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LIGHTING THE WAY



Laura Miller lights the candles on the Twin Falls Centennial Birthday Cake, donated by The Cake Boutique, while 'Happy Birthday' is sung at the Centennial New Year's Gala at the Magic Valley Mall Wednesday.

Gala launches year-long celebration of city's centennial

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With the tug of a white sheet, Twin Falls began a new era.

"Twin Falls, this is your statue," said artist Ralph Lehrman at the unveiling of the bronze likeness of I.B. Perrine during the New Year's Centennial Gala.

This was Twin Falls' party, too. The gala late Wednesday and early Thursday kicked off a year of events to celebrate the city's 100th year. By 11 p.m. about 2,500 people gathered at the Magic Valley Mall for an evening of music, dancing, games, food and history-related events.

About 400 people watched as members of the Perrine family unveiled the statue. "I like art and I wanted to see the sculpture unveiled tonight," said Tom Barnes of Burley. "And I wanted to be part of the history, too."

In the centennial commission's store space, history dominated conversations as crowds perused photos of old-time Twin Falls.

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Randy Perrine, right, unveils the statue of his great-grandfather, I.B. Perrine, along with Ira Burton Perrine III, not seen, Wednesday. Perrine family members ShaAnn and Nathan, 23, look on.

Experts disagree over beef industry regulation

By Seth Borenstein and Tony Pugh
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Still more can be done to try to keep mad cow disease - and even more prevalent deadly illnesses - out of the nation's beef supply, but experts disagree on just how much more regulation is necessary.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Tuesday banned ill and injured cattle from human food supplies, prohibited human consumption of older cows' brains and spinal cords and created regulations on the tracking, testing and slaughtering of cat-

tle. The actions were lauded by nearly every food-safety expert.

"We were dancing around the office when we heard the news," said Karen Taylor Mitchell, the Burlington, Vt.-based executive director of Safe Tables Our Priority, or STOP, a national food safety group formed by relatives of people who died from food-related illnesses. "We applaud the USDA for this great first step. It's really the first significant progress we've seen from this administration on food safety. It's a shame it takes such a huge crisis to drive progress."

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Ports, ships fail to meet deadline for submitting terrorism response plans

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Almost 5,000 ships and about 80 percent of the nation's ports, ferry terminals and fuel-chemical tank farms failed to meet a Wednesday deadline for submitting maritime security plans showing how they will deal with terrorism threats.

Security measures to prevent attacks from the sea have fallen far behind efforts to protect airports and airplanes since the Sept. 11, 2001 terror strikes.

Congress last year ordered the maritime shipping industry to tighten security amid fears that an attack on a seaport could kill

thousands, cause tremendous property damage and cost tens of billions of dollars in lost revenue to the U.S. economy.

Coast Guard officials said the deadline for submitting the plans was met by about 5,200 of 10,000 ships told to submit them and only 2,100 of 5,000 port facilities - despite a potential fine of \$25,000.

"We do not have all the plans," Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Carter said. "We recognize that despite our best efforts, there are those who won't comply for a variety of reasons."

Wednesday also was the deadline for airports to start screening all airline baggage electronically

for explosives. But Deputy Homeland Security Secretary James Loy told Congress two months ago that the deadline would not be met at five airports. "A handful" of airports still don't have the screening equipment installed, said Darrin Kayser, a Transportation Security Administration spokesman.

In the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, Congress required the electronic screeners to be in place a year ago. But when it became clear it couldn't be met, lawmakers moved the deadline back a year.

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Orphanages overflow with new arrivals days after Iran quake

By Ali Akbar Dareini
Associated Press writer

KERMAN, Iran - Six-year-old Atefeh Razmi plays with a puzzle in the children's care center, waiting for her parents to come pick her up. "They will come see me soon," she says, smiling.

But like the 80 other children at the Kermanian Nursery Center, Atefeh is newly orphaned: Her parents were among the more than 28,000 people killed in southeast Iran's earthquake.

Five days after Friday's 6.6-magnitude quake, Iran's orphanages are rapidly filling as aid workers sort the living from the dead and deliver young survivors to the provincial capi-

tal of Kerman, 120 miles northwest of the destroyed ancient city of Bam.

An estimated 1,500 children have been rescued without family so far and are being held at orphanages.

Amid the devastation and grief, Wednesday brought a moment of joy: Government officials reported that two men and two women were

pulled alive from the rubble late Tuesday after rescuers had all but given up hope of finding more survivors. Normally, people trapped under collapsed buildings can survive three days, a deadline that expired Monday morning.

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A young orphan who survived Friday's earthquake sits at Kermanian Nursery Center in Kerman on Wednesday. The child, whose name the nurses have not been able to discover, is staying with some three dozen other children between the ages of two to six years whose parents were killed in the devastating quake.

AP Photo

2003 saw record number of new homes

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The record was already in the bag. But now it's a number you're likely to remember.

The city of Twin Falls on Wednesday issued the 400th building permit for a new single-family home in 2003.

"Such a nice, round number," building official Marianne Barker said.



Five-year history

New single-family homes that received building permits from Twin Falls' city building department:

1999176
2000169
2001241
2002344
2003400

Economic developers, no doubt, hope 400 is a number that will catch the eye of potential employers and incoming residents.

Twin Falls in 2002 issued a record-setting 344 building permits for new single-family homes. The city topped that tally by mid-October, guaranteeing a third consecutive annual record.

Rapid construction has gone hand in hand with Twin Falls' low unemployment rates and hearty job creation. But astoundingly low mortgage rates were part of the explanation.

Barker for a while thought Twin Falls might not meet her 400-new-homes projection for 2003. But a year-end flurry changed the picture.

"We've had a lot of applications in the last two weeks," she said Wednesday.

The building department by Wednesday afternoon had processed all but one of those applications, about which it had questions.

So make note of that new record with a couple of zeros.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Turning windy and colder with periods of snow likely. Highs in the upper 30s early.
Tonight: Windy at times with more snow likely. Roads could turn icy and snow packed. Lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Cold with gusty winds and snow showers early in the day. Highs in the middle to upper 20s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and windy with periods of snow developing. Highs in the upper 30s early.
Tonight: Windy with more snow likely. Roads could turn icy. Lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Cold with gusty winds and snow showers early in the day. Highs in the middle 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Very windy conditions are expected over the next several days. Heavy snow will be likely today, Saturday and Monday. Snow showers are expected on all other days.

BOISE Cloudy, windy and turning colder today with periods of snow likely. Roads will likely turn icy and snow packed tonight as snow continues to fly and temperatures turn even colder.

NORTHERN UTAH Poor travel conditions are expected over the next several days. Heavy snow and strong winds will be likely on Thursday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 37 at Twin Falls, Low: -1 in H4 City
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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Windy with periods of snow	Continued windy and snowy	Morning snow showers	Chilly, isolated snow showers	Occasional snow showers	Snow will be intensifying
High 39	Low 25	24/14	28/21	30/24	37/29

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low: 23	Month to Date: 1.2"	Yesterday's Low: 07%	Friday: 30.0	Sunrise: 6:08 AM Sunset: 5:17 PM
Record High: 55 in 1996	Water Year to Date: 2.2"	Today's Forecast Low: 70%	Saturday: 30.0	Sunrise: 6:08 AM Sunset: 5:19 PM
Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5pm yesterday		Moonrise and Moonset		U.V. INDEX
Moon Phases		Friday Moonrise: 1:52 PM Moonset: 3:42 AM		Low Moderate High
Jan. 7 Full Moon	Jan. 18 Last Ctr.	Jan. 21 New Moon	Jan. 29 First Cr.	Forecast and maps provided by DayWeather, Inc.

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
	HI LO W HI LO W HI LO W		
Boonville	20 20 18 20 17 18	25 12 18	25 12 18
Challis	20 17 18 18 18 18	25 12 18	25 12 18
Elko	23 18 31 20 15 20	25 12 18	25 12 18
Gooding	41 26 20 19 15 8	25 12 18	25 12 18
Hailey	42 24 20 13 13 10	25 12 18	25 12 18
Jerome	30 21 18 30 4 8	27 10 18	25 12 18
Malad City	30 21 18 26 5 8	20 12 18	25 12 18
McCall	20 17 18 20 5 8	20 12 18	25 12 18
Payson	30 20 18 25 9 8	10 18 18	25 12 18
Rupert	30 20 18 25 9 8	20 12 18	25 12 18
Richland, WA	35 30 18 34 23 18	33 24 18	25 12 18
Salmon	30 18 18 20 7 8	20 12 18	25 12 18
Spokane, WA	20 20 18 26 23 18	25 12 18	25 12 18
Sun Valley	20 11 18 20 5 8	18 1 18	25 12 18

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
	HI LO W HI LO W	HI LO W HI LO W
Albany	40 24 18 51 43	40 33 26
Albuquerque	42 20 18 25 14	39 18 12
Bozeman	44 29 18 42 30	47 33 26
Charleston, WV	58 42 30 61 50	58 42 30
Cleveland	42 40 30 50 51	38 20 18
Denver	40 24 18 25 14	39 18 12
El Paso	64 25 18 60 38	61 26 18
Fargo	30 10 18 20 3	20 12 18
Houston	72 64 18 77 60	70 58 46
Las Vegas	54 44 18 53 47	53 47 35
Los Angeles	63 51 18 60 47	57 47 35
Miami	70 67 18 80 68	77 68 56
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New York	45 36 18 48 45	45 36 24
Omaha	55 31 18 54 25	54 25 18

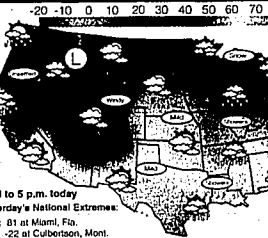
WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
	HI LO W HI LO W	HI LO W HI LO W
Ankara	57 52 37 57 52	57 52 37
Bangkok	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Beijing	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Bombay	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Buenos Aires	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Calcutta	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Chicago	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
London	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Los Angeles	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Manila	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Medan	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Mexico City	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Paris	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
San Francisco	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Singapore	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Tokyo	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Washington DC	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18
Zurich	30 20 18 30 20	30 20 18

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
	HI LO W HI LO W	HI LO W HI LO W
Calgary	27 20 18 21 12	20 12 18
Edmonton	27 20 18 21 12	20 12 18
Halifax	25 18 18 20 16	20 14 18
Victoria	38 32 18 30 24	38 32 18
Winnipeg	10 10 18 9 6	10 10 18

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Cows

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"Two safety concerns remain: Should more be done to combat mad cow disease in the United States? And what should be done about other, more lethal, problems with the beef supply?" Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman's ban on human consumption of ill and injured cattle addressed the major recommendation from some Democratic lawmakers and consumer and animal-rights groups. Those animals are at the highest risk of being infected with mad cow disease. And so far, only one cow was found sickened by mad cow disease. In England, where mad cow infection decimated the nation's herd in the last several years and likely killed 145 people, the government doesn't allow cattle older than 30 months to be slaughtered. In Japan, all cattle are tested for disease before they can enter the food supply.

Susan Solari, a former USDA biologist now at American University, said of England's 30-month ban: "If your goal is to make the U.S. beef supply 100 percent safe for human consumption, then yes, it is a necessary step."

Dan Murphy, spokesman for the

USDA tests of tens of thousands of cattle have found only one case of mad cow so far, and that cow came from Canada.

American Meat Institute, said such a ban is unnecessary, has no basis in science and would be "a complete and total economic disaster for the industry." USDA tests of tens of thousands of cattle have found only one case of mad cow so far, and that cow came from Canada, Murphy said. "We do not have an epidemic," said Linda Detwiler, who until this summer was the USDA's top scientist on mad cow disease, agreed that limiting slaughter to young cattle isn't necessary. England has been the hardest-hit country with mad cow disease and thus needs more stringent safeguards - which officials are contemplating loosening, she said. The United States "is not even close" to needing what England needs, she said. Consumer and food safety groups - including STOP, the Government Accountability Project and the Consumers Federation of America - called for even tougher meat and cattle tracking systems than the one outlined by Veneman on Tuesday. "You could easily have meat from 40 different cows in that (ground beef) package by the time it gets to consumers, so figuring out which farm and processing plants it came through is almost impossible to do," Mitchell said.

New laws for 2004: Keep the left lane clear and watch out for identity theft

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The Associated Press

The new year has arrived, so stop hogging the left lane on Illinois interstates. Don't try to slip a used mattress on new in Tennessee. And be careful not to call in a false fire alarm in Delaware.

Jan. 1 means new laws take effect in many states. Some are new additions to the criminal code, while others are more about "do" than "do not." Poor senior citizens in Pennsylvania now have expanded drug benefits, for example.

Other states are adding protections against identity theft, putting new car insurance rules in place, addressing the Roman Catholic sex scandal, and raising taxes.

Identity theft drew close attention in many states in 2003. Now New Mexico, New York and

Delaware require that store receipts contain only a few digits from the customer's credit card number.

"This will eliminate part of the puzzle that identity thieves use to piece together your identity and fleece you," said Russ Haven of the New York Public Interest Research Group. Such fraud costs some \$2 billion a year nationwide.

Connecticut offers new protection to crime victims, allowing them to use a substitute mailing address if they want to keep their home address a secret from stalkers or assailants.

Responding to a flood of sex abuse accusations against priests nationwide, Illinois extended the statute of limitations in such cases so prosecutors have 20 years after the victim turns 18 to bring charges. Victims have up to 10 years to bring a civil suit. Since

the scandal broke two years ago, a few other states have toughened their laws on reporting child sex abuse and extended statutes of limitations.

Illinois legislators, worried about racial profiling, now make state troopers record the motorist's race at each stop. A black lawmaker from Chicago, state Rep. Lovana Jones, said she knew firsthand the need.

Jones said she was detained without explanation by a police officer for 45 minutes. "It's a horrible feeling. All the time the lady was talking to me, she had her hand on her gun," the legislator said.

In the past four years, 25 states have enacted laws on racial profiling, and most have required police to document the race of the drivers they stop, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Gala

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Harry Zitterkopf grew up in Twin Falls and enjoyed the old photographs, but he said some of the historic pictures were before his time.

"I'm not that old," Zitterkopf quipped.

Jim Dadds of Twin Falls was impressed with the amount of work that went into the gala.

"It think it's a very ambitious thing that they've taken on," Dadds said. The photo gallery was a history lesson for him when he saw the old train depot.

"There's things here I never knew they had," Dadds said.

Janice Pruett, of Jerome, bought the sheet music to the Twin Falls Centennial song. She plans to learn to play it on her alto saxophone.

In the children's area, the atmosphere was like that of a carnival as many tried their luck at the games.

Matt Dumas, 17, came to the gala to perform with the live group from Twin Falls High School. He also was planning on working a maze for children for the school's Key Club.

"I hope it's fun," Dumas said.

Lacy Merrill, of Filer, encouraged contestants in the cow milking game.

"Have you ever milked before?" she asked the children, who bent down to milk a wooden cow. "You did pretty good."

In the center court, Afon Patrick wore tales of dust and sage confronted by pioneers on the Oregon Trail and told where the pieces of the trail are today.

"It's a second love for me, Patrick said.

About 30 people gathered to hear her as she competed with the sound of nearby musicians to tell her tales.

"It was so interesting to hear what it's become since way back then," said Fran Hernandez of Twin Falls.

Bonnie Lezamis, executive director of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission, was pleased with the turnout. She said she was glad people came in spite of icy roads and the possibility of hanging other plans.

"There's a lot of people here, Lezamis said. "I'm pleasantly surprised."

Times-News writer Megan Hinds contributed to this story.

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CORRECTION
MV's lone flu death was in Minidoka County
 An article about influenza in Idaho in Wednesday's newspaper contained an error.
 Only one Magic Valley resident - a person in Minidoka County - has died from the flu so far this season.
 The Times-News regrets the error.

NATION



Alport police officer and K-9 handler Michael Garzon with K-9 Cordon searches a jet bound for Oakland, Calif., for explosive materials during a stopover Wednesday at Ontario International Airport in Ontario, Calif.

Security increases for New Year's Day

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Revelers from Times Square to the Las Vegas Strip prepared to ring in the New Year Wednesday amid some of the tightest security restrictions in U.S. history, as federal and local authorities dispatched fighter planes, sharpshooters and tens of thousands of police officers to guard against a feared al-Qaida terrorist attack.

One example of the unusually stringent security measures came in Los Angeles, where two F-16 fighter jets escorted an Air France flight as it landed at Los Angeles International Airport late Tuesday, according to witnesses. One senior aviation source said Wednesday that warplanes have been trailing specific Air France and Mexican airline flights bound for Los Angeles all week.

U.S. officials declined to comment on the fighter-jet escorts, but aviation sources in Washington and Los Angeles said witnesses on Tuesday night could clearly see the F-16s trailing behind a descending Air France Flight 68, the same flight that was cancelled along with five others last week. U.S. officials suspected that passengers with connections to terrorists were scheduled to fly on at

least one of those flights from Paris, and officials said this week they remain concerned about two specific passengers who did not show up.

Air France, French and Mexican officials confirmed this week that they had placed armed air marshals aboard certain flights to and from the United States, at the request of U.S. officials. The fighter jets are "just another level of protection until everybody's comfortable," an aviation source said.

The Homeland Security Department also banned private flights over New York, Chicago and Las Vegas as a security precaution and said that numerous other measures were taken to try to protect Americans as they usher in 2004. The Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement deployed many of its 135 aircraft, including Blackhawk helicopters, to help provide airspace security, a spokesman said.

Transportation Security Administration directors at airports across the country were also ordered to cancel their New Year's plans Wednesday night and report to their airports, a TSA official said. Hundreds of other TSA security managers and headquarters staff were also told to remain on duty until 3 a.m. today.

Study looks at surgery, clogging

The Associated Press

Doing bypass surgery on a beating heart instead of using a heart-lung machine is far more likely to result in clogging of the new arteries within just a few months, a study found.

Three months after so-called off-pump surgery, 12 percent of the grafted blood vessels were blocked, compared with 2 percent in patients whose hearts were stopped while they were hooked

up to a heart-lung machine. A few earlier studies found no difference in blockages.

