetime friends as well as business acquaintances, including the farmers he met. He was well respected by all the companies that he worked for over the

years; he retired from sales in 1985. Wayne was an avid hunter and fisherman. He instilled this passion in his sons and grandsons, and all have enjoyed his remarkable talent as a storyteller. His humor, good nature and living a life of caring and sharing were valued in his community as he was honored as the city of Kimberly's Good Neighbor of the Year. Wayne was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather; he will be deeply missed by

all of his family and friends. Surviving Wayne are his wife, Marlene; four brothers, children Donna (Gary) Fessenden, Brenda Thompson, Brenda Adams Thueson (Randy), Debbie (Larry) Wickham, Karis Reeves, Tony (Debra) Besswell, Tom (Mary) Reeves, Dixie (Joe) Watts, Fammie Walk, Sharon (Robert) Laguire, Mark (Shelly) Reeves and Mike (Shawn) Nix; 33 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

His parents, four brothers, three sisters, one son, one daughter and three grandsons preceded him in death.

Visitation for Wayne will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2521 Kimberly Road.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Kimberly 2nd Ward, 2222 Birch St., Kimberly, Idaho, with interment following at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Dorothy L. Steelmon - Burley



Dorothy Leota Steelmon, 90-year-old Burley resident, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at Park's View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

She was born March 19, 1913, in Everton, Ark., the daughter of William Franklin and Nancy E. O'Daniel Heard. She married Willard W. Steelmon on July 10, 1937, in Everton, Ark. They moved to Idaho in the spring of 1943, and she has resided in the Burley area since that time. Dorothy worked at Ore-Ida Foods from 1959 to 1979, until she retired. Following her retirement she worked in the Foster Grandparent program from 1979 to 1999. She was on the Advisory Council for the Office of the Aging through the College of Southern Idaho. Dorothy was a longtime member of the Burley Assembly of God Christian Center, from 1944 until the time of her death. She held various positions and served, dili-

gently over the years. Survivors include two daughters, Freda (Bill) Hutchison of Burley and Nancy K. (Richard) Kossman of Tacoma, Wash.; four sons, Willard

Bryan Steelmon of Fallon, Nev., Glen (Donna) Steelmon of Denver, Colo., Theibert W. Steelmon of Carson City, Nev., and Ronald D. Steelmon; two sisters, Mavis Rose of Springfield, Mo., and Cleota Heath of Arapahoe, Okla.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard in 1972; a stepson, Clifford, in 1992; four sisters, Winnie Johnson, Edna Chichester, Inez Shipman, and Geneva Moore; and a brother, Cecil Head.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Burley Assembly of God Christian Center, 317 W. 27th St., with Pastor Randy Gardner officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley and one hour before the service Wednesday at the church.

Bertle Charles Blackmer - Jerome



Bertle Charles Blackmer, 81, of Jerome and formerly of Boise died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003. He was born to George W. and Edith Mae Blackmer on May 8, 1922, in Rockland, Idaho.

Bert loved to garden and raise flowers. He lived and worked most of his life in Boise and the Magic Valley, farming and dairying. He married the love of his life Zovallier Billman Lockhart on June 5, 1953, at Jerome, Idaho. She preceded him in death on Sept. 9, 1985, after 34 years of marriage.

He is survived by his children Ronna (Tom) Harley, Wendell, Idaho, Gayla (John) Blom, Jerome, Idaho, Mary (Bob) Kirsch, Kenai, Alaska, Jerald (Nancy) Lockhart, McCall, Idaho, Lewis Frederick (Sharie) California, Marvin (Sharrie) Lockhart, Boise, Idaho,

Allen (Mary) Lockhart, Boise, Idaho, Beverly Curtis, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Jolyn Lockhart-Lawson, Boise, Idaho, Ranay Lockhart,

Henderson, Nev.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by two brothers, Gilbert (Ruth) Blackmer, Eagle, Idaho, and Harold (Ruth) Blackmer, Clackamas, Ore.

Bert was preceded in death by his wife, parents, one son, one brother and three sisters.

The last part of his life Bert lived very happily at Creekside Living Care Center. He considered the residents and people who worked there his family.

A private burial service will be conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at the Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise, with Mr. Lowell Browning officiating. Cremation arrangements took place under the direction of Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Ted Devon Smith of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. today 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 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Kathleen Rutherford of Buhl, service at 2 p.m. today at Park'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. today at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert; friends may call one hour before the service today at the church (Hansen-Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

Orval Theone Hymas of Filser and formerly of Burley, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Filser 2nd Ward Chapel, 841 Midway; family will greet friends from 1 p.m. until the time of the service at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Oma Bell Stockard of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary; burial will follow at the Hazelton Cemetery in Hazelton.

low at the Magic Valley Veterans Cemetery, south of Hansen; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

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

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# Cassia sheriff leads Idaho's association

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens anticipates new challenges during the next year, as president of the Idaho Sheriff's Association.

Hignens was installed Dec. 9 and delivered his first speech as president Friday. He was the keynote speaker at the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training detention student graduation ceremony.

He had planned to attend the

graduation anyway, because two employees of the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center were graduates. But he had expected to be in the audience, "not up there in front of everybody."

Hignens has been an association officer for the past two years. He was elected second vice president two years ago and was first vice president in 2003. His term as president ends in December 2004.

The sheriff's association has two main areas of focus, Hignens said. The association has an executive

director and a lobbyist to help the 44 Idaho sheriffs address legislative issues, one of those areas. The second area of focus is law enforcement.

The association meets four times a year and Hignens will preside over those four conventions, set in Boise in February and December, in Pocatello in June and in Coeur d'Alene in September.

Hignens also will represent Idaho at the National Sheriff's Association convention and the

Western Sheriffs' Association. Membership in those two groups is open to all sheriffs, and he's been a member of each for two years.

"It'll be a lot of work," Hignens said. "I look forward to it and I hope I can represent our community well. But sometimes I wonder if I've bit off more than I can chew!"

Shelley Ridenour is editor of The Times-News Mini-Cassia Bureau. She can be reached at 208-677-4042, Ext. 642, or by email at sridenour@magicvalley.com.

## Lois Ann Honstead - Caldwell

Lois Ann Honstead, 57, of Caldwell, born Nov. 1, 1946, in Rupert, Idaho, died Dec. 9, 2003, in Boise of complications due to lung cancer treatments.

Lois married Loren Honstead on March 28, 1969, in Elko. New Years made their first home in Moscow until they finished school.

Lois attended Minico High School, Ricks College and the University of Idaho, where she received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education with a minor in English. Lois also had additional credits from Idaho State University, Brigham Young University, Boise State University, Northwest Nazarene University and Albertsons College of Idaho. Lois was currently teaching extended resources at Parkside Elementary School. Lois has been a teacher since approximately 1975. She has taught kids from kindergarten all the way up to eighth grade and enjoyed almost every moment of it. Lois was an avid quilter, seamstress, crocheter, embroiderer and collector of many different types of dolls. She was also active in whatever her children and grandchildren were doing at the time.

Lois was a member of the Nampa First United Methodist Church, Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Society, National Education Association, Idaho Education Association, and an unofficial honorary member of the Caldwell Lions Club.

Lois is survived by her husband, Loren Honstead of Caldwell; father, Tad Ab of Heyburn, Idaho; sisters, Carole Kawamura of Pocatello, Betty Reed of West



Valley, Utah, and Sharon Bryan of Heyburn; her daughters, Karla (Brian) Brokaw of Hillsboro, Ore., and Jodi Honstead of Middleton; grandsons, Zachary Honstead of Caldwell, Bryce Apodaca of Houston, Texas, and Seamus and Brennan Brokaw of Hillsboro, Ore.; and multiple adopted family members throughout the communities in which she lived, taught and loved.

Lois was preceded in death by her mother, Tsuyu Abo.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 20, 2003, at the Nampa First United Methodist Church, 2717 12th Ave. Road, Nampa.

Any donations should be made to the Multiple District 39 Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation where her eyes were donated after her passing. Arrangements are under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

## Soil

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required to remove all of it and that it may consider other remediation options that would allow the waste to remain in the ground. The agency has appealed a federal judge's ruling that determined a 1995 cleanup agreement requires that the buried transuranic waste be shipped out of Idaho to an underground repository.

The \$78 million test project under contract with Bechtel BWXT Idaho is expected to retrieve 80 to 100 cubic yards of buried waste from Pit 9. At that cost, the project adds up to nearly

\$1 million a cubic yard, not to mention the more than \$150 million already spent on a decade of Pit 9-related activities and delays under a previous contractor.

Bechtel BWXT Idaho is using a backhoe to unearth the waste, which will then be sorted and repackaged. A special building has been built over the pit. An indoor structure encloses the excavation area and the backhoe's arm while the machine's operator and waste sorters work from outside the walls, protected from radiation.

Topsoil removal began Friday.

## Strong winds destroy part of theater's roof

**GOODING** — The roof above the stage at the historic Schubert Theater sustained \$3,500 in damage on Sunday when it was hit with wind gusts up to 60 mph.

The owner of the building, Michael Clair, said the roof was completely detached about 1 p.m. and blew off into the parking lot behind the building. City power lines were also damaged after being struck by the intact portion of the roof.

The theater is the home of Western State College.

It just caught an edge of the roof and seemed to roll it up and dump it off the side of the building onto power lines," Gooding Fire Chief Pat Bishop said.

The Gooding Fire Department responded at 3:30 p.m. Sunday to block off traffic until Idaho Power Co. responded. Some parts of the city were without power for up to two hours.

Earlier in the day, at about 10 a.m., winds estimated at 45 to 50 mph funneled through a subdivision on the southeast corner of Hagerman. The wind caught and ripped the vinyl siding off one side of a home, according to resident Josh Traugbber. Shingles were reportedly blown off some of the other homes in the area.

Clair, who is working to restore the Schubert Theater, said he is in dire need of materials or money to buy the materials to replace the missing portion of the building's roof. While he plans to get the work done with help from volunteers, he still needs the money to have the repairs completed by Friday, in time for a scheduled open house.

"We are working with Snake River Metal, and they have been kind enough to give us 30 days to pay the \$3,500 needed to do the repairs," Clair said.

Anyone wanting to help with repairs can give Clair a call at 733-7695.

## Lawmakers will discuss coming session

**TWIN FALLS** — Magic Valley legislators will be featured in a forum on cable Channel 16 tonight at 7 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, will originate live from the City Council chambers and will have a live radio broadcast.

Twice each year, once before the legislative session and once after the session is over, local lawmakers are invited to discuss issues of interest.

## Gooding school plans SWAT team drill

**GOODING** — Gooding High School and local law enforcement agencies plan a "lockdown" and SWAT team drill Wednesday afternoon.

The drill is a practice to emulate the safety measures Gooding High personnel would take to ensure the safety of students, Principal Gayle Yakovac said.

"It is the consensus of the administration and staff that practice is the best method to create a safe environment," Yakovac said.

Parents are welcome to remove their students from school Wednesday at 2 p.m. if they don't want them to participate in the drill.

Also involved in the drill are the Gooding County Sheriff's Department, the Tri-County SWAT Team and the Gooding Police Department.

## Heyburn family receives Red Cross help

**HEYBURN** — A Heyburn family is receiving assistance from the American Red Cross after their

## Magic Valley in brief

home and belongings were damaged in a Saturday afternoon fire.

The apartment of Darin Bott and Linda Young and three daughters was extensively damaged in the fire, reported to firefighters at 1:39 p.m. A dog — the family pet — died in the fire.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Heyburn Police Department and the fire department.

Red Cross volunteers have given family members client assistance cards, to buy clothing for two of the children. Young and the children — ages 4, 11 and 13 — are staying with friends.

People may contribute to the Red Cross assist with this and other disasters by calling 208-733-6464 or sending donations to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho at 1139 Falls Ave., Suite B, Twin Falls, 83301.

## Work progresses on new Jerome fire station

**JEROME** — The city's new fire department substation is about 20 percent finished.

The substation is located on 200 South Road W, next door to the Idaho State Police Region 4 headquarters building. The building, located at 103 1/2 80-foot building is expected to cost about \$1.1 million.

"There was some vandalism on the substation building site," City Engineer Scott Bybee told Urban Renewal Agency members last week. He said the vandals who were knocked down. It has since been repaired."

