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# A TOWN'S EMBRACE



Branko Kulasevic, left, helps his wife, Tinka, hold and drink a cup of coffee during one of his daily lunch-time visits to Tinka at Snake River Rehabilitation and Assisted Living in Buhl. Tinka was paralyzed from the chest down in an automobile accident, and Branko broke three vertebrae in his neck on the way home from visiting her in a hospital in Boise.

## Refugee family's hardship strikes a chord

By Rebecca Meany  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The days of Christmas on Jackson Street have been a song of carpenters-a-nailing, painters-a-prepping, plumbers plumbing and a family in a rebuilt home.

The work will wrap up a season of giving, brought about by a period of affliction for one family of refugees.

When the Kulasevics came to Twin Falls from war-torn Yugoslavia in 1997, they were strange faces in the unfamiliar terrain of southern Idaho's high desert. They had friends living here, but the camaraderie of a few old acquaintances couldn't override feelings of sadness at being so far from home.

This fall, misfortune dealt a double blow to the family: two car accidents in as many months. The mother, Tinka, 42, was paralyzed from the chest down in the first accident; the father, Branko, 49, broke three vertebrae in his neck during the second.

But the community that once was alien to the new residents rallied around them, pitching in thousands of dollars in time and material to help ease their suffering. Benevolent townsfolk are constructing a 17-by-20-foot accessible living area for Tinka, on the back of the family's property.

This holiday season, the Kulasevics - Branko, Tinka and sons Milenko and Miroslav - are recipients of an extraordinary gift that won't fit under most Christmas trees.

### Journey to a new home

The war in Yugoslavia left more than a million people homeless, according to some reports. Many victims of the decade of strife ended up being relocated to coun-



Don Thomquest of Custom Restorations textures the ceiling and walls of the Kulasevics' new bedroom and living area in their Twin Falls home. Branko's employer, Ken Floyd of Web Specialties, along with numerous local businesses and contractors, has arranged for the addition to be built. Floyd has also kept Branko's job open for him when he is able to return to work in about a year.



Branko, left, and son Milenko look at pictures at their home of the two accidents that injured him and his wife.

tries around the world. Some wound up far from home - across an ocean and over a new continent - landing in south-central Idaho.

"American officials came to us and said, 'You have to get out of the country,'" recalled 23-year-old Milenko.

The first few days in their new

country were full of heartache.

"I cried," Milenko said. "I felt like I was in jail. But it was OK, because we knew we were going to make a different life. The family was going to work and put money together. That's what we do - teamwork."

The family members slowly adjusted to their new home.

Branko went to work at Web Specialties-as-a-machinist-Tinka got a job in food service. Milenko and Miroslav, 21, enrolled at College of Southern Idaho, with Milenko transferring to the University of Idaho to study architecture.

On Sept. 20, his parents and cousin, Rade, 14, were driving up for a visit.

"I expected them to come see me around 3," he said.

But as 3 o'clock turned to 4 o'clock, which dragged on to 5, he became worried.

"I thought something was weird," he said. "I went to police, and they said there was an accident. It was your family," they said."

The Kulasevics had set out from Twin Falls for the long drive to Moscow.

Two miles from Lewiston, "the car went crazy," recalled Branko and Milenko, who helps translate for his father.

Branko was driving his 2001 Volkswagen Golf, with Tinka in the front seat and Rade in back.

The car flipped, sliding and rolling, careening down an embankment.

"He couldn't stop it," Milenko said.

The car came to a halt, tires squashed underneath, the body mangled.

Branko and Rade were bleeding but OK.

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# Alert cancels flights

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WASHINGTON - Air France on Wednesday canceled six flights between Paris and Los Angeles at the request of the French government acting on U.S. intelligence reports that al-Qaida might be planning to hijack aircraft for a Sept. 11-style suicide attack.

Three of the flights - two bound from Paris to Los Angeles and one in the opposite direction - were scheduled for Wednesday. Two more Los Angeles-bound flights and one to Paris were to have flown on Christmas Day.

The cancellations followed U.S. intelligence reports that followers of Osama bin Laden have been looking to circumvent security measures at foreign and U.S. airports and hijack airliners for suicide attacks on the United States during the Christmas holidays, according to U.S. officials. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of their information.

The Federal Aviation Administration on Wednesday restricted planes from flying over downtown Chicago because of

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# Idaho: Don't panic over cow disease

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - There's no reason to stop ordering hamburgers or cooking steak dinners, state and beef industry officials say.

Still, the Idaho Department of Agriculture and local dairymen and cattle producers were waiting anxiously

### Regulations

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Beef tonight? - C2

Wednesday for details about a Holstein in Washington state believed to have been infected with mad cow disease.

And members of Idaho's cattle

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# Authorities work to trace path of infected Holstein

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration scrambled Wednesday to trace the life of the first U.S. cow believed infected with mad cow disease and contain the growing economic and political damage from a now-suspect food supply. Country after country slapped import bans on American beef as U.S. officials assured consumers their Christmas roasts and fast-food hamburgers were safe to eat.

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# 'He's a miracle:' M.V. soldier makes spectacular recovery

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

### Three soldiers die - C7

TWIN FALLS - When Cpl. Benjamin Rodabaugh, 20, lifts up his shirt, an observer sees a leathery, red scar running from above his sternum through his abdomen.

"That's where they cut me open so they could sew all my organs back together," Rodabaugh said.

Doctors had to patch back together his stomach, diaphragm, colon and lower intestines. His lungs had been collapsed. He also has a steel plate in his left forearm.

In fact, his injuries from mortar fire Sept. 20 in Abu Ghraib, Iraq, were so critical that he had been

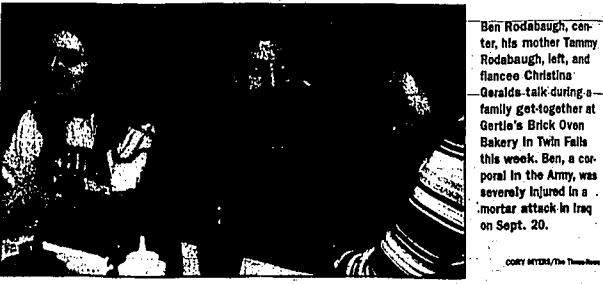
written off for dead.

But now, only four months later, Rodabaugh, a 2001 Gooding High School graduate, is moving quickly toward full recovery.

He's walking. He's talking normally. And his personality remains pretty much the same as it was before that life-altering day in September, his mother said.

"He's a miracle. I don't know why. He has dumbfounded his doctors that he has healed so well so fast," said Tammy Rodabaugh, who

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Ben Rodabaugh, center, his mother Tammy Rodabaugh, left, and fiancée Christina Rodabaugh talk during a family get-together at Gerlie's Brick Oven Bakery in Twin Falls this week. Ben, a corporal in the Army, was severely injured in a mortar attack in Iraq on Sept. 20.

COBY MITCHELL/The Times-News

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and cool for Christmas Day with a touch of light snow also likely... Tonight: Scattered snow showers or flurries and breezy... Tomorrow: Becoming a touch colder with scattered snow showers or flurries.

BURLEY/CLUPEY FORECAST

Today: A cloudy and cool Christmas with a little bit of light snow or flurries... Tonight: Scattered snow showers or flurries and breezy... Tomorrow: A touch colder with scattered snow showers or flurries.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

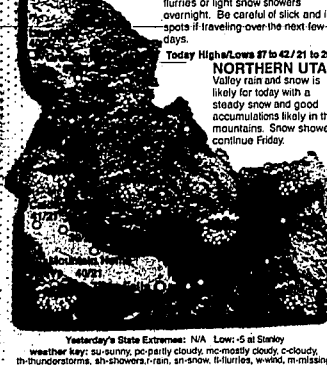
Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 37, Low 25).

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Snow showers and flurries will come and go for today, tomorrow and this weekend... BOISE Scattered rain and snow showers will be possible for today with a few flurries or light snow showers overnight.



Yesterday's State Extremes: N/A. Low: -5 at Starley... High: 29 at Burley.

Moon Phases table showing Dec 30, Jan 1, Jan 7, Jan 13, Jan 21 with moon phase icons.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc. with weather icons and temperatures.

Yesterday's Weather

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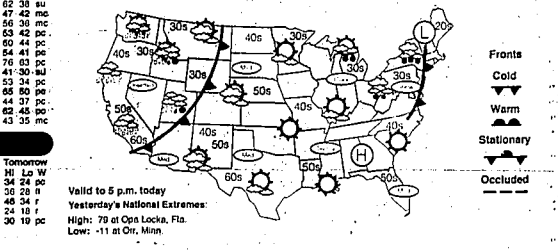
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U.V. INDEX table with categories: Low, Moderate, High. Includes a note about sun protection.

WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CANADIAN FORECAST

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Idaho

Continued from A1. industry expressed concern about the ramifications of the discovery... 'This is probably the worst Christmas present any of us could get,' said Idaho Cattle Association President Corvin Jones of Eden.

the sick cow in Washington and any Idaho dairies. Once they obtain information from Washington officials, they plan to get through their records to see if there has been any movement of animals between the Washington dairy and Idaho operations... 'We have records to indicate where animals came from and went to,' Stroyk said.

would have to make up his mind based on the results... A decline in U.S. cattle prices is likely, but Jones said it's possible the industry won't suffer as much as Canadian producers did after a case of mad cow disease was found in that country.

Trace

Continued from A1. 'The risk to human life is extremely low,' Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman told reporters... Federal and state-level officials worked to trace the Holstein's history before it came to its last home, a large dairy operation near Mabdon, in southern Washington state, in 2001.

Help

Continued from A1. 'Tinka didn't fare so well,' Milenko said. 'She was bleeding from the eyes, ears, mouth, everywhere... She was flown to a Couer d'Alene hospital, then to Idaho Elks Rehabilitation in Boise, to begin her long road to rehabilitation.'

and members of the Yugoslavian community helped make the addition an affordable reality... 'The value of the studio apartment is estimated between \$30,000 and \$40,000, Cruz said. The cost to the Kulusevics is nothing.'

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Letterman visits troops in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Joking with wounded soldiers and raling out a 'Top 10' list for the desert-weary, talk show host David Letterman dropped in Wednesday for a Christmas Eve visit with U.S. troops in Baghdad... 'Late Show' visited the military's main combat and met soldiers at one of Saddam Hussein's ransacked palaces that now serves as part of the U.S.-led coalition's headquarters.

A town pitches in

Branko's boss at Web Specialties, Ken Floyed, who declined to be interviewed, spearheaded the effort to build the addition to their house, and dozens of helpers rose to the challenge... 'It was Ken's idea,' said Richard Cruz, owner of Better Life Construction, general contractor to Web Specialties.

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# Flights

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 Mayor Richard M. Daley's fear that terrorists might hit the massive Sears Tower, FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown said. The mayor's request, made Monday because of the government's heightened terror alert, was granted after consulting with the Department of Homeland Security, Brown said.

The FAA's notice to the aviation community called the Chicago restrictions "special security instructions" and banned all but emergency law enforcement, fire fighting and rescue flights from a patch of downtown stretching from the Lake Michigan shoreline to the Dan Ryan and Eisenhower expressways.

One senior U.S. official with knowledge of the administration's deliberations over air space safety said the White House considered closing all U.S. air space if the French government did not cancel the Air France flights. On Wednesday, a FAA spokeswoman Brown said there was no plan to close U.S. air space.

The senior U.S. official, who requested anonymity, said that U.S. and French officials began talking about the flights shortly after the United States raised its terrorism alert level on Sunday. Of particular concern, said U.S. officials, have airports in France and Mexico.

An official at the Department of Homeland Security, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that U.S. intelligence officials had been concerned about the cancellations quiet so that al-Qaida operatives planning hijackings might be lured into the open and arrested.

"The bottom line is that we had some operational issues that we were trying to carry out and were hopeful that this (closure for al-Qaida extremists) would take place instead of what has happened in the media," said the official.

The official said the United States had been discussing with other countries besides France the need to step up security in light of the al-Qaida hijacking threat.

"We are working with all of our international partners to make sure they are meeting the increased security measures," said the official. "We know that al-Qaida is still interested in using aircraft for suicide attacks."

The Air France cancellations came on the fourth day of a high-level "Code Orange" alert for possible terrorist attacks issued by the Department of Homeland Security.

# Soldier

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 returned to Idaho for the holidays from her job as a teacher at the American International School of Kuwait. "Not a single one of them thought it was a gross exaggeration that he should have died."

Rodabaugh and his mother traveled to Magic Valley this week to reunite with relatives before returning to Boise to spend Christmas Day with sister and daughter Katrina Rodabaugh. They spent some time recounting their Iraqi war experience with *The Times-News*.

Tammy Rodabaugh, a Filer High School graduate, left her teaching job at Twin Falls High School in 1998 to teach with her husband Blake Rodabaugh, overseas. Blake Rodabaugh, a Kimberly High School graduate, had to remain overseas for the holiday season but was with his son during the first crucial days of his recovery. Since that earth-shaking autumn day, Benjamin Rodabaugh has spent time in three Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals — one in Germany, Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Palo Alto VA Hospital. Ben is now living in an apartment in Boise while he is monitored a couple of times a week at the Boise VA Medical Center.

injured so severely he wasn't even able to breathe on his own. A fellow soldier breathed oxygen into Rodabaugh for the first 20 minutes after the attack.

"My chances to die during the first 24 hours were 100 percent," Rodabaugh said.

Over the next five days, Army medical personnel gave him a 25 percent chance to live. After that, even though he remained unconscious for two weeks, doctors figured he would make it.

"They told me I lived because I'm too stupid to die," Rodabaugh deadpanned.

Rodabaugh suffered so many concussions that his brain had a Dalmatian appearance on X-rays, he said. The shrapnel, which shows up white on X-rays, is so pervasive in Rodabaugh's body that a full-body X-ray looks like a snowstorm is raging inside him.

He has been through physical therapy, occupational therapy, neural psychology testing and treatment, speech therapy and recreational therapy. And he's to be fitted with a hearing aid on Jan. 15.

But unless he points out his injuries, the casual observer wouldn't know that Rodabaugh went from life on a ventilator during the early autumn to the "expectation of a normal adult life," as his mother describes his current status.

"It's sort of like he awoke at age 6 and had to relearn everything up to age 20," she said.

plans to do next, however. Beyond getting engaged on Monday to 18-year-old Christina Gerald from Ohio, he's taking life pretty much day by day. That's how it has been for the family since the Sept. 20 ordeal.

"You can't think about what is next," Tammy Rodabaugh said. "You have to think of now. Just live through now."

With his 21st birthday a month away, Rodabaugh is already classified as "temporarily retired" from the military. The phrase really means retired for life, Rodabaugh said.

"They call it that because when some guys wake up, their entire lives are gone. They have nothing left. If they think they might get to go back to the service, then they have something to look forward to," Rodabaugh explained.

Rodabaugh was lucky in that respect, though. He awakened in an Army hospital in Germany with virtually nothing material left in the world except his laptop computer. But he always had at least one family member with him. Most of the time, it was two family members hovering, caring, encouraging.

His mother speculated the Rodabaugh's closeness is the

main reason her son has experienced such a spectacular recovery.

But she also said she was thankful for all the help the U.S. Army has provided.

"The Army has done everything it can to make sure we didn't have huge financial burdens," Tammy Rodabaugh said.

The military provided airplane tickets for two family members when Benjamin was transferred to different hospitals. Also, military social workers found places for the family to live while he was undergoing treatment. Most importantly, "He has received amazing—medical—treatment," Tammy Rodabaugh said.

Then, too, the family has received immeasurable emotional

and spiritual support from Magic Valley people and others on virtually every continent — except Antarctica, Tammy Rodabaugh said.

As for whether Rodabaugh is bitter about his experience, the answer is an unhesitating "No."

"Everyone in Iraq fights for different reasons," he said. "Most went to make Iraq a better place to be. It is not a very fun place to be. It's really not. There might be some of the administration that's over there for oil or for money—I don't know. But most of us are over there because it's our job. Our job is to protect people."

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**A 'near-dolley' experience**  
 When the volley of mortar hit the compound of Company A of the Army's 302nd MI Battalion, two men died. Rodabaugh, who had signed on as an intelligence communications specialist, was

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## Festival of Trees

# Thank You Magic Valley!

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's Festival of Trees was the most successful ever. The many businesses, individuals and volunteers truly shared their gifts of generosity and precious time to help raise money for the MVRMC Foundation's Women's Health Fund and the area's Quick Response Units. The theme of this year's Festival was "The Angels Among Us." Here are some of those angels. We also thank our many caring and loyal volunteers; we treasure all of you that helped make this possible. Also, thank you to all the donors and purchasers.

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## EDITORIAL

### The Christmas story: Tidings of great joy

Following our Christmas Day custom, *The Times-News* editorial board is pleased to surrender this space for a seasonal and eternal holiday message from a guest writer, St. Luke.

Merry Christmas to all.  
Stephen Hartgen  
Clark Walworth  
David Cooper  
Steve Crump  
Shelley Ridenour

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taxed.

**'For today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord.'**

And he stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste and they found Mary and Joseph and the baby, lying in a manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child.

And all who heard marveled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things; pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

— Luke 2:1-20

## A wistful longing for Christmas

There is a reason why Christmas revolves around children, and it is not solely because it celebrates the birth of the Christ-child. The holiday spirit of giving finds its fullest expression in the faces of the young ones, those who are trusting enough to believe that their wishes will be fulfilled. And often they are. A sled, a doll, a game can bring such rapture to a child that everyone else around the tree is lifted into the same sublime state of perfect bliss. That is the magic of this holiday season.



DAVID S. BRODER

But what of those who have reached the point where they know better than to wish for the impossible? What of the grown-ups who know that life does not always measure up to their dreams?

For us — and I have been in that category for almost seven decades now — there is a bitter-sweet character to this time of year. We live in two dimensions — at least in our thoughts. At an elevated plane, we know the things that would truly be most meaningful to our lives — and to our fellow-citizens. Peace in the world and the statesmanship to pursue it; freedom and justice for ourselves and for



other peoples; a sense of decency and self-restraint among our public officials and in our press; a rediscovery of the virtues of civility and community in our communal life. We would also be most grateful for a rebirth of genuine patriotism, the kind that acknowledges our debt to the genius of the founding generation and respects the unique edifice of representative government it created — a

patriotism that welcomes the duties of citizenship (such as voting) and its costs (such as taxes) as a small price to pay for the blessings we enjoy. When we see a world where so many millions are struggling against dire poverty and debilitating disease, we wish for the generosity to do what we can, in this affluent nation, to ease their burdens and help them on the way to a fuller life.

But at our age, we know such grand and glorious gifts will not be given to us on Christmas — or any other day. These are things we must achieve for ourselves or join with others to seek. In a democracy, we can freely call for such advances, but they will come only if we advocate for them and organize for them.

David Broder is a columnist for the *Washington Post*.

## Give the gift of religious freedom

ANNE APPLEBAUM

For better or worse, the American model of religious freedom has now evolved from the Puritans' desire to ban Sunday holy into something best described as 'religion a la carte.'

troops withdraw or U.S. occupation ends, it is a far more basic notion of religious freedom. By this I don't mean simply that both countries should allow Christians, Jews and other religious minorities to practice. Such laws are important, but the real issue is even more fundamental: Both countries need rules that ensure religious freedom for Muslims, both to practice different versions of Islam, and to debate openly the tenets of their own faith. Although the Afghan constitution has yet to be finalized, some who are following its progress fear that it is heading in the opposite direction. Many celebrated the absence of the word for Islamic law religious law, sharia, from the draft. But if the word is gone, some of the spirit remains.

the ability to rule on blasphemy cases or allow the state to ban a political party that advocates women's rights. Although we can't and shouldn't impose a particular system for Iraqis and Afghans, we must persuade them to leave space for religious debate. Bush has talked a good deal about "democracy" in Iraq. But what good are elected leaders if they have to answer to clerical courts? What good is guaranteed "freedom of speech" if you can be arrested for discussing the role of women in your society? As I say, I wouldn't wish our peculiarly American form of religious freedom, let alone our mechanical dancing snowmen, on anybody else. There are other models available: Plenty of democratic countries have state religions, and there is such a thing as a secular Islamic society. But if we have any influence over the Iraqis and Afghans now planning their futures, we should, if nothing else, use it to ensure that their views be allowed to evolve and change as ours have.

Anne Applebaum is an editorial writer for *The Washington Post*.

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## LETTERS

### Everyone was welcome at theater open house

We would like to apologize to all our friends and patrons for the misinformation that our open house on Friday, Dec. 19, was invitation only. If it had been, every one of you would have been invited. Everyone is always welcome in our theater. Rick Strickland and his choir and orchestra did a superb performance that would have rivaled any big city performance.  
MICHAEL CLAIR  
Twin Falls  
(Editor's Note: Michael Clair is the president of Western States College. The letter was submitted on behalf of the personnel at the Schubert Theater in Gooding.)

### Flat income tax rate would be fair to all

Average Americans barely understand our confusing income tax laws. They tax unfairly those with average to lower incomes. There are too many loopholes that allow some to avoid taxes almost entirely while others struggle to just get by. Some revenues were recently returned to the boost the economy, which indicates the need for tax adjustments, but the scheme is so distorted, even that is difficult.  
Taking everyone the same percentage rate regardless of income and without loopholes would equalize the tax load, increase revenues and simplify the process for all. If all income taxes were paid as we are paid, there would

be no need for annual filings or the IRS. The math genius who calculated our present system should be able to accurately set the rate so that present income tax revenues equal that the majority of us would pay much less. That would stimulate our economy beyond belief.  
To initiate and revise the rate should require a majority approval by Congress, and they could more easily address some of our problems. Only a minor increase would fully fund a badly needed national health care and drug by prescription medical insurance. health maintenance organizations and Medicare could be eventually phased out, thereby cutting the congressional lobby in half.

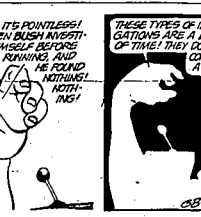
Managing the national budget has always been guesses at best, because it is directly coupled to fluctuating tax revenues and, often, excessive government spending. With a relatively fixed tax rate, they should be required to maintain a balanced budget just as we must control our spending in our own budgets.  
Any action which simplifies government functions saves time, which is money for all American pockets, and that boosts our economy. Please publish your ideas soon so we all may benefit and possibly avoid future national problems.  
It is time for all Americans to be fairly taxed, have reasonable health care and, even the poor, a better chance for the American dream.

God bless America.  
ALFRED R. WARD  
Gooding  
Was that Saddam — or another harsh dictator?  
Once again, *The Times-News* has printed an enormous mistake on the front page. Last week, the front page covered the story of the capture of Saddam Hussein, "Caught like a rat." The only problem is that the picture of Saddam you printed was not Saddam.  
What you unwittingly printed was a picture of what Hillary looks like every morning when she wakes up. No wonder Bill strayed.  
MIKE SIMMONS  
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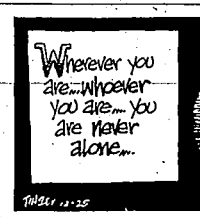
### By Garry Trudeau



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NATION/WORLD

# Controllers send final orders to Mars craft

DARMSTADT, Germany (AP) — European space officials on Wednesday tensely awaited the landing of their first probe on Mars, sending final commands to prepare its accompanying mother ship to start orbiting the planet as the Beagle 2 probe plunged toward the surface.

Beagle 2, which separated on

Friday from the larger Mars Express orbiter, was expected to land at 7:45 p.m. MST Wednesday, using parachutes and gas bags to cushion the impact.

At about the same time, Mars Express will fire its main engine for 34 minutes to slow it into orbit, a maneuver critical to the mission's success.

But controllers expected to have to wait until about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday to pick up the first signals from Beagle 2, if it survived the fiery 75-minute plunge through the Martian atmosphere.

Beagle is designed to use a robotic arm to sample surface rock and soil for signs of past or present life.