"We were quite surprised that there was a difference," said Dr. Natasha E. Khan, who directed the study at London's Royal Brompton Hospital.

Overall, the study found that off-pump surgery appears to be as safe as conventional bypass with a heart-lung machine. The major difference was how quickly the grafts became clogged.

Guardsmen, reservists bear brunt of deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) - Citizen soldiers of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve are suffering an increasing share of American military deaths in Iraq, according to Pentagon statistics.

Of the 39 deaths in December for which the Pentagon has released the victim's name, 10 - or about 26 percent - were citizen soldiers, according to an Associated Press review of Pentagon reports. That is up from 14 percent in November, the deadliest month of the war with 81 American deaths.

The most recent were Staff Sgt. Michael J. Sutter, 28, a National Guard member based in Grayling, Mich., and Spc. Michael G. Mihalakis, 18, a guardsman based in Fairfield, Calif. Both died Dec. 26. There actually were 40 reported deaths in December, but one's name has not been released.

Overall, since the start of hostilities last March, 14 percent of all U.S. military deaths have been members of the Army Guard or Reserve. The Army says it has had 68 reservists killed so far, compared with nine among the Marines, two in the Navy and one in the Air Force.

It's too early to know whether December's proportional increase in deaths among citizen soldiers was the start of a trend, but some analysts say the jump is troublesome, even if it proves temporary.

"It's one more strain on the reserve" component of the military, said Michael O'Hanlon, a defense analyst at the Brookings Institution, a private think tank. "We are living a gamble to keep the reserve component intact" at a time when reservists are coping with the double worries of being called to active duty for long periods and facing grave dangers in Iraq.

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Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company, an Idaho corporation, that on the 13th day of January 2004, at 9:00 am, 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.f. be amended to hereafter require at least ten (10) shares of Company water for delivery to a new headgate.
- (2) That Article XI be amended to provide that notice of future proposed By-law amendments be noticed pursuant to the Non-Profit Corporation Code instead of I.C. §42-2401(6).

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

DATED this 29th day of December, 2003.

Charles Comer, Secretary

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NEWS

Orphans

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 At the orphanage, a nurse told another tale of hope, about a boy born the day the earthquake hit. The girl's father was killed in the quake. Her mother suffered a broken back and other severe injuries and died moments after giving birth.

"She never saw her mom," said nurse Zahra Mirnajafi, tears rolling down her cheeks. The nurse named the infant "Mahdi" after the 8th-century imam Al Mehdi, who Shites believe will return as a messiah. According to legend, Al Mehdi's mother also died after giving birth.

Mostly, the nurses talk about their need for more help to care for the growing number of needy orphans.

"Mister, hug me," a 2-year-old cried out to a visitor. "Hold me," said another, as groups of children stretched out their arms to be clamped on the legs of passing adults.

Iran's government says the quake killed at least 28,000 people, but the number of those still buried in the ruins of Bam remained unclear. A U.N. report that cited government figures said the death toll by Tuesday was at least 33,000. The report also said that 30,000 people were injured, up from earlier official figures of 12,000.

Aid workers on Wednesday rushed tons of newly delivered blankets, medical supplies and generators to survivors, rushing to prevent an outbreak of disease caused by dirty drinking water.

A team of 60 U.S. medical specialists set up a field hospital in Bam, joining aid teams from more than 20 countries. The Americans received a rare welcome in Iran, a country where Washington is dubbed "the Great Satan" and where hard-liners routinely burn American flags at rallies.

U.S. team leader Bill Garvelink met several Iranian ministers on Tuesday. He said the meetings were probably the first between American and Iranian officials in Iran since the United States cut diplomatic ties after radical students seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took hostages in 1979.

"We don't focus on political issues," said Garvelink, downplaying the diplomatic significance of the meetings. President Mohammad Khatami thanked Washington on Tuesday, but stressed that the aid did nothing to change frosty political ties.

As aid continued to pour in from around the world, a top priority in the days ahead was to prevent the outbreak of typhoid or cholera, though there have been no reports of epidemics yet. Yet money is also needed to help the children orphaned in the quake, said Mohammad Reza Rahchamani, head of Iran's State Welfare Organization. He appealed to the international community, including Iranian expatriates.

So far, he said, 1,500 children are being held at orphanages. "A few have parents hospitalized in various parts of Iran, but most of them will remain without family. We will look after them," he said.

At the children's center in Kerman, about three dozen children play with games, dolls and toys in a colorfully decorated room. Most have injuries ranging from cuts and bruises to broken legs.

Some, like Atefeh, can't comprehend their parents are not coming for them. Others seemed overwhelmed by fear and loneliness, grabbing onto visitors and refusing to let go. One girl, age 3, sobbed and cried out for her mother.

"They are in need of affection," pediatrician Noushin Mirhosseini said. "We are trying to partly fill the gap of their parents for them. They need to be taken care of."

Documents detail U.S. plans to seize oil fields during '73 embargo

The Washington Post

LONDON—The United States gave serious consideration to sending airborne troops to seize oil fields in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Abu Dhabi during the 1973 Arab oil embargo, according to a top-secret British intelligence memorandum released Wednesday evening.

The document, titled "Middle East - Possible Use of Force by the United States," said that it faced with "deteriorating condi-

tions such as a breakdown of the cease-fire between Arab and Israel—forces following the October 1973 Yom Kippur War or an intensification of the embargo, "we believe the American preference would be for a rapid operation conducted by themselves" to seize the oil fields.

It cited a warning from Defense Secretary James Schlesinger to the British ambassador in Washington, Lord Cromer, that the United States would not tolerate threats from

"under-developed, under-populated" countries and that "it was no longer obvious to him that the United States could not use force."

Seizure of the oil fields, the memo said, was "the possibility uppermost in American thinking (and) has been reflected, we believe, in their contingency planning."

The document, dated Dec. 13, 1973, and sent to Prime Minister Edward Heath by Percy Cradock, head of Britain's Joint

Intelligence Committee, went on to discuss the likely scenario for an American invasion, how Britain could assist the United States and how Arab nations and the Soviet Union were likely to respond.

Arab members of OPEC imposed the embargo on the United States and other Western countries in October to try to force them to compel Israel to withdraw from Arab territories. The embargo, which lasted until March 1974, cut off only 13 per-

cent of U.S. oil imports but caused steep gasoline price hikes in the United States, Europe and Japan.

U.S. officials at the time hinted that retaliation was possible but did not describe the form it might take. At a news conference on Nov. 21, 1973, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger declared: "It is clear that if pressures continue unreasonably and indefinitely, then the United States will have to consider what countermeasures it may have to take."



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At least five die as car bomb explodes outside Baghdad party

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A large explosion ripped through a restaurant throwing a party in central Baghdad on New Year's Eve, killing five people and injuring 25. Witnesses said the blast was caused by a car bomb.

Elsewhere, gunfire erupted as hundreds of Iraqis marched in protest over fears of Kurdish domination in the oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk. Police said two people were killed.

In the restaurant attack, rescuers were seen pulling people from the building, as sirens wailed and ambulances sped to the area near the former U.S. Embassy. The restaurant, called Nabil, had advertised a New Year's Eve party with live music and bellydancing. Several cars outside the restaurant were wrecked and in flames.

U.S. soldiers and Iraqi police had stepped up security in Baghdad Wednesday, to prepare for the possibility of attacks by insurgents over the holiday period.

U.S. blocked thousands of parts bound for Tripoli
WASHINGTON — Nearly three months after the successful opera-

Nation/World in brief

tion, the Bush administration confirmed on Wednesday interception of an illegal shipment of thousands of parts of uranium-enrichment equipment bound for Libya.

There is an extensive black market that provided Libya with tens of millions of dollars in equipment, but there now is an aggressive program of interdicting delivery and the administration intends to pursue middlemen actively, U.S. official said.

The seizure in early October was just the tip of the iceberg in the spread of dangerous equipment to rogue-states, but it soaled Moammar Gadhafi's decision to announce on Dec. 19 he was dismantling the expensive program, said the official on condition of anonymity.

Israel plans to expand Golan Heights settlements

JERUSALEM — Israeli Cabinet ministers approved a plan to expand settlements on the occupied Golan Heights, a move that

angered Syria and could jeopardize nascent efforts to resume peace talks.

Syria denounced the \$56 million project, which aims to bring 900 more Israeli families to the strategic plateau, currently home to around 18,000 Israelis.

The plan "blocks the road to any effort or initiative toward achieving a just and comprehensive peace in the region," a Syrian government spokesman said Wednesday, quoted by the official Syrian Arab News Agency.

Officials in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government insisted Wednesday that the plan was not meant as a rebuff to Syrian President Bashar Assad, who in a December urged Washington to work for the renewal of peace talks between Israel and Syria.

Syria, still technically at war with Israel, demands the return of the Golan, which Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war as part of any potential peace deal.

Boy, 12, credits scouting in rescue of 18-month-old sister
PARKERSBURG, W.Va. — A 12-year-old boy saved his 18-month-



Michael Wedekamm

old sister from a fire in their home, running through smoke and flames and carrying her out through a second-floor window onto a porch roof.

"She's my sister, and I'm supposed to take care of her," said Michael Wedekamm, who suffered minor burns and smoke inhalation in the fire early Tuesday.

The blaze started in first-floor bedroom and quickly spread to the rest of the two-story home where Michael lived with his mother and three sisters. All escaped with minor injuries.

"Michael went up to get the baby. The rest of them went out the back door," said Lt. Carl Sizemore, Parkersburg's chief fire inspector. Michael credited his Boy Scout training with helping him pick the best escape route, said Sizemore, adding that the department planned to give the boy a reward.

Dunne, novelist and screenwriter, dies at 71

NEW YORK — John Gregory Dunne, the best-selling author of "True Confessions" known for his biting critiques of Hollywood and frequent collaborations with his wife, Joan Didion, has died. He was 71.

Dunne died Tuesday night at his Manhattan apartment after sitting down to dinner with Didion, said his older brother, acclaimed writer Dominick Dunne. The couple had just returned from visiting their seriously ill daughter at a hospital, he said.

"My belief is it was all such a strain on his heart," said Dominick Dunne. "He had a pacemaker already. He just sat down, had a heart attack, and died."

While eventually earning fame as a novelist, screenwriter and literary critic, Dunne began his career as a journalist. He turned his piercing literary eye to the worlds of television and film, beginning with "The Studio" (1969), the result of a year spent observing in the studios of 20th Century Fox.

Dunne's breakout novel came

the next year with "True Confessions," a tough, bleak account of a woman's brutal murder and its connection to two brothers, a policeman and a priest.

Archaeologist finds ancient leper remains in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM — An Israeli archaeologist has found what he says are the oldest remains of a leprosy victim to be uncovered in the Middle East, buried in a biblical valley whose name became a synonym for Hell.

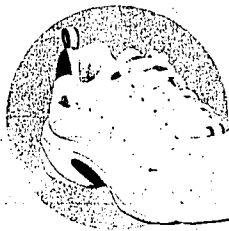
Shimon Gibson of Jerusalem's Albright Institute of Archaeological Research discovered the 2,000-year-old remains of a man in a niche in a family burial cave in the city's Hinnom Valley.

Gibson said that until now the oldest archaeological findings of leprosy, known in medical terms as Hansen's Disease, were from the Byzantine period, around the fifth century A.D. "As this is from the first century A.D., it makes it the first known example of Hansen's Disease in the entire Middle East," he told The Associated Press. "It's very exciting."

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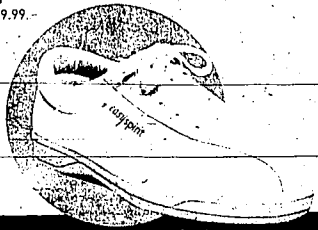
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EDITORIAL

Some brighter hopes for a safer 2004

A vision in the desert turns 100 years old

Residents of Twin Falls will wake up today greeting not just a new year, but a new century.

As they look back at 100 years of history, Twin Falls residents have plenty to celebrate. The community can express pride, awe, and most especially gratitude. Those who helped the town blossom in the Idaho desert began an inspiring story of Western pioneer spirit.

The southern Idaho landscape that greeted early travelers on their way to Oregon and California was hardly a welcoming haven. The desert plains were filled with sagebrush and rocky scrubland. The canyons, rivers and cliffs were more daunting than inviting.

Then there was the weather. The dusty summers were blazing hot, and sweeping winds made the winters bitterly frigid. In Idaho's infancy, pioneers, railroaders, miners and timber companies found other areas of the state more promising than the southern desert. To most, this area was a place to view a spectacular waterfall, and then to leave behind.

It took a grand vision to see the potential of such hinterlands. Ira B. Perrine applied that vision, along with lots of hard work and money. The transformation began with the founding of the community in 1904. The Carey Act enabled tracts to be sold for money to construct the network of canals below Milner Dam. Life-giving water soon would begin fueling a century of success.

But farming would be no easy task in those early years. The hard land led to hard lives. Look at photographer Clarence Bisbee's work, and peer into the eyes of Twin Falls' settlers. The weariness is

unmistakable. Many early houses were shacks. Roads were craggy paths across sand and rock. Amenities were but a dream.

Yet the settlers and their offspring labored on. They planted crops, raised orchards, founded schools and built bridges. Once World War II passed, the boom was on. Twin Falls' growth pushed outward, as did that of its Magic Valley neighbors.

The agriculture industry, aided especially by that golden brown tuber, the Idaho spud, lifted Twin Falls and the Magic Valley as a major economic region in the state. Soon the College of Southern Idaho provided access to higher education. And as the decades passed, more retailers, manufacturers and food processors began calling Twin Falls home.

Today, the rugged settlement is one of Idaho's most thriving cities. The spirit of the West that brought settlers from the East and Midwest is alive and well, with more residents moving into the city from all over the country and the globe.

Twin Falls' future will continue to have challenges. Water and the interests competing for it continue to be an issue. The stability of agriculture - its growth in some areas and its decline in others - remains a concern. The growing needs for education at all levels continue to be debated.

But when we look back at the progress this city has made in 100 short years, it's hard to imagine any challenge or setback as impossible.

Twin Falls' centennial should stand as proof to its people that the vision of a booming community in the Idaho desert is alive and well. We're proud to call this place home. Happy second century, Twin Falls.

Our view: The new year and the Twin Falls centennial give local residents plenty to be grateful for. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Here are some New Year's wishes for a group of folks who will have a big impact on your safety in 2004.

As we know from the Christmas terror alerts, the threat of plane bombs and dirty bombs is still with us. The future of Iraq remains uncertain. We don't know whether the Iraq war will fuel the terror threat or reduce it.

TRUDY RUBIN

So let us all hope that the following people get what they deserve next year.

For Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf: May Allah protect you from any future attempts on your life like the two you narrowly survived this month.

Islamic militants want to kill Musharraf for helping the United States overthrow the Taliban and assisting the hunt for al-Qaeda members. Pakistan has dozens of nuclear weapons, and some of its scientists are already accused of leaking nuclear secrets to other countries. If fanatics ever seized these bombs, the danger they posed to us would make nuclear-less Saddam look like a piker. So wish President Musharraf longevity.

For Afghan President Hamid Karzai, he of the elegant capes and hats: May your friends increase their support.

When the U.S. focus shifted to Iraq, funds for Afghanistan faded, even though the Taliban had been making a comeback. That threat finally galvanized the Bush administration, more U.S. money has been pledged and a long-delayed road from Kabul to Kandahar was finally finished with U.S. funding. Let's hope Karzai and his new Afghan constitution now get the attention they deserve.

For Osama bin Laden (or, as one of my friends says, bin, Osama bin Laden): May you, too, get the U.S. attention you deserve.

No doubt it's harder to penetrate mountain caves than the Afghan-Pakistan border than it



was to find Saddam Hussein's hole, especially when top U.S. intelligence analysts were tied up looking for the Iraqi. But Osama's demise would do more to undermine Islamic jihadis who want to drag the world back to the eighth century. May this be his year to meet a less-than-glorious martyrdom.

For Paul Bremer, the czar of the U.S. civilian occupation authority in Iraq: May you succeed in your pragmatic efforts to overcome the lack of planning by Pentagon ideologues for postwar occupation.

Bremer's strength has been his willingness to rethink U.S. mistakes and rejigger policy to fit Iraqi realities. Now he is trying to find a way to turn over sovereignty to Iraqis, by mid-2004, that will hold the country together and avoid civil war. So far he hasn't found a setup that will win the support of a majority of Iraqis.

May Bremer have the foresight to foster a framework that lets Iraqis pick a government that will be viewed as legitimate, rather than one selected by U.S. officials. This will be the key to establishing a reasonable level of Iraqi stability next year.

For Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, commander of the 101st Airborne in northern Iraq: May your thoughtful strategizing on how to help Iraqi nation-building be taken to heart at the Pentagon.

Petraeus put together a strategy to two unhappy Sunni Iraqis. It combined sophisticated carrots with carefully applied sticks. Other commanders used heavy sticks and minimal carrots, and the insurgency continued. Stability in Iraq depends on a smart Sunni strategy. Petraeus and his unit leave early next year, but let's hope his example becomes wider policy in Iraq.

For Maj. George Sarrabia and Maj. Paul Goss, civil-affairs officers working with the Army's Second Armored Cavalry Regiment in the Shiite slums of Baghdad: May you and all other U.S. civil-affairs experts - including the police, engineers, teachers and others in reserve units who are working with Iraqis - see some reward for your work.

It isn't easy trying to transmit civilian skills to suspicious Iraqis in the midst of chaotic conditions, and these efforts are often frustrated. May they bear some

fruits. And, finally: May all the troops in Iraq, including National Guard and reserve units, finally get the Kevlar protective vests and special insertive plates that can make the difference between living and dying.

Tens of thousands of soldiers were sent to Iraq with Vietnam-era flak jackets that can't protect against modern weapons. (Only combat troops were issued the high-tech equipment.) Parents have been plunking down hundreds of dollars to buy body armor for their soldier offspring, and ship it to Iraq.