In other business, Bybee said a recent call for bids for a booster station on the Marshall-Well street had no responses. Bybee said the Urban Renewal Agency could rebid the project in January or could negotiate with local contractors.

Agency members advised Bybee to "negotiate" locally and "bring the bid back to the Urban Renewal Agency for approval. Agency members hope to start the project as soon as weather permits.

## TFHS band, orchestra present concert tonight

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls High School Band and orchestra will present their 2003 Christmas concert tonight at 7:30 in the Roper Auditorium.

Admission to the concert is \$2 for adults; students get in free.

The orchestra will perform "White Christmas" and "Jingle Bell Carol," "Chestnuts Roast on a Merry Old Christmas" and a medley of Christmas songs.

The band will feature "Sleigh Ride," "March from the Nutcracker" and "On a Winter's Night." The concert will end with an audience sing-along.

Directors of the groups are Kevin Howard, orchestra, and Ted Hadley, band.

## Newspaper looks for fans' perspectives

How do you think Hollywood will square the circle of the "Rings"?

The third "Lord of the Rings" movie, "Return of the King," opens Wednesday, and The Times-News is preparing an article about fans' perspectives. If you would like to share your thoughts, please contact Peter Jackson, he will think director Peter Jackson has done justice to the J.R.R. Tolkien classic.

If you'd like to weigh in on the subject, call Steve Crump at 735-3224 or e-mail him at scrump@magicvalley.com.

## School approves consortium

The Minidoka County School Board, Monday approved a plan to establish a consortium along with the Cassia County School District, the Burley Public Library and the Rupert DeMory Memorial Library.

## School approves consortium

By J. Drew Johnson  
Times-News correspondent

**RUPERT** — Mini-Cassia library customers could gain access to resources of several libraries through a new consortium, officials say.

## Suspect

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Whitcomb, Pangburn and May, occasionally cupping her hands and burying her face.

She is under \$2 million bond in connection with the Sept. 2 gun-killing of Alan Johnson, 46, and his wife, Diane, 52, in the bedroom of their upscale Bellevue home.

At the time of Johnson's transfer out of Blaine County, Sheriff Walt Fennings's office called it "routine." Johnson's attorney acknowledged the transfer was legal and often is done because of cell space demands and gender separation requirements.

To May's question of whether the prosecution wanted the gag order enlarged, Whitcomb replied no, that he only wanted the judge to provide "guidelines of what can and cannot be said" outside the courtroom before and during

the trial, now set to begin Feb. 10.

The judge agreed and said he'd provide a refined gag order.

In his lengthy original order, May stressed he would do nothing to inhibit press coverage of the case. But he pointedly restricted parties involved in the case from discussing virtually anything before the trial that involved opinions about guilt or innocence of Sarah Johnson or the credibility of evidence and witnesses.

Meanwhile, Utah-based Beneficial Life Insurance Co. has asked 5th District Court for approval to withhold Johnson's \$225,000 beneficiary share of her father's \$450,000 life insurance policy. Johnson's brother, Matt, a University of Idaho student, already has been paid his \$225,000 share.

## Simpson

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Saddam's brutal dictatorship comes to light during his trial, it could sway those who haven't made their minds to conclude that the war was justified, Simpson said.

He said Saddam's capture should speed up the military objectives in Iraq and allow the U.S. coalition forces to "put more resources back into Afghanistan," which is now in the "dog house."

And when it comes to awarding all those rebuilding contracts, countries that want them should at least have to prove they "are part of the solution and not part of the problem," he said.

The Medicare drug bill passed in November was also a subject of discussion at Monday's meeting.

"It was the hardest bill I ever voted on," Simpson said.

Simpson said he bounced back and forth on the bill for months before voting in favor of it.

"It's not as good a bill as was passed in the House, but you've got to compromise" with the Senate," Simpson said.

And the longer it took to pass a Medicare drug bill, the more that would have been tacked onto it and the more it would have cost, he said.

But the bill is far from perfect, he said. He was especially disappointed that the final legislation didn't allow for the reimportation of lower-cost drugs.

"There's not a single case of anybody reimporting a drug and dying from it," Simpson said.

He agreed that U.S. pharmaceutical companies could do more to keep costs down.

"We need to get a handle on them," Simpson said. "We have to do something."

The \$395 billion measure gives private insurers a larger role in health care for seniors. But Simpson emphasized that senior citizens will still have a choice between traditional Medicare benefits or opting to go with a private insurance plan.

He said the way to get a handle on the rising costs of health care "is to get people involved in their medical care."

## Simpson on the issues

**TWIN FALLS** — Here's what Congressman Mike Simpson said on various issues Monday.

• Energy bill: Simpson said it should not include legislation to change the law defining low-level and low-level nuclear waste is designated. He said that issue should be debated on its own merits in Congress.

• Simpson said he was surprised to find out that nuclear waste is classified low- or high-level, not according to its radioactivity, but according to the process used to produce the waste. In some cases, "low-level" waste could actually be more radioactive than "high-level" waste.

• In terms of radioactivity, it has nothing to do with high-level or low-level, Simpson said.

• Simpson said the states should be more involved in the issue. It should be brought before committee and be put through debate "rather than sneaking language into other bills."

• Campaign reform: Simpson said he was "stunned" by last week's U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding the 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act.

The law placed limits on raising and spending "soft money" in national campaigns.

Simpson said the ruling will end up hurting new candidates more than incumbents. He said before the first campaign reform laws were passed in the aftermath of Watergate, new candidates raised \$1.80 incumbents raised. After campaign reform went into effect, new candidates raised \$2. for every \$4 incumbents raised \$3.

The law also prohibits "issue ads" from running 30 days before a primary and 60 days before a general election.

• Simpson called the law an "infringement on First Amendment rights."

• The problem is not that we have too much free speech, it's that we don't have enough," he said.

• Veterans Benefits Act: Simpson's bill to provide servicemen and servicewomen help in finding jobs once they return to the U.S. is expected to be signed into law by President Bush. The legislation would, among other things, mandate that the U.S. Department of Labor place staff members in overseas veterans' assistance offices.

## Elise May Lobb Warthen - Rupert

Elise May Lobb Warthen was born on Sept. 20, 1918, in Plymouth, England, where she met and married Albert Warthen in 1948. Albert and Elise moved to the United States in December of 1948, shortly after their marriage. The couple moved to Long Beach, Calif., where Albert continued his service in the U.S. Navy. Elise supported Albert through 25 years of Navy and civil service. After Albert's retirement, Elise, Albert, and the two sons moved to Rupert, 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 is 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.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Nancy Cabanas**  
**BURLEY** — Nancy Cabanas, 49, of Burley, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary-Burley Chapel.

**Leslie L. Juchau**  
**HAZELTON** — Leslie L. Juchau, 99, of Hazelton, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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**Truett G. McCullah**  
**HAGERMAN** — Truett G. McCullah, 76, of Hagerman, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2003, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by Demary Funeral Chapel.

## Council

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comprehensive plan asked for, we have an obligation to those (neighbors) to give them some protection. It's very unjust for developers to come in and change zoning just so their development becomes more potentially profitable."

Lack of information and explanation troubled some residents.

"I'm not getting sufficient answers to my questions," said Ruth Manwaring, who lives on Bowlin Lane. City staffers should be "people serving people, not people serving developers," she said.

Most neighbors said they would be satisfied if the rezoning section of the proposal was deleted and the area was annexed as is.

No homes are in the area yet, stirring the question among council members if annexing bare land is necessary, and whether it would set a precedent. Doing so might spur owners of other bare land parcels to petition the city for annexation before development, some members said.

The city placed an advertisement in The Times-News regarding the proposed zoning change, but not all homeowners were aware of it.

Councilman Chris Talkington said he'd like to see the city do a better job of informing residents who may be impacted by development.

Developer John Strubhaar urged the council and spoke to residents' concerns.

"I think there are some misconceptions," Strubhaar said. "I don't think they know what we're going to do."

A second hearing on the issue was scheduled for Dec. 22. Six other parcels were included in the proposed annexation ordinance but drew no opposition Monday.

Other council business included:

• Concrete OK — Triple C Concrete got approval to change the land use map from commercial/retail to industrial for its property on Addison Avenue West between Grandview Drive and 2700 East Road.

Councilwoman Elaine Steele cast the lone vote against, citing the city's responsibility to "spruce up" major arterials such as Addison Avenue.

"Doesn't this go against what we're trying to do?" she asked.

Councilwoman Glenda Thompson told Jeff Coats, representing the company that she is sending the city the amount for landscaping, creating a "visual buffer" between the concrete operation and the street.

• Right of way — The council approved a request from Willis Inc. for vacation of street right of way at Sevensprings Avenue, west of the intersection of Sevensprings Avenue and Sommer Street.

• Zoning change — Applicant Penelope Parker was granted a zoning change from R-2 to R-2 PRO on property located at 2034 Addison Ave. E.

The council approved a lease agreement for the city's new communications center equipment. The \$750,000, seven-year lease will require \$124,000 in annual payments at an interest rate of 3.8 percent.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

MORNING BREAK

# Deceitful husband destroys hope for family's future

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married to "Peter" for almost four years, and we have three children under the age of 4. It is a second marriage for both of us, and I assumed it would be for a lifetime.

About a year ago, I discovered Peter was picking up prostitutes two to three times a week. When I confronted him, he accused me of making it up. He continued to cheat and has become physically abusive as well.

Peter expects me to behave as though nothing happened! My hopes and dreams have been destroyed by this man. I don't know if our marriage can survive the trauma. Can you shed some light on this for me?

**- TIRED OF BEING A DOORMAT IN VIRGINIA**

**DEAR TIRED:** Gladly, because it's time for you to see the light. Your husband is a sexually addicted abuser. Is this the kind of person you want to spend the rest of your life with? How do you think it will affect your children to see you being brutalized?

I urge you to make an appoint-



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

ment with your doctor, to be sure your husband hasn't given you a sexually transmitted disease - or to be treated in case he has. Then call the domestic violence toll-free hotline: (800) 799-7233, and contact an attorney who specializes in family law.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband took his own life nearly 30 years ago. I have been in individual and group therapy for 20 years and in 12-step recovery for 15. Not surprisingly, my problems affected my kids when they were young.

They both live far away now. My daughter, "Margie," is in therapy and recovery. My son is in denial.

Five years ago, Margie asked her brother and me not to contact her for a while. She said she need-

ed time and space to work on specific issues independently. I have friends who have done this with good long-term results, so it made sense to me.

Recently a few friends have urged me to write Margie and tell her I miss her.

Others, including my AA friends, praise my respect for her process and say they wish they had received similar support from their families.

I regard contacting her as disrespectful, if not abusive. The door is not closed.

Margie said she would resume contact when she is ready.

What do you think?

**- WILLING TO QUESTION**

**DEAR WILLING:** Since you're gathering advice, I'll put in my 2 cents' worth. Five years of silence is enough. Write Margie and tell her that while you respect her "process," you miss her.

If she ignores your letter, it's her prerogative.

At least you will have made the gesture of trying to bridge the gap, and that is what is important.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was married a little over a year ago. My husband and I received many lovely gifts. I immediately sat down and wrote my thank-you notes.

However, it's been a busy year and I haven't addressed the notes or mailed them yet.

Do you think it's too late? Or should I still send them?

**- BLUSHING BRIDE**

**DEAR BLUSHING BRIDE:** It's never too late to do the gracious thing. Send 'em out!

## Bats develop specific taste for blood

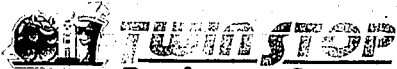
Vampire bats seem to develop their own tastes in blood flavors. They repeatedly return only to certain victims.

Movie publicists in the 1930s put out obituaries in newspapers on behalf of film stars. Wherein said stars bid gentle goodbyes to dead dogs, cats, canaries, whatever. Made a pretty good impression. Advertised some movies. And activated another small business:

Pet cemeteries opened around the country.

What do you think of California? The British-born writer Christopher Isherwood called it "a tragic country, like Palestine, like every promised land."

Much of the gliding on antique mirrors and picture frames looks a little garish, doesn't it? But not in candlelight, says an antique expert. They weren't designed to be seen in bright electric light. By reflection, they were "even" supposed to brighten a dim room.