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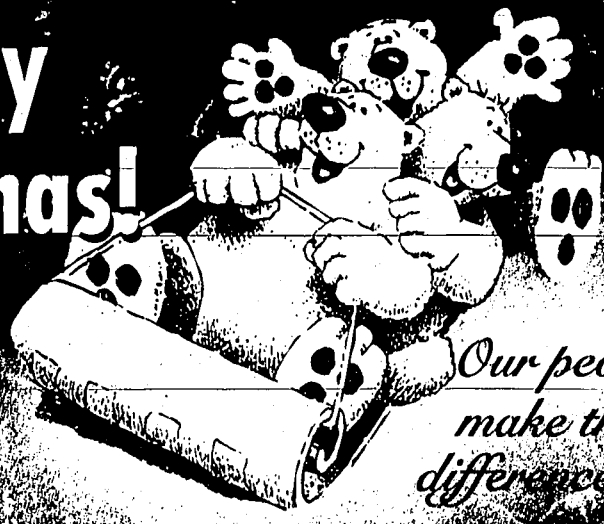
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### Coming Friday

A recap of the Hawaii Bowl between Houston and Hawaii.

### MORNING LINE

#### SPORTSQUOTE

If that interview had gone on much longer, would Suzy have needed a restraining order?

**NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon, after Joe Namath twice told Suzy Kolber of ESPN, 'I want to kiss you,' during a sideline interview**

#### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** Who was the last Anaheim Mighty Duck to score a hat trick in the NHL?

...answer below

#### IN BRIEF

### Youth basketball camps set for T.F.

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls High School basketball coaches have announced the dates for the upcoming classic clinic and Little Dribblers hoops camps.

The classic clinic, for boys and girls in grades 4-6, will be held from 8 a.m.-noon on Jan. 10 at O'Leary Junior High School. The camp will be instructed by TEHS coaches and players. The cost is \$20 per participant.

A Little Dribblers camp will also be held for boys and girls in grades kindergarten-3. The clinics will take place from 10 a.m.-noon on Jan. 17 and 24, and also from 6-7 p.m. on Jan. 26. The campers will also perform at half-time of the TEHS girls basketball game on Jan. 29.

All participants will receive a T-shirt, with the first 175 Little Dribblers campers receiving a custom Bruin basketball.

Registration forms are available at Donnelly Sports. Call Matt at 735-5310 for more information.

### Reserved seats are still available for CSI games.

**TWIN FALLS** - Plenty of good reserved chair-back seats are still available for the remainder of basketball home games at the CSI Gymnasium.

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

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

### Jerome Rec will not raise leisure activities fees

**JEROME** - The Jerome Recreation District will not increase leisure activities fees, as previously announced.

The fee increase was put into effect for the fall season to help defray operating costs and help pay for coach training, certification and background checks and will not be raised again for the winter.

The current fees are as follows: Babe Ruth baseball, \$30; dog obedience, yoga, \$25; Little League baseball, \$25; pitching-machine baseball, \$24; soccer, football, basketball, volleyball, fencing, t-ball/coach pitch and adult open gym, \$18; and adult open gym, \$15.

\*Out of district fees

### Team holds roping practice in Buhl

**BUHL** - Team roping practice will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at Copus Cove Arena in Buhl. Call 543-6695 for more information.

\*Compiled from staff and wire reports

#### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Chris Brown, against Buffalo on Dec. 4, 2002.

# Miller has new role

## Sharpshooter plays less, leads more

By Jon Krawczynski  
Associated Press writer

**INDIANAPOLIS** - Indiana Pacers coach Rick Carlisle was describing his offense recently, when he said this:

"Jermaine O'Neal and Ron and Al are our three horses," he said. "Those guys are going to score."

Someone missing?

How about Reggie Miller, the one player who has defined the Pacers for 17 seasons. The 38-year-old sharp shooter has taken a reduced role in the offense as the Pacers (20-8) have climbed to the top of the Eastern Conference, but coaches and teammates say he's as responsible as anyone for the team's success.

"What Reggie's done so far this year is really remarkable, particularly given his number of years, his age and given the fact he's coming off a major injury," Carlisle said. "It's the kind of thing you don't see very often."

Miller is averaging 8.4 points in 23 minutes this season, shooting 41 percent from 3-point range.

He is coming off a right ankle injury that required surgery and was one of the biggest reasons for his struggles last season, especially in the playoffs.

One of the game's great clutch shooters, Miller flourished in the playoffs last season, averaging just 9.2 points on 28 percent shooting.

"It was clear to me last year that he was not 100 percent healthy," said Carlisle, who coached the Detroit Pistons last season. "Knowing Reggie the way I do, he was not right."

This year, Miller has been more active on the floor as a summer of rehabilitation on the ankle. Carlisle has limited his minutes in hopes of keeping him fresh for a playoff run.

With the offense centered on O'Neal, Ron Artest and Al Harrington, Miller is often relegated to the role of decoy.

"My main focus isn't to score 20 points a game as it has been in years past," Miller said. "We have other guys to do that. It's more to take pressure off our inside presence in Al and Jermaine."

He does that by doing what he's done so well for so long - shoot the 3. Miller might be a few years older and a few steps slower than



Indiana Pacers guard Reggie Miller shoots over Atlanta Hawks forward Glenn Robinson during overtime in Indianapolis. In this Feb. 14, Miller has taken a reduced role in the offense as the Pacers have climbed to the top of the Eastern Conference, but coaches and teammates say he's as responsible as anyone for the team's success.

the player who produced one of the most memorable playoff performances ever - when he scored eight points in 8.9 seconds to beat the New York Knicks in Game 1 of the 1995 Eastern Conference semifinals - but the old man can still knock down the 3.

Despite a shooting slump over

the last three games, Miller's 44 3-pointers are tied for 15th in the NBA. That forces opposing teams to extend their defense and takes pressure off O'Neal inside.

"Even when Reggie Miller's not shooting the ball much, not making shots, he still has an unmistakable impact on the

game because you must guard him closely," Carlisle said.

The rest of the team is directly benefiting. O'Neal is averaging 20.3 points a game, and Harrington has emerged as one of the top sixth men in the NBA.

"It's been great for me as I've

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# Manning tries to prove he can win 'big one'

By Michael Marot  
Associated Press writer

**INDIANAPOLIS** - Peyton Manning usually dodges criticism as skillfully as he avoids hits.

But the Indianapolis Colts' quarterback is having trouble avoiding one nagging issue.

Despite the staggering numbers, his model status on and off the field and a propensity for winning, Manning is wrapping up his sixth season hearing an all-too-familiar question: Can he win a playoff game?

"Usually, the player wants the same things the fans want," Manning said. "We want to win championships, no question. But it's not easy."

It's a strange predicament for Manning, for whom success has seemingly followed like a shadow.

His name and face have become synonymous with NFL products, and by virtually every measuring stick he has had the most successful start of any quarterback in NFL history.

He is the league's only player with five consecutive 4,000-yard seasons. Nobody else has more than three.

His 53 career victories rank second among Colts quarterbacks, trailing only Hall of Famer John Unitas (116).

Compared with eight other quarterbacks selected No. 1 since 1970, Manning's six-year totals are the best. He has more completions, yards and TD passes than John Elway, Troy Aikman or Terry Bradshaw.

The difference is Elway, Aikman and Bradshaw earned multiple Super Bowl rings. Manning is 0-3 in the playoffs.

Fair or not, that is the label Manning has been branded with since losing 41-0 to the New York Jets in January. Manning and his teammates hope to shed that label next week in a first-round playoff game.

"It's not just Peyton that hasn't won one, none of us have won one," center Jeff Saturday said. "One guy does not win the game for you and one guy does not lose it for you. But when you're the quarterback, you get too much credit both ways."

Before Sunday's stinging 31-17 loss to

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Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning watches the game from the sidelines late in the fourth quarter during Denver's 31-17 win over the Colts.

# Tonight's Hawaii Bowl should feature plenty of offense, points

By Mike Huguenin  
The Orlando Sentinel

**ORLANDO** - There should be points aplenty when Houston squares off with Hawaii at 6 p.m. tonight in the Hawaii Bowl, just the thing to help wind down from a hectic day unwrapping gifts, drinking egg nog and putting up with Aunt Jeannie, Uncle Sean or

some other pesky relative.

Following is a hint of who and what to look for in tonight's game:

**ABOUT HOUSTON:** The Cougars (7-5) are bowling for the first time since 1996 under first-year Coach Art Briles, who installed a wide-open offensive system. Kevin Kolb has been the most productive true freshman quarterback in the nation (233.3 ypg, 23 TDs, four picks, 61.7 com-

pletion percentage); he also ran for 339 yards and seven TDs. WR Brandon Middleton is one of the best play-guys in the country (52 catches, 23.6 yards per catch, 14 TDs), and Vincent Marshall and Leonard Gibson are two other favorite targets. RBs Anthony Evans, Jackie Battle and Bobby Tillman have combined for 1,961 yards and 15 TDs. The defense? It isn't good, especially against the

run (216.6 ypg, 107th in the nation).

**ABOUT HAWAII:** The Warriors (8-5) are eighth in the nation in total offense (476.4 ypg) and second in passing offense (373.5 ypg). Junior QB Timmy Chang is on pace to finish with the most passing yards in Division I-A history, but he is prone to bonafide mistakes and has been benched at times by Coach June Jones. WRs

Chad Owens and Jeremiah Cockerhan have combined for 141 catches and 18 TDs, and Hawaii also has three other receivers with at least 40 receptions. The Warriors were supposed to be good on defense but are mediocre, especially against the pass. DE Travis LaBoy is an excellent pass rusher (13 sacks, 22 tackles for loss) but may not play because of academic difficulties.

# Baseball salaries rise at slower pace

Union looks for collusion

By Ronald Blum  
Associated Press writer

**NEW YORK** - Baseball's salary spiral has slowed, and concerned players may be crying foul.

The average at the end of the 2003 season was \$2,372,189, the players' association said Tuesday in its annual study obtained by The Associated Press.

While the amount was a record, it was just 3.3 percent above last year's average of \$2,295,649. The last rise that low was in 1996, when the average increased by just 0.8 percent in the aftermath of the 1994-95 strike.

The players' association has spent more than a year investigating whether there has been collusion among teams in their dealing with free agents, and a top union lawyer sent a memo to agents Dec. 8 asking for assistance.

The union hasn't decided whether to file a collusion grievance or take actions following the 2002 season and is looking closely at the current market.

"We have shared with you our serious concerns about the clubs' conduct in last year's market," Michael Weiner, the union's No. 3 official, wrote in the memo. "Already, this signing season, we have received several reports of troubling conduct by club officials."

The union assigned three

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# Favre attends funeral of father

By Matt Volz  
Associated Press writer

**PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss.** - A line of mourners stretched out of the church and down the block, waiting to pay their respect Wednesday to the father of Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre.

Hundreds gathered on a crisp, sunny day at a church on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for funeral services for Irvin Favre, who died Sunday. Some waited on line for as much as an hour.

Brett Favre, dressed in a dark blazer, stood inside the church at the end of the receiving line, sharing hugs and pleasantries with well wishers.

Favre family spokesman James "Big" Cook spoke to reporters before the service.

He said "Big Irv" would be missed, but he installed a sense of toughness into the family that will help them get through this loss.

"He was the pillar of this family. The rock on which it was built," Cook said.

Irvin Favre was to be buried in a nearby cemetery.

The 58-year-old, a popular coaching figure in southern Mississippi, died of a heart attack or stroke while driving near his home in Kiln. His car ran into a ditch, but authorities have said the crash did not kill him.

Irvin Favre coached football and baseball in the area for nearly three decades. He coached at St. John

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Brett Favre



SPORTS

# USC tops title contenders in graduation rates, reports study

ORLANDO, Fla. — When it comes to graduation rates, Southern California is the clear-cut winner over LSU and Oklahoma.

In a study of graduation rates of the 56 bowl teams released Monday, USC easily beat out the other two national title contenders.

The Trojans graduated 61 percent of their football players in the years studied, compared to 40 percent for LSU and 33 percent for Oklahoma.

The numbers are an average for the freshman classes that entered school from 1993-94 to 1996-97. Students are given six years to graduate, but athletes who transfer — even if they are in good academic standing — can speed a school.

"If there were a Top 10 ranking for graduation rates among bowl teams, Northwestern and Boston

College would have played for the national championship," said Richard Lapchick, who authored the study for The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida.

Northwestern had an 83 percent graduation rate, followed by Boston College (79), Virginia (76), Tulsa (66) and Oregon (64).

The Trojans had the highest rate for any school in a BCS bowl game, while Oklahoma had the lowest. The rate for the Sooners are for the classes that entered school before Bob Stoops became coach in 1999.

Arkansas and Fresno State were tied for the lowest rate at 26 percent.

Navy is the only bowl school that does not release graduation rates.

The study also looked at minority hiring practices at bowl

schools. In the leadership positions of head coach, coordinators, school president, athletic director and faculty athletic representative, 94 percent of positions were held by whites. White women held 6 percent of those jobs.

UCLA's Karl Dorrell is the only minority head coach for a bowl team. There were four minority coaches among the 117 Division I-A schools this season.

There were also only eight minority coordinators, including USC offensive coordinator Norm Chow. The Trojans also had one of three black athletic directors in Mike Garrett.

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defensive coordinators — a pair at each of the 56 schools — only six are black (Virginia, New Mexico, Hawaii, Florida, Miami and Southern Mississippi) and two are Asian or Pacific Islanders (Navy and USC).

Even in the position of faculty athletic representative, only four are black men (Michigan, Texas, Mississippi and California), one is Latina (New Mexico), and 13 are white women.

"It is astonishing that only 13 of the 56 bowl schools employ any person of color in these key decision-making positions," says the author of the study, Richard Lapchick, director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida.

"It is no wonder why there is only one African-American head coach in a bowl game."

Using the most recent NCAA statistics, Lapchick also looked at graduation rates among the bowl-bound schools. He found that only eight had graduated more than 59 percent of their black football players. Yet all five teams led by a black, Latino or female athletics director are among the eight.

Another of the schools with a black coordinator was in the top eight.

"I do not think this is a coincidence," Lapchick said.

"This shows me that if you have a person of color in charge of the department he or she is paying attention to more than that athlete is there to help them win. They're paying attention to making sure he's on track to get his degree."

Overall among NCAA Division I-A teams, 60 percent of white

football players graduated while only 45 percent of black football players got degrees.

At bowl schools, 14 of the 56 had graduation rates of less than 40 percent for football players. Nearly double that number, 25 schools, had graduation rates of less than 40 percent for black players.

"Race remains a persistent academic issue, reflected in the continuing gap between graduation rates for white and African-American student athletes," Lapchick said.

Though many bowl teams score poorly with their graduation rates, some were notable for their high rates. Eleven schools had graduation rates for football players that were better than those for overall students, and three schools had graduation rates for football players that were better than they were for overall student-athletes.

"If there were a Top 10 ranking for graduation rates among bowl teams, Northwestern and Boston College would have played for the national championship," Lapchick said.

Those schools graduated at least 79 percent of their football players and at least 68 percent of their black players.

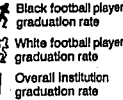
Virginia, Tulsa, Oregon, UCLA, Southern Mississippi, Georgia, USC, Purdue and Texas Tech — all with football graduation rates of 58 percent or higher — also would have made the Top 10.

Lapchick noted that four of the 10 schools with the highest graduation rates for football players have either a woman (Tulsa), black man (USC and Virginia) or Latino (UCLA) as athletics director.

"You can have schools, with inclusive hiring practices produce scholar athletes and win at the same time," he said. "These schools are proof."

### Gridiron graduation rates

Graduation rates on this year's top college bowl teams tend to fall short of the school average and are generally lower for black players than white.



Sugar Bowl	Black	White	Overall
Oklahoma	33%	40%	40%
LSU	40%	40%	40%
Rose Bowl	33%	40%	40%
Michigan	33%	40%	40%
Southern California	33%	40%	40%
Fiesta Bowl	33%	40%	40%
Kansas State	33%	40%	40%
Ohio St.	33%	40%	40%
Orange Bowl	33%	40%	40%
Miami	33%	40%	40%
Florida St.	33%	40%	40%

SOURCE: Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport, University of Central Florida

## Montana QB gets approval for year

MISSOULA, Mont. — University of Montana quarterback Craig Ochs, seeking another year of eligibility, is almost certain to return next year, school officials said.

Ochs has received clearance from one group of Big Sky Conference officials to play another season, and is awaiting final word from league presidents.

UM athletic director Wayne Hogan said that Ochs' approval is mostly a formality.

"Ratification could come this week," Hogan said. "The faculty reps have approved it and passed it to the presidents ... as far as I know, the presidents have never turned up a decision of their faculty reps."

Ochs transferred to Montana, a Division I-AA school, earlier this year after leaving the Colorado state program.

Ochs, a 6-2, 205-pounder from Boulder, Colo., played for the Division I, school in 2000 and 2001 before leaving for personal

reasons. He had suffered from concussions, and he had disagreements with coach Gary Barnett.

He suffered a serious ankle injury in August, but became the UM starting quarterback midway through the season and threw for 1,612 yards and nine touchdowns. Ochs also ran for three touchdowns while starting the final eight games of a 9-4 season.

Even though he filed late for scholarship status, Hogan is convinced Ochs will play for the Griz next year.

"Bobby (Haug, UM coach) believes Craig wants to play next season and I believe it, too," said Hogan. "I think we're very close to getting this wrapped up."

Ochs did not receive another year of eligibility, the Griz might have to scramble to recruit another experienced quarterback from the Division I or junior college ranks. Or Ochs could choose to go with backups Jeff Disney and Justin Hartman.

### Miller

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proposed that he's willing to put the ball in my hands and say, 'You carry us.' O'Neal said. "He's been doing that for so many years."

Carlisle approached Miller about 15 games ago, worried that the former All Star would become disenchanted and feel cast aside.

Instead of demanding the ball, however, Miller deferred to his younger teammates.

### Manning

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Denver, the Colts (11-4) were showing signs that this season could be the time for a deep playoff run.

Manning is playing the best football of his career and is one of the leading MVP candidates. Edgerin James is running more like his old self, and Manning has more options than Marvin Harrison in the passing game.

A win would change Manning's image.

"I really kind of laugh at it," coach Tony Dungy said. "I've been in the league long enough that I hear for about 13 years that John Elway couldn't win the Super Bowl. I heard Tom Landry couldn't win the Super Bowl. When you look back now, it seems kind of funny."

To Manning, though, it's more frustrating than laughable.

"He bristles at the critics, who claim he's never won a 'big' game even though the Colts' playoff failures are not entirely his fault.

Manning wasn't even on the field — when Tennessee's Eddie Favey rumbled 68 yards for the go-ahead touchdown in January

### Favre

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High School in Blood and later he coached his three sons — including Brett — at Hancock North Central.

Even with young Brett starting at quarterback for three years, Favre's Hancock North Central team ran the wishbone.

"I always told my dad the wishbone would never get me to pro

football," Favre joked after winning an unprecedented third straight NFL MVP award in 1997.

"Thanks, Dad."

Favre threw for 399 yards and four touchdowns, leading the Packers to a pivotal 41-7 win over the Raiders. Favre and his wife, Deanna, flew to Mississippi after

# High School Sports STARS

## Kody Bingham Minico boys basketball

RUPERT — When Minico High School's Spartan Gymnasium was built, the words "Go Big Red" were painted on the wall facing the Minico bench. While the slogan is akin to "Go Blue" for the Michigan Wolverines, one has to wonder if Rupert painters had Kody Bingham in mind.

In his second varsity season, the 6-foot-5 junior post is just becoming one of the team's big men, averaging 14 points per game for the Spartans.



"I haven't had anyone that's been a true inside-out player, so Kody's a weapon," Minico coach Mike Graefe said.

While Bingham is instantly recognizable by his mop of red hair, his game is starting to stand out more than his unique look.

"The other teams think bigger people like me just stay underneath," Bingham said. "But it's a lot of fun to be able to play from the outside."

Bingham's growth and experience in a year of play is eight years for Minico's football team helped vault him into the basketball team's starting lineup.

"He's a different player than he was last year," said Graefe. "He's bigger, but he's also a year older. That's one thing that's easy to look over with big kids. You automatically assume they're mature."

Off the court, Bingham plays the drums and sings for his hard-rock band, Pariah. While they may not be known on the national scene, the band and his music have all-important face recognition around Rupert — sort of.

"It's kind of fun being in a place where people see me and my red hair and say, 'You're a Bingham kid, aren't you,'" Bingham said.

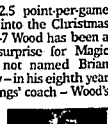
While Bingham has Minico looking toward a bright future after next year's move down to 4A competition, the Spartans aren't ready to overlook this season.

"The future is bright for Minico," Graefe said. "Kody and Matt Shultz are both juniors looking at good things on the horizon next year. But we have a job to do this year and that's where our focus is."

—Eric Larsen

## Lindsay Wood Valley girls basketball

HAZLETON — Valley sophomore Lindsay Wood rained a lot of scouting reports earlier this year. When opposing coaches looked at the Lady Vikings, their defensive game plan was simple: Stop Mindy Malone and you'll stop Valley.



Wong.

Carrying a 12.5 point-per-game scoring average into the Christmas break, the 5-foot-7 Wood has been a not-so-pleasant surprise for Magic Valley coaches not named Brian Hardy. For Hardy — in his eighth year as the Lady Vikings' coach — Wood's performance was expected.

"I think I probably surprised some other teams and coaches around, but not me," Hardy said. "I knew she had all the ability in the world."

After deciding to play junior varsity last year, Wood came into this season, which was her second year, and decided to go down to JV, Wood said. "I'm more comfortable with it now, but I didn't think I'd be doing what I'm doing right now."

For Wood — who has been an energy boost for Valley — the varsity atmosphere has been one of the most enjoyable aspects of this season.

"In varsity it's so much more important to win and the other team wants to win as bad," said Wood. "The crowds are bigger and they're cheering louder."

Off the court, Wood is heavily involved in extracurricular activities from drama and singing to the school yearbook. To say she likes to be busy would be an understatement.

"We've had two days off this week and she's already complaining that the break is too long," Hardy said.

"I just try and do as much stuff as I can do through the school," added Wood. "It gives me something to look forward to."

On the court, Wood and the Lady Vikings are giving their supporters something to look forward to — a possible fifth straight Canyon Conference championship and a state tournament run.

—Eric Larsen

## Salary

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lawyers to communicate with the agents representing free-agent players.

The existence of the memo was reported Tuesday by ESPN.com, and a copy was obtained by the AP.

A year ago, the union asked agents to keep detailed records of negotiations, and on Jan. 23 it filed a request for management documents.

"They met with us," Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, said Tuesday. "Absent their coming forward with some demonstrable evidence, we were of the sincere belief that there has been and will be no violation of the collective bargaining agreement."

Baseball's labor contract prohibits teams from acting in concert with regard to free agents. Arbitrators found the teams violated that provision following the 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons, and the sides settled the cases for \$280 million.

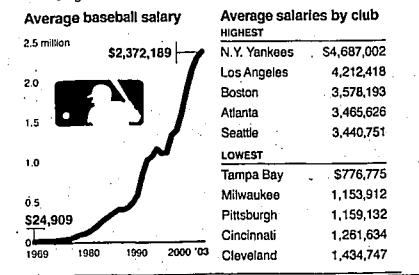
Since 1990, the collective bargaining agreement has contained a provision for triple damages.

"It continues to be disappointing that the union fails to recognize a robust market when it sees one," DuPuy said. "There is absolutely no evidence or suggestion that there has been any improper communication among clubs."

As for 2003, the New York Yankees had the highest average salary for the fifth straight season, finishing at \$4,687,002.

### Baseball salaries continue to climb

The New York Yankees continue to pay the most for their players, an average of over \$3.9 million more than the Devil Rays.



Average baseball salary	Average salaries by club
2.5 million	HIGHEST
2.0	N.Y. Yankees \$4,687,002
1.5	Los Angeles 4,212,418
1.0	Boston 3,578,193
0.5	Atlanta 3,465,626
0	Seattle 3,440,751
	LOWEST
	Tampa Bay \$776,775
	Milwaukee 1,153,912
	Pittsburgh 1,159,132
	Cincinnati 1,261,634
	Cleveland 1,434,747

SOURCES: Major League Baseball Players Association; Associated Press

Los Angeles was next at \$3.6 million, followed by Boston (\$3.5 million), Atlanta (\$3.5 million), Seattle (\$3.4 million), the New York Mets and San Francisco (\$3.1 million each) and the Chicago Cubs (\$3 million).