Bipartisan protests in Congress have finally pushed the Pentagon to fork up the cash for 80,000 additional vests and 160,000 more plates. It is unconscionable that we should enter 2004 with many soldiers still unprotected. Whatever the wisdom of the Iraq war, here is a resolution everyone can agree on: May those who are sent into the Iraqi conflict zone be given the proper equipment to keep them safe.

Trudy Rubin is a columnist and editorial board member for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

High-stakes presidential primaries reward only a few

Something strange and important has happened to the system of picking presidential candidates. Influence that was supposed to move from political insiders to the broad public has been captured by activists, pollsters, pundits and fund-raisers - not exactly the people the reformers had in mind. The new system removes the useful peer-group screening that once operated but fails in its promise to give power to the people.

You can see the process at work in the widespread expectation that Howard Dean will capture the Democratic nomination - even though not one vote has been cast in any contest and millions of Democrats across the country have no idea who Dean - or any of his eight rivals - is.

This is not peculiar to Dean or the Democrats. Four years ago, expectations were equally strong that the Republican candidate would be George W. Bush - even though he had been in elective office for barely five years.

Political scientists say that the whole "drama" of the primaries is a fraud - that the opposition party almost invariably nominates the candidate who raises the most money in the pre-election year and leads the field in the final polls of the year. Of course, there can be bumps along the way. John McCain showed Bush's coronation by beating him in New Hampshire and Dick Gephardt might do the same thing in Dean in Iowa this cycle. But the expectations for Bush were so high that credentialed candidates such as former Vice President Dan Quayle and for-



DAVID S. BRODER

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mer Cabinet members Elizabeth Dole and Lamar Alexander dropped out before the voting began. And McCain was unable to sustain the challenge, despite his obvious appeal.

Many Democratic consultants - including some lukewarm toward Dean - argue that the party "cannot afford" to deny Dean the nomination because the former Vermont governor has staked such a strong claim to the prize. What Bush did four years ago with his name and family connections, his wealth of fundraising friends and his early support from his fellow governors, Dean has done with his Internet prowess and his mobilization of a highly educated elite fervently opposed to Bush and the Iraq War.

Even if Dean stumbles, pundits say, his "momentum" will carry him through. But "momentum" is a myth. Last August, at the American Political Science Association convention in Philadelphia, William Mayer of Northeastern University said that his study of 10 contested nominations in both parties from 1980 onward showed that finishing first or second in the Iowa caucuses did nothing to improve the statistical chances of winning. A first or second in New Hampshire was

more of a boost, but the best predictor by far - with nine out of 10 times - was the identity of the top fund-raiser and top poll-sitter of the pre-presidential year.

Prior to 1972, presidential nominations were awarded by the politicians in both parties - officeholders, state and local organization leaders. They watched the few primaries then held, but made their own judgments about the talent and electability of the aspirants. But the Democratic Party rebelled after the tumultuous 1968 convention turned away from the surviving anti-Vietnam War candidates and nominated Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

The Democrats wrote new rules designed to give control to grass-roots party members. Those rules proved so complex that states decided the only way to comply was to hold primaries.

The Republicans were dragged along in this populist revolution, whose rationale was that the people would rule.

Problem is, not all primaries are equal, those early in the year have far more influence than those that come later. And as states competed to be at the head of the line, the calendar of contests was advanced to the point that this year, Democrats expect to finish their work by the first or second week in March - just when it used to begin.

Most Americans have a limited appetite for politics. When the candidates are forced to do most of their campaigning for the nomination in the pre-presidential year, they quickly find that the only attentive audience members are activists, donors, pollsters and the political reporters. Those four groups - none of them remotely representative of the grass-roots - have acquired the power to say who "expected" to win - and who usually does win.

If polling and punditry were less eager to anoint, every poll would provide the option of answering, "I don't think I know enough yet to make a choice among these candidates." That answer would top every national poll.

This rush to judgment devalues the role of the party leaders and elected officials and still fails to achieve the reformers' populist goals. It comes close to being the worst way possible to pick a president.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Simmons' letter was written with lighter splints

This letter was prompted by the letter in Sunday's paper by Grant Uptain claiming the article by Mike Simmons was sick, filthy and was taking away the decency of the season. Hog wash, Mr. Uptain! I'll bet that 99 percent of the people, including myself, saw Mike's letter as one way of putting a little humor into the mixed-up society we live in. I'm guessing that Mr. Uptain and the other 2 percent are against cheese on pizza and ice cream on apple pie. I think that if they will all lie down, close their eyes and think about it, they'll all wake up with a completely different outlook on life. Have a nice nap!
KEITH OWENS
Kimberly

Concerns grow over driving under the influence

A subject of much discussion, apropos of the season, is alcohol and the special relationship this drug has to driving. Based on the fact that the experts, as well as laymen, cannot agree on the point at which sobriety stops and impairment begins, one is forced to conclude that if you drink at all while driving, you're impaired and endanger the lives of others. If one 12-ounce bottle of beer is consumed while driving and the driver harms someone, the driver would never know if the beer caused the harm. (Few could live with the torture of knowing if the beer was a deciding factor. Inevitable guilt would surely accompany this torture.)

This problem of driving with impaired reflex and slowed reaction is compounded by the universal availability of illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine, marijuana, etc. The problem is so overwhelming, unworkable treatments and solutions so discouraging! The problem is compounded further by the addition in recent years of a myriad of prescription drugs. Prozac, Valium and others are no doubt prescribed by some doctors without regard for the patient's driving needs. Warnings on labels are frequently ignored or go unread; warnings that may only list the side effect of drowsiness. (More accidents are now believed to be caused by sleepiness than are caused by alcohol and other drugs - one has to wonder, however, how many sleep-

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caused accidents were a result of prescribed drugs as well as alcohol.) Some prescription warnings explicitly forbid driving or operation of machinery.

Shall we say, "Everybody is doing it, let's just throw up our hands and forget it. Life is a gamble, stop worrying about it?" That seems cynical and unproductive. To be brutally honest, places such as Jackpot, Nev., get us drunk on a dope called "alcohol," take our money and allow us back on the highway! Shall we then forbid casinos and other roadside businesses to sell alcohol or some other drug of choice that may affect driving ability? That's been tried all the time without much success.

Prohibition of everything, as we did with alcohol, might significantly curb the corruption and crime associated with drugs but would not, of course, help the driving problem.

What shall we do then? How about prohibition, and this time dedicate adequate resources to law enforcement and other means of preventing crime? Can we have some creative thinking expressed in these columns?

JACK HARTLEY
Twin Falls

Lindy's flight over Oakley hasn't been forgotten

An aviation occurrence that took place in Oakley on Sept. 4, 1927, is to me notable enough to have been mentioned in the Sunday Times-News article about the history of aviation in southern Idaho. On that date, Charles A. Lindbergh, the first person to fly solo from New York to Paris, flew over Oakley. His flight was in honor of Mrs. Joseph R. Price, whose son, Noel Davis, was killed in an earlier attempt to accomplish that feat.

The \$25,000 reward offered to the first person to make this solo flight drew three serious contenders: Noel Davis, Admiral Byrd and Charles A. Lindbergh. Davis, a naval aviator, was the commander of the Pensacola Naval Air Base. He was considered to be America's top aerial navigator. He

was killed when his plane hit a pot hole on the runway while attempting his takeoff. Rain had filled the pot hole so that it looked like a mere puddle.

The lesser-known Lindbergh accomplished the feat and instantly became a hero to the hero-worshipping American public. He was adored along with Babe Ruth and Charlie Chaplin. He then made a triumphant tour

of the United States, stopping at all the major cities. When he reached Salt Lake City, my Uncle Edward, who had moved there recently from Oakley, appealed to the mayor to encourage "The Lone Eagle" to fly over Oakley and pay homage to Mrs. Price since it was close to the route to the next city - Boise. Edward called my dad, Rosel, who then called "central."

"Central" called every one in Oakley who owned a phone and a large crowd was gathered on Tibbets Hill when Lindbergh arrived at about 1 p.m. Lindbergh circled three times, then flew on to Boise.
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SPORTSQUOTE

How come nobody ever says anything like that to (sideline reporter) Jim Gray?

—Mike Downey of the Chicago Tribune, regarding Joe Namath's telling sideline reporter Stacy Kolber, "I want to kiss you."

TRIVIA

QUESTION: What was the Minnesota Vikings' postseason record against the Los Angeles Rams in the 1970s?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

Three-man sorting kicks off in Buhl

BÜHL—A three-man team sorting competition will be held at 1 p.m. today at Copus Cove Arena in Buhl. The entry fee is \$25 per person. Call 543-6695 for more information.

Minico Boosters will meet Monday

RUPERT—The Minico Booster Club will meet Monday, Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Minico High School library. Parents with students in grades 8-12 are encouraged to attend. Please call 436-5670 for more information.

Holiday open gym is available in Jerome

JEROME—The Jerome Recreation District gym schedule for the holidays. The gym will be open to seniors from 8:30-11 a.m. Friday. The gym will be available for adults from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. also on Friday. The youth open gym will be from 1-3:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call 324-3389 with any questions.

Rocky Mountain baseball camp will be Jan. 17-19

LOGAN, Utah—The Rocky Mountain School of Baseball will hold its 11th annual Winter Ball Camp in Mesquite, Nev. on Jan. 17-19. The camp will be conducted for ages 8-18. The staff will consist of college coaches, professional players and pro scouts. For more information or to register, log on to www.rmsb.com, or call toll free at 877-272-0862.

Skii resort offers cross country rentals, lessons

HANSEN—The Magic Mountain Ski Resort will sponsor free rentals and lessons for beginning cross country skiers from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10. For more information, call Jack at 837-4505.

T.F. Rec coaches get into Bruins games free

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

Candleridge offers winter golf rates

TWIN FALLS—The winter golf rates are in effect at Candleridge Golf Course in Twin Falls. Through Feb. 29, the cost is \$5 for nine holes and \$10 for the entire day.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

The Vikings had three playoff victories over the Rams in four years (1974-77) before losing to them in the 1978 NFC divisional playoffs, 34-10.

LeBron's rise doesn't fix Cavs

Cleveland star still hopes for run at playoffs

By Tom Withers
Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND—Everything has come so easy for LeBron James—except for the victories.

After just two months in the NBA, Cleveland's sensational rookie has been better than advertised, posting impressive statistics and assuming leadership of his team.

Now the teenager wants to turn the Cavaliers into winners.

After going 102-6 during his celebrated high school career in Akron, James is off to a 10-22 start as a pro.

Don't think his confidence is diminished at all, though.

"It's disappointing," James said recently. "But it's a long season, and I still think we can make a run at the playoffs."

Cleveland's No. 1 overall draft pick survived scandals in high school, brought a \$90 million deal with Nike and sighted hope to a championship-starved city. And his play on the court so far has been worthy of the endless attention and adulation.

"He's kind of amazing," Cavs coach Paul Silas said. "I knew he was good. I didn't know he was this good."

Just how good? James—who turned 19 on Tuesday—is currently the only player in the league averaging more than 20 points, six rebounds and six assists. In 15 games in December, he averaged 23.3 points and scored more than 30 points five times.

No player in NBA history, not Michael, not Wilt, not Kareem, not Kobe or Shaq has been this good, this soon.

Already, James has modified and improved his game, showing the naysayers he can indeed shoot. And as he stuffs the stat sheet each night, James raises the bar for the future high school-to-NBA jumpers while dispelling the myth that he's simply the product of Madison Avenue hypebole.

"In a two-month period, he's a legitimate blossoming icon in this game," said Indiana Pacers coach Rick Carlisle, who has faced James three times this season. "I'm amazed. I felt bad for the kid coming in because I wasn't sure any kid could ever live up to it. He's making that thought seem ridiculous now."

James remains unimpressed by his fast start as a pro.

"Statistics don't matter to me," he said. "I'm never satisfied with my game. I'm not disappointed with anything about my game. I just try to go out and play, and what happens, happens."

Too often, what happens is that the Cavaliers lose.



Cleveland's LeBron James dunks against the Washington Wizards on Nov. 8 in Cleveland.

Cleveland has just four more victories than it had at the same point last season on the way to a 17-65 finish. The Cavs dropped their first 13 games away from Gund Arena this season before finally ending a 34-game road losing streak.

But unlike a year ago, when the young Cavs (five players have no college experience) rou-

tinely fell behind early and packed it in under coach John Lucas, these Cavaliers fight to the finish for Silas.

Of Cleveland's losses, 16 have been by 10 points or fewer.

Slowly, the Cavs are learning to win. They're

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Auburn slams door on Wisconsin

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Auburn Tigers finished the season the way they had hoped to open 2003.

Carnell "Cadillac" Williams and Ronnie Brown scored in the last four minutes, and each finished with two rushing touchdowns leading Auburn to a 28-14 victory over Wisconsin on Wednesday in the Music City Bowl.

Jason Campbell added a season-high 67 yards on nine carries, and went 10-for-22 for 138 yards. The Tigers also had six sacks and forced two turnovers in winning their second straight game and second consecutive bowl game under coach Tommy Tuberville, who improved his postseason record at Auburn to 2-2.

Not bad for a team that lost its first two games after being ranked sixth in the preseason and

survived an embarrassing attempt by the university president at replacing Tuberville.

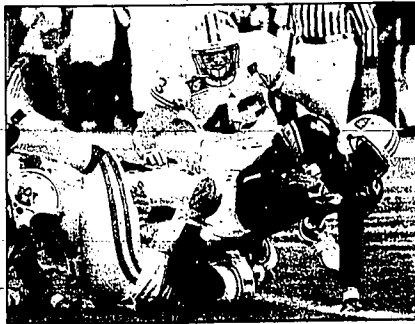
"We showed our poise and our unity as a team," Brown said. "We went through a lot this season and had a lot to deal with. For us to be able to put our distractions behind us and come out and win the Iron Bowl and then come win our bowl game was real exciting for us."

Auburn (8-5) became the first Southeastern Conference team to win the Music City Bowl, ending an 0-5 run that included four losses to Big East schools and one to a Big Ten team.

"We wanted to come out and play hard especially for the coaching staff since they've been through so much the last few months," Campbell said.

The Badgers (7-6), trying to give coach Barry Alvarez his 10th victory at Wisconsin, dropped to 7-2

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Auburn running back Carnell Williams (24) scores a touchdown Wednesday in the Music City Bowl despite the efforts of Wisconsin's Alex Lewis (12) and Kyle McCortson (43). Auburn won 28-14.

Ravens' duo gains honors

NFL names offensive, defensive standouts

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md.—Ray Lewis is as fearsome and dependable as anyone in football, and that earned him his second Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year award Wednesday.

The Ravens' inside linebacker and leader is Baltimore's third player honored in 2003, joining Offensive Player of the Year Jamal Lewis and Defensive Rookie of the Year Terrell Suggs.

Lewis also was the NFL's top tender in the 2003 season, when he led a dominant defense that carried the Ravens to the Super Bowl title. He probably would have won the award in other seasons, too, had he been fully healthy, particularly last year, when Lewis missed 11 games with a shoulder injury.



Ray Lewis
Defensive Player of Year



Jamal Lewis
Offensive Player of Year

"When I got hurt, I had a lot of choices to make," Ray Lewis said.

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Raiders can Callahan after compiling 4-12 season

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press writer

ALAMEDA, Calif.—Bill Callahan was fired by the Oakland Raiders just one year after taking them to the Super Bowl as a rookie coach.

The team announced the move Wednesday, a day after selling Callahan, 35-17 overall. He asked the Raiders to delay the official word because his son Brian's college team, UCLA, played in a bowl game Tuesday night.

Openly criticized by his players, Callahan went 4-12 this season, the Raiders' worst record since 1997.

Callahan, a seven-year NFL assistant with no previous head coaching experience, was promoted from offensive coordinator when Jon Gruden went to the

Thomas becomes presence with Knicks

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK—The new boss watches home games from the tunnel near center court, standing only a few feet from the seats occupied for several years by Woody Allen.

Isiah Thomas has been a strong presence since becoming president of the New York Knicks, who needed a jolt to turn things around.

A change at the top apparently was the answer.

"You've got to give him some credit for bringing some accountability. You have to give him credit for challenging us," guard Allan Houston said after New York extended its winning streak to four games—the team's longest in 23 months—with a 29-point victory over the Miami Heat on Tuesday night.

New York's last three victories have all been by at least 20 points, something the Knicks haven't done since 1997.

"I definitely think we're playing different," said Keith Van Horn, whose offensive production has picked up considerably the past six games—five of which came after the Knicks fired Scott Layden and replaced him with Thomas.

Many of the players credited a renewed commitment to defense as the primary reason, though they grudgingly acknowledge the change in atmosphere has made a difference.

While Layden was nonconfrontational and low key, Thomas has challenged players to their faces and in the newspapers.

Layden was rarely seen during games. Thomas is hard to miss standing a few steps behind the scorer's table.

Layden shied away from saying anything of substance. Thomas shies away from shying away.

"Isiah spoke to us about supporting each other, trusting each other and the confidence in each other, and I think we took that to heart," Van Horn said. "We took what he said and have really brought that to the court. He definitely helped our mind-set going into games."

Though the change at the top drew most of the attention, other recent but more subtle moves have contributed to the turnaround.

Coach Don Chaney has installed second-year guard Frank Williams as the starter at the point, reinstated Kurt Thomas and the starting power forward spot and began bringing Antonio McDyess off the bench.

Williams is more of a penetrator and creator than the player he replaced, Howard Eisley, and Kurt Thomas has settled back into a comfort zone after temporarily being replaced by McDyess in the starting five.

"It's been almost a flip-flop because what I wanted for the second unit was what I hoped Kurt

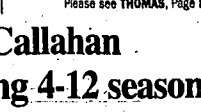
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Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Gruden's Bucs beat Callahan's Raiders 48-21 in the 2003 Super Bowl.

This season, though, the Raiders tied with the Chargers, Cardinals and Giants for the worst record in the NFL this year.

There was speculation for weeks that Callahan would be dismissed. Now the Raiders are the seventh NFL team without a head coach.

Several Raiders players earlier said they expected and welcomed a coaching change. Last month, Callahan called his squad "the dumbest team in America."