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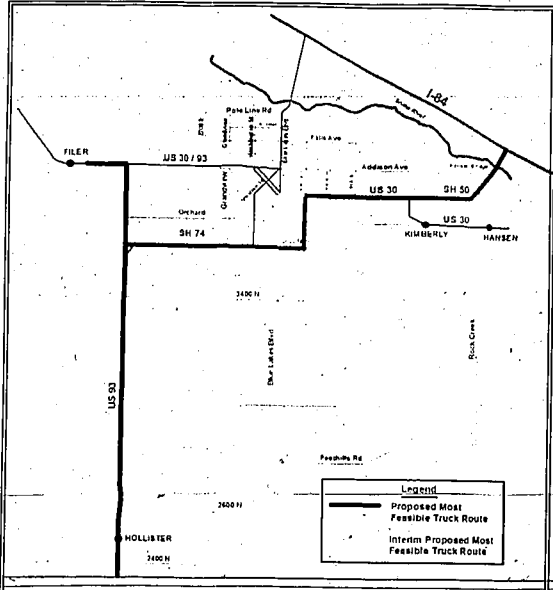
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**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 17th, 2003  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**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 3300N & 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   |



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**Nampa teachers focus on relevancy for students**

NAMPA (AP) — Concerned that too many students were being turned off by traditional teaching methods and left unprepared for life after high school, three Skyview High School teachers are taking a new stab at making school relevant.

The Public Service Institute, formed to help students succeed in the "13th Grade," combines individualized learning, project and work skill development and internships in the community.

"I want the students to come to school because they want to; not because they have to," English teacher Kirsti Grigsby said.

The program she has put together with Dan McGee, a government teacher, and Todd Condy, who teaches technology, has caught on with its 64 students and will likely be expanded at Skyview.

"I have always taken the easy way out and just barely slid by the last few years," said senior Mason Fryor, who is an intern reporter at the Nampa newspaper. "I am glad that I have the chance to be in a program that prepares me for the real world."

Parents have welcomed the introduction of internships that let their children learn about the working world while still absorbing core curriculum subjects.

"The teachers grasp each student as an individual and they are more accountable for their own education," said Joan Farnworth, whose son Kyle is working at the Fish and Game Department fish hatchery in Nampa.

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**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Your ruler, Mars, entering your sign this morning indicates that there's very little room for mistakes.

**Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20):** "Have a nice day" can be a prediction as the moon passes Jupiter this morning in a positive angle to your sun.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Since Saturn's journey through your sign, you've taken a second look at your responsibilities.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** A drop of rain or a tear can cause your emotional cup to run over. Once spilled, it's hard to stop.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You're in a mood to catch up with friends who have gone elsewhere since last summer.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Getting involved in a plot that, at second look, is a lost cause isn't making you a star.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Not dwelling on problems is your strong point and admired by others.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Decisions, overlooked because you're busy with domestic matters, need to be made.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** It's as if you're holding a magic wand over your love life. Opportunities come and go, and with your newfound energy, there's no limit to what you can achieve.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** As long as Venus and Mercury are wandering through your sign, you're holding trump cards. Don't dwell on taxes or renovating your abode.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):**

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"I'm from another solar system. I don't belong on this planet." That may be going through your mind as Uranus, your ruler, leaves your sign soon.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** After six months, the red planet leaves your sign this morning. No more worries about foats in tantra or achieving the impossible.



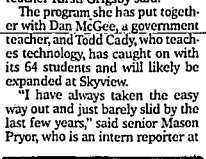
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 Last Samurai on 8:45 - 9:30 - 9:15

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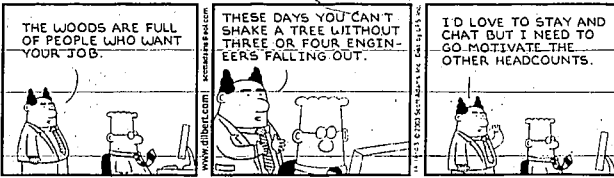


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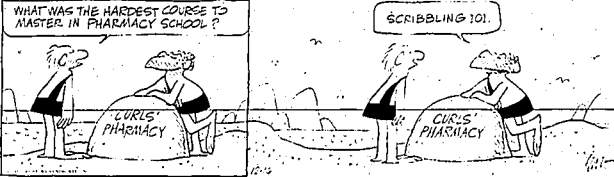


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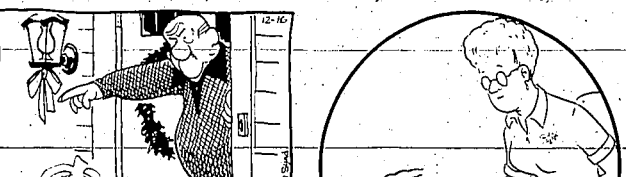
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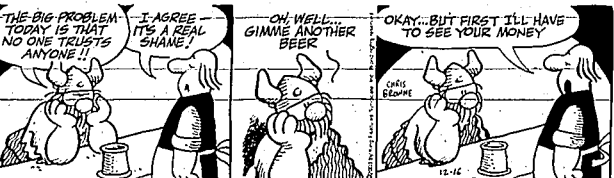
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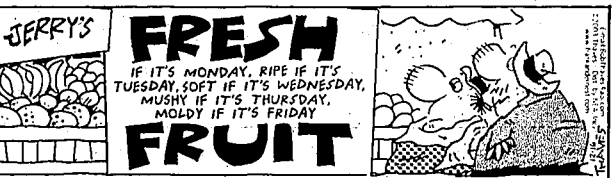
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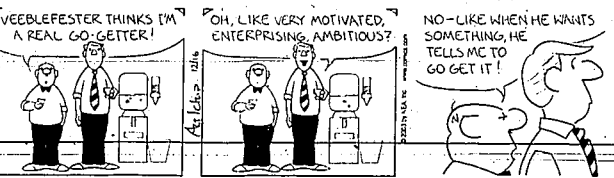
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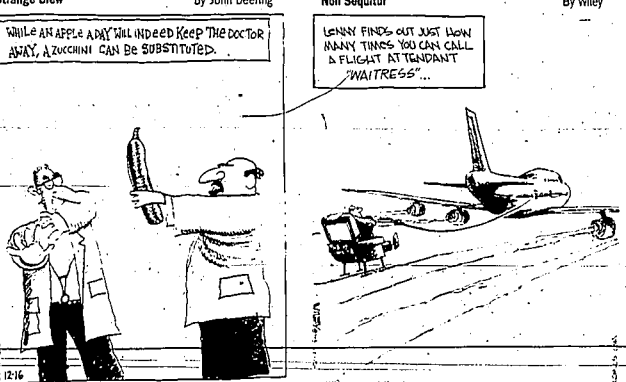


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# Woman lives dream of teaching Russian art

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Svetlana Schuckert says it has always been her dream to teach Russian art.

Ironically, she had to move to America to realize that dream.

Schuckert is the instructor for a Russian art class held at the College of Southern Idaho. Students in the community education class learn about Scythian gold, Russian architecture, ancient icons, Easter eggs, tableware and samovars, nesting dolls and wooden toys, lacquer boxes and ceramics, textiles and decor of garde paintings and more. Students also learn about Russian impressionist, avant-garde paintings and the cultural background of Russia.

Schuckert graduated from the University of Cramie in Russia with a degree in Russian history and taught university classes she said were similar to introduction to humanities.

She has lived in America for seven years after moving here with her husband.

For three semesters she has taught the Russian art class at CSI, where she works as the fine arts department secretary.

"I always dreamed of teaching Russian art," she said.

"It's the next best thing to traveling," said one of her students, Linda Willis.

Student Christy Williams agrees.

Williams, who has traveled to southern Russia, said she loves the art and something about it "grabbed" her immediately. "If you study the art of people, you learn a lot about



Svetlana Schuckert, middle, with students Linda Willis and Christy Williams.

them," she said. Schuckert wants her students to come away from her class with a better appreciation for Russian art.

"I would be very happy if my students visited Russia," she said.

It also is important to find the connection between Russian art with eastern art and Western art, she said. "To me, this is the most

interesting part."

Next semester, in fact, she will teach an East meets West Russian art class, but a different section, focusing on the performing arts, such as music, ballet and cinema.

Schuckert enjoys teaching the class, even though the latest one was small.

"I have only three students but they are wonderful," she said.

## STORK REPORT

### Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Tristan Cooper Harshbarger, son of Bobbi Ann and Jeff Hans Harshbarger of Carey, was born Monday, Dec. 8, 2003.  
Myshele Trinidad Nevarez, daughter of America Concepcion Herrera and Luis Juan Nevarez of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003.

Akeem Juarez, son of Margarita and Jorge Luis Juarez of Shoshone, was born Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003.  
Alaura Amethyst Patterson, daughter of Rell Rhnail Patterson and Byron Allen Patterson of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003.

## BICKEL BEHAVES WELL



Students at Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls were recognized for their 'positive behavior.' They were chosen by a drawing of names from a container filled with 'positive pink (behavior) slips.' They are, from left, back row: Gabi Thleman, Parker Goodell, Craig Bartlett, Skyler Bingham and Steven White; front row: Jordan Traugbner, Kayla Sanders, Andrea Ballestero, Erica Alexander and Josh Hunter.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

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

Dec. 4: Christmas party and club championship; first, Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Renee Bulcher and Bobette Plankley; third, Harold Bulcher and Betty Grant; and flight B, Dick Kevan and Ruben Tchaekoskife.

Dec. 5: Club championship; first, Renee Bulcher and Ruby Grimes; second, Riley Burton and Max Thompson; third, Joye Astorquia and Jessie Lingnav; and flight B, AI and Frances Anglin.

Dec. 8: Club championship; tied for first and second, Ise Hyton and Doris Watts with Dora Jones and Leona Watson; third, Doug Strand and Tom Wagner; and fourth, Doris Finney and Norma Presidge. Flight B winners: first, Dora Jones and Leona Watson; second, Doug Strand and Tom Wagner; and third, Dick and Carmen Kevan.

Dec. 9: Club championship; first, Bonnie Aspitarte and Ruby Grimes; second, Sionida DiCostanzo and Betty Sabo; third, Norma Presidge and Mary Ann Siegel; and fourth, Faye Koehnoff and Madeline Sawaya.

Dec. 10: First, Joye Astorquia and Sue Skinner; second, Beverly Burns and Mary Kienlen; third, Peggy Hackley and Evelyn Meyer; fourth, Renee Bulcher and Pally Muter. Flight B winners: first, Ruby Grimes and Beverly Reed and second, AI and Frances

Anglin. Elaine Bowen brought a decorated cake to celebrate Ruth Skeem's birthday.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 324-2000.

### Hollister Elementary School presents Christmas play

HOLLISTER — Hollister Elementary School will present its annual Christmas play in the gymnasium. This year, "A Place in the Christmas Choir," under the direction of Bill Sweet, will be held at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday. There will be a special visitor after the evening performance. Admission is free. For more information, call 655-4215.

### 'Bliss-full Holiday Concert' takes place Thursday evening

BLISS — A "Bliss-full Holiday Concert" will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Bliss School gymnasium. Admission is free. Community members will sing with school staff members and music students. Call music teacher Warren Barnes for more information at 352-4445.

### Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center holds dance

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Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at 536 Shoshone St. W. in Twin Falls. Music will be provided by Melody Masters.

The cost is \$4. For more information, call 734-5084.

### Jerome man holds open house to celebrate birthday

TWIN FALLS — Dale Hopper will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 2-5 p.m. Sunday in the Fireside Room at the Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. Twin Falls.

Hopper was born in Granite City, Ill., and graduated from Wendell High School in 1942. He married Bonnie Studwin after completing his tour of duty in the Philippines in World War II.

Hopper farmed at Sugar Loaf and was a 4-H livestock leader for 41 years, receiving the Distinguished Service award from Jerome County. He raised spotted hogs and was one of the first to be inducted into the Idaho Pork Producer's Hall of Fame. He currently works at the Jerome County Historical Museum.

He and his wife reside north of Jerome. He has two children, Bob and Cathie, and three grandchildren.

### Buhl Arts Council offers free labyrinth walk, film

BUHL — The Buhl Arts Council will offer a labyrinth film and walk from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N.

