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# Officials OK ambulance district

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

### Property tax increase

The Twin Falls County Ambulance District will raise \$404,650 next year by levying a tax on property owners. Only structures will be taxed, not bare land. Here's the additional tax property owners can expect to pay depending on the value of their property. Taxpayers will not see a change on their property tax bills until December 2004.

Property value	Tax per year
\$1,000	\$0.20
\$60,000	\$11.83
\$100,000	\$19.72
\$150,000	\$29.57

### What kind of ambulance service will residents get?

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

find \$526,650 to keep the ambulance service's bottom line in the black and operate three 24-hour ambulance stations.

Operating losses account for \$326,650, \$150,000 will be needed for capital expenses, and \$50,000 will be given to the five area volunteer quick responder units that stabilize patients until ambulances can arrive. Without help from the county, the hospital would have no choice but to trim some services, resulting in longer response times. Commissioner Bill Brockman said he was particularly concerned that if services had to be trimmed, people would end up waiting longer for an ambulance to arrive.

By law, counties are mandated to provide ambulance services. Some do it through ambulance taxing districts, others through a line item. Please see AMBULANCE Page A2



Photo by CORY MEYER/The Times-News

## Children's play explains pioneer holiday

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With imagination and willingness to improvise, Christmas could be festive even in a new city on the bare southern Idaho desert.

Ninety-six Morningside Elementary School third-graders in white shirts, blue jeans, neckerchiefs and straw hats will deliver that message tonight in a song-and-dance production written by their teachers.

Teachers Barb Allen, Jana Sato, Mary Barron and Kathy Dobbs wanted "An Idaho Country Christmas" to get the young pioneers thinking about their city's centennial and the lives of people 100 years ago.

At the 1904 pioneer Christmas, Twin Falls folks substituted sagebrush for an evergreen tree and decorated it with paper and popcorn. The third-graders will tell tonight's audience.

You're invited to their free performance at Roper Auditorium.

"It's kind of our Christmas present to the community," Allen said. At a Wednesday rehearsal in the elementary school's cafeteria, small groups of third-graders approached the long-handled dustpan serving as a makeshift microphone to explain what a centennial is or what a pioneer child might have found in his Christmas stocking.

"All of them have had to memorize," Allen said. Use your playground voice, the teachers reminded soft-voiced young speakers.

All 96 children have parts on



Above left, Morningside third-graders square dance during rehearsal for tonight's play.

Left, Morningside Elementary School third-grader Casey Merritt shields his eyes from the sunlight shining through the gym window during rehearsal of the school's centennial-Christmas-play Wednesday. The play, which follows the theme of the pioneers' holidays, runs tonight at 7 p.m. at Roper Auditorium.

stage - some reciting an old West parody of "A Visit from St. Nicholas," some line dancing, some square dancing, some talking solo turns at the microphone. The line dancers struggle with snapping and kicking on beat, but their

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## T.F. students earn their ISU degrees

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Heather Redman received her bachelor of arts degree in elementary education through Idaho State University on Wednesday.

And she didn't have to commute between Twin Falls and Pocatello to make it happen.

Redman earned the four-year degree by entering the ISU/Twin Falls Resident Center program offered at the College of Southern Idaho.

Redman attended the outreach program after health-related problems made it impossible for her to continue her studies at a private college far from home.

With commuting out of the question, the ISU program made it possible for Redman to finish her studies and realize her dream of becoming a certified teacher.

And she isn't alone in her quest.

While the stories differ between each non-traditional student, Redman had lots of company when 24 graduates of the local program received teaching certificates during the 2003 Intern Celebration ceremony held in CSI's Evergreen Building Wednesday.

This year there are 270 students enrolled at the center where 10 different degrees are offered, said Chris Vange, the center's director. The afternoon ceremony for educational interns was the largest since the program began six years ago.

For certification, one prerequisite is to complete a one-semester internship by doing on-site teaching at an area school.

Redman completed that final requirement after sharing a teaching position during the fall semester in the Title One Reading and Math program at Hansen Elementary.

"That's not all. With an increase in enrollment at Hansen, Redman was offered - and accepted - a mid-year contract with the district.

"We're proud - very proud," said Redman's grandmother, Betty Redman. "She'll be a terrific teacher," her grandmother added.

And all of the credit goes to the Please see GRADS, Page A2

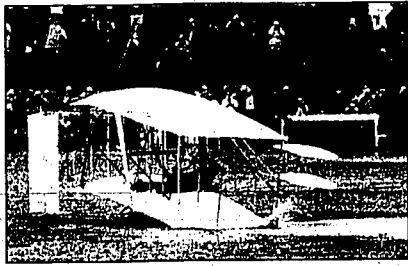
## Splash!

Attempt to re-create Wright brothers' flight doesn't get off ground

The Associated Press

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. - A 100th-anniversary attempt to re-create the Wright brothers' first flight flopped Wednesday when a delicate, wood-and-muslin replica of their airplane failed to get off the ground and splashed into a mud puddle.

On a rainy day when the winds on North Carolina's Outer Banks were uncharacteristically calm, a team of engineers tinkered with the plane and waited in vain for the breeze to pick up before they finally gave up trying to match



The 1903 Wright Flyer reproduction falls to take off Wednesday in Kill Devil Hills, N.C., during the First Flight centennial event.

the feat of the two self-educated bicycle mechanics from Dayton, Ohio. "Well, if this were easy, I guess everyone would do it," said Tom Poberenzky, president of the

Experimental Aircraft Association, a group of aviation enthusiasts that had a hand in building the painstakingly accurate reproduction. Please see WRIGHT, Page A2

## State, lodges scramble in wake of snowmobile ruling

The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - Wyoming Attorney General Pat Crank hustled Wednesday to appeal a court order scuttling the Bush administration's plan to allow snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks.

Resort owners and local authorities were also deciding what to do after U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan's ruling Tuesday.

Sullivan told the National Park Service to revert to a Clinton administration plan to phase out snowmobiles from the parks. Overruled after the Bush administration sortied a lawsuit filed by snowmobile manufacturers, the plan was to phase out snowmobiles and use snowcoaches to provide Please see SNOWMOBILE, Page A2



A snowmobiler is denied entrance to Yellowstone Park Wednesday.



NATION

# Outbreak may be worst in 30 years

Doctors weigh in on reported flu cases

The Associated Press

The current flu outbreak is the worst for young U.S. children in years, several experts say, perhaps worse in Western states than the Hong Kong flu of 1968-69.

A government epidemiologist and other disease doctors predict flu deaths among babies and toddlers will exceed the estimated 92 who die in an average flu year.

"We would expect that number would be higher in a season like this. It would be more than 92," said Dr. William Thompson of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "The question is how

high. We can't estimate that from our data."

Even so, flu deaths among children are still rare. An average of 8,400 normally healthy children between 6 months and 24 months are hospitalized with the flu each year. The virus and its complications are the sixth-leading killer of children age 4 and under.

With the flu now widespread across half the country, large hospitals have already admitted hundreds of young patients, including a few critically ill in intensive care. Nearly all eventually get better, but the deaths have been particularly worrisome.

"What I am hearing anecdotally is this is a very, very bad season for children," said Dr. Walt Orenstein, director of the National

Immunization Program at the CDC.

So far, the CDC has learned of about three dozen deaths in children and teenagers. It is unclear how that figure compares to previous years because the agency doesn't keep track of flu cases.

For the first season in four winters, the dominant flu strain is a so-called H3N2 virus, which is the most dangerous of the three main varieties of the bug. For that reason alone, experts say, the number of pediatric deaths will be higher than average.

The CDC estimates that in an average year, about 36,000 people—including 92 children under age 4—die of the flu. However, the totals vary from year to year, depending on the strain that is circulating.

Through the 1990s, the annual tally has ranged from 17,000 to 65,000. In a year when the more benign B-strain of flu dominates, just 24 deaths under age 4 are expected.

Flu can be a serious disease for the young because they have not built up much natural defense against the virus. Most older children and adults can fight off severe illness, even if they get sick, because previous infections have strengthened their immune systems.

This year may be especially bad because many young children have never encountered an H3N2 virus. Making matters worse, this season's virus is genetically different from the one that circulated in the late 1990s, so older children who had the flu then may not have very strong immunity.

# U.S. reaches free trade agreement

M.V. beet growers had objected to deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Overcoming last-minute wrangling on textiles, the United States reached a free trade agreement on Wednesday with four Central American countries.

Negotiators reached agreement in all areas, including textiles and agriculture, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick announced at a news conference with the trade ministers of Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras.

"Negotiations began last January, and today we have fulfilled that vision with a cutting-edge, modern free-trade agreement to tear down the tariff walls that block trade between the United States and Central America, between friends and neighbors," Zoellick said.

A fifth nation, Costa Rica, abruptly left the talks on Tuesday complaining — about excessive demands being made by the United States for the nation to open up its market to foreign competition in telecommunications and insurance.

However, U.S. officials expressed hope that the differences with another country can be resolved in coming weeks so that it will be included when the administration submits the Central American Free Trade Agreement, or CAFTA, to



Representatives for the Central American Free Trade Agreement, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, center, El Salvador minister of Economy Miguel Lacayo Arguello, second from right, and Patricia Ramirez Cobrig, Minister of Economy to Guatemala, meet with the media Wednesday in Washington.

Congress early next year.

The breakthrough in textiles came after an all-night bargaining session. Some of the Central American trade ministers had expressed pessimism that an agreement could be reached during this negotiating round and predicted "that the talks" would have to recess and start again in January.

The free trade deal covering Central America has met strong opposition among U.S. sugar cane and sugar beet farmers, including those living in Magic Valley, who fear competition from lower-priced Central

American sugar, and from the U.S. textile industry, which is concerned that the deal will open the beleaguered industry to even more foreign competition.

The deal, which will phase out virtually all trade barriers among the participating countries over the next decade, represents the sixth free trade deal the United States has achieved.

The North American Free Trade Agreement covers Canada and Mexico and the United States has individual free trade agreements with Israel, Jordan, Chile and Singapore.

# Natural gas rates could take another jump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Residential heating costs, already expected to be higher this winter than last, could take another jump after natural gas prices soared by nearly 50 percent within the past three weeks.

Analysts weren't sure what caused the sudden and steep increase in wholesale natural gas prices, but said that an early winter storm, speculation and concern about tight, although adequate, supplies all played a part.

The spot price of gas at the Henry Hub trading center in Louisiana closed at \$6.59 a thousand cubic feet on Tuesday, which was somewhat lower than the day before, but substantially higher than the \$4.45 price just before Thanksgiving.

"The bottom line is you've got a jittery market," said Paul Wilkinson, an economist for the American Gas Association, which represents gas utility retailers. While utilities buy only a small part of their gas on the spot market, the higher fuel prices likely

will be passed on to their customers, he acknowledged.

"There's no question... The prices today will get passed on. We're just in a sense a middleman," said Wilkinson.

Industrial gas users also are worried.

"At the moment, the price of natural gas is serving as the single largest brake on the U.S. economy," says Greg Lebedev, president of the American Chemistry Council, whose members use large amounts of gas to make pesticides and other products.

The surge in gas prices prompted calls in Congress for an investigation into possible price gouging and market manipulation.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who heads the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he couldn't understand why prices would soar as they have when gas inventories are above average for this time of year.

"We must determine once and for all if these price surges are the result of market forces or if there continues to be price manipulation," Hatch said, promising hearings into the price spikes.

# Holiday reading

What's new in the bookstores for 2003? Friday in The Times-News



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NATION/WORLD

# Troops launch hunt for guerrillas

Massive raid targets hot spot of Samarra

SAMARRA, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops blasted down the gates of homes, raising cries of women and children inside, and smashed in doors of workshops and junkyards in a massive raid Wednesday to hunt for pro-Saddam Hussein militants and stamp out the increasingly bold anti-U.S. resistance.

The raid, launched before dawn and lasting until mid-morning, targeted the city of Samarra, north of Baghdad, where U.S. officials say some 1,500 fighters operate — making it one of the persistent hotspots in the so-called "Sunni Triangle."

The coalition scored a major victory Saturday by nabbing Saddam, who Iraqi officials revealed Wednesday was currently being held in the Baghdad area. But violence has continued in the capital and in predominantly Sunni areas west and north of Baghdad, once Saddam's power base. In the northern-city of Mosul, assaults shot and killed a policeman Wednesday, police said. And Iraqi security forces there opened fire on pro-Saddam protesters, injuring nine, witnesses said.

In Baghdad, a fuel truck exploded after colliding with a bus at an intersection, killing 10 Iraqis and wounding 20 — raising initial claims by Afghan officials that it was a suicide bombing by Saddam loyalists. But U.S. officials later said the blast was an accident, not an attack.

In the Samarra raid by some 2,500 troops, dubbed Operation Ivy Blizzard, the 4th Infantry Division and Iraqi forces detained at least a dozen suspected guerrillas — though others got away, apparently tipped off about the raid.

"Locksmiths will make a lot of money these days," said a U.S. soldier, laughing as he sat atop a Bradley fighting vehicle in the city's industrial zone, where troops used sledgehammers, crowbars, explosives and even the Bradleys themselves to smash down doors of warehouses, work-



A U.S. soldier applies camouflage face paint before going on a mission in Samarra, Iraq, on Wednesday.



Two U.S. soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division attempt to open a safe in the industrial section of Samarra, Iraq.

shops and junkyards.

The sweep came after U.S. troops on Tuesday snared a suspected rebel leader and 78 other people, all in one building near Samarra, where they apparently were planning attacks. On Monday, guerrillas in the city ambushed an American patrol, sparking a battle in which soldiers killed 11 attackers.

"Samarra has been a little bit of a thorn in our side," said Col. Nate

Sassaman. "It hasn't come along as quickly as other cities in the rebuilding of Iraq. This operation is designed to bring them up to speed."

"No one knows the town better than we do, we're gonna clean this place. They've made a mistake to attack U.S. forces. We will dominate Samarra," he said.

With Saddam in custody, the most wanted Iraqi fugitive is Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, a high-ranking

member of the former regime thought to be organizing anti-U.S. attacks. But it was unclear whether U.S. officials think al-Douri is in the Samarra area. A core of about 1,500 fighters is thought to be in Samarra, said Sassaman's deputy, Capt. Matthew Cunningham. In Wednesday's sweep, soldiers used satellite global positioning devices to locate buildings pre-marked as targets.

As Apache helicopters flew overhead, troops' downtown fanned out in squads of 14 to storm several walled residential compounds, using plastic explosives to break in. In one compound, the blast at the gate shattered windows in the house itself, and a one-year-old baby was cut by glass. U.S. medics treated the injury while other soldiers handcuffed four men, who were later released.

The loud blasts mixed with the sound of women and children screaming inside the houses: At one point, there was a short exchange of gunfire, but it was not immediately clear what happened.

At another home, an explosion ignited a small fire.

# Iraqis struggle to accept Saddam's surrender

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Karim Abu Yasser, schooled in front of Iraqi portraits of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that hung in every classroom. First as a boy, then as a soldier for more than a decade in Saddam's army, he was nurtured on tales of Saddam the Lion, and he accepted the official image of the president as a stalwart commander with nerves of steel.

So when he learned that Saddam had emerged meekly from his burrow last weekend and surrendered to U.S. forces without firing a shot, Abu Yasser said he was aghast.

"We feel he either should have fought or if he was surrounded and there was no other way, committed suicide. That's what we were expecting," he said. "When he didn't, it wasn't a surprise for us. It was a shock."

Since Sunday, Baghdad has been buzzing with talk of Saddam's surrender. Some Sunni Muslim supporters are suggesting that he did not fight because he was dragged by the CIA. Some detractors are wondering whether they could have ousted Saddam on their own. A feeling that Saddam had shamed all Iraqis by failing to stand his ground was expressed by both supporters and opponents in a series of conversations here.

Abu Yasser, now a portly 40-year-old owner of a watch shop, said he was no fan of the fallen president. A member of Iraq's long-repressed Shiite Muslim majority, he said the

end of Saddam's rule was welcome. But not this way. "He was the head of state, the symbol of the country. It was his duty to fight," Abu Yasser said. "Frankly, he let us down."



Saddam Hussein

He is a 35-year-old bookseller in downtown Baghdad, said, "We're asking ourselves, Is this the man who ruled us for 35 years? This man was ruling

with an iron fist and he ends up in such a submissive way in a ditch."

He bitterly cited Saddam's most recent audio tape, released to the media a month ago, urging his fighters to resist the U.S. occupation. "But he didn't fight," Abu said. "He is lies, lies to the end."

Abou sells books from a wooden pallet along a crowded, colonnaded street named for Mutanabi, perhaps the Arab world's greatest classical poet and, for many Iraqis, an exemplar of honor. Mutanabi embodies the valor that many now discover lacking in their former president.

Iraqis note with irony that Saddam chose to live even after his own two sons, Oday and Qusai, died battling U.S. soldiers. They were killed in July along with a bodyguard and Qusai's 14-year-old son during a long, intense firefight that erupted when U.S. troops raided the house where they were hiding in the northern city of Mosul.

# Insurgency displays signs of central coordination

'Signature bombs' help military make conclusions

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Iraqi insurgency is showing signs of central planning by former officials of Saddam Hussein's regime — figures who coordinate strikes hundreds of miles apart and provide cash and bomb-making expertise to guerrilla cells, a senior U.S. military official told The Associated Press Wednesday.

In some cases, "signature bombs" are used, devices so similar their design suggests they came from the same source, the official said.

"We doubt individual cells would have the capability themselves to do that. They're just too much alike," the official said on condition of anonymity, describing the growing intelligence picture of the attackers.

The shadowy overseers of the insurgency maintain communications with cells made up of a core of about 5,000 anti-U.S. guerrillas, who in turn have coordinated thousands of part-time fighters from Iraq's mosques and its vast pool of unemployed and angry citizens, the official said.

The official cautioned that the guerrillas displayed no signs of a strict command-and-control hierarchy in the conventional military

sense, but said dozens of independent cells have received some guidance from above.

"It isn't just one or two individuals who are saying, 'On Friday this particular cell in Baghdad, you're directed to do this operation.' That would be a real exception to the rule," the official said. "I'd expect it to be more along the lines of 'These are the kinds of things we want to encourage you to do over the next two weeks.'"

A briefcase of documents seized during Saturday's capture of Saddam near the northern city of Tikrit clarified the picture of the anti-American insurgency in Baghdad and its leadership, Army Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling of the 1st Armored Division told AP on Monday.

The division used data from the intelligence trove on Sunday and Monday to arrest key figures leading the insurgency in Baghdad, Hertling said. The intelligence also confirmed the existence of rebel cells whose presence was previously only suspected, he said.

On Wednesday, the senior official in Baghdad said intelligence analysts are hoping to use Saddam's details "to get better clarity" about the guerrilla

movement.

"Until now, the U.S. military has based its theories on interrogation reports from captured midlevel guerrillas or leaders familiar only with their own cells," the military official said. The compartmentalized nature of Iraq's guerrilla movement and the lack of strict central control has made the job especially difficult.

"The thing we're very interested in is the extent to which he still may pull the strings," the official said, referring to Saddam. "We've got to make sure that if we do get anything out of him that we're able to turn that rapidly into some kind of action."

The leadership also offers the rebels "goods and services" from a pool of cash and expertise, which can be seen in the similarities in the attacks taking place in cities from Nasiriyah in southern Iraq, to Baghdad in the center and Mosul in the north.

"I think it's fair to say there are some kinds of talents and some kinds of activities that are more centralized," the official said. "Money is one of those goods." Central coordination can be seen in the anti-U.S. or pro-Saddam demonstrations that crop up simultaneously in cities across

the country, and in the types of bombs and tactics used in ambushes, the official said.

"There are some skill sets that we think probably move across regions," the official said.

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- (1) That Article VII.f. be amended to hereafter require at least ten (10) shares of Company water for delivery to a new headgate.
- (2) That Article XI be amended to provide that notice of future proposed By-law amendments be noticed pursuant to the Non-Profit Corporation Code instead of I.C. §42-2401(6).

Voting on the proposed amendment shall be conducted at the Company office and the polls shall be open at the offices of the Company at 357 Sixth Ave. West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm on January 13, 2004. Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 2, 2004.

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# Hospital industry calls for price cuts for uninsured

WASHINGTON (AP) — The hospital industry said Wednesday it will consider cutting the price of care for the uninsured in the face of growing complaints that hospitals charge such patients too much.

But the American Hospital Association, which represents nearly 5,000 hospitals, pinned much of the blame for the high prices on inflexible federal regulations.

The AHA said it needs the government's help if hospitals are to change the practice of charging uninsured patients the full retail price for medical procedures. Typically, participants in private and government insurance plans pay steeply discounted, negotiated rates.

"Federal Medicare regulations as written today contain a string of barriers that discourage hospitals from reducing charges or forgiving debt for these patients without potentially running afoul of the law," AHA President Richard J. Davidson wrote Secretary and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

The AHA is seeking protection for hospitals from penalties the government can impose on them for using financial incentives to

draw customers or taking unfair advantage of a program in Medicare that reimburses hospitals for bad debts.

Centura Health, Colorado's largest hospital system, this week dropped a plan to offer discount services to the uninsured, saying it might violate federal law.

Consumer groups said the plan could have helped 700,000 uninsured Coloradans, some of whom

make too much money to qualify for Medicaid.

The company last spring said it would consider offering uninsured patients the same discounts offered by health plans, which could save individual patients thousands of dollars.

Tom Gustafson, a Medicare official who oversees hospital reimbursements, said federal regulations do not prohibit hospitals from

helping the uninsured, but said his staff would study the AHA requests.

"Basically, hospitals can and do make discounts for the uninsured. They have to go through a process to get there," said Gustafson, deputy director of the Center for Medicare Management within HHS.

The nation's two largest for-profit hospital chains this year

announced differing plans to offer discounts to the uninsured. Nashville-based HCA Inc., the largest chain, said it would offer help to low-income patients with-

out insurance. Tenet Healthcare Inc., of Santa Barbara, Calif., said it would offer the uninsured discounts regardless of their income.



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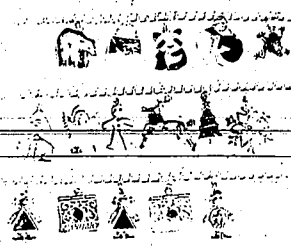
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## EDITORIAL

### Wasden leads the way toward settling lawsuit

Bob Huntley, the lawyer for school districts that want state construction money, may soon get his chance to argue the 13-year-old case before the Idaho Supreme Court.

That is, if he has any clients left.

Just as the lawsuit was moving closer to being argued before the Idaho Supreme Court, one district (Midvale) settled with the state to correct hazards. Another (Whitepine) is close.

Should Whitepine settle, it will drop the number of litigants from seven to five. Losing districts may not sound the death knell for Huntley's case.

But it certainly doesn't help. From an initial list of about 50 plaintiffs, the case is down to a handful of disgruntled north Idaho school districts. The St. Maries, Lapwai, Cottonwood, Challis and Lake Pend Oreille districts want to shirk their duty to repair schools, by forcing taxpayers statewide (that's you) to pay the cost.

At least one Cottonwood, has a former Democratic operative for a superintendent — who seems motivated more by politics than by safety concerns.

The credit for the state's steady progress goes to Attorney General Lawrence Wasden and his staff, who are working with districts to end the litigation and finally fix unsafe schools.

Last summer, the Supreme Court overruled 4th District Judge Deborah Ball's stay on the new HB 403. The law says districts that have unsafe buildings and no funds can get edu-

catinal necessity levies from a judge.

The law also requires the state to sue districts that fail to address their needs through local property taxes.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the seven plaintiff districts in Huntley's suit fell into that category. So Wasden sued them.

Some in the north Idaho media have painted Wasden as a fiery zealot raining vengeance on the districts.

That's not the case. He and his deputies have put a priority on fixing safety concerns, not litigation.

The hard work has paid off. Midvale settled with the state in October by agreeing to make fixes next fall. Best of all, that deal came together with no court appearances.

Wasden has also resolved a dispute between the state and Whitepine School District. That district felt slighted after state aid for bond-issue interest fell short of legislators' promises.

But Whitepine officials have praised Wasden for his efforts to help get those promised funds. Last week a 2nd District judge said the district and state could continue working on a settlement while the high court deliberates HB 403.

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### Farewell to the Devils' cave

New school facilities are always a source of community pride. But the new Dietrich High School gymnasium is replacing a memorable landmark.

Dietrich's old gym was the essence of "old school." It was tight, dark, and cramped, and the court wasn't even regulation size.

While other schools claimed their spectators constituted a "sixth man" in the gym, the Devils' old court actually put fans close enough to foul the shooter.

The Blue Devils' spiffy new

\$500,000 gym opened last week with six hoops, coaches' offices and 600-seat bleachers. It was paid for from district reserves and 15 percent of a \$1.5 million bond issue from Dietrich voters.

Officials say the old gym was simply too small and unsafe. It will be torn down in March to make way for a cafeteria and lockers.

Still, the old court became a huge home-court advantage, and a part of Dietrich's basketball legacy. So here's a fond farewell to Dietrich's small, dimly lit corner of southern Idaho basketball.

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## Capture doesn't smooth road for Iraq

The capture of Saddam Hussein is great news for the cause of international justice. And it's great news for President George W. Bush, at least in the short run. But the longer-term impact on Iraq itself — and on Bush himself — is unclear.



JAMES P. PINKERTON

To be sure, the Saddam era is over. Presumably the Americans will turn the ex-dictator over to some sort of Iraqi tribunal, where he will be held accountable for the death of more than a million people — and where no Johnnie Cochran-type will derail the course of his just punishment.

But the Saddam era has, in fact, been over since April — and yet America's problems in Iraq have worsened since then. More Americans have been killed since Bush declared an end to "major combat operations" than before. Indeed, the capture of Saddam in a tiny hole in the ground, without so much as a cell phone, puts the lie to the notion that he was directing the resistance efforts.

And so while many will be celebrating Saddam's capture as a "turning of the corner" in Iraq, it's worth remembering that the same optimists were predicting the collapse of anti-American fighting after the death of Saddam's sons, Qadai and Qusai, back in July.

The point is that the Iraqi resistance consists of at least four different factions. First, there's the much-discussed "Fedayeen Saddam." Pentagon propagandists like to link all anti-American violence to these Baath "bitter-enders," but they probably aren't the deadliest group. Like Saddam himself, the Baathists don't seem interested in dying in a blaze of glory. If they did, they had plenty of chances to do so back in March and April.