Bill Callahan

SPORTS

Moore's first career goal lifts Avs past Calgary

CALGARY, Alberta — David Aebischer made 30 saves, and Steve Moore's first career goal was the game-winner in the Colorado Avalanche's 2-1 victory over the Calgary Flames.

Moore's goal put the Avalanche ahead 2-0 at 17:07 of the first period as he neatly converted a two-on-one rush.

Peter Worrell also scored for Colorado, which won for just the second time in nine games (2-3-4).

Islanders 6, Penguins 1-3

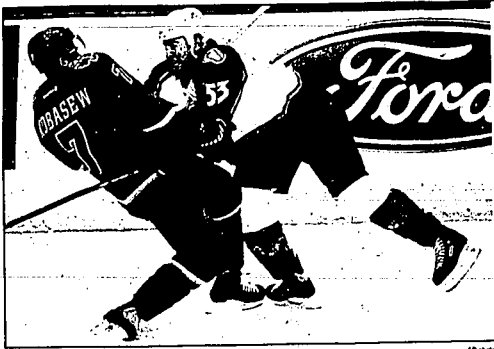
PITTSBURGH — Jason Blake had two goals and two assists, and rookie Trent Hunter had his third two-goal game for the New York Islanders.

Blake's four points matched a career high set twice previously and began with his goal 57 seconds in, setting the tone for the Islanders' second rout of Pittsburgh in their three meetings this season.

Lightning 2, Panthers 2

TAMPA, Fla. — Roberto Luongo made 40 saves, including two on Vincent Lecavalier late in regulation, to help Florida tie the Tampa Bay.

Luongo stopped a backhander by Lecavalier from the slot with four minutes left in regulation, and then made a glove save on Lecavalier's shot from in close with 3:13 to go.



Colorado's Derek Morris, right, checks Calgary's Chuck Kobasew to the ice during the first period in Calgary, Alberta, Wednesday.

Sharks 1, Blue Jackets 0

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Alyn McCauley scored with 4:59 left and Evgeni Nabokov made 26 saves for San Jose.

It was Nabokov's fourth shutout this season for the Sharks — 5-0-1-0 in their last six games — and the 21st of his career.

Marc Denis stopped 28 shots for Columbus.

Sabres 7, Capitals 1

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Maxim Afinogenov had his first three-goal game in the NHL and Miroslav Satan added his fifth hat trick to lead Buffalo over

Washington. Andrew Peters also scored his first NHL goal, and Martin Biron won his first game since Nov. 28 for the Sabres, who have won three of four.

Buffalo had its highest offensive output since the Sabres beat Atlanta 8-0 on Nov. 8, 2001.

Red Wings 6, Thrashers 5, OT

DETROIT — Henrik Zetterberg scored his second goal of the game 2:24 into overtime, lifting Detroit over Atlanta.

Zetterberg also added an assist, and Brendan Shanahan, Ray

Whitney and Mathieu Schneider each had a goal and an assist. Tomas Holmstrom scored the other Red Wings goal, and Pavel Datsyuk and Brett Hull each had two assists.

Ilya Kovalchuk had a goal and two assists for Atlanta.

Mighty Ducks 3, Hurricanes 1

RALEIGH, N.C. — Ruslan Salei scored a fluke short-handed goal, and Anaheim won consecutive road games for the first time in two months.

Goaltender Kevin Weekes has been Carolina's most valuable player in the first half of the season, but his blunder on the power

play gave the Mighty Ducks the go-ahead score less than two minutes after the Hurricanes tied it.

Canucks 4, Blackhawks 3

CHICAGO — Todd Bertuzzi scored a power-play goal at 4:33 of overtime to lift the Vancouver Canucks.

Michael Leighton stopped Markus Naslund's shot from the top of the right circle, but Bertuzzi grabbed the rebound and scored low.

Vancouver improved to 21-9-6-2 and is 7-2-3 in its last five games. Chicago has dropped three of four games and remains near the bottom of the Western Conference with 29 points.

Artem Chuburov, Henrik Sedin and Brent Soper also scored for Vancouver.

Canadiens 1, Stars 1 tie

DALLAS — Niklas Sundstrom's goal with one minute left in regulation lifted the Montreal Canadiens into a 1-1 tie with Dallas.

Brendan Morrow gave the Stars a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal at 15:36 of the second period. He converted Mike Modano's centering pass while Montreal's Francis Bouillon was off for high sticking.

Coyotes 4, Kings 0

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Brian Boucher made 21 saves for his first shutout in more than two years for the Phoenix Coyotes.

Boucher is unbeaten in his last five starts (2-0-3).

RISING STARS

A Starry Sky: 2003 in Review

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With most of the Magic Valley mired in the haze of winter, it's easy to lose track of the stars shining overhead. Flurry-filled nights and overcast days block our view of the heavens, leaving us to work and wander through dreary December days.

Through the holiday season, we battle the dark, with lights and decorations — fending off the darkness one kilowatt at a time. But with Christmas now a distant memory and God of Saint Nick headed for his Cancun vacation, it's time for a grim realization.

The lights must come down. Of course, there will be those who feel that Christmas, lights draped over a broken refrigerator give their front porch year-round flair. For the rest of us, the end of the holiday season marks the start of the long lull of winter.

Luckily though, we only need to look as far as our local high schools to find stars shining brightly. A talented pool of underclassmen have shone bright throughout 2003, surprising us with their athletic skills and endearing personalities.

While putting stock in underclassmen is risky — for coaches and sportswriters alike — there are youngsters who have a flair for turning preseason predictions into post-season bragging rights.

Valley's Michael Grant was the first Times-News Rising Star of 2003. As a junior, Grant led the

Viking boys basketball team to an upset win over Wendell in last season's Canyon Conference championship game and a state playoff berth. Now in his senior season at Valley, Grant is averaging 26 points-per-game, up from 18 last year. The 6-foot-2 post star has risen, as the three-sport stand-out points his focus toward the collegiate ranks.

The risk of touting any underclassman as the next big thing lies in the fact that anything can happen in the realm of sports. Hansen's Bonnie Freestone missed the first half of this year's girls basketball season with a broken leg after a standout junior year. While the senior forward is ready to make a strong late-season showing, a younger Freestone has been the big story in Hansen recently.

Charlotte Freestone, a 13-year-old freshman who skipped the eighth grade, is leading the Lady Huskies' charge this season. The point guard has helped her team to a 7-3 record, scoring a career-high 19 points against Castleford.

Wendell sophomore point guard Zac Davis has drawn our praise for his ball handling and floor leadership, as well as our prayers after the loss of his father, Jack. Zac and his brother Tyrel poured in 38 combined points in a Trojan win the night after losing their father in a tragic automobile accident. The heart the Davis boys showed that night is a testament to the character of a man who will be sorely missed throughout the Magic Valley.

The Friday night lights have seen their share of strong underclassman football performances. Declan junior Bjorn Christensen earned his Hornets to a state-tournament berth with timely receptions and charging touchdowns.

The wide receiver was named the 2003 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Player of the Year and is now working his magic on the hoops hardwood.

Burley freshman Eduardo Anguliano led the youth movement on the pitch. The hard-driving forward was a scoring machine for a Bobcat boys soccer team that claimed the consolation championship in the 4A state tournament in Pocatello.

From Minjo pitcher and short-stop Cory Warburton's plate production in baseball to Katie Strunk's spikes for the Shoshone volleyball team, 2003 saw the youth movement charge full-speed ahead through the Magic Valley. And if Freestone, Davis, and Minico freshman wrestler Josh Clapier are any indication, this movement shows no signs of stopping.

Clippers' Richardson has career night against Denver

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Quentin Richardson scored a career-high 44 points and hit two threes and nine rebounds in the Los Angeles Clippers' 120-104 victory over Denver on Wednesday night.

Voshon Lenard and Andre Miller each had 18 points for the Nuggets, who have lost eight of their last 10 against Los Angeles. Miller, who spent last season with the Clippers, also had nine assists and was booed every time he touched the ball.

Denver rookie Carmelo Anthony, who entered with a team-high 18.7 scoring average, was plagued all night by foul trouble and finished with 12 points in



on an alley-oop feed from Miller to Anthony with 7:40 left. The Clippers ran off seven straight points.

Hornets 96, Celtics 94

BOSTON — Baron Davis had 29 points and 10 assists to lead New

Orleans past the Boston Celtics. P.J. Brown added 15 points and 14 rebounds for New Orleans.

Ricky Davis' 3-pointer with 2.8 seconds left cut Boston's deficit to two points, and the Celtics forced the Hornets to throw away from the ensuing inbound pass. But George Lynch stole Jiri Welsch's entry pass to seal the win.

Welsch led Boston with 17 points, and Mike James added 15.

Pistons 78, Trail Blazers 71

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chauncey Billups scored 22 points and Ben Wallace added 10 points and 15 rebounds for Detroit. Detroit also got 13 points from

Richard Hamilton and 12 from reserve Corliss Williamson while winning his third in a row. The Pistons snapped a six-game losing streak to Portland and beat the Blazers at home for the first time since Jan. 29, 1997.

Portland, which set a season low for points, dropped to 1-11 on the road despite 17 points from Rashad Wallace and 16 points and 14 rebounds from Zach Randolph.

Nets 88, Warriors 70

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd had 13 points and two assists in a seven-third-quarter run that led the New Jersey Nets

over the Golden State Warriors.

Kidd finished with 23 points, seven assists and four rebounds in just 29 minutes, helping the Nets close the year with their 10th win in 13 games.

Kenyon Martin scored 17 points and put an exclamation point on the victory with two late 3-pointers.

Kerry Kittles added six of his 14 points in the third quarter, when the Nets turned a two-point halftime lead into a 15-point advantage in trailing the Warriors their third straight loss.

Damon Richardson and Erick Dampier had 15 points apiece to lead Golden State.

Wells shuns Yankees, signs with Padres

By Bernie Wilson Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — Left-hander David Wells spurned the New York Yankees and agreed to a one-year contract with his hometown San Diego Padres on Wednesday.

Wells, a 40-year-old starter coming off arthroscopic back surgery, is expected to lead the Padres' rotation in the club's first year in its new \$458 million downtown ballpark.

"He's a big game pitcher, and the perfect guy to head our staff," general manager Kevin Towers said. "We think our staff is pretty strong right now."

Wells will make \$12.5 million in base pay, with incentives that could make the deal worth \$7 million if he is healthy and pitches all

season.

Wells' agent, Gregg Clifton, had been talking with the Yankees about the pitcher's remaining with the defending AL champions, but New York was offering only a minor league deal and wanted to include a weight clause.

"We were involved in discussions, but nothing had been finalized," Clifton said.

Then Towers called, offering Wells a chance to finish his career at home.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said he learned that Wells was having second thoughts on Monday when he talked with Clifton.

"David agreed verbally to a deal," Cashman said. "There was one component to be completed, a weigh-in. We didn't get it finalized,

but we had the financials in place.

"Right now, we're waiting to find out if Boomer honors his commitment. If not, we get two draft picks. He knows how I feel. The ball's in David's court."

Two years ago, Wells had a hand-shake deal to sign with the Arizona Diamondbacks when the Yankees swooped in to sign him at the last minute.

"I'm not complaining," Cashman said. "This can happen when you're negotiating with David."

Towers said the Padres felt all along that Wells would end up in New York, so they didn't pursue him that strongly. But when they found out they couldn't afford Greg Maddux, they learned Wells wanted to pitch in San Diego and worked out a deal in less than a week.

Thomas

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would get for us, but McDyess is giving it to us. The second unit comes in very solid now," Chaney said.

Isiah Thomas, a Hall of Famer who helped lead the Detroit Pistons to NBA titles in 1989 and 1990, has been proactive in making roster changes. He jettisoned one of Layden's projects, 7-foot-5 center Blake Wines, taking lottery pick Michael Sweetney off the injured list and trading one of Layden's favorites, forward Clarence Weatherspoon, to the Houston Rockets for Mochoie

Norris.

Thomas is well aware his players may wonder who's next to go. "Until we turn this around, they'll speculate about everything," he said.

Thomas' next move could be a deal involving one of the team's four point guards, with the most likely candidate being Charlie Ward since his contract expires after this season and can be bought out immediately.

"We have to be a team that's very unconventional and very creative in going out and getting players," Thomas said.

LeBron

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beginning to understand that each possession is priceless and not to be wasted.

But a loss is a loss, and right now, James feels the sting of each one.

There's hope, however. Since the Dec. 16 trade that sent Ricky Davis and others to Boston for Eric Williams, Tony Battie and Kendrick Brown, the Cavs are 4-4. They'll get another boost when DeJuan-Wagner and DeSagana Diop, former first-round picks, return from knee operations next week.

"We're not there yet," Silas said. "But we're getting there. Take a look at us in mid-January." James has been a different player since the trade. With Davis gone, he has averaged 26.7

points. Also, urged by Silas to be more aggressive, the 6-foot-8 James is taking advantage of smaller guards and driving to the basket more frequently.

A bigger change is that James is having fun again. He wasn't himself with Davis around, perhaps because he didn't want to appear selfish.

Now the smile is back, and James is playing with the boundless joy that led to comparisons with Magic Johnson. He is leading, and the Cavs are following.

"It's earlier than I expected," James said, referring to his leadership role. "But I know it was going to come sometime. I've been playing this game long enough to know what I need to do."

Auburn

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in bowls under Alvarez — primarily because they failed to stop Auburn's running game or protect quarterback Jim Sorgi, who was hit repeatedly.

"I wasn't worried about 100," Alvarez said. "When you're playing an SEC team, you're just trying to compete."

Auburn rolled up 197 yards on the ground and finished with 354 total yards. The Tigers, who had been ranked sixth nationally on defense, limited Wisconsin to its worst performance this season with 261 total yards.

"We were flying around today," Auburn linebacker Carlos Dansby

said. "We were out there having fun. That was a great experience. That was how every game was supposed to be this year."

Wisconsin tied the game at 14 with 8:52 left when Sorgi found his favorite target, Lee Evans, on a 12-yard touchdown pass. Evans, an All-Big Ten receiver, reached over Auburn cornerback Carlos Rogers and pulled in the ball.

The Badgers forced Auburn to punt, but Will Herring intercepted a pass by Sorgi that was tipped away from Evans. By Rogers, Alvarez wasn't happy that his Badgers allowed Campbell to find Jeris McIntyre for a 51-yard completion after backing Auburn up

to its 15 on third-and-8. Three plays later, Brown scored on a 2-yard run with 3:30 left for a 21-14 lead.

Auburn, which came in with the nation's sixth-toughest defense, sacked Sorgi for the fifth time on the next series and knocked the ball loose. The Tigers recovered at the Wisconsin 6, and Williams scored two plays later on his second 1-yard TD run.

The Tigers couldn't get anything going until they went back to what they do best — running the ball. Brown did just that as he reeled off his longest of the season, a 29-yarder, and he later scored on a 1-yard run for a 7-3 lead.

Ravens

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"I could have hoped because I was starting to have one of my best seasons ever, or I could have did what I did. I said I was going to come back bigger, faster and stronger all over again."

Which is precisely what happened, making him a landslide winner in voting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters. Lewis got 43 votes. Dallas safety Roy Williams and New England tackle Richard

Seymour each received two votes, and three others each got one.

Running for 2,000 yards is no longer a goal for Jamal Lewis. It's a standard.

And the next time he does it, the Baltimore Ravens' running back plans to rush past Eric Dickerson into the NFL record book.

and carrying the Baltimore Ravens to their first division title, Lewis on Wednesday was honored as The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player of the Year.

Much in the same fashion that he pulled away from speedy defensive backs after breaking past the line, Lewis easily out-distanced runner-up San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson.

Lewis received 29 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports

writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL. Tomlinson drew eight votes.

Lewis is the eighth consecutive running back to win the award, including Priest Holmes last year. He is the first Ravens player to win it.

back in this league."

Lewis finished with 2,066 yards rushing — second best in NFL history and just 39 short of Dickerson's record, set in 1984.

"Not attaining that record, that's going to be my motivation from now on," Lewis said. "Because I came just that close to breaking it, I know it's possible. I feel like 2,000 yards is attainable yardage a season. I can do that."

SPORTS

USC is ready to makes its case

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press writer

PASADENA, Calif. — For more than three weeks, the talk in college football has been about split titles, disputed finishes and computer rankings.

Southern California has been at the center of the flap that will either quiet down or pick up after the top-ranked Trojans play No. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl today. "What has occurred is a clear example of the system not working out right," said USC coach Pete Carroll, whose team was kept out of the Bowl Championship Series title game at the Sugar Bowl because of its strength of schedule. If staying home to play in the most storied bowl in a traditional matchup against one of the nation's top teams is considered a consolation prize by some, the Trojans sure don't view it that way.

"We're playing in the Rose Bowl with a shot at the national championship," Carroll said Wednesday. "You can't ask for more than that. I'm not frustrated at all."

The Rose Bowl is the first of two national championship games this year. History says USC will be in perfect position to claim The Associated Press' championship with a win against the Wolverines because the AP's top team never has dropped after winning its bowl.

But an undisputed championship is impossible for the Trojans. The USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll is obligated to give its title to the winner of the Sugar Bowl between No. 2 LSU and No. 3 Oklahoma.

That sets up the possibility of college football's 11th split national championship — something that was supposed to be eliminated when the BCS started in 1998. "Twenty years from now, that won't matter," USC cornerback Will Moore said. "We'll still get a ring."

To do that, the Trojans will have to get past a Michigan team that is playing as well as anyone after falling out of national title contention with two early losses.