Eighth Ave. in Buhl.

The video, featuring Lauren Atress of Grace Cathedral Church, will begin at 1 p.m. An open labyrinth walk will follow.

The event is open to all ages and is free. For more information, call 543-2888.

### Martial arts instructor offers classes on achieving success

TWIN FALLS — Brian Higgins, senior instructor at Success Martial Arts, will offer a free class on success and having more control in your life at 10 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 3 and Jan. 24 at the YMCA of Twin Falls, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd.

### YMCA offers holiday day camp for children

TWIN FALLS — The YMCA of Twin Falls will offer a holiday day camp from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 22-23, Dec. 29-30 and Jan. 2 and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

The camp is for children ages 5-12 and will include swimming, arts and crafts, cooking, board games, movies, basketballs and more. The cost is \$50 weekly for members and \$60 weekly for non-members. \$15 daily for non-members and \$18 daily for non-members and \$11 for members for Dec. 24 or Dec. 31 and \$13 for non-members.

Space is limited. Registration and payment is needed to hold a space. For more information, call 733-4384.

## SAWTOOTH ORNAMENTS



Students in Ann Vogt's fourth-grade class at Sawtooth Elementary School in Twin Falls decorated ornaments for the Capitol Holiday Tree. The class voted on two ornaments to be sent to the Business Improvement District. The winners were Jordyn Clark and Michael Amador. The Idaho-shaped ornaments were donated by Seatrom Manufacturing, and the children painted various symbols of Idaho on them.

## Community in The Times-News

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### Murtaugh resident completes U.S. Navy basic training

Navy Seaman Apprentice Christopher Cirincioni, son of Pamela L. Marion of Golden, Colo., and Kevin J. Cirincioni of Murtaugh, has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Cirincioni completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Cirincioni is a 2003 graduate of Cedarcrest High School in Duvall, Wash.

### Navy Seaman Garcia serves in Iraqi city of An Nasiriyah

Navy Seaman David A. Garcia, son of Maria G. Garcia of Elko, Nev., is serving in the southern Iraqi city of An Nasiriyah while assigned to the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7, based in Gulfport, Miss.

Garcia's unit assists with convoys, watch-standing, radio operations, administrative coordination and project operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Garcia is a 1999 graduate of Elko High School.

### Milliken graduates from USAF basic training

Air Force Airman Kevin Milliken has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Kenneth and Joanne Milliken of Twin Falls. Milliken graduated in 2002 from Twin Falls High School.

### Garcia recently returned from Middle East

Navy Seaman David A. Garcia, son of Maria G. Garcia of Elko, Nev., has returned from the Middle East while assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7, homeported in Gulfport, Miss.

### Garcia's unit assisted with convoys, watch-standing, radio operations, administrative coordination and project operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Garcia's unit provides military construction support to Navy, Marine Corps and other forces in military operations, constructs base facilities and are armed to conduct defensive operations.

Garcia is a 1999 graduate of Elko High School.

### Buhl sailor makes port call to Singapore while on cruiser

Navy Seaman Jacob L. Bloss, son of Pam L. and Kip L. Bloss of Buhl, and fellow Sailors made a week-long port call to Singapore while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Princeton, homeported in San Diego, Calif.

While in Singapore, Bloss and shipmates enjoyed shopping at cultural centers and visiting historical sights.

The Princeton is part of the Nimitz Strike Group, and is deployed to the Western Pacific.

Bloss is a 1998 graduate of Buhl High School and joined the Navy in August 2001.

### Knapp graduates from basic military training

Air Force Airman William R. Knapp has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Debbie and Don Madevall of Twin Falls. Knapp is a 2003 graduate of Filer High School.

### Twin Falls woman completes weeks of Marine training

Marine Corps Pvt. Rachel R. Church, daughter of David O. Church of Twin Falls, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., which is designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, Church spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Church is a 2003 graduate of Kimberly High School.

# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## Portable PCs serve as movie machines

By Phillip Robinson  
Knight Ridder News Service

Tech companies are always looking for a "killer app," a use that's so compelling it leads to huge sales of a gadget or program or service.

A macabre description, but a reality in technology history. The big sales surge comes not from regular improvements in speed, capacity, and versatility, but when there's some great new thing that just couldn't be done before.

An early killer app was the spreadsheet. That saved a much needed crunching time for business people that they would buy a personal computer just for spreadsheeting. Yes, they heard it could do other things too, but they really didn't care. In fact, if it had just been the Apple II computer, instead of the Apple II, regular brands at the time, that would probably have made them even happier.

Another killer app was desktop publishing. Email is certainly a killer app with many people using their computers for little else.

Now there's a new killer app that I think computer companies are underestimating: laptop movies.

I realized this when a friend mentioned that she really only used her notebook computer for email and watching DVD movies.

And that was the same day I was sad to return my latest Gateway review computer - the M675 - because I had grown accustomed to watching movies on its big screen.

Yet that's not how Gateway markets the M675 - this is a "desktop replacement" computer, designed to have everything you could get in a desktop computer yet still be portable.

The 675 has a 3GHz Pentium 4 processor, 512MB of DDR (specially fast) RAM, a 60GB hard drive, a Media Card Reader, Lithium-Ion batteries, and 10/100 Ethernet. In other words, it has everything you need to run the latest business applications at high speeds. And with the built-in 802.11G WiFi modem, you can do some of that business at the local coffee shop or airport terminal, connecting wirelessly to the Internet.

But you know, there's a fair amount of competition in the high-speed processor, big-hard-drive, plenty-of-memory category. Most of those machines now have WiFi built-in. The M675's special strength is the display: a 17.1" WSXGA-Wide-format flat panel drive by a Radeon 9600 graphics adapter with up to 128MB of VRAM and an 8X AGP accelerator.

In other words, a big and especially wide screen with electronics fast enough to keep up with most any game or movie.

And for the movies? There's the M675's DVD-RW drive, which means a drive that can both read and write both CDs and DVDs.

Now, the big screen is useful for "desktop replacement" work, with nearly enough space to put up two word processing documents side-by-side, or to have a spreadsheet on the left and a web-site on the right. I miss that, because lots of writing and number-crunching involves picking information and numbers out of research documents. With a smaller screen that can mean clicking back and forth between the two. With the 675 I can see both.

(Incidentally, the large screen is complemented by a large keyboard. Why waste that extra side-to-side space? So there's a full numeric keypad on the right here, which number crunchers will be glad to see after too much time trying to press the special function key to get keypad numbers overlaid on a regular keyboard.)

I loved the big screen and quiet, fast DVD drive for movies.

There were only two thumbs down factors of this movie machine. One, at nearly 9 pounds it's not too comfy to sit on a belly in bed or to lug to the airport to watch movies while waiting for a flight. And two, the speakers are mediocre, so I pretty much had to use headphones.

If you haven't tried a DVD-capable notebook as a movie machine, you should. And mention to your computer company that future designs should have this killer app in mind. Then they could save some money on processor and memory, and spend it on the largest possible screen, with the best sound, in the lightest package.

And maybe we could all try to think of a less vicious term for "killer app."

## Latest 'Google bombing' targets President Bush

By John McCormick  
Chicago Tribune

BETTENDORF, Iowa - Whether searching for a chicken noodle soup recipe or a candidate's position on global warming, finding it is often easy through the index of more than 3 billion Web pages known as Google - a top Internet search engine.

But as the nation's senior politicians are learning, this powerful tool can also easily be used against them in the cyber equivalent of a political dirty trick.

President Bush, for example, is now the top search result when Googlers search for the phrase "miserable failure." Click on the associated link and surfers are directed to his official White House biography.

The president's biography, of course, contains no reference to

any kind of failure - much less a miserable one.

But through a technique called "Google bombing," hackers have in the last two weeks or so been able to link the president to a label heavily used by the presidential campaign - of - Rep. - Richard Gephardt of Missouri.

News reports suggest this latest trick was led by a computer programmer who says he has no ties to the Gephardt camp. Gephardt's people also deny any involvement. "We have nothing to do with it; thought it does happen to be true," said Bill Burton, a Gephardt spokesman in Des Moines.

As the Internet has grown in popularity - Google claims to receive more than 200 million queries a day - it's also proving to be a lawless environment for political shenanigans.

"This is a natural outgrowth," said Rob Patton, a researcher with the Center for Information Technology and Society at the University of California at Santa Barbara. "It's just using a new tool for an old thing."

Patton pointed to several recent Internet sites that could be labeled as negative campaigning, including one that showed an opponent's nose growing longer as more pages were viewed.

"There are a lot of things going on, in particular with the Dean campaign, where you have independent efforts to post information online without the approval of the candidate's campaign," Patton said.

A spokesman for Google, based in Mountain View, Calif., said the company is aware of Google bombing, but not responsible for its results. "This is not a political statement from Google, but rather a reflection of a recent Web phenomenon," the company said.

Search engines like Google scout Web pages to create a searchable index from information on the Internet.

In Google bombing, Web authors write links within their pages that tie together the phrase and then link it to another page. If enough pages contain the proper coding, Google will serve up that page as the top destination for the phrase. In previous pranks, tricksters

have rigged Google to bring up spoof pages. After France refused to join the fighting in Iraq, a search for "French military victories" brought up a page that asked, "Did you mean 'French military defeats'?"

A White House spokesman didn't return a call seeking comment about Bush's biography being linked to the miserable failure phrase.

"The worst thing you can possibly do when something like that happens is complain about it in the press," said Carol Darr, director of the Institute for Politics, Democracy and the Internet at George Washington University. "All that happens is that it gets more hits."

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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 Jarbidge 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.

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NATION/WORLD

# Afghan convention hits bump over women's role

**KABUL, Afghanistan** - The opening celebrations over Afghanistan's constitutional council hit its first controversy Monday, with women delegates denouncing their colleagues for trying to shut them out of leadership positions.

After much wrangling, one woman was granted a deputy chairman's position, but some still expressed anger over second-class treatment.

"From the very beginning, the process was flawed because we are totally outnumbered here, by the men," said Palwasha Hassan, a delegate from Kabul.

Women's rights are a hot-button issue for the council, or loya jirga, which began Sunday in a huge tent on the grounds of a Soviet-built university in Kabul. Some 500 delegates are meeting to hammer out a new charter for this war-ravaged land, a major milestone ahead of elections scheduled for next June.

Several women delegates said they were satisfied but determined to fight on to ensure women's rights were enshrined under the Taliban. The religious militia barred girls from school and banned women from all public life.

## Docs: Powell does well after prostate surgery

**WASHINGTON** - Secretary of State Colin Powell underwent surgery Monday to remove his cancerous prostate gland. "Everything went fine," his spokesman said.

"The doctors say he had a localized prostate cancer," spokesman Richard Boucher said. "The surgery took approximately two hours. They say he did extremely well."

Powell, 66, was aware of the problem for months, notified President Bush two weeks ago and scheduled the operation for the holiday season, when U.S. diplomacy generally moves into lower gear.

"About 190,000 cases of prostate cancer are diagnosed in the United States every year, and about 30,000 men died of the disease in 2002, according to American Cancer Society statistics. It is the most common cancer in American men and their second-leading cause of cancer death after lung cancer."

## Turkish bomber confesses training in al-Qaida camp

**ANKARA, Turkey** - A Turkish Islamic militant, suspected of preparing the truck bombs that killed 62 people in Istanbul last month has confessed he underwent explosive training in an al-Qaida terrorist camp in Afghanistan, an intelligence official said Monday.

"The confessions of Feriz Yitiz, the most prominent suspect captured so far, may shed some light on the ties between Turkish Islamic militants and the terrorist network of Osama bin Laden."

"Yitiz was captured Dec. 10 as he entered Turkey from Iran, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. A Turkish court on Sunday filed terrorism charges against Yitiz for his alleged involvement in the bombings."

## Wesley Clark testifies in trial of Milosevic

**THE HAGUE** - Retired Gen. Wesley Clark testified Monday for the first time in the war crimes trial of ousted Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic, telling reporters afterward that the Hague trial of international tribunal should be considered for the legal proceedings against Saddam Hussein and that the death penalty should be an option in the case against the just captured Iraqi leader.

"This is the rule of law, it's closure. It's a very important precedent for what may be happening later with another dictator from another part of the world," said Clark, a former NATO commander and current U.S. Democratic presidential contender, after the closed-door session.