Florida, which beat the Yankees in the World Series, was 19th at \$1.9 million, up from 24th in 2002.

Tampa Bay was last for the second straight season at \$776,775, the lowest in the major leagues since the 2000 Minnesota Twins finished at \$601,680.

Final management calculations, which are slightly different, are not yet available.

First basemen were the highest-paid players at an average of \$5.2 million, followed by outfielders (\$4.9 million), shortstops (\$4.2 million), catchers (\$3.7 million), starting pitchers (\$3.3 million), second basemen (\$2.7 million), third basemen (\$2.6 million) and relief pitchers (\$1.6 million).



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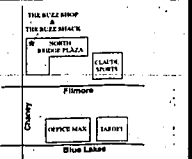
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## THEY'RE CRAFTY



Danny Phillips shows an ornament that represents Twin Falls High School on the 2003 Capitol Holiday Tree. The ornaments were created by two of Lelle Poppleton's classes. Her career and personal development class made sockeye salmon ornaments out of aluminum and copper wire and beads.



Heather Worth, who is a student with the Hungry Bear student-run restaurant, made bears out of wire and beads. A total of 33 ornaments from Twin Falls High School will adorn the Capitol Holiday Tree.

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Physicians-help-program touch lives of children

The Twin Falls County Explorers, the Beat The Heat program and I would like to thank Dr. Scott Rudeen and the Physicians Immediate Care Center for making the 2003 season possible. The Beat The Heat Program is a "Cops and Kids" oriented program which brings the young people together with the law enforcement officers who are there to help them. It gives both groups an opportunity to closely interact, so that each can learn from the other. With the help from Dr. Rudeen, this program has touched the lives of hundreds of kids and adults in our community. Once again, I want to say thank you to Dr. Rudeen and the Physicians Immediate Care Center for making this program possible. DEPUTY MATTHEW E. EDEN  
Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department  
Twin Falls

### 'Messiah' performance was magnificent holiday gift

The performance of "The Messiah" was magnificent! The Magic Valley Chorale Board of Directors want to thank our director, Joe Casperino; and accompanist, Sue Miller; the Chamber Orchestra; the talented soloists; Kimberly High School Choir; and the dedicated chorale members who spent hours in rehearsal to present an inspiring rendition of Handel's famous oratorio.

The stage was seasonally decorated with poinsettias from Mountain States Plants.

Thanks for the media coverage from *The Times-News* and other area newspapers, radio and television stations and those businesses who printed and displayed our posters and advertised this concert on their sign boards. We very much appreciate the continued support of the College of Southern Idaho and the use of its facility and for sponsor, donor and patron support that makes our concerts possible.

We performed to an appreciative audience as we were reminded of the true meaning of Christmas through this great music.

PHYLLIS LEWIN  
Secretary  
Magic Valley Chorale  
Twin Falls

### Staff members appreciate Christmas party and setting

On behalf of the Pathology Department and the Clinical Laboratory Department at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, I would like to thank Randy and his incredible staff at the Garden Cafe in Twin Falls.

We experienced our holiday party at the Garden Cafe on Dec. 16 and it was perfect! The setting was elegant, the food superb and the assortment of cheesecakes exquisite.

I want Twin Falls to realize what a fantastic restaurant we have. If you have never taken the opportunity to dine at the Garden Cafe, you need to go in and enjoy. You will not be disappointed.

Thanks, Randy and staff, you really know how to put on a party! Also, thanks to our four pathologists, Drs. John Gray, Mike Gray, Kirk Peterson and Jane Bennett-Munro - a great group of doctors

to work for!

ARDELE HANSON  
ARLENE SCHMIDT  
Twin Falls

### Community supports benefit for East End Providers

The MJD Action Committee would like to thank everyone who supported and participated in any way in the East End Providers benefit - pool, silent auction, potato/salad bar, Hansen Community Christmas Tree lighting, raffle.

Our appreciation to Smith's, Albertson's, Watson's Distributing, Magic Valley Coors, Pepsi, Independent Meat, Costco, Hansen Market, Moore's, Rock Creek General Store, Foot Hills Cafe, Treasure Valley Coffee, Consider the Lily Home Style Direct, Leslie's, Maxie's, ADM Bean, Go-Fast, Casey's Hair Palace, Town Tavern, Rock Creek Metal Works, Wells Fargo, Kimberly Kut & Kurl, HairTech, Burks Tractor, Gem Equipment, D.L. Evans, Agrilience, Gift Barn, Jessie's Ceramics, D&T Automotive, Matt's Pro Care, Rainbow Bar, Pioneer Club, Pocket, Shawn and Stephanie Kechter, Alan Hawker, Ron and Alyse Lemko, South Hills Saloon, Dennis Coulter, Hansen High School Honor Society, Kelly Verway/Don's Mini-Train, Cliff and Margo Sharp, Jack Dixon, Tawny and Amanda Wosten, Art Jones, Hansen Fire Department, Head Start singers.

Thank you again, happy holidays.

LINDA MORRILL  
JONI STANGHER  
Co-chairmen  
MJD Action Committee  
East End Providers  
Hansen

### Hospital reports successful Festival of Trees

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation's Festival of Trees was the most successful ever. Businesses, individuals and volunteers helped raise money for the Women's Health Fund and Magic Valley Quick Response units.

Thanks to our local volunteers and those who purchased items.

First Federal; Money Tree; Idaho Nephrology Association; Regenco BlueShield; Wolverson Homes; Norco Medical; Physician Center; Action Cycles/Sheels; Cain's; Mel Quale's; WazKart; Samuels' Jewelers Sportsman's Warehouse; Wal-Mart; Precision Vinyl; Bridgeview; Alterra Wynwood; Sunbridge Care/Rehabilitation; Mountain View Care Center; Knack Special Effects; Hammack Management; Sunstations; Fine Things in Wool; Morgan's Fine Finishes; Lynwood Shopping Center; Heritage Retirement Center; Woodstone; Ivin Falls Care Center; Fred Meyer; Inkley's; TideFact; Benoit; Alexander; Harwood; High & Butler; "Braces R Us" (Dr. Troy Williams); United Dairyman of Idaho; Gary Depot; Campbell Electric; Gary Driesel; Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Creative Carpentry; U-Haul; United Oil; Twin Falls Lions Club; BelkinsFord Transfer; Western Waste Signs Now; Gold's Gym.

LARRY BAXTER  
Executive Director  
MERRILL HUETHEER  
Events Coordinator  
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation

### Twin Falls Woman appreciates support for rodeo queen sponsors

An immeasurable thank you to my fabulous sponsors for their support in the sport of rodeo queen competition for the year 2003. A heartfelt thank you to all of the following who helped me with a dream:

Vicki's Country Garden, Simon's Dry Cleaners, Clegg's Service 'N' Repair, K&R Rental, Anderson Farms Inc., Mobile Drug Screening, Magic Valley Sand & Gravel, Xerox, Dennis Peterson, Paula Jameson, Iov (MRT), Coordinator, Mountain Manor Bed & Breakfast, 2020 Produce, Robert and Mark Williams, Becky Ann Cafe, The Hub, Evergreen Nursery, Private Custom Cabinets, Dan's Audio-Video, Carleen's Fabrics & Crafts, Berkeley Construction, Rain for Rent, Morrell's Eggs, Connor's Cafe, Wilco Transport, Roy's Machinery, All About You, Westend Stables, Meadowsweet Ranch.

Thank you again,  
ANGELA SLACK  
Rupert

### New ISU grad thanks school, staff members

I recently graduated from the Idaho State University teacher's program and would like to extend my gratitude to those who supported me.

I completed my internship at Robert Stuart, Junior High with Mrs. Robinson and her seventh graders. I learned what it takes to be an exceptional teacher from one of the best. The staff and principal, Mr. Ainsworth, work hard to meet the needs of all their students, and because of this, I truly believe in the importance of working as a team to be successful. I truly takes a village to raise a child, and I witnessed this in my experience at Robert Stuart Junior High School.

Thank you to my ISU instructors and the teacher's program.  
HERMIE MCFARLAND  
Twin Falls

### Many people help with annual Toys for Tots drive

Sprint PCS would like to thank the following for helping with the Toys for Tots program Dec. 13:

Staff Sgt. Todd Schroeder and Cpl. Armando Bernal from Charlie Company 4th Tank Battalion, Twin Falls Fire Chief Ron Clark, Battalion Chief Gary Earl, Capt. Ron Achire, Firefighters Rod Dixon, Matt Bayless and Jason Keller, Idaho State Police Lt. Rob Storm, Sgt. Doug McFall and Trooper Richard Dennis.

Also, thanks to medics Aaron Hudson and Barb Porter for their generous and heartfelt support. Finally, the people of the Magic Valley that donated deserve the biggest thanks for taking the time to answer the tug on your hearts to provide local area children with the chance to have at least one gift to open this Christmas. Your unselfish actions are truly a reflection of what this season is really all about and a testament to how great southern Idaho's people are. Merry Christmas!  
CHRIS R. BRATT  
Sprint PCS  
Twin Falls

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CSI paramedic program accepts applications

TWIN FALLS - Students who would like to enroll in the College of Southern Idaho paramedic program beginning Jan. 20 are encouraged to apply while there are still spaces in the program, according to program manager Gordon Kokx.

To be accepted, students must have earned their Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B) certificate. There are also English, math and biology competencies that Kokx will discuss with those who inquire.

The program consists of lectures, labs, hospital clinicals and a field internship. Students can choose between earning an advanced technical certificate or an associate's of applied science degree. Upon completion of the course, students take the

registry paramedic exam. Passing certifies them for paramedic work in most states.

The three-semester program will begin with the spring 2004 semester at CSI.

The CSI paramedic program follows the 1998 National Standard Paramedic Curriculum objectives, making CSI graduates among the best prepared in the industry, Kokx said. He also said there are excellent job opportunities upon completion and certification.

Those interested in applying are encouraged to inquire by visiting the program Web site at <http://www.csi.edu/paramedia> and by e-mail at [gkokx@csi.edu](mailto:gkokx@csi.edu).

### Buttons and Bows holds New Year's Eve dance

TWIN FALLS - Buttons and Bows will hold its New Year's Eve

dance from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Moose Lodge on Falls Avenue in Twin Falls.

Squares begin at 9 p.m. and each person is asked to bring a finger food.

The cost is \$8 per couple or \$4 person. Anyone who can square dance is invited. For more information, call 324-3080.

### Jerome Recreation District announces holiday schedule

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln St., announced its open gym schedule for the holidays.

For more information, call 324-3389.

Seniors open gym: 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 29-31 and Jan. 2

Adult open gym: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 30-31 and Jan. 2

Youth open gym: 1:30 p.m. Dec. 27, Dec. 29-31, Jan. 2-3.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Twin Falls resident places first writing contest

Shaye Littleton of Twin Falls won first place in a Christmas story contest sponsored by the Brainerd Dispatch newspaper in Brainerd, Minn.

Her story, "Will You Share Your Light?" earned her a \$50 prize and was printed in the newspaper. Her parents are Casey and Candy Clements of Twin Falls. Littleton, 18, is a 2002 graduate of Magic Valley High School and

plans to attend beauty school in Twin Falls starting in January.

### University of Idaho awards honor students for excellence

The University of Idaho Alumni Association presented awards for excellence to the top 55 seniors, law and graduate students.

The students were nominated by faculty or staff for their academic excellence, then honoring in their activities, were selected by a committee of faculty, staff and Alumni Association members.

They represent the top 10 percent of students in their discipline with grade point averages exceeding 3.85.

Area winners and their majors are:

Burley - Jerri Jo Burger, Agribusiness

Ketchum - Sarah Fisher, Counseling and School Psychology

Rupert - Jeremy Higley, Food Science

Twin Falls - Joshua Cillee, History and English

## SANTA'S HELPERS



The Twin Falls Optimist club again sponsored the Dennis Conrad Memorial Christmas Party for the East End Head Start on Dec. 5 in Kimberly. Members and others who helped in the event are, from left, front row: Dennis Fuller, Midge Fisher, Donna Bohm, Travis Volk, Chef Harry Estop and Chef Tony Lantz; middle row: Danae Kilmas, Krista Kuhnank, Sue McLellan and Sandy Flora; back row: Don Bohm, Susan Beck, Brent Evans and Jerry Wilson.

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CHRISTMAS MOVIE STILL GRABS HEARTS

The Christmas past, present and future of 'A Christmas Story'

LOS ANGELES - The phrase "You'll shoot your eye out!" has become as synonymous with the Christmas season as Scrooge's "Bah, humbug!" and Santa's "Ho, ho, ho!"

For 20 years, this warning has defined the holidays for doe-eyed 9-year-old Ralphie Parker in the movie "A Christmas Story" as his mother, his teacher - and even Kris Kringle - reject his plea for one particular Christmas present.

That would be, in his words, an official Red Ryder carbine-action, 200-shot, range-model air rifle with a compass in the stock "and this thing that tells time."

"It catches the truth," said director Bob Clark, who spent 14 years trying to make the film. "It's about the American sense that there is something great in our country, and Ralphie is to get that BB gun with a compass in the stock."

Over the years, the modest little movie has grown into a Yuletide perennial and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year with a new DVD, featuring remastered scenes and the now grown-up star Peter Billingsley.

The sixth annual marathon broadcast of the movie on the TNT cable channel aired on Christmas Eve. TNT started its 12 around-the-clock showings as a stunt in 1988, but popular demand turned it into a tradition.

"Probably about 10 years ago, when it started getting mentioned in the same breath as 'It's a Wonderful Life' - and people weren't disagreeing with that - that's when I realized, 'Wow, this thing might be around for a really long while,'" said Billingsley, now 32.

The truth is: "A Christmas Story" didn't start out as a Christmas story. The series of vignettes in the 94-minute film - war with the velvet-clothed school bully, the Old Man's floating over a garish "leg lamp" in a fishnet stocking, the triple-dog dare of sticking your tongue to a frozen flagpole - were short stories from radio storyteller Jean Shepherd's 1966 collected "In God We Trust: All Other Days Cash."

Among them was the tale about Ralphie wanting a BB gun for Christmas, which became the centerpiece of the movie. While driving to a girlfriend's house in 1968, director Clark said he became enthralled with one of Shepherd's fireplace-crazed radio narrations. Clark repeatedly drove around the block - keeping his unknown date waiting - while Shepherd finished the story.

For the next 14 years, Clark tried to persuade a studio to finance a film based on the stories of Shepherd, who died in 1999 at 78. But nobody in Hollywood was interested. Then, when his rowdy 1981 sex comedy "Porkey's" collected a whopping \$105 million, the writer-director had some industry credit - and got the green light.

bike," Billingsley said.

Actor: Darren McGavin. Character: The Old Man. Best line: Mispronouncing the word "fragile" on a big, wooden box: "Frah-JEE-Lay... It must be Italian!"

Bio: The veteran of stage, screen and television is best known as the supernatural investigator in TV's "Kolchak: The Night Stalker," and had a recurring role on "Murphy Brown" as Candice Bergen's father. He played a bookie in "The Natural," and was a drug dealer opposite Frank Sinatra in "The Man With the Golden Arm." Daughter Griemmi Bridget McGavin said he suffered a stroke a few years ago and still has trouble speaking. She is producing a documentary about his life.

Actor: Melinda Dillon. Character: Mother. Best line: The classic mother-BB gun block - "No, you'll shoot your eye out!"

Bio: She has a long history of playing worried moms in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "HARRY and the Hendersons," and "Magnolia." She played a matriarch this year as Grand Chandelier in "A Painted House," the TV movie based on author John Grisham's novel.

Actor: Ian Petrella. Character: Randy, Ralphie's little brother. Best line: After mother bundles him in a too-thick snowsuit: "I can't put my arms down!"

Bio: Petrella quit acting after a small role in 1984's "Crimes of Passion" and a brief guest role on the TV sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes" in 1986. He now lives in San Francisco, where he works in local theater as a puppeteer. As for "A Christmas Story," he



The cast of the holiday classic film 'A Christmas Story' from left, R.D. Robb, Ian Petrella, Peter Billingsley, director Bob Clark, Scott Schwartz and Zack Ward celebrate the film's 20th anniversary special edition DVD release at the ArcLight Hollywood Theater in Los Angeles.

remembers the three days it took to film the dinner scene where he had to eat "like a piggie." "I think I got sick afterward."

Actor: Scott Schwartz. Character: Flick, Ralphie's friend. Best line: With increasing panic - "Thuck. Thuck! 'THUUCK!! AAaaaaaahhh!"

Bio: The kid who got his tongue stuck on a pole left mainstream acting for porn films in the late 1990s. "I did what I did," he said of his X-rated past. "Now I'm married and gonna work on a

family son. Did I break any laws? Did I go to jail? Nothing." He currently works with his father at Baseball Cards and Movie Collectibles Etc. in suburban Los Angeles. He said he's still very proud of "A Christmas Story." "People say, 'If you could trade, would you make, like, 'E.T.' or would you still make 'A Christmas Story?' I'll take 'A Christmas Story.'"

Actor: R.D. Robb. Character: Schwartz. Best line: "I TRIPLE dog-dare you!" Bio: Robb has had small roles

as Marcia's boyfriend in the spoof "The Brady Bunch Movie" and the 1996 kiddie-flick "Mathilda." He directed a movie, "2003's 'Don's Plum,' that featured Toby Maguire and Leonardo DiCaprio. The stars agreed to appear in the improvised, black-and-white film as a favor, then balked when he tried to release it and successfully sued to block its distribution in the United States.

Robb recently served as a producer on the upcoming sci-fi thriller "One Point O."

Best line: Taunting Ralphie before getting his comeuppance, "Come on, crybaby, cry for me!"

Bio: Ward played the troublesome brother on the sitcom "Futus" and had roles in "Almost Famous," "Freddy vs. Jason," the upcoming "Resident Evil: Apocalypse." Now full of pride over "A Christmas Story," he once found it embarrassing when his career was struggling. "I thought it," he said, "A fan would say, 'We love you, we watch it every single year ... And I'd have to say, 'Thanks ... Would you like french fries or salad with your burger?'"

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CHANNELS BROADCAST OUTSIDE TWIN FALLS CANNOT BE RECEIVED IN SOME AREAS. Includes logos for KETCHUM, SUN VALLEY, DUNE, PROJECT, TETON/WIRELESS, and CHESTER AVAILABLE WITHOUT CABLE.



MORNING BREAK

Santa gets good reception in one house

DEAR ABBY: One day when my son was 8, he came home from school and announced, "Mommy, I know there's no Santa Claus!" The day I had dreaded was finally here.



DEAR ABBY: Abigail VanBuren

I looked him straight in the eye and, not knowing what else to say, said, "If you don't believe, you won't receive, now do you believe in Santa Claus?" "Yes," he said.

phone because the battery had run down. He had left the keys to his rental car in mine and had to get to work.

I ran back to the counter to book a later flight, but since I had already checked my luggage, it was impossible.

I had \$1 in change in my pocket. I called the car rental company from a pay-phone and they gave me the runaround.

When I handed the woman her phone, she said, "Now, call your boyfriend." I'll never forget her sympathy and generosity.

If she reads this, she'll know who she is. Thank you - and God bless you for your kindness!

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Low-carb eating: Find out why it's still in vogue. Read the Food section on this Wednesday.

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In 1655, Jamaica was a Spanish island. The British attacked. A family housekeeper fled, taking the youngest daughter and an old recipe for coffee liqueur, which the family later named in the woman's honor.

Revisited L.M. Boyd



Making them was a little more complicated than most knew. They were boiled and baked. A good economic indicator is the redemption rate at pawn shops.

Sagittarius: Children may be challenging

IF DECEMBER 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are talented and ambitious and your individuality is of utmost importance to you. Never pompous or pretentious, you nevertheless insist on the best from yourself and from others.

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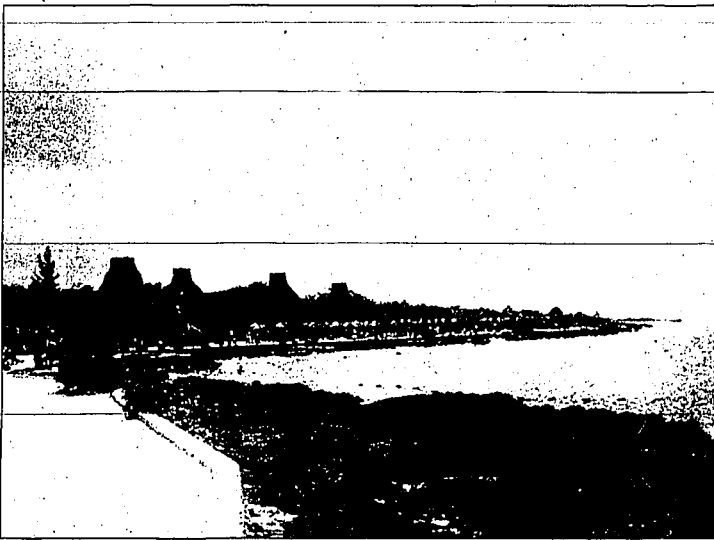
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Chankabab Bay at Cozumel, Mexico.

## Cozumel offers beautiful sights

Oh, Mexico. The Yucatan Peninsula is a great place to be in the winter-time. On your next visit to Mexico, don't miss the chance to visit the beautiful island of Cozumel.

Cozumel, also known as the Island of the Swallows, is the largest of three islands off the east coast of Quintana Roo. You can get there via a ferry that operates out of the laid back town of Playa Del Carmen, 40 miles south of Cancun. Your ferry ride from Playa Del Carmen to Cozumel will take between 30 and 45 minutes.

Upon arrival to this beautiful island, your adventure opportunities are endless. Underwater sightseeing is the most popular activity on the island. There are many dive shops and diving instructors who will be eager to assist you.

Divers can find plentiful opportunities for fun at more than 25 diving sites around the island. Caves and crevices line the



**BUENAS VISTAS**  
Karla Barnes

shores, and a nearby shipwreck and plane wreck offer fun explorations, too.

Night dives also are popular and give divers the chance to see things from a unique perspective and spot different species of marine life. Divers and snorkelers alike will enjoy the national park at Chankabab Bay. This attractive, clear-blue natural aquarium is home to infinite varieties of fish and sea life.

A picturesque, white sandy beach lines the bay and offers sunbathers a nice place to relax and enjoy the warm ocean breezes and sunny skies of Mexico.

Those in the mood for a stroll can take in the botanical gardens located within the park. The gardens are home to a multitude of fabulous plants and flowers, as well as endless varieties of beautiful birds.

Strike through the park you will see iguana skittering about. These iguanas can grow to more than five-feet long, but chances are you will see two- to three-footers. Chankabab Bay National Park is one of my favorite spots on the island and should not be missed.

The island of Cozumel is host to only one town—the city of San Miguel. The locals here offer warm hospitality to the 50,000 residents and visitors.

Shopping is a popular pastime in Mexico, and Cozumel won't disappoint you. The island is known for its unique Pre-Columbian reproductions and specializes in black coral jewelry. Be sure to shop early in the day. When we visited the stores downtown, many locals were in the

midst of an afternoon siesta. Mayan legend tells that throughout history Mayan women have come to Cozumel seeking help from the goddess of fertility, Ixchel. Many Mayan ruins remain on the island awaiting your exploration.

Other historical travelers from the past include Juan DeGrijalva in 1517. He was the first Spaniard to visit the island. He was soon followed by Hernan Cortes, who used the island as a base for military operations. During the 17th century, the island was used by English pirates as a refuge for their buccaneers.

With its colorful past, world-class diving and moderate year-round temperatures, Cozumel draws thousands of visitors to its shores each year. Plan a visit soon. Paradise awaits you.

Karla Barnes of Burlington and her husband are frequent visitors to Mexico.