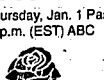
Michigan responded by winning its final six games, including three against the 10 teams in November. "I think we should be considered," offensive lineman Tony

Rose Bowl showcases traditional matchup

2004 Rose Bowl, Thursday, Jan. 1 Pasadena, Calif.
4:30 p.m. (EST) ABC



No. 1 USC (11-1)



No. 4 Michigan (10-2)



Coach Pete Carroll

Schedule results:

at Auburn	W, 23-0
BYU	W, 35-18
Hawaii	W, 61-32
at California	L, 34-31 (3 OT)
at Arizona State	W, 37-17
Stanford	W, 44-21
at Notre Dame	W, 45-14
at Washington	W, 43-23
at Washington St	W, 43-16
at Arizona	W, 45-0
UCLA	W, 47-22
Oregon St.	W, 52-28



Coach Lloyd Carr

Schedule results:

Central Michigan	W, 45-7
Houston	W, 50-3
Notre Dame	W, 38-0
at Oregon	L, 31-27
Indiana	W, 31-17
at Iowa	L, 30-27
at Minnesota	W, 38-35
Illinois	W, 56-14
Purdue	W, 31-3
at Michigan State	W, 27-20
at Northwestern	W, 41-10
Ohio State	W, 35-21

What to Watch: The Trojans rolled over the Pac-10 — and everyone else — this season, scoring 42.2 points per game. WRs Mike Williams (a first-team All-American) and Keary Colbert helped QB Matt Leinart throw for 3,229 yards and 35 TDs. But the Trojans' defense might be their strength. DE Antonio Udezo's 13.5 sacks lead the team, and their rushing defense is second in the nation, allowing 51 yards per game.

Offense		Defense	
Rush	Passing	Rush	Passing
1,959	3,449	733	3,320

Individual yardage leaders:

LenDale White	752
Matt Leinart	3,229
Mike Williams	1,226

What to Watch: Michigan RB Chris Perry ran for 154 yards and two TDs against Ohio State, which has the top run defense in the country. Complementing Perry is QB John Navarre. He threw 23 TD passes and nine interceptions. WR Braylon Edwards led the Wolverines with 1,031 yards and 14 TD catches. Michigan's secondary, led by S Marlin Jackson and CB Markus Curry, has given up just five passing TDs this season.

Offense		Defense	
Rush	Passing	Rush	Passing
2,238	3,249	1,448	2,005

Rushing	Chris Perry	1,628
Passing	John Navarre	3,060
Receiving	Braylon Edwards	1,031

SOURCES: University of Michigan; University of Southern California

Pape said. "It's not how you start the race, but how you finish. We might not have started as fast as some other teams, but we're finishing as a championship team." This game figures to be a shootout, with two of the country's most sophisticated offenses. Norm Chow's Trojans offense is considered by some to be the best

college football has only seen. Quarterback Matt Leinart stepped in for Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer, directing a high-powered attack to record numbers. He has many options at his disposal, led by All-American receiver Mike Williams, Keary Colbert and a trio of young running backs that provide balance to

the offense. USC used its big-play philosophy to top 40 points in seven straight games and is sixth in the nation in scoring with a school-record 42.2 points per game. The Trojans have had 18 plays go for at least 40 yards and more than three-quarters of their scoring drives have taken less than three minutes.

Twenty-five years later, Hayes' hit stands out

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — For decades upon decades, football coaches have struggled to maintain a delicate balance. They teach a violent, emotional game, yet try to do so without letting the ferocity and passion compromise their image or taint their message.

Twenty-five years ago this week, Woody Hayes lost control in that struggle.

Even in today's era of reality TV and instant analysis and results, the images and consequences from the Ohio State coach's terrible moment in the 1978 Gator Bowl are startling.

One second, Clemson defensive tackle Charlie Bauman is making an interception, a play that ends on the Ohio State sideline.

Next, Hayes, a white-haired, 65-year-old man in the twilight of his career, comes seemingly from nowhere. He delivers a right-handed haymaker across Bauman's collarbone, stunning the lineman moment before hurting him.

But there was damage done. It was a vicious moment that defined one man's total loss of self-control. The headline in the local newspaper the next day, "Friday Night Fights" By the time the team landed back home, 17-15 losers to cap an otherwise forgettable season, the coach — who won two national championships, 205 games and eight trips to the Rose Bowl over 28 seasons with the Buckeyes — had lost his job.

Hayes was escorted by police from the airplane to a car on the tarmac, rushed home in privacy — decades of solid, albeit ham-handed, work tarnished by one ugly punch.

"It was said, because he was a great man," former Ohio State linebacker Jim Sullivan said. "A lot of people I talk to only remember him for that one thing. They never saw all the great things he did for people."

A quarter-century after the hit, and 16 years after Hayes' death, the wheel of history has come around a bit, especially in and around Ohio.

The coach who stalked out of Jacksonville in disgrace was awarded an honorary doctorate by the university in 1986. He gave a heartfelt speech that stressed the value of education, the worth of a diplo-

ma and the need for good acts in the community. It resonated with even his most harsh detractors.

Three years earlier, he was taken on the field to offer the "I" in the "Ohio" that the Buckeyes' marching band spells out during halftime



Woody Hayes

in one of college football's great traditions. Tears flowed in the stands. Hayes called it one of the greatest honors of his life.

In the flattering glow of retrospect, Hayes is still viewed by many as an icon, a tall-talker-is taskmaster who worshipped

George Patton, demanded discipline and wasn't afraid to threaten, cajole or intimidate to get it.

And while many, especially in his old home turf, are willing to look at the single rash moment as an anomaly, the farther one strays from Ohio, the more that hit seems to define Hayes.

Surely, Hayes — the consummate teacher and coach — would have wanted some lessons to be gleaned from his misfortune. But it's hard to tell exactly what was learned.

This is, after all, a sports culture that preaches zero tolerance and yet turns Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer's slapping a player on the sideline — and the player's foul-mouthed retort — into a lead high; light on TV. Beamer was never punished.

Bob Knight is caught on video grabbing a player by the neck in practice and eventually gets fired. But two years later, he's coaching again, swearing on television and acting every bit as outlandish as before.

Former Jacksonville Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin, who swore for eight years while stomping up and down the same sideline on which Hayes lost his job, remembers watching TV the night of Hayes' punch.

"It was very unfortunate," Coughlin said. "But you've got to remember the other things he did while he was the football coach. He was always teaching vocabulary, etiquette, manners. He had some realer cruder way of explaining things, but he was always teaching."

Late field goal drowns Ducks

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — With the Sun Bowl on the line, Minnesota needed someone who was cool under pressure.

Who better than Winston Churchill? Englishman Rhys Lloyd kicked a 42-yard field goal with 23 seconds left to give Minnesota a 31-30 win over Oregon in the Sun Bowl on Wednesday.

Oregon took a 30-28 lead on a 47-yard field goal by Jared Siegel with 4:16 left but before

Golden Gophers (10-3) drove 55 yards on their ensuing possession to set up the winner by Lloyd, nicknamed "Winston Churchill."

"I didn't know if it was going to go through. We all just stood there and went crazy when the ref signaled it was good," said Minnesota receiver Aaron Hossack, who caught six passes for 107 yards. "Oregon's defense is one of the toughest we faced all year."

The Ducks (8-5) had one last chance to score but Kellen Clemens, who finished with 363 yards passing, was intercepted by Minnesota's Justin Isom with 10 seconds left.

"We came down the field and Lloyd, a.k.a. Winston Churchill, is a cool customer," Minnesota coach Glen Mason said. "He has done this before against Wisconsin, so I had every confidence in him."

Lloyd, who is from Dover, England, knew he might be called on for a pressure kick in the final minutes.

"I think it got tipped, but it still went through and that's all that counts," Lloyd said. "I never get nervous for some reason. I'm kind of a laid-back person. I just clear my mind and kick the ball."

The Oregon player who tipped the ball was defensive tackle



Minnesota place kicker Rhys Lloyd kicks a field goal in the final minute to beat Oregon 31-30 Wednesday in the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas.

Junior Slavali

Laurence Maroney carried 15 times for 135 yards and a touchdown for Minnesota, which was beaten 24-20 by Oregon in the 1999 Sun Bowl. Thomas Tephed added three touchdowns rushing for the Golden Gophers.

Minnesota entered with the nation's third-best running offense, averaging 293.2 yards a game. The Gophers outshined the Ducks 241-77.

Gophers quarterback Asad Abdul-Khalig was 12 for 21 passing for 172 yards. Clemens completed 32 of 43 passes for three touchdowns and one interception.

Samie Parker, selected the game's MVP, led the Oregon receivers with 16 catches for 200 yards — both Sun Bowl records — and two touchdowns.

Liberty Bowl

No. 25 Utah 17, Southern Mississippi 0
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Morgan Scalloy returned a fumble for

touchdown and set up the game's other TD by causing a turnover, leading No. 25 Utah to a 17-0 victory over Southern Mississippi.

Scalloy sealed the win by scooping up a fumble after a completed pass and racing 74 yards for a score behind a convoy of Utes with 1:36 left to play.

The Mountain West Conference champions finished the season with back-to-back shutouts and tied a school record with 10 victories.

Southern Miss (9-4) managed to get deep into Utah territory just once in the second half when Anthony Harris broke free for a 41-yard run to the 18 with about eight minutes left and Utah 7-0. But the Utes (10-2) stiffened, won on fourth-and-2 from the 10 Dave Revill and Ray Holdcraft combined to sack Mickey D'Angelo.

Independence Bowl

Arkansas 27, Missouri 14
SHREVEPORT, La. — Cedric Cobbs set a school record with his seventh 100-yard rushing game and scored on a 41-yard run to help Arkansas end a three-game bowl losing streak.

Arkansas' defense made two key fourth-and-1 stops, one of them at the goal line, as the Razorbacks won for only the second time in their last 12 bowl games. In six seasons under coach Houston Nutt, Arkansas is 2-4 in bowl games.

Chris Balseiro kicked four short-field goals, an Independence Bowl record, as Arkansas (9-4) rebounded from a 31-point loss to LSU in the regular-season finale. Arkansas' 300 yards rushing also was an Independence record.

Cobbs had 141 yards on 27 carries, the 11th 100-yard game of an injury-plagued career.

Reports: Nebraska will have new coach by Sunday

By Elizabeth Merrill
and Lee Barknot
Omaha World-Herald

SAN ANTONIO — The mystery of Nebraska's coaching search will end by Sunday.

Nebraska Athletic Director Steve Pederson is closing in on

naming a new coach and will have it wrapped up by the end of the weekend, said two people who have had conversations with Nebraska athletic officials. The two sources spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The hire will come five weeks after Frank Solich was fired and

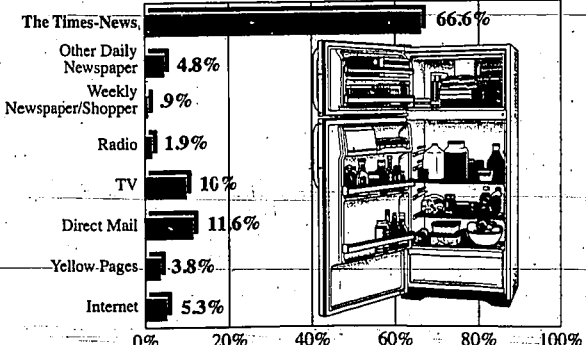
days after the Huskers wrapped up a 10-3 season.

Pederson, who flew to San Antonio with the team last week, slipped out of town sometime after the Huskers wrapped up a 17-3 win over Michigan State on Monday night in the Alamo Bowl.

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Section C

AROUND THE VALLEY

Commissioners ask for 60-day extension

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners have asked Stock Building Supply for a 60-day extension on its offer to donate \$1.8 million toward the county's purchase of the company's former Anderson Lumber building.

"We have a lot of paperwork we need to go through and re-evaluate," Commissioner Bill Brockman said.

Both sides had hoped to close the deal before the end of the year. Brockman on Wednesday said the company had not yet responded to the county's request for an extension. He said he didn't expect to hear anything over the New Year's holiday.

The Eastland-Drive property has been appraised at \$5 million. The county is considering buying it through a 10-year, \$3.2 million lease-purchase agreement, with an interest rate of 4.93 percent through Wells Fargo Bank. If the papers are signed, the county's payments would begin in June, with the county paying \$120,000 every six months - or \$240,000 a year. The 10th and the 16th payments would be balloon payments of \$1 million each, commissioners have said. Renovations are expected to cost about \$700,000 and would be taken out of county reserves.

Many offices, businesses will be closed today

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

- 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 open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Major grocery stores, including Albertsons, Smith's, Swenart and Swenseng's, will be open.

CBS plans Magic Valley 'Survivor' auditions

TWIN FALLS - CBS will hold auditions for the next round of its "Survivor" reality series here on Jan. 9-10.

The auditions are scheduled for Jan. 9 at Papa Murphy's Take 'N Bake Pizza and on Jan. 10 at Rob Green Pontiac Buick GMC. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. both days.

KMYT-TV, the local CBS affiliate, will tape three-minute audition videos, in which applicants must tell something about themselves and why they would be good candidates for "Survivor." Those who make the first cut nationally will go through another round of interviews in Los Angeles in April. "Survivor" will be taped starting in May.

Applicants must be at least 21 and be in good mental and physical health. For more information, call KMYT at 733-1100 or log to the KMYT Web site at www.kmyt.com.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	108%	44%
Salmon Falls	127%	48%
Salmon	101%	40%
Oakley	130%	48%
Big Wood	101%	41%
Little Wood	111%	43%
Henry's Fork/Teton	124%	48%
Big Lost	108%	43%
Little Lost	88%	37%

As of Dec. 31

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



Moments after losing his head protector, Anthony Wilson, left, delivers a left hook to Daniel King in the Monster Boxing ring at the Centennial New Year's Gala at the Magic Valley Mall Wednesday.

What they were wearing

Many centennial celebrants were dressed up to the nines until midnight at the gala.

Dottie Amason, of Twin Falls, came to dance to the orchestra. She wore a long black pleated skirt and a black shell under a white face jacket.

Dorina Scott, of Twin Falls, who composed the city's centennial song, came to hear it played. She wore black pants and a sweater with a three-strand pearl necklace and pearl earrings. Her husband, Jack Scott, was sporting a black and gray west-emstyle jacket and matching pants, a white shirt and string tie with a gray Stinson hat.

Liz Ward, of Buhl, wore a red, single-strap dress with sparkles and a split revealing a white undershirt. She was accompanied by J.B. Tarter of Twin Falls who had on a black three-piece suit and a white tie.

Viviane Phomthasany, of Twin Falls, wore a black sleeveless dress with gold beads in flower patterns all over it.

To the nines



Classy dressers make New Year's gala sparkle

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Although the most common outfit at the Centennial New Year's Gala was jeans and a sweater, enough people dressed up to make the event sparkle.

Centennial Gala organizers invited attendees to dress up and many answered the call.

Rachel Bauer, originally from Twin Falls, was half-way to 100 in a vintage Asian-style blue dress. Her mother, Linda Rae Bauer, made it 50 years ago from imported silk that she bought in Chinatown in Los Angeles.

"It's a timeless style," Bauer said. She wore a black dress with a sequined belt, a pink and turquoise peacock-patterned beaded shawl and "the mother of all necklaces," a large pendant.

Asian themes also ran through Kaycee Romney's outfit. The Jerome resident had a red



Above, J.B. Tarter, right, and Liz Woods dressed up for the occasion of celebrating the beginning of Twin Falls' centennial year. Tarter wore a black suit with a black vest and ivory tie, while Woods wore a red and white, side-split, one-shouldered dress.

Below, Wayne Evans looks over the historic photo display of the first 100 years of Twin Falls.

Gala rings in New Year - A1

sweater with a faux-fur collar, a silver necklace, a black skirt with an Asian cherry tree design and strappy red, black and brown Asian-heeled sandals.

Dennis Maughan, soon to be sworn in as a city councilman, wore a gray double-breasted suit with a shiny gold tie.

His wife, Pam sparkled. She resisted the oppor-

tunity - rare in Twin Falls, she said - to wear an evening dress.

"You can be sparkly if you want," Maughan said, referring to her glitter-covered black dress with black T-strap high-heeled shoes.



Bedke, Chisholm make 'most influential' list

By Julio Pena
Times-News writer

OAKLEY - Rep. Scott Bedke was returning home from a snowmobiling vacation in eastern Idaho when he found out.

Though only in his second term as a legislator, he landed the second-highest spot of any Magic Valley resident on the list of 100 most influential Idahoans in 2003. The list is compiled by Randy Stapilus, a Boise writer and publisher who follows Idaho politics.

Bedke said he didn't even know there was such a list. But once he learned that Stapilus labeled him as "the legislator who put together the winning proposition that eventually broke 118 days of stalemate" during the 2003 legislative session, he said he was flattered.

"It just goes and do what I think is right," Bedke said.

Stapilus, who began the list in 1998, in previous years got input from people from around the state for rating the most influ-

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ential Idahoans. But this year he changed his methodology, relying more on newspapers and databases, he said. Also, he used key developments to determine who the movers and shakers were.

The new method helped eliminate some of the bias with the former method, he said. As a result, Magic Valley activist Bill Chisholm also made the list, landing in the No. 79 position.

In Bedke's biography, Stapilus slipped in some well-known speculation around the Statehouse - that rising-star Bedke is considered a strong prospect for speaker of the Idaho House in the not-too-distant future.

But Bedke quickly dismissed the notion, saying he supports current House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley.

"He has done great things for Idaho. There's not a more likable person in the Legislature," Bedke said.

Newcomb was understandably high on the list, the only person from the area to be included in the top 20. But even at No. 15, he dropped down from No. 8 in 2001 and No. 11 in 2002, the year he led the only state legislature in the land to throw out a term-limits initiative for elected officials.

Newcomb is completing his third term as speaker this coming session. The longest any speaker has ever served in that position in the Idaho Legislature is three terms. One is elected every two years.

Chisholm had just returned from filing papers asking 5th District Court to reconsider a decision involving a proposed Gooding County dairy and water rights when he found out he had made the list.

Chisholm was on the list because of his persistence in keeping certain "subjects out



Bill Chisholm

front and center," Stapilus said. Chisholm's most notable cause during 2003 was the regulation of concentrated animal feeding operations, or "the fight of a lifetime," as Chisholm has put it.

"It incorporates so many issues," Chisholm said, listing a host of problems he sees with CAFOs in regard to the environment, neighborhoods, workers, health and the economy.

But as for the list of significant Idahoans, Chisholm said he didn't even know about it.

"I guess it's something if the influence is good," Chisholm said.

Unfortunately, being on this year's list isn't always a good thing, Stapilus said. "Being on this list shouldn't necessarily be considered a badge of honor," Stapilus wrote on his Web site. "In some cases, it's quite the opposite."