Clark testified under conditions of strict secrecy demanded by the U.S. State Department.

As NATO commander, Clark had more than 100 hours of negotiations with Milosevic, trying to convince the Yugoslav leader to halt his crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists in Kosovo and avert the alliance bombing campaign he subsequently directed against Serbia. He U.S. Balkan envoy and former ambassador

### Nation/World in brief

Richard Holbrooke who negotiated the 1995 Dayton Accords that ended the war in Bosnia. Milosevic has been on trial here for almost two years.

New weapon can shoot around corners  
SHOAH FIRING RANGE,

Israel - Veterans of Israeli anti-terror units on Monday demonstrated a new gun that can fire at a target from around the corner, making it particularly effective in urban combat.

Israel plans to start using the weapon next week, U.S. forces have already begun training with it and U.S. SWAT and police teams have expressed interest in purchasing it. Amos Golan, the device's developer, said at a

demonstration Monday at a firing range near Tel Aviv.

Golan thought of the idea for the weapon after years of pondering a failed Israeli army operation in the West Bank during the first Palestinian uprising in the late 1980s. Several Israeli soldiers were wounded when they stormed a house through the door and were hit by automatic fire shot from inside, Golan said.

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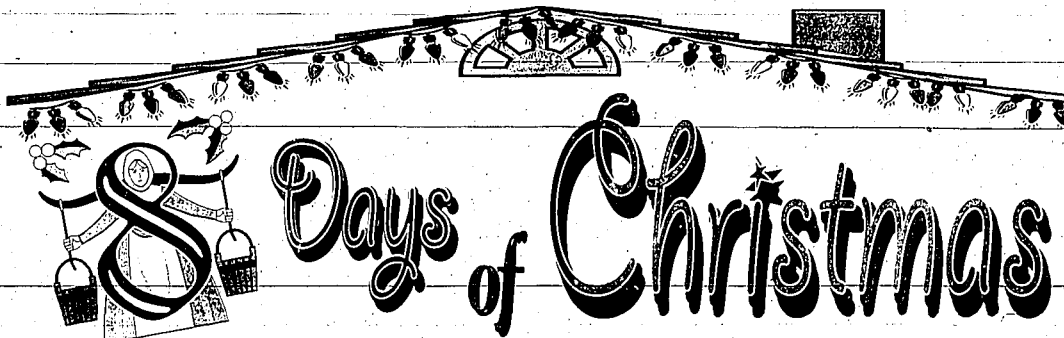
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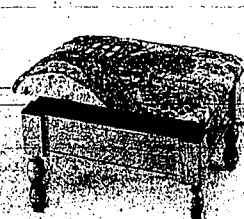


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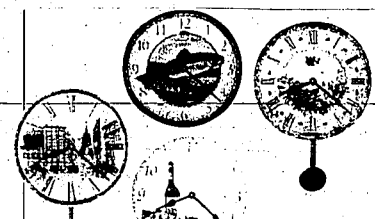
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ORDINANCE NO. 519 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO, PROVIDING FOR THE HOURS OF SALE OF BEER AND HOURS FOR BEER TO BE CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALING OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO, THAT SECTION 1. That Subsection A of Section 5.08.040 of the Kimberly Municipal Code be amended to provide as follows:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person in any place licensed to sell beer or whose beer is sold or dispensed to be consumed on the premises whether conducted for pleasure or profit, to sell or permit to be consumed on the premises beer at the same or defined by law between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. of all days except Sunday, and from 1:00 a.m. on Sundays until 7:00 a.m. on the following Monday except that a person licensed to sell beer may dispense beer between 12:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Sunday.

SECTION 2. That any portion of the City of Kimberly ordinances and sections of the Kimberly Municipal Code which conflict herewith specifically including Ordinance No. 266 Ordinance No. 297, and Ordinance No. 466 and Section 5.08.040 of the Kimberly Municipal Code, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. All other provisions of Kimberly Municipal Code Section 5.08.040 shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED under suspension of rules upon which a roll call vote was taken and duly enacted an Ordinance of the City of Kimberly, Twin Falls County, Idaho, at a convened meeting of the Kimberly City Council held on the 9th day of December, 2003.

Attest: Mayor Kim Martin, City Clerk

PUBLISH: December 16, 2003

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING WITH THE COMMISSION AND SOLICITING MOTIONS TO INTERVENE AND PROTESTS

(December 9, 2003)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Original Minor License Application.
b. Project No.: 1206-0103
c. Date Filed: October 17, 2003
d. Applicant: William Attkosh
e. Naming of Project: Little Wood River Ranch II Hydroelectric Project
f. Location: On the Little Wood River, near the Town of Shoshone, Lincoln County, Idaho. No lands of the United States would be affected.

Interested Parties: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) - (82)(f)

1. Applicant Contact: William Attkosh, 2005 Highway 26, Coalinga, Idaho 83220, (208) 934-5387.

2. FERC Contact: Gaylord W. Horington, (202) 502-6032, or e-mail at: gaylord.horington@ferc.gov.

3. Cooperating agencies: We are asking Federal, state, local and tribal agencies to coordinate with the applicant's expertise with respect to environmental issues to cooperate with us in the preparation of the environmental document. Agencies should follow the instructions for filing comments described in item 6 below.

4. Deadline for filing motions to intervene and protest and notice for cooperating agency status: 10 days from the issuance date of this notice (February 9, 2004).

5. All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Magyale R. Salas, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20426.

6. The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors to file a copy of the document on each person on the intervenor list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission, the intervenor is also an intervenor in the proceeding and is subject to the rules of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

7. Comments to intervenors: Comments should be filed with the intervenor list of the project. Comments should be filed with the intervenor list of the project. Comments should be filed with the intervenor list of the project.

8. The proposed new construction (run-of-river project) would consist of: (1) a 10-foot-long, 220-foot-long rock wall; (2) a 10-foot-long, 220-foot-long rock wall; (3) a concrete intake structure having two parallel 5-foot-diameter, 200-foot-long steel penstocks; (4) a 60-foot-long, 20-foot-wide, 25-foot-high concrete and steel penstock; (5) a concrete intake structure having two parallel 5-foot-diameter, 200-foot-long steel penstocks; (6) a 60-foot-long, 20-foot-wide, 25-foot-high concrete and steel penstock; (7) an access road; and (8) other improvements.

9. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website at: http://www.ferc.gov.

10. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field of the document management system. For more information, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3677, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item 6 above.

11. You may also register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs/index.cfm?description.asp to be notified via email of new filings and actions related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

12. Any qualified applicant desiring to file a competing application must do so in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice, and a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent allows an interested party to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the start date deadline date for the particular application. Applications for preliminary permits will not be accepted after the start date for this notice.

13. A notice of intent must specify the exact name, business address, and telephone number of the prospective applicant, and must include the name of the person to whom to submit. If such an application may be filed, either a preliminary permit application or a development application (specify which type of application) must be submitted to the Commission (or the applicant) named in this public notice.

14. Anyone may submit a protest or a motion to intervene in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure. 16 CFR 385.210, 385.211, and 385.214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any protests or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular application.

15. When the application is ready for environmental analysis, the Commission will issue a public notice containing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or prescriptions.

16. All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "PROTEST" or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" or "NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE COMPETING APPLICATION" or "COMPETING APPLICATION"; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 16 CFR 385.210 through 385.205. Applicants may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application.

Magyale R. Salas, Secretary

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Section D

## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

You can be the best street fighter in the world, and you can get destroyed in a hockey fight because you have no balance.

- Winnipeg, Manitoba fight promoter Darryl Wolski, who is proposing a pay-per-view hockey-fighting tournament

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** Who holds the record for number-of-seasons-leading-the-NBA-in scoring?  
...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College basketball**  
Men, Treasure Valley CC at CSI, 7:30 p.m.
- High school girls basketball**  
Kimberly at Valley, 6 p.m.  
Murrough at Raffi River, 6 p.m.  
Wendell at Gooding, 6 p.m.  
M.V. Christian at Castleford, 6 p.m.  
Lighthouse Christian at Oakley, 6 p.m.  
Declo at Buhl, 6 p.m.  
Hansen at Hagerman, 6 p.m.  
Dietrich at Camas County, 6 p.m.
- High school boys basketball**  
Jerome at Blackfoot, 6 p.m.  
Twin Falls at Highland, 6 p.m.  
M.V. Christian at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.  
Dietrich at Camas County, 6 p.m.  
Glens Ferry at Mountain Cove, 6 p.m.  
T.E. Christian at Lighthouse Christian, 6 p.m.
- High school wrestling**  
Kimberly/Valley at Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m.  
Declo vs. Burley, 6 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

**Howerton named 2A Player of the Year**  
BOISE - Running back Cody Howerton, who led the Wendell Trojans to a state football championship this season, was recently named the 2003 Idaho Statesman 2A Player of the Year following a vote among coaches statewide.  
Howerton rushed for 1,881 yards on 201 carries, a 9.35 yard average. He also scored 21 touchdowns.  
He also played on defense at linebacker, where he recorded 44 solo and 30 assisted tackles.  
Howerton was a key member of the Trojans team that finished the season with a 12-0 record and defeated Grangeville 24-14 for the 2A state title in November at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow.

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

### T.F. Rec coaches get into Bruins games free

TWIN FALLS - All Twin Falls Parks & Recreation youth coaches who show their T.F. Parks & Recreation volunteer pins will be admitted free of charge to all Twin Falls High School boys and girls home basketball games this season.  
Compiled from staff and wire reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Michael Jordan, 10. Second is Wilt Chamberlain, seven.

# Eagles battle adversity before break

By Kevin Colbert  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With the Scenic West Athletic Conference hitting full-stride, the College of Southern Idaho's men's basketball team is taking a temporary detour from its quest for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow - a league championship.  
The Golden Eagles (9-3 overall) will hit the floor for the last time tonight before the holiday break when they host non-conference foe Treasure Valley Community College at 7:30 p.m. at the CSI



Gymnasium. CSI has been on a roll of late, winning five of its last six games in improving to 5-3 in the SWAC, one game behind league-leading Dixie State College.  
But the Eagles must now deal with a handful of issues that could derail their title hopes.  
Within a month of former Eagle guard Clint Gulley's dismissal

from the team due to unsatisfactory academic performance, sophomore guard David Sills will no longer be with CSI due to a violation of team rules.  
"It's unfortunate to lose a talent like David," said CSI head coach Cliff Arnold. "However, it's more important that a player takes care of business in the classroom as well as on and off the floor. We continue to have daily conversations with David and are helping him find a new start at another school."

The Eagles, who will dress just eight players for tonight's game,

will also be without guards Schafer Jackson and Nuruddeen Adepoju.

Adepoju will be away from the school indefinitely after he was forced to return to his native Nigeria. The American Embassy required him to be in Nigeria to apply for an extension on his visa.

Jackson sprained his ankle in practice Monday and will be sidelined for three to four weeks. He scored 13 points in the first game before hitting five of his six 3-point attempts the second night to score a game-high 21 points in the team's most recent series against

Colorado Northwestern Community College.

"Schafer has been playing great for us lately and has been earning more and more minutes," Arnold said. "We are confident he will be able to return for us and contribute."

Part of the reason for the Eagles' recent success has been the improvement of their big men inside. While Dante Sawyer (16.8 points per game, 5.3 rebounds per game), Yusuf Baker (11.9 ppg, 10.0 rpg) and Jason McGriff (8.6 ppg,

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# Jaguars down Warriors

## Gonzalez leads Jackpot with 21 in 42-34 win

By Phil Stevens  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors were looking to avenge a loss on the road to Jackpot, Nev. from earlier this season. They even focused on Jaguar guard Faustino Avila, who was the leading scorer in the earlier game.

The Warriors, however, forgot one thing - that Lupe Gonzalez would shoot the lights out.  
Gonzalez scored a game high 21 points to lead Jackpot to a 42-34 victory over TFCA Monday night in Twin Falls.

"Lupe had a great game for us coming off a bad weekend for him personally," said Jackpot head coach Roger Wallack.  
TFCA jumped out to a 10-6 lead at the end of the first quarter behind senior Jake Walker's four points.