The other three factions are more dangerous, because they never had much loyalty to Saddam & Co. The second faction is the Iraqi Islamists, both Sunni in the north and Shiites in the south. These true believers are more likely to be suicide bombers, because they might be looking for a martyr's passage to heaven. A third, and related, group is made up of foreign fighters. Their numbers and motivations are obscure, but it's a safe bet that most of them don't plan on returning to their home countries alive.

Fourth and finally, there is the general category of those who feel that their honor has been injured by the U.S. occupiers. Last month The Baltimore Sun quoted a U.S. defense analyst who warned of a backlash against tough tactics. "Every time you kick in a door and roust a family, you've created a revenge group of 40 guys."

So while the first resistance group, the Baathists, might well be demoralized by the capture of Saddam, it's hard to see how the other three factions will be affected at all. Indeed, to some

extent, the non-Baathists might now feel emboldened to pursue their violent campaigns, since they can no longer be accused of paving the way, however inadvertently, for Saddam's return to power.

In other words, expect a week of nonstop celebration in the United States, followed by the painful realization that the bombs and attacks are still continuing in Iraq. Indeed, Bush himself, having learned his lesson after the landing on the aircraft carrier in May, was careful to caution Americans that Saddam's capture "does not mean the end of violence."

Such violence, of course, will complicate the creation of a stable pro-American government in Iraq. The conventional wisdom in Washington is that the White House will arrange the virtual withdrawal of U.S. troops — at least from the hot zones — by the middle of 2004, so that Bush can stand for re-election on a platform of zero casualties abroad and much prosperity at home.

But Bush's path to a second term might yet be bumpy. The Shiites, who make up 60 percent of the Iraqi population, have fig-

ured out that holding an honest election in Iraq would put them in power for the first time in the nation's history. And the top Shiite cleric, Ayatollah Sistani, is a clear dead-ender for the late Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran, and his political views seem similar, too.

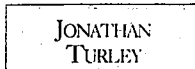
Which is to say, Shiite control of Iraq is anathema to the secular and pro-Western officials we have installed in Baghdad. And so a power struggle is being waged. If elections are delayed or subverted, as seems likely, that power struggle could become a civil war.

Meanwhile, the U.S.-funded Iraqi police and army are honey-combed with quitters, deserters, and informers. Without the active combat participation of Americans, the government in Baghdad would fall to the ayatollahs, just as the government of the Shah of Iran's regime fell a quarter-century ago.

But today is a day of celebration. After all, these bleak scenarios might not play out till after November 2004.

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## Officials win gold for Olympic corruption



JONATHAN TURLEY

In the Olympics, it is traditional to name a new move after the first athlete to perform it — like the "Salchow" jump for skaters, named after 1908 Olympic skater Ulrich Salchow of Sweden. This month, another Olympic trial was held and two Americans emerged victorious with a move that should be recorded in future trials as "a Welch and Johnson."

For those who missed it, that's Tom Welch and Dave Johnson, the former president and senior vice president of the Salt Lake Olympic bid and organizing committee. The two had been charged with 15 counts of bribery and fraud for allegedly buying off Olympic officials to make Salt Lake City the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

However, in a never-before-seen maneuver, they managed to persuade a federal judge to dismiss their case not by denying making huge payments of cash or gifts but by arguing that such conduct was entirely appropriate in the thoroughly corrupt world of the International Olympic Committee.

In perhaps the ultimate sign of our times, the same sort of claim is being attempted by defendants in the New York trial involving Tyco Corp.

In the face of allegations of greed and self-dealing, former corporate officials have sought to be judged according to the standards of their morally delinquent peers. In other words, in a

community of the corrupt, there can be no such thing as a dishonest man.

For the Salt Lake organizers, this taste for vice did not appear naturally but was acquired after years of dealing with the IOC. After Salt Lake lost the 1998 Olympics to Nagano, Japan, the organizers concluded that the Japanese had effectively bought the honor through gifts to IOC members.

Johnson reportedly wrote a report saying that, although they knew that there were corrupt IOC members, they had wrongly assumed that there were enough "pure" members to guarantee a fair result.

They vowed to change their approach before the 2002 Games, and Johnson allegedly promised to pay "special attention" to certain people to secure the Games for Salt Lake. His defense attorney explained to the jury that the defendants had realized that it would take more than "saltwater taffy and jars of honey" to convince the good people of the IOC.

How much more would be required became apparent in the trial. The jury heard testimony of envelopes stuffed with cash, expensive hotels, car repairs, college tuition, family

vacations and even cancer treatment for a member. As much as \$1 million may have been forked over to hungry members of the IOC.

Indeed, Johnson and Welch allegedly assembled a 25-page "gold file" listing IOC members and the personal pleasures that they wanted satiated by Salt Lake.

For his vote, the Congolese IOC delegate reportedly received \$320,000 in cash, first-class travel, shopping sprees and a Rolex watch.

But here's the problem in the case: The victim, according to prosecutors, was the overall Salt Lake Olympic Committee, for which Welch and Johnson worked.

But the SLOC could hardly feign a lack of knowledge when most of the payments were documented by the defendants and one-fourth of the alleged bribes were made by the committee after Welch was replaced.

This included payment of tuition and living expenses for the son of an IOC member from Libya.

Viewed in isolation, the evidence appears to offer little room for a defense. Yet when it comes to Olympic ambitions, context is everything. The defense essentially asked whether it is possible to commit a conspiracy when everyone knows about it, or in Zen-like phraseology, if a conspiracy occurs in Salt Lake and every-

one can see it, does a conspiracy exist? According to the judge, it does not.

As for Welch and Johnson, they were saved by the corruption of strangers. Welch's attorney insisted that, because it was so open and accepted, this was not "a process of bribery" but merely "a process of excess."

Of course, when Oscar Wilde stated that "nothing succeeds like excess" he never imagined that it would be converted into a legal defense. Yet, in Salt Lake City and New York City, defendants have embraced open excess as the very proof of honesty.

In these cases, the government seemed to struggle to find a single innocent person to cast the first stone. Its witnesses imploded on the stand when pressed on their own practices.

Ultimately, the true culprit in Salt Lake City was the IOC itself. If the IOC were a union, it would be treated as controlled by organized crime and put under federal supervision. Yet no one wants to take on the IOC. The IOC has, not surprisingly, declared itself "pure" after shedding prior members and adopting new ethics rules. It is now seeking bids for a future Olympic site, so it can again invite all well-holed suitors to "let the games begin."

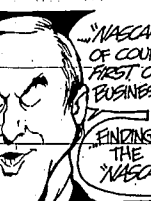
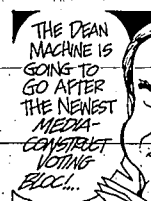
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NATION

# Dean takes own road on Saddam's capture

By Ron Formler  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - By declaring America no safer after Saddam Hussein's capture, Howard Dean defied conventional wisdom and opened himself to intense criticism from his Democratic presidential rivals.

But by battling his foes and plowing new political terrain didn't irreparably harm Dean when he opposed a popular president's push toward war, subjected his candidacy to the whims of the internet or abandoned the public finance system. And several Democratic strategists and independent analysts predict there will be no immediate backlash this time, either.

They believe the Democratic front-runner is up to his old tricks: Preaching to the choir of primary voters angry at President Bush as well as party leaders.

"Dean is saying what a whole lot of people think, and that is a guy running from hole to hole is not a major threat to our country," said Jeff Link, an adviser to Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "There are a lot more dangerous terrorist



Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean speaks during a rally Tuesday at Roberto's Restaurant in Las Cruces, N.M.

threats around the world than Saddam Hussein."

While pro-war presidential candidates seized upon Saddam's capture to reshape their measured messages on Iraq, Dean stuck to his blunt-speaking ways, showing little concern for ruffling feathers or creating a soft-on-Saddam perception that could hurt him in the general election.

"The capture of Saddam is a good thing which I hope very much will keep our soldiers in Iraq and around the world safer," Dean said Monday. "But the capture of Saddam has not made America safer."

He argued that America won't be more secure until problems bigger than Saddam are fixed, including anti-American insur-

gency in Iraq, the illegal world market for weapons of mass destruction, tattered U.S. alliances and the nation's porous homeland defense.

In a series of speeches this week, Dean's pro-war rivals raised similar warnings. But they called Saddam's capture a boon for the anti-terrorism campaign, saying that Dean's claim to the contrary belied his lack of foreign policy experience.

Sen. Joe Lieberman said Dean has crawled into a "spider hole of denial." Sen. John Kerry said Dean showed a lack of "leadership skills or diplomatic temperament" to be president. And a shadow group with ties to Kerry and Rep. Dick Gephardt aired ads in Iowa suggesting that the former Vermont governor can't stand up to Osama bin Laden.

It is a risky strategy, borne of their zeal to knock Dean from atop the Democratic field before Iowa's kickoff caucuses Jan. 19.

Strategists and analysts say that by criticizing Dean, the pro-war candidates appear to be siding with Bush - not a good idea in the Democratic primary - and may be out of touch with even swing voters, many of whom don't feel safer with Saddam in prison.

## Clark follows testimony with fund-raising pitch

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democratic presidential hopeful Wesley Clark's campaign cited his testimony on Slobodan Milosevic's war crimes in a fund-raising letter asking donors to help him raise \$1 million over the next two weeks.

"Today in The Hague, Wes Clark is winding up the final campaign of his military mission in Kosovo," campaign manager Paul Johnson wrote in the e-mail sent Tuesday. "But back home, our mission to put Wes Clark in the White House has just begun."

The solicitation asks donors to take part in Clark's "51 Million Challenge" and contribute to his campaign by Dec. 31, when the fourth fund-raising quarter ends. Clark, a retired general and NATO commander, spent 10 hours testifying on Monday and Tuesday. Milosevic, president of the Serbia republic and later of Yugoslavia's federal government during the decade of the country's breakup, faces 66 counts at the U.N. war

crimes tribunal for alleged crimes in Croatia, Bosnia, Kosovo.

Clark's fund-raising e-mail said Clark's leadership in Kosovo qualifies him to handle the U.S. conflict in Iraq.

"Today, Milosevic is facing his punishment. Compare this to the current situation in Iraq. The capture of Saddam Hussein is good news," the e-mail says. "But a day of good news in Iraq doesn't change the challenges we face. The choice of which candidate can beat George Bush in this election and fix the mess in Iraq couldn't be clearer."

Donors had given about \$100,000 as of Wednesday morning. Contributors who gave \$100 by noon were promised access to a conference call with Clark on Thursday night.

Those who donated \$250 were invited to join an "interactive phone conversation" with campaign chairman Eli Segal to discuss campaign strategy, after the call with Clark.

## Bush's goal of halving federal deficits draws public skepticism

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's goal of cutting in half a projected \$500 billion federal deficit within five years is being dismissed as too timid by conservatives, unachievable by analysts and laughable by Democrats.

Bush will include the objective in the \$2.3 trillion budget for 2005 he sends Congress in February, nine months away from the presidential and congressional elections. The goal is backed by many Republicans, but conservatives want a bolder move against the record deficits and big spending increases the administration has run up.

"It's a rather anemic goal, actually," said Stephen Moore, president of the conservative Club for Growth. "We should be talking about how to balance the budget."

Administration officials say their goal is a 2009 deficit that is half of this year's level, which White House budget chief Joshua Bolten has said he expects to hit \$500 billion.

Achieving a \$250 billion deficit in five years, however, could take hundreds of billions in savings, a difficult political task.

White House officials deny warnings circulating on Capitol Hill that they might define their goal as halving the 4.4 percent share of the U.S. economy that a \$500 billion deficit would be next year - a 2.2 percent in five years. That would make their target 2009 deficit about \$320 billion, leaving their task \$70 billion easier.

The deficit for the budget year that ended Sept. 30 was \$374 billion, the highest ever in dollar terms. Administration officials say the more important measure is how the shortfall compares with the size of economy, with last year's 3.5 percent share far below the 6 percent post-World War II peak of 1983.

## Dean widens lead over rivals in N.H.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean leads rival John Kerry by 29 percent in a survey of likely New Hampshire primary voters, an increase of 7 percentage points since a similar poll last month.

Dean leads the Massachusetts senator, 46-17 percent, according to a poll by television stations WJMR in Manchester and WCVB in Boston. Wesley Clark had 10 percent and Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman 7 percent.

Trailing were North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, 4 percent; Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt, 3 percent; and Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich, former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley Braun and Al Sharpton, 1 percent each.

The number of undecided voters fell from 27 percent in November to 11 percent. Four out of five people surveyed said former Vice President Al Gore's endorsement of Dean would have little influence on their decision.

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## RISING High School Sports STARS

### Friendship fuels Filer's firepower

**Jennica Mechem and Lindsay Heimkes Flier girls basketball**  
FILER — Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn couldn't shoot like this. While Mark Twain's fictional friends floated in the Mississippi on a wooden raft, Flier girls basketball stars Jennica Mechem and Lindsay Heimkes are leading the 56 Lady Wildcats (2-2 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference) on another state tournament charge under coach Kim Remus. Averaging 17 points per game, Mechem is the pure-shooting scoring leader of the Wildcats.



Jennica Mechem



Lindsay Heimkes

"If you look at Jennica, I think they thought she was going to be our only scorer," Remus said. "But Jennica has stepped up her confidence and taken the role of a scorer. If one of them is a little off, the other one will step up and score." Heimkes — lean and versatile — has always been a defensive presence for the Wildcats. She has been called upon this year to expand her role on both ends of the court, contributing points and post defense for Flier.

"Guarding bigger girls is a really big adjustment, but I'm getting better," said Heimkes. "I just try to make myself bigger and frustrate them with my hands and make things easier for me by keeping them from getting the ball." On the offensive end of the floor, Heimkes has worked through the jitters of her sophomore year. Once only a slasher who sought lay-ups, Heimkes has added much from the outside — a big part of her 12 ppg scoring average this year.

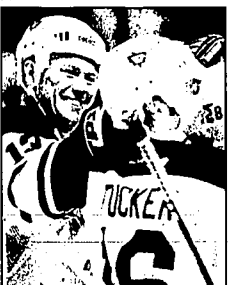
"I was really tentative last year, but I'm more familiar playing with this team now, so I'm more confident this year," Heimkes said. While the combined 25 ppg have been invaluable to Flier's success, Mechem and Heimkes' friendship has been a huge asset for Remus' Wildcats.

"When I first came to Flier, we had to work on team-building and chemistry," Remus said. "This year, I don't have to worry about that." Friends on and off the court, Mechem and Heimkes understand and support each other, unifying their team and coach with laughter.

"They get me laughing and they know that always helps to keep me calm," Remus said. Spend time with the junior duo and you'll find that a lot more is being communicated than is said between the two.

# Maple Leafs turn season around

Toronto's Mats Sundin, left, and Percy Tucker celebrate during their game against the Detroit Red Wings in Red Wings Dec. 6. Sundin called a players-only meeting after a five-game winless skid last month. Whatever was said, it worked: Toronto has won 11 of 12 games since.



**The Associated Press**  
TORONTO — Maple Leafs captain Mats Sundin called a players-only meeting after a five-game winless skid last month. Whatever was said, it worked: Toronto has won 11 of 12 games since. Suddenly, the team is tied with the Philadelphia Flyers for the most points in the NHL. Not even injuries to Alexander Mogilny, Owen Nolan, Gary Roberts, Joe Newenkyndyk and Nik Antropov slowed the Maple Leafs, who set a franchise record Tuesday night by recording a point in 12 straight games (11-0-1). The recent success can be traced back to Nov. 20, when players gathered

while still wearing their equipment after a loss to the Edmonton Oilers. "We had a lot of guys speak up that night. Mats started it, and a lot of guys chipped in with their two cents' worth," Roberts said. "Since that day, for whatever reason, whether it was the meeting or not, we've found a way to come together and win a lot of hockey games together." "Obviously, guys listened, because we have been more committed." The Leafs responded with an eight-game winning streak, including against a trio of the NHL's best teams: Vancouver (twice), Ottawa and Detroit. The St. Louis Blues ended that streak Dec. 9, but not before Newenkyndyk sent their game into

overtime with a short-handed goal with just 17 seconds left in regulation. The Blues won in OT. Three Leafs victories followed, pushing their record to 18-6-3 heading into Friday's game at Washington. It's an impressive turnaround for a team that was 7-6-5-2. Roberts wouldn't reveal exactly what was said in the meeting, but Sundin felt he needed to bring everyone together after a series of mistakes on the ice. "We are keeping it simple now. We're not giving away points like we did earlier in the year," Sundin said. "We gave up a lot of turnovers. More than just the meeting, we've had an attitude change." Please see LEAFS, Page B4

# Minico takes down Jerome



Minico grappler Shawn Kunzler, top, gets ready to pin Jerome opponent Carry Livingston during their 152-pound match in Minico Wednesday night. The Spartans downed the Tigers 45-29 in the dual meet.

## Spartans win 45-29 with strong lightweight performances

**By Eric Larsen Times-News writer**  
RUPERT — The young Minico Spartan wrestling team finished their first home meet in style. Nick Soto, 135 pounds, capped off the night by winning Jerome's Tyler Larson in 4:39, putting a six-point cherry on top of the Spartans' 45-29 win. The Spartans dominated the lower weight classes, taking all but one of nine bouts between the 103 and 152-pound weight classes. Soto, Nick Crane, and Shawn Kunzler all pinned their opponents, along with heavy-weight Bryce Cole, who needed only 1:24 to down Chance Jasso. The match of the night was arguably the meeting of 125-pounders Josh Clapier of Minico

and Jose Trellis of Jerome. The freshman Clapier earned a 5-3 decision, taking an early lead and holding off a late charge from Trellis in the third period. Clapier's experience in freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling took him to a seventh-place finish in the Western state regionals last year as an eighth-grader. "He's a freshman, but he still has more experience than a lot of seniors," said Minico coach Brad Cooper. While Clapier took an early 4-0 lead against Trellis, it was his ability to stay cool under a hard late charge from Trellis that earned him the match. "Half the match is mental," Clapier said. "If you have the experience, a lot of times you'll keep your head when other people will panic."

Returning Spartan state qualifier Gene Hammond earned a 14-0 major decision over Mike Cummings at 103 pounds, while 145-pound Kasey Johnson earned a 12-1 major decision over Brian Greenwalt. On the whole, Cooper was pleased with the way his young team came out against Jerome. "We're a young bunch. To come out and win, we feel pretty good," Cooper said. "(Jerome is) on the rise, you can tell by their numbers. Coach (Des) Case has done a good job at turning them around." The Tigers were led by pins from Ern Powell at 130 pounds, along with pins by Britt Thiessen, Ryan Musgrave, and Tanner Patterson in the upper weights.

While the loss is disappointing, Tiger coach Des Case was proud of his grapplers. "I thought we did a pretty good job. Minico is definitely the powerhouse in the Magic Valley," said Case. "They're what everyone else is shooting for, but this is the closest we've been to them since I've been coaching here." Both teams will head to Twin Falls High for the Bear-Cat invitational tournament Friday starting at 3:30 p.m.

## CONSISTENT CURTIS

### RB Martin has nine straight 1,000-yard seasons

**By Andrea Szulcsteyn Associated Press writer**  
HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — No one expected Curtis Martin to do much of anything once he made it to the NFL. After all, injuries plagued him throughout his college career at Pittsburgh. He hurt his ankle in the second game of his senior year, ending his season. Instead of being excited about the draft, Martin looked into other jobs, just in case. A family friend even promised to get Martin into aviation school. But a phone call from Bill Parcells and the New England Patriots changed everything. Nine years later, Martin has had quite a career. Last weekend against his hometown Steelers, Martin ran for 174



yards on the ground. "I was running back Curtis Martin leaps over teammate Jason Fabini on his way to a first down against the Tennessee Titans in East Rutherford, N.J., earlier this year." Please see CURTIS, Page B4

## Hall of Fame quarterback Graham dies

**The Associated Press**  
CLEVELAND — Otto Graham, the Hall of Fame quarterback who led the Cleveland Browns to a championship game in every season he played, died Wednesday. He was 82. Graham died in Sarasota, Fla., team spokesman Todd Stewart said. He died of an aneurysm in the heart.

"The test of a quarterback is where his team finishes. By that standard, Otto Graham was the best of all time." — Cleveland Browns founder and coach Paul Brown

He was taken to Sarasota Memorial Hospital earlier in the day with a tear in his aorta, the same heart condition that killed actor John Ritter, said his son, Dugy Graham. Graham was diagnosed with the early stages of Alzheimer's disease in 2001. Nicknamed "Automatic Otto," Graham never missed a game as a pro while passing for 23,584 yards and 174 touchdowns. He finished his career with an astounding 105-174 regular-season record. He took coach Paul Brown's teams to the title game in each season from 1946-55. "That's hard-to-beat," said Sammy Baugh, a contemporary of Graham's and also a Hall of Famer. With Graham as their quarterback, the Browns won four championships in the old All-America Football Conference and three NFL titles. He was MVP of the AAF-C three times. Graham was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1965, and the Browns retired his uniform number 12. Please see GRAHAM, Page B2

## Giants fire coach Fassel

**The Associated Press**  
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Coach Jim Fassel was fired by the New York Giants after a disappointing season that began with hopes of reaching the Super Bowl. "It's time. They need a change. I need a change. It's the right thing to do," a teary Fassel said Wednesday. After weeks of speculation about his future, Fassel requested a meeting with the owners Tuesday, saying if he was going to be fired he wanted to know. He asked to be allowed to coach the last two regular season games. Fassel leaves as the third winningest coach (60-54-1) in the Giants' 79-year history — behind only Steve Owen and Bill Parcells. A Super Bowl team three seasons ago the Giants (4-10) were expected to contend again this year but have dropped six straight games to fall to last place in the NFC East. It's the team's longest losing streak in 10 years. Fassel has a year left on a con-

tract that will pay him \$2.7 million next season. He said he wants to coach again, however, and wouldn't mind being back on the job next year. Before becoming the Giants' head coach, Fassel was the offensive coordinator with the Arizona Cardinals. He has been thought to be a candidate for Arizona's head coaching job if it should become vacant. He also was head coach at the University of Utah from 1985-89. Fassel took the Giants to the playoffs three times, including a loss to the Baltimore Ravens in the 2001 Super Bowl. Last season, the Giants made the playoffs at 10-6, then blew a 24-point third-quarter lead — against — the San Francisco 49ers and lost their wild card game 39-38. This season began with promise as the Giants opened with a 23-13 victory over the St. Louis Rams, a team now tied for the best record in the NFC at 11-3. Please see FASSEL, Page B4

SPORTS



Cleveland's Tony Battle shoots against Houston's Yao Ming Wednesday in Cleveland.

Houston rallies past Cavaliers in 89-85 win

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cuttino Mobley and Steve Francis scored 18 points apiece and each made big 3-pointers down the stretch as the Houston Rockets rallied for an 89-85 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

Francis made four free throws in the final 16 seconds for the Rockets, who used a late 12-0 spurt to make up a seven-point deficit in the fourth quarter. Maurice Taylor added 14 points as Houston snapped a three-game losing streak.

Celtics 105, Mavericks 103

BOSTON — Antoine Walker was overshadowed in his return to Boston by his former co-star with the Celtics. Paul Pierce hit the winning jumper over Walker with 20 seconds left and Walker missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer as the Celtics beat the Dallas Mavericks 105-103 Wednesday night.

Magic 94, Pacers 90

INDIANAPOLIS — Rod Strickland's jump shot with 14.4 seconds left lifted Orlando over Indiana. Al Harrington missed a wide-open jumper from the left wing with seven seconds remaining that would have given Indiana the lead.

76ers 87, Heat 76

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron McKie scored 20 points and Glenn Robinson had 19 in Philadelphia's victory over Miami. The Sixers, playing without Allen Iverson, snapped a two-game losing streak.

Nets 87, Jazz 74

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New Jersey improved to .500 by beating Utah. Kenyon Martin had 22 points and 11 rebounds and Jason Kidd had 19 points, eight assists and eight rebounds.

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AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Richard Hamilton scored eight of his 20 points in the fourth quarter to help Detroit end a four-game losing streak. The Bulls led 70-69 with 3:46 to play but went scoreless for the next 2:22 as Detroit grabbed a 73-70 lead.

Burley girls beat Blackfoot to snap losing skid

BURLEY — The Burley Lady Bobcats ended a five-game losing streak with a 44-39 win over Blackfoot in Burley Wednesday. Jessica Byington led Burley with 22 points. Amber Funk added eight points in the win.

Local sports
Burley 44, Blackfoot 39
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Richfield 58, Shoshone 34
RICHFIELD — The Richfield boys basketball team shot over 50 percent in the second half to defeat Shoshone 58-34, to win its first Magic Valley Northside conference win of the season Wednesday in Richfield.

Bowling
Minico boys win opener
JEROME — The Minico boys won the 2003 high school bowling kickoff tournament at the Jerome Bowl Wednesday with a 7-0 record. Twin Falls took second with a 5-2 mark while host Jerome went 4-3, good for third. Burley, Deelo, Filer and Kimberly also competed.

Twin Falls 45, Pocatello 32
POCATELLO — Junior Amy Bravind led all scorers with 18 points for Twin Falls, as the Bruins defeated Pocatello 45-32 Wednesday night in Pocatello.

Boys basketball
Glenns Ferry 62; Dietrich 47
DIETRICH — Chancie Tius led all scorers with 18 points for Glenns Ferry, as the Pilots defeated Dietrich 62-47 Wednesday night in Dietrich.

Wrestling
Kimberly sweeps tri-meet
KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Bulldogs took advantage of some forfeits by Buhl and Idaho to post dual meet wins and recorded some important individual wins to pull away. Kimberly won 57-10 over Buhl and 56-21 over Filer.

Late Tuesday
Girls basketball
Gooding 50, Wendell 24
GOODING — Britanni Toone scored 15 points to lead Gooding past Wendell 50-24 Tuesday night. Defense was since Gooding held Wendell to only 10 points in the first half.

Declo 46, Buhl 40
BUHL — The Declo girls basketball team improved to 6-4 (3-1 Southwest Central — Idaho Conference) with a 46-40 conference win over Buhl Tuesday.

Valley 63, Aberdeen 51
HAZELTON — Michael Grant pumped in 30 points to lead Valley past Aberdeen 63-51 Wednesday night.

Wood River 50, Twin Falls 21
HAILEY — Wood River improved to 4-0 on the season with a 50-21 dual meet win over Class 5A Twin Falls High.