The biography that Stapilus wrote on Chisholm is fairly flattering, Stapilus says. Chisholm probably won't turn around a debate, but he will affect it.

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MAGIC VALLEY WEST

SERVICES

Victor Thomas Crismor of Buhl, viewing from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 29 5th Ave. N., Buhl; funeral at 11 a.m. Friday, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl; burial will follow immediately at West End Cemetery, Buhl.

Kenneth Duane "Kenny" Leazer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at White-Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Betty Sue Royce of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday.

at the Community Christian Church, 303 Grandview Drive, Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Leona Ruth Anderson of Hagerman, graveside services at 2 p.m. Friday, at Hagerman Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Ronald J. Groeger of Twin Falls, Celebration Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Chapel, 630

Falls Ave. Twin Falls, with Father Beniface Lantz, OSB as celebrant. Family will meet friends at the church from 10 a.m. Friday until time of service. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds' Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls).

Anne Field Johnson of Twin Falls, celebration of life and a showing of her artwork at 11 a.m. Saturday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave., E., Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Angela K. Purin - RUPERT - Angela K. Purin, 88, of Rupert, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Francis Schultz - IDAHO FALLS - Francis Schultz, 89, of Idaho Falls and formerly of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at Coltrin Mortuary, 2100 First St., Idaho Falls. The family will visit with friends one

hour prior to the services. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, in Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

Wayne Nelson - TWIN FALLS - Wayne Nelson, 86, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Bridgeview Estates. No service is planned and cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

Kelly Neal Qualls - NAMPANA - Kelly Neal Qualls, 53, of Nampa, died Wednesday, Dec.

31, 2003, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Nampa Funeral Home, Yruegen Chapel.

George P. Ward - SHOSHONE - George P. Ward, 78, of Shoshone, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. The memorial service will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at the Shoshone L.D.S. Church. Services will conclude at the church. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

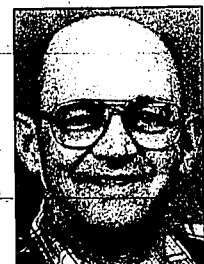
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David Gene Machacek - Buhl

David Gene Machacek, 58, passed away Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, after a challenging battle with his cancer. All of his family was at his bedside.

David was born April 22, 1945, to Joe and Matilda (Votrubek) Machacek of Buhl, and grew up on the family farm 6 miles south east of Buhl. He attended Springdale School a eighth grade, and then attended Buhl High School where he enjoyed playing football and wood working. After graduating in 1963, he attended the University of Idaho from 1969 through 1973, majoring in agriculture mechanics. After leaving the U of I, he took over management and ownership of the farm. David was self-employed from 1965 through 1969, operating a custom hay baling and stacking operation. In addition, he operated the family farm for 14 years. David served six years in the Air Force National Guard in Boise and Spokane, Wash., attaining the grade of staff sergeant. On March 14, 1988, David was hired at Seneca as a regular employee in manufacturing. His first area of responsibility was working as a cooker foreman and boiler operator. David then moved to the position of canning room foreman. He also possessed some very valuable machinist skills and spent a lot of time in the machine shop working on various projects



to improve plant operations. David married Wanda Anderson from Twin Falls, Oct. 28, 1978, and they had four children: Travis, Holly, Heather and Tina. Together they enjoyed family picnics; playing cards, dinner at Sizzler Restaurant, and many memorable trips including Mt. Rushmore, Denver, Yellowstone National Park, and Washington D.C. David and Travis spent many hours in the farm shop building a go-cart and restoring an old Cushman scooter. His children were always a great source of pride for David as they have achieved many significant accomplishments. David is survived by his mother, Matilda Machacek, of Buhl; his sisters, Carolyn (Gene)

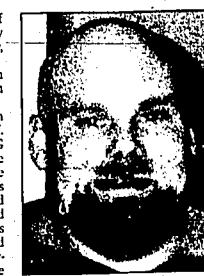
Herzinger, of Gooding, and Kathy (Ron) Pyke, of Sweet Home, Ore.; his brother, Gary (Pat) Machacek, of Boise; his son, Travis of Milford, Conn.; and his daughters, Holly, Heather and Tina, of Twin Falls, and his ex-wife Wanda, of Twin Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. prior to the Chapel service. Interment will follow at West End Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice Vision, Inc., Cindy Anton, 308-Shoshone, E., Twin Falls; Clover Trinity Lutheran Church or School, 3553 N. 1825 E., Buhl; or a charity of your choice.

Brad David Jensen - Heyburn

Brad David Jensen, 42, of Heyburn, passed away suddenly of natural causes on Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at his home.

He was born July 21, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii, the son of Jim and Pat Jensen. He graduated from Antioch High School in Antioch, Calif. Brad was working at S&G Produce in Twin Falls at the time of his death. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Brad was, full of life. He had a kind heart, putting others needs before his. He wanted to do good where ever he was. He was a loving son, father, and brother. He loved his music and sports, especially watching football. Brad will be greatly missed by his family and those who knew him.



Survivors include his daughter, Cassi Jensen, of Burley; his par-

ents, Jim and Pat Jensen, of Burley; a brother, Jeff (Christy) Jensen, of Burley; three nieces, Jessi, Cami, and Lisa, of Burley; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents; and a cousin, B. J. Sanders.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Ted Tateoka, officiating. Burial will be in the Pella Cemetery. Friends may call Jessi, Cami, and Lisa, of 221 West Main St., in Burley from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the church on Saturday.

Helen M. Selaya - Spokane, Wash.

Helen M. Selaya, 75, passed away on Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, in Spokane, Wash.

Helen was born on April 30, 1928, in Twin Falls. Helen is survived by her husband Larry; daughters, Benita Selaya, of Jerome, Ariz., Annette Maas, of Spokane, Wash., and Susan and her husband, Dick Engley, of Meridian; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren who will miss her greatly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Rhoda Shaffer; and her brother Mel. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004 at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 3624 W. Indian Trail Rd., Spokane, Wash., with Reverend Michael Savelsky celebrant. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, 7200 N. Wall, Spokane, Wash.



Gambling promoter faces suit in N.Y.

UTICA, N.Y. (AP) - The owners of an upstate New York harness racing track, including an investor who has been promoting electronic gambling machines at some Idaho tracks, have accused a New York City businessman and several former track officials of trying to destroy the track's reputation.

Mid-State Raceway Inc., whose top investor is Shawn Scott of Las Vegas, claimed the group is spreading "vituperative" lies about Vernon Downs so it can purchase it for less money.

The lawsuit filed earlier this week in New York state court claims the statements have cost Vernon Downs "millions of dollars and threaten its very existence."

The defendants included Jeff Gural, owner of a New York City real estate company whose bid to buy Vernon Downs was rejected in November, and John Signorelli, the track's former president.

The two men sued Mid-State earlier, accusing Scott and his associates of bilking Vernon Downs of \$7.5 million in loan fees and documenting it for less money. Gural and Signorelli told The Post-Standard of Syracuse the lawsuit was unfounded and a tactic by Scott to retain control of the track. Scott was among businessmen from Las Vegas that some Idaho horse track operators said they met with during the past month on a proposal to extend electronic gambling machines from tribal casinos on reservations to operating race tracks around the state.

That group is backing a recently filed initiative to legalize the machines at the tracks. Last year, Scott invested heavily in the successful effort to gain voter approval in Maine of a state law to bring slot machines to its commercial racetracks. Maine's harness racing industry and off-track betting parlors claim the machines are essential to their survival.

One of the leaders of the group pushing the Idaho initiative is Debbie Bishop, who is also a member of the board of directors of Vernon Downs.

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Report: Idaho board kills math program

BOISE (AP) — State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard has warned Gov. Dirk Kempthorne that the State Board of Education has torpedoed the mathematics initiative the two implemented using federal cash and private donations.

In a Dec. 19 letter to the Republican governor, Howard, the only statewide elected Democrat, said the board was retaining the federal money that she had used in the past to finance the teacher improvement program. She said there has been no indication the board intends the initiative to continue.

"We will be notifying math teachers that the Idaho math initiative is being discontinued," Howard wrote.

Howard said the cash was currently being earmarked for additional staff in the board office.

Gary Stivers, director of the state board, said on Friday that none of the \$345,000 that had been underwriting the teacher improvement programs was being diverted to board payroll. But he acknowledged that the \$135,000 in federal money for administration would be used to finance staff.

Kempthorne spokesman Michael Journee said the cash available for training programs and conferences in the past is still intended to be available this year. Stivers said the \$345,000 would be turned over to Howard but "she has not gotten the money yet from us. Why the hell, I can't answer you."

Howard said on Friday that statement contradicted the position of the other seven board members during the meeting in Pocatello in early December when her request that the money be

turned over to her department so the initiative could be continued was dismissed without discussion.

"We have not seen any evidence that that is what is expected of us by the board," she said.

Because of that, Howard told Kempthorne in her letter that she was cautious about using the math initiative as an example of success in education.

"I wanted to make sure you understood that if you refer to the Idaho Math Initiative, it will be awkward for me to explain that this very successful partnership will be eliminated," Howard wrote.

The initiative centers on programs and conferences that show educators how to teach better, she said.

Until this year, the state school superintendent — Howard since 1999 — had legal control of the federal money, which totals over

\$131 million this year. But the other board members, all appointed by Kempthorne, convinced the Republican legislative majority to shift control of the money away from Howard.

At the time, GOP leaders said the shift of control to the board only places the ultimate responsibility for the cash where it belonged. Board President Blake Hall, a former state Republican chairman, said in a letter that the board did not intend to actually implement and administer the money or control Howard's employees who had.

Democrats, supported privately by some Republicans, called it a political ploy to strip power from the lone Democrat. On Friday, Democratic legislative leaders again urged Kempthorne to intervene, at least to the point of asking the board to account for its actions.

Forecast says snow on the way

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

BURLEY — More snow is expected today and Friday and it could result in dangerous road conditions. Up to 2 inches of snow could fall today amidst winds of 15- to 25 mph, said Mike Huston, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Pocatello.

Blowing snow is possible, but significant drifting shouldn't be a problem due to warmer temperatures, Huston said. Expect a high of 41 degrees, he said.

On Friday, expect mostly cloudy weather with a chance of snow showers, Huston said. In Twin Falls, there is a 30 percent chance of snow.

Slippery roads have already caused numerous car accidents, including a Monday fatality near Burley.

Peter A. Hegji, 23, of West Linn, Ore., was killed Monday in an accident on exit 208 on Interstate 84 following a multi-car pileup, said Vic Watson, a detective with the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department.

Hegji was riding in a van driven by his father when the van struck the back of a 2001 Forded trailer, Watson said. No other serious injuries were reported from the pileup, he said.

"There was low visibility and icy roads," Watson said.

The number of auto accidents this week is about double the number normally reported, said Kris Williams, acting supervisor at the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

Since Sunday, about 120 accidents including slide-offs, have been reported in Twin Falls, Jerome and other counties, Williams said.

"Normal is about half that," Williams said. "And about 90 percent of those accident victims required no medical attention."

Besides accidents, dangerous road conditions also forced road closures.

Interstate 86 from the Salt Lake interchange to Chubbuck was shut down from 1 p.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Tuesday due to drifting snow, said a spokesman.

Christiansen said motorists should check road conditions before traveling and decide whether travel is really necessary. "Above all, drivers need to slow down and use caution," she said.

To check Idaho road conditions, visit www.state.id.us or call 1-888-IDA-ROAD.

Wyoming may order more cattle testing

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The Wyoming Livestock Board is considering expanded brucellosis testing after the disease was found in 31 cattle in the western part of the state.

"We need to be doing more surveillance in Wyoming, more than what we have done, if we are to maintain our marketability with other states," State Veterinarian Jim Logan said Tuesday.

The board will consider expanded testing at a Jan. 6 meeting in Casper.

The new rules could require brucellosis screening for all cattle sold into herds with breeding animals.

The goal is to reduce the threat of brucellosis infecting other herds and to persuade Colorado, California and Nebraska to ease their restrictions on Wyoming cattle imports, said Kyndra Miller, state planning coordinator for Gov. Dave Freudenthal.

Brucellosis causes cows to abort their calves. Human cases, which are rare, can cause chronic flu-like symptoms.

Brucellosis occurs in wildlife such as elk and bison.

On Monday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture designated a herd in Sublette County as infected with brucellosis.

To retain its federal brucellosis-free status, the state must take a number of preventive steps.

Even if those measures are taken, a positive test in another Wyoming herd would automatically cost the state its brucellosis-free status, which facilitates movement of cattle across state lines.

Utah newspaper honors governor

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — She may be Utah's accidental governor, but no one questions Olene Walker's resolve.

Walker, who made history in early November as the first woman to take charge of the state, was named Wednesday as The Salt Lake Tribune's person of the year.

Although she's been the state's chief executive for barely two months, the newspaper called her "a shrewd politician, a woman determined to make a difference with the power she has earned."

Walker, who has been lieutenant governor for 11 years — a first in Utah for a woman.

Council appoints commissioners

TWIN FALLS — The City Council this week appointed six people to the city Planning and Zoning Commission.

Stuart Canada, Tom Frank and Bernice Richardson were recommended as full voting members. Richardson will take the place of Robert Sturgill, who has served two terms and cannot be reappointed. Cyrus Warren was recommended to be the alternate.

In the area-of-impact positions, the council selected David Kemp as a full member and Dusty Tenney for the alternate position.

Kemp will take the place of Elmer Maikie, who has served two terms. Tenney will take the place of Larry Everton, who died in September, serving out the remaining year of Everton's term. Commissioners' terms are three years.

Group presses grocers to cover magazines

LAYTON, Utah (AP) — A Bountiful-based citizens group has asked Layton officials to help push grocery and convenience stores into putting covers over magazines the group considers inappropriate.

The group Citizens For Families asked the City Council to pass a resolution similar to one approved by Bountiful officials a year ago.

The resolution would call on store owners to voluntarily place

covers on magazines sensitive in nature or put them out of sight of children by storing them beneath the counter.

"I will only shop in stores where I am not exposed to magazines with inappropriate covers and articles," said Rebekah Strain, a Layton mother of two and a member of Citizens For Families.

"Children are vulnerable. They are too young. They shouldn't have to grow up too fast," she said.

City Manager Alex Jensen said

the council could pass a resolution asking area business owners to voluntarily cover inappropriate magazines and believes the city would have no liability in making such a request.

Councilman Stephen Handy said he would support a resolution to cover the magazines, but he believes the request to business owners to put covers over the magazines should come from the citizens group.

Field narrows in search for director

By Shelley Ridinger
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The last of the finalists for the Mini-Cassia economic development director's job was interviewed Tuesday morning, and the list of eight candidates is expected to be narrowed more in the next few days.

Brent Lee, chairman of the Mini-Cassia Development Commission, said 40 people applied for the director's job, which has been vacant since late September when Michelle McFarland resigned.

Eight of the 40 applicants have been interviewed by telephone. Now members of the commission's advisory executive boards and its regional partners plan to reduce the field of applicants to four, Lee said.

Perhaps as soon as next week, those four will be brought to Burley for personal interviews, he said.

"We hope in there we'll find the candidate," Lee said. He cautions, though, that if the right person doesn't surface from the four finalists, a new round of advertising will take place.

"We have to find that person who's a good fit," he said. "If we do not find the right person — we're not going to rush into a decision just to make a decision — we'll regroup and advertise and look further."

All eight of the final candidates

have experience in economic development, Lee said. Early in the search process, local officials said they wanted to hire someone with experience, in part so the new director could hit the ground running.

The interviews have included discussions of recruitment and expansion efforts, in part for the Mini-Cassia, a several-year program that the applicants are "familiar with economic development," Lee said.

As well, the interviewees tried to ascertain the existing business relationships that a new hire might bring to Mini-Cassia.

The personal interviews will be conducted by two members of the commission's executive board, Jan Rogers, who is the director of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization; Dan Olmstead, a member of the commission's executive board; and perhaps an official from state government.

Applicants came from many places in the United States, Lee said. Four applicants were from Mini-Cassia, several were from Oregon, some from Utah, and others were from Washington, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

While the new director's salary hasn't been fixed, it will be higher than the \$32,000 paid to McFarland.

As the economic development summit in October, the panel of

experts told Mini-Cassia officials they needed to boost the salary for the economic developer in order to attract an experienced, skilled person to the job.

The development commission has worked with a \$60,000 total budget for the last couple of years. The goal for this year is to double that amount to \$120,000.

Commission members have so far raised about \$45,000 of the additional \$60,000 they're trying to collect, Lee said. The "new" money is coming from the private sector, he said, and much of it comes with a five-year commitment.

The commission's budget has come from the public sector — cities and counties — and commission officials know they must get private dollars, too, he said.

Although the director's job has been open for a few months, economic development work has continued in Mini-Cassia, Lee said.

"We've been very careful to make sure our economic development is moving forward," Lee said. Ready teams have been formed, and people are prepared to follow through on any leads that surface.

"We're making every effort to not let anything slip through the cracks."

The absence of a director has strengthened some of the commission's work. Committee members have stepped up to the plate to make sure things are taken care of.

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Chisholm said, "I'm honored to know I at least got people's attention."

The only other people living in the Magic Valley or Wood River Valley to make this year's list were other lawmakers.

Snake County Democrats Rep. Wendy Jaquet and Sen. Clint Bennett made the No. 54 slot because of their insistence on an investigation of the University of Idaho's ill-fated University Place in Boise. In addition, Stapilus pointed out they challenged a questionable

practice of closed-door committee meetings at the Statehouse.

Stennett was OK with making the list.

"I think if you're doing your job, it's great to be recognized for that," Stennett said.

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, made slot 79 for his "centrist approaches to bitterly divisive farm-related topics," Stapilus wrote. And Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, took the No. 86 spot for his work against tribal gaming and his participation in the CAFO debate.

Stapilus said after the first 30 or

40 names at the top, it became more difficult to discern exactly why one person would have a higher position than another, such as in the case of Jones and Noh.