## Mexican cathedral nears completion after 106 years

By Kevin Sullivan  
The Washington Post

ZAMORA, Mexico—On a festive February day in 1898, workers laid the cornerstone for the Sanctuary of the Virgin of Guadalupe, boasting that their little straw-berry-growing town in central Mexico would soon be home to a towering neo-Gothic cathedral, to rival Europe's largest and grandest churches.

Nearly 106 years later workmen are still cutting stone and hauling mortar, saying that within two years they will finally finish a project that has soared and suffered through a century of Mexico's tumultuous relationship with the Roman Catholic Church.

"Mexico's history is right here," said the Rev. Raul Ventura Navarro, watching workmen craft twin spires rising 345 feet, just higher than the spires of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York and slightly lower than the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

The "incomplete cathedral," as the church is known, has endured revolution and war, neglect and abandonment and decades as a garage for garbage trucks. Now, in a new era of cooperation between the Mexican government and the Catholic church, the massive cathedral is open for worship and nearing completion.

"This is something we all want," said Heriberto Rios, 70, sitting on a

bench in Zamora, in Michoacan state about 85 miles southeast of Guadalajara, watching workers high on the scaffolding. "For years and years, nothing happened. But now the government has given it back to whom it belongs."

Construction began during the long reign of dictator Porfirio Diaz. It was halted in 1914 when the Mexican revolution rolled through town, riding an angry backlash against Diaz and the church.

For decades, rebels and then government soldiers used the hulking, roofless edifice as a barracks, stable and garbage dump. Their government, an authoritarian one-party juggernaut, ruled the country for 71 years and set out to create a society free from repression, first by Spanish conquistadors, later by Diaz, and always, they said, by a Catholic church with too much power.

The government's control and domination of the church led to the Cristero War of the 1920s, an armed uprising by Catholics against persecution. And once again the Zamora church became a key battleground.

"They say they executed them here," Ventura said, pointing to a wall filled with bullet holes near the church's altar. He said the spot was where, according to local history, government soldiers lined up Catholic fighters and shot them. He said the wall would be preserved as a memorial to "what the past was like in Mexico."

## RIGHT ON TIME



Jennifer Lopez arrives at a screening of the film 'Paycheck,' which stars Ben Affleck, at Grauman's Chinese Theater in Los Angeles Dec. 18.

## Latin American leaders struggle with economic realities

By Alan Clendenning  
Associated Press Writer

SAO PAULO, Brazil—A new crop of Latin American leaders ushered in 2003 with populist rhetoric and pledges to boost living standards for the continent's countless have-nots, prompting investor fears of a regionwide economic meltdown.

By year's end, Bolivia's president had been ousted in a bloody rebellion, but Brazil's first elected leftist leader morphed into a Wall Street darling while maintaining strong domestic support.

Venezuela's Hugo Chavez defied huge protests seeking his resignation. The president of Ecuador and Peru, however, faced plunging popularity as they failed to boost employment and reduce poverty.

Many poor Latin Americans were no better off by the end of 2003. In most countries from Colombia in the north to Argentina in the south, economies stagnated, at best.

"You have populists with the same old problems, and no progress on growth and inequality," said Carol Graham, a Latin America expert and fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington. "Latin America has had a bad couple of years, and people are frustrated."

In Mexico, the peso hit record lows recently as the country's fractured Congress split over how to raise money for a tight budget. Foreign investment slowed, while money from Mexicans working abroad became the country's biggest source of foreign income after oil.

But skittish investors who sent billions to safe harbor outside South America in 2002 trickled back in search of bargains when they saw the region avoid a big political turn to the left. They also bet that South America's top economies—Brazil and Argentina—had hit bottom and were poised for a turnaround.

## Vida Latina

It was a big change from early 2003. When former union firebrand Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva became Brazil's president in January, he spent his first day in office having breakfast with Chavez and dinner with Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

But a new leftist alliance in Latin America—Chavez called it the "Axis of Good"—never materialized.

With fanfare, Silva launched his "Zero Hunger" program to feed 40 million Brazilians who get by on less than \$1 a day, but he shied from any other big spending.

Silva's popularity slipped as Brazil slid into a recession and unemployment rose to 13 percent, but polls showed he still had 70 percent support in December.

Most voters in Latin America gave their leaders extended honeymoon, but that could end if economic conditions don't improve in the new year, said Felipe Nogueira, a political consultant and pollster in Buenos Aires.

"I think that we're in a phase where this populism from the left has taken over and has not come up with the goods yet," Nogueira said. Latin America's leaders "are living right now on the benefit of the doubt, but the next election cycles will be their real test."

In impoverished Bolivia, people didn't wait for millionaire president Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada to fulfill promises to launch a public works program and create jobs. His plan to export natural gas from Bolivia's huge reserves generated protests that left 70 people

dead. He resigned in October and went into exile in the United States only 14 months after taking office.

Venezuela's Chavez seemed on the verge of ouster last January during weeks of general strikes. Thousands of businesses shut down and hundreds of thousands lost their jobs.

But strike leaders fled into exile when Chavez used the protests as a pretext to fire 18,000 dissident oil workers and seize control of the state-owned oil monopoly. He turned it into a cash cow for his "Bolivarian revolution" for the nation's majority poor, named after

Simon Bolivar, the 19th-century South American liberator.

Social spending, including boom, and with it Chavez's popularity. However, he faced a fresh opposition campaign for a presidential recall referendum next year—a reflection of frustration over 20 percent unemployment, 25 percent inflation and high crime.

Argentina's new president, Nestor Kirchner, had popularity ratings above 75 percent after taking office in May with just 22 percent of the vote, the lowest in Argentine history.

The 53-year-old president, dubbed "Hurricane K," won over Argentines by purging leaders of the corruption-riddled police force, overhauling the military brass and ousting officials with links to Argentina's 1976-83 military dictatorship.

Having taken over a country

gripped by ferocious recession, the Kirchner government projected 5.5 percent growth for 2003.

Even Colombia, historically South America's most volatile and dangerous country, showed signs of stability. Despite a referendum loss that robbed him of funding, President Alvaro Uribe still waged war on two leftist rebel groups while negotiating the demobilization of rightist paramilitary groups that emerged in the 1980s to combat the rebels.

Democracy continued to take root across the region. Though fitful at times, every country in the region could boost some form of representative democracy except Cuba, which arrested 75 dissidents in May and sentenced them to long prison terms.

In Guatemala, former dictator Rios Montt tried to make a comeback via the ballot box but failed.

Experts warned that Bolivia's upheaval was a reminder of how politics in South America can suddenly spiral out of control.

Bolivian protesters simply "didn't want to wait to vote their president out in the next election," said Stephen Haber, a Latin America expert at Stanford University's Hoover Institution in California.

"The only remedy, Haber said, is for politicians to deliver on promises to reduce poverty.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Many businesses will be closed today

**TWIN FALLS** - Many offices, agencies and places of business will be closed today for Christmas. Here's a list of what's closed:

- City, county, state and federal offices will be closed.
- Banks will be closed.
- The Twin-Falls Public Library will be closed.
- The YMCA/Twin Falls Municipal Swimming Pool will be closed.
- The U.S. Post Office will be closed.
- The Magic Valley Mall will be closed.
- Major grocery stores, including Albertson's, Smith's, Swenmatt and Swensens, will be closed.

### Twin Fall residents can recycle Christmas trees

**TWIN FALLS** - Residents of the city of Twin Falls can participate in the ongoing waste reduction program by having their Christmas trees chipped.

The program will be conducted by the city of Twin Falls Street Department. Trees will be chipped into mulch in the interest of environmentally sound waste management. The program helps reduce waste ordinarily deposited in a landfill.

Trees need to have all ornaments, wire, lights and plastic bags removed.

The drop-off site is on Sixth Avenue West, east of the animal shelter. It will be open from Dec. 26 through Jan. 19.

For more information, call Sherry Jeff, information inspector, at 735-7264.

### Annual groundwater auditing begins Tuesday

**TWIN FALLS** - State water managers serving groundwater users in the Magic Valley will begin reading flow meters from wells used by commercial and irrigation water users next week.

Readings will begin Tuesday. They are done to secure year-end meter readings used to audit annual water use reports submitted by water users, the Idaho Department of Water Resources said.

About 300 commercial flow meters maintained by water users within Water District 130 and the West Water Measurement District will be checked.

These meters are installed primarily on dairy or other commercial wells in Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls and Cassia counties.

Irrigation flow meters in all three districts also will be checked as needed, officials said.

It is expected that the measurement effort for commercial wells will take about one week. Checks on irrigation wells may continue through January.

Water users with questions or who do not receive a reporting form can contact Cindy Yenter or Corbin Knowles at the Idaho Department of Water Resources office in Twin Falls at 736-3033.

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### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	94%	35%
Salmon Falls	98%	34%
Selmon	91%	32%
Oakley	94%	31%
Big Wood	83%	30%
Little Wood	97%	32%
Henry Fork/Teton	108%	38%
Big Lost	98%	33%
Little Lost	80%	28%

As of Dec. 24

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

# Officials focus on downer cows

The Times-News and The Associated Press

## Tracing the Holstein - A1 Beef tonight? - C2

**TWIN FALLS** - The ability of dairymen and cattle producers to send sick or injured animals to slaughter shouldn't be taken away as a result of the apparent discovery of the first case of mad cow disease in the United States, Idaho's state veterinarian says.

But the discovery is prompting some members of Congress to once again push for legislation to keep meat from "downer" animals off of American kitchen tables. Such a measure was scuttled

for the second time in as many years as Congress labored unsuccessfully earlier this month to pass a catch-all agency spending bill.

Now, the author of the House version of the cattle provision wants to "press the issue" anew when Congress returns Jan. 20 from its winter recess. A day after the government announced the first apparent case of mad cow disease in the United States - in a

downed animal - lawmakers and interest groups on both sides of the issue said they had been vindicated.

"I said on the floor of the House that you will rue the day that because of the greed of the industry to make a few extra pennies from 130,000 head, the industry would sacrifice the safety of the American people," said Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y., chief House sponsor. "It's so proud foolish."

The USDA estimates that 130,000 downed animals that are too injured or sick to stand or

walk unassisted are slaughtered every year. Dairymen and cattle producers in Idaho are among those who send such animals to slaughter.

Idaho State Veterinarian Clarence Siroky said he doesn't want to see shutdown of "downer" cow processing plants. That's because animals are inspected closely in those plants, and it's the best way to watch for the presence of mad cow disease.

"That is how we are able to look for the disease," he said. "When those animals are presented, we're able to take sam-

ples and send them in. How else am I going to look for the disease?"

Idaho Cattle Association President Cevin Jones of Hazelton, who runs InterMountain Beef Producers, said the packing plant he deals with won't accept downed animals. But those plants that do take them are inspected closely.

"This might be something we need to take a look at, to make sure we have sufficient protocols in place to keep the food supply safe from any animals in those

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# GIFTS GALORE



Amanda Stone, 12, right, a resident at Valley House, and her friend Brooks Azollini, 9, look at a new pair of shoes Amanda received as a gift in Twin Falls Wednesday. Various groups donated gifts for the kids at the homeless shelter and Cactus Potes Casino gave food and desserts.

## Homeless find warmth this Christmas

By Karln Kowalski  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Gail Cederlund's Christmas presents came all the way from Oregon - her grandson who she hadn't seen since August.

Cederlund lives at the Valley House Homeless Shelter in Twin Falls and has multiple sclerosis.

"I've got my best medicine right here," she said as she ran her fingers through her grandson's hair. Cederlund and her husband are getting back on their feet after he was unemployed for a year and a half. He found work within a week after they moved to Twin Falls from Oregon.

The party was loud and joyful Wednesday for the shelter's residents of all ages.

Santa Claus came to pass out gifts to the children in addition to the gifts piled under the tree and lining the wall.

Different churches and organizations sponsored presents for the 28 people in the shelter, 15 of whom are children, and Cactus Potes brought a banquet dinner.

"I am so amazed at the community response, especially for

the children here." Program Director Kathy Blamires said.

Christine Stone said the presents were overwhelming and great for the children.

Her daughter, Amanda, 12, screamed as she opened one of her presents - a pair of shoes.

"I actually didn't expect a big Christmas at all because of where we are," Amanda said.

The shelter has had a Christmas party every year since

it opened at the location on Addison Avenue West in 1995.

Blamires said the shelter had 132 people stay there this year for an average of 137 days in the complex that includes a main house and nine cottages. The majority of the people are part of families with young children. Clients are referred to the shelter from the South Central Community Action Partnership.

Amanda Otis brought her son to visit Cederlund and enjoy the Christmas party.

"I think it's very nice, very loving," she said. "More people should open their hearts, not only at Christmas time, but all year long."

EDEN - Like young people in other small towns, teenagers here have been known to say there is nothing for them to do. There is no video arcade or skating rink or movie theater.

But Jaque Law, 16-year-old Valley High School junior, defies the "nothing to do" complaint.

Law spearheaded a campaign to collect, sort and distribute thousands of items donated by students at Valley School.

Law's school project, in conjunction with Future Career and Community Leaders of America, has kept her and several other students, friends and family members busy sorting and decorating the gift bags for several weeks.

Linda Brock, family and consumer sciences teacher and FCCLA adviser, said the project involved several phases and got the whole school involved.

After gaining permission from faculty members and other school officials for her project, Law went to every elementary class and talked to the students, telling them about poverty in other countries and about needs in the Magic Valley. Law was at first planning to help children in other lands with her project.

"It was brought to my attention that there are a lot of kids locally who need help," she said.

She placed boxes and collection jars in each classroom.

"She assigned each elementary class a country. The elementary age children made posters representing that country with facts about poverty. The posters had an emblem that Law designed.

"It had kids holding hands. I called it Project Kids 2 Kids: Saving the World One Child at a Time."

She made giving into a game. Two winners from each classroom received candy bar prizes.

The second phase of the project kicked off with an assembly attended by students from the entire school. It included a candlelight ceremony and a song performed by a pianist, a violinist, Law and another vocalist. She then presented a slide show of starving children in countries around the world from pictures she had gleaned from the Internet.

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## Tradition brings cheer to community

By J. Drew Johnson  
Times-News correspondent

**ALBION** - The voices of members of the Albion Valley Singers joined together again Tuesday night, as they do each Christmas week, to bring cheer to some residents of this small Cassia County community.

For 25 years the Albion Valley Singers have traveled the city's streets and shared the Christmas spirit by singing carols. Members meet at the Albion Grange Hall to plan their caroling route. They try to visit people who are alone for the holiday or who might need a reminder that others care about them, especially during the Christmas season. Once they finish their holiday rounds, they return to the Grange Hall for a potluck dinner.

Members represent several

religious faiths and multiple generations and anyone is welcome to join the fun.

The current version of the caroling project evolved from a previous incarnation of the Albion Valley Singers, Sue Keller said.

That group originally sang Christmas songs in staged performances, but with declining attendance, its focus shifted to caroling around town.

The caroling tradition stirs great passion among many Albion families, including Mary and Keith Amende. The couple has four daughters who join their parents to sing every year. This year the Amende's grandson, Ben Tyson and his wife Kelly, traveled from Moore, Okla., to participate.

Ben Tyson said he's been part of the caroling venture "for as long as I can remember." He remembered one year when his

family stayed home for Christmas. "My mom cried the whole time."

The caroling spree not only brightens the evening of the people who hear the group sing, but it boosts fellowship and camaraderie among the singers and strengthens the ties of the community, members say.

"It's a community effort," longtime member Lolita Merrill said.

When the carolers visited Ray Wickel's house, he requested "Silent Night." The carolers offer to sing any favorite.

"They've never beat that song," Wickel said. "They sing that song pretty good, too!"

Wickel seemed especially grateful for the visit since this Christmas is his first since his wife died earlier this year.

The Albion Singers know that Please see CAROLERS, Page C3



Albion resident Raymond Wickel enjoys Christmas carols from the comfort of his chair Tuesday night. A group of Albion residents gather one evening shortly before Christmas each year to go around the community caroling. This year's carolers included Lolita Merrill, Helen Anderson, Bruce Bristol and Mary Lynne Bristol.

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Mad cow report spoils some dinner plans

Others have no qualms about consuming beef

The Associated Press



Galen Sprague of Watertown, Mass., handles his double cheeseburger Wednesday while eating lunch. Sprague said he is not concerned about the mad cow disease report in Washington state.

"Was the day before Christmas, and Cayn Kaufman" was having serious menu anxiety. Each Christmas, Kaufman invites friends and family to her Milford, Conn., home for finger foods, good cheer and fa la la la. But this year, she had planned something different — and the morning headlines made her wonder whether she should break with tradition after all.

This year, she had intended to make Swedish meatballs. The high-caloric holidays always have posed hazards to the weight conscious. But all of sudden, Christmas feasting seemed an especially risky business to people like Kaufman — people who had planned to serve beef, but found the newspapers and the airwaves full of reports that a cow in Washington state was believed to have contracted mad cow disease.

"I will try to take any chances, turned to other options. "I was going to have a roast for Christmas Eve dinner, but when I saw the news I decided not to," said Selma Gross, 69, who bought a rack of lamb for her family holiday meal from a butcher at Philadelphia's Reading Terminal Market. "I'd rather have the lamb or chicken."

Mike Board, a 30-year-old night stocker at a Denver grocery store, said he's not nervous about mad cow, but his wife was rethinking Christmas dinner. "Usually we just eat steak or something like that. This year, we think we might just do a turkey," he said.

It might come as a surprise to some that beef would figure in Christmas dinner at all.

Italian-Americans often serve seafood on Christmas Eve. Ed

Coppola, preparing his dinner in Florham Park, N.J., on Christmas Eve, says mad cow disease would not be the Grinch that stole Christmas dinner for a family that feasts on fish, calamari, lobster and shrimp.

"I think we're all right, unless there's a mad fish disease," he said. Marilyn Johnson, mother of seven, a member of 40 years of Tennessee, has been making Christmas dinners for 48 years, but never once has had beef on the menu.

"Not in my house. We always had turkey, ham. We've never had anything else. Maybe it depends on where you're from. If I was from Kansas City, I might have steak. But coming from the South, no," said James Polk, who now lives in Montclair, N.J.

John Polk, co-owner of William Poll catering in New York, said 70 percent of his customers order the turkey. But he says 20 percent order beef — rib roasts, tenderloins, beef bourguignon. And December's food magazines — Food & Wine, Bon Appetit, Cook's Illustrated — feature roast beef.

Bruce Aidells, author of "The

Complete Meat Cookbook," says beef has gained as a holiday main course in recent years. "At his Berkeley, Calif., table, Christmas dinner will include a dry-aged prime rib roast, ordered from Chicago three weeks ago.

He has no qualms, and thinks most beef eaters will be similarly undaunted on Thursday.

"Food traditions" are "so strong about the holidays, and because so many people are committed to putting beef on the menu, I think they'll just rationalize through it," he said. Since just one cow has been diagnosed, he said, "that's not a bad rationalization to make."

Anthony Vojtkovich, manager at Crescent City Steak House in New Orleans, said there have been no reservations canceled for Christmas, and he didn't expect any.

"I think most people understand it's an isolated incident. If they have a couple more cases in the next month or so, then people will be frightened."

For Linda Brown's family, it's been a Christmas Day tradition for 25 years to have a "haunch of

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beef," as her father used to call it. Her parents were children of the Depression: "Red meat for them was the ultimate luxury," she says. And so the family will gather at her brother's Novato, Calif., home for prime rib and Caesar salad. Until she sees more evidence of a real outbreak, she's unconvinced.

"We have one cow here and the whole country's supposed to go crazy?" said Brown, 56. "We have good sources of meat. I'm not an alarmist."

Tom Hull of Beloit, Kan., also will eat beef on Christmas — steak, in his case. His family eats beef once or twice a day. "I think it's about the healthiest food there is," he says.

(It should be pointed out that Hull owns 1,100 head of cattle.)

Others were fatalistic. Beef was not on the menu for the dozen friends and family members who were to gather at the home of Gary Brauer in La Crosse, Wis., on Thursday. Instead, they were to dine on hot elk sandwiches and elk jerky, meat from a 600-pound animal Brauer shot in Colorado.

Some elk in Colorado have been found to be infected with chronic wasting disease, which is a similar to mad cow. There is no evidence that the disease can harm people. And neither chronic wasting disease nor mad cow disease cause Brauer much concern.

"We're going to die from something, regardless of what it is," Brauer said.

Others admit to a little apprehension, though not enough to lead them to ditch the rib roasts and head for Chinese restaurants, as many of their Jewish brethren do. Caryn Kaufman said she would probably go head with her Swedish meatballs, but she's still leery.

"I won't be going out to any steakhouses for a while until I understand exactly what is going on," she said.

OBITUARIES

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Andrew Leonard Emerson — Twin Falls

Andrew Leonard Emerson, 92, of Twin Falls, passed away Dec. 21, 2003, at Alterra Wynwood of natural causes.

Leonard owned and operated City Drug for 30 years in Twin Falls. The store was located at several locations, the most familiar at the corner of Main and Shoshone.

Leonard was born Sept. 5, 1911, in Colorado Springs, Colo. At the age of five, his parents moved to a farm northeast of Kimberly, and Leonard began his education in Kimberly schools. He graduated in June 1933 from the University of Idaho, Southern Branch, with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy. He worked as a chemist at the Amalgamated Sugar Factory in Twin Falls, for People's Drug in Brigham City, Utah, the Cook Drug and Whittlesey's Pharmacy in Pocatello, and as a chemist for the Book Nook Pharmacy, Walla Walla, Wash. It was in Walla Walla that he met his future wife, M. Louise Howell. They were married in 1942 in San Francisco just prior to his deployment overseas with the U.S. Naval Amphibious Forces.

He was sent to the Atlantic Theatre on the LST 382 as chief pharmacist mate. Leonard said he was the only semblance of a doctor on board. Although not



trained as a physician, Leonard performed a number of war injury-related surgeries. The LST's "Red Beach" landings, the first 475 troops into Sicily and Italy, were very destructive to ships and sailors. Later trips were to take ammunition to the front to General Patton at Palermo, Sicily. Leonard was later based in the headquarters for the Command of the Atlantic Fleet then served in Glenwood Springs, Colo., at the U.S. Naval Convalescent Hospital. He was honorably discharged at the conclusion of that tour of duty.

Leonard and Louise returned to Walla Walla after the war, however, moved to Twin Falls not long afterwards where Leonard

was employed at the Kingsbury Pharmacy. It was during that tenure that local the Walgreen Drug went out of business. Leonard credited "the greatest bank in Twin Falls" for granting him an unsecured loan to purchase the Walgreen store. He and Louise chose City Drug as the name for their new venture. Nieces and nephews cannot recall Leonard missing a day behind the pharmacy counter. Louise was always at the cosmetic counter.

Leonard held a life membership in BPOE 1183 and the American Legion in Twin Falls. Leonard is the last surviving member of a family that had longtime roots in the Magic Valley. Louise passed away in December 1996. Several nieces and nephews survive.

The graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Sunset Memorial Park, with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Military rites will be conducted by the Magic Valley area veterans and auxiliaries. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Boise-Treasure Valley Chapter, 1111 S. Orchard No. 200, Boise, ID 83705 or to a charity of donor's choice.

Warren 'Craig' Graybill — Meridian

Warren 'Craig' Graybill, 89, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2003, at Sunbridge in Meridian, Idaho.

Craig was born in Parkman, Wyo., Sept. 6, 1914, to Ednis and Jack Graybill. Craig attended college in Walla Walla, Wash. He then moved to the Magic Valley area where he met and married Emily "Louise" Eaton of Wendell-Idaho. They moved to Tacoma, Wash., where he led a work crew at the shipyards during WWII. They then moved to Boise, Idaho, and finally settled in Twin Falls, Idaho. They raised four girls, Sharon Cayler, Caldwell, Idaho; Carol Johnson, Alamogordo, N.M.; Nancy Sward, Caldwell, Idaho; and Peggy Barkdull, Cheyenne, Wyo. He was a member of Elks, Masons, Lions and Shriners. He taught his family the importance of community service and participated in various drives to raise funds and

essentials for the Lions Eyesight Foundation and the Shriner's Children's Hospital. He was greatly admired for his countless hours of community service and served with a happy heart. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed the mountains. He enjoyed teaching children how to fish and taught many of our relatives and friends. He had many musical talents and had a dance band as a young man. After moving to Boise, he became a member of the Boise Elk's Glee Club and the group won many competitions and cut one record. In Twin Falls he often sang at weddings, funerals and church functions. While living in Twin Falls he started Craig's Paint.