Late Monday
Minico wins girls bowling opener
FILER — Minico won the girls high school bowling kickoff tournament Monday with a team score of 980 pins, followed by Kimberly in second with 974 and Twin Falls third with 961 at the Cedar Lanes in Filer.

Graham

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form No. 14, which he wore from 1925-55. Graham wore No. 60 during the first part of his career, from 1946-51.

1950. They debuted in Philadelphia against the defending champion Eagles, and Graham's first pass in the NFL went for a touchdown. The Browns started the sports world with a 30-20 win.

Red Wings down Sharks in overtime
DETROIT (AP) — Brendan Shanahan scored with 1:09 left in overtime to give the Detroit Red Wings a 3-2 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Wednesday night.

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SPORTS

# RedHawks look to cap superb year

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger's immediate concern is beating Louisville. His football future must wait.

Miami of Ohio's quarterback is sure to be a first-round NFL draft pick if he skips his senior season, but he's not ready to make a decision just yet.

First, he wants to find a way to lead the 49th-ranked RedHawks (12-1) over the Cardinals (9-3) in Thursday night's GMAC Bowl.

"I've been able to use it as motivation just to come out and play hard," Roethlisberger said. "My teammates have kept me really grounded."

One thing that keeps me thinking about (football) is how much fun I'm having with these guys."

Roethlisberger and the RedHawks have built the nation's longest winning streak since losing their season opener to Iowa

They earned the Mid-American Conference championship and their first bowl berth since 1986.

In the process, Roethlisberger distinguished himself as one of the nation's top quarterbacks, up there with Heisman Trophy winner Jason White and Mississippi's Eli Manning.

In fact, Roethlisberger has thrown for more yards this season (4,110) than either of those two.

He's been superb lately, throwing for 15 touchdowns and just one interception in the past four games, including a 440-yard, four-TD performance against Bowling Green in the MAC title game.

The GMAC Bowl could feature plenty of touchdowns. The RedHawks are fifth in the nation in scoring, averaging 42.5 points.

Led by quarterback Stefan LeFors and a sturdy running game, Louisville averages—35

points. LeFors led Conference USA in total offense and ranks second in yards passing and efficiency.

Leading rusher Eric Shelton returns after missing the past three games with a neck injury.

The Cardinals have racked up 1,305 yards and 109 points in their last two games, against Houston and Cincinnati.

This game isn't known for defensive battles, though. Current Jacksonville Jaguars starting QB Byron Leftwich led Marshall to wins in the past two GMAC Bowls, including a 64-61, double-overtime win over East Carolina two years ago that was the highest scoring bowl game ever.

Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said the key will be getting pressure on Roethlisberger, a strategy most teams tried this season.

"If we can take him out of his

rythm as far as the timing of his throws... then we'll have a lot better (chance) of coming up with some plays," Petrino said.

Stopping Louisville will require a somewhat different strategy. The Cardinals are averaging 5.69 yards per rush, best in the country, and freshman Michael Bush has gained 262 yards in the last two games.

Louisville, a two-touchdown underdog, is making its sixth consecutive postseason appearance but has won just once during that stretch.

A win would tie the school record for consecutive wins, set from 1972-74.

"We're not by any means satisfied with this season—12-2 doesn't sound as good as 13-1," Roethlisberger said. "Our goal is to get this win and come out and play Miami football one last time."

# Early firings can help the hiring process

DAVE GOLDBERG

NEW YORK — It's harder than it used to be to hire a coach in the NFL.

That may be one reason why Jim Fassel and Dan Reeves were fired before the season ends, giving the Giants and Falcons a head start in searching for their successors.



Dan Reeves

But it's not the only reason.

As New York running back Tiki Barber pointed out after Fassel was dismissed Wednesday, getting through an unpleasant firing early can make things easier for the team and its new coach the next season.

"You see other teams when the coach is going and everyone knows he's going, bad feelings permeate a locker room. Those things linger when the coach stays around—even for next year and the next coach coming in."

But the early firings in New York and Atlanta also give those teams a jump on using new NFL guidelines that require a more intensive search than in the past.

So beginning now, they can winnow down candidates and interview assistants on-teams with first-week byes—in the playoffs. Those interviews can be conducted Dec. 29 to Jan. 2, then not again until their teams are eliminated.

The Giants reportedly have a few in mind, including Romeo Crennel and Charlie Weis of New England; Brad Childress of Philadelphia and Lovie Smith of St. Louis. If they don't get them that first week, they might have to wait until after the Super Bowl.

Fassel will coach the Giants in their final two games. Reeves decided to step down immediately when he was told he'd be fired after the season.

"I think it's individual preference, especially when you're dealing with two veterans who have been successful," said Bill Polian, president of the Indianapolis Colts. "In each case, I think the teams involved made a decision and didn't want to string these guys out."

In Fassel's case, the parting seemed amicable.

As the Giants plummeted from a team with Super Bowl hopes to 4-10, Fassel asked the owners—Wilmington and John Mara and Robert Tisch—to take care of the inevitable firing.

"Jim is not someone who is going to sit back and let things happen around him," Barber said. "He's going to take action. You have to give him a lot of credit for taking the pressure off this organization."

But don't discount the hiring headstart.

The Giants had a bad experience more than a decade ago. After the team won Super Bowl in 1991, Bill Parcells quit—but not until May, after the hiring season.

His obvious successor, defensive coordinator Bill Belichick, already had been hired by Cleveland. So the Giants had to settle for Ray Handley, who turned out to be one of the worst fits for a head coaching job in NFL history.

Another possible candidate for Fassel's job is former Jacksonville coach Tom Coughlin. Another could be former Vikings coach Dennis Green.

The Giants now can openly recruit them. So can Atlanta.

The Falcons' first choice is believed to be LSU coach Nick Saban, whose team will play in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4.

The short window helps.

In the past, teams with vacancies weren't allowed to interview prospective candidates until after their teams were eliminated from the postseason.

Fassel's firing prompted Belichick, now the Patriots' coach, to give Crennel and Weis enthusiastic endorsements.

Maybe one will get the job, maybe neither will. But the early firing gets their names into the mix a little earlier.

# Bettis may face cut if he doesn't pick up the pace

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jerome Bettis won't be running just for the record books Sunday in an otherwise inconsequential Chargers-Steelers game. He might be running for his job.

The Steelers (5-9) have been among the NFL's most visible underdogs this season, and that could translate into plenty of changes. Bettis, the No. 8 rusher in NFL history, could be among them.

Bettis is set to make \$3.62 million in 2004, hefty money for a running back coming off a second straight season in which he didn't gain 1,000 yards. Given Bettis' recent injury history, it might be money the Steelers choose to spend elsewhere, possibly on his replacement.

That's why Bettis realizes every play, every carry, every yard he gains Sunday matters. Dion Diggs (3-11) could be his last in a Steelers home game. He needs 60 yards to pass Marcus Allen and move into seventh place on the rushing list, and he sounds like a man who intends to get them.

"I've got to get those 60 yards here, so I'm definitely going to shoot for it," Bettis said Wednesday. "Yeah, it's special. It's the last one (home game) this season, and it possibly could be the last one here."

The Steelers are dropping no hints about Bettis. Coach Bill Cowher, who refused to guarantee Bettis a job going into training camp, hasn't said if he wants Bettis to return.

"We're not talking about the offseason right now," Cowher said Sunday. "I'm going to stick with the San Diego Chargers."

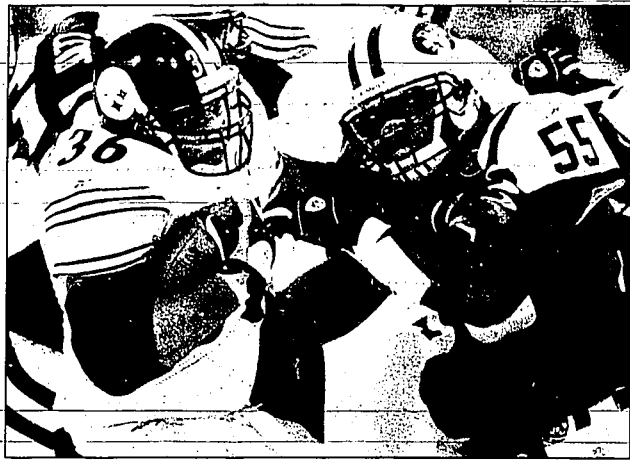
Bettis has 642 yards and likely will surpass his 666 yards of last season, but will finish well below the 1,154 yards he averaged in his first 10 seasons.

He stays in Pittsburgh, Bettis might be amenable to renegotiating his contract, though he has had no such discussions with ownership.

Bettis is signed through 2006, but none of the money is guaranteed.

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Steelers running back Jerome Bettis, left, tries to evade the grasp of New York Jets' Marvin Jones during the third quarter Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J. The Jets won 6-0.

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there's nothing to talk about."

Except his attempt to keep moving up the rushing list. Bettis passed Thurman Thomas and former Steelers star Franco Harris the last two weeks and needs 129 yards in his final two games to surpass No. 6, Jim Brown.

Bettis likely would have passed Allen (122,443 yards) and Brown (12,312) yards ago if he hadn't started the season as Zereoue's backup; Bettis gained only 21 yards in the first two games.

Bettis returned to the lineup last month and has 239 yards in his last four games, including a

season-high 106 against Oakland on Dec. 7. Unlike the last two seasons, when he was sidelined with groin and knee injuries, Bettis is getting most of his yards during the second half of the schedule.

Tony Dansett, No. 5 on the rushing list, is 555 yards away, but Bettis might be trying to overtake him while wearing another uniform.

"I know I want to play next year and that's as far as I can go with it," Bettis said. "Just go out and play hard, that's the way I look at it every week."

getting results for him."

And each victory is followed by a celebration the players enthusiastically created: They gather in a circle for a group hug.

"I've never experienced that in my career," Doms said. "It was spontaneous one night. We all just hugged because it was such a great feeling. I can't describe how fun it is to come to work everyday."

"They won't see it probably until he walks up there and gets inducted," coach Herman Edwards said. "He's never going to boast about it. He's not a flashy guy. He helps you win football games. It's a tribute to him and how he runs, what kind of career he's going to have and has had so far."

But teammates recognize how much Martin means to them.

"All of us one day will look back and say what a privilege it was to play with a guy like him," Vinny Testaverde said.

So, Martin will keep toiling away until he feels ready to retire. He knows he has at least two more years left in him, probably more.

And knowing Martin, he probably has several more 1,000 yard seasons to go. For now, he is content in enjoying his moment after overcome so much hardship.

"It's one of the most humbling reflections that I have because I look at things and say, 'Why me?' Martin said. "Who am I that someone so bad and so contrary to what's right to end up in a situation like this. It makes me so grateful. I was just taking it one step at a time, and I ended up here."

# Leafs

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The franchise — which last won the Stanley Cup in 1967 — was in need of some changes after losing to Philadelphia in the first round of last season's playoffs.

Forward Tye Domi says players are willing to sacrifice more than last season, when too many worried about personal stats and ice time.

"We have never had a better

dressng room since I've been here, and the mood is the best that I've ever seen," said Domi, his 10th season with Toronto.

"Nolan has been playing exceptionally well, and it is a veteran bunch that is having fun."

Nolan, a former captain for San Jose, won six games before scoring his first goal of the season, but he has 11 points in his last 10 games. Sundin didn't have a goal

in his first eight games, but he has seven in the last 12 games and is among the league leaders with 32 points.

Toronto's much-maligned defense also improved.

Goalie Ed Belfour has three shutouts in his last six games.

"Our goalie has been awesome. He keeps us in every game," Roberts said. "It's nice that we're

the two people," Hackett said. "You had the young, talented guy in college who hadn't figured out what his priorities were, and where he was headed and what he was going to do. A lot of things didn't unfold the way he wanted to. Once he set his mind and had the opportunity Coach Parcells gave him, he did an incredible job of taking advantage of it."

Perhaps even more impressive is the way he has been able to shed the label of being injury prone, especially at a position where players take plenty of abuse. The 30-year-old Martin has missed four regular-season games in his entire career, and last season fought through injuries to both ankles to post 1,094 yards.

Martin started slowly again this season. But he kept pushing and finally ended up with one of the best games of his career Sunday, the day he tied Sanders and also passed John Riggins for 11th place on the career rushing list. Martin finished with a career-high 228 all-purpose yards through the snow.

Yet despite all the accomplishments, some forget to mention Martin when listing the all-time great backs.

# Fassel

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But New York lost a stunner to Dallas in second game, kicking what appeared to be a winning field goal with 11 seconds left, only to have the ensuing kickoff go out of bounds. That helped Dallas tie the game, then win in overtime.

The Giants were 2-3 going into their first meeting with Philadelphia. New York dominated but lost on an 84-yard punt return by Brian Westbrook just over a minute left.

The season went downhill from there, although New York did hand Minnesota its first loss after the Vikings started 6-0.

The low point came Sunday night, with a 45-7 loss in New Orleans, the Giants' worst regular-season defeat since 1973. They are minus-13 in turnover margin, second-worst in the league, and star running Tiki Barber has lost several fumbles.

Among the possible successors to Fassel are LSU coach Nick Saban, former Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin, and the Patriots' two coordinators: Romeo Crennel and Charlie Weis. Coughlin, Crennel and Weis were Giants assistants under Bill Parcells.

# Curtis

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yards to become just the third NFL running back to have nine straight 1,000-yard seasons. Emmitt Smith had 11 straight from 1991-01, and Barry Sanders had 10 from 1989-98.

Parcells decided to take a chance on Martin, signing him in the third round in 1995. Martin realized he had the opportunity of a lifetime.

"I had been very inconsistent throughout college, and everyone said that I wouldn't even be able to withstand the physicalness of the NFL and I wouldn't last," said Martin, who goes against his former team Saturday when the Jets host the Patriots. "But I would not allow myself to be deterred or be swayed by other people's opinion."

"I felt I had to make the sacrifices and make the commitment and adjust my life in such a way that, 10 years later, I can look back and be proud of what I accomplished."

Martin should be more than proud. Growing up in a rough neighborhood in Pittsburgh, he saw his friends get into plenty of trouble. Even in college, Martin parted hard and never gave his full commitment to football.

Parcells straightened Martin out. He had 14,877 yards and 14 touchdowns, producing the best rookie rushing performance since Eric Dickerson in 1983.

Of the nine running backs selected before him that season, only Rashaan Salaam eclipsed his yardage opportunity. That was the only time Salaam reached the mark.

Ki-Jana Carter, Tyrone Wheatley, Napoleon Kaufman, James Stewart and Salaam were all first-round draft picks that year and have combined for five 1,000-yard seasons in their careers.

Martin moved on to the Jets in 1998, when Parcells signed him to an offer sheet as a restricted free agent. The Patriots declined to match and got a first and third round pick as compensation.

They turned out to be running back Robert Edwards and fullback Chris Floyd, giving the Jets one of the most lopsided deals in recent league history.

Martin refers to his past as the "knucklehead" days. Offensive coordinator Paul Hackett, who coached Martin for two years at Pittsburgh, sees a completely different player.

"I don't think you can compare



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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Accident causes at least one fatality

**JEROME** - An accident at 100 W. 300 E. around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday killed at least one person, an officer with the Idaho State Police confirmed. Life Flight was called to the scene after the accident. Details remained sketchy after the crash as ISP officers continued their investigation. No further information was available late Wednesday evening.

### Truck slams through house in Jerome

**JEROME** - A pickup truck drove through the wall of a home Tuesday in the 200 block of Eighth Avenue E., according to a news release issued by the American Red Cross.

Resident Anna Aldama, her elderly mother Helen Lambert and an unnamed therapist were in the living room when the truck came crashing through.

No one was injured, according to the release.

The Red Cross provided Aldama with motel lodging and a Client Assistance Card that is used to buy groceries.

Lambert, 77, was staying at her daughter's house temporarily and went back to a nursing home, the release said.

No other information was available Wednesday evening.

### Hazelton considers higher sewer rates

**HAZELTON** - The Hazelton City Council is in the process of annexing about 31 acres of a subdivision named Woodland Estates. Property owners that will be affected will soon receive letters of notification of a public hearing at 7:15 on Jan. 12 in the Hazelton City Council chambers, said Police Chief Kelly Bangertor.

In addition, the council is discussing an increase in sewer rates. Bangertor said a public hearing report suggested the city consider the increase because of breakdowns in the system over the past year. Mayor Wayne Johnson says the city is taking bids on a study of the entire system to determine what upgrades are needed.

The study will provide information the city needs to pursue government grants and loans to upgrade all of the system at one time instead of doing a series of small repair projects over a long period of time, Johnson said. Johnson also predicted doing all the work at once will cost less. The council is scheduled to discuss the issue at its regular January meeting.

### Open house honors mayor, superintendent

**HAGERMAN** - Mayor Jim Norwood and Public Works Superintendent Richard Scroggs will be honored at an open house Friday.

Both are retiring at the end of this year. Norwood has served as Hagerman's mayor the past nine years. Scroggs has held the superintendent's position since March 1977.

Residents are invited to the open house between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon at City Hall, 110 Main St. Refreshments will be served.

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season pack**
Upper Snake Basin	105%	35%
Salmon Falls	112%	33%
Calison	103%	31%
Oakley	107%	29%
Big Wood	96%	30%
Little Wood	109%	33%
Henry's Fork/Teton	119%	30%
Big Lost	110%	33%
Little Lost	89%	29%

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

# Grazing permits come up for renewal

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Permits for 16 grazing allotments used by J.R. Simplot Co. ranches and two other cattle operations are up for renewal in western Twin Falls County and Owyhee County.

The Bureau of Land Management Jarbidge Field Office held an open house Wednesday at the KMYT Community Room in order to explain the scope of the project.

The BLM plans to issue its final decision in March, after holding a public comment

period in February once environmental studies are done.

The permit proposal includes a permanent increase in the amount of forage available to cattle on most of the allotments.

The forage has been available for the past 10 to 20 years, but use by the ranchers required annual approval, the BLM said.

Range seedlings of crested wheat grass following range fires produced more forage on the allotments, said Arnie Pike, a range specialist with the BLM. Permit conditions also must address bull

trout habitat improvements; protections and enhancement of slickspot peppergrass; and improvements to sage grouse habitat.

Aquatic habitat improvements proposed include placing cut juniper in streams and planting black cottonwood seedlings to increase the amount of woody debris, establish deeper pools and alter habitat diversity.

Two allotments used by ranchers Chet Brackett and Kip Gould are included in this batch of permit renewals, Pike said. The other 16 allotments are operated by Simplot ranches.

The amount of animal unit months that will be proposed in the new permits still is being finalized, Pike said.

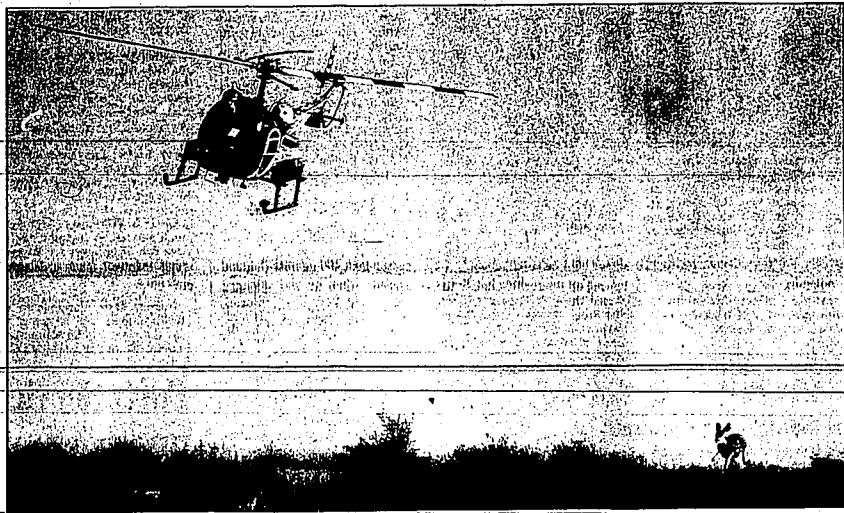
The existing permits for the 18 allotments combined authorize grazing for nearly 41,000 animal unit months - the amount of forage eaten by a cow/calf pair every month.

For more information, contact Jeff Steele at the BLM Jarbidge Field Office at 736-2389 or Jeff\_Steele@blm.gov.

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Julio Moldenhauer, left, of Caldwell and Jake Higley of Jerome help place a net to catch mule deer. Moldenhauer and Higley volunteered their time to help Fish and Game with the project.



Brent Wood, of Helowood Helicopters, herds a mule deer into an area where it will be caught and Idaho Department of Fish and Game employees will place a radio collar beacon on it in the South Hills on Wednesday.

## F&G officials tag deer

Employees and volunteers for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game caught and placed radio collars on mule deer off Indian Springs Road in the South Hills Wednesday. The work is part of a mule deer fawn mortality study, which began six years ago, to track the mortality of the animals. A large portion of deer deaths are caused by malnutrition, but other causes include mountain lions, coyotes and disease. The project helps Fish and Game achieve a snapshot of the mule deer population, which has been struggling in the South Hills. Employees were hoping to catch 25 deer Wednesday. Fish and Game employees will work in the field in coming months and investigate the reasons for the deaths of deer.



Above, Fish and Game workers Scott Gamo, left, and Bruce Palmer, along with volunteer Bob Lewis, release a mule deer fawn. The deer are weighed, tagged in the ear and have radio collars placed on their necks so they can be tracked. The collars, made out of surgical tubing, rot and fall off as the deer grow. Left, Jared Baecker, a technician with Fish and Game, drives to the trapping area in the South Hills.

## BLM formally proposes lease to Jerome County

The Times-News

**JEROME** - A proposal to create a south-central Idaho's own "Central Park" is moving forward.

The Bureau of Land Management has opened a 45-day public comment period regarding Jerome County's proposal to lease about 7,200 acres of public land along the north rim of the Snake River Canyon. The county wants to protect the area from development and

### Want to comment?

**T** comment on the Bureau of Land Management's plan to lease about 7,200 acres along the north rim of the Snake River Canyon to Jerome County, write to: Shoshone Field Office Manager, 400 W. F St., Shoshone, 83352. Comments are due by Feb. 2.

allow for a variety of recreational uses there. The land, primarily desert.

country, includes segments of the Oregon Trail. A Federal Register notice published Wednesday says that the lands - roughly bounded by the canyon, U.S. Highway 93, Interstate 84 and Kimberly Road after it passes over the Hansen Bridge - have been examined and found suitable for lease to Jerome County, a BLM news release said.

People now have until Feb. 2 to comment on the lease proposal, addressing such issues as

whether the land is suitable for recreation and whether recreation is the best use of the property. If no significant negative comments are received, the land will be classified for recreation use on Feb. 17, the BLM said.

The area has long been popular for all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, hikers, horseback riders, rock climbers and target shooters. However, there is no formal organization of recreational use, creating the potential

## Initiative to legalize gambling machines surfaces

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - An initiative, apparently backed by Las Vegas interests, has been filed with the Idaho secretary of state to legalize electronic gambling machines at the state's race tracks.

The 12-page proposition calls for extending to the tracks authority to operate the video gambling machines that voters overwhelmingly approved for use in reservation casinos a year ago.

"That's the way these things go," said Republican state Sen. Laird Noh of Kimberly, a staunch opponent of gambling who warned last year that the Indian gambling initiative would eventually lead to gambling off the reservation.



Noh said he heard about the initiative through a Gem County Fair Board member who called for advice on how to advise county commissioners early Wednesday.

The new proposition relies on the definition in the earlier measure to get around the constitutional ban on slot machines and then lifts the restriction to reservations to include operations adjacent to race tracks.

It would cover only tracks in counties of less than 100,000 people. That excludes Ada County and its Lo Bos Park, which is the state's largest track.

Nevertheless, Noh pointed out that should the initiative succeed, it is set up to draw in the high-money-making population of the Boise area.

"It is predictable. It is how it occurs almost every other state," Noh said, explaining that gambling businesses tend to target states where the highest officials refuse to resist gambling. Noh accused Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Attorney General Lawrence Wasden of allowing the move toward gambling to continue in Idaho.

In an attempt to blunt expected opposition, the new initiative slaps a 20 percent tax on profits from the machines and divvies up the cash among the racing industry, the fairs and county governments allowing the machines, college scholarships and prescription drug subsidies for senior citizens.

The details of the scholarship or drug programs are not spelled out in the proposal, and no estimates of the revenue the machines could generate was made.

Recent estimates put the profit at more than \$15 million a year from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's casino in Worley, the most lucrative of the five tribal casinos in Idaho.

Under the 2002 Indian Gambling Initiative, the tribes are required to divert only 5 percent of their profits to educational programs and schools on or near their reservations.

The new initiative was sent to the attorney general this week for Please see GAMBLING, Page C3

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Lucille Kelly - Klamath Falls, Ore.

Lucille Kelly passed away Dec. 15, 2003, at Pelican Pointe Assisted Living in Klamath Falls, Ore.

She was born in Beloit, Kan., on Dec. 6, 1911. She moved to Idaho in 1929, along with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Howard, and brother, Richard, and younger sister, Nell Ellen.

Lucille married Art C. Kelly Aug. 27, 1933, and they raised their two sons while residing in Twin Falls, Idaho. Donating many years in civic work, she won the Outstanding Civic Award from Jaycees. She was local as well as state president of Jaycee-ettes. Her family was very active in the First United Methodist Church where she was junior superintendent for 10 years. She and her husband served on Troop 67's Boy Scout Committee for many years. She was president of the Twentieth Century Women's Club, Worthy Matron for Eastern Star No. 29 and Guardian of Job's Daughters No. 56 for four years. She was delighted when she first presented her with a lifetime honorary membership for her service.

Her husband, Artell, preceded



her in death in 1966. She remained a widow for many years, then was married to Harley Paynter for nine years. She and Art were partners in the Drive-Way Market many years, then owned the Kelly's Norge Cleaning Village in Lynwood Shopping Center; after Art died Lucille continued to successfully run the business until her retirement in 1984.

Besides her civic involvement,

she also enjoyed gardening, designing and decorating their family home, entertaining friends, helping others, playing bridge, traveling bridge, playing bridge and traveling.