In previous years from Magic Valley, Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, as well as Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, were included on the list. In addition, Times-News publisher Steve Hargen made the list along with former Democratic Gov. John Evans of Burley. None of them were on the list this year.

The top 100

- 1. Longtime political observer Randy Stapilus's 2003 list of Idaho's 100 most influential people:
- 2. Dirk Kempthorne, governor
- 3. Mike Crapo, U.S. senator
- 4. Brent Coles, deposed Boise mayor
- 4. Larry Craig, U.S. senator
- 5. Robert Hoover, former University of Idaho president, now president of Albertson's Colleges
- 6. Wayne Smith, president of Idaho State Board of Education
- 7. C.L. "Butch" Otter, U.S. congressman
- 8. Jim Risch, lieutenant governor
- 9. Chris King, CEO of AMI Semiconductor
- 10. Mike Simpson, U.S. congressman
- 11. Bart Davis, legislator
- 12. Steve Appleton, CEO of Micron Technology
- 13. Lawrence Wasden, attorney general
- 14. Gary Lyman, deposed chief of staff of Boise mayor
- 15. Bruce Newsome, speaker of Idaho House
- 16. Deborah Ball, 4th District judge
- 17. David Blater, mayor-elect of Boise
- 18. Jean-Pierre Boessling, developer
- 19. Linda Coppel Trout, Idaho Supreme Court chief justice
- 20. Gary Michael, interim president of University of Idaho
- 21. Delores Crow, legislator
- 22. Phil Reberger, lobbyist, former chief of staff for governor
- 23. Clive Strong, head of natural resources in attorney general's office
- 24. Scott Smith, legislator
- 25. Pat Takagaki, director of Idaho Department of Agriculture
- 26. Paul Kjellander, president of Idaho Public Utilities Commission
- 27. David Ripley, anti-abortion activist
- 28. Samuel Petrey, Anthony Johnson, Nez Perce Tribe executive council
- 29. Larry Hibok, CEO of J.R. Simplot
- 30. Dan King, rabbi
- 31. Jon Hanlan, Mike Kackler, TV reporters

- 32. John Kotak, deputy manager of INEL
- 33. Robert Huntley, former Idaho Supreme Court justice
- 36. Rodero Lewis, Idaho State Board of Education
- 37. David Bednar, president of BYU-Idaho
- 38. Jim Schmit, president of Idaho Northwest
- 39. Tom Semanko, water lobbyist
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Money

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Rupert Police Department has considered.

In this latest round of counterfeit bills, police officers in Rupert and Twin Falls have compared bills and information trying to determine if the money is coming from more than one source.

"It appears we have different counterfeiters," Twin Falls Police Department Detective Sgt. Dave Heidemann said.

Counterfeiting is hard to prove, Bristol and other police officials said.

First, police have to determine if the person knew the bill was fake. If enough fake bills get into the market, it's possible for innocent people to change when they make purchases. In turn they spend the money and a different store clerk or bank teller might notice the bill looks suspicious.

The Secret Service is charged with protecting money in the United States, an assignment made by President Abraham Lincoln. Secret Service Special Agent Bob Harrell said.

Law enforcement officials shared a few tips for business owners and employees who suspect someone is trying to pass counterfeit money.

If possible, they say, delay the customer, hold onto the bill and call police. If the customer leaves the business, a good physical description of the customer and a description of their vehicle, along

with a license plate number, will prove helpful to police.

Bristol, Harrell, Martinez and Heidemann urge business owners to educate their employees about what to look for to determine if bills are fake. They also suggest employees use the special markings that change color when "real" money is marked. Those pens aren't foolproof, Harrell cautioned, but they are useful tools.

The pens can result in "false positives," especially on some bills minted in 1934 and 1950, Harrell said, because different inks were used those years.

The pens react to iodine. Real money isn't printed on paper, it's actually printed on cloth, mostly cotton. Most counterfeit bills are printed on paper, which contains starch. The pens indicate the presence of starch by leaving no mark on the bill. When real money is marked with those pens, a dark brown or black mark is left, indicating the absence of starch, Harrell said.

Merchants also need to learn what security features the money has. Harrell said, such as the colors, magnetic strips, watermarks and actual printing styles on different notes.

"Look at the money, be careful," Martinez said.

Most of the counterfeit money the FBI has collected "is pretty bad," Martinez said. He thinks if store clerks just looked a bit closer, they'd be suspicious, too.

Jim Lynch, owner of the Mr. Gas convenience stores throughout

the Magic Valley, said he recently purchased those marking pens for his employees to use.

A few counterfeit bills have been successfully passed at his stores, he said, a couple of 20s and a couple of 10s.

Business owners may contact the Secret Service office in Boise at 208-334-1403 to have materials sent to them which can then be used to teach employees about how to spot counterfeit bills. Information is also on the Secret Service Web site, www.secretservice.gov.

Twin Falls police officers have conducted seminars to banks and to business groups, designed to educate employees about how to spot counterfeit bills, Heidemann said.

Evans and Lynch support some similar effort in Mini-Cassia.

Anyone who accepts a counterfeit bill essentially is out the money, once it's determined the bill isn't real. If a store takes a stack of bills to a bank to deposit the cash and a bank teller discovers fake bills, the money is confiscated and turned over the law enforcement authorities and the dollar amount is subtracted from the deposit total.

"When employees discover counterfeit bills, Harrell says it's important they immediately contact either the local law enforcement agency or the Secret Service, so officers can try to piece together what has occurred."

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Birthday today? You go your own way

IF JANUARY 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are independent and even selfish at times. You are seldom ruled by public opinion; your own opinion is good enough for you. You enjoy praise, but at times too much attention makes you uncomfortable.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Kick back and recoup your energies, but beware of cabin fever. Relationships may be problematic with misunderstandings and lack of sympathy at the forefront.

Airborne sounds don't affect snakes

The snake is deaf to airborne sounds. It can't hear the snake charmer's flute. You know that. "So," asks a client, "what's the flute for?" If the snake strikes, it strikes at the closest foreign object. The flute gives the snake something to strike at. Closer than the charmer's nose.



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TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You want to be a cuddle-bunny today, but border wars with neighbors may interfere. Avoid forcing your opinions on others; live and let live.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Taking time to just straighten up and organize things is soothing; process feelings at the same time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Enjoy simple times with friends today, but don't discuss anything likely to create discord. Relationships might feel restrictive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The temptation to work from home or take on a large domestic project today is strong. Allow yourself to get some rest - you need it!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): New Year's resolutions may involve practical plans for travel or education. Relationships are entering a phase of unpredictability.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get so stuck on a particular that you sabotage a good thing. Be reasonable and look at the big picture. Enjoy a creative or artistic pursuit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Relationships begin to stabilize a bit today. Pleasant times at home are refreshing. Try to do as few serious tasks as possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is definitely not the day to implement your resolutions regarding children or money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sidestep control issues with loved ones, but do plan learning opportunities for the coming year.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You continue to feel ruled by other people's agendas, but it's still not the time to talk it out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): A little calmness returns today. Uranus in your sign will encourage you to seek freedom in the areas of your life that have been stuck.

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Perhaps you don't see a way out, or are waiting on a train. Perhaps you don't know how to get on if you see one if there. Perhaps you have the number twelve as my phone could say. Perhaps you were not there at the time of the last party. But even you did to cancel our hearts too thank you so much until over the part.

— Mike Snchausti

Welcome this new year with goals you can reach

DEAR READERS: Rise and shine, and welcome to the New Year! This is our chance for a new beginning, the day we discard destructive habits for healthy new ones. With that in mind, I'm printing Dear Abby's oft-requested list of New Year's resolutions - adapted by my mother from the original credo of Al-Anon.



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

responsibility for my own actions. And now, Dear Readers, I would like to share an item that was sent to me last year, too late to print for New Year's. It was sent by a reader, J.J. Bhatia, who lives in New Delhi, India, with the following message:

DEAR ABBY: Every year we make New Year's resolutions - only to break them. This year no resolutions, only some guidelines. The Holy Vedas say "Man has subjected himself to thousands of self-inflicted bondages. Wisdom comes to a man who lives according to the true eternal laws of nature." The following Prayer of Saint Francis contains a powerful message:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. May we find peace and joy in this new year. To one and all, a happy, healthy 2004!

— LOVE ABBY

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Just for today, I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all my problems at once. I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

Just for today, I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

Just for today, I will make a conscientious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I will not speak ill of others. I'll improve my appearance, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking.

Just for today, I'll refrain from improving anybody but myself.

Just for today, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat healthily - if only for today. And just for today, I'll get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

Just for today, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take

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Thanks also to the Magic Valley Mall and staff for their continuing support of the Twin Falls Centennial Commission and our community. Magic Valley Mall's donation of its facility, staff and planning support, as well as its donation of \$1,000 in gift certificates, contributed to the success of the Centennial New Year's Gala.

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Insurance department extends online renewals

TWIN FALLS — Nearly two years after it began offering online license renewals to out-of-state insurance producers, the Idaho Department of Insurance said it is now extending the same convenience to in-state producers.

Those who use the service at www.do.state.id.us receive a \$15 discount off the regular \$80 renewal fee, which is paid using Visa or MasterCard through the state's secure payment portal.

Insurance producers operating within the Gem State's borders are required to provide proof of continuing education credits with their renewals. The new service features an online form in which resident producers can submit their continuing education course numbers and completion dates electronically.

The online renewal process takes about 15 minutes, and users cannot renew online more than six weeks before or 45 days after a license's renewal date, the department said in a statement.

For details, call Joanne Adair, Insurance Department Licensing supervisor, at 334-4341.

Savvy consumers mine Internet wealth

NEW YORK — Most people know that online shopping can lead to great bargains. But many don't realize how important information from the Internet can be in boosting bargaining power in traditional "brick and mortar" stores.

This is especially true of fine jewelry.

Buying a high-quality diamond, gem stone or pearl can be stressful because of the potential for fraud. In the past, consumers who were insecure about their own judgment in gems were advised to seek out a trusted jeweler.

Today, however, consumers can research gems and compare prices with the click of a button. This gives better, more detailed information than a simple tutorial on the "four Cs."

Jewelers say customers are now more knowledgeable and savvy.

Jay Mednikow, president of Mednikow Jewelers in Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, says many shoppers have already spent several hours researching diamonds on the Internet. They know what a good diamond is, and what's a fair price. This has driven down prices and profit margins, said Mednikow, but it has also increased customer confidence and led to higher sales.

Check out the Gemological Institute of America's page at www.gia.org. To take a Web tutorial on diamonds, see www.gia.org/how-to-buy-diamond/newmenu.htm.

Workers can opt for new health savings account

NEW YORK — Starting this year, many Americans under age 65 have a new option to save for medical expenses: health savings accounts. HSAs were part of the massive Medicare bill signed into law last month.

The provision is part of an effort to contain soaring medical costs and allow individuals to save up for medical expenses.

Health savings accounts will allow individuals to deposit and withdraw money tax free (for qualified medical expenses) and allow the funds to accumulate year over year. Like a 401(k) plan, employers may contribute money to the account, and the account can be invested in stocks and bonds.

The amount an individual can put away each year is tied to the health insurance deductible and can be no more than \$2,250 for individuals and \$4,500 for families. Money that is withdrawn for anything other than a qualified medical expense will be penalized.

These accounts appear to especially favor younger, healthier workers. To open an account, individuals must enroll into a health-care plan with a high deductible (at least \$1,000 for individuals, \$2,000 for families). A young healthy worker would not need to use health care as much, thus allowing the savings in the account to accumulate for later use.

However, people age 55 to 64 can deposit an extra \$500 into the account in 2004. That amount increases each year by \$100, until \$1,000 in 2009.

Room enough for two?



Manager Janet Croner and owner Bill Easterwood demonstrate equipment that will be used at the new Billy's Espresso coffee shop in Fairfield.

Fairfield coffee shops downplay competition

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — The Soldier Creek Brewing Co. has enjoyed a loyal and growing clientele since it opened on Soldier Road in April, but now that Billy's Espresso is scheduled to open in January, some Fairfield residents are wondering whether the small town can support two coffee shops.

Chris and Kaylin Bradley, owners of Soldier Creek Brewing, say their business caters to the coffee drinkers of Fairfield and Camas County, population about 1,000.

"We're here for Fairfield," Kaylin Bradley said.

"I don't consider (Billy's Espresso) competition," Chris Bradley said. "We're much more than a coffeehouse."

With a new line of sandwiches on fresh homemade bread and seasonal specialties such as eggnog lattes and last-minute Christmas gifts, the Bradleys will soon branch out further with homemade soups, which Kaylin Bradley said are "great for after skiing." The coffee itself is a

secret blend that has earned a fan base in Fairfield.

The historic store building the Bradleys renovated has taken on new life with its stainless steel surfaces and parchment-look walls.

So why go up against a thriving enterprise?

"The highway is my reason for going into this," said Bill Easterwood, owner of Billy's Espresso and a resident of Fairfield since 1988. With drive-through windows and seating inside for a dozen customers, the new coffee shop will soon be ready to serve the some 1,500 drivers the Idaho Transportation Department says travel U.S. Highway 20 every day.

Roadblocks have delayed the opening since Easterwood first had the idea for a coffee shop in Fairfield. In October, the Department informed Easterwood that an entrance he had created from the highway to the coffee shop was an encroachment. According to officials, Easterwood's project required a permit, and a left turn off the highway at the chosen spot

would be a safety hazard.

Easterwood pointed to other businesses with highway entrances that he claims have not filed for permits.

"I'm irritated that everyone else gets to do it and I can't," Easterwood said. "I'm getting really tired of the term 'grandfathering.'"

A self-described hothead, Easterwood filled in a 100-foot pit dug on the business property by the Transportation Department maintenance crew. On Nov. 19, the department's foreman recorded that the driveway was still being used for access to the future business. The Transportation Department erected a wooden lath fence and plastic tape, which were subsequently taken down, though the department's spokesperson said wind could have done the damage.

"I'm not done with the matter yet," Easterwood said, adding that he is still communicating with authorities to resolve the matter.

According to the Transportation Department,

Easterwood has filed for the necessary permit and has been asked to request a variance. As a possible solution, the Transportation Department suggested an arrangement with the owner of the adjoining property which, because it is landlocked, has a legal right to a highway entrance.

Will the coffee be worth the wait? Easterwood and his manager, Janet Croner, think so. Vista Clara, the Seattle company owned by Dave Stewart, whose brother Jim started Seattle's best coffee, is "good quality coffee from all over the world," Easterwood said. Coffee connoisseurs know the Stewart brothers from their shared Stewart Brothers Coffee company.

In addition to iced and blended coffees, Billy's will offer smoothies, cookies, biscotti, pastries and a "Little Billy's" children's menu featuring flavored, steamed milk and hot chocolate. Ice cream will be sold year-round.

Both Easterwood and the Bradleys believe there is room in Fairfield for two coffee shops. Ultimately, customers will decide.

Gas prices drop in Idaho

The Associated Press

BOISE — The average price of unleaded gasoline in Idaho rose fractionally on the final day of 2003, but the pump price was still more than two cents lower than it was just two weeks ago.

The American Automobile Association reported the average Idaho price for self-service unleaded was just under \$1.59 a gallon on the final day of 2003.

That compared with \$1.61 a week before Christmas and \$1.65 just before Thanksgiving.

"It's not unusual to see our lowest gasoline prices in January, February and March," said Dave Carlson of the AAAS Idaho chapter. "Demand is probably down a bit, and retailers are adjusting prices to reflect that."

It was a quarter a gallon less than the record set in September, but still the seventh highest price in the nation. A year ago, Idaho's average pump price was under \$1.46, barely a penny higher than the national average at the time.

Across the country, the average price also ticked up fractionally on the final day of the year to nearly \$1.485 a gallon and was more than a penny higher than it was two weeks ago.

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More Americans conduct research into charities before opening wallets

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Before giving to charity, a growing number of Americans are performing due-diligence research with the fervor of investors screening stocks.

Philanthropy is coming to be seen more as an investment in a cause than an act of generosity or a tax deduction. Many donors are seeking to learn how much of the money they provide is actually put to work, rather than eaten up in administrative costs.

"The harm and the damage of not assessing charities carefully is, it's taking money away from the groups that are really doing a good job," said Daniel Borchoff, president of the American Institute of Philanthropy, which operates an independent, non-profit charity evaluator called CharityWatch (www.charitywatch.org/).

Americans donated almost \$241 billion in 2002 to more than 1 million charitable groups, with individuals providing 76 percent of that amount, according to the American Association of Fundraising Counsel. (Foundations, corporate donors and bequests contributed the rest.)

Like CharityWatch, a number of nonprofit Internet sites have sprung up to help donors assess charities' effectiveness.

"There are a lot more charities now than they're used to be. It's a more complex world, and sometimes not as easy as it used to be to assess charities," said Melissa A. Berman, president and chief executive of New York-based Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, which counsels donors and foundations on charitable giving.

Each site evaluates charities differently, which means prospective donors must determine which evaluator best suits them.

Almost all the sites rely in some measure on Form 990. Any nonprofit-based charity earning more than \$25,000 must file the form with the IRS, which provides prospective donors with the group's program ratio — or how much each goes to administrative costs, but that number can vary widely based on overhead associated with the type of work

being done.

For instance, the median program ratio for art museums is 68 percent, while for food banks it's 94 percent, according to GuideStar (www.GuideStar.org/), which maintains a national database of nonprofits.

That means 68 cents of one donated dollar goes to an art museum's program, while the rest goes to costs that include insurance, security and environmental controls — expenses that food banks don't incur.

Opinions vary on how much importance to place on the program ratio. Some say the program ratio serves as a good proxy for charities' efficiency, while others claim they ignore wide disparities in how charities function and how well they get the job done.

"We think the most valid way to assess a charity is to ask is the charity accomplishing its mission?" said Suzanne Coffman, a spokeswoman for GuideStar.