"We did a great job pounding the ball inside all night," said TFCA coach Brent Walker. "Jake Walker came up with some pretty acrobatic shots for us, but they dropped, so it helped out."  
In the second quarter, Gonzalez made his presence felt as he hit two straight 3-pointers to put Jackpot on top 14-12. They were the first of Gonzalez's three treys on the night.

"Lupe normally hits some big shots for us," Wallack said. "I am glad that he found his rhythm again tonight for us. He definitely came up huge."  
Alberto Mendez ended the second quarter with two straight long-range 2-pointers that put Jackpot up 20-17 at halftime. Mendez ended the half with six points for the Jaguars.

"We felt pretty good going into the locker room," Wallack said. "Our performance in the first half was a little sluggish, but luckily TFCA didn't run away from us."

In the third quarter, junior Blake Roemer got TFCA off to a great start at a possible comeback as he made two buckets down low to bring the Warriors within one point. Later in the quarter, Roemer put TFCA up for the first time since they led 17-16 at 25-24 with another bucket under the hoop.

"Blake is progressing well this season," Coach Walker said. "He will be a major player for this team for the rest of his high school career. He definitely helped our cause tonight with his play down low and on the boards."

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Dane Brown, right, of Twin Falls Christian Academy, drives to the basket against Jackpot, Nev., defender Chris Morales during boys basketball action Monday in Twin Falls.

# A REVOLVING DOOR Connecticut returns to No. 1

By Jim O'Connell  
Associated Press writer

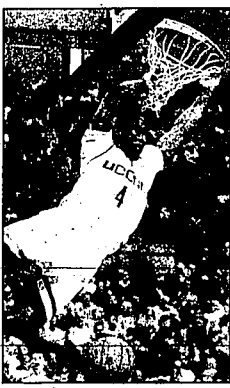
NEW YORK - Connecticut is back on top. The No. 1 team in The Associated Press men's college basketball Top 25 changed for the fourth straight week, with the Huskies moving up one place Monday to reclaim their preseason spot.

The Huskies (7-1) were also No. 1 for the first two polls of the regular season. But their loss to Georgia Tech in the Preseason NIT led to a revolving door of top teams; Kansas and Florida also took turns leading the poll.  
The Gators were No. 1 last week, but lost two straight games.

UConn didn't even receive the most first-place votes from the national media panel, outpolling -26-21 - in that category - by No. 2 Kentucky. But Connecticut had a total of 1,685 points, 67 more than the Wildcats (5-0).  
Kentucky is No. 1 in the USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll, followed by UConn.

"The way it is today, it's not even parity," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said Monday. "I disagree with those who say there are 30 to 40 teams that can win the title."

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Connecticut's Ben Gordon swings off the rim after dunking for two points in the closing minutes of the Connecticut-Quinnipiac University game at Storrs, Conn., Saturday. Gordon was high scorer for the game and for UConn with 28 points. UConn defeated Quinnipiac 88-55.

# Heisman voters give new meaning to 'absentee ballot'

The right guy won, and everything was on the up-and-up.

Even so, there was plenty about this year's Heisman Trophy race that the old-time Chicago political bosses would have loved. Not because of who voted, or how those votes were counted, but because of when they were cast. While voting often wasn't an option, voting early certainly was.

Half the ballots were in the hands of the Heisman committee before the final weekend of this regular season, even though they weren't due until three days after, on Dec. 10. Six percent were in with two games to go. A handful of voters even returned theirs within a week of the Nov. 12 mailing, giving new meaning to the term "absentee ballot" - as in, those ballots were submitted absent any serious thought.

"I've always taken it pretty seriously, and it just seems reasonable to me," said Steve Owens, who won the 1969 Heisman as an



Oklaahoma running back, "to at least wait until all the games are in."

This time around, even that wouldn't have made enough of a difference.

Based on his performance over the course of the season, Oklahoma's quarterback Jason White deserved to win, and he did, handsily, despite saving his least impressive outing for last. White was 27-for-50 for 298 yards, no touchdowns and two interceptions in a 35-7 loss to Kansas State and apparently lost a few votes in the bargain.

Yet the newest Heisman voter Please see LITKE, Page D2

SPORTS

# Gooding rallies for 50-48 win over Hagerman

**GOODING** - Brad Allison scored eight of his team-best 13 points in the third quarter as the Gooding Senators used a strong second half to earn a 50-48 non-conference victory over Hagerman.

"I thought Brad Allison really stepped up for us in the third quarter," said Gooding coach Joe Messick.

"He scored eight points in that quarter and hit a couple of big 3s."

Quinn Smith led Hagerman with 14 points.

Gooding (2-3 overall) travels to Kimberly on Friday.

Gooding 50, Hagerman 48

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| Hagerman | 1st 11-10 | 2nd 11-10 | 3rd 11-10 | 4th 11-10 |
| GOODING  | 1st 11-10 | 2nd 11-10 | 3rd 11-10 | 4th 11-10 |

Local sports

## Camas County JV 48, ISDB 38

**FAIRFIELD** - The Camas County JV team got out to a 30-13 lead and never looked back in a 48-38 win over ISDB.

"We subbed late to kind of bring it close," said Camas County coach Mark Hansen. "The difference in the game was our position."

Chase Lee led Camas County with 13 points.

John Coles paced ISDB with 19 points.

Camas County 48, ISDB 38

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|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Camas County | 1st 11-10 | 2nd 11-10 | 3rd 11-10 | 4th 11-10 |
| ISDB         | 1st 11-10 | 2nd 11-10 | 3rd 11-10 | 4th 11-10 |

## Glenns Ferry 60, M.V. Christian 48

**Scott Arillano** scored 16 points and teammate Heath Cameron added 15 as Glenns Ferry (3-2) downed Magic Valley Christian.

"(M.V. Christian) is a pretty scrappy team and we had trouble getting anything going," Glenns Ferry coach Jeff McElhone said.

"They wanted to play slow and we wanted to play fast. It didn't combine very well."

Glenns Ferry travels to Dietrich on Wednesday.

Glenns Ferry 60, Magic Valley Christian 48

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| Glenns Ferry   | 1st 11-10 | 2nd 11-10 | 3rd 11-10 | 4th 11-10 |
| M.V. Christian | 1st 11-10 | 2nd 11-10 | 3rd 11-10 | 4th 11-10 |

## Murtaugh 47, Richfield 37, OT

**MURTAUGH** - Jason Bishoff led all scorers with 16 points for Murtaugh as the Red Devils downed Richfield 47-37 in overtime.

Trent Cummins added 14 points for Murtaugh who picked up their second win of the season.

Conny Dyer held (Richfield's) Victor Vasquez to only nine points, and he is averaging over twenty points per game this season," stated Murtaugh coach Darren Garey.

Murtaugh (2-3, 1st Magic Valley Southside) hosts Lighthouse Christian on Friday.

Murtaugh 47, Richfield 37, OT

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| Murtaugh  | 1st 11-10 | 2nd 11-10 | 3rd 11-10 | 4th 11-10 |
| Richfield | 1st 11-10 | 2nd 11-10 | 3rd 11-10 | 4th 11-10 |

# Oklahoma ties record with five All-Americans

By Josh Dubow  
Associated Press writer

**NEW YORK** - When it comes to All-Americans, Oklahoma is this year's undisputed No. 1.

Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Jason White was among a record-tying five Sooners on The Associated Press All-American team announced Monday.

Defensive lineman Tommie Harris, linebacker Teddy Lehman, cornerback Derrick Strait and all-purpose player Antonio Perkins also represented Oklahoma, which equaled the record set by Army in 1945 and matched by the Sooners in 1987.

"It just goes to show what kind of athletes we had at Oklahoma and how good we are going on there now," said Lehman, the winner of the Chuck DeMarik Trophy as best defensive player in the nation.

"If you ask me, we should have had 10 or 11 All-Americans just from the defense."

No. 1 Southern California was second with three All-Americans: receiver Mike Williams (87 catches, 1,226 yards, 16 TDs), offensive lineman Jacob Rogers and defensive lineman Keneshi Udeze. LSU was represented by defensive lineman Chad Lavalais.

White led the nation in passing efficiency, completing 64 percent of his passes for 3,744 yards, 40 touchdowns and only eight interceptions. He won the Heisman Trophy and the AP Player of the Year award.

Heisman finalist Eli Manning of Mississippi was the second-team pick at quarterback, and Ben Roethlisberger of Miami of Ohio was the third-team selection.

The two other Heisman finalists were first-teamers. Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald was picked after catching 87 passes for 1,595 yards and 22 touchdowns, while Michigan's Chris Peckham earned his spot for gaining 1,955 yards from scrimmage and scoring 19 touchdowns.

Kansas State's Darren Sproles was the other first-team running back after gaining 1,948 yards on the ground.

There were three repeat selections - Harris, Lehman and Arkansas tackle Shawn Andrews.

Miami and Iowa were the only other teams with two first-team picks. The Hurricanes had safety Sean Taylor and tight end Kellen Winslow, while Iowa had offensive lineman Matt Galva and kicker Nate Kaeding.

UCLA lineman David Ball headlined the defensive picks after leading the nation with 16.5 sacks.

## Hoops

**Continued from D1**  
Going into the fourth quarter, Jackpot led 26-25. TFCFA went up by two points on another shot by Jake Walker. Then Gonzalez went on a tear of six straight points in one minute to put Jackpot up 34-30. Gonzalez hit his third shot from long range with 1:12 remaining to put the nail in TFCFA's coffin at 39-34.

"We really pulled together there at the end of the game," Wallock said. "Every aspect of the team's game was better than it

was in the first half of the game."

"We kept the game close for most of the fourth quarter, but we just couldn't deal with Gonzalez's hot hand," Coach Walker said.

TFCFA (2-3) travels across town to play Lighthouse Christian tonight.

Jackpot 42, TFCFA 34

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|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Jackpot | 1st 11-10 | 2nd 11-10 | 3rd 11-10 | 4th 11-10 |
| TFCFA   | 1st 11-10 | 2nd 11-10 | 3rd 11-10 | 4th 11-10 |

# Timberwolves stay hot on the road with 116-95 win

**BOSTON (AP)** - Sam Cassell had 27 points and nine assists and Kevin Garnett added 27 and 12 rebounds in a 116-95 win over the Boston Celtics on Monday night.

The Timberwolves' fifth straight road victory.

The win snapped Minnesota's three-game losing streak against the Celtics and also ended Boston's season-high five-game winning streak.

"We're in a rhythm on the road and I'm not sure why," Garnett said. "For whatever reason, we're

playing better on the road right now. It's unexplainable like a lot of things in this league."

Paul Pierce finished with 15 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds to lead the Celtics. Walter McCarty added 17.

**Pacers 95, Cavaliers 85**  
**INDIANAPOLIS** - Jermaine O'Neal had 24 points, 10 rebounds and six assists to help the Indiana Pacers hand LeBron James and the short-handed Cleveland Cavaliers their 34th consecutive road loss.

The Cavaliers dressed only nine players after completing a six-player earlier in the day.

The top pick in the NBA draft had 27 points, six assists, three steals and three blocks.

**Mavericks 111, Raptors 94**  
**DALLAS** - Antoine Walker scored 27 points and Steve Nash had 22 points and 11 assists to help Dallas coach Don Nelson move into sole possession of second place on the all-time victory list with the Mavericks' win over the Toronto Raptors.

Former Raptors coach Lenny Wilkens leads with 1,268 victories.

**Spurs 78-Grizzlies 67**  
**SAN ANTONIO** - Tim Duncan

had 21 points and 13 rebounds for his "tragicomic" 20th double-double and the San Antonio Spurs held Memphis scoreless over the final 6:02 on the way to beating the Grizzlies 78-67.

Tony Parker added 18 points for the Spurs, who won their seventh straight. Rasho Nesterovic added 10 and tied a career-high with 15 rebounds.

Lorenzo Wright scored six points during an 8-0 spurt that brought the Grizzlies within 72-67 with 6:02 left but Memphis wouldn't score again.

Bonzi Wells led Memphis with 12 points, but had a breakaway layup blocked by Bruce Bowen to prolong the Grizzlies' drought.

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TFCFA (2-3) travels across town to play Lighthouse Christian tonight.