In recent years, Lucille had lived at Bridgeview Retirement Community in Twin Falls where she was lovingly cared for by her granddaughter, Jennifer and husband Bill Ingram. Four years ago she moved to Klamath Falls, to be closer to family.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Ellen Pettigrew of Colorado Springs; two sons, James of Klamath Falls, Ore., and Howard of Houston Texas; five grandchildren, Robyn, Ross, Kimberly, Stacy and Brian; as well as three great-granddaughters, Cameron, Payton and Jamit. She now joins her family and her great-granddaughter, Kelly, abiding with God.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at White Mortuary "Chapel" by the Park with the Rev. Greg Lindsay officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Bradley Allen DeCarr - Rogerson



Bradley Allen DeCarr, 16, of Rogerson, died Dec. 3, 2003, as the result of a drowning accident. Brad was born Dec. 26, 1986, in Casa Grande, Ariz., the son of Terry and Amber DeCarr.

Brad was a sophomore at the Filer High School at the time of his death. He was involved in the school drama department and also 4-H.

He loved playing haki-sack, video games, writing poetry and learning to play the guitar. Brad had been looking forward to becoming a writer one day. He was an exuberant person and you always knew when he was around.

Brad is survived by his father, Terry; his girlfriend, Kelsey; two aunts; one uncle; and nine cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

The service for Brad will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" with the Rev. David Grindstaff officiating.

At the family's request, no public viewing will take place.

Darrell Lloyd Leedom - Twin Falls

Darrell Lloyd Leedom, 65, of Twin Falls County, formerly of Iowa Falls, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, in Waterloo, Iowa. No services are planned.

Darrell was born Sept. 11, 1938, in Kirkville, Mo., the son of Lloyd Kenneth and Vina Marie (Findling) Leedom.

He married Bernice Rowland in 1957. To this union, two children were born.

Darrell is survived by his son, Kevin (Kevin) of Maryville, Mo.; his daughter, Darla - Nelson (Lance) of West Jordan, Utah; one grandson, Dakota Leedom of Clarinda, Iowa; four step grandchildren, Adam, Aaron and Megan - Dennis - and Austen Mozier of Maryville, Mo.; three sisters, Mary Ann Willbourn (Dave) of Twin Falls - Idaho; Linda Eastman (Mick Hanks) of Mountain Home, Idaho; and Bonnie Dietrick (Jim) of Kimberly, Idaho; two brothers, Bill Leedom (Linda Ruhler) of Filer, Idaho, and Bob Leedom of Jerome, Idaho. Also many nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents - Lloyd - and Vina Leedom; one brother, Donald Leedom and one sister, Betty Wageman.

Memorials may be sent c/o Leedom Family, PO Box 203, Mountain Home, ID 83647.

Ruth Maxine Roan - Boise

Ruth Maxine Roan, 84, of Boise, former longtime resident of Twin Falls, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003, in Yuma, Ariz.

She was born July 1, 1919, in Burton, Neb., the daughter of Hugh and Gertrude Hollenbeck. She was raised and educated in Nebraska, and graduating from Spring Hill High School. She moved to Twin Falls, Idaho in 1937, and married Pierce A. Roan on July 2nd of that year. They celebrated their 60th anniversary in 1979. They lived in Utah, Idaho, and Arizona during their married life. While in Twin Falls Ruth worked many years at Pedersen's - formerly - State Hardware. Ruth was involved in PTA for many years and at one time held the position of state president. She was also involved in Campfire Girls and scouting programs while raising her children. She was a member of the Reorganized LDS Church and Ladies of the ELKS, where she held many offices.

Ruth enjoyed life to the fullest. She enjoyed her many friends and their companionship. She traveled to Oregon in November with some of her dearest friends. Her family held a special place in her heart.

She will go to family reunions and see her extended family. Her children and grandchildren were



her proudest accomplishment in life and she loved each one in a special way. She had the opportunity to spend time with Pierce Jr. and Mary in Boise before traveling to Yuma, Thanksgiving with Don in Hawaii, and Denny when she returned from Hawaii just before she passed away.

Ruth will be missed by all who knew her, but with her profound faith in God, will be in heaven paving the way for those who follow.

She is survived by her four children, Pierce (Angela) Roan of Boise; Mary (Jerry) Reis of Twin Falls, Don (Sheryl) Roan of Hawaii,

Dennis (Donna) Roan of Los Angeles; 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pierce Roan Sr., on Dec. 16, 1959; one infant daughter, Kay Louise Roan; her parents; three brothers; and four sisters.

A celebration of Ruth's life will be held on April 24, 2004, at Peace Lutheran Church, Filer, Idaho. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

"We Love You Mom, and will miss you very much!" - Jr., Mary, Don and Denny.

Wilma Ina Johnson - Rupert

Wilma Ina Johnson, 87-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Dec. 15, 2003, at the Park View Care Center in Burley.

She was born April 2, 1916, in Auburn, Wyo., to Amy Louisa Hyde and Albert William Harrison. Wilma grew up in Rupert and graduated from Rupert High School. She met her sweetheart Ferrell Johnson and they were married Oct.-15, 1933, in the Logan Temple.

Wilma was a hard worker and put a great amount of her energy into her garden and caring for her flowers. She especially enjoyed sharing her bountiful produce with neighbors and friends. She was a great one for the outdoors and liked to be with her family camping and fishing. Wilma's true love was found with the little children. She spent countless hours crocheting afghans for her grandchildren. She also enjoyed great-grandchildren and in her early years devoted many years of service to the children in the pri-



mary. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Wilma loved her family and was very devoted to their welfare. She will be greatly missed by them and all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husbands; step-mother, Metta Harrison; brothers, Orland

Harrison, Austin Harrison; baby at birth, son-in-law, Ernest Rutschke; and one granddaughter, Jayana Mae Johnson.

She is survived by her children, Lea Mae Rutschke of Rupert, Roy (Rosie) Johnson of Albuquerque, N.M., Danny Johnson of Rupert; sisters, Zena Johnson of Rupert, Donna Alford of Bountiful, Utah, Vona Aldridge of Rupert, June Calton of Rupert, Oa Capilla of Modesto, Calif., and Rayda (Thomas) Baird of Providence, Utah; eight grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

This service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, at the Rupert 2nd Ward LDS Chapel, 26 S. 100 W., with Bishop Dean Condie officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour prior to the service at the church.

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

GWHMGT - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

**Misdemeanor arraignments**  
Isabel Gomez, 20, driving without privileges, change of plea Jan. 27; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

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Brent Rounds

TWIN FALLS - Brent Rounds, 27, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Eulalia Bennett

HANSEN - Eulalia Bennett, 87, of Hansen, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, in Houston, Texas.

The service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at the LDS Ward Chapel on Birch Street in Kimberly.

Friends may call one hour before the service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Michael D. Blackmon

JEROME - Michael D. Blackmon, 28, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, in Jerome.

The service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003,

at the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel to sign the register book and to meet with the family. No viewing is planned.

Ace (Ashel) E. Caldwell

RUPERT - Ace (Ashel) E. Caldwell, 84, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery with military rites. Friends and family may call one hour before the service Monday at the funeral home.

Nettie Marie McCool

GOODING - Nettie Marie McCool, 89, of Gooding, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2003, at Twin Falls Care Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

SERVICES

William 'Bill' Zink of Filer, graveside service at 3 p.m. today at the Filer Cemetery, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Leslie (John) Slatter of Filer, service at 10 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at the Filer Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

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

Avilon Snow Lee, infant daughter of Benjamin Baxter Lee and Angela Dawn Woodbury Lee, service at 2 p.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Ward Chapel, 550 S. 400 E., Burley; friends may call from 11:45 p.m. today at the church; interment will follow in the View Cemetery (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Lewis E. Williams of Meridian, small service at 1 p.m. today at Riverside Cemetery of Payette (Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette).

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

John E. Drew of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Leslie James Juchau of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hazelton Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; viewing from 6-8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Lois Ann Honstead of Caldwell, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Nampa First United Methodist Church, 2717 12th Ave. Road, Nampa (Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell).

Larry J. VanKomen of Buhl, small memorial at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl).

Brenda Greenwalt Vaughn of Anderson, Calif., graveside service at 3 p.m. Friday at the Rupert Cemetery; friends may gather at the cemetery prior to the service (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Park Service board wraps up review of bear attack

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - A panel that examined the circumstances of the deadly October brown bear attack in Katmai National Park and Preserve is recommending a review of the park's camping and bear-management policies, federal officials said Wednesday.

The Technical Board of Investigation has wrapped up its inquiry in the deaths of Malibu, Calif., bear activists Timothy Treadwell and Amie Huguenard and plans to submit its final report to National Park Service officials within a few days.

The four-page report also sums up likely contributing factors in the deaths of Treadwell, 46, a wildlife author who spent the past 13 summers tracking brown bears at the Alaska Peninsula park, and Huguenard, 37, who joined him in recent years.

Treadwell was known and sometimes criticized for getting too chummy with brown bears - as coastal grizzlies are called in

Alaska - without any kind of protection, such as bear spray. The partially eaten bodies of the couple were found in heavy bear-feeding grounds at the shore of Kallia Lake on Oct. 6 when a pilot arrived to pick them up and saw a large brown bear standing over human remains. Responding rangers later shot and killed a thousand-pound bear when it charged at them through dense thickets of alder. State troopers and rangers also killed a smaller bear apparently stalking them.

"The location of the camp was obviously a contributing factor in the deaths of these people," said Katmai park superintendent Joe Fowler, who chaired the five-member board. "If they had been half a mile away, they might not have been killed."

Park Service officials said they could not yet discuss details in the report until it passes the muster of agency attorneys. But they said it contains no surprises.

We want to express sincere appreciation to our many friends especially for the kindness and sympathy extended us at the death of our beloved husband and father. Also our deepest thanks for the beautiful floral offerings, cards and food.

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# Judge warns lawyers in murder case

The Associated Press

**HALEY**—Fifth District Judge James May has warned attorneys to observe his gag order in the case of a 16-year-old girl charged in connection with the murder of her parents in their Bellevue home.



Sarah Johnson

In court documents issued Wednesday, May said Sarah Marie Johnson is entitled to a trial "with judicial serenity and calm," not the atmosphere of a "Roman holiday."

His comments follow a Monday court clash between prosecutors and the defense over Johnson's recent transfer from the Blaine County Jail to a Burley lockup for a week.

Johnson is charged as an adult with two counts of first-degree murder in the Sept. 2 killings of

Alan Johnson, 46, and his wife, Diane, 52. On Nov. 21, May issued the gag order, which applied to all attorneys in the case.

Sheriff Walt Femling and his staff, court personnel, witnesses and potential consultants. May's order prohibits statements on any alleged confession by the defendant, opinions of guilt, predictions of the trial's outcome, contents of examinations or tests or credibility of witnesses. He stressed he would do nothing to inhibit press coverage of the case.

May's latest comments came after Johnson was moved from the Blaine County Jail to a Burley jail for a week. County Deputy Prosecutor Justin Whatcott said she had made "incriminating" statements to a female cellmate.

"Sarah made no such statements," Public Defender Bob Pangburn replied in court Monday, accusing Whatcott of violating the gag order.

To May's question of whether the prosecution wanted the restrictions increased, Whatcott replied no, that he only wanted the judge to provide guidelines for comments outside the courtroom before and during the trial, now set to begin Feb. 10.

In his latest comments, May noted that communication between attorneys and the media that affects a criminal trial can be

regulated and subject to discipline.

"If counsel have legal issues they wish to have decided, the matters should be brought before the court for a decision on the record, rather than engage in public debate with the news media that calls for a response from the other side," May wrote.

May pointed out that 1,900 people live in Bellevue and about 19,000 in Blaine County. Moving the trial out of the area to maintain an impartial jury in the small community depends on the pretrial publicity. May said the farther the trial is held away from Blaine County, the more it costs the court.

He said he has the option of sequestering the jury, from the time they are chosen to the time they begin deliberations.



Members of the Builders Club at Buhl Middle School help Kiwanis Club members sort and load food collected at the school. From left are, back: Vincent Orr, Builders Club treasurer; Stephanie Anlm, president; and Jene Johnson, public relations; front, Kory Stromberg, sergeant at arms; Kayla Neumeyer, vice president; and Abby Costello, secretary. Buhl Middle School students collected 1,943 items for food baskets to be given to the ministerial association to fill Christmas baskets. The Kiwanis Club-sponsored Builders Club coordinated the drive. Susan Baggs and Donna Johnson are advisers for the group. The class that brought in the most items was Kathleen Murphy's eighth-grade science class, with 437. Those students will be treated to hot chocolate and donuts as their reward.

# Council hears offer to lease golf course

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

**BURLEY**—A Burley man who earlier this month unofficially offered to lease the city's golf course made that offer official this week.

Earl Simpson, the former golf pro at the city's course who now owns the Ponderosa Golf Course, gave City Council members a written proposal that he and his son lease the municipal course.

Two weeks ago Simpson said he was interested in leasing the course. Council members haven't said if they plan to solicit lease proposals, which they would have to do before leasing the course to

a private entity, according to City Attorney Randy Stone.

Mayor Jon Anderson told Simpson city officials were discussing whether the course should be leased, but they haven't made a decision.

Simpson's proposal stated he could save the city between \$100,000 and \$150,000 a year in expenses at the golf course, while maintaining or improving the current conditions of the course.

He proposed no price differences based on revenue. The newly adopted fee schedule charges non-Burley residents more for season passes than city residents pay. Simpson's proposal offers pur-

chasers of season passes access to both the Burley Municipal Golf Course and the Ponderosa Golf Course. The pass would cover the golf course, driving range, golf carts and cart trail fees.

"We're the only ones who can offer that," Simpson said.

Simpson would replace the city's worn-out golf cart fleet with new carts during the next 3 1/2 years.

The plan calls for buying 20 new carts a year.

Burley resident Vaughn Egan spoke against the city leasing the course.

"I don't think leasing the golf course is an option at all," Egan said. He suggested the council again let the golf pro have more management responsibility of the course. If the pro were given ample latitude, Egan said, the course would make money for the city.

"Managing the course in the right way is essential," Egan said.

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# Declo City Council accepts audit report

By Mary Lynne Bristol Times-News correspondent

**DECLO**—The city's financial records are in good shape, and the recently concluded audit resulted in a "clean" report, City Council members were told last week.

Jeff Poulson of Evans and Poulson, the city's auditor, reviewed the 2002-03 audit with council members at the December Declo City Council meeting.

Poulson did point out that some line items in the budget were over budget and suggested those amounts be adjusted in the current budget.

Poulson recommended retiring City Clerk Nelda Matthews for her help and new City Clerk Terri Koyle for the great job she has done getting the city's financial records logged into a computer.

Council members accepted the audit report.

Other council business included:

- Swearing in — Matthews administered the oath of office to Mayor Jay Darrington and Councilman Lawrence Gillette. The two, who ran unopposed,

were re-elected last month. Councilman Mark Payne was absent from the meeting and will be sworn in next month. He was also re-elected in the Nov. 4 general election.

- Alcohol licenses — Liquor and beer licenses for the Big Kaituma and Shakers were renewed, and a beer license for the Country Store was renewed.

- Parking issues — Darrington asked Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy Eric Nebeker about enforcing handicap parking at the high school, especially during ball games. Nebeker said if the sheriff's office is contacted when people improperly park in handicapped designated spots, a deputy will be sent to the school to enforce the parking restrictions.

- Nebeker said vehicles which illegally park in properly designated handicap parking spots can be towed away.

- Insurance updates — Gillette agreed to meet with the city's insurance agent to update the city's policy. Some equipment trailers need updating, and new equipment needs to be added to the policy.

# Library thefts trigger need for security system

About 1,200 items have disappeared in past 18 months, librarian says

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

**BURLEY**—Even the sheriff was surprised to learn how many items are stolen from the Burley Public Library.

When Librarian Julie Woodford and City Administrator Mark Mitton

pitched a proposal to the Burley City Council that a security system be purchased for the library, Woodford shared the numbers of items that have been stolen during the last couple years—Cassia County Sheriff Jim Hignens could hardly believe it.

His awe was shared by several Burley City Council members and plenty of people in the audience at the council meeting.

A recent inventory of library materials showed 1,200 items

had disappeared in the last 18 months, Woodford said. When an inventory was conducted 18 months ago, it showed 600 missing items. The library has 42,000 items in its collection, she said. That includes books, tapes, videos—everything, she said.

Library board members had advertised for bids for a security system, Mitton said. Just one bid from 3M for \$24,593 was received. Library board members have about \$18,000 of that and asked the council for \$6,000 from the city's liability insurance account to pay the balance. Council members approved that expense.

"We're looking at ways to stop thefts," Mitton said.

Especially popular items that end up being stolen are DVDs, videotapes, audio books and baby name books, Mitton said. New popular books, such as the Harry Potter series and books by John Grisham have been stolen the first day they were put out.

Woodford said she just received the newest Harry Potter book and won't put it on shelf until a security system is in place, because she doesn't want it stolen.

City Councilman Denny Curtis asked Hignens if shoplifting has increased at businesses in the county. Hignens didn't have shoplifting data at the meeting, but did say the sheriff's department is processing more bad check complaints than it has in the past.

Curtis and other council members fear the increased number of thefts from the library might have a correlation to the depressed economy.

On Wednesday Woodford said statistics show that when the economy worsens library use increases. She attributes most of the thefts to increased traffic, but said the council's concerns might have some validity.

Mitton cautioned—the council the security system won't protect every book in the library.

The system involves putting a security sticker on every item. Those stickers are similar to the hard plastic stickers commonly attached to merchandise in stores. When a book is checked out, the alarm code in that sticker is essentially turned off, so when the book passes through the security gates and door the alarm doesn't sound. If someone

tries to steal a book or other item that hasn't been scanned, the door alarm will sound, much like occurs at discount and department stores.

This same type of security system is becoming increasingly popular in Idaho, Woodford said. The public libraries in Twin Falls, Boise and Blackfoot all use this same system.

The security gates and door are expected to be in place in January, Woodford said. Some alterations to the front desk and entrance of the library must be made before the equipment can be installed.

It will take a few months for the stickers to be placed on all library materials, though, she said.

The security system comes with a maintenance agreement. That service will cost \$1,300 for the first year, Woodford said. The maintenance cost is expected to increase by 7 to 10 percent a year in subsequent years, she said.

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# Got a New Year's event planned? Tell us about it

**TWIN FALLS**—The Times-News is preparing a roundup of New Year's Eve event to be published in our WeekEnd section on Friday, Dec. 26.

If you have an entertainment event and would like it included in the article, e-mail it to Ellen Thomason at ethomason@magicvalley.com or fax her at 735-5538.

## Magic Valley in brief

the service academies, many of Idaho's nominees are selected for appointment.

**SNRA proposes mountain pine beetle analysis**

**KETCHUM**—The U.S. Forest Service is proposing to conduct a single environmental analysis to prescribe treatment for mountain pine beetle infestations in developed areas of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

"The mountain pine beetle epidemic that is currently killing thousands of trees on the SNRA is of such a scale and intensity that it leaves us with very little time to respond to attacks in new areas," Dave Flutsch, project team leader, said in a news release.

"Many of the trees in the developed recreation sites ... are extremely valuable to maintain scenic values and a quality recreational experience. The window to treat these trees is very short," he said.

A single analysis can be used to guide treatment throughout the SNRA, rather repeating analyses for each new treatment, he said.

Written comments on the proposal should be submitted by Jan. 20. Send them to the SNRA, 11664 Box 8241, Ketchum, ID 83340, to Flutsch's attention.

For information about treatments that have been used, contact him at 208-772-5001. They have included tree removal, treatment of high-value trees in campgrounds with the insecticide Carbaryl, and Verbenone, which imitates a natural chemical produced by the pine beetle to discourage other insects from attacking the same tree.

— compiled from staff reports

# BLM

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tial for conflict among users. The area for many years has also been a popular illegal dumping ground for garbage, junk vehicles and hazardous materials, the BLM says.

The park would exclude commercial development such as that taking place on the canyon's south rim. It would also protect a wellhead providing 70 percent of Twin Falls' drinking water.

If the BLM approves the lease, an advisory committee will be formed to guide park development, officials say.

Officials have said the lease would run for 20 years. No money other than an application fee would change hands between the government agencies.

Plans for a Jerome County canyon rim park have been talked about for years.

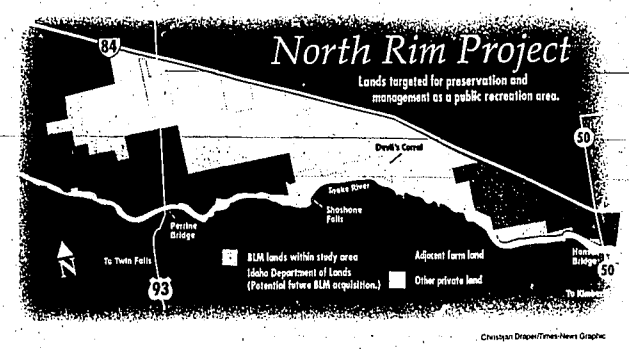
# Gambling

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involved in race tracks in Maine, New York and Louisiana.

Debbie Bishop, who told state officials she was from Las Vegas when she delivered the initiative to them this week, did not immediately return calls for comment on the proposal or the interest in it by Bridge Capital.

As the initiative backers were gathering the initial 20 qualifying signatures, a fair board member in Gem County said officials there had been courted over the last five weeks by another Nevada businessman to support the initiative and back a video lottery machine casino adjacent to their



fairgrounds and race track.

Fair Board member Dallan Johnson said neither his board nor the county commission took any action on the requests of Ron Erickson, who indicated to them that he represented Southern Gaming Corp. in Henderson.

Johnson said Erickson talked of developing a casino "about the size of an Appleby's restaurant with maybe 300 to 600 machines."

Idaho's tribes spent \$4 million dollars last year to qualify and then win approval of their initiative to clearly legalize the electronic machines that have gener-

ated tens of millions of dollars in revenue for their casinos over the last decade. It was the most expensive initiative campaign in state history.

The state has insisted the machines are slot machines banned by the state constitution. But the tribes have argued that they are only electronic versions of the games offered by the state Lottery and therefore are legal under federal law. Last year's initiative was drafted to drive that point home.

Times-News writer Julie Pence also contributed to this story.

MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

# Buhl awards school contract

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

**BUILH.** — Bateman-Hall Inc. of Idaho Falls has been awarded the contract to build the new Buhl High School for \$8.77 million. Bateman-Hall submitted the lowest bid among the 11 construction firms vying for the contract, which was made possible through a \$9.65 million bond Buhl voters passed in May following two previous unsuccessful tries.

Bateman-Hall's lowest bid, in November, was \$8.57 million. The district also provided the companies 10 optional items they could provide estimates for.

Grant Hayscock, who's overseeing the project on behalf of the school district, and Richard Stephenson, superintendent for Bateman-Hall, reviewed the alternatives together, rejecting some and making a few changes to bring the adjusted price to exactly \$8,772,407. The School Board then awarded the contract Tuesday.

The difference between the adjusted price and the \$9.65 million bond is \$877,593, which will

## Other business

Other items discussed by the School Board Tuesday included:

- **Retention and promotion** — Middle School Principal Byron Stutzman has drafted a promotion-retention policy that outlines how students either move on to the next grade level or stay behind. The policy emphasizes that students need to pass core classes such as math, language arts, social studies and science. The district also will be strict concerning observers, the policy states. Methods to help student progression and promotion also are listed as well as disciplinary guidelines. The School Board will review and discuss the policy at its January meeting.

come close to covering the fixed administrative costs the state requires.

Additional savings may be realized as the project progresses, Hayscock said.

Stephenson said Bateman-Hall will start work as early as next week with project manager Mike Clemens and local resident

- **Wrestling presentation** — Eighth-grade wrestlers Ryan Stueck and Mike Willard displayed the trophy they won last week in a match at Gooding during Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference action.

- **Exchange** — Jim Barker's request for a Rotary exchange student next year was approved by the School Board. A Buhl student also will go to foreign country in exchange.

- **Now windows** — Bids for the window replacement at Popplewell Elementary School were opened at noon Wednesday. The board will consider all bids and award the contract to the lowest bidder, Superintendent Rick Hill said.

Russell Lyday as job superintendent.

"The original completion date was August of 2005 but we moved it up 30 days and are planning on July 22, 2005," Stephenson said. School Board members expect the new high school to be completed by the first day of the 2005 school year.

# Jerome OKs water rate hike

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME.** — City residents' water bills will be going up on Jan. 1 — by about \$4.17 per month on average. The City Council adopted an ordinance Tuesday that increased the rates for domestic water service in the city.

All customers will see an increase from 57 cents to 72 cents per 100 cubic feet of water. The fee is assessed on the metering of actual water consumed by the customer. The capital reserve fees and the operating reserve fees remain unchanged. The debt service portion of the bill will go up from \$1.60 to \$4.10.

This is the first water rate increase since 1996, City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said. It will be used to help finance a \$3.9 million water system upgrade over the next 20 years. The city will contribute \$300,000 from a capital reserve account in its water fund while \$3.6 million will come from the state revolving loan fund.

The new infrastructure will include a new well, pump, booster station and 1 million-gallon storage tank at the Jerome Butte. More than 41,000 linear feet of water mains will be installed in the community. Older, less efficient water lines will be replaced.

In 2001 the city of Jerome was approved for a loan from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to repair and expand its

## Other business

Other items discussed by the City Council Tuesday included:

- **Wastewater engineering** — The council voted to publish request for qualifications for engineering services related to phases two and three of the city's wastewater capital improvements plan. The city is soliciting proposals for engineering services for planning and design of the upgrade to the city's wastewater treatment system. Once a firm has been selected a price for its services will be negotiated. The city recently completed \$700,000 in upgrades and repairs to the wastewater treatment plant. However, new regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency require stricter controls on discharges of effluent from the plant. Further, the city

drinking water system.

The rate increases will generate \$277,485 annually for the city. The debt service on the loan will cost the city \$257,446 annually. The extra \$20,039 in revenue will be used to provide for additional projects not programmed in the DEQ loan. The ordinance restricts the city's capital reserve account to hold no more than \$1 million in accumulated funds at one time.

In other business, the City Council voted to publish a request for qualifications for architectural services related to improvements

needs more wastewater capacity and will be looking for possible solutions to solve the matted-out condition at the wastewater plant.

- **Belt press** — In a related matter, City Engineer Scott Bybee told the City Council that the belt press at the wastewater treatment plant is now enclosed in a building. Staff will be installing sheet rock this week. Bybee also told the council that the fire department substation located on 200 South Road W. is 40 percent completed. "You should drive by and look at it," Bybee said. "It is coming along nicely."

- **Capitol tree** — Councilwoman Marjorie Schmidt reported that she and her husband attended the official Capitol Holiday Tree lighting ceremony in Washington, D.C., last week.

to be made at the Jerome City Library. The request for qualifications allows the city to review and select an architectural firm based on qualifications, not cost.