Prospective donors should check an organization's Web site and literature to see the degree to which it attains its specific goals. Avoid groups that merely say they work on "world hunger" for instance, and find one that

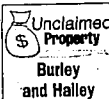
State guards unclaimed property

The Times-News

BURLEY — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in the Magic Valley.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, workers' 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 Burley and Halley, and the tax commission said each person or business listed today owns unclaimed property worth \$25 or more.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

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MONEY

Stocks end mixed on profit-taking Neil Bush reaped \$171K one-day stock windfall

NEW-YORK (AP) — Wall Street closed a remarkable year on a quiet note Wednesday as investors collected some of the solid gains from the stock market's first winning year since 1999.

Stocks barely budged, but that didn't take away from their recovery from the grueling three-year bear market. In 2003, the Dow Jones industrials closed up 25.3 percent, the Nasdaq composite surged 50 percent, and the Standard & Poor's 500 gained 26.4 percent.

"You can't help but be impressed how much stocks moved this year," said John Caldwell, chief equity strategist for McDonald Financial Group. "It was in response to a stronger-than-expected economy and earnings growth. We're seeing the fruits of companies' labor as they scaled back operations."

"The question is how much of the stock market gains are taken account for that" as investors look to 2004, he said.

The Dow closed up 28.88, or 0.3 percent, to 10,453.92, its highest level since March 21, 2002.

The broader market finished mixed. The Nasdaq declined 6.51, or 0.3 percent, to 2,003.37. The S&P 500 rose 2.28, or 0.2 percent, to 1,111.92.

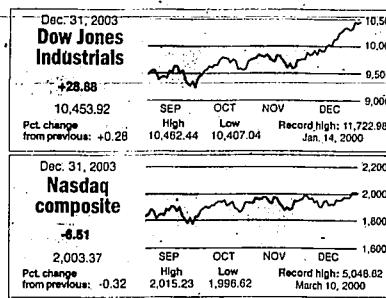
In the end, the three main gauges had their best annual performance in years, with the Dow notching its strongest gain since 1996 and the S&P seeing its best since 1998. The Nasdaq had its third best performance ever, behind a 57 percent rise in 1991 and an 86 percent gain in 1999.

For the month, the three main indexes posted a gain, with the Dow up 5.9 percent, the Nasdaq higher 2.2 percent and the S&P up 1.5 percent.

The Labor Department report



Clerks in the Eurolland pit at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange celebrate under a confetti shower as the close of trading for the week Wednesday in Chicago, Ill.



of Wednesday that new jobless claims fell for a second week as analysts expected the strong earnings growth in 2004. But with the main gauges trading at their highest levels in nearly two years, analysts say valuations

might be getting a bit high. "It should be encouraging that folks aren't heading for the doors in terms of a lot of selling pressure," Caldwell said. "That was one of our concerns going into the end of the year. But what happens in January remains to be seen."

It's a contrast from one year ago. Investors began 2003 with trepidation, stung by three years of bitter decline after the bursting of the tech bubble in early 2000 and uncertain about the economy as the United States, headed toward a war with Iraq. The winding down of Midwest combat in late March, however, boosted investor sentiment. Fiscal tax cuts and yet another interest rate cut later that year also contributed to a strongly rally that lifted the Dow above 10,000 for the first time since May 2002 and the Nasdaq above 2,000, last seen in January 2002.

"Investors were really surprised that the economy has seen as much growth as it has," Caldwell said. "With the S&P up more than 20 percent, it gets us back to the heady days of the late 1990s."

"On the one hand, it's great, but on the other hand, it makes me a little bit nervous," he said.

In 2004, many analysts are expecting more modest market gains of about 10 percent as the risk of rising interest rates grows and the effect of fiscal tax cuts loses effect over time.

"The market is in very good fundamental condition with a low inflation, low interest-rate environment," said Joseph V. Battipaglia, chief investment officer at Ryan Beck & Co. The next part of the story has to be job creation. If you create jobs in this environment, you have economic growth that can sustain itself beyond '04 and '05."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cashing in on stock options before the market crashed, presidential brother Neil Bush made off with \$171,000 in a single day by buying and selling shares in a small U.S. high-tech firm where he had previously been a consultant, according to tax returns that give a glimpse into his business dealings.

The July 19, 1999, purchase and quick sale of stock from Kopin Corp. of Taunton, Mass., came on a day that the company received good news about a new Asian client that sent its stock value soaring.

"My timing on this transaction was very fortunate," Bush told The Associated Press. "Bush's profit was a slice of at least \$798,218 that the president's younger brother, Roger, on his tax returns from three transactions involving Kopin's stock."

AP obtained his tax returns for the years 1997 through 2001 from a source familiar with his finances. Those returns, as well as records that have come to light in Bush's divorce case, show that since his parting ways with the failed Colorado startup and loan Silverado more than a decade ago, he has become a globe-trotting businessman with a variety of consulting deals.

For instance, a Chinese firm, Grace Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. of Shanghai, offered to pay Bush \$2 million in stock for his consulting services, but Bush told AP he has not received one penny of compensation, which he never did file the consulting. Bush's tax returns also show \$357,000 in income from his company, Ignitel, which is developing

interactive, multimedia lessons for students.

One of the most prominent financial transactions in the returns are the stock sales involving Kopin. Bush attributed his success in trading Kopin stock to good financial advice, adding he experienced losses as well as gains.

Regarding the July 19, 1999 sale, "my timing on this transaction was very fortunate and much better than most of my other trades," Bush said in an e-mail to AP. "Because you have some of my tax returns, you may notice the losses I have taken in the post-bubble market."

Bush recorded nearly \$300,000 in losses from the sale of Kopin stock in late 2000 and 2001 when the stock market began sliding after the technology boom of the 1990s.

Unlike the ordinary investor who buys at the market price, Bush benefited from the fact that his stock purchase costs in some cases were minimal because he got a bargain, paying \$13 a share when he exercised stock options from Kopin that were part of a consulting compensation from the company. Kopin granted him 20,000 stock options.

Kopin manufactures high-speed transistors used in cell phones and also produces tiny liquid crystal displays for use in consumer electronics such as camcorders and digital cameras.

The firm's electronic viewfinders are used in thermal weapons sights and a small amount of the company's business is with the government, which has provided Kopin with tens of millions of dollars in research money over the past decade.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, A/B/C, Last, Chg, NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Lists various stocks and their performance.

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Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries for each exchange.

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IDAHO/WEST

Plan to save Northwest salmon falls short, biologists say

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal plan to save wild salmon in the Snake and Columbia rivers is falling short, the National Marine Fisheries Service says.

But the agency believes problems can be fixed. The conclusion results from the first of three reviews on the 10-year deal developed under the Clinton administration. The other two are scheduled for 2005 and 2008.

Adoption of the plan headed off a decision to breach the four lower Snake River dams in eastern Washington to let the river flow

more naturally. Conservationists maintain the dams must still come down. But in August, President Bush said his administration would work to improve salmon runs while retaining the four dams.

"We're making good progress," regional fisheries service director Bob Lohn said, but "it's not as fast as expected. There's still room for improvement, but given a more realistic schedule, we believe the agencies can complete the progress they committed to make."

The report reviewed efforts by

the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, which operate large dams on the two rivers, and the Bonneville Power Administration, which markets the hydroelectricity the dams produce.

The rivers' stocks of salmon, which are protected under the Endangered Species Act, are at a fraction of their historic levels.

Cyclical ocean conditions in recent years have helped them rebound significantly, giving the agencies some breathing room, Lohn said.

The report, issued last week, drew criticism from environmentalists, who have already won a court order for the government to redraft the recovery plan. The new version is due in June.

"You have an inadequate one that is not being adequately implemented, and that spells trouble," said Rob Masonis of American Rivers in Seattle. "It relies on voluntary, unspecified actions that are going to happen sometime down the road."

He did credit the fisheries service for candidly assessing the

plan's progress: The dams are a deadly obstacle to young salmon migrating to the ocean because of their spinning metal blades, poisonous gases and water-pressure changes. To save the fish, dam managers collect about 80 percent of the salmon and barge them around the dams.

But scientists have found that many of the transported salmon later die, probably because of stress or disease in the barges: "There's nothing out there to suggest that you can recover wild Snake River salmon stocks to har-

vestable, self-sustaining levels without dam removal," Masonis said.

Dam removal would raise the cost of generating power and prevent barges from carrying grain and other goods from ports as far upstream as Lewiston.

To avoid that, the Clinton administration laid out the program to boost salmon stocks by improving river conditions, limiting salmon harvest and modifying hatchery operations so wild stocks are not overwhelmed and their gene pool damaged.

Idaho office investigates officers' vests

BOISE (AP) — The state has launched an investigation into the business practices of the company that makes bulletproof vests used by the Idaho State Police and other law enforcement agencies.

Attorney General Lawrence Wasden on Wednesday said his office was specifically investigating Second Chance Body Armor Inc. in Central Lake, Mich. But he also asked all police agencies in the state to report any problems they have had with vests using Zylon-based body armor, no matter



Attorney General Lawrence Wasden

who made them. "While the effectiveness of the Zylon-based protective vests manufactured by Second Chance has come into question," Wasden said, "it is our understanding that it has not yet been determined whether there are similar problems with all Zylon-based body armor."

Controversy over the safety of the vests and Zylon, the high-tech synthetic fiber woven into many of Second Chance's products, has generated at least six lawsuits, federal and state investigations.

Idaho's inquiry follows a dispute between the Boise Police Department and Second Chance over the quality of 140 of its vests. Chief Don Pierce said officers were at risk because the Zylon fiber was deteriorating to the point that slugs could penetrate it.

A Forest Hills, Pa., police officer was shot through a Second Chance Utiama 2 vest in July. He survived, but the bullet remains in his abdomen. The company offered a clip-on panel to the vests' exterior, but the department said the retrofitting does not solve all the problems. The city is spending up to \$100,000 to replace the vests while trying to recover the cost of the original products. Second Chance has offered a discount on replacement purchases depending on the age of the vests being replaced. They carry a five-year warranty.

Police probe slaying of Nampa couple

NAMPA (AP) — An autopsy was performed on Wednesday on Bob and Idella Young, the elderly couple found dead in their home in what investigators have labeled a double homicide.

No details of the slayings have been released beyond a police statement that both victims had unspecified wounds.

Funeral plans are pending, but family members said a service for the Youngs could be held late next week. "I am still in shock and denial," Joyce Newton, the Youngs' daughter, wrote in an e-mail from San Benito, Texas. "These are events that one cannot imagine would happen to those you love."

The bodies of Bob Young, 82, and his wife, Idella, 74, were found by police in their home on Monday after a friend reported he had been unable to reach them. Investigators believe they were killed during the weekend. The house had been ransacked but there was no indication anything was taken, police said. One body was in the kitchen and the other in a home office, authorities said. The Youngs married in 1959 in Portland, Ore., and more than 20 years ago moved to Nampa, where they operated a real estate business and were very active in the First Christian Church.

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Cool winter waters



Keegan Cothorn breaks from paddling to enjoy the scenery.



MIKE COTHEM/The Times-News

Try a serene canoe trip to Salmon Falls Creek

By Mike Cothorn
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - After a 10-minute drive from our house, my son, Keegan, and I slipped our canoe into the water just above Balanced Rock Crossing at the county park. After paddling upstream around the first bend, no more road traffic noise could be heard. Inside the 400-foot-deep, thousand-foot-wide crack in the desert, we were swallowed up by the wildness.

As a bonus, the 15-mile-per-hour wind from above had been left behind, which was significant with a temperature of barely 40 degrees.

A canoe trip in the middle of winter at first might seem a little odd, but a paddle up Salmon Falls Creek west of Castleford recently was a perfect way to beat those cold weather doldrums. The canyon that the creek flows through offers exceptional scenery and water that is flat and slow moving, making for an easy trek. In addition, the area is easily accessed and close to civilization, while the canoe voyage itself can be done in less than two hours.

Salmon Falls Creek

► From Buhl, which is on Highway 30 west of Twin Falls, travel south four miles to 3700 North. Turn right (west) and go almost 10 miles; 3700 North leads down into Salmon Falls Creek.

Our journey upstream was not difficult as the current, which hardly seemed to move, offered little resistance. We paddled slowly while we enjoyed the scenery. The most dramatic views were of the basalt cliffs, some

more than 200 feet high. But as we became more attuned to our surroundings, other closer sights caught our attention. Fish, mostly carp but a few trout, raced periodically underneath and to the sides of our canoe. We surprised a muskrat and noticed the busy work of beaver in some of the willow patches.

The end of the upstream trip, at almost two miles, was marked by a huge juniper snag lodged between some rocks. While we could have easily portaged around this obstruction, only slightly farther upstream the stream gradient increases, the channel narrows and many rocks inhabit the creek. The choice to turn around and head-back

was made easily. Before we did, however, we left the canoe and made a short hike. An inch of snow on the rocks made that venture a little precarious, so we did not go far.

We assumed that the trip down would be a repeat of the upstream journey, only faster. However, while we noticed no new specific features, we were given another point of view of the canyon. On the upstream route, traveling south, we looked at steep-canyon-hillsides and rock formations often facing to the north.

These exposures were continually shaded from the sun, which was only a few days from its annual low point in the sky. The result was a fair amount of snow

mixed in with the landscape that produced a pleasing contrast.

As we journeyed back downstream, however, we faced mostly south exposures that were generally devoid of snow. And on places near the top of the rim, the afternoon sun still warmed much of the off-red basalt, producing a different yet equally satisfying perspective.

We really did not notice the cold much until we pulled the canoe from the water. Our feet and hands were starting to feel a little chill but nothing that a vehicle heater would not cure. A little extra insulation, an easy paddling motion and a focus on interesting surroundings had kept us sufficiently warm.



Last view upstream before turning back.



Juniper snag marks the end of the upstream journey.

OUTDOORS

Snowmobile club plans events for January

STANLEY - The Salmon River Snowmobile Club has a number of events planned for the month of January...

The two-day event is open to the public, where they can catch the excitement of snowcross racing and view some vintage snowmobiles on display.

Also in January, the club will be holding a club ride to Yellowstone Jan. 10-11, and a Poker Run at Smiley Creek on Saturday, Jan. 17, starting at 11 a.m.

For questions regarding these events, contact Dan Hammerback at 208-774-2903 or dhamm@rural-network.net.

Duck-calling champion will lead workshops this month

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

In "Duck Calling 101: Medium Rare," students will learn the basics of this ritualistic art form. Topics include the five basic mallard calls, how to tune a single reed duck call, decoy placement, how to blow a team meat contest

Outdoor news in brief

routine and confidence calls. Class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 8-29, in Room 113 of the Desert Building. Cost is \$45 plus \$30 payable to instructor for a quality duck call with replacement reeds and cork.

For more advanced students, "Duck Calling 201: Well Done" will teach the fine details, finesse and world-class contest routines of duck calling. Topics will be call-layering, refuge feed calling, advanced team calling and one-man team routines. Class will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 6 through Feb. 3, in Room 113 of the Desert Building. Cost is \$60.

Class size is limited; early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Instructor will teach course on concealed weapons

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.

Sportsmen gather for successful opening banquet

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife of Idaho held a banquet and fundraiser for the newly formed Magic Valley Chapter on Nov. 15 at the Radio Rondeveo in Twin Falls. Master of ceremony Zeb Bell got the crowd rolling with stories and jokes that set the mood for a generous evening.

Items auctioned and raffled off included a Cast and Blast to Kodiak Island, Alaska, goose hunts to Colorado and many rifles, shotguns and bows.

Over 230 guests enjoyed Dutch oven chicken, live music, and a motivational speech by Don Fey, founder of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife.

Funds generated by the

evening will be used to promote hunting and fishing interest at the Legislature as well as several local projects to increase hunting and fishing opportunities in the Magic Valley.

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife gathered over 150 new members in conjunction with this successful banquet.

More information is available by contacting Scott Allan at 733-4160, Scott Waymatt at 733-5010 or Rusty Tewts at 308-3771.

Cross country ski group offers free lessons, rentals

Cross-Country Idaho will be offering free cross-country ski rentals and lessons at Magic Mountain Ski Resort, on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone wanting to learn about the sport of cross-country skiing is invited to attend.

Magic Mountain is located south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road. Participants will be furnished skis, poles and boots. They also will be given lessons on skiing techniques and safety and will be able to use the equipment for an hour.

For more information contact Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505. - compiled from staff reports

Daily bag limit differs from possession limit

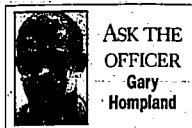
Question: "In a recent column you discussed possession limits of upland game birds. I'm still a little confused how possession limits are related to the daily bag limit."

Answer: Please don't confuse the daily bag limit with the possession limit. The daily bag limit is the maximum number of birds or fish a person can harvest per day. Using the chukar partridge example, the daily-bag limit is 8 and the possession limit is 16.

As explained last week, the possession limit is the number of birds or fish a person can have in possession when they are traveling or away from their home.

The possession limit applies no matter how long a person is gone. The Idaho Fish and Game Commission sets possession and daily-bag limits for all species annually.

Sometimes it's best to explain by example. If you go chukar hunting for a week, you may only have one possession limit of chukars (16), no matter how many days you hunt. If you are successful harvesting a daily bag limit of 8 chukars during the first two days of your hunt you have attained your possession limit and may not continue hunting



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until you have taken your birds home or eaten them. If you decide to eat some and reduce the number of birds in your possession, the following day you will only be allowed to harvest the number of birds required to put your possession back up to 16, but no more than eight per day.

Possession limits for upland game birds are generally two daily bag limits. The limits for each species should be confirmed by looking in the hunting proclamation.

Reference Idaho Administrative Bulletin IDAPA 13.01.09601

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A traveler looks out at the Teapot Dome, North Alternate marker of the marked Oregon Trail.

Oregon trail group plans meeting for early January

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management will meet Jan. 10 to coordinate upcoming fieldwork, develop partnerships and explore new opportunities to cooperate on trail preservation and interpretation projects.

The meeting will take place at 10 a.m. at the Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor's Office on Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. This will be a joint planning meeting for association and the BLM for a better plan for Oregon Trail rut preservation efforts across the state. There are several miles of the trail, which can make for great field trips to see the history still evident, and there will be upgrading, rechecking and planting posts on ruts that were originally marked years ago, the association reported. Many miles also need replacement markers.

The association members and BLM representatives will play