# Joseph stops 21 of 22 as Red Wings pummel Panthers

**DETROIT (AP)** - Pavel Datsyuk scored his fifth goal in five games and added an assist, and Curtis Joseph stopped 21 of 22 shots to give the Detroit Red Wings a 4-1 victory Monday night over the Florida Panthers.

Kirk Melnyk, Mark Mowers and Mathieu Schneider got the other goals for the Red Wings. Lukas Krajcek scored for Florida, getting his first NHL point.

Joseph stopped Nathan Horton

from in close in the opening two minutes and foiled Stephen Weiss on a point-blank "tip" and rebound attempt during a Panthers' power play early in the second period.

Datsyuk has seven assists in his last five games and leads the NHL with 39 points. His 18th goal tied him for second with Atlanta's Ilya Kovalchuk.

Melnyk's short-handed goal broke a 1-1 tie at 6:57 into the second period.

**Wild 5, Coyotes 2**  
**PHOENIX** - Andrew Brunette had a goal and two assists, but Minnesota Wild spoiled Phoenix's final game at America West Arena, beating the Coyotes.

Sergei Zholtok and Matt Johnson scored early for the Wild, who won their second straight and third in four games, and Wes Walz and Alexandre Daigle had empty-

net goals in the last 47 minutes.

Brunette got the winner with 8:17 left in the third period with some slick stickhandling, sending the puck out from below the goal line with a forehead push and then tapping it past Phoenix's Sean Burke with a backhand.

Fredrik Sjostrom and Brian Savage scored for Phoenix, which absorbed its second loss (4-2-3) during a Coyotes stretch in which the Coyotes were outshot in each contest.

## UConn

**Continued from D1**  
40 teams that can win the title - it's still probably in the 10-to-12 neighborhood. But we have to wait to see who evolves out of the group."

Once again, Connecticut has the top team in both AP polls; its women's team has been No. 1 since the preseason.

Florida (5-2) dropped 14 spots to No. 15 after losses to Maryland and Louisville, which both moved into the rankings Monday. They replace Michigan State and Iowa.

Duke (6-1) and No. 3, the first place vote and received one of the three straight teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference. No. 4 North Carolina (6-0) was first on

six ballots, while No. 5 Georgia Tech (8-0) - unranked in the preseason - had 14 first-place votes.

After losing to Stanford, was sixth, followed by Arizona, Oklahoma, Stanford and Missouri.

Arizona and Stanford each received two first-place votes, bringing the total of teams with No. 1 votes to seven.

Saint Joseph's and Texas tied for 13. Gonzaga, Wake Forest, Florida, Cincinnati, Purdue, Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Louisville rounded out the Top 20.

The last five ranked teams were Illinois, Wisconsin, Marquette, Dayton and Maryland.

## CSI

**Continued from D1**  
7.0 fpp) have been solid up front almost all season long, the emergence of 6-foot-10 Abdonalye Ndiaye and 6-foot-11 Mohamed Kone have given head coach Gib Arnold both ndiaye in the frontcourt.

Ndiaye and Kone are relative newcomers to the game of basketball. Ndiaye, a native of Senegal, is in just his third year of competitive basketball after competing as a soccer defensive back

and goalkeeper in his native country. Kone, who hails from Paris, has played the game for just four years.

Kone is averaging 5.8 points and 5.8 rpg while Ndiaye is averaging 3.6 points and 3.8 rpg. Kone is leading the conference in blocks at 1.67 per game. Ndiaye is tied for fifth with McGriff at 0.92 bpg.

"I think both of them have made huge strides," Arnold said.

"They both need to get stronger and be more physical, but Abdonalye has gotten a lot stronger and Mohamed is starting to put on weight. Now that they've got a steady diet of American fast food and steady diet of American weight-room, I think they're both going to bulk up."

The duo will be important inside against a smallish Treasure Valley squad.

Forward Wade Joseph leads the Chukurs in the frontcourt. The 6-foot-5 sophomore averaged 10.8 points and 8.0 rebounds per game last year and scored 15 points in a 103-67 loss to Salt Lake Community College earlier this season.

Minico High School product Giff Gillette may also see time in the Chukurs' backcourt. He played four minutes in the loss to SLCC.

## Litke

**Continued from D1**  
agreed with Owens, his fellow Sooner, about when to send in a ballot.

"I think every game counts," White said, "not just one or two games. I'll wait."

Among those voters who did wait, runner-up Larry Fitzgerald of Pitt was named first on a third of the ballots, compared to a quarter for White. But both the runner-up (82 percent of eligible media and past Heisman winners cast ballots) and his final 128-point lead over Fitzgerald suggest White probably would have won, anyway.

On the other hand, this isn't the first complaint about the timing of the vote, and it certainly won't

be the last.

Even now, 25 years after he won the Heisman, Billy Sims still wonders whether he should have won a second. After claiming the trophy as a junior, he lost the 1979 race to USC running back Charles White, perhaps because the balloting ended while his season still had two games to run.

"And I had 500-plus yards in those two," Sims recalled. "I'm not saying it would have changed things, but I wish the voters had a

chance to include them. They certainly couldn't have hurt my chances any."

The phones went unanswered Sunday at the Downtown Athletic Club, which commissioned the familiar bronze sculpture to present to college football's outstanding player in 1935, renamed it a year later to honor former club member and coaching legend John W. Heisman, and has been handing it out ever since.

The DAC has encouraged participants to vote as late as possible, to the point of sending overnight delivery envelopes with the ballots in past years. After Eric Crouch won with just 63 percent of the ballots returned in 2001, online voting was added, a convenience that nearly two-thirds of the voters took advantage of this year.

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Winter baseball meetings end with a little movement

NEW ORLEANS — Jeff Everett, Scott Spiezo and Carl Suppan switched teams in a late flurry, while potential deals for Alex Rodriguez, Vladimir Guerrero and other stars stayed on hold Monday when the winter meetings ended.

MVP to Boston for Manny Ramirez. "There's dialogue ongoing between the parties, but really we're not privy to any of it," said Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras said. "This is definitely an owners' roster."

lobby that teemed with baseball executives and agents for nearly four days was taken over by Memphis football fans, ready to watch their team take on North Texas in the New Orleans Bowl on Tuesday night.

And, look for more movement. The Seattle Mariners may be ready to trade starter Freddy Garcia, and there was speculation they could trade pitcher baseman Jeff Cirillo to the New York Mets for Roger Cedeno.

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

Supersonics visit Phoenix. Lewis was injured in Sunday's win over Milwaukee. He missed most of the second half after scoring 10 points and four rebounds in 25 minutes.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Table listing basketball and football games on TV, including Jazz at Wizards, ESPN, 5 p.m. and Utah at LSU, ESPN, 7 p.m.

Area ski report

Region's ski season is off to a good start. Snow totals are up to 45-55 inches in the area, with temperatures in the 30s.

NBA Eastern Conference standings table with columns for Team, W, L, GB, PCT, and Games Behind.

NBA Western Conference standings table with columns for Team, W, L, GB, PCT, and Games Behind.

College Basketball Rankings table listing teams like Duke, North Carolina, and their records.

NFL Standings table listing teams like Tampa Bay, New York Jets, and their records.

NHL Standings table listing teams like Carolina, Philadelphia, and their records.

NHL Scoring Leaders table listing players like Jarome Iginla and their statistics.

NBA Odds table listing various betting odds for games.

College Football Schedule table listing games between teams like Alabama and Georgia.

NFL Odds table listing betting odds for NFL games.

NHL Odds table listing betting odds for NHL games.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll table listing top 25 college football teams.

Football Bowl Game table listing bowl games like the Sun Bowl and their matchups.

Hockey NHL Eastern Conference table listing teams like Philadelphia and their records.

Hockey NHL Western Conference table listing teams like Dallas and their records.

NBA Intra Sunday Box table listing box office figures for games.

Football NFL American Conference table listing teams like Houston and their records.

Hockey NHL National Conference table listing teams like Colorado and their records.

NFL Odds table listing betting odds for NFL games.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### AARP Tax-Aide readies for training

**TWIN FALLS** — More than 40 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers from throughout Idaho took part last week in instructor update training provided in cooperation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Newly certified, they'll recruit and train additional volunteers to provide free tax counseling and preparation assistance during the Feb. 1 through April 15 regular state and federal income tax filing season.

AARP Tax-Aide offers free help to low- and middle-income taxpayers, with emphasis on those age 60 and older. In Idaho 219 volunteers helped a total of 15,387 people at 71 sites last year, according to Jim Todd, state coordinator.

Five Magic Valley volunteers were certified to teach basic tax law following last week's training. Bob Wunderle of Bliss, district coordinator; Fred R. Biss, district coordinator; Fred R. Biss, assistant district coordinator; Mary Lou Brooks, Gooding; Sherry Olsen-Frank; Twin Falls; and Dianne Moffet, Glenns Ferry. They will conduct classes in January covering federal and state tax laws, with changes for the coming season, and electronic filing of tax returns.

Program volunteers must receive training and pass an IRS-prescribed written examination each year to be certified as AARP Tax-Aide counselors. Counselors are expected to donate at least four hours a week assisting taxpayers during the 10-week tax season.

For training details or more about Tax-Aide, call Wunderle at 837-9178 or Ripley at 543-6544.

### Consumers delay shopping until discounts run deeper

**NEW YORK** — Despite a recovering economy, the nation's retailers appear to be at the same place they were a year ago, with shoppers again delaying holiday buying until the final stretch in hopes of snagging the deepest discounts.

Sales, which have had modest gains so far this holiday season, were hoping for a big surge this past weekend. Sales were generally strong Friday and Saturday, but a second consecutive weekend of snow in the Northeast, which hit Sunday, put many merchants behind again.

Now the pressure is on to make their forecasts.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, tempered its holiday outlook Monday, saying that same-store sales growth is now tracking at the low end of its 3 percent to 5 percent range. Sales at stores opened at least a year, known as same-store sales, are considered the best indicator of a retailer's strength.

Target Corp. and Sears, Roebuck and Co., said sales were below forecasts, and a Sears spokesman hinted more discounts were coming.

### Money tip: Include receipt with gifts

**NEW YORK** — When giving gifts this year, remember to include a gift receipt.

Many gifts, unfortunately, are the wrong size, the wrong color or duplicate something the receiver already owns. Other gifts are inappropriate. The National Retail Federation estimates that 4 percent to 6 percent of all holiday gifts are returned to stores.

With this in mind, it is important to realize that a store's return policy can be an important factor when selecting a gift. If you are buying an item online, be aware that the merchant may be giving the gift with the receipt, likely have to pay for shipping to return it.

Some online sites, such as Barnes & Noble and Gap, for example, allow patrons to return gifts to their retail stores.

Most online retailers, however, will pay for shipping only if the item is defective or if the order was incorrectly filled. Also be aware of how long the store will accept returns. For Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com, the limit is 30 days (though Amazon.com has extended its policy for returns through Jan. 31 for gifts bought between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31). Other stores will accept an item on any date — as long as the person has a receipt.

Compiled from staff and wire

## Grocery-turned-mall signals vitality



Ketchum carpenter Hank Balmer attaches door hardware at one of the new shops at the Bullion Square shopping center. He has worked on the Hailey mall project since May.

## Tenants at Hailey's newly renovated mall set up shop

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**HALLEY** — Larry Green sighed as he looked out over 7,500 square feet of sleds, bird feed, nuts and bolts.

"It's all got to go by the end of the year — well, much of it as possible — before he moves back across town."

L.L. Green's hardware store is moving from its current location opposite Atkinson's Market into new digs in the newly completed Bullion Square mall in Hailey.

"I've long wished I could be on Main Street, and the Bullion Square mall is probably the best location in Hailey," said Green. "People have to stop at the light there. And while they're sitting there, they're going to look around. And, when they do, they'll see this hardware store."

Tenants in the 21,000-square-foot shopping mall, which used to house Paul's Market, began opening one at a time last week. First came Mail Boxes Etc., or United Parcel Service. Then, Hailey's first blockbuster video store, Thon, Vintage Gypsy, a trendy housewares store.

Other businesses, like Green's, are expected to move in by early January.

With its undulating roof, wainscoting and varied awnings, the beige stucco and red brick building resembles the turn-of-the-century Western bungalow architecture found in Hailey's old Bullion Block building, which used to house the jail.