The library board, with input from the City Council, will perform interviews and select the architectural firm for the Evelyn Crowder Trust expansion.

Crowder, a lifelong teacher, left in her will two approximately \$1 million sums to each the city and the Jerome School District for libraries. The high school currently is constructing its new library.

# Foundation offers \$1M to YMCA

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**SUN VALLEY.** — A million-dollar matching gift could give the proposed \$16 million Wood River Community YMCA the jump-start it needs to become reality.

The Works of Grace Foundation has pledged a \$1 million matching gift, provided the organization can raise \$1 million by Feb. 1, 2004.

And that's not all. If the YMCA can reach the million-dollar mark before Feb. 1 the matching funds could turn into a \$6 million gift for the new center.

The city of Ketchum has pledged to match the first \$3 million of donations by submitting a \$3 million corresponding contribution for voter approval. That essentially doubles every dollar of personal donations toward the project with no new taxes of any kind, said Campaign Director Mike Wolter.

Since the YMCA has already

raised \$1.5 million, its total awarded funds could equal \$6.5 million if the Y can meet the goals proposed by The Works of Grace Foundation and the city.

"The impact of this additional \$1 million gift by The Works of Grace Foundation to our community would be phenomenal," said Cynthia Murphy, Wood River Community YMCA board chairwoman.

Benjamin Wood, president of the Texas-based Works of Grace Foundation, said the organization was drawn to the YMCA project because of its interest in providing support and inspiration to individuals, programs and organizations that make a difference in the lives of children.

"By presenting the challenge, we hope to inspire others to jump on the bandwagon and offer their support to this worthwhile organization," he said.

"The Wood River Community YMCA is a perfect example of an

organization whose daily efforts show support, kindness and love between fellow human beings, making human existences qualitatively better," added Theresa Castellano-Wood, founder of The Works of Grace Foundation and a home owner in the Sun Valley area.

Works of Grace Foundation is a nonprofit organization that contributes to causes primarily in Texas and Idaho.

On the local front it has provided support to the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Company Pools, Sun Valley Writers' Conference, Sawtooth Botanical Garden and College Scholarship Program for Children of Blaine County Teachers.

The city of Ketchum already has contributed its Park and Ride lot for the new facility.

For information on contributing to the \$1 million challenge, contact Mike Wolter at 726-6260 or mike@WoodRiverYMCA.org.

# Just two sockeye return to Sawtooth Valley

The Associated Press

**STANLEY.** — The year is at an end, and only two sockeye salmon made the 900-mile journey from the Pacific Ocean to Idaho's Sawtooth Valley.

Their meager return this fall continues a series of dismal years for the fish.

Only 23 returned through the entire decade of the 1990s. With assistance from hatchery programs, more than 200 arrived in 2000. But the prospect was short-lived. In 2001, 23 sockeye came back. In 2002, only 15 returned.

The genetic diversity needed to successfully drive the hatchery program could be dwindling.

"We're going through a tremendous decline in the salmon and trout, anadromous fisheries coordinator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "We don't know if we can recover."

The two fish are the last remnants of historic Salmon River sockeye runs that once numbered in the tens of thousands, gathering in such multitudes in Redfish Lake that their spawning color was said to give the illusion of red water.

The two fish are also the result of a hatchery program that has kept the species on life support for the last 12 years, since Salmon River sockeye were listed as endangered in 1991.

Dan Baker, manager of Fish

and Game's Eagle Hatchery, said the program is not designed to stimulate large returns and recover the species.

"It is focused on protecting the genetic material we had when the program began," he said. "I think we have a broad enough genetic base right now."

According to Fish and Game records dating to the 1950s, returning sockeye populations have fluctuated from year to year. The overall trend, however, was downward through the 1990s, and has continued to bump along at rock-bottom levels.

A 1998 Fish and Game report agrees with many salmon advocates that erecting eight dams between Idaho and the ocean is the primary reason for the decline of the salmon and trout head runs. Those advocates contend breaching four lower Snake River dams in Washington state is the only viable way to revive them.

Despite the dismal numbers, however, Horton said he believes sockeye salmon can bounce back. "These are extremely resilient critters, and if we give them a chance they'll come back," he said. "We can't continue to cut them off and cut them off. If we give them a chance, they'll do it."

As for next year's class of 2004, returns could be relatively respectable, Baker said.

In 2001, Fish and Game released 100,000 pre-smolts. In

2002, biologists released 38,000 one-year-olds. Both packs should return next August.

"It's hard to say," he said. "It looks like it should be up from what last year was."

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# Idaho sees first child die from flu

**BOISE (AP)** — A Nez Perce County boy under 5 years old has become the first child to die in Idaho from influenza this season, state health officials announced Wednesday.

Health and Welfare Department officials said the child died in November but the doctor's certification confirming the death as flu-related was only received this week because the child had been moved for treatment to another state and died there.

The child's death brings the toll in the state to 15 since Oct. 1. The others — seven in Canyon County, six in Ada County and one in Lewis County — were all over 50 years old.

"Our hearts go out to the family

## West hit hard — A3

of this child," said Dr. Christine Hahn, state epidemiologist. "Most flu-related deaths are in people over the age of 50, but the flu virus can lead to serious health consequences for people of any age."

The name of the boy has not been released, but his parents issued a warning through Health and Welfare officials that other families should be wary.

"We would really like every parent to be aware that the flu can hit very hard, very fast," the boy's father said in the state's release. "We don't want to see this happen to anyone else. Parents should not be afraid to call their doctor or

seek medical help for their child. It can progress very fast."

Hahn recommends parents keep their children home from school if they appear ill, both to provide them with better care and help stop the spread of the virus to other students.

She also advises them to call their health care provider if:

- A high fever which does not respond to over-the-counter fever medications such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen. That could signal a more serious infection.
- A fever from the flu lasts longer than several days.
- Children are not keeping liquids down.
- Children have difficulty breathing.

- Children are listless and have no interest in playing.
- Children are irritable and cannot be calmed down.

Supplies of flu vaccine are limited throughout most of Idaho, but people in high-risk categories are encouraged to be inoculated.

That includes people over 65; healthy children 6 months to 23 months of age; women in their second or third trimester of pregnancy and anyone over the age of 2 who has a health risk such as a heart or lung condition, diabetes, asthma or a weakened immune system. Flu symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat, congestion and muscle aches.

## Micron executive pleads guilty

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — An executive for Micron Technology Inc. agreed to plead guilty to obstructing a price-fixing probe of a key component in computers, the Justice Department announced Wednesday.

Alfred P. Censullo, Micron's regional sales manager for upstate New York, was charged in U.S. District Court in San Francisco with obstruction for altering and concealing documents containing competitor pricing information.

Censullo was responsible for Micron's sales of dynamic random access memory products in his region, which includes the server division of International Business Machines Inc.

Censullo no longer works for Micron, said David Parker, the company's director of corporate communications. He declined to

say when Censullo's employment ended.

"Mr. Censullo was charged with obstruction by holding and altering documents contrary to instructions from the company. The charges are personal and relate to obstruction of justice only. They do not pertain to the company nor do they allege a violation of antitrust law," Parker said.

Micron has fully cooperated with the U.S. Department of Justice's antitrust division investigation since it began in June 2002, Parker said. He said no other employees are expected to be charged in the investigation.

Boise-based Micron is the largest manufacturer in North America of DRAM, which provides high-speed storage and retrieval of electronic information in personal computers and servers.

## Feds unveil plan to eliminate tests

**SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)** — The U.S. Department of Energy has released its plan to eliminate tests that have been required before it can ship waste from Idaho and elsewhere to its underground dump in southeastern Mexico.

The federal proposal will be submitted to the state as a request to modify hazardous waste permit that the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant has been operating under. It is due by the end of the year.

Legislation sponsored by New Mexico Sen. Pete Domenici and signed by President Bush on Dec. 1 restricts the state's ability to reject the request to eliminate the testing for dangerous gases on each drum of waste before it is shipped to the facility near Carlsbad.

Instead of tests, records kept on each drum when it was filled would be used to determine whether the drums contain waste not allowed to be stored in the 52 dump carved out of ancient salt beds. The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory has already shipped over 15,000

drums of plutonium-contaminated waste to the site and is scheduled to ship tens of thousands more over the next 15 years.

Domenici's legislation starts a complex process intended to clarify waste testing requirements that the Energy Department says are expensive and unnecessary.

Critics contend Domenici's intervention bypasses the state's regulatory authority over the facility. Even without congressional intervention, the government could have asked the state to relax the testing requirements. But Domenici's legislation requires it and restricts the state's ability to turn down the federal request.

"We don't think WIPP needed an act of Congress to do it," said Jon Goldstein, spokesman for the state Environment Department.

The plan was unveiled this week at a meeting in Santa Fe to give the public a chance to comment. The Energy Department also is informally circulating its proposal to environmental activists and others.

## Salvation Army retrieves Baby Jesus

**BOISE (AP)** — Maybe it was that warm holiday spirit, or maybe it was the cold fear of being caught. Either way, the baby Jesus that had been stolen from a Salvation Army nativity scene was returned.

Back under the watchful eyes of Mary and Joseph, the baby Jesus was reunited with his manger-scene family Tuesday afternoon. It was taken from the Salvation Army's Booth Family Care Center.

Someone called anonymously and said they could find the figurine in a nearby park. It was discovered unharmed in the grass about two blocks from the center. Salvation Army Development Director Rick Hempmeyer said the publicity probably caused the thief's conscience to flutter. Hempmeyer said he was touched by the half-dozen people who called, offering a replacement.

## HIGH JUMPER



With fruit looming above its head, a turkey leaps up to snatch a snack Monday from a tree outside Martel Construction in Bigfork, Mont. The flock of turkeys had been visiting the fruit trees outside the business for about a week. Some of the large birds flew into the trees to feed while others foraged on the ground below. The Bigfork area has a large population of turkeys.

## Judge will sentence Green River killer

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Officially, it's a formality: A King County Superior Court judge will sentence the Green River serial killer, Gary Ridgway, to life in prison without parole, a punishment that prosecutors and defense attorneys have already agreed to.

But to the families of the 48 women Ridgway confessed to killing over the past two decades, today will mean so much more. It's their only chance to memorialize their daughters, sisters and girlfriends in court or to speak to the murderer directly, be it to curse him or forgive him. It's their only chance to hear him say he's sorry, however hollow that may ring.

"After tomorrow, I'm through with him," said Kathy Mills, whose 16-year-old daughter, Opal, was killed in August 1982. "I won't think of him anymore. He'll have no hold over me."

Tony Savage, one of Ridgway's lawyers, predicted, "It's going to be a long, dismal day."

The court has actually set aside two days for Ridgway's sentencing, which is to begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. It will be a far different scene from Nov. 5, when Ridgway pleaded guilty to 48 counts of aggravated first-degree murder in a deal to avoid the death penalty — more convictions than any other serial killer in U.S. history.

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# Most states see little change in drunken driving rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alcohol-related traffic death rates increased or held steady in 19 states between 1998 and 2002, according to new federal data suggesting that efforts to curb drunken driving have reached a plateau.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's report, which is being released today, says the fatality rate rose 100 million more drivers. NHTSA considers a crash alcohol-related if a driver had anything above a 0.01 blood-alcohol level, which is far lower than the 0.08

legal limit in 45 states.

South Carolina saw the greatest increase in its death rate during the four-year period, followed by Kansas, South Dakota, Rhode Island and Wisconsin. The states with the highest numbers of alcohol-related deaths per miles traveled were Montana, South Carolina, South Dakota, Nevada and Louisiana. Idaho saw a decrease of 13.5 percent.

Barbara Harsha, executive director of the Washington-based Governors Highway Safety Association, said experts can't

explain why some states have far fewer drunken driving deaths than others.

"There don't seem to be any patterns," she said. "Some have seen increases after a period of decreases and they're doing the same things as they were in the past."

Harsha suspects rates remain high in because of a growing number of alcohol-related motorcycle accidents in the last five years. She also said motorists are driving faster, so they're more likely to be in fatal crashes that may be fueled by alcohol. Drunken driving deaths declined

markedly during the 1980s and early '90s as organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving were formed and drew attention to the problem.

NHTSA's report showed 26,173 alcohol-related traffic deaths in 1982, or 60 percent of all traffic deaths, falling to 16,572, or 40 percent, in 1999. For 2002, the figures were 17,419 alcohol-related deaths, or 41 percent of all traffic fatalities.

"We seem to be stalled or stuck at relatively the same fatality rate," said Dennis Utter, the chief mathematician for NHTSA's

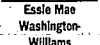
National Center for Statistics and Analysis.

Earlier this month, NHTSA administrator Dr. Jeffrey Runge said the nation needs to establish drunken driving courts, screen medical patients for alcohol abuse and enlist the help of alcohol manufacturers in order to combat the rise in death rates.

Thirty-one states and the District of Columbia say their alcohol-related death rates decrease, NHTSA said in its new report. Vermont, Indiana, Oregon and Iowa — and the District of Columbia saw their rates fall by 25 percent or more.

## Thurmond's daughter finds peace

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The 78-year-old daughter of the late Sen. Strom Thurmond and a black maid said Wednesday that now that she has come forward to disclose her heritage, she is finally at peace.



At a news conference in her native South Carolina, Essie Mae Washington-Williams said she did not come forward earlier because she didn't want to jeopardize Thurmond's political career and family. "Throughout his life and mine we respected each other. I was sensitive about his well-being and his career."

"I am not bitter. I am not angry. In fact, there is a great sense of peace that has come over me in the past year," she said. "I feel as though a great weight has been lifted. I am Essie Mae Washington-Williams, and at last I feel completely free."

Williams announced last weekend she is the illegitimate daughter of Thurmond, a former segregationist, and Carrie Butler, a maid for the Thurmond family. Thurmond was 22 when Williams was born in 1925.

"I knew him beyond his public image," Williams said. "Certainly never did I like the idea that he was a segregationist, but there was nothing I could do about it. That was his life."

However, Williams said, Thurmond never denied she was his daughter and gave her money throughout her life. She also said there were others who knew. "All of them on his staff knew exactly who I was," she said.

Williams is a retired teacher living in Los Angeles. She said she has four children, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Thurmond's family said Monday they acknowledge Williams' claim, and the former senator's oldest son, U.S. Attorney Strom Thurmond Jr., said he would like to meet his half sister and start a relationship.

Williams said Wednesday she, too, would like to meet Thurmond's other children.

After Thurmond died in June at age 100, Williams said she began to think about ending "all the speculation and questions" about the long-romanced relationship.

Williams said her mother didn't tell her much about Thurmond and the relationship she had. During an interview set to air on "60 Minutes II" on Wednesday night, Williams called it an "affair" and said her mother remembered Thurmond as "very nice person."

She recalled first meeting him in his Edgefield office when she was 16.

"Well, you look like one of my sisters," Williams recalled Thurmond saying. "You've got those cheekbones like our family."

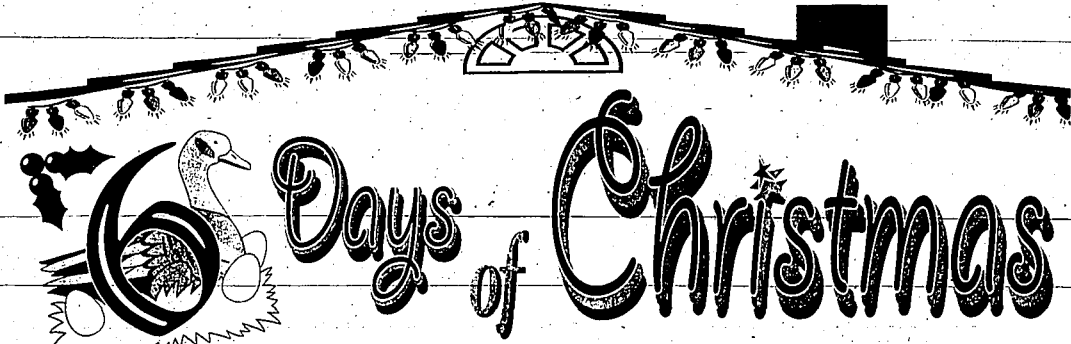
"So that was like almost an admission," Williams said.

## Jury remains out in Malvo's sniper case

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — Jurors deliberated without reaching a verdict Wednesday in the capital murder trial of sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo.

Jurors were to resume deliberations Thursday after hearing answers to questions they submitted after breaking for the day.

Malvo's lawyers have presented an insanity defense, saying brainwashing by convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad left Malvo incapable of knowing right from wrong.



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# Girl hides identity of baby's father



DEAR ABBY  
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 and pregnant. My baby's father is a 35-year-old teacher at my school. He doesn't know I'm pregnant, and I'm afraid if I tell him, he'll be mad. My parents know I'm pregnant, and they are devastated. But they do not know who the father is. I am having trouble sleeping, and I'm sick most mornings. What should I do? Please help.

— PREGNANT IN MILWAUKEE

DEAR PREGNANT: You must tell your parents who the father is. You need their emotional support, and I'm sure you'll receive it once they understand what has happened. You should not have to tell this teacher about your pregnancy alone. Your parents, the principal and the local police. They will help you. If he does not get mad, it should be at himself for betraying his trusted role as an educator and committing statutory rape. Please do not be afraid to speak up, and don't blame your-

self. What your teacher did is criminal.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Jessica," is a terrific teenager. She works hard and has a nice group of friends. She and her friends have never been involved with alcohol or drugs, largely because they have stayed away from the crowd that uses them.

Next year, Jessica is going off to college where beer and pot will be everywhere. I am concerned because, unbeknownst to Jessica, there is alcoholism in our family. My father started drinking heavily after we kids were grown and

gone. He was never abusive or falling into drugs, but he was alcohol-dependent. He'd fall asleep in his chair by 7 every night.

Mother finally confronted him, and although he never sought professional help, he managed to get his problem under control. I'm not proud our family wasn't more up-front about Dad's drinking. Mom and Dad both wanted to cope with it privately, and although Mom confided in my brothers and me, it has remained a family secret.

I know alcoholism may be genetic, and I am torn about disclosing my father's history to Jessica. I want her to know she may have reason to be particularly careful about drinking, but I don't want to spoil her relationship with, or respect for, her grandfather. What should I do?

— WORRIED MOM, OAKLAND, CALIF.  
DEAR WORRIED MOM: For

the valid reason you have stated, you must discuss the potential problem with your daughter. Since her grandfather faced his drinking problem and dealt with it, I see no reason why it would cause her to lose respect for him.

Another important reason you should discuss this subject is the reality of binge drinking on many college campuses. Some young people who are away from home for the first time go hog-wild and do foolish things — like competing to see who can consume the most alcohol in the shortest period of time. The results can be fatal. Also, people stoned on alcohol (or any mind-altering substance) may make other unwise choices, such as having unprotected sex.

You are a caring parent, and you have a year to discuss these subjects with your daughter. Start now, and next fall you'll send her off knowing you have prepared her to the best of your ability.

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## Guide calls actor Colin Farrell 'clearly unhinged'

Colin Farrell's personal guide on the actor says he needs "psychiatric help" for his hell-raising antics.

— Addoul Cherkoui says Farrell is "clearly unhinged" after seeing him drink 45 beers in one night, grab a few hours' sleep and then get up at 5 a.m. for filming.

Cherkoui also says Farrell and Angelina Jolie to move hotels after he kept banging on her hotel door late at night, reports Britain's Channel 4 Web site.

"His behavior was often appalling and disrespectful," Cherkoui says. "He upset a lot of people. He is clearly unhinged and needs some psychiatric help about his conduct and drinking problems."

He says on one of their nights out together, Farrell got so wasted he ended up sleeping in the car.

Cherkoui says Farrell "drank 45 beers and they went down like clockwork one after the other," he says. "He had to get up at 5 the next morning for a long day of filming, but when I saw him back at his hotel the following evening he said he felt fine and wanted to do it all over again. He was completely crazy — but that is Colin. We went out for four or five similar nights like that. Amazingly, each time he would be up at dawn the next day

### People in the news

for shooting. I just don't know how he does it."

### Report: White Stripes band member may face charges

White Stripes front man Jack White got into a brawl at a Detroit rock club Saturday night and may face assault charges, reports The New York Post.

According to police report, White and Jason Stolteimer — a singer/guitarist with Motor City garage rockers the Von Bondies — began scuffling at the Magic Stick after Stolteimer refused to speak to White, who's also known for dating Rene Zellweger.

White "became enraged," police reported. Stolteimer "pulled Stolteimer to the ground and punched him in the right eye 'approximately 7 times,'" says the report. Officers said Stolteimer suffered a bruised eye and bloody nose.

White filed a cross-complaint, claiming he was taken down by Stolteimer, who began throttling him "about the face & body." White said he hit Stolteimer back in self-defense.

— compiled from wire reports

## Taurus: You need to put color in your life

### IF DECEMBER 18TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you were different

and so wise that adults wondered about you. Your outlook is larger than life. What you have to contribute and say inspires many. With your psychic talents, the world can be your oyster. It's up to you. Every year on your birthday, the galactic center is aligned with your sun, giving you additional powers. In 2004, you tie up loose ends.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You're having fun listening to rumors being dished. You allow yourself to be manipulated and become the warrior for someone's interest. Learn how to stop the game.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Everyday routine and knowing what's next have reduced your vision to black-on-white monochrome. You need color in your life. Planning a journey and seeing a rainbow over the horizon are your next steps.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's been over six months since Saturn left your sign, and you're rediscovering life's sunny side. With parties, music, fun, love, passion and travel, a new you is emerging.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Securing a better deal for yourself, despite failure on someone else's account, you'll soon reap rewards of a different kind. In fact, someone is putting your needs first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expectations that loved ones and friends have seen truly over the top. Even though you sigh and shrug your shoulders, you know you'll oblige.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Too much work for a busy bee? Not likely, as you know how to dele-

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gate and get things done. You may look selfish from another's perspective, but once all is done you can afford to be generous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There's a moment of truth when someone can be made with a loved one. Long-term business opportunities may be part of the bargain as well. Harmony is restored, which is so important in your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have to speak up if you want to end a domestic or family feud. There's a chance to state what you dislike and find intolerable. It's an opportunity to stay pals on a healthier basis.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Rose-colored glasses may be preferable at present. Someone needs wooing as the lunar influence are favorable. It can only advance your cause to get grievances out of your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You need to assure someone of your planned course of action. Having divided loyalty because of a situation can make you suspect. Reassure others that you have no ulterior motive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The past can't be changed, so why worry? Walk tall into the future without looking back. A new you is emerging, but an old connection may be a new passion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Remaining silent as things go wrong wouldn't be diplomatic and could cause embarrassment later. Virgo may help to sprinkle some of Jupiter's lucky stardust your way.

## Female sharks have thicker skin than males

Rhubarb cost three times as much as opium in the Europe of 400 years ago. And opium wasn't cheap. People got the notion that rhubarb was a health food beyond compare, and its price suddenly galloped up the trail of the tulip bulbs.

Writes a scholar, "No animal, except the human, will mate successfully, if the female wins a fight with the male."

"Skin of a female shark is a thicker than the skin of a male. Love and marriage are comparable, but not essential to each other. So states a social scientist named Graham Spanier. His formula for a happy marriage contains the line: "It must be free of conflict." As reported earlier, our Love and War man undertook

research you'll record of such a marriage. He's still researching. The Pharaoh Ramses was called Ramses the Great, in part, because he was so tall — 5-foot-8. A cookbook out of Buffalo, N.Y., in 1890 included a recipe for the first chopped-beef sandwich called a "hamburger," made by two brothers, Frank and Charles Menches. They'd shown up too late to get their usual supply of chopped pork at the Erie County Agricultural Fair in Hamburg, N.Y. So the butcher gave them chopped beef, instead.

The sandwich they cooked up from same beef they named after the town.

Some futurists think humans born on the moon would grow considerably taller than humans born on earth.

There aren't any wild silk-worms.

The Inca owned everything. He divided it all into three parts — a third to feed the people, a third to run the government, and a third stashed against bad times. To safeguard that bad-times third from thievery, the Inca designated it as the sacred gift to the useful Sun God.

Q. What was the first known jigsaw puzzle?

A map of Europe. Divided at national boundaries. Cut in London in 1766. Same year Richard Tattersall ordered a horse blanket with a new design that came to be known as the tattersall check.

Q. Who coined the term "Dark Continent" for Africa?

A. Henry Stanley of the Stanley-Livingston saga.



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Q. What animal has the biggest teeth?

A. Sperm whale. With teeth 10 inches long. Unless you count tusks, measured in footage.

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## 'Biography' delves into the history of Santa Claus

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### Today

"Biography" — Tracing the evolution of the legend of Santa Claus from the Dutch Sinter Klaas to the American St. Nick. (CC) (TV) ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT 6 p.m.

"Tru Calling" — Tru celebrates her first night off from the morgue by throwing a party, but things take a deadly turn after her ex-boyfriend shows up uninvited. (CC) (TV) FOX 7 p.m.

"The Test of Love" — A fatal plane crash leads to a woman's discovery that her husband of 20 years had a child with his secret lover. (CC) (TV) THE LIFE-TIME CHANNEL 7 p.m.

### Friday

"Babes in Toyland" — An 11-year-old girl is transported to Toyland, a magical kingdom threatened by the evil Mr. Barnaby. (TV) KWTW 6 p.m.

"The Mirror Has Two Faces" — A college professor shakes up her platonic marriage to a colleague by going her plain appearance a dramatic makeover. (CC) THE LIFETIME CHANNEL 6:30 p.m.

### TV Best Bets

"Boston Public" — Guber contends with a student who thinks he is Jesus and is using school funds to feed the homeless; Maria mistakenly books R.E.M. for a school fundraiser. (CC) (TV) FOX 8 p.m.

Saturday  
"NFL Football" — From Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (CC) ESPN 6:30 p.m.

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation 2: Cousin Eddie's Island Adventure" — Cousin Eddie and his family must survive the elements and each other after becoming shipwrecked at holiday time. (CC) (TV) NBC 7 p.m.

"Romco Must Die" — The son and daughter of warring gangsters strike up a romance while investigating the murder of one brother. (CC) (TV) TBS 7 p.m.

### Sunday

"No Way Out" — A Navy officer becomes involved in political and

romantic intrigue of the highest order after taking a Pentagon job. (TV) AMERICAN MOVIE CLASSICS 6 p.m.

"The Bridges of Madison County" — A worldly photographer and a lonely farm wife share a brief but profound romance. Based on Robert James Waller's novel. (CC) (TV) SPIKE TV 6 p.m.