His beautifully refinished furniture can still be found in many homes in the Twin Falls and Sun Valley, Idaho, area.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Emily Louise in 1976; and his second wife, Adelia VanEaton in 2000.

He is survived by his four daughters, two step daughters, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, four step grand-children.

Arrangements are being made by White Mortuary in Twin Falls, Idaho. Services will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lions Club Eyesight Foundation or the Shriners Children Hospital in Salt-Lake-City, Utah. The family would like to thank the staff of Sunbridge in Meridian, Idaho. The staff treated Craig like a father and grandfather and cared for him with such love that he truly was a part of their family. We will always hold them dear in our hearts.

SERVICES

Corrine M. Jaynes of Buhl, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

James Robert (Jim) Clark Sr. of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

Bobby Adams of Albion, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Saints Albion Ward Chapel. Burial will be in the Albion LDS Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Kathleen (Kathy) Ross of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Norman Moore Miranda of Wendell, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Wendell United Methodist Church (Demary's Wendell Chapel).

Wanda Ione Haskins Metcalf of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls; interment will follow the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls; visitation from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICE

Frances S. Earle JEROME — Frances S. Earle, 101, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2003, in Jerome. Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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### Council says no anti-gay monument

BOISE (AP) — Even in the face of a threatened lawsuit, city leaders are united against a proposed anti-gay monument in Julia Davis Park.

But they disagree whether the Ten Commandments monument in the park should stay where it is.

The Topleke, a Kan-based Westboro Baptist Church on Tuesday threatened to sue the city if the council does not reverse an earlier Parks and Recreation Commission decision denying the church's request for an anti-gay monument.

Westboro, headed by the Rev. Fred Phelps, argues that if the city allows the existing Ten Commandments monument, other religious markers also must be allowed.

The church's monument would denounce homosexuality and state that Matthew Shepard, a college student killed five years ago in Wyoming in what some call a hate crime, is in hell because he was gay.

The church says Boise officials are violating the U.S. Constitution by basing their opposition to the Shepard monument on its content.

### Filer seeks public opinion

FILER — The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on a draft permit renewal for the city of Filer to continue operating a municipal wastewater land application system serving residential and commercial users.

The city has operated the system under a DEQ wastewater land application permit since 1989.

As part of the permitting process, the city is required to demonstrate how it will continue to address health and environmental concerns, including protection against surface and ground water contamination and odor management.

Written comments on the draft permit will be accepted through 5 p.m. Jan. 16.

Copies of the draft permit are available for review at DEQ's state and Twin Falls offices and on the DEQ's Web site at [www.deq.state.id.us](http://www.deq.state.id.us). Direct questions, comments, and requests to David Anderson, DEQ Twin Falls, 601 Pole Line Road, Suite 2, Twin Falls, 83301; 736-2190 or [danderso@deq.state.id.us](mailto:danderso@deq.state.id.us).

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## Court won't rehear land challenges

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Supreme Court has refused to rehear Blaine County's arguments over zoning on state lands, opening the door for an unpopular gravel mining operation to resume operations.

The court denied the county's motion for another hearing following its July 23 decision, when it handed the state Land Board an exemption from local planning and zoning laws for its mining and other "noncommercial" leases of state land.

The high court overturned 5th District Judge James May, who gave county regulatory authority over state trust lands. Income from those lands goes into the state

endowment funds for the public schools.

The ruling ends a lengthy battle between the state and Blaine County over the state Land Board's lease of 640 acres near Ketchum for a gravel pit that would pay the state about \$1 million over 10 years.

Hundreds of nearby homeowners complained about truck noise, dust and general disruptions from the operation in the Ohio Gulch area, and the county Planning and Zoning Commission notified the construction company it had to obtain a county permit to operate the pit.

The commission in 2000 denied the company's application, which was later affirmed by the county commissioners.

"The county's still disappointed about the result, but we intend to comply with it," Blaine County Deputy Prosecutor Tim Graves said.

The Idaho Supreme Court in July ruled that the Land Board's management of public lands to benefit schools is only subject to local zoning if it involves industrial enterprises, retail, business or professional buildings or family developments.

State law specifically exempts mining, grazing, agricultural, geothermal and cottage site leases from the commercial designation, the court ruled. Those are the activities that dominate use of the 3.3 million acres of endowment land.

## Downer

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conditions," Jones said.

Ackerman's provision, which started through the legislative process as an amendment to an agriculture spending bill, would have effectively prohibited the sale of livestock too sick or injured to stand or walk unassisted.

The agricultural spending bill passed — with the provision intact — on a Senate vote in November after failing by three votes in the House in July. But congressional negotiators did not include it in the broader, \$373 billion omnibus spending bill that passed the House this month and which is still awaiting a vote in the Senate.

Lawmakers and congressional aides said they consider it unlikely that Congress would reopen the multibillion-dollar bill to deal with the issue. "I can't imagine that it would be," Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, said.

The Humane Society of the United States has warned repeatedly that if the meat from a lone

cow with the brain-wasting disease found its way into the food supply, other countries would cut off U.S. beef imports and consumer confidence would be shaken.

"We already seeing that play out," said Humane Society Vice President Wayne Pacelle. Japan, Taiwan, and Mexico, the three largest importers, banned U.S. beef.

But opponents of the legislation said USDA inspectors might never have discovered the apparent presence of the disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, had Ackerman's legislation been in place.

Banning the sale of downed animals would prevent USDA inspectors from detecting possible cases because the animals would never reach the slaughterhouse for inspection, they said.

"The fact that it was caught is the significant thing for the consumer," said Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, the senior Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee. Stenholm has argued that federal inspectors

are in the best position to keep sick animals, as opposed to those that can't walk but are otherwise healthy, out of the food chain.

Agriculture officials also have insisted that the food supply is safe because the animal parts most at risk of carrying the disease, the brain and spinal column, had been removed.

"Muscle cuts of meat have almost no risk," Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said.

In the House, most Republicans as well as conservative and farm-state Democrats opposed the measure.

Both chambers passed similar provisions in their versions of the 2002 farm bill, but negotiators stripped the measure from the final version of that bill.

In both years, the National Milk Producers Federation lobbied successfully against the provision.

"If you don't allow movement off the farm, then you miss the opportunity to diagnose the problem," said Chris Galen, spokesman for the federation.

## Carolers

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for many people, Christmas can increase their feelings of sorrow or solitude. Many of the people they visit either live alone or have few nearby relatives.

Phyllis Shaw Tracey has come to count on the singers' annual stop at her Albion home.

"This group comes every year, they're my dear friends and I just love them," she said. Tracey said many of the singers visit frequently throughout the year, help her with meals, pick up her mail for her and help get her to the doctor's office.

"They not only sing, but if you need help, they're right there," Tracey said.

For many of the carolers, Tuesday evening became especially emotional when they visited the home of Robert and Jeneal Roberts. The Roberts family is grieving the loss of their son who died earlier this week. As the carolers filled the night air with the words to "Silent Night," many showed signs of grief and compassion for the Roberts family.

"I can't remember a time of such emotion while we were singing," caroler Gloria West said.

"This just couldn't be any more special under the circumstances," Jeneal Roberts said.

The Albion singers exuded joy, smiles and enthusiasm for singing and sharing words of compassion with their fellow community

members. They not only sang carols, but also delivered words of encouragement and asked if there were prayer requests from the residents visited.

The evening demonstrated that Christmas carols are memorable for many people and span generations. Caroling appears to join people who otherwise seem to have nothing in common: That became apparent as 20-year-olds Ben and Kelly Tyson sang together, their arms wrapped around each other's waist and 92-year-old Albion resident Zola Fillmore sang with them.

The carolers rarely needed a songbook, but rather seemed to rely on each other to help carry the melody.

## Town, senator shoot for legalized gambling

WALLACE (AP) — City leaders and a state senator believe allowing local-option gambling in the historic Shoshone County seat would revitalize Deadwood, S.D.

"We're kinda stuck up here in the Bitterroot mountains nestled in here all by ourselves. We're a depressed mining camp," Wallace Mayor Ron Garitone said.

"We rely a lot on tourism and things of that nature," he said.

"But I do think the gambling would be a clean, easy commodity in our valley to help with tax relief and wherever else it's needed."

and now it has more than 80 historic casinos and a brisk tourist trade.

Wallace has some of the same appeal, Garitone said.

There was gambling in Wallace many years ago when the mining camps were going. It was here, it was all over," he said.

Idaho does not allow local-option gambling. The only legal gambling in the state is through the state lottery; pari-mutuel betting on horse racing and simulcasts of races elsewhere; and on tribal reservations where compacts with the state define the limited scope of casino offerings.

That casino gambling can include video lottery terminals, but no card or table games, such as poker, blackjack or roulette.

State Sen. Marii Calabretta, D-Osburn, said her Panhandle district is surrounded by gambling, both just across the state line in Montana and on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation.

Calabretta is not making any promises since Idaho's conservative Legislature has staunchly opposed expanded gambling.

Legislators have refused to sign onto Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's negotiated agreement with the state's American Indian tribes, forcing tribes to run a successful ballot initiative to legalize their existing casinos.

Deadwood boosters picked up to reverse the town's economic slide and save deteriorating historic buildings. South Dakota voters agreed in 1989 to allow limited-stakes gambling in the town,

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Calabretta said she helped carry legislation a decade ago to allow liquor licenses for historic bars that were outside city limits, and to legalize the use of peyote by Indians in religious ceremonies. Both faced long odds in the Legislature, but both passed.

Among the options Calabretta is considering for possible legislation this year are local-option gambling statewide by local vote, and special district gambling district for Wallace, modeled after Deadwood.

Garitone said legislation should give Wallace residents an opportunity to vote on the idea, and shouldn't allow the gambling unless two-thirds of voters want it.

## CONSUMER NEWS:

**IF YOU READ NOTHING ELSE IN TODAY'S PAPER...READ THIS!**  
**CHEVROLET CADILLAC OF TWIN FALLS IS HOLDING ITS FIRST EVER "MILEAGE AMNESTY" EVENT**  
 By: Scott Munroe

(Twin Falls) — They say there's nothing new under the sun and that's been true, until now!

This Fri, Sat, Sun, Dec. 26th thru 31st Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls will have possibly the most unique savings event ever. For these 6 days only, they'll be appraising trade-in cars as if they had 15,000 fewer miles than is shown on the odometer!

"Mileage is one of the most significant items we look at when we appraise the value of a customer's trade in," said Ken Lynch, the manager in charge of used vehicle appraisals at Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls. "It's right there in the Kelley Blue Book. As a car hits different mileage levels the value goes down. Any trade-in, regardless of condition is worth more if it has fewer miles." It's a fact of life that we've all come to accept.

"That's the really exciting part," said Lynch. "We've rolled back prices on our entire excess inventory and clearly posted the discount price right in the window. These savings are huge! I toured the Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls lot and was astonished by what I saw. Mr. Langdon showed me 2003 Chevy Cavalier for only \$8,995 or 2003 Chevy Malibu for only \$10,995. Impressed, I asked them to show me exactly how the sale would work. Mr. Lynch walked me through it. "Let's say your trade in is pretty good shape for a vehicle of that age. Your mileage is 42,650 so when I check the book value it should be worth around \$15,900. Now, let's see what happens when we take 15,000 miles off the odometer reading. The value goes up by \$1250 making your trade in worth \$17,150 for these 6 days only." It's important to remember that the overall condition and marketability of your vehicle are factors that contribute to the determination of the actual trade in value of your car and that this incredible opportunity only applies to customers trading in their old car on the purchase of a new or used vehicle.

But leave it to the innovators at Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls to come up with a way to truly turn back time! "We're faced with a serious problem," said Barry Langdon, the General Manager of Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls, "we're overloaded with new vehicles that we have to move and we've got a tremendous demand for good used cars that are just hard to find. After analyzing the problem, we feel like we've come up with the perfect solution to solve both issues." Barry continued, "Even though it's an expensive proposition for us, we decided the best way to get quality trade-ins is to

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING ON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF THE TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company, an Idaho corporation, that on the 13th day of January 2004, the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company shall be held at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium, Twin Falls, Idaho, and voting shall be conducted on proposed amendments to the By-laws, which said amendments shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the stock voted. The proposed amendment to the By-laws is as follows:

- (1) That Article VII.2. 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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Charles Coiner, Secretary

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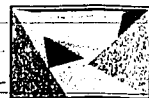
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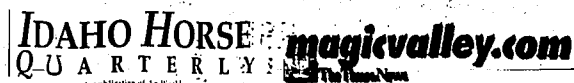
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Pilots in jet crash were from Los Angeles

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (AP) - A business jet flying from California to Idaho crashed and exploded in a Mojave Desert canyon, killing the two pilots, authorities said.

No passengers were aboard the Lear 24B twin-engine jet, which was demolished in Tuesday's crash, said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Donn Walker.

San Bernardino County coroner's office tentatively identified the pilots as a 51-year-old man and a 23-year-old man, both from Los Angeles.

Impact of plane made a small crater in desert

The plane, built in 1969, was headed from China Airport to a pickup of passengers at Friedman Memorial Airport in Hanley.

The pilot told air traffic control he needed to return to China and was cleared to do so, Walker said. The pilot later declared an emergency and the FAA lost con-

tact with the jet at 9:10 a.m. when it was at about 24,000 feet. A California Highway Patrol officer saw the jet go down about 400 yards west of Interstate 15, between Victorville and Barstow. The impact of the crash left a small crater in the desert.

The indication from witnesses is that the jet came down in a fairly vertical position, and that there was a great deal of explosion, Walker said. "There was no information that he was trying to land on the freeway." Victorville is about 70 miles east-northeast of Los Angeles.

Groups clash over arbitration outside courthouse

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Supporters and opponents of Intermountain Health Care's new requirement that patients agree to resolve claims of medical harm through arbitration clashed Tuesday on the Matheson Courthouse steps.

Former Gov. Norm Bangerter and former Salt Lake City Mayor Tod Wilson praised the arbitration policy, saying it would protect doctors and save patients costly litigation.

The two said they were forming a coalition of residents, business leaders and health-care providers to educate the state's residents on the benefits of medical arbitration.

speeches before Dr. Clark Newhall, an emergency room physician and malpractice attorney, interrupted them and called them IHC front men.

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Worker picks best envelope in casino draw

POCAHELLO (AP) - Wal-Mart employee Don Green was working another full-time job to help make ends meet for his family during the holiday season.

He's still got two jobs, but he's also got \$100,000 more in his bank account.

Green was one of 10 Players Club members at Fort Hall Casino selected last weekend to open up a prize envelope.

Inside the envelope were notes amounting \$500, \$1,000 or a \$100,000 cash prize.

He chose the one with the most zeros.

After leaving the casino, he and his wife celebrated by shopping at Wal-Mart and eating dinner at Denny's. They splurged a little, paying off their new wedding rings that were on layaway.

Green wants to buy a house, pay off the family's minivan and save for his daughter's education.

He doesn't expect his life to change much. On Monday, he went back to work at Wal-Mart, as usual, and he intends to keep his other job.

"It's nice having the money, but I don't want to lose my mind," he said. "Nothing changed. We're still the same people we were."

Green's daughter, 8-year-old Ashley, told her father Tuesday night that she knew why he picked the big prize.

"It's because you're a good guy," she said.

Groups seek help for grouse

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) - Twenty conservation organizations have petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list the greater sage grouse as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

The species has suffered declines of 45 percent to 80 percent over the past 20 years due to habitat loss, the groups said in a petition filed this week.

"The sage grouse is clearly in trouble," said Erik Molvar, wildlife biologist for Laramie-based Biodiversity Conservation Alliance. "And yet the determination in land stewardship on federal public lands is driving this bird even faster toward extinction."

"In particular, the radical increase in oil and gas drilling, paired with the failure to provide common sense protections for the most sensitive habitats, is driving the sage grouse out of its natural strongholds."

Experts think as many as 2 million sage grouse inhabited a broad area of the Western United States and Canada when Lewis and Clark first noted the birds in 1805. Today, their numbers are estimated at 140,000 to 250,000 over 11 states.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has received numerous petitions in recent years to protect sage grouse under federal laws but has declined to do so.

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# Explosions rock Iraq on Christmas Eve

Three U.S. soldiers die in roadside bombing

Knight Ridder News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Christmas Eve in Iraq began with the deaths of three U.S. soldiers and the boom and thud of artillery shells and automatic gunfire in Baghdad.

During the darkness of early morning, Iraq's capital shook as explosions rocked spots used by insurgents to launch mortars at U.S. installations.

At about 9:10 a.m. near the northern city of Samarra, a roadside bomb killed three U.S. soldiers. Since May 1, when President Bush declared the end of major combat operations, 205 American troops have died.

About two and a half hours after the Samarra blast, still farther north in the town of Irbil, a suicide car-bomber blew himself up in front of the Kurdish Ministry of the Interior. At least two Iraqis other than the bomber were killed.

Military commanders in the past few days have said that intelligence information points to some

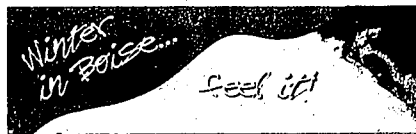
sort of offensive being launched on Christmas Day.

At a news conference Wednesday, U.S. Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt wouldn't characterize the risk of attack during the holiday season. He did, however, give a warning. "This is a special season for many, but anti-coalition and anti-Iraqi elements would be well-advised not to misjudge this period of miscalculation or capabilities," he said. "We will not let down our guard."

Many in Baghdad took the onslaught of early morning American firepower to be as much a show of force as a targeted strike. Shortly after midnight, the artillery rounds were followed by flashes that illuminated neighborhoods that were dark because the electricity is out.

Hussein Hassan, an Iraqi who installs satellite receivers, was sitting at home when he heard Wednesday's artillery explosions. "The timing was bad. It's Christmas, a season of happiness," he said. "It's wrong to start it with sadness."

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# Court blocks Bush's air pollution changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court on Wednesday blocked new Bush administration changes to the Clean Air Act from going into effect, in a challenge from state attorneys general and cities that argued they would harm the environment and public health.

The Environmental Protection Agency rule would have made it easier for utilities, refineries and other industrial facilities to make repairs in the name of routine maintenance without installing additional pollution controls.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued an order that blocks the rules from going into effect until the legal challenge from the states and cities is heard, a process likely to last months.

The court's decision stops, at least temporarily, one of the Bush administration's major environmental decisions. The court's justices said the challengers "demonstrated the irreparable harm and likelihood of success" of their case, which are required to stop the rule from taking effect.

EPA proposed the rule a year ago December, the then-acting administrator signed it in August and it was made final in

October. It was due to have gone into effect this week.

Bringing suit were attorneys general for 12 states — Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin — and legal officers for New York City, Washington, San Francisco, New Haven and a host of other cities in Connecticut.

EPA has maintained that it does not believe the rule will result in significant changes in emissions, and that it will preserve the public health protections required under law.

Environmental and health groups, including Natural Resources Defense Council and the American Lung Association, also challenged the rule in the appeals court.

They argued EPA's maintenance rule violates the Clean Air Act by letting power plants and other industries increase pollution significantly without adopting control measures, and public harm would result.

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A Christmas tree stands Wednesday in front of the severely damaged Paris Jewelers store in Paso Robles, Calif.

Town faces bleak holiday after quake

PASO ROBLES, Calif. (AP) — It was a bleak Christmas Eve in Paso Robles.

Two days after an earthquake flattened buildings in this small town, killing two women, the usual bustle of last-minute shoppers was replaced by bulldozers and crews clearing debris from roads and inspecting businesses to determine whether to allow the owners to go back in.

A small Christmas tree sat on the sidewalk in front of what used to be the House of Bread Bakery, now nothing more than a pile of planks and red bricks.

Steam rose from the streets as a stream of blue-green, sulfur-scented water flowed from a cracked pipe in this town once renowned for its natural hot springs.

"I'm brokenhearted," said Sandra Wallace, who runs an alpaca ranch outside the town of 27,000. "It's typically a joy to come downtown this time of year. It's a gathering point. It makes you want to cry. It's just hard to say, 'Happy holidays!'"

Sandy McGuffin stood in the rain in a park across from his flower shop, waiting for building inspectors to allow him back in.

"We're trying to do some flower deliveries today," he said. "We just have to get clearance to get back in there. Once we do that, we'll try to make some people happy after all."

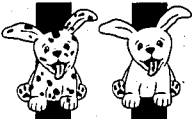
Judge reseals Limbaugh's medical data

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A judge resealed Rush Limbaugh's medical records Wednesday, giving the conservative radio commentator's attorneys time to appeal his earlier decision allowing prosecutors to examine the files for evidence Limbaugh illegally purchased painkillers.

Palm Beach Circuit Judge Jeffrey A. Winkoff ordered the records remain sealed for 15 days while Limbaugh's attorneys pursue their appeal. Winkoff had ruled Tuesday that prosecutors could examine the records, but could not make them public.

Limbaugh told listeners to his afternoon radio show that "the state attorney already has had his investigators pouring through" the files. "I'm not surprised. My case is being treated differently than anyone else's is in this matter," he said.

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# Groomed for the snow

## Holiday cheer and new chompers

Christmas is the best holiday. It brings out charity, and charity well, that's the best, and my Aunt Bulha is charitable. She got an affordable deal for her sister's new teeth, but it's never the gift that matters. It's the heart that goes into it.

Christmas season is a time for shopping, and it's a time for goose hunting. In my family everyone gets together, and the men go goose hunting, and the woman go shopping for camouflage.

But eating a goose at Christmas has gone by the wayside. Anymore, there just doesn't seem to be enough time for a good goose.



**DOG-EARED TALES**  
Bill Studebaker

I was healing from a surgery, and I couldn't go hunting. I just lay around the house listening to the women fret about shopping. When the men and boys did come home, they were full of missed shots and dog tails. They carried on until they fell asleep. Then, they were gone by five o'clock the next morning.

As I lay around, I learned that the best shopping day of the year used to be the Friday after Thanksgiving. Nearly every day from Halloween to New Year's Day is good now. The bargains just keep rolling out.

It doesn't take a genius to know that there are bargains, then there are good deals, really good deals. Bargains are set up by the stores. They make a profit and a mighty good one on bargains. So, the trick is to get behind the bargain to the real deals. My Aunt Bulha has figured ways to do just that.

It was right after Thanksgiving when Aunt Bulha's sister, Aunt Laurel Jean, came to visit, and she had a mouth full of teeth like a nut-cracking, lolly-pop sucking hillbilly, and Aunt Bulha couldn't stand it. So she set up an appointment for Aunt Laurel Jean with a dentist. The dentist said, "Pull 'em all. Put in false ones. It'll cost \$1,000."

My Aunt Laurel Jean did have \$1,000. She barely had enough money to come visit. My Aunt Bulha was riled. A \$1,000 was too much for teeth. She stewed for a couple days, then she phoned the dentist and set up another appointment.

When the appointment day arrived, my aunts headed for the dentist. Several hours later they came back, and Aunt Bulha was still stewing. The dentist agreed to knock the price down to \$950, but that was it. He claimed the Trisc Dental Lab took too big a cut, and he just couldn't do it for less.

Well, push finally came to shove. My Aunt Bulha had had it. She'd been shopping. She'd been sharpening her bargaining skills. She'd been beefing up her clerking-pushing muscle. She was ready to take on the dentist.

The dentist's receptionist said they couldn't get in until after New Year's. Well, that was easy. My Aunt Bulha was ready. She flexed a bit of clerking pushing muscle and over went the receptionist. A bit more flexing, and they could be worked in tomorrow around four o'clock. In they went.

Bulha sat the dentist down on his chair, looked him straight in the face and said, "How much will you charge to pull both of our teeth and give us both new sets?"