But the marketplace symbolizes Hailey's status as one of Idaho's boomtowns. It also speaks to the economic vitality of a town that some

wrote off as being on a downturn after actor Bruce Willis pulled out of several business ventures in the 1990s.

With about 7,000 residents, the town nearly doubled in population between 1999 and 2000. And planning and zoning commissioners have been dealing with a plethora of pending projects, including a sixplex cinema a block south of Albertsons, and 135 condominiums built around a state-of-the-art fitness facility on the site of the former Ironwood Tennis Club.

"We couldn't have done the Bullion project five years ago," said real estate broker John Sofro of Associated Brokers of Sun Valley.

"Even now, it's not like we're being deluged with tenants who want to move into the mall. Hailey is still small town, it's still seasonal and

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## Sears restructuring might mean more layoffs

The Associated Press

**HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill.** — Sears, Roebuck & Co. is in the midst of corporate restructuring that might mean the third round of job cuts at its corporate headquarters in as many years, company officials have confirmed.

Chief Executive Officer Alan Lacy outlined the restructuring effort in a memo to employees

last week, saying it was being done to give the retailer a "more focused and efficient corporate structure."

Another reason for possible job reductions at Sears' corporate headquarters in this Chicago suburb is the sale of Sears' credit card operations, which was completed last month.

That sale was announced in March and hailed as an opportu-

nity for the company to concentrate on its core retail business, which includes stores in Magic Valley. But sales at Sears' stores have been declining, so the retailer has been forced to lure holiday shoppers with price reductions, which reduce profit margins.

Sears has lowered its sales expectations for the entire fourth quarter.

Sears spokesman Chris

Braithwaite said Sunday that job cuts weren't necessarily the aim of the restructuring but added that it would be reasonable to anticipate some.

Sears has 4,800 employees at its headquarters, 500 fewer than it had at the beginning of the year. The headquarters staff was cut by 10 percent in July 1999, and another 1,300 jobs were eliminated in early 2002.

## Boom in Idaho construction points to reviving economy

The Times-News and  
The Associated Press

**POISE** — Low interest rates and a struggling but not stumbling economy have put Idaho on a pace for record construction growth this year.

The latest report from Wells Fargo economist Kelly Matthews was another sign of the financial outlook state to a bright future. It can ease them out of their budget problems.

Not only was September construction activity in statewide extremely strong for the fifth straight month, the average value

of new homes permitted that month was substantially higher.

"It's a reflection that conditions are improving and people can put more money into housing," Michael Ferguson, the chief economist for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, said Monday.

The administration has projected housing starts this year at a record 14,600.

"It's interest rates, but it's also the fact that Idaho's economy has been doing fairly well compared to the nation as a whole," Ferguson said. "It's maybe not as good as a decade ago but better than the rest of the nation. We've

had pretty good employment, especially since we've surpassed our pre-recession peak of 2001."

The new report showed the value of construction permits issued statewide in September at \$218.3 million. While that was nearly 27 percent ahead of a year earlier, Matthews pointed out that it marked the first time since Wells Fargo and its predecessors have been tracking the industry that there has been five straight months of construction permit worth more than \$200 million.

In south-central Idaho, meanwhile, plentiful September permits for new industrial buildings

and million-dollar homes propelled Magic Valley's year-to-date construction values to a nice lead over the 2002 pace. The Times-News published details about that activity Friday.

Projects receiving building permits in September totaled an estimated \$32.86 million for combined types in surveyed areas of Magic Valley, according to Wells Fargo's report. That's \$16.17 million more than in September 2002, or almost double the year-ago values.

By the end of September, year-to-date construction values are up 15 percent from last year.

## Discussing finances with future spouse is a must before marriage

**Question:** I'm an infantry officer serving in Iraq. I plan to propose to my girlfriend when I return. Knowing that money is the cause of a lot of marital strife, I'd like to know what I can do to minimize financial problems and set us up for success. I'm 29 and 15 years from Army retirement, making about \$50,000 a year. I propose to my girlfriend in a year and invest 7 percent of my gross pay in the military's Thrift Savings Plan. I have about \$5,000 in a cash reserve and my only debt is a car payment of \$650 a month. I'm not as certain about my girlfriend's finances. She will finish school in December with no student loan debt and will be looking for a job as a teacher. What sort of things should we be talking about now?

**Answer:** One of your first discussions — after you both have set



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tled down a bit from the thrill of getting engaged — should be a full financial disclosure: what each of you owns and owes. If her finances aren't as orderly as yours, she might resist this talk, worried that she'll disappoint you. You can help by reassuring her that you love her for more than her net worth.

It can be smart for both of you to order your credit reports and go over them together. You'll get a good idea of how well she has handled money from her history

of paying bills on time, the amount of credit she has at her disposal and how much of that credit she regularly uses.

Then discuss your goals, both as individuals and as a couple. A comfortable retirement is obviously important to you. How does she feel, and how much of her income is she willing to put toward that goal? The earlier you want to call it quits in the working world, the more aggressively you'll need to save.

Then there's the issue of kids. Do you want them, and if so, how many? Children have a major effect on a family's finances, and you'll want to make sure you can comfortably feed, clothe and educate them. You also might ask whether your bride-to-be wants to be a stay-at-home mom for any length of time. If so, it's a good idea to live on your income and save

hers while she's working. That way you can build up a bigger financial cushion, and you won't have to crank back your lifestyle drastically once the kids arrive.

Home ownership is a bit of a crapsheet when you're in the military. If you move every two to three years, which isn't unusual, you run the risk of losing money. The costs of buying and selling usually outweigh any appreciation you'll get in that short period of time. You could consider buying a home and renting it out when you move, but being an absentee landlord also is a risk. You and your bride-to-be should discuss whether you want to take those chances or save up to buy your dream house once you have completed your military service. Most couples also wrestle with whether or not to have joint accounts. People who have been on

## COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

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

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Alike Brownfield and Melissa Murtough, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-12624.

Stephanie M. Peer, also known as Stephanie Marie Prescott, 230 W. Oneida St., Richfield, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-12625.

Alicia Y. Schiewe, 318 N. Duff St., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-12629.

Janice Germann, 626 S. 550 E. Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-12633.

Jerrold Edwin Windes, 200 N. 26th W., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-12634.

Carlos Benavides and Minerva Benavides, 2001 Y St., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-12635.

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

John Rebollozo and Diane Rebollozo, 1981 Maple Ave., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-12602.

Floyd Cooper and Karen Cooper, 371 Sunrise Blvd., Twin Falls, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-12603.

Larry David Ashmead and Jamie Heden Ashmead, 1890A Floral Ave., Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-12615.

Janice M. Burch, 172 Lois St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-12623.

Mark A. Petruzzelli and Melissa M. Petruzzelli, child business as Jack and Jill Child Care, 21 Horseshoe Circle, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-12630.

### Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Linda Montana, 241 Alder, Hailey, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-12604.

Michael A. Reeves, also known as Alike Reeves, and Julia Ann Reeves, also known as Julie Reeves, 405 S. Oak, Kinross, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-12626.

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# Increase across board pad Idaho's cash cushion

BOISE (AP) — Tax collections were higher than expected in every category last month, padding the state's cash surplus by over \$10 million and fueling optimism that Idaho's economy is rebounding.

It was the first time that every revenue source exceeded monthly projections since June 2000, during the final months of economic health before the downturn began.

Continued strong paycheck withholding, a key indicator of the economy's improving job strength, were joined by corporate and sales tax collections well above expectations for November to push that one-time surplus to \$30.3 million.

That's the equivalent of the surplus from a year ago, but there was less concern that it will evaporate as last year's did during the early months of 2003 and leave the state facing a deficit that could record tax increase could curk.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne emphasized the change in atmosphere earlier this month when he first disclosed that November tax collections were again higher than expected.

"The thing that's good, the thing that's different from a year ago is we now see many national trends that we're recovering," the governor said.

It was an indication that the administration could increase its

forecast for tax collections next month when the Legislature convenes. The governor had been expecting an anemic 3.2 percent growth in tax receipts before

acting in the cash surplus. Collections so far, however, indicated that estimate will be adjusted upward, taking even more pressure off state lawmakers, who are still feeling the heat from raising taxes last spring.

The cash surplus, which would be noted in an upcoming session in tax collections for the entire budget year and a \$50 million federal windfall from last spring's federal tax cut will allow lawmakers to maintain state services at current levels without making any politically dicey

financial decisions just months before their re-election campaigns.

But Kempthorne and House Speaker Bruce Newberry expect 2004 revenues a year from now because the temporary tax increase will end and neither believes the state economy will have recovered enough to cover the lost revenue.

On the heels of the lowest unemployment rate in two years in November, the most recent update showed paycheck withholding exceeding expectations by \$4.6 million during the same month. The last time withholding was so far ahead of the monthly target was November 2000.

# Layoffs loom with cooling of mortgage market

Los Angeles Times

With much of the steam out of the refinancing market, the mortgage industry is bracing for widespread layoffs.

Two of the biggest home-loan providers — Washington Mutual Inc. and Countrywide Financial Corp. — have cut more than 6,500

jobs in recent months. And lenders are preparing to cut coming months more jobs in the mortgage market.

In all, some 65,000 people employed at companies specializing in mortgage lending will probably lose their jobs over the next 12 months, says the National Mortgage Bankers Association.

That represents about 15 percent of the peak employment in late summer, when 435,000 mortgage workers processed home loans as borrowers scurried for fear of missing out on historically low mortgage rates.

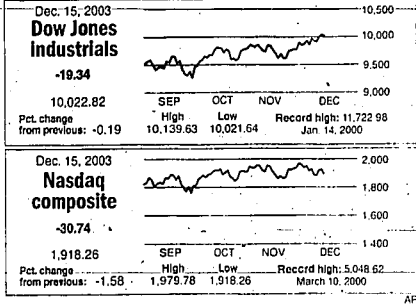
The association's estimate doesn't include jobs at banks that don't have separate mortgage subsidiaries, and there was no breakdown of the data by state.

Last week, Seattle-based Washington Mutual, the nation's second-largest mortgage lender, said more than 2,000 home-loan staff members — mostly temporary and contract positions — would be cut, in addition to the 4,500 workers let go since August.

Washington Mutual's layoffs

are part of a broader industry trend. The major industry shut up initially, but quickly created a firestorm as investors refocused on the domestic picture. While the arrest was important news for U.S. forces in Iraq, analysts were not surprised by its limited impact on the markets.

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# Hopes of 'Saddam rally' fade on disappointing Wal-Mart sales

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street sank lower Monday as disappointing sales at Wal-Mart Stores Inc. chilled the retailing sector and eroded confidence following the weekend capture of fallen Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Stocks traded briskly around the globe on news that Saddam was in custody, but the rally was short-lived on Wall Street. The major index shot up initially, but quickly cooled as investors refocused on the domestic picture. While the arrest was important news for U.S. forces in Iraq, analysts were not surprised by its limited impact on the markets.

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of the puzzle, and not a cause for a huge end-of-war celebration."

After soaring nearly 100 points in the first minutes of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average wheeled to a negative finish, ending the day down 19.34, or 0.2 percent, at 10,222.82.

The broader gauges were also lower. The Nasdaq composite index closed down 307.4, or 1.6 percent, at 1,918.26, its lowest point in nearly a year earlier in the year. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 0.10, or 0.6 percent, to close at 1,663.04.

Overseas markets saw gains. Japan's Nikkei stock average finished 3.2 percent higher following news the street. The Tokyo market was more muted in Europe, where major indexes lost ground but still ended the day higher. France's CAC-40 closed up 0.6 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.1 percent, and Germany's DAX index ended the day 0.4 percent higher.

# Construction

Continued from D4. to date-valley permit values were \$242.14 million — up by a notable 6.5 percent from the \$227.35 million in the first nine months of 2002. During full-year 2001 and 2002, Magic Valley's construction values rose 4.9 percent annually.

Statewide, for the first three quarters of 2003, Idaho's total new construction was valued at just over \$1.8 billion, up \$250

million from the first nine months of 2002. The statewide record was set under \$2.2 billion in 2000. The annual total in 2002 was just under \$2.1 billion, and the last quarter of the year generated over \$500 million in permit values. Matching that activity would set a construction record this

year. What had been a softening sector of the economy was expanded

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