"NFL Football" — From the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. (CC) ESPN 6:30 p.m.

### Monday

"Everybody Loves Raymond" — Michael claims he's too sick to go to school and spends an entire day watching Ray work in his downstairs office. (CC) (TV) CBS 8 p.m.

"When Harry Met Sally" — Rob Reiner's portrait of a couple whose growing attraction toward each other threatens to disrupt their friendship. (CC) TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES 8 p.m.

"CSI: Miami" — The team finds a rape victim clinging to life after being beaten, and Horatio sus-

pects the imprisoned rapist is somehow responsible. (CC) (TV) CBS 9 p.m.

### Tuesday

"On Stage at the Kennedy Center: A Holiday Concert for the Troops" — With Mary McCormack, Marvin Hamlisch and the National Symphony Orchestra Pops perform festive songs and classics including "O Holy Night" and "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." (CC) (TV) PBS 7 p.m.

"A Home for the Holidays" — Lauren Holly, Jamie Foxx and Rene Russo raise awareness about adoption by sharing their stories. No Doubt, Sheryl Crow, Mary J. Blige, Mya, Enrique Iglesias, Vince Gill, Amy Grant and Pat Monahan perform. (CC) (TV) CBS 7 p.m.

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# Leader seeks ban of religious wear in schools



Jacques Chirac

PARIS (AP) — French President Jacques Chirac asked parliament on Wednesday for a law banning Islamic head scarves and other religious insignia in public schools, a move that aims at shoring up the nation's secular tradition, despite cries that it will stigmatize France's 5 million Muslims.

Chirac said he also wanted to open the possibility of measures to impose the same ban, warning that "fanaticism is gaining ground" in France.

"Secularism is one of the great successes of the Republic," Chirac said in an address to the nation. "It is crucial element of social peace and national cohesion. We cannot let it weaken."

For many French, the Islamic head scarf symbolizes Muslim militancy and fears that fundamentalists are making dangerous inroads in France.

But Muslims — for many of

whom the scarf is a mark of modesty and a symbol of identity — say a ban is discriminatory and violates their freedoms. They warn it could provoke a backlash, pushing Muslims out of France's mainstream life and fueling militancy.

Chirac said he would push for a law to be enacted in time for the school year that begins next autumn. Islamic head scarves, Jewish skullcaps and large crucifixes would fall under the ban.

"They don't have a place in our public schools," Chirac said.

However, Chirac said the wearing of discreet items like a small pendant with the Star of David remains possible.

Chirac's proposal also covers the

workplace. His labor minister may, if necessary, submit measures to parliament to allow business leaders "to regulate the wearing of religious signs" for reasons of safety or customer relations, Chirac said.

He also called for a law to stop patients in public hospitals from being able to refuse treatment because of the gender of the treating physician or medical personnel. A presidential panel on the issue included reports of Muslim men refusing to let male doctors treat their wives.

As expected, Chirac rejected a commission recommendation to establish the "Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur and the Muslim Eid el-Kabir feast as school holidays.

Adoption of a law seemed likely, as lawmakers from both sides of the political spectrum have voiced support for a law on secularism.

France's Muslim community — 8 percent of the country's population

— is the largest in Western Europe. France's Jewish community, about 1 percent of the population, is also Western Europe's largest.

The presidential panel said the law was a way for the country to grapple with what it described last week as fast-growing militancy.

"The question is no longer freedom of conscience but public order," said the report by the 20-member commission, issued after six months of interviews with experts, religious leaders, teachers and school pupils.

The topic took on new life after dozens of girls were expelled from school in the past two years for refusing to remove head scarves.

France has grappled with the scarf issue for nearly 15 years. It began in 1989 when two 14-year-old school girls refused to remove their head-coverings.

# Human version of mad cow disease kills donor, recipient

LONDON — The British government reported on Wednesday a patient died of the human form of mad cow disease after a blood transfusion from an infected donor — the first time such a connection has been reported.

Health Secretary John Reid told Parliament it was not possible to determine whether the transfusion recipient contracted the fatal brain-wasting illness through the blood transfer or whether the two people were independently infected. He said, however, it was the first report supporting the idea that the disease might be transmitted through blood transfusions.

Experts have long suspected that the disease might be spread through blood transfusions and have put in place additional precautions should that prove true.

The transfusion reported Wednesday occurred in 1996, one year before Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease safeguards were applied to the blood supply in Britain, where nearly all variant CJD cases have developed. All blood products for use in operations in Britain are now imported from the United States, where there have been no reported cases of human mad cow disease.

The donor had shown no signs of variant CJD when giving blood in 1996, but developed the disease three years later, dying — the same year from the condition, Reid said.

**World in brief**

But the militants instead bombed two synagogues, a London-based bank and the British Consulate, killing 62 people, mostly Muslims.

## Tehran will sign key nuclear agreement today

VIENNA, Austria — Iran will sign a key agreement today, opening its nuclear facilities to outside scrutiny, the U.N. atomic agency said, ending weeks of speculation that Tehran was stalling despite mounting Western pressure and an implicit threat of sanctions.

Mohamed ElBaradei, chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and an unidentified Iranian government official will sign the pact Thursday afternoon at IAEA headquarters in Vienna, the agency said.

The Tehran regime, which announced the signing earlier Wednesday, made clear it was trying to rest suspicions that it was reluctant to comply with Western demands for full openness.

Since October, Iran repeatedly has said it would sign the accord, but its failure to follow through had led some foreign diplomats in Vienna to question its sincerity.

# Man gets SARS from studying the virus

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan reported its first SARS case in five months on Wednesday — a scientist who allegedly ignored World Health Organization safety rules and worked with spilled virus samples without wearing a protective gown and gloves, officials said.

The news caused Taiwan's jittery stock market to tumble, and the island's top health officials scrambled to ease fears that the highly contagious virus would spread.

"It looks very much like an isolated event," World Health Organization spokeswoman Maria

Cheng said. "He was traveling to Singapore but he was asymptomatic while there and, according to data we have, patients are not contagious while asymptomatic."

The 44-year-old man, who wasn't identified, was a senior scientist studying SARS in Taipei at the state-sponsored Institute of Preventive Medicine, officials said. He tested positive for SARS on Wednesday after undergoing WHO-approved tests.

"Right now, he's the only one who's been infected," Health Minister Chen Chien-jen said.

# Report: Bin Laden hoped U.S. bases would be attacked

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Osama bin Laden proposed attacking a Turkish military base used by the United States, but militants scymed by tight security bombed civilian targets instead, killing Muslims and upsetting al-Qaida leaders, Turkish officials told The Associated Press.

The information came from interrogations of a suspect in last month's deadly bombings in Istanbul that authorities think were carried out by Turkish militants trained by al-Qaida in Afghanistan, the officials said.

The suspect, Fevzi Yizit, told interrogators that bin Laden approved attacks in Turkey on condition that Turks were not killed, a top intelligence source told the AP this week.

# Israel's army phases out country's legendary Uz

JERUSALEM — Israel's military is phasing out the iconic Uz sub-machine gun, calling it antiquated and replacing it with more sophisticated, electronics-outfitted weaponry, an army spokesman said Wednesday.

But the Uz, a national icon and the country's most famous contribution to the arms industry, will still be produced and exported, to the "presumable delight" of drug dealers, gang members, Secret Service agents and Hollywood action stars alike.

Israel's military took the simply constructed, half-century-old weapon out of front line units two decades ago, but continued to issue it to some elite units and soldiers carrying heavy gear who needed a light weapon for self-defense.

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Section D

## Birds buzz in for a bite

Backyard feeder provides friendly wildlife experience

By Stu Murrell  
Times-News correspondent

Feeding birds is as easy as buying a commercial bird feeder and supplying it with bird seed found in many stores. Where you site your feeder is critical to good use. It should be placed near bird cover in the form of bushes or trees to allow quick escapement if a predator appears. Two of the most common small-bird-predators in the United States are the sharp-shinned hawk and house cat.

It is great fun to watch bird behavior, so site your feeder where it can be seen from a convenient window.

House finch, junco, white-crowned sparrow, goldfinch and pine siskin are all common on bird feeders in the Magic Valley. The introduced house sparrow is considered a pest in most bird-feeding circles but adds character to the scene. They are adaptable to most climates and are interesting to watch as they pick tidbits from car radiators and auto undersides when you park in town.

Another method of feeding small birds is construction of your own bird feeder to fit the site you've chosen. I am not a good carpenter, but I fashioned a 15-inch by 20-inch box to fit on my clothesline pole. It has four 1-inch by 4-inch boards to hold up the roof about a foot above the feeding platform. It has been highly successful and I may have 20 to 30 birds feeding at once.

One necessary element in any good feeder is keeping the introduced fox squirrel from raiding the goodies. My method works well with two sections of galvanized stovepipe placed around the supporting pole. This makes it slick and prevents the squirrel from climbing.

I was watching as my resident squirrel attempted a climb, slid down and never tried it again. Do not place your feeder under any overhanging limbs or wires since the squirrel will use them to drop onto the feeder. If you like to feed squirrels, ignore the above advice.

The best type of bird seed is hotly debated among bird enthusiasts. There are a variety of seed mixtures available. Try some different kinds and see what works best with your species of feathered friends. My experience has taught me the simplest and most used are black sunflower seeds. All the seed-cracking birds will use them.

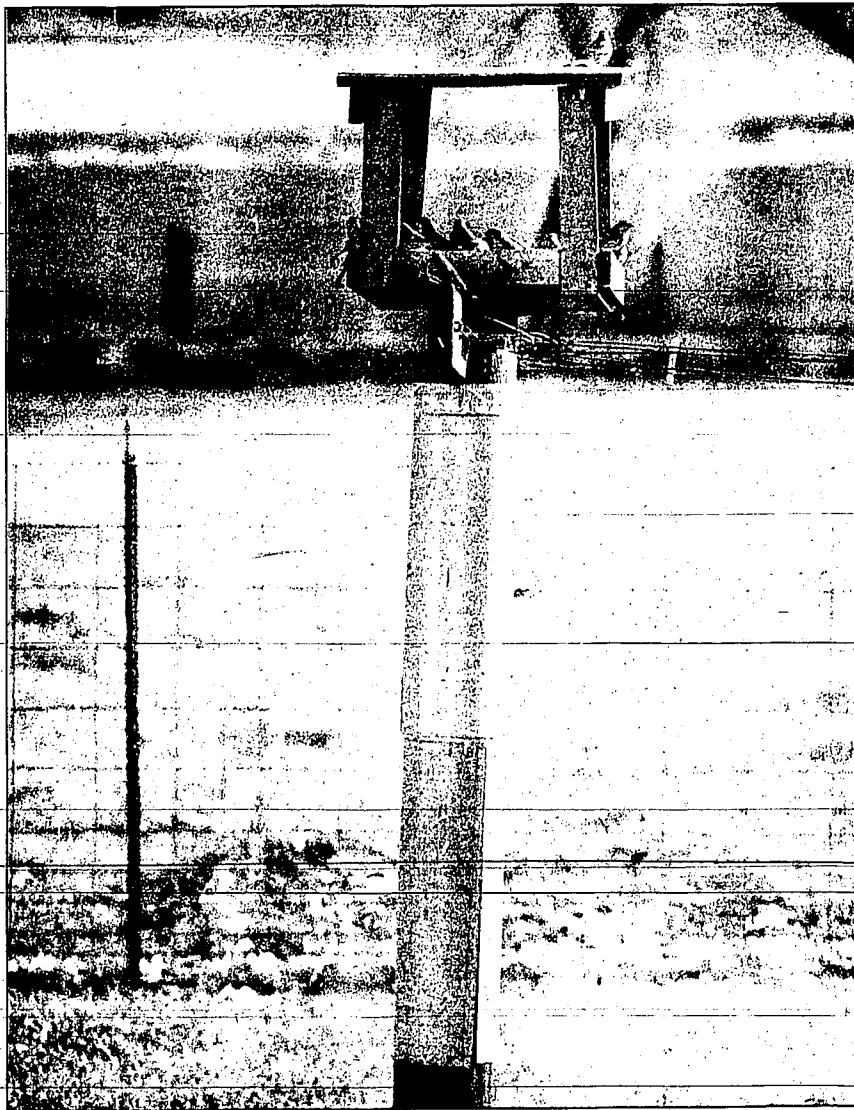
My daily feeding routine consists of scattering about half my sunflower seeds on the ground near my syringe bushes. The juncos prefer to feed on the ground, but all the species I have will use these. The other half goes into the feeder.

I usually feed beginning in November and continue until April. It is fascinating to watch how quickly word gets out in the bird world when that feeder is first filled. This year, within two hours, my feeder had numerous birds. Since I hadn't fed since the previous April, this is amazing. I swear they talk among themselves when a free meal is available.

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My binoculars and bird-identification book are right at hand by my window. I like the "Birds of North America" by the Golden Press, but almost any bird book will work.

The timing of bird arrival each day is curious. The juncos are early risers and come in just at daybreak. They are followed by



A bird feeder post should be clear from overhanging branches to keep squirrels out of the birds' big feast. This feeder is attached to the top of a clothesline.



House finches sit perched on a hanging bird feeder. Wintertime is a prime season to sit and watch feathered friends come to your yard.

the house finches and white-crowned sparrows. House sparrows are the last to appear in the morning.

Bird feeding and watching is one of the most popular outdoor activities in the United States. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service conducted a survey which showed more than 65 million people in the United States fed birds and spent more than \$4.5 billion on their hobby.

Any age group can participate. My first bird book appeared under the Christmas tree when I was 8 years old, and I've been interested in them ever since.

There is an annual Christmas bird count conducted every year in Idaho by the National Audubon Society members. If you wish to participate in the local surveys, contact Sarah Harris at 734-2645 or Jeff Ruprecht at 733-9639.



Spreading seeds on the ground can attract birds. Here, a flock of sparrows, moths and juncos find food near syringe bushes.

## Minnesota water preps for visit to Arctic

By Sam Cook  
Knight Ridder News Service

ALONG THE GUNFLINT TRAIL, Minn. - Three women on snowshoes try to reconcile the scene before them. In the cold December air, on a blanket of fresh snow, Lonnie Dupre and Eric Larsen are cramming winter camping gear into two sea kayaks. "This looks crazy," one woman says.

She makes a good point. Dupre and Larsen, both of Grand Marais, Minn., are nowhere near open water.

As the women watch, the two adventurers step into cross-country skis, hitch themselves to the kayaks and drag the boats toward the Banadad-Ski-Trail. For the next couple of days, the men will haul the kayaks over portages and across just-frozen lakes on a winter camping trip.

The trip is just one more increment in a long-range plan. Dupre, 42, and Larsen, 32, hope to become the first to make a summer crossing of the Arctic Ocean. From May to September of 2005, the two adventurers will use skis and kayaks to negotiate the jumbled and broken pack ice of the ocean at the top of the world.

Their One World Expedition will cover about 1,200 miles as they cross an ocean that is half again as large as the United States. They plan to start from an island off of Siberia and finish either in northern Canada or northern Greenland.

"Nobody's ever attempted a summer crossing of the Arctic Ocean. Nobody's thought it possible," says Dupre, an unassuming adventurer who, with another partner, made the first circumnavigation of Greenland.

Dupre completed the Greenland trip in 2001, using dogsleds in winter and kayaks in summer. He and Larsen will rely heavily on Dupre's Greenland experience to negotiate the daunting combination of ice forms - they will find atop the world.

Along the way, they hope to create an awareness of global climate change and collect scientific data. They plan to produce a documentary film and a book focusing on global climate change, teamwork and the spirit of adventure.

### Using their imaginations

On Monday, as Dupre and Larsen tug their kayaks up and down a portage to Swamp Lake, they imagine themselves on the frozen ocean. A spruce deadfall across the portage is no longer a tree.

"Pressure ridge," Dupre says. Dragging loaded kayaks around the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in the winter might seem a little nuts, but it beats the heck out of their fall training. Dupre and Larsen would hitch themselves up to truck tires and make the mile and a half climb from town up to the Gunflint Trail.

On Monday afternoon, the three of us encounter a vicious northwest wind that has piled drifts down the middle of Caribou Lake. Blowing snow creates a high-high white-out.

"Who thought it would look like the Arctic out here?" Larsen yells over the tumult.

Still, the hauling is easy on this trip, compared to what it will be on the Arctic Ocean. There, Dupre and Larsen each will haul 300-pound loads. On this trip, they're a mere 125 pounds.

We tuck in for the night on a portage out of Liz Lake. Around a campfire, under a tarp, we sip hot drinks and talk about the expedition.

"My greatest concern, outside of a medical thing, are fog and brush ice," Dupre says. "Fog is very difficult to navigate in."

The pair will use both a compass and GPS unit to navigate. Though they'll have 24-hour light, they'll travel at "night" when temperatures are somewhat cooler and the team isn't traveling into the sun. Sleeping during the daytime hours will allow the solar heat to warm the tent, saving fuel.

Brush ice is compacted ice chunks the size of golf balls, Dupre says.

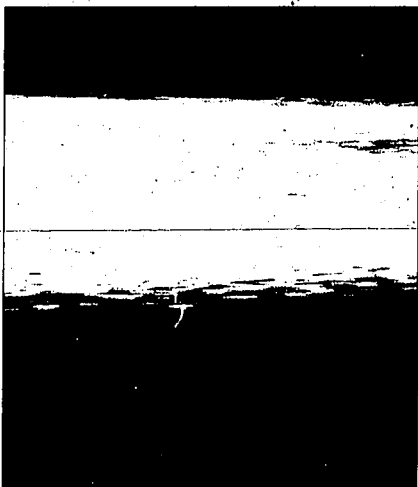
"It's too soft to drag across and too thick to paddle," he says.

Dupre learned paddling off the coast of Greenland that he could

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GLASSY GLIDE



A Blue Heron takes flight over the water at Ward Lake in Ketchikan, Alaska, Dec. 3 before landing in the watery grasses at the lake's shore.



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## Deer habitat remains sufficient despite fires

**INKOM (AP)** — Although the land where fires burned in southeastern Idaho last summer looks bare, mule deer will probably have enough to eat this winter, Idaho Fish and Game officials say.

Fish and Game Regional Supervisor Dexter Pitman urged residents not to feed deer in areas burned by wildfires this summer, such as the blackrock fire near Inkam and the Harkness fire near McCammon.

Feeding in the burned areas could concentrate too many deer in one place, causing them to trample the ground and inhibit new growth, Pitman said.

The Bureau of Land Management plans to reseed the blackrock burn area with native plants, and it will likely take six to 10 years for the area to recover, Pitman said. In the meantime, the deer must learn to find food elsewhere.

"The deer will move. Let's give them a chance," he said. "Let's not do something emotional in the short-term. We've got to get some deer to change their behavior."

If the winter is extremely cold or there is too much snow, the Fish and Game department works with citizen volunteers to feed the hungry mule deer.

## Arctic

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pull his kayak along in brash ice using a large hook like an ice angler's gaff hook. The team also will lash their kayaks together at times and stand up to pole through brash ice.

Early and late in the trip, they expect to encounter miles of open water. Temperatures on the trip will range from the teens to mid-30s, Dupre says.

The men expect to make the 1,200-mile crossing in 106 days. They will make daily satellite-phone calls to base camp, where a Web site will update their progress. They also plan to send back digital photos many times during the expedition. Followers can track their journey online at [www.oneworldexpedition.com](http://www.oneworldexpedition.com).

Passage in 1992. He joined Ely's Paul Schurke on the Bering Bridge Expedition along Russia's coast in 1989.

Modest and affable, Dupre maintains a veneer of calm on the trail but is ready for any challenge.

"When I first met Lonnie, I was struck by his persistent enthusiasm," says his wife, Kelly Dupre. "He gets something he wants to do, and he just goes, goes, goes. His feathers don't get ruffled. And he can fix anything with a piece of string — a piece of string and a rock."

Larsen has accumulated an amazing amount of outdoors experience at age 32. He has biked across the United States, been a backcountry ranger in Alaska, led month-long treks in Hawaii, guided whitewater canoe trips in Colorado, mustered sled dogs in the tundra north of Great Slave Lake,

# Duck-calling champ will lead workshops

**TWIN FALLS** — Mike Plein, four-time Idaho State Duck Calling Champion, will lead duck-calling workshops in January at the College of Southern Idaho.

In "Duck Calling 101: Medium Rare," students will learn the basics of this ritualized art form. Topics include the five basic mallard calls, how to tune a single reed duck call, decoy placement, how to blow a team meat contest routine and confidence calls. Class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 8-29, in Room 113 of the Desert building. Cost is \$45 plus \$30 payable to instructor for a quality duck call with replacement reeds and corks.

For more advanced students, "Duck Calling 201: Well Done" will teach the fine details, finesse and world-class contest routines of duck calling. Topics will be call-layering, refuge feed calling, advanced team calling and one-man team routines. Class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 6 through Feb. 3, in Room 113 of the Desert Building. Cost is \$60.

Class size is limited; early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, call 732-

### Outdoors in brief

6290 or 732-6288.

**Free cross-country lessons start at Magic Mountain**

Cross-Country Idaho will be offering free cross-country ski rentals and lessons at Magic Mountain Ski Resort, on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone wanting to learn about the sport of cross-country skiing is invited to attend.

Magic Mountain is located south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road. Participants will be furnished skis, poles and boots. They also will be given lessons on skiing techniques and safety and will be able to use the equipment for an hour.

For more information contact Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505.

### Burley turkey shoot starts Saturday at Trap Club

**BURLEY** — The Burley Trap Club will hold a fund-raising Turkey Shoot at 12 noon Saturday,

Dec. 20 at the Trap Club, west of Burley on Milner Road, 700 W. 17 N., Burley.

The event is a benefit for Travis Wages, a Rupert police officer who sustained injuries in an off-duty gun accident.

There will be more than 51,000 in prizes. The cost is \$4 per shoot or \$20 for five shoots with a guaranteed prize. There is no limit on prizes or shoots. Prizes have been donated by area merchants and include turkeys, hams, a car stereo, fishing equipment, gifts cards, hunting knives and more. There will also be a raffle. Tickets will be three for \$1. Need not be present to win.

The trap club is open at 12 noon each Saturday and Sunday. Sporting days will be up and running the first and third Sunday of each month. They also offer instruction to beginners.

For more information, call Dale at 878-5233 or 316-0999.

### Personal protection course starts Jan. 5 at gun club

Stu Murrell will teach a personal protection course which will qualify a person to apply for his concealed carry permit from the sheriff. The course dates are Jan. 5, 6 and 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The course includes basic pistol and concealed carry laws. The class also instructs on how to handle different confrontations and home defense. A number of try guns are available for students to shoot.

NRA-certified Murrell has been teaching the course at the Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club at 253 5th Ave. West in Twin Falls for 10 years and has taught over 1,000 graduates.

The cost is \$50. To contact Murrell or pre-register call 324-5960.

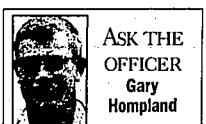
— compiled from staff reports

# Most licenses must be renewed for new year

**Question:** "What licenses and permits expire at the end of the year and have to be renewed to continue to hunt waterfowl and upland game until the end of the season? What licenses extend into the New Year?"

**Answer:** Generally speaking all individual licenses, tags, and permits expire on Dec. 31 of the current year. All junior, senior, disabled and regular hunting and fishing licenses, and all validations listed on the face of the license expire.

For duck and goose hunters; to hunt in January of next year, they must purchase a new 2004 hunt-



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**Gary Hompland**

ing license and 2004 migratory bird validation.

To hunt waterfowl, all hunters 16 years of age and older must possess a federal migratory waterfowl stamp signed across the face in ink. The federal stamp, also known as a "duck

stamp" is valid through June 30 of next year. Many waterfowl hunters attach their duck stamps to their hunting licenses so they don't get lost. If that is the case, a hunter should keep his old license with the duck stamp attached in the same location as his new license.

Upland game hunters must also purchase a new 2004 hunting license but no other permits are required.

To hunt sage or sharp-tailed grouse next fall an additional validation would be required at that time.

Steelhead anglers and ice fish-

erman must also renew their fishing licenses and steelhead permits. All 2-pole permits also expire at the end of the year and must be renewed in 2004.

Commercial licenses such as those for taxidermists, trappers and shooting preserves extend into the New Year and always expire on June 30.

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## Arizona opens new section of cavern to public

**KARTCHNER CAVERNS STATE PARK, Ariz. (AP)** — The colors are breathtaking, the formations wondrous. But then, the water that fashioned intricate crystalline structures inside Kartchner Caverns took about 500,000 years doing its handiwork.

And its work continues, as a tour through the Big Room complex in the caverns' lower regions proved Thursday, the formal kickoff for opening up the new area to public viewing.

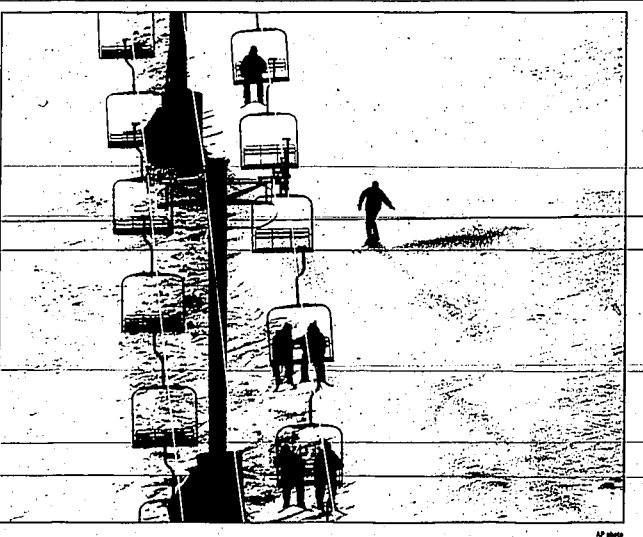
The Big Room complex is about twice as large as the upper chambers that have been viewed by nearly three-quarters of a million visitors since late 1999.

Making up the just-finished new complex are the Cul-de-Sac, Echo Passage, Tarantula Room, Strawberry Room and Big Room.

Despite its name, the Big Room has a more intimate feel than the upper complex, with its lower ceilings giving visitors the sensation of being right among the formations.

"You're more intimate and you get an appreciation for the delicacy all around you," said Arizona State Parks Director Ken Trivous. "So it's not just these massive rock features. It's more like going room after room in a museum, where over here is a Picasso, and over here is a Renoir."