Aunt Bulha never told me what look passed over the dentist's face, but it must have been one of sheer shock. My Aunt Bulha had good teeth. She had always taken care of them. She brushed faithfully. She flossed. She bleached. She chewed sugarless gum. She drank coffee and tea through a straw. She "got milk," two glasses every day. She had two annual checkups.

But I do know this. When she finished with that dentist, he agreed to pull her teeth, Laurel Jean's teeth, and give them both dentures for \$795 each.

She is proud of that. She saved Laurel Jean \$205 and purchased herself a new set of teeth for Christmas in the bargain. And you can't believe how happy my Aunt Laurel Jean is. She smiles like there is no tomorrow.

Now if that isn't something to make up for a goose hunt, I don't know down from a flight feather.



Photo by KAREN BOSSICK, The Times-News

## Thousands flock to trails around Galena Lodge

Karen Bossick  
Times-News  
correspondent

**GALENA LODGE** - Once men came to this area to romance the stone - the silver-laced ore found here. Now they come to romance the snow.

Namely, the treasure trove of cross-country ski trails that run like ore veins in and around the Galena Lodge.

Over-the-past-few-years, thousands of skiers from as far away as Kenya, Norway and Czechoslovakia have scooted their boards across the neatly manicured corduroy trails.

And when they can't push them a single kilometer further, they regroup in the rustic lodge with its river rock fireplace, pine log chairs and rusted cross saws hanging on the wall.

"I've taken instruction everywhere and I keep coming back here," said John Allen, who divides his time between his primary home in College Station, Texas, and a second home in Sun Valley. "The snow here is the best, the grooming is excellent, they have the finest instructors and the prices are low compared to most other places."

Despite such accolades, Galena Lodge very nearly became simply something to file away in the memory books not so long ago.

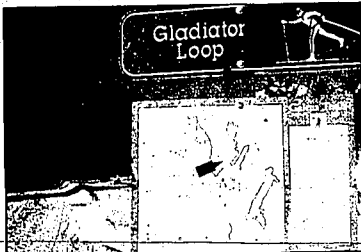
The Forest Service threatened to dismantle the lodge when its owner couldn't find a buyer for it. Local cross-country ski enthusiasts dug into their pockets. But it didn't look as if they could raise enough to buy the lodge by the deadline.

Then one of Teresa Heinz' kids picked up a brochure describing the effort to save the lodge while shopping at Backwoods Mountain Sports.

Within a few hours the widow of the late Sen. John Heinz made an offer. She'd pledge \$325,000 to purchase the lodge in memory of her husband who enjoyed skiing there before his death in a 1991 helicopter crash.

Heinz - now Heinz Kerry - had but one stipulation: That the community could raise \$200,000 for an endowment fund to ensure the lodge's future.

The Blaine County Recreation District purchased the lodge for \$225,000, used another \$100,000 to renovate the lodge and



### Galena is open seven days a week

- A ski pass costs \$9 a day for adults and \$2 for children; snow-shoe passes cost \$3 a day. A 7-day ski pass costs \$30.
  - The lodge boasts a variety of menu items, including vegetarian curry, elk burgers and "Akins Your Burger" - a designer's burger with sautéed mushrooms and onions, cheese, no bun and small house salad. Other menu items include an "Idaho salad" with herb grilled potatoes on a bed of organic greens, burritos, wraps, cowboy cookies and cranberry white chocolate chunk cookies.
  - Special Full Moon and Stargazing Dinners cost \$30 for adult and \$15 for children ages 6 through 12.
  - Yurts sleeping several people are available for \$125 a night.
  - The ski shop offers equipment rentals, including snowshoes and kinderschuettles - enclosed children's sleds on skis that can be pulled behind skiers.
  - Group and private lessons in classic and skate skis are held daily.
  - Free learn to skate clinics are held at 1 p.m. Sundays.
  - An hour-long women's clinic with free admission for children in the Galena Kids Adventure Club is offered from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays.
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established the endowment fund Heinz had asked for.

Now, 10 years later, Galena Lodge and the trails that surround it are considered one of the finest Nordic areas in North America, if not the world.

It won glowing reviews from Olympians who trained in the Sun Valley area prior to the 2002 Winter Olympics. And ski magazine editors have held it up as a shining example of Nordic skiing at its best.

"It's always been near and dear," said Myrna Frankel, who divides her time between San Francisco and Sun Valley. "It's still wilderness. It's still so beautiful."

In the case of Galena, which receives no tax dollars, people back up their mouths with money. Donations made primarily at the annual benefit dinner and auction have continued strong despite the post-9/11 let-down so many causes suffered.

"We're continually amazed at the level of community involvement. People are constantly coming to us and asking, 'What does Galena need?'" said Charles Savage, who runs the lodge with his wife Carlin Thompson. "It's like people have taken ownership of it."

Indeed, when Teresa Heinz Kerry noted that the carpet was worn, she gave \$7,900 for new carpet. When Ketchum resident Jenny Busdon, who organizes a Gourmet Ski Tour each year on behalf of Galena, lamented that the lodge couldn't give her her cappuccino fix, she raised the money for an espresso machine.

Thanks to these two and dozens more like them, skiers can ski 20 miles of trails up draws and along creeks where as many as 800 miners lived in the 1880s.

Long flat tracks meander along Horse Creek.

which gurgles beneath marshmallowy mounds of snow.

And aptly named runs such as Psycho can provoke as much screaming on icy days as Janet Leigh's performance in the shower of the Bates Motel.

When the snow melts each spring, Galena turns into a playground for mountain bikers who often bike up the 19-mile Harriman Trail for Sunday brunch. Others hike through meadows of wildflowers along Senate Creek or take wagon rides to the remains of a mine in the shadow of Gladiator Peak.

Still others say their wedding vows a few hundred yards from the Galena Pioneer Cemetery. Fittingly, the cemetery boasts the grave of a miner who lost his life in an avalanche in his rush to pick up a letter from his girlfriend.

Shannon and Don Jackson moved to the Sun Valley area in 1993 - the year it appeared the lodge was headed for the wrecking ball.

"Everybody was devastated. Everyone was telling these stories about how amazing the place was and how much they missed it," Shannon Jackson recalled.

"Now we consider it our weekend get-away. It's become the core of our recreational and social activity," added Don Jackson. "It would be real hard to imagine the valley without Galena. In fact, if it weren't here, we probably wouldn't be here."



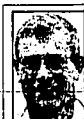
Top, Sarah Walker gives John Allen a cross-country ski lesson. Above left, signs and maps keep skiers from getting lost on the myriad of trails surrounding Galena Lodge. Above, Carlin Thompson serves up a cheeseburger and Thai peanut wrap to Sara Kravinkle and her family on the deck of the historic Galena Lodge early this year. Left, the rustic Galena Lodge was built on the site of a store and gas station for travelers making the once-arduous trip between Ketchum and Stanley.



OUTDOORS

Some game limits apply even at home

Question: "My hunting partner and I have a bet. I say possession limits only apply while I'm traveling and away from my residence. He says possession limits apply while traveling but also include cold storage at my residence. Who is right?"



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

Answer: Depending on the wildlife species you are talking about you are both correct. Possession limits for resident game species only apply when hunters are transporting wildlife on their way to their residence. For example, if you have your possession limit of trout caught in a general trout area (6), you may not catch and kill any more trout until you either take your fish home or you eat them.

and Game Commission annually adopts these federal rules. To recap, possession limits on upland game birds apply only while you are in transit. Possession limits on migratory birds apply in transit and at your residence.

Reference: Idaho Code 36-11(a), Idaho Administrative Bulletin (IDAPA) 13.01.09, and Code of Federal Regulations Title 50, part 20.33.

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Skiers make their way down Mammoth Mountain at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area in Mammoth Lakes, Calif., in this undated photo.

Get your quack ready for duck-calling class

TWIN FALLS — Mike Plein, four-time Idaho State Duck Calling Champion, will lead duck-calling workshops in January at the College of Southern Idaho.

Outdoor news in brief

Personal protection course begins Jan. 5

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.

Idaho Ordnance Instructor begins new course

Red's Trading Post is sponsoring NRA Basic Pistol courses, which will be taught by Certified NRA.

Instructor George Kinslow of Idaho Ordnance. The first course will be an all day course on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the second course will consist of three nights beginning Monday, Jan. 26 from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

The courses will be held at 253 5th Ave. West located in Historic Old Towne Twin Falls. Cost is \$55 at the door or \$45 if you prepay. Each class will be limited to eight students. This course meets state training requirements to obtain a Concealed Weapons License. For more information please call Idaho Ordnance at 240-6163 or Red's Trading Post at 733-3546.

Cross country group offers free ski day in January

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 with 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.

Idaho grandmother gets her elk this season at age 75

Montpelier's Olive Allred isn't Annie Oakley but could give her a challenge.



Olive Allred

This 87-year-old grandmother filled her elk tag this fall. Montpelier Conservation Officer Blake Phillips witnessed this unique event and then son Terry and grandson Court helped with the hard work of taking care of the elk. On top of that, Allred shot her "once in a lifetime" Idaho moose at age 75. Mrs. Allred is the mother of Dwinelle Allred of Rupert. — compiled from staff reports

Mammoth Mountain becomes skiing hot spot

MAMMOTH LAKES, Calif. (AP) — For the fourth year in a row, the superpipe and terrain park at Mammoth Mountain's ski resort were the first in North America to open for the season, with storms in the Sierra making for an early, auspicious start.

It's no wonder the mountain has become one of California's hottest winter spots and a favorite among the snowboard set.

Mammoth Mountain is known for great snow, sunny blue skies all season and big, steep runs with spectacular views of Ansel Adams country. It is also known for having a dull night life, but while it's Aspen, apres-ski is getting better at Mammoth. And with such great slopes, who cares if the lodge's scenic view is low-key?

But if you are a skier who hasn't gotten over the culture clash of the snowboard "riders," Mammoth might not be the place for you. It's a 50-50 mix of skiers and riders, and the mountain is ideal for both sports.

A skier for 15 years, I recently decided to try snowboarding for the first time at Mammoth. A friend was very encouraging and offered to rent me. He supplied a secondhand board, boots and even a pair of baggy snow pants. While riders and skiers have mostly learned to live in harmony, their fashion sense is distinct. My smug, traditional black ski pants wouldn't do. Fashion is so cutting-edge in Mammoth that Transworld Snowboarding magazine published the "Mammoth Fashion Report" on its Web site to see what trendsetters would be wearing on the slopes this season.

Pink, apparently, is the new black on the slopes, for both sexes.

But my friend is not interested in fashion. "Trust me," he said. "You'll appreciate the extra padding with the baggy pants."

He was right. Mammoth's slopes rise 3,100 feet from the base lodge and cover a seemingly endless 3,500 skiable acres. Elevation at the base is 7,950 feet, and at the mountain summit, 11,050 feet. The longest run lasts a breathtaking three miles.

I figure I went about a mile on my extra padding, with occasional forays onto my face. There were a few glorious vertical moments when I marveled at my prowess and the spectacular view of the Sierras and the vast stretching desert below.

Then I fell on my face again. As I struggled to get back on my feet (with help), I plotted revenge against the throngs of smug pre-teen riders effortlessly whizzing by.

When I finally reached the bottom — bruised, dazed and dejected — my friend was supportive. "You're doing great. In another few runs, you'll be able to take the pipe," he said, referring to the 475-foot long tube in the snow with 15-foot walls.

I gazed longingly at a graceful skier tearing up the mountain and knew I didn't have the patience or inclination to spend two precious days off from work bumbling down such a beautiful mountain on my backside. I needed skis.

Fortunately our truck was at the bottom of the slope, where parking was free. For those who don't want to drive, shuttle buses now run between the main lodge (where parking is not free), the town and various slopes. The ski rental was a mere five minutes drive away.

"Goofy," said the pimply faced teen (in trendy pink) behind the ski rental counter as I rudely brushed body through the door. I snarled at the insult — even though I admit that in my two-

If you go ...

GETTING THERE: The town of Mammoth Lakes and Mammoth Mountain resort are on the eastern edge of the Sierra Nevada mountain range in central California. Mammoth is a three-hour drive south on U.S. 395 from Reno-Tahoe International Airport, the closest airport. By car, from Los Angeles, it's a 207-mile trip. For directions from Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Las Vegas and elsewhere, visit www.mammothmountain.com. The resort and some travel companies also run bus tours to Mammoth Mountain.

DEALS: Call (800) MAMMOTH for reservations or visit www.mammothmountain.com for the latest deals; be sure to check out holiday and midweek rates. Double rooms and lift tickets start at \$109 per person, per night. This year also has lots of 50th anniversary lift and lodging packages. For budget travelers, there is a Motel 6 in town. The Web site also features Web cams of different slopes and a daily snow report.

SLOPES: Lift tickets can be a bit pricey: adults, \$52; afternoons, adults, \$50; teens, \$47; afternoons, teens, \$37 (ages 13-18); children, \$31; afternoons, children, \$25 (ages 7-12). Children under 6, and seniors over 80 ride free. Midweek tickets cost about \$5 less per ticket and there are multi-day deals available and discounts if you stay at the resort or are looking to ski.

sizes-too-big beige baggy pants and ridiculous fluffy white hat complete with Heidi-style braids, I might have looked a bit goofy.

Then I remembered that "goofy" is snowboard (and surfing) slang for putting your right foot forward on the board. "Regular" is the term for putting your left foot forward. She must have seen my snowboard boots and assumed I needed a board.

"Ski's," I said. She gave me a knowing look. In our two days on the mountain, I was able to keep up with my snowboarding partner and even dabble on the edge of the pipe and dart in and out of the slalom flags.

The superpipe is part of Mammoth Mountain's "Unbound Terrain Parks," which have numerous rails and jumps. It's great to watch expert riders and skiers "tear up" the pipe and massive jumps. But the park is big enough that it's not intimidating. An intermediate or average skier can jump off the sides of the ramps and tackle the smaller banks without an advanced audience heckling for more.

Mammoth's Unbound Terrain Parks were ranked No. 1 in North America by Transworld Snowboarding. Freeski, SKI, Freeskier and Skiing Magazine in 2003. Skiing Magazine ranked Mammoth the sixth best ski resort in North America. Whistler-Blackcomb of British Columbia was ranked No. 1.

And the apres-ski at Mammoth is all that's left to enjoy. The mountain is linked with the middle of town by gondola, and there were a lot of families with youngsters on the slopes. For the singles set, there are plenty of bars and restaurants in town.

Accustomed as I am to mountains in the East Coast and in Europe, it was novel to sit outside soaking in the sunshine and watch others tackle the slopes. The main lodge has a big outdoor deck with a bar and grill.

As we enjoyed a coffee in the sun, it started to snow. The small crowd around the bar went wild and started screaming: "Snow!"

TROPHY



Michael Kenner of Heyburn caught these two trout, weighing six pounds and four pounds, at Lake Walcott in October.

FREE TO SKI



Cheyenne Call of Rupert was one of the winners of a Pomerelle season pass raffish off at the 2003 annual Pomerelle Ski Patrol Ski Swap. She is presented with the certificate by Alan Mohman, Ski Patrol director, Kim Hammond of Rupert won the ski or board package, Casey Critchfield a'so won a season pass, Tom Dalley of Paul won a pair of goggles, and Stephanie Horn of Twin Falls won a fleece jacket. The money that is raised at this event is used to purchase supplies and ongoing education for the patrol to make snow sports more safe and fun.

Settling pond near Pocatello offers habitat for waterfowl

POCATELLO (AP) — Pocatello residents don't need to travel far to experience nature's beauty.

Lundborg Pond, located off Bannock Highway near Riverside Golf Course, is a wetland habitat for several native species of birds, including sandhill cranes, red-wing blackbirds and wood ducks.

"It's a settling pond for Johnny Creek," said Chuck Trost, a retired ornithologist who taught for ISU's biology department for more than three decades. "It keeps stuff out of the Portneuf River."

Trost, who founded the Portneuf Valley Audubon Society in 1976, has been working with organizations such as the Sierra Club, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department and the Rotarians to remove tons of sediment from the bottom of the pond. Sediment has been accumulating since the last time it was cleaned out more than 20 years ago.

Before cleaning the pond it was only inches deep, Trost said, now it's a few feet deep.

In order to protect the birds from coyotes, the Audubon Society built an island in the middle of the pond, which will help during the winter months because the pond doesn't freeze over. It should be especially helpful to the hundreds of mallard ducks that winter at Lundborg Pond, said Trost.

Part of the project's goal is to protect deer. Last year, 17 were killed trying to cross Bannock Highway to get to an apple orchard next to the pond, Trost said. To remedy the problem, the city installed a traffic light, and the Audubon Society built a 750-foot-long, six-foot-high fence in order to slow traffic and force the deer to access the land surrounding Lundborg Pond along a single trail. This year, with the changes made, no deer have been killed.

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Club news

The Times-News welcomes announcements and other news from outdoor clubs. Address your news to "Outdoors Editor," then mail it to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or e-mail it to twines@micron.net; or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office. Be sure to include a contact name and phone number.

Your best shot

Did you bag a big buck this year? Did you feel in a whoop-per? If you have a snapshot, The Times-News would like to publish it as part of our new "TopHops" feature. We welcome readers' photos of hunting, fishing or other outdoor scenes.

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Share your adventure

Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? Do you want to share your story with our readers? Please write your story in the first person, keeping it under 500 words. Photos are a plus. Be sure to include your phone number.

# Utah snowmobilers are ready to romp

By Ray Grass  
Deseret Morning News

**DANIELS SUMMIT, Utah (AP)** — A year ago, there was hardly enough snow at this time to pack a trail, let alone cover bushes and fallen trees.

Trail groomers remained parked, snowmobilers sat on trailers and snowmobilers waited impatiently for snow.

This year there is snow. There's enough snow to cover the tallest bushes and bury the largest logs in the high country, and enough to get the snowmobile season off to one of its earliest starts in a half-dozen years.

Even before the weekend storm, snowmobile riding along the ridges out of Daniels Summit Lodge and through the open play fields around Strawberry Valley was good. More than a foot of new snow fell over the weekend.

There's enough snow now, said one rider, "You can get your machine stuck if you're not careful ... and it's been a long time since

I've had to worry about that this early in the season."

"The earliest we've had the groomers out the past five to six years," said Alan Spencer, park ranger at Starvation State Park, "is the 15th of December ... and even into January in some areas."

"This year we made our first run on Nov. 28 from Coop Creek to Lake Creek Summit. That started the grooming season for us."

State Parks and Recreation, over the past few years, has groomed about 10,000 miles of trails over a winter season. Starting off this early, said Eric Stucki, off-highway vehicle education specialist, means groomers could log as many as 15,000 miles of grooming within the state's nine snowmobile complexes in a season.

The more popular trails are groomed between three and four times a week. Less-used trails are groomed from one to two times.

At an average speed of about six miles per hour, about 50 miles of

trails can be smoothed and manicured in a day.

There are more than 30,000 registered snowmobiles in Utah. Stucki said the numbers have leveled off because of low snow years, "but with the promising start, that could change this year. We could see numbers increase."

The availability of rental snowmobiles in recent years has increased—the number of people able to ride. There are snowmobile rental operations near all of the nine snowmobile complexes — Hardware Ranch near Logan, Westach Mountain near Midway, Mirror Lake out of Kamas, Uinta Basin north of Vernal, Scofield/Skyline Drive west of Price, Ephraim/Manti to the east of the two towns, Fish Lake east of Richfield, Cedar Mountain east of Cedar City, and Strawberry.

Daniels Summit Lodge, located at a trailhead to the Strawberry Snowmobile Complex on Highway 40 between Heber and Strawberry Reservoir, offers a fleet of 90 machines. Rates range from \$99

for two hours to \$159 for a day.

Dee Eggett, general manager of the snowmobile program, said while they do get some locals and families from the Heber, Salt Lake and Provo areas, most of the business comes from out-of-state visitors "who are in Utah for ski vacations and looking for something else to do ... And this fits in. That is, having a little motorized relaxation."

The Strawberry complex is one of the more popular riding areas. For one reason, it's a link between three complexes — Mirror Lake, Scofield and Ephraim/Manti.

"From expert to first-time riders can ride in the area and find the type of riding they want and have access to hundreds of miles of trails," Eggett said.

Under the program at Summit, both guided and self-guided tours are available. Eggett said the most popular are the self-guided, "where we give them instruction and a map showing the well-marked trails and let them go off on their own."

Lawrence Twitchell, park manager at Scofield, said that between 20 or 50 miles of trails that are groomed routinely by Daniels Summit Lodge, the state groomer flattens and smooths nearly 100 additional miles of trail in the Strawberry area.

With the early start, Stucki is encouraging riders to be prepared when they venture into the mountains.

"They need to be physically and mentally ready, and they also need to get their machines ready," he pointed out.

With all the snow it is also important snowmobilers be aware of possible avalanche danger and understand what precautions need to be followed.

A single call to the state's information line — 1-800-OHVRDE — can offer specific information on snowmobiling as well as give current avalanche information. The DPR also offers detailed maps of trails and play areas in each of the nine complexes.

## Husband and wife take to bow hunting

CINCINNATI (AP) — It took 10 years, but Donna McMillion finally turned the tables on her husband, Delbert.

After 24 years of spending most weekends home alone while her husband was out bow hunting, Donna took up the sport.

On a Sunday in mid-September, it was Delbert tagging along as Donna was teaching an archery seminar at the Outdoor World Bass Pro Shop.

Donna has become an accomplished archer in the last eight years, winning a World Championship, and is a member of PSE Archery pro-staff doing seminars and teaching the art of archery.

But she also finds time to hunt.

The McMillions, of Moscow in southeast Ohio, spent part of September in Canada hunting black bear with bows. In late October they plan to be in Clermont County in search of wild turkeys.

It was 10 years ago that Donna first approached her husband about joining him on a hunt. "I firmly believe if a woman does not have a man to teach her how to hunt she is at a disadvantage, so I asked him to show me," she said.

Initially taking up wildlife photography, she accompanied Delbert on hunts but eventually started shooting a compound bow.

"I started to have success with the bow and people told me I should hunt with it," she said.

Her husband recalls it a little differently. Her motive was not that complicated, he said.

"She was tired of being left alone," he said. "I was gone all the time and she was home alone every weekend so she took up archery and became very good at it."

Donna McMillion began working with Outdoor World Bass Pro in March in the outdoor skills workshop program.

"Since she started hunting as well as competing, she brings an added dimension that gives her credibility with the male bow hunters," said George Francis, promotion director.

Once she started spending time in the woods, hunting was the natural progression. "Once you experience witnessing a woods-walking up, getting close to the wildlife on their turf, it is just addictive," Donna said.

The couple joined other archers going afield after wild turkey during Ohio's 16-day fall wild turkey hunting season. The fall archery-only wild turkey season will run Oct. 27 through Nov. 30.

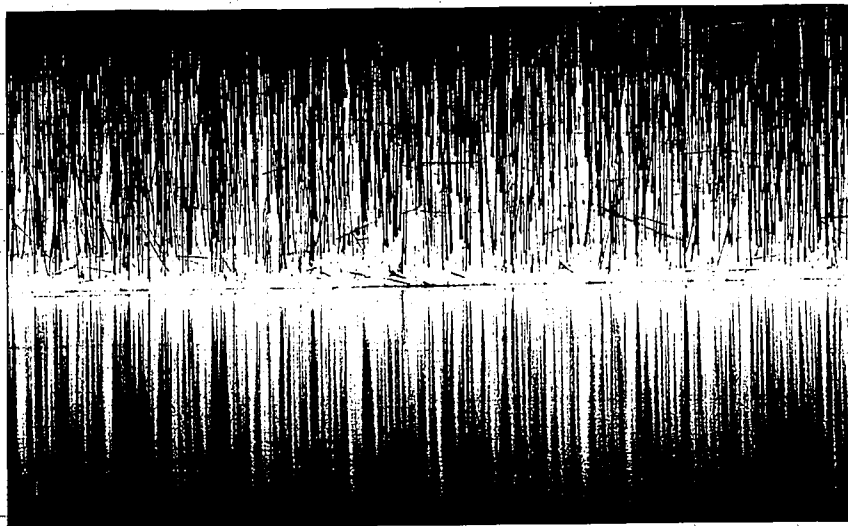
During the fall season, hunters with a proper permit can take a turkey of either sex from half an hour before sunrise to sunset using only shotguns using shot, crossbows and longbows.