## CARVING POWDER



A skier skims down the slope at Ski Apache near Ruidoso, N.M., last week. The ski lodge opened on Thanksgiving and received 7 inches of snow Tuesday.

### Strong backgrounds

Dupre and Larsen bring a combination of strengths to the expedition. Dupre, a compact and fit athlete, has logged more than 13,500 miles in 17 years of travel through the High Arctic. He has led five major expeditions and participated in six.

In addition to his historic Greenland circumnavigation — 3,000 miles — he led a 3,059-mile dogsled trip across the Northwest

### Smooth going

Our little jaunt in the Boundary Waters goes smoothly, including the deliberate swim Dupre takes

the second day in a patch of open water. He wants to make sure he and Larsen are ready for any eventuality they encounter. That's why this summer, he'll make a trip on an icebreaker across the ocean just to get a firsthand look at the icecaps in summer.

There are no guarantees when traveling in the Arctic, but both Dupre and Larsen believe their chances are good for making the first summer crossing of the Arctic Ocean.

"I don't think we'd try it if we didn't think we could make it," Larsen says.

For himself, Dupre will miss the sled dogs he's used on all of his other Arctic trips.

"I still prefer the dogged expeditions," he says, "and that's my forte. But this is a great opportunity to bring attention to global warming. And I'm not getting any younger."

written curriculum for online education services, worked as a substitute teacher, done some logging and put in time as a housekeeper at the swank Rittenhouse Inn in Bayfield. Currently, he's paid to train and race sled dogs for musher Robin Beall in Grand Marais.

Larsen — is as confident and unflappable as Dupre. He is the one out front on this winter camping trip, whacking the ice with an axe to check its thickness. Though as he chucks his weight, throat, he muscles his kayak along like a Eskimo sled dog.

It is difficult to imagine two travelers more compatible or resourceful than Dupre and Larsen.

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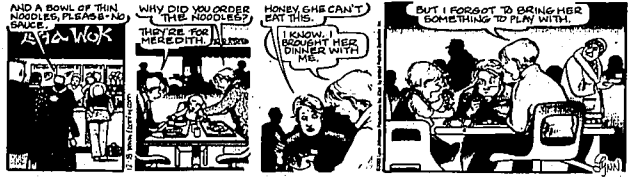
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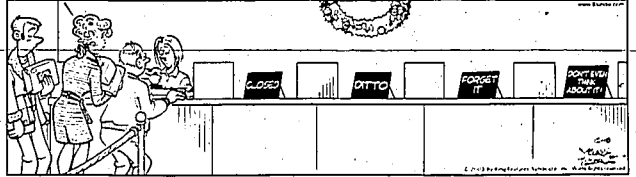
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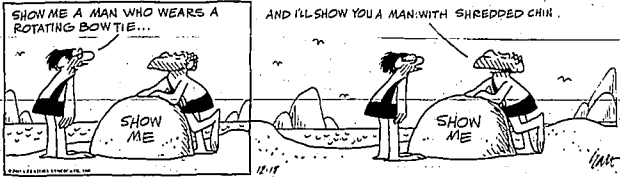
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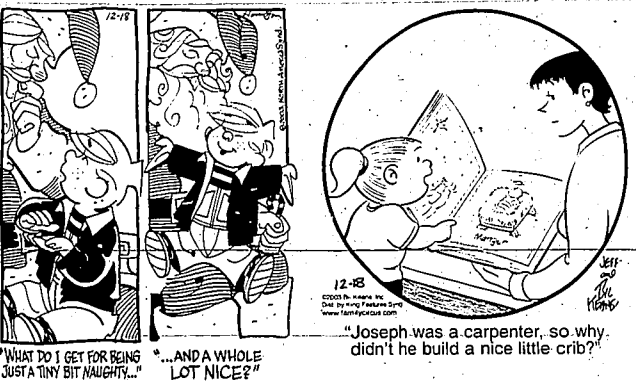


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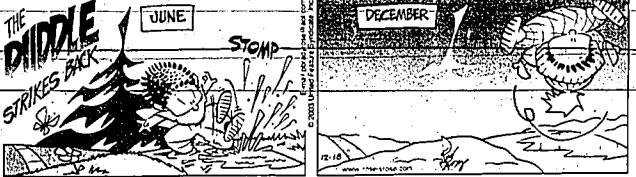
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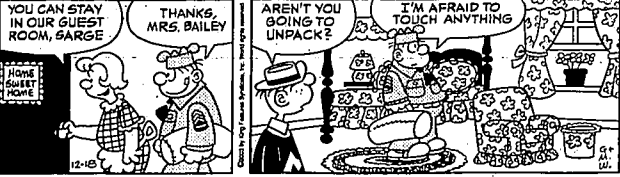
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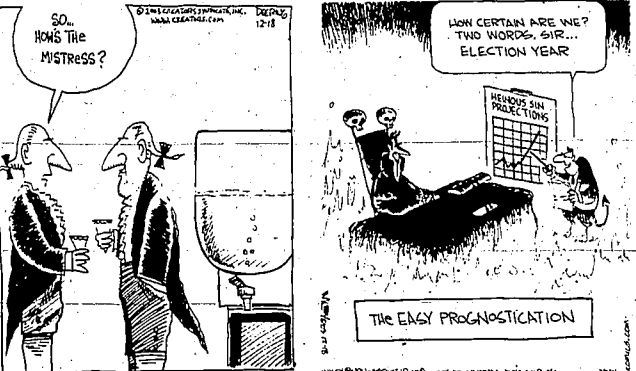


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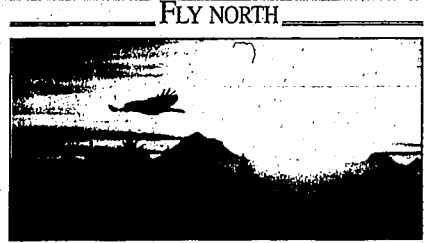
TROPHIES



Twin Falls and Gooding residents return from a successful pheasant hunt last month in South Dakota. Pictured from left to right are Don Cogger, Bill Palacio, George Ambrose and Dick Carr. South Dakota had their highest pheasant population in 40 years.



The Mini-Cassia Bassers held a tournament recently at C.J. Strike Reservoir. Winners were, from left, back, Jennifer Lloyd and Jarel Stoor, second; Rocky Vickere and John Lancaster, first front, Ron Hafner and Pat Callen, third. Stoor was also the big fish winner.



A raven soars through the air as the sun rises behind Mt. Hayes and the rest of the Alaska Range as seen from Farmer's Loop in Fairbanks, Alaska, Tuesday.

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## Agency plans gift to manufacturer

### Public vote is yet to come

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The city's Urban Renewal Agency plans a gift of up to \$200,000 to help a California manufacturer of high-precision hydraulic valves and fittings relocate to Twin Falls.

That development incentive would help pay for Hydro Fitting Manufacturing Corp.'s infrastructure improvements or land purchase at the intersection of 3200 East and what would be a new segment of Highland Avenue East, said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls' director of economic development.

Urban Renewal members have talked in private sessions about the \$200,000 incentive for Hydro Fitting. And city Finance

Director Gary Evans included the amount in the "commitments" column of a monthly budget report which agency members approved Wednesday.

But Urban Renewal has never discussed or voted on the Hydro Fitting incentive in a public meeting.

After a reporter pointed that out, McAlindin called for a vote to be added to the budget report calling the \$200,000 commitment conditional on a future agency vote.

The agency can't make spending decisions in closed-door meetings.

City officials inserted the \$200,000 item into Urban Renewal's budget just to

remind agency board members not to spend the money elsewhere, McAlindin said. Evans agreed, adding that there's nothing binding about a budget report.

Seth and Johanne Schwartz, owners of Covina, Calif.-based Hydro Fitting, in November said they'll build a new manufacturing facility in Twin Falls and start operations by July with about 37 local hires. Also, the Schwartzes and six managers plan moves to Magic Valley.

Starting wages for the new local hires would range between about \$8 hourly, for building maintenance or parts deburring, and about \$15 an hour, for skilled workers who program computer-guided machines.

In other matters Wednesday:

• Acting in their separate role as the city's Industrial Development Corp., Urban Renewal members voted to lend Hydro Fitting owners the "development corporation's tax-exempt status for industrial-development-bonded land." That's \$3.5 million in plant construction and equipment purchases.

It will be nonrecourse debt, which means Industrial Development and the city won't be responsible for payment of the bonds even if the company defaults.

• Urban Renewal approved a letter to Perrine Partnership LLC, the investment group that owns a downtown building now occupied by Magic Valley Bank. The partnership and the bank remodeled the masonry and the bank remodeled the

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## Notes on the economy

### Magic Valley report

Hotels, motels, campgrounds, recreational-vehicle parks and other lodging facilities reported these lodging sales during November:

County	Nov. '03	Change reports - from Nov. '02
Blaine	\$1,759,253	up 2%
Camas	\$1,235	down 40%
Cassia	\$248,993	flat
Gooding	\$51,916	up 12%
Jerome	\$221,287	up 88%
Lincoln	\$3,619	down 78%
Minidoka	\$87,594	down 5%
Twin Falls	\$1,117,366	up 24%
Magic Valley	\$3,491,263	up 11%

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

Lodging totals include nontaxable sales, such as those to nonprofit schools or federal or state government employees, in addition to taxable sales.

—Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Best Buy Q3 earnings more than double

MINNEAPOLIS — Best Buy Co. Inc. earnings more than doubled in the third quarter, matching Wall Street's expectations, on strong sales of notebook computers, flat-panel televisions and digital cameras and camcorders.

However, the nation's largest consumer electronics chain said earnings for the fourth quarter, and fiscal year will fall slightly short of projections by analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call, mainly because of the winter snowstorm in the northeastern United States.

Best Buy — which opened an electronics store in Twin Falls this year — said Wednesday that it earned \$122 million, or 37 cents a share, for the quarter ended Nov. 29, up from earnings of \$59 million, or 18 cents a share, a year earlier.

Best Buy sales, announced Dec. 4, rose to \$6.03 billion, from \$5.13 billion a year earlier.

### Regulators OK stock exchange overhaul

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators, responding to a pay scandal at the New York Stock Exchange, approved an overhaul of the exchange Wednesday after the NYSE agreed to split its top executive position in two to avoid massive power in one person.

The Securities and Exchange Commission voted 5-0 at a meeting to approve the overhaul plan proposed by the NYSE's interim chairman, John Reed, and endorsed last month by 98 percent of the exchange's members. The plan will establish a smaller and more independent board of directors to oversee nomination of the exchange and appointment of an autonomous chief regulatory officer.

Commission chairman William Donaldson announced that, in addition, the NYSE had decided to separate the chairman and chief executive officer positions — a change he had urged.

### FedEx Corp. Q3 profits fall 62 percent

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The FedEx Corp.'s second-quarter profits fell 63 percent from last year due to higher than expected costs of an early retirement and voluntary severance program. The results missed Wall Street expectations, and company shares fell more than 3 percent.

The package delivery company, which has operations in Magic Valley, reported Wednesday profits of \$81 million, or 39 cents per share, for the quarter that ended Nov. 30, down from \$245 million, or 81 cents a share, for the same period last year.

Excluding costs of the employee reductions, which began in August, FedEx earnings totaled \$266 million, or 77 cents per share. That fell short of the 90 cents forecast by analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

Compiled from wire reports

## A BEASTLY HOLIDAY SEASON



Cheryl Slewert and her Manchester terrier, Nikki, are shown after Nikki's trip to sit on the lap of Santa 'Paws,' Dec. 7 at a PETsMART in Scottsdale, Ariz.

## Pets receive the full family treatment

### The Associated Press

PHOENIX — This Christmas season may be going to the dogs — and cats.

Pet supply stores, which have enjoyed strong growth even in the soft U.S. economy, are doing a booming business in holiday and seasonal gifts for pets as owners stock up on sweaters, antler headbands, jingle bell collars and other holiday items.

"This year, it's just proliferating beyond anything," said Bob Vetere, chief operating officer of the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association. "It's just exponential—it's beyond anything we've ever seen before."

Americans are expected to spend \$31 billion on their pets this year, including vet services, food and supplies, according to APPMA, an industry group. That's up from \$17 billion in 1994, with a market that continued to grow during the economic downturn.

The industry doesn't track numbers of holiday-themed products, but Vetere said the number and variety have grown substantially in the past few years.

The gift giving isn't confined to December either, he said. "You can't believe the stuff they have for Valentine's Day. It seems like it's just any excuse for a pet gift."

When San Diego-based Petco surveyed its customers online, it found more than 85 percent said they would buy their pets a holiday gift. Sixteen percent said they would spend more than \$100.

Americans are "adding their pets to their gift lists," said Alisa Barmess, the cat toy buyer for Phoenix-based PetsMart, which has a Twin Falls store.

Pet supply companies say increasing numbers of pet owners think of themselves as "pet parents," meaning they treat their dogs and cats more like family than critters.

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Bulldogs Sybil, left, and Trudy are next in line to have a photo taken with Santa 'Paws.'

## Dell succeeds by breaking Silicon Valley rules

### Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — To Silicon Valley, innovation is what goes on in laboratories, where bunnies-suited scientists manipulate molecules to create the latest advances in nanotechnology. Innovation is a multibillion-dollar fabrication plant turning out the world's fastest computer chips. Or software that powers the Internet.

In Round Rock, Texas, home of Dell, innovation comes in the form of a pop-up window that appears on a computer screen when your printer runs low on ink.

Just click on a button and a new Dell ink cartridge lands on your front porch within 24 hours. It's not exactly cutting-edge technology, but it is a smart, consumer-friendly feature sure to please customers who dread

tracking down to Office Depot with a spent cartridge in hand. This is the way Dell — a company that sent shock waves through the personal computer industry with its price-slashing, direct-sales model — is gaining a foothold in new markets, including the \$25-billion U.S. printer ink and toner business.

It also helps explain why Silicon Valley has decidedly mixed feelings about Dell, an

outsider that challenges the valley's almost religious belief in the power and profit of technological innovation.

In Twin Falls, Dell operates a technical-support and customer-service call center.

As the tech industry recovers from the dot-com bust and gears up for the next technological wave, can Dell's way of running a business — selling low-cost products for

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### What to do

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:

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## Idaho holds property for residents of Magic Valley

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — If you see Robert Wise, tell him to read this story.

The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for him, and for hundreds of other people and businesses whose last-known addresses are in Magic Valley.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the owners.

Such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last-known addresses are in Magic Valley communities.

Today's list is from Twin Falls, Burley, Jerome and Gooding, and the tax commission said each person or business listed today owns unclaimed property worth \$25 or more.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

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Ralph Johnson Jr.	Arthur Yague	Vanessa Sellers	
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Houghton W. Kite		Thomas Redman	
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MONEY

Stocks end mixed on weak dollar Pets

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended mixed Wednesday as sluggish earnings from Circuit City Stores Inc. and FedEx Corp. prompted investors to cash in some gains from a previous session's rally. A weak dollar also pressured shares.

"It's been a spectacular year, and from an institutional standpoint, people are locking in profits," said Janet Engels, director of Private Capital research group at RBC Dain Rauscher. "The negative earnings releases certainly weigh on the market, because it has built in fairly high expectations for earnings."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 15.70, or 0.2 percent, at 10,145.26, having climbed nearly 107 points in the previous session to its highest close since May 23, 2002.

The broader market finished mixed. The Nasdaq composite index fell 2.96, or 0.2 percent, to 1,921.33. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.35, or 0.1 percent, to 1,076.48.

On Wednesday, the dollar hit a new low against the euro amid nagging concerns about the U.S. budget and trade deficits. The euro rose to an all-time high of \$1.2422 and then settled at \$1.2404 in late New York trading.

There is some healthy caution with the rise in the market and current valuations for stocks, Engels said. "That does not mean we're optimistic for next year, but we don't necessarily expect a repeat performance of 2003."

Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at Spencer Clarke LLC, agreed. "As we head into the new year, the economic backdrop remains extremely positive," he said. "Corporate profits are rising, interest rates remain low, and we believe there's further

upside for equity prices."

"The missing ingredient so far has been the lack of jobs," Sheldon added. "If we do start to really see a pick-up in hiring in the new year, that should lead investors to be somewhat more optimistic."

Circuit City Stores declined 74 cents to \$10.34 after the electronics retailer swung to a quarterly profit even as sales fell slightly from a year ago.

Comptel Soup Co. lost 45 cents to \$26.55 after Credit Suisse First Boston downgraded the company's stock rating to "underperform" from "neutral."

FedEx dropped \$3.30 to \$71.01 after the delivery firm reported a 63 percent drop in profits that was worse than Wall Street's forecasts.

Gaintry included Best Buy Co., which rose \$1.98 to \$51.50, after the retailer posted fiscal third-quarter profits that met analysts' estimates; however it also said earnings for the fourth quarter and fiscal year might fall short of projections because bad weather hurt holiday sales.

Agencies included Dexter Bell on Wednesday suggested the board audit a written funding policy to eliminate inconsistencies.

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A string of pet owners having their dogs' Christmas photos taken at a PetsMart store in north Phoenix agreed.

"He's an only child," said Rosanna Coates of her 1-year-old shepherd mix Bosco. She and her husband, John, brought the puppy in for obedience school and a Santa photo since it's Bosco's first Christmas with them.

The Phoenix couple said Bosco gets the family treatment for extended members of their family, too, with some relatives in New York shipping gifts for Bosco.

Apparel — ranging from red Santa suits to collars with red and green lights — are among the season's most popular purchases, said Kevin Drouse, a PetsMart store director.

Even upscale retailers have begun offering apparel for the holidays. British clothing Burberry offers \$225 lambswool coats in its holiday collection. Ralph Lauren sells \$95 cashmere sweaters in four colors and a toiletry collection that includes dog cologne.

Petco spokesman Shawn Underwood said all the holiday gift-giving is after the holidays. "Petco sees an increase in the number of gift cards sold around the holidays, and the company suspects they're being purchased by family and friends as gifts for other people's pets."

"What do you buy for the pet who has everything?" he asked.

SOME HOLIDAY HELP FOR OWNERS

Pet presents

Business is booming around the holidays as more people are spending money on various gifts for their pets, with tastes running high and low.

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Agency

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building, with the help of a \$20,000 incentive paid by Urban Renewal—but asked for more money.

The letter says the agency will wait on a decision until the property's new property-taxable value is available so the agency can compare that new number to the taxable value from the recent construction project.

Urban Renewal voted to give \$50,000 now to S & G Produce Co., which is finishing construction of a new facility on

Locust Street South.

S & G Produce is likely to get more money later, after Urban Renewal sees the company's new property tax assessment; a maximum total of \$100,000 is set aside for the company in Urban Renewal's budget.

McIntosh said the agency typically contributes up to 10 percent of new property-taxable investment for private-sector improvement in the city's urban-renewal area.

But the success of business people's requests for those incentives

often has had to do with how much money is in Urban Renewal's coffers at the time. And the agency hasn't been consistent regarding the timing of those contributions, or the size of early payments.

Agency member Dexter Bell on Wednesday suggested the board audit a written funding policy to eliminate inconsistencies.

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DELL

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arcn't necessarily the most successful companies. Rather, he said, his company gains more R&D insight by listening to customers and giving them what they want, when they want it.

# COMMUNITY

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## SERVICE NEWS

### Robles completes weeks of Marine basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. Jorge S. Robles, the son of Maria and Jorge Robles of Elko, Nev., has completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., which is designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Robles 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. Robles is a 2003 graduate of Elko High School.

### McCord graduates from Marine Corps training

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A reading class at the Jackpot Combined School puts on a reader's theater performance.

## Reader's theater helps students learn

JACKPOT, Nev. - Students in Lisa Olson's reading class at the Jackpot Combined School not only read a story—but also performed it. After reading the story, "The Great Kapok Tree," by Lynne Cherry, she had her students put on a reader's theater performance for another class. The story is about a man who is sent into the Amazon-rain-forest with the purpose to cut down a great kapok tree. Instead, the man falls asleep, and by one and by one, the animals that live in and around the tree emerge to plead with him not to destroy their home. A reader's theater is an effective

means to present literary works in dramatic form, and it is seen as a key tool for creating interest in reading, Olson said. Students "perform" by reading scripts, generally without costumes and props. The goal is to enhance reading skill and confidence through practice with a purpose. Reader's theater gives students a real reason to read aloud—the said. "This has been the first reader's theater that her 'Success for All' reading group has done. All of her students thoroughly enjoyed the activity and are looking forward to doing another reader's theater in the near future, Olson reported.

## WINNING YOUTH



Youth Appreciation 2004 winners, Lauren Adrian and Anthony Patterson, with Twin Falls High School counselor Bill Hartley, were honored at the Nov. 13 Optimist luncheon. The winners are nominated by the school counselors to receive the annual award given by the Twin Falls Optimist club. Lauren, the daughter of Drs. Bart and Lois Adrian, enjoys playing soccer, is involved with student government and is a chamber ambassador. Anthony, the son of Grace Jones, attended Boys State, is the senior class president and a chamber ambassador and enjoys boating and jet skiing. Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow declared the second week in November as Youth Appreciation Week.

## SANTA BABY



Students of Julie's Danceworks put finishing touches on 'Santa Baby,' a dance they will perform at their Christmas concert at 7 p.m. today at the King Fine Arts Center, 2300 Parke Ave., Burley. Students ages 3 to 18 will perform ballet, lyrical, tap and jazz to Christmas music. There will be an encore performance of 'The Prayer,' which won two choreography awards. Special guest Alyssa Olsen will sing. The public is invited to attend and admission is free.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Organizers declare Rupert blood drive a success

RUPERT - There were 110 local residents who donated at the American Red Cross blood drive Dec. 8 at the Rupert Civic Building. The blood collected exceeded the goal for the drive by two pints. Gallon pins were awarded to the following: Patty Knight and Pamela Pratt, one gallon; Ron Clawson, Amy Bingham, Judy Maxfield and Marcelle Bean, three gallons; Elysha Fessett, four gallons; Lola Ball, six gallons; Grant Allen and Norma Charles, eight gallons; and Ruby Hutchinson and Gertrude Stuart, 10 gallons. Helping were the Emerson 2nd Ward Relief Society, which hosted and served the concert; Cub Scout Troop #44, which delivered the posters around the county; newspapers that printed the information; Rupert Recreation Department, which provided the site; and Knights of Columbus, which unloaded and related supplies for the "five drives" during 2003. Numerous other people also volunteered their time and service. Lisa Dayley won the gift certificate

donated by Nancy's Floral and Gift at a free raffle for the donors. The next blood drawing will be held from 12 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Rupert Civic Center For appointment. Dec. 8 at 436-1344.

### Benefit will raise money for Eric Schaffer this weekend

BURLEY - A benefit event for Eric Schaffer will be held Sunday at the Riverside Lounge, 197 W. Highway 30, Burley. Schaffer "suffered" a brain aneurysm and is unable to work, benefit organizers reported. An auction will be held from 3-6 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6-7 p.m. and will feature roast pig. A karaoke contest will be held at 7 p.m. Only those with advance tickets can compete. Cash and prizes will be awarded. The cost is \$10 each or \$15 per couple. For more information, or to donate items for the auction, call 677-3547 or 670-2786. The event is sponsored by Melody Bar, Riverside Lounge and Kroakers Karaoke. There will be a raffle for a rifle. Tickets are \$10 each or three for

\$25. Entries must be eligible for a gun permit. For more information, call Tina at 878-1720 or Danny at 677-3547.

### Church offers free day-care for over-stressed parents

TWIN FALLS - First United Methodist Church is offering to parents to take a break and leave their children for free from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at the church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls. Parents can drop their children off during this time. For more information, call 733-5872. Everyone is welcome.

### Students play host to fund-raising events for family

DIETRICH - Dietrich High School seniors are selling potatoes for \$6 for 50 pounds and \$12 for 100 pounds. Seniors are also selling raffle tickets for a laptop computer donated by Gem State Towing & Recovery. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. The students are also raffling half a pig. Tickets are 1 for \$2 or

three for \$5. The drawings will be held Jan. 10. All money raised will go to the Bedolla family. For more information, call the school at 544-2158.

### BSU student presents piano, vocal recital at CSI

TWIN FALLS - Jerusha Cox, daughter of John and Donna Cox of Twin Falls, will present her Boise State University piano and vocal recital at 6:30 p.m. Friday in the choir room at the College of Southern Idaho. The public is invited.

### Gooding Public Library holds Christmas book sale

GOODING - The Gooding Public Library, 306 Fifth Ave. W., will hold its annual Christmas book sale from 12 to 5 p.m. Mondays, 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and 12 to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call 934-4089.

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### 'Kickers' earn donations at martial arts studio

Jeremy Rowe and his family would like to thank Brian Higgins and the Success Martial Arts Studio for organizing the Kick-a-Thon fundraiser. We very much appreciate all of the time and effort that went into gathering sponsors and collecting money. We were especially impressed with the hard work the kickers did to reach their goal! We look forward to being back in the studio and thanking you in person. RAY AND PAMALA HARRIS JESSIE AND JEREMY ROWE Twin Falls

### Caring and Sharing 2003 Tree Festival exceeds goal

The Minidoka Health Care Foundation would like to thank the Mini-Cassia community for the caring and sharing spirit of community members, businesses and organizations that enabled the foundation to exceed its goal for the fifth annual Caring and Sharing 2003 Tree Festival. We offer this heartfelt thanks to all of you who helped make this year our best ever. More than \$33,000 was raised by corporate sponsors, the sale of trees and other decorations, the raffle of a dented quilt, the food court and by the Minidoka Memorial Auxiliary Sweet and Gift Shop. The outpouring of the Christmas spirit evidenced by the support of Caring and Sharing 2003 will help the Minidoka Health Care Foundation support and assist with healthcare needs throughout the community in the following year.