The McMillions use compound bows. Delbert's has a pull of 62 pounds, Donna's—a pull of 48 pounds.

Last year, hunters harvested 2,145 wild turkeys during Ohio's fall turkey hunting season. Delbert has taken eight of the wild birds with a bow.

Donna is seeking her first bow bird after taking one last fall with a gun.

## REFLECTIONS ON WINTER



Fresh snow around Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park, Mont., adds contrast Dec. 16 to the shoreline of blackened trees that were burned in last summer's Robert Fire. Many backyard areas in the burned area of the park were reopened to the public last week.

## Teenage girl gets hunting experience of a lifetime

LEWISTON, Idaho (AP) — Kristen Kennedy of Moscow has a soft spot for animals.

She loves to watch them, doctor them when they are sick or injured, and during hunting season she loves to hunt them with her dad, Eddie Kennedy.

This fall the 14-year-old girl did something that could entice longtime participants in Idaho's moose tag lottery to hoot with frustration.

Kennedy drew a moose permit on her first try and then bagged a bull with a 43-inch spread.

There are plenty of hunters who have been trying to draw the coveted once-in-a-lifetime permits for longer than the Moscow girl has been alive.

"I didn't realize how lucky I was at all until everyone else was telling me I've been trying to do that for 20 years," she says.

Sure, she's got luck on her side, but she's also a skilled and thoughtful hunter who has bagged a whitetail buck, black bear and plenty of geese in her short hunting career.

She's been tagging along on hunts with her dad for years.

"I was able to legally hunt when I was 12, but I've been hunting with him ever since I could get out," says the 5-foot-nothing girl who also plays soccer, basketball and runs track at Moscow Junior High School.

She remembers going on hunting trips with her dad as a young girl and sleeping while he sat patiently waiting for game to pass by.

On one occasion, she was jolted awake when her dad shot a deer. Like many hunters, she says more than anything she enjoys being outside and seeing wildlife.

While hunting she has watched deer and bear, seen a pair of bull moose battle for dominance and even seen mating moose.

finds it easy to pull the trigger, she's no cold-blooded killer.

She wants to be a veterinarian and has volunteered at an animal clinic.

Some people can't understand how she can love animals so much, and also be an avid hunter.

She says it's not difficult and killing is always bitter-sweet.

"When I killed my bear, I was really nervous. I didn't know if I wanted to," she confesses.

The bear was the first big game animal she killed, just after she turned 12 and got her hunting license.

Sitting in a tree stand, she had the simultaneous reaction of adrenaline-primed excitement and an "oh how cute" feeling when the black bear rambed into sight. She ended up shooting it.

"I started laughing and I started crying," she said. "I was mad and I was happy and just kind of hysterical because I had mixed emotions."

Her dad says they often talk about the bittersweet emotions of hunting—the exhilaration of making a kill mixed with the remorse of taking an animal's life.

"If that goes away, I don't want her to hunt," he says.

Hunting is part of their family heritage, according to Kennedy.

They are from Oklahoma, where his father, grandfather and great grandfather were accomplished deer hunters.

Her younger sister, Chloe, 10, is unsure about hunting, but is already an avid angler.

Kristen says they weren't even set up completely when she spotted the first bull moose.

"I get all excited," she says, recalling the hunt and seeing the moose.

Even though the bull wasn't massive, she told her dad it was big enough for her.

So they followed the moose to try to get a shot.

In the process, they ran across another moose in thick brush and tried to entice one or both of the ratty bulls out of the thicket by imitating another bull with grunts and thrashing of nearby brush.

The tactic didn't work, but they were eventually able to spot the bulls.

"There is two huge bulls fighting and another one right there," she says. "We are just high-jiving each other because it was just so cool."

Her dad couldn't stand it and told her to take the big bull waiting his turn to fight.

Nervous and cold and with a shaky leg, Kristen says she had to look up at the sky to steady herself.

Then she used her dad's shoulder to steady her rifle, a 243.

When she was ready to shoot, the moose turned and looked at her.

Its head blocked a shot at its chest and vitals. She waited.

"He finally looks away and that is when I shot."

The stunned moose looked up and took a few steps. Kristen calmed herself and shot again, this time dropping the big bull.

"He was just a monster. He was amazing," she says.

They gutted and quartered the

moose, something she says doesn't turn her stomach like some might expect.

"It doesn't bother me at all." She liked that his body was warm and used it to heat her cold hands.

"In a little more than three hours, they'd gutted and packed the moose out."

"It was a pretty cool day," her dad says.

Now she has bragging rights over most boys her age.

"My guy friends think it's pretty amazing." Some of her girlfriends think her hunting exploits are cool, while others wonder aloud how she can kill animals.

Kristin and Eddie will likely spend this morning in a tree stand hunting whitetail bucks.

Eddie says she will probably be the one eager to get up long before the sun.

"She is, a lot of times, the one who gets me out of bed and says, come on we've got to go. It's going to be a good day."

Kristen hopes to add a big buck to her trophies this year.

## Adventurer heeds call of the Arctic

By Sam Cook  
Knight Ridder News Service

DULUTH, Minn. — Will Steger was all through with major expeditions.

Remember? That's what he said in 1995, after his trip up and over the frozen Arctic Ocean from Russia to northern Canada.

Remember? The polar adventurer from Ely, Minn., sold all of his sled dogs. He wanted to put some serious time into his garden. He even found time to get married. He was a regular homebody.

Later this month, Steger will leave Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, with five teammates for a 3,000-mile dog-sled trek across northern Canada. The expedition, called Arctic Transsect 2004, hopes to engage middle school students in an online educational program. Steger has deep concerns about global warming and its effects on the Arctic and Antarctica.

Steger, 59, admits the trip marks a return to expedition life. He is perhaps best known for co-leading a 1986 ski and dog-sled expedition to the North Pole, the first confirmed, unsupported trip to the pole by dog-sled. He also crossed Antarctica in 1989-90 by dog team, and in 1995 made the Arctic Ocean crossing.

"I learned never to say you'd never do it again," Steger said in a telephone interview from his Ely hometown Wednesday. "Last year, I thought I'd never be leaving on a trip like this again."

Steger and his teammates will ski and drive three 10-dog teams across northern Canada's tundra and expanses of Arctic Ocean sea ice on this 3,000-mile jaunt to Baffin Island.

Unlike his North Pole trip, coled by Ely's Paul Schurke, this trip will be primarily on land. Though temperatures may reach 50 below zero and the trip will last six months, Steger considers it less challenging than most of his cold-weather treks. He comes close to considering it an easy trip.

"If you call skiing 130 marathons easy," he says. "It's long. But I don't consider it a dangerous trip. We're on land. The ice isn't going to break under your tent at night."

Steger conceived the trip and has enlisted the partnership of Paul Pregont and Mille Forslid of Grand Marais, who are co-founders of NOMADS Adventure & Education, the educational arm of this expedition. Other team members are Eric Dayton (son of U.S. Sen. Mark Dayton), University of Minnesota education professor Aaron Doering and Canada's Hugh Dale-Harris from Queen's University.

Unlike Steger's other major expeditions, the \$300,000 cost of this one will be financed mostly by individual contributions. Just 15 percent comes from corporate sponsors.

In a state not short on arctic and antarctic adventurers, Steger remains Minnesota's older statesman of the ice. His biography cites his historic North Pole trek and 3,471-mile Antarctic crossing along with his 1,600-mile south-north traverses of Greenland in 1988 and his 1,200-mile International Arctic Project in 1995.

The bio doesn't even mention his 7,000-mile dog-sled, dogpacking and rafting trek across the Canadian tundra and Alaska in 1982-83 with former Ely resident Bob Mantell. Nor does it mention his 5,000-mile dog-sled run from Ely to Barrow, Alaska, in 1984 as a warm-up for the North Pole trip.

Steger also attempted but aborted a 1997 solo ski and canoe trek south from the North Pole. That wasn't his only failed expedition, he said.

"A friend and I set off once to do Canada's Peace River in '68," Steger said, "but the third day out we lost both kayaks and all our gear."

Steger conceived the Arctic Transsect expedition late last year after a meeting with Minnesota expedition bicyclist Dan Buetner. Buetner invited Steger on a desert crossing. Steger declined the offer, but the invitation got him to thinking.

"I caught the spirit again," Steger said. "I had a couple dreams that I was with the sea. I was feeling about the environment. I thought the next morning, 'This is what I want to do.'"

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Christopher & Banks Corp. posts earnings increase

**TWIN FALLS** - Minneapolis-based Christopher & Banks Corp. said net income for its third quarter, which ended Nov. 29, increased to \$11.4 million, or 29 cents per diluted share, from \$11.3 million, or 28 cents, a year ago.

The quarter's net sales grew 17 percent to \$107.3 million, while same-store sales declined 1 percent.

During the quarter, Christopher & Banks opened 41 new stores. As of Nov. 29, the specialty retailer of women's clothing operated 535 stores: 414 Christopher & Banks and 121 C.J. Banks.

For the first nine months, net income increased 11 percent to \$31.0 million, or 81 cents per diluted share. Net sales grew 19 percent to \$290.4 million, while same-store sales were flat.

"While the retail environment remained difficult, we were able to generate an increase in earnings per diluted share for both the third quarter and nine-month period. In addition, we ended the quarter with a very strong balance sheet as evidenced by approximately \$72 million in cash and short-term investments and no long-term debt," said Bill Prange, chairman and chief executive.

"We have continued to see a cautious consumer thus far in December," Prange said. "In addition, business has been impacted by snowstorms in many of our market areas and intense competition in our market segment."

The company predicted a decline in December same-store sales in the range of 7-8 percent; a 3-6 percent decrease in same-store sales for the fourth quarter; fourth-quarter earnings per diluted share ranging from 24 cents to 27 cents; and annual earnings per diluted share from \$1.05 to \$1.08.

### Hagerman sets date for annual banquet

**HAGERMAN** - The Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce set the date of Jan. 24 for its annual banquet, "A Hagerman Hoe Down," to be held at Billingsly Creek Park.

The chamber will hold a pre-entertaining social from 6 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to enjoy a barbecue dinner prepared by Kirt Martin and his crew at Snake River Grill beginning at 7 p.m. Live music and a no-host bar will be available.

Cost is \$20 per person, and everyone is invited.

### Raymond James Financial may owe \$1.3 million

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** - Raymond James Financial Inc. said it could cost more than \$13 million to settle complaints that it overcharged customers who made large purchases of mutual funds.

Raymond James expects to pay a penalty of up to \$6.5 million as part of an enforcement action by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Association of Securities Dealers. Reimbursing customers is expected to cost \$6.9 million, although Raymond James said it expects to recover up to half of that from financial advisers who benefited from the excess commissions. That would produce a total pretax impact on Raymond James' earnings of up to \$9.8 million.

The statement put a price tag on a previous announcement that Raymond James won't escape unscathed from the problems plaguing the mutual fund industry.

At issue for the St. Petersburg company - which has offices in Magic Valley - is the failure of its brokerage subsidiaries to give commission discounts to some customers who were entitled to them. The discounts are based on the size of the purchase. Frequently brokers failed to count purchases on different days or in related accounts that could have been added together to qualify for a discount.

Numerous brokerage firms are facing similar charges. Wachovia Corp., American Express and Legg Mason Inc. have announced that they face possible enforcement action over the issue.

-compiled from staff and wire reports

# Economist: Outlook bright

## Better things ahead for Magic Valley in 2004

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A regional labor economist is forecasting improvement in 2004 for south-central Idaho's economy.

"Like the state and the nation, the outlook is for a slow and fragile recovery with improving conditions over the next two years," Gregory Rogers wrote for a newsletter that the Idaho Department of Labor will publish in mid-January.

Perhaps 2003's biggest strain on the Magic Valley economy was J.R. Simplot Co.'s early-November closure of a Heyburn potato-processing plant. What in Iraq, and the resulting U.S. consumer caution, also struck a blow to Mini-Cassia this year, as McCain Foods USA Inc. laid off 125 of its full-time workers.

McCain cited softness in the demand for frozen-potato products.

"Potato processing jobs are still a serious concern in southern Idaho as the potato and french fry markets remain soft," Rogers said this month.

But just days before the Heyburn closure came news of a January business opening that's expected to offset some of the job losses.

Coast to Coast Carpentry Inc., an Arkansas-based maker and distributor of carpentry and specialty buildings, said it would construct a new assembly plant in Heyburn and launch the operation with 20 workers in January. Within six to seven months of the January opening, Coast to Coast leaders hope sales will support a Heyburn staff of about 41.

"Already, the Mini-Cassia area has seen new businesses move into the area. Though these have initially created a small number of jobs, it has contributed to increased confidence," Rogers wrote in his year-end analysis, also citing Kraft Foods North America's fall addition of 35 jobs in Rupert.

"The potato processing market and related

### Coming Sunday

Magic Valley business people in a variety of industries share their outlooks for 2004.

farm potato contracting remains a concern and somewhat an unknown, but after the recent closure of the J.R. Simplot Co., it is felt that the (Mini-Cassia) job market has bottomed out and that increased national economic activity will provide some positive stimulus," he said. "Retail activity has been surprisingly good given job losses, and that should improve with recovery and possible new job creation."

Rogers expects Mini-Cassia unemployment rates - forecast at 7.2 percent for November for Minidoka and Cassia counties combined - and overall economic indicators to worsen early in 2004 "as 2003 events are captured statistically." But that trend should be temporary. He credits Mini-Cassia leaders' positive attitude and economic-diversification efforts with

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## Finding unclaimed property

The Times-News

**BURLEY** - The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of 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.

The staff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful 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 and Burley, 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.

**Burley**  
A Plus Benefits of Idaho Inc.  
Noe Aguilar  
Domingo Arredondo  
Shawn Baker  
Frank Barbosa  
Max J. Cameron  
Lamont Carter  
Dewane Clayton  
Florence R. Crouch  
Margaret Eddings  
Scott Espin  
Randall Galt  
Cynthia Hernandez  
Bruce G. Flint  
Jeffrey Gehring  
Greenlee Inc.  
Cliff Hanks  
Loretta Harris  
Jody Heppesmeier  
Tom Hooper  
Adan Lopez  
Joan Marsh  
Diana Mayall  
Bertha Molina  
Tabby Nava  
Larry D. Olson  
Miguel Ornela  
Pete Peterson  
Steve Petersen  
Ann Rekast  
Shawn Reynolds  
Fam Robertson  
Ryan Thomas Photography  
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Shelly Sanders  
Shane Sells  
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**Twin Falls**

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Kenneth Harris  
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Ernest Hayhurst  
Richard Hooton Jr.  
Melissa Hoover  
Donald F. Houk  
Idaho Builders  
Marion Johnsen  
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Magic Valley Rehabilitation & Physical Therapy  
Dianne Johnson  
Mac Mayer  
M. Michener  
G. Miller  
Suzette Miller  
Elnae Myers  
Dr. Julian O. Nicholson  
Auburn Orr  
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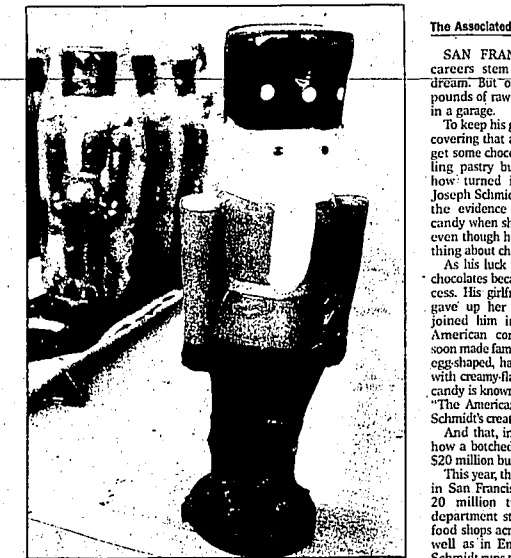
**What to do**

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:  
• Call 1-800-972-7660, Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627.

• Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property, Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.

• Send e-mail to [lostfound@tax.state.id.us](mailto:lostfound@tax.state.id.us).

• Log on to [www2.state.id.us/tax](http://www2.state.id.us/tax) and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and a link to other states' unclaimed-property listings.



Top, Joseph Schmidt poses at his business, Joseph Schmidt Confections, in San Francisco, Oct. 23. Above, Schmidt is known not only for his truffles but also for his designs. Tulips, Santas, Skyscrapers. Even full-sized human bodies. To Schmidt, it is art. Chocolate soldiers are shown at Joseph Schmidt Confections.

The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO** - Some careers stem from a lifelong dream. But one began as 550 pounds of raw chocolate stashed in a garage.

To keep his girlfriend from discovering that a simple errand to get some chocolate for her fledgling pastry business had somehow turned into a truckload, Joseph Schmidt decided to melt the evidence and turn it into candy when she wasn't looking - even though he didn't know anything about chocolate candies.

As his luck would have it, the chocolates became a culinary success. His girlfriend forgave him, gave up her petits fours, and joined him in starting a new American confection company soon made famous by its signature egg-shaped, hard-shell chocolates with creamy-flavored centers. The candy is known in the industry as "The American Truffle," and it's Schmidt's creation.

And that, in a truffle shell, is how a botched errand became a \$20 million business.

This year, the private company in San Francisco will sell about 20 million truffles at major department stores and gourmet food shops across the country, as well as in England and Japan. Schmidt runs the chocolate factory with 150 employees, and Audrey Ryan runs the sole retail store.

The candy business is especially busy this time of year. Chocolate lovers sell more during the Christmas season than every

other holiday combined. It's become almost a tradition for folks in the days before Christmas to line up outside the Joseph-Schmidt store to buy chocolates.

"This year, the Christmas season is especially important. It was 20 years ago this month when Schmidt and Ryan moved their part-time business out of their home kitchen and opened the shop in the Castro, officially launching Joseph Schmidt Confections.

"What tastes good to you, to your tongue, that's the best," says Schmidt. "But nobody makes chocolate as pretty as we do. We have beautiful chocolates, if I may say so. Our chocolate is sexy." Schmidt is known not only for his truffles but also for his designs. Tulips. Santas. Skyscrapers. Even full-sized human bodies. To Schmidt, it is art. Edible art.

Schmidt's chocolate creations have been displayed at the American Crafts Museum. His chocolate flowers have been showcased at the Macy's Flower Show. One of his earliest claims to fame was the 3-by-2-foot chocolate cable car he made for the St. Francis Hotel during the 1980s visit of Queen Elizabeth II. His chocolates have also been given as state gifts to Mikhail Gorbachev and Nelson Mandela.

"He's an artist," says John Scharffenberger, president of the chocolate company that bears his name. "Joe is one of the people who embodies how good chocolate makes you feel!"

# Winter holidays crucial to jewelers' survival

Knight Ridder News Service

The holiday season is a time of extremes - extreme spending, extreme business, extreme anxiety about buying the perfect gift. And in retailing, one of the greatest extremes is in the jewelry industry.

The biggest chunk of sales and the vast majority of profits roll in during November and December. Those two months account for about a third of jewelry retailers' annual revenue - and, for many jewelers, most of the earnings, according to industry experts.

"You wonder why they don't just close their doors the rest of the year," industry analyst Ken Gassman said with a touch of sarcasm. November and December are

expected to bring a 7 percent sales gain at jewelry stores over the same period last year, which pulled in a 6 percent increase over 2001, said Gassman, an analyst with Rapaport Group.

And, bigger numbers are expected at luxury jewelers, he said. "That's the Tiffany's and Harry Winston's - up 10 percent or more."

Clients of those high-end jewelers have seen their stock portfolios rise this year as their home values continue to escalate, and they're feeling wealthier, Gassman said.

The category known as fine jewelry - good stones, better-quality gold and the like - totaled nearly \$42 billion in sales last year in the United States. Toss in

costume jewelry and miscellaneous items, and the total was nearly \$52 billion.

The jewelry sector rakes in roughly 32 percent of its sales during the holiday months while other retail segments are notably lower, according to U.S. Department of Commerce figures.

Women's apparel and consumer electronics, for instance, both come in at 22 percent.

The vibes this year seem good, says Gassman.

"All the good news helps," said Beryl Raff, J.C. Penney Co.'s senior vice president and general merchandise manager for fine jewelry. "Last year, you all heard on the news that the world was coming to an end. There was the economy, the war, a lot of

unwerving things," she said. The shift toward better times should show up in increased consumer spending, Raff said.

Some jewelers are driving sales with discounts, said Marshall Cohen, chief industry analyst for NPD Group, a market research firm. The market is also being given a special effect this year as economic hopes grow, he said.

"People are thinking the economy is coming back, and now there's a chance to buy at a low price. They're thinking, 'Hey, here's my chance to buy before the prices go up.'"

Customers are attracted to low-interest deals as well. About half of all jewelry-store purchases are paid out on monthly terms, Gassman said.

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MONEY

Stocks drop due to mad cow news

NEW YORK (AP) - The nation's first case of mad cow disease sent stocks moderately lower Wednesday in a quiet and abbreviated session on Wall Street. A government report that raised concerns about the recovery of the manufacturing sector continued to decline.

Food stocks were among the big losers, but analysts said it could be several days before the real impact of the news was understood. The delay might actually help limit knee-jerk reactions, said Barry Berman, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee.

"Between the fact that there aren't a lot of people trading and it's year end and things are being done to tax purposes, it's real tough to make judgments on what kind of effect this is having," Berman said. "I think people are waiting to see how it carries over into the new year."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 35.07, or 0.4 percent, at 10,305.19. Trading ended at 1 p.m. EST.

The broader indicators also ended the day with narrow losses. The Nasdaq composite index closed down 5.55, or 0.3 percent, at 1,969.23. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 1.98, or 0.2 percent, at 1,094.04.

The markets were to be closed Thursday, and a half-session was planned for Friday. Lighter volume was also expected next week because of the U.S. holiday.

Meat producers and retailers fell after eight nations halted U.S. beef imports on news that a cow at a farm near Yakima, Wash., had tested positive for

mad cow disease. Fears about the brain-wasting disorder, which can be contracted by people who eat tainted meat, have prompted the massive slaughter of entire herds in Europe.

McDonald's Corp. lost \$1.32 to \$23.96, Wendy's International Inc. closed down \$1.87 at \$37.79 and Outback Steakhouse Inc. fell \$2.23 to \$42.40. Tyson Foods Inc. and ConAgra Foods Inc. shed 27 cents to \$26.13.

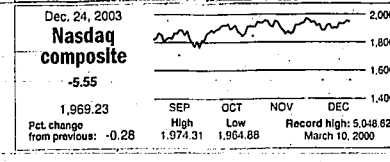
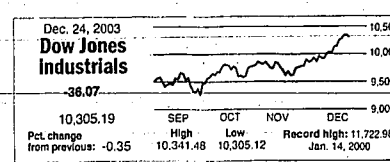
Some firms gained on the news. The nation's largest egg producer, Cal-Maine Foods Inc., closed up \$3.23 at \$35.13. Diagnostics equipment maker Bio-Rad Laboratories Inc., which has developed a test for mad cow disease, gained \$10.04 to close at \$59.82.

Meanwhile, a report from the Commerce Department showed orders for big-ticket goods from America's factories dropped by 3.1 percent in November, the largest decline in more than a year. Economists forecast a 0.6 percent rise in orders for durable goods, which are big-ticket manufactured items expected to last at least three years.

The durable goods data was inconsistent with other recent economic reports that suggested growing strength in manufacturing.

In another report, the agency said new home sales declined by 2.4 percent in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.08 million. Even with the declines, economists say new home sales are on track to set a record high for all of 2003.

Separately, a Labor Department report suggested the pace of lay-



offs is stabilizing. Claims for unemployment benefits slipped last week by a seasonally adjusted 1,000 to 353,000, in line with expectations.

DirectTV parent Hughes Electronics closed down 49 cents at \$16.41. J.P. Morgan initiated coverage with an "overweight" rating, which means that analysts recommend investors buy heavily. Federal regulators approved News Corp.'s \$6.6 billion takeover of DirectTV, the nation's largest satellite television provider, last Friday.

Memory chip maker Micron Technology Inc. ended the day up 28 cents at \$13.44 after surprising analysts with a first-quarter profit, reflecting an improved market for computers, cell phones and networking gear.

"Although Santa Claus was there, it ring the NYSE's closing bell, it was a more subdued end to the Christmas Eve session

than in years past, when an ebullient Dick Grasso appeared at his side, often in a festive hat. Grasso, the former NYSE chairman and chief executive, resigned in September amid controversy over his \$187.5 million compensation package.

Decliners and advancers were about even on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume was lower for the half-day session, compared with 1.51 billion shares on Tuesday, a full day of trading.

The Russell 2000 index, which tracks smaller company stocks, closed down 2.68, or 0.5 percent, at \$52.35.

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average finished 0.1 percent lower Wednesday. In Europe, France's CAC-40 gained 0.3 percent and Britain's FTSE-100 rose 0.1 percent. The German stock market was closed.

Retailers rejoice with last-minute holiday sales

The Washington Post

A burst of last-minute buying and widespread markdowns boosted sales at the nation's retailers in the last full week before Christmas, but many shoppers appeared to not be rushing into the holiday season's biggest names, Wal-Mart and Target.

For the week ending Dec. 20, retail sales at stores open at least a year rose 5.7 percent from the same period in 2002, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers. CBS Retail, which tracks the results of 79 chain stores. Last year, sales were up 1.7 percent over 2001. The council predicts a sales increase of 4 percent for the

entire November-December shopping period, compared with a 0.5 percent increase in 2002, in what could be a boost for the overall economy.

"The holiday season is shaping up to be the strongest since 1999," said Michael J. Niemira, chief economist for the council. That year, sales for the November-December period grew 5.4 percent. "We've turned the corner."

But sales at major discounters suggest that unemployment in sectors such as retail manufacturing - which has shed more than 2 million jobs since 2001, according to the Labor Department - has struck the pocketbooks of blue-collar workers this holiday, analysts said.

Holidays

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Zale Corp., for instance, is aggressive with its financing offers. Its Zales stores are offering no-interest deals through January 2005 on purchases of \$500 or more.

About 71 percent of all women's diamond jewelry bought during the holidays is purchased by men as gifts, according to Diamond Information Center spokesman Carson Glover.

Diamond sales also go up during the holidays because December is the most popular month for engagements, he said.

"Diamonds are run in popular male magazines such as Sports Illustrated. Some take a humorous tone. One reads: 'Three billion men in the world and she picked you. Your friends can't figure it out either.'"

holiday jewelry - watches, gold, colored stones - men are the dominant holiday buyers, retailers said.

To get the right item, men often depend on the woman for hints - "Some are subtle and some are not so subtle," said Penny's Raff.

Taking a rest from shopping at NorthPark Center recently, Joe Santos of McKinney, Texas, said he's learned how to buy jewelry for his wife.

"I've gotten more exact about asking," She wanted a particular watch, and that's what she's getting.

Not all the buyers are male, of course. "My husband wants a Rolex watch really badly," said Stacey Crawford of Arlington, Texas. "He pointed one out in the paper this morning. That's what he gets, if I don't check out."

Across all major categories of

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various financial metrics.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table showing market summary for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, including Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

DIARY

Table listing dairy products and their prices, including Advanced, Declined, and Unchanged.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indexes such as S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrials, and others.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, YTD, and 52-week High/Low.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Markets and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds on a 1.11% gain. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

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Mortgage rates dip for third straight week

WASHINGTON (AP) - Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages dipped for the third week in a row, offering a dose of cheer to prospective home buyers. For the week ending Dec. 26, the average rate on 30-year mortgages nudged down to 5.81 percent, slightly lower than the 5.82 percent rate seen last week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Wednesday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

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Outlook

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The tourism-dependent Sun Valley area, meanwhile, is a concern to Rogers, mainly from a weather perspective. "South-central Idaho has been alarmingly dry for several years," he wrote. "Drought conditions and winter tourism due to fire danger and lack of snow. If water conditions improve, so does the outlook for the area."

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WORLD

# Pakistan's president will quit military post

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Pakistan's military president agreed Wednesday to step down as army chief by the end of 2004, part of a deal with the hardline Islamic opposition to end a long standoff that has stalled this nation's return to democracy.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf also agreed to scale back some of the special powers he decreed himself after taking power in a 1999 military coup. Musharraf will remain president, but must seek a vote of confidence in parliament within one month of stepping down as military chief, according to the agreement.

The deal is an odd marriage of convenience between the U.S.-backed president and the Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal, or MMA, a coalition of hardline Islamic parties that have been deeply critical of American policy in the region, particularly its ouster of the Taliban regime in neighboring Afghanistan.

A four-star general, Mohammed Yousaf Khan, is next in line to take over command of the army. However, Khan is due to complete his three-year tenure in the No. 2 position next October, and it is unclear whether he would be in position to succeed Musharraf when he steps down at the end of next year, said army spokesman Maj. Gen. Shaikat Sultan.

## Syrian president files to Egypt for peace talks

SIAMM EL-SHEIK, Egypt - Syria and Egypt dismissed Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's call for Arab nations to follow his lead and get rid of weapons of mass destruction, insisting Wednesday that Israel must first eliminate its suspected nuclear arsenal.

Gadhafi's remarks were seen as being aimed at Syria. U.S. officials have repeatedly said that Syria has chemical weapons and is sponsoring terrorism. Syria denies the charge.

The Libyan leader also said that if other nations abandon weapons of mass destruction, it would increase pressure on Israel to do likewise.

Neither Syrian President Bashar Assad nor Egyptian head of state Hosni Mubarak spoke to reporters after their talks. But Egypt's presidential adviser, Osama el-Baz, indicated that Syria would not be moved by Gadhafi's words.

Israel has never denied nor confirmed having nuclear bombs, but it is widely believed to have them. Those suspicions were echoed again this month by the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In 1986, Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at Israel's Dimona nuclear plant, gave pictures of his workplace to the Times of London. Based on the photographs, scientists at the time said Israel had the sixth-largest stockpile of nuclear weapons in the world. Vanunu is serving an 18-year term for treason and espionage.

## Princess Anne's terrier kills corgi belonging to queen

LONDON - Queen Elizabeth II was mourning the death of one of her beloved corgis, maulled by a terrier belonging to her daughter Princess Anne, a British newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Sun tabloid said Pharos the corgi was injured in an altercation

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with bull terrier Dotty at the royal family's Sandringham estate on Monday. The corgi was treated by royal vets for leg injuries but had

to be put down, the newspaper said. Buckingham Palace would not comment on the alleged attack. The queen is a noted corgi fancier, and has owned more than 30 of the petite Welsh cattle dogs.

- compiled from wire reports

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The Cat in Hat (PG) Today 12:30 - 2:45 - 5:00  
Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) Today 12:15 - 2:30 - 4:45 - 7:40 - 9:50  
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Cold Mountain on Today 12:30 - 5:45 - 9:15  
Stuck on You on Today 1:00 - 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:30  
Something's Gotta Give (R) Today 1:00 - 4:00 - 7:00 - 9:30  
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Cinema #8 - Daily Digital 12:00 - 7:15  
Cinema #9 - DTS Digital 12:00 - 6:45 - 8:30  
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Love Don't Cost a Thing (G) Today 2:40 - 7:00  
Missing on Today 12:45 - 3:45 - 6:45 - 9:30  
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Paycheck (R) Today 1:15 - 4:15 - 7:15 - 9:45

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Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) Today 12:30 - 2:40 - 4:50 - 7:15 - 9:15  
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<p><b>LEGALS</b></p> <p><b>ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OF TENANTS PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> Idaho Storage, LLC, 2402 Jordan Lane, Filer, Idaho 83329, pursuant to Title 55, Chapter 25, Idaho Code; we will sell at auction, after January 19, 2004, the contents belonging to Michael Brown 2449 Salmon Ave., Hollister, ID 83301.</p> <p>PUBLISHED: December 18 and 25, 2003</p>	<p><b>LEGALS</b></p> <p>months after the date of the first publication of this notice and said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative in care of attorney Leon E. Smith at the office of SMITH &amp; BECKS, 210 Sixth Avenue East, PO Box 5082, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0508.</p> <p>DATED this 4th day of December, 2003. Roxie J. Simcoe Personal Representative 562 Sumner Blvd. N Twin Falls, Idaho 83301</p>	<p><b>LEGALS</b></p> <p>lives of the estates of the above-named decedents. 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Claims must be presented to Stacy LuAnne Nussbaum and Royce Edward McCullough, c/o Harry Turner, Wells Fargo Bank Building, 102 Main Avenue South, Office #1, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, and filed with the Court. DATED this 8th day of December, 2003. /s/Stacy LuAnne Nussbaum /s/Royce Edward McCullough</p>	<p><b>LEGALS</b></p> <p><b>TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION</b> Case No. CV 2003-5599 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of: RAYMOND J. ABUNDIS Decedent. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Angela Huntman 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 in care of the undersigned at the address indicated. DATED this 9th day of December, 2003. /s/John A. Doerr, Esq. Attorney for Personal Representative 1031 Eastland Dr. Ste. 1B Twin Falls, ID 83301 208-734-4034</p>	<p><b>LEGALS</b></p> <p><b>IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS</b> Case No. CV 02-5583 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of: BERTHA JEANETTE COFFIELD. Decedent. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joanne Dyck has been appointed personal representative 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's attorney at her address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 10th day of December, 2003. /s/Jamie A. Lamure Attorney for the Personal Representative TAMMY MICHELLE (BURCH) GIPSON, Mother</p>	<p><b>LEGALS</b></p> <p>112 Shoshone Street East PO Box Z Twin Falls, ID 83303-0090</p> <p>PUBLISHED: December 18, 25, 2003 and January 1, 2004</p> <p><b>IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS</b> MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV 2003-5668 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING In the Interest of: DANIEL BURCH d.o.b. 9/15/91 A child Under Eighteen Years of Age. A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on February 5, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. in the Magistrate's Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.</p>	<p><b>LEGALS</b></p> <p><b>PATRICK EUGENE DAMRON, Father</b> The above-named individuals are hereby notified that they are entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If they are financially unable to retain an attorney, they may apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel. Said father is further notified that pursuant to 16-1513 of the Idaho Code that he may register his claim as father of a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms available for purchase from the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health and Welfare. Said father is further notified that he shall mail the completed form to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and it shall be signed and witnessed before a Notary Public. Your failure to so register can result in your being barred in your maintaining an action to establish paternity of the child and constitutes a prima facie case of abandonment pursuant to section</p>	<p><b>LEGALS</b></p> <p>tion 16-2005 of the Idaho Code. November 24, 2003 /s/Charles P. Brumbaugh Magistrate</p> <p>PUBLISHED: December 18, 25, 2003 and January 1, 2004</p> <p><b>IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS</b> Case No. CV-03-4096 NOTICE OF HEARING In the Matter of the Application of: AUTUMN HARMONY ROBINSON GODIN and RAIN ROBINSON GODIN, for change in Name. A petition by Marsha Robinson, natural mother at Twin Falls, Idaho now residing at 185 Caswell Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho proposing a change in the names of the above named minors to Autumn Harmony Robinson and Rain Robinson has been filed in the above-entitled court, the reason for the change in names being that the children have gone by</p>
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"Robinson" for several years and the church and school records are under the name "Robinson". The natural father's name is Sean Godin and his address is 1605 E. Laird Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah. Such action will be heard on Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 2004, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., and objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of names.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court the 11th day of December, 2003.

Kristina Glascock, Clerk by Deputy /s/ Jeff Stoker, Attorney for Plaintiff /s/ Jeff Stoker, Chartered PO Box 1587, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1587

PUBLISHED: December 18, 2003, January 1 and 8, 2004

**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-03-5617**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** In the Matter of the Estate of: AILEEN B. TAYLOR, Deceased.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said decedent 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 Coleman, Ritchie & Robinson, Attorneys at Law, PO Box 525, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0525, and filed with the Court.

DATED this 15th day of December, 2003.

/s/ Jonathan Howard Taylor

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

On Tuesday, the 20th day of April, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 311 2nd 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 5 OF RUTH FRIEND SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, OF RECORDED IN VOLUME 6 OF PLATS, PAGE 25, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY.

The Successor Trustee has 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 the above-described real property, 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 BRYAN SCHMOE and NICOLE D. SCHMOE, husband and wife, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of REPUBLIC MORTGAGE CORP., recorded April 24, 1998, as Instrument No. 198809787. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, and assigned to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on April 2, 1999, as Instrument No. 199907588. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(b), IDAHO CODE, 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 April 20, 1998 in the amount of \$551.00 each, for the months of July through November, 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 6.25% per annum from June 1, 2003. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$57,471.71, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.25% per annum from June 1, 2003.

DATED this 17th day of December, 2003.

/s/ CHARLES W. FAWCETT  
 Member of the Idaho State Bar,  
 SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

PUBLISHED: December 25, 2003, January 1, 8 and 15, 2004

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

On Thursday, the 25th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Alliance Title & 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 SOUTHVIEW 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 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. SCHMOE, 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. 2002-008659, and recorded on May 2, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-008661, and re-recorded on May 2, 2002, as Instrument No. 2002-009067. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(b), IDAHO CODE, 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 \$550.00 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 6.25% 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 6.25% per annum from May 1, 2003.

DATED this 24th day of November, 2003.

/s/ CHARLES W. FAWCETT  
 MEMBER OF THE IDAHO STATE BAR,  
 SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

PUBLISHED: December 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2003

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

On the 7th day of April, 2004, at the hour of 10:15 A.M. of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 250 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(4)(b) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 6 in Block 2 of VILLA VISTA SUBDIVISION No. 2, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, page 9.

This 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 those 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 Inco 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. Linch, a married woman, as Grantor(s), with Greenbridge Mortgage Funding, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded June 22, 2001, as Instrument No. 2001011121, 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 amount called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$918.91 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 \$98,149.33 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 accruing at the rate of 8.125% from June 1, 2003, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2003.

/s/ Paula Peterson  
 Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.  
 For information concerning this sale please contact The Just Law Office at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-3106

PUBLISHED: December 16, 25, 2003 and January 1 and 8, 2004

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

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The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of \$453.83, plus per month for the months of June through October, 2003 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$18.15, with interest accruing at 6.5% per annum, and continuing to accrue from May 1, 2003. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$47,358.59, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Date: December 8, 2003  
 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC.  
 /s/ Monica Cole, Trust Officer

PUBLISHED: December 18, 25, 2003 and January 1 and 8, 2004

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Date: December 8, 2003  
 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC.  
 /s/ Monica Cole, Trust Officer

PUBLISHED: December 18, 25, 2003 and January 1 and 8, 2004



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**50 LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
ON APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on the 15th day of January, 2004, at 7 o'clock p.m., in the City Council Chambers, Burley City Hall, Burley, Idaho, before the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission on the application of Carla Howett for a conditional use permit. A summary of applicant's proposal as the establishment of a reception center in existing house.

The subject property is located on lands located at the commonly known as 89 West 700 South, Hwy 27, Burley, Cassia County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Tract #484 in Section 31 T15 S, R23 EBM & T4E #483 in Section 36, T 51 N, R22 E.

Such lands are located within the Prime Agricultural zone. Pursuant to the Cassia County Zoning Regulations a conditional use permit is required for development within said zone.

The applicant will appear at this public hearing to provide the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission all information required for a conditional use permit under the Cassia County Zoning Regulations. All other interested persons are invited to attend to be heard on the question of issuance of such permit. Instructions concerning hearing procedures for this application may be obtained from the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission may be obtained from its office in the basement of the Cassia County Courthouse in Burley, Idaho.

The application for this permit and the map of the area are available for review by the public at the office of the Zoning Administrator in the Cassia County Courthouse, 1430 Overland Avenue, Burley, Idaho during normal business hours prior to the hearing.

DATED this 19th day of December, 2003.  
Cassia Board, Applicant.

PUBLISH: December 25, 2003

**50 LEGALS**

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Send resumes to:  
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Email  
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The Times-News has a variety of openings as a Circulation Customer Service Representative. This position must be able to handle customer responsibilities. Ideal candidate should possess an excellent phone presence, strong customer service skills, computer aptitude, and the ability to work well with students. This position is Monday - Friday, 8am to 4pm. Send resume and photo to:  
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
On Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., at the offices of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., located at 311 Second Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho, the undersigned (the "Trustee"), will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, a 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:  
Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho  
The part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 24 (More particularly described as follows: Parcel 12, Instrument No. 1995-01454-7).  
THENCE North 0°23'30" West along the West section line for 284.20 feet to a point;  
THENCE South 89°29'38" East for 33.00 feet to a 1/2" rebar on the East boundary of a county highway right of way and the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
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SUBJECT to a 3.00 foot Access and Utility Easement along the North boundary, including that manufactured home, more particularly described as a 1999 Moduline, attached thereto (the "Real Property").  
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the Real Property, possession or purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113. The Trustee has been informed that the street address of 211 Rock Creek Road, Hansen, Idaho 83334, may sometimes be associated with said Real Property.  
The Trustee's sale shall be made pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust to satisfy the obligations secured thereunder. The sale will be made without covenant or warranty of any kind, possession or encumbrance. The Deed of Trust referred to herein was executed by Rick M. Tibbels and Jeff K. Tibbels, as Grantors, and Secretary of Law, as Grantee, on or about January 8, 1999, as Instrument No. 1999-000376, official records of Twin Falls County, Idaho (the "Deed of Trust"). The undersigned Trustee, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., has been appointed as Successor Trustee, pursuant to Appointment of Successor Trustee dated October 22, 2003, and recorded December 3, 2003. Instrument No. 2003-01082, official records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 28-604(d), the Lender has elected to proceed as to both the Real Property and the personal property attached thereto on this date of sale and remedies in respect to the Real Property described herein.  
THE GRANTEE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(d)(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THE GRANTEE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.  
The defaults for which this sale is to be made are failure to pay:  
(i) the regular monthly payments of principal and interest, as set forth and required by the Deed of Trust and Note due on the 10th day of October, 2002, in the amount of \$502.06, and thereafter on the 10th day of each month until the date of sale; and  
(ii) late fees in the amount of \$20.00 assessed through July 9, 2003, plus the lesser of \$5.00 or 5.0% of the unpaid amount of the installment for each day of payment of principal and interest not paid on or before the due date until the date of sale or reinstatement.  
(iii) miscellaneous fees in the amount of \$502.79 accrued through July 9, 2003, plus penalties and interest.  
The original loan amount was \$103,440.86 with interest due thereon at the rate of 6.25% per annum, as evidenced by the Real Estate Note, dated January 6, 1999, and the Amendment to Mortgage, dated November 20, 2001, (the "Note") executed by Grantor payable to Lender. The principal balance due on the Note as of July 9, 2003, is \$106,621.42.  
The balance owing as of July 9, 2003, on the Note secured by the Deed of Trust and the Note, in the amount of \$502.06, including principal, accrued interest, and late charges, plus excluding delinquent property taxes, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations under the above mentioned Deed of Trust and Note, and the attorney's fees, as authorized in the Deed of Trust and Note.  
DATED this 15th day of December, 2003.  
ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP.,  
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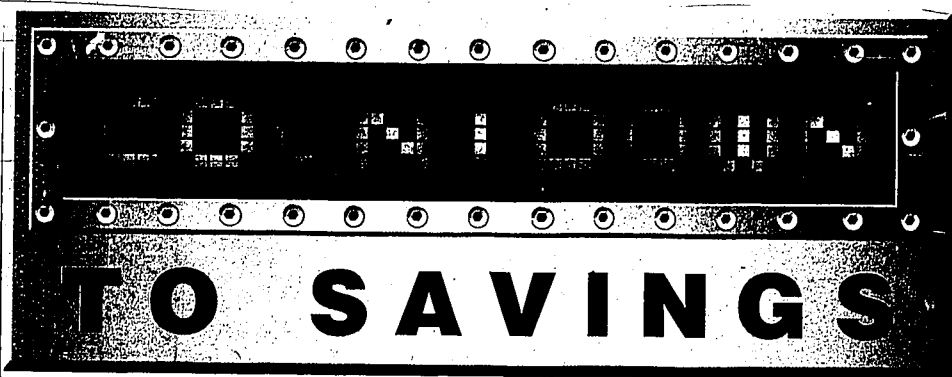
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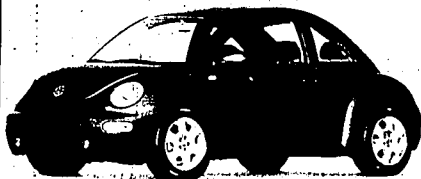
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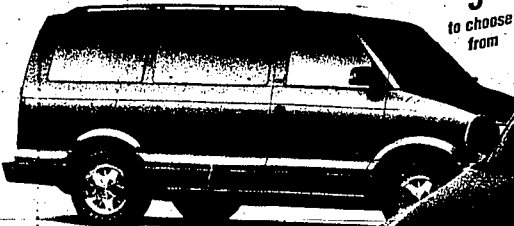
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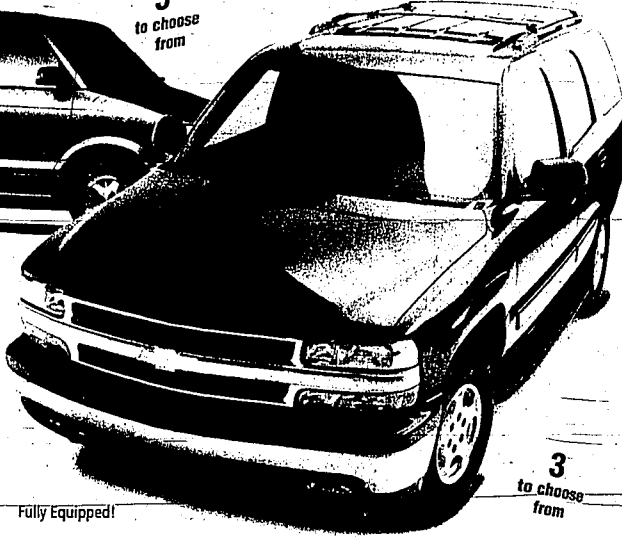
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Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Avarice and usury and precaution must be our gods for a little longer still."

—John Maynard Keynes

At the Dyspepsics Club, North, despite his obvious competence, appears to enjoy partnering South, whose cardholding skills outstrip his playing ability.

On today's deal, the defense played three rounds of clubs against four hearts. South ruffed, led the heart king and a heart to dummy's ace, and passed for reflection when the 4-1 split came to light.

While South was exclaiming at his bad luck, North asked him sarcastically why he had rejected not one but two lines to virtually guarantee the contract.

One line is to cash the heart king and queen, leaving the heart ace in dummy. Then, even if a defender ruffs an early diamond, South can go back to the heart ace, drawing the last trump before cashing the fourth diamond.

NORTH ♠ A 4 2 ♥ 5 2 ♦ A J 10 4 ♣ Q 6 2 WEST ♠ Q 7 ♥ 9 7 4 ♦ 9 5 ♣ J 10 9 5 EAST ♠ J 10 5 ♥ 8 6 3 2 ♦ A K 7 3 ♣ A 7 3 SOUTH ♠ A K 6 3 ♥ K Q 10 8 3 ♦ K Q ♣ 8 4

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East 1♥ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Club jack

BID WITH THE ACES

12-25-B

South holds:

♠ A K Q 3 ♥ K Q 10 8 3 ♦ K Q ♣ 8 4

West North East 1♥ Pass 1NT Pass

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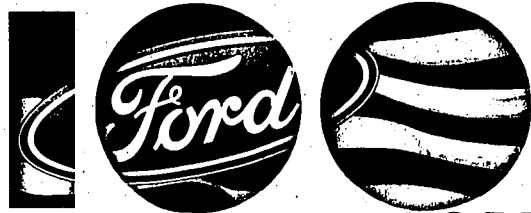




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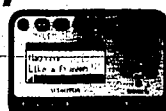
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