Thank you again for all your tremendous support in our Caring and Sharing Christmas. GLEN ALLEN President, Board of Directors Minidoka Health Care Foundation Rupert

### Valley House gets support helping the homeless

We at Valley House want to send a heartfelt thank you to all who supported our annual fund-raising dinner and auction. The event provides half of the funds needed for our yearly expenses. Valley House provides a temporary, warm, safe place for the homeless. Thank you, Magic Valley, for your continued support of Valley House and its mission to offer a hand up to the homeless in our community. DAVE DELLETT Valley House Guests and Board of Directors Twin Falls

### Couple is grateful to the West End Fire Department

Our many thanks to the West End Fire Department for all your kind and prompt help. You did a great job. Thank you again. RUBEN AND ELENA STEIN-METZ Hazelton

### Salvation Army thanks the people who made donations

To all the folks who brought all those Mega Bucks to our office - thank you! We did get the \$500 certificate to buy food for our pantry, and it was because of every Mega Buck cut out, counted, stapled and rubber-banded by caring, thoughtful hands. And while we're saying thank you, we can't forget those who got it all started with the very kind letters to the editor. Thank you! On Friday, Dec. 5, the Magic Valley Mall hosted a very special shopping spree for some terrific children. It was a great event - the children had a great time, but the adults who were in any way connected to this event seemed to be having an equally great time. To the management and staff of the Magic Valley Mall, we say thank you for investing in the lives of the people that live in our community. MAJ. ANN PATTERSON The Salvation Army Twin Falls

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### Families play host to basketball tournament

The College of Southern Idaho Booster Club would like to thank the following families who were tournament hosts for the basketball teams for the Coca-Cola Tournament: Chuck and Joann Ireton, Ken and Jane Edmunds, Tad and Kris Haney, Dave and Diane Long. Thank you so much for helping us welcome the teams for the tournament. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for your continued support of the CSI Booster Club. KATHY REAM CSI Booster Board Member Twin Falls

### Twin Falls Rotary provides holiday dinners to students

I would like to thank the Twin Falls Rotary for providing Thanksgiving dinners to some of our students and their families. Close to 70 people were able to enjoy this tradition. And a special thank you to Rick Carrico for all his efforts. This was one of those great

lessons in kindness and decency that will be hard to measure, but the Rotary earned an A-plus. JACK W. ALTEMOSE Principal Magic Valley High School Twin Falls

### 'Down Home Christmas Celebration' receives help

The Kimberly High School Ski/Snowboard Club would like to thank all the people who helped with our annual "Down Home Christmas Celebration." Teri Larsen, Falls Brand Meat, Lamb Weston, Mrs. Beck, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Lisa and Dennis Hills, Debbie Klug, Borba McRoberts, Donna Vawser, Kelley Garden Center, The Music Center, Troy Palmer, Kurt's Hallmark, Shauna Baker, Melaine Crist, Wells Fargo, Crowley's, Leah's Gifts & Cakes, Becci Liorama, Richard Brulotte, Elaine Moulton, A Pleasant Surprise, Raquel Turner, Lisa Hollibaugh, Nielson Family, Steven Brill, Everybody's Business, The Foukals, Kidley's, Steve Nutting, Mr. Shinn, Kimberly Elementary, middle and high school choirs, JoAnne Hill, Rhonda Bolwinkeil, Ross Poulton, Cathy Reitz, Anna Doyle, Robyn Poulton, Joan Johnson, Kitchen Magic, Christmas Book Store, Simpler Times Village, Susan Knight, Beck Park, Primitives, Kristy Olsen, Debbie O'Karma, Robyn Lawrence, Denise Hicks, Patreece Meza, Game Stop, Denise Tedder, Liz Bair, Funzz, Olson's Precision Tuning, Kathy Arana. Thank you. JEAN SHAWVER Ski/Snowboard Club Adviser Kimberly High School Kimberly

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## Communities commemorate La Posadas



Javier Vega decorates the family Christmas tree. He and others are organizing a nine-day posada at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert this year.

### Rupert man keeps up Mexican tradition

By Correen Hart  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY**—When Javier Vega moved his family to the United States from Mexico, he was happy. The move meant steady employment and a chance for a better life. But he really missed one thing at Christmas time.

"Since I was a kid I've been going to posadas," said Vega, a mechanic for Amalgamated Sugar. "Now here, we feel like we need something to feel like Mexico—a little bit like home."

He began simply, gathering with a few people at someone's house. For nine evenings, they walked, carried candles and sang the posada song from house to house. Sometimes, two children would be dressed as Joseph and Mary and lead the procession, which imitates the holy couple seeking refuge to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.

"Do you have a room to rent, sir?" the song asks in the words of Joseph. "My wife is near her time. In the name of the sky I ask you because my wife can't walk anymore."

At each house, Joseph and Mary are turned away, until an "innkeeper" offers a stable they are welcome to use. Posada means inn in Spanish.

Then, there are prayers and blessings. Children receive bags with candy, cookies and fruit. There is more singing, punch for the adults and socializing.

For two years, Vega and his family helped organize posadas at private homes but each year they grow. Last year, he appealed to Father Gabriel Vargas at St. Nicholas Church in Rupert to use the church where the Vega family and many of their friends attend. Vargas not only approved, but asked church members Pedro Manriquez and Gustavo Torres to help Vega with the growing responsibility.

This year, worshippers will begin in St. Nicholas' sanctuary. There will be music and the church's traditional nativity scene. The procession will travel from the church to the church hall, a block away.

Holding the candle brings powerful feelings as they walk in procession.

"To me the candle means the feeling of God that's with me. For nine days I do this," said Vega's wife, Margarita.

"I think I'm always with me because I know, I feel Him inside me," said daughter, Stephanie, age 9. "It feels very good."

She also loves to carry the candle, but her favorite part is the goodie bags.

Javier Vega and his two assistants will put in long hours planning and organizing. For nine evenings, they will be found at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, leading the singing worshippers and making sure every child gets a treat. The job is voluntarily but with a different kind of pay.

"We get paid," he said. "We get paid if my kids know the meaning of Christ's birth. We get paid if it puts a smile on one kid's face."

Times-News correspondent Correen Hart can be reached at 436-1186 or by email at jimnre@msajlink.net.

## Commission on Hispanic Affairs hosts job fair

NAMPA — A Job Fair will be held on March 17, 2004 at the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho, 315 Stampede Drive in Nampa.

The event is free to anyone looking for a job. The cost is \$225 for employers looking for employees.

This is the third annual event offered by the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

There will be people to assist



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those who don't speak English and child care room—available for parents.

## FEEDING FARM WORKERS



Field workers from Mexicali get served breakfast during the 24th Annual Farm Worker Appreciation Breakfast organized by the Employment Development Department in Calexico, Calif., on Dec. 12. Everyday, thousands of legal workers cross the U.S.-Mexico border in the early morning hours to take day labor jobs in agricultural fields. Mexicali is the Mexican border city with Calexico.

## Chinese premier pledges

### Mexican trade cooperation

By Mark Stevenson  
Associated Press writer

**MEXICO CITY** — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao sought to assure Mexican leaders that their country's economy is not threatened by China's lower wages and cheaper goods, saying the two nations are partners, not rivals.

On a trip to Mexico that ended last weekend, Wen went before Mexico's Senate to say the countries "are not in any rivals or competitors."

"We should look for some mechanism or method to get ourselves on the same track and create a win-win situation," Wen said.

He met privately with representatives from Pemex, the state-owned oil company, and then departed Mexico for Ethiopia. There he was to sign deals eliminating tariffs on some trade with African nations.

Almost every Mexican industry, from traditional handicrafts to assembly-for-export plants, has

complained about an influx of low priced Chinese goods and jobs lost to lower wages in China.

Wen received a red-carpet welcome when he touched down Friday at Mexico City's international airport following a three-day visit to Canada. But the Chinese premier was greeted by unusually frank comments from Senate President Enrique Jackson.

"It is in the commercial sphere where Mexicans have the greatest worries because, and we have to say this, China's enormous productive capacity has had a large impact on the world—and has affected Mexico greatly," Jackson said.

China now sends Mexico everything from painted religious figurines of Mexican saints to leather sandals.

**La Posadas**

Posadas will be commemorated at the following Catholic Churches:

St. Nicholas, 802 F. in Rupert, at 6 p.m. every day through Dec. 24. Visitors are asked to contribute a bag of candy or package of cookies for the children. For more information, call Javier Vega at 878-1460.

Church of Immaculate Conception, 1631 Poplar in Burli, starts at 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 543-5136.

Little Flower Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley, at 7 p.m. each night through Dec. 23. The event includes a candlelight procession, rosary, refreshments and candy for the children. For more information, call 678-5453.

Saint Elizabeth, 1515 California St. in Gooding, at 7 p.m. every night until Dec. 24 in the church. There will be gospel reading, singing and refreshments or dinner in the hall. For more information, call 934-5634.

St. Jerome, 216 Second Ave. E., at 7 p.m. nightly through the Dec. 23, at the parish hall. There will be a reenactment, singing, food and pinatas for the children. For more information, call 324-8794.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel, 630 Falls Av. E., at 7 p.m. nightly through Dec. 23. There will be the reenactment, singing and food.

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Section 25: A parcel of land located in the SW1/4, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said NW1/4; Thence North 90°00'00" East a distance of 413.16 feet along the northern boundary of said NW1/4 to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 90°00'00" East a distance of 607.31 feet along the northern boundary of said NW1/4 to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 90°00'00" East a distance of 102.34 feet to the center of an access road;

Thence along the center of said access road the following courses and distances: North 45°10'13" West a distance of 186.63 feet;

Thence North 50°13'43" West a distance of 123.49 feet; Thence North 55°31'48" West a distance of 253.50 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said NW1/4NW1/4; Thence North 90°00'00" East a distance of 413.16 feet along the northern boundary of said NW1/4NW1/4 to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 90°00'00" East a distance of 253.50 feet; Thence South 50°13'43" East a distance of 123.49 feet; Thence South 45°10'13" East a distance of 186.63 feet;

Thence South 49°39'28" East a distance of 174.37 feet to a point on the easterly boundary of the above described parcel and terminus of said easement.

AND EXCEPT A parcel of land located in the NW1/4NW1/4, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said NW1/4; Thence North 90°00'00" East a distance of 102.47 feet along the northern boundary of said NW1/4 to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 90°00'00" East a distance of 275.19 feet along the northern boundary of said NW1/4NW1/4; Thence North 50°13'43" East a distance of 123.49 feet;

Thence North 55°31'48" East a distance of 253.50 feet; Thence North 45°10'13" East a distance of 186.63 feet;

Thence North 49°39'28" East a distance of 174.37 feet to a point on the easterly boundary of the above described parcel and terminus of said easement.

ALL EXCEPT A part of NW1/4NW1/4 described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 23. Said point lies North 90°00'00" West 289.94 feet from the Northwest corner of Section 23;

Thence North 90°00'00" East 370.00 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 90°00'00" East 43.16 feet; Thence North 55°31'48" East 123.49 feet;

Thence North 50°13'43" East 123.49 feet; Thence South 45°10'13" East 186.63 feet;

Thence South 00°00'00" West 210.71 feet; Thence North 90°00'00" West 513.12 feet to the center of Rock Creek;

Thence North 00°42'00" East 16.90 feet, along the center of Rock Creek;

Thence North 31°01'00" East 84.70 feet, along the center of Rock Creek;

Thence South 72°41'22" East 30.36 feet, along the center of Rock Creek;

Thence North 16°56'23" West 74.97 feet, along the center of Rock Creek;

Thence North 49°42'26" West 81.05 feet, along the center of Rock Creek;

Thence North 82°36'41" West 76.01 feet, along the center of Rock Creek;

Thence North 54°11'02" West 55.82 feet, along the center of Rock Creek;

Thence North 00°00'00" East 350.05 feet; Thence North 90°00'00" East 200.00 feet;

Thence North 00°00'00" East 100.00 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;

for the purpose of ingress and egress. Said easement is centered on the following description:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 20, said point being located South 89°22'12" East 1324.86 feet from the Southwest corner of Section 20;

Thence North 00°00'00" East for a distance of 185.70 feet; Thence North 00°06'28" West for a distance of 152.60 feet to the intersection of the Southerly boundary of the above described parcel. Said easement is to be in effect only if the above access is for farming purposes.

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Section 20: A parcel of land located in the SW1/4, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the West quarter corner of said Section 20 and being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence South 89°24'59" East along the North boundary of the NW1/4SW1/4 for a distance of 568.09 feet;

Thence South 00°07'59" West for a distance of 748.16 feet to a point on the North right of way line of the Oregon Shoreline Railroad;

Thence North 80°47'13" West along the North boundary of the Oregon Shoreline Railroad for a distance of 575.28 feet to a point on the West boundary of the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 20;

Thence North 00°07'59" East along the West boundary of the NW1/4SW1/4 for a distance of 561.84 feet to the West quarter corner of Section 20 and being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

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Section 6: A parcel of land located in the E1/2SE1/4, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 6; Thence North 00°00'00" East for a distance of 159.50 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 89°56'15" West for a distance of 699.85 feet; Thence North 11°35'25" West for a distance of 76.24 feet;

Thence North 51°08'19" West for a distance of 77.17 feet to a point on the west boundary of the E1/2SE1/4 of Section 6;

Thence North 00°11'07" East along the east boundary of the E1/2SE1/4 of Section 6 for a distance of 1097.31 feet;

Thence North 74°28'21" East for a distance of 1216.24 feet; Thence North 00°14'19" East for a distance of 20.42 feet;

Thence North 95°45'41" East for a distance of 47.58 feet to a point on the east boundary of Section 6;

Thence South 00°14'19" West along the east boundary of Section 6 for a distance of 1363.89 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

SUBJECT TO A 25.00 foot wide county road right of way along the easterly boundary thereof.

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Section 5: Lot 1

SUBJECT TO A 25 foot right of way on the South side of the property.

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Section 6: A parcel of land in the E1/2E1/2NE1/4SE1/4 and SE1/4NE1/4, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 6; Thence North 00°13'43" East along the East boundary of the SE1/4 of Section 6 for a distance of 2132.39 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 38°29'53" West for a distance of 98.63 feet; Thence North 37°31'00" West for a distance of 47.93 feet;

Thence North 32°11'51" West for a distance of 92.88 feet; Thence North 24°34'59" West for a distance of 93.85 feet;

Thence North 21°44'57" West for a distance of 29.38 feet; Thence North 22°11'47" West for a distance of 28.04 feet;

Thence North 84°56'07" West for a distance of 41.20 feet; Thence North 78°29'38" West for a distance of 40.48 feet;

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(1) U.S. Electric 150 hp motor serial #R5602-07-572 (1) U.S. Electric 150 hp motor serial #R5602-07-572

(1) Layne & Bowler turbine pump serial #032525016R-5 (1) Layne & Bowler turbine pump serial #032525016R-5

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USED TO IRRIGATE A PORTION OF THIS LAND AND ADJACENT LEASED LAND.

EXHIBIT B PARCEL NO. 1 Township 10 South, Range 22 East of the Boise Meridian, Cassia County, Idaho

Section 26: Part of the Northeast quarter of said Section 26, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 26, said corner marked by a 5/8 inch rebar; Thence North 89°40'05" East along the quarter section line for 653.51 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; Thence North 03°52'22" East for 725.88 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; Thence North 89°05'13" West for 162.80 feet to the Point of Beginning;

LICENSE #A47-00131 (Irrigation) LICENSE #A47-02478 (Irrigation)

GENERAL USE #A33-15131 (Domestic) GENERAL USE #A47-14963 (Domestic)

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(1) Cornall centrifugal pump ID#70047 (1) Cornall centrifugal pump ID#70047

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(6) 1/4 mile center move wheel lines (6) 1/4 mile center move wheel lines

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(1) Seven Towner Valley Linear (1) Seven Towner Valley Linear

13,200 feet of plastic buried mainline (13,200 feet of plastic buried mainline)

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(1) 7 Towner center pivot serial #None (1) 7 Towner center pivot serial #None

(1) Marston 30 hp motor serial #11-85282-11/28-07 (1) Marston 30 hp motor serial #11-85282-11/28-07

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(1) 1000 CWT Q-SPAN SLANT WALL POTATO STORAGE (1) 1000 CWT Q-SPAN SLANT WALL POTATO STORAGE

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WATER RIGHTS AND CANAL SHARES

KENNETH & JENNIFER MULBERRY TWIN FALLS CANAL CO.

357 7th AVE. WEST, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301

CERTIFICATE #32307 FOR 50.00 SHARES

CERTIFICATE #32308 FOR 9.10 SHARES

CERTIFICATE #30161 FOR 50.00 SHARES

CERTIFICATE #31353 FOR 40.00 SHARES

CERTIFICATE #30570 FOR 30.00 SHARES

CERTIFICATE #31209 FOR 80.00 SHARES

CERTIFICATE #33866 FOR 311 SHARES

CERTIFICATE #24144 FOR 135.40 SHARES

GENERAL USE #A47-13965 (Stockwater/Domestic)

LICENSE #A47-02548 (Irrigation)

LICENSE #A47-02548 (Irrigation)

LICENSE #A47-02550 (Irrigation)

LICENSE #A47-02137 (Irrigation)

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EXCEPTING-THEREFROM

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Beginning at the East quarter corner of said Section 23, the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 01°20'20" West, 584.00 feet along the East boundary of Section 23;

Thence North 89°54'20" East, 398.26 feet to a point in the Northeast right of way of a Highway known as I-80N Idaho Department of Highway Project I-80N-3(11) located constructed 1964;





50 LEGALS	50 LEGALS	50 LEGALS	50 LEGALS	50 LEGALS	50 LEGALS	50 LEGALS	50 LEGALS	50 LEGALS	50 LEGALS
<p>Continued on next page</p> <p><b>TWIN FALLS</b> Case No. CV-03-371 <b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b> In the Matter of the Estate of <b>HOMER HERBERT ROBERTS</b> and <b>WILLIAM ELIZABETH ROBERTS</b>, Deceased. <b>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN</b> that Glenn R. Kunkel and Phyllis J. Davis have been appointed personal representatives of the estates of the above-named decedents. All persons having claims against the decedents or their estates are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the personal representative's attorney at her address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 5th day of December, 2003. J. James A. Lamore, Attorney for the Personal Representatives 112 Shoshone Street East Twin Falls, Idaho 83301</p> <p>Lynch, Ame L. <b>NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE</b> On April 13, 2004, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock PM of said day, in the lobby of First American Title, 250 East Main Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all those conditions exist, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 7 in Block 2 of VILLA VISTA SUBDIVISION NO. 2, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, page 9. The Trustee's Sale is subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other conditions of which the Trustee is not aware that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale may be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Trustee and the Beneficiary shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 1249 Inca Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho is sometimes associated with the said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Ame L. Lynch, a married woman, as Grantor(s), with Greenpoint Mortgage Funding, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded June 22, 2001, as Instrument No. 200101121, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$918.81 for the months of July 2003 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$88,149.33 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accrued at the rate of 6 1/2% per annum from June 1, 2003, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale. The Beneficiary elects to sell or lease the trust property to be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Dated this 5th day of December, 2003. J. Paula Peterson Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq. For information concerning this sale please contact The Just Law Office at <a href="http://www.justlawidaho.com">www.justlawidaho.com</a> or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106</p> <p>PUBLISH: December 18, 25, 2003 and January 1 and 8, 2004</p>	<p>against the decedents or their estates are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the personal representative's attorney at her address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 5th day of December, 2003. J. James A. 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The Beneficiary elects to sell or lease the trust property to be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. Dated this 5th day of December, 2003. J. Paula Peterson Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq. For information concerning this sale please contact The Just Law Office at <a href="http://www.justlawidaho.com">www.justlawidaho.com</a> or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106</p> <p>PUBLISH: December 18, 25, 2003 and January 1 and 8, 2004</p>	<p><b>PO Box 2</b> Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090 PUBLISH: December 11 18 and 25, 2003 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV-2003-3563 McULLOUGH-WINKLE, In the Matter of the Estate of ANNA LAURA McULLOUGH-WINKLE, Deceased. <b>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN</b>, that STACY LUANNE NUSSBAUM and ROYCE EDWARD McULLOUGH have been appointed personal representatives for the estate of decedent ANNA LAURA McULLOUGH-WINKLE. All persons having claims against said decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to Stacy LuAnne Nussbaum and Royce Edward McULLOUGH, c/o Harry Turner, Wells Fargo Bank Building, 102 Main Avenue South, Office #1, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE</b> On FRIDAY, 27 February, 2004, AT THE HOUR OF 11:00 o'clock A.M., local time, of said day, at the front steps of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho, R. WAYNE SWENEY, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, together with fixtures, and described as follows: The North 90 feet of Lot 5 in Block 2 of Canyon Crest Subdivision, according to the official records thereof, filed in Book 6 of Plats at Page 49, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Address: 546 Eastland Dr., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust described as follows: A Deed of Trust to secure a indebtedness in the amount shown below and any other obligations secured thereby: Amount: \$119,791.47 Dated: November 3, 1998 Trustee: Alliance Title Company Beneficiary: Household Finance Corporation III Recorded: November 6, 1998 Instrument No.: 1998-019983, of Official Records THE GRANTORS NAMED HEREIN ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) OF THE IDAHO CODE. No representation is made whether or not he or she is currently responsible for the obligation listed herein. The default for which this sale is to be made is the Grantor's failure to make payments on the promissory note or credit agreement secured by the Deed of Trust. Payments are due for the month of July 2003 and every month thereafter in the amount of \$1,095.22. As of 25 September, 2003, the amount in arrears was \$4,380.68; and the outstanding principal balance owing on the Promissory Note or Credit Agreement secured by the Deed of Trust was \$116,551.33 plus accrued interest of \$4,909.90. Additional interest accrues at the rate of 6.5% per year. Grantors must also pay outstanding taxes, interest, penalties, late charges, service charges, appraisal fees, title policy fees, and any other disbursements, costs, fees or expenses incurred or paid by the Beneficiary under Trustee associated with this Notice of Default and/or this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust, Promissory Note or Credit Agreement, or by Idaho law. R. Wayne SweneY, Attorney at Law, is successor trustee of said Deed of Trust. DATED: 22 October, 2003 R. WAYNE SWENEY, Trustee 250 Northwest Boulevard, Suite 102, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814 206-667-0517</p> <p>PUBLISH: November 27, December 4, 11 and 18, 2003</p>	<p>and filed with the Court. DATED this 8th day of December, 2003. Stacy LuAnne Nussbaum and Royce Edward McULLOUGH PUBLISH: December 11, 18 and 25, 2003 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV-2003-5997 <b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b> In the Matter of the Estate of RAYMOND I. ABUNDIS Deceased. <b>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN</b> that Angela Hunsberger has been appointed personal representative of the above-named Decedent. All persons having claims against the Decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative at the address indicated. DATED this 9th day of December, 2003. John A. Doer, Esq., Attorney for Personal Representative 1031 Eastland Dr., Ste 1B Twin Falls, ID 83301 206-734-4034</p> <p>PUBLISH: December 11, 18 and 25, 2003</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE</b> On Thursday, the 25th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., of said day at Alliance Title &amp; Escrow, 311 Second St. N., Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: LOT 7 IN BLOCK 1 OF SOUTHWOOD SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN BOOK 9 OF PLATS, PAGE 47, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 1584 Cottonwood St., Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without-covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MICHAEL E. SCHMIE, a Single Person, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., recorded May 1, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-008661, and re-recorded on May 8, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-009085. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, assigned to the Idaho Housing Agency by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on May 2, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-008662, and re-recorded May 8, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-009086. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, assigned to the Idaho Housing Agency by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on May 2, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-008662, and re-recorded May 8, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-009086. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, assigned to the Idaho Housing Agency by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on May 2, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-008662, and re-recorded May 8, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-009086. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, assigned to the Idaho Housing Agency by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on May 2, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-008662, and re-recorded May 8, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-009086. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated May 1, 2002, in the amount of \$508.00 each, for the months of June through October, 2003; inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.20% per annum from May 1, 2003. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$65,357.63, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.20% per annum from May 1, 2003. DATED this 24th day of November, 2003. CHARLES W. FAWCETT a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE</p> <p>PUBLISH: December 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2003</p>	<p>IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS Case No. CV-03-383 <b>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</b> In the Matter of the Estate of <b>BERTHA JEANETTE BURCH</b>, Deceased. <b>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN</b> that Deanna Dyck, a child under Eighteen Years of Age, a Petitioner under the Termination of Parental Rights Act, has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the personal representative of the estate of the above-named decedent, at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 10th day of December, 2003. J. James A. Lamore, Attorney for the Personal Representative 112 Shoshone Street East Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090</p> <p>PUBLISH: December 18, 25, 2003 and January 1, 2004</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE</b> The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the office of Twin Falls Title &amp; Escrow, 305 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, at 11:30 a.m., (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/15/2002 as Instrument Number 2002-008775, executed by LAUREN MATTIE JONES, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC., the Current Trustee of said Deed of Trust, for the following real property located in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho: PARCEL 1: SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO; THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 34; THENCE EAST 162.2 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWEST 228.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1' 4" WEST 44 FEET; THENCE NORTH 14' 4" WEST 44 FEET; THENCE NORTH 14' 4" WEST 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH 2' 29" WEST 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH 53' 46" EAST 182 FEET; THENCE EAST 74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTING AND RESERVING FOR A PUBLIC HIGHWAY STRIP OF LAND OVER THE CENTER LINE OF WHICH IS THE NORTH AND SOUTH HALF SECTION LINE AND RESERVING FOR A PUBLIC HIGHWAY ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY OR EITHER OF THEM A STRIP OF WHICH IS 4 RODS WIDE, THE CENTER LINE OF WHICH IS THE EAST AND WEST HALF SECTION LINE. BEGINNING AT A POINT THAT LIES WEST 340 FEET AND SOUTH 60 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 34; THENCE WEST 125 FEET; THENCE NORTH 182 FEET; THENCE WEST 162.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Little fish are sweet." - R. Forby

Zia Mahmood, once of Pakistan, but now firmly established as an American, is sometimes associated with the spectacular ace and the big confidence trick.

Zia found himself in a delicate two-heart contract, and West found the best lead, his doubleton spade, which went to the 10 and jack.

Reading the position perfectly, he refrained from trying to cash the club queen (the known someone would ruff this trick).

NORTH 12-18 A
A 10 5 3
K 9 8 5 4
Q 4 3 2

WEST EAST
A 6 2 A J 9 8
Q 5 10 Q 7 4
A J 10 K 7 6 3
K J 7 6 5 K 9 8

SOUTH EAST
Q 7 4 K 10 8 6 2
K 2 K 2
A 10 K 9 8

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: East

The bidding: South West North East
Pass 1 Pass 1 Pass
1 Pass 2 Pass
2 Pass 2 Pass

BID WITH THE ACES 12-18 B

South holds: Q 7 4
K J 10 8 6 2
K 2
A 10

South West North East
1 Pass 2 Pass
2 Pass 2 Pass

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Your support for partner's first bid suit is not quite good enough to give him preference; accordingly, try no-trump. Your club A-10 will be enough of a stop playing any honor-tripleton, and you do not yet need to bid hearts a third time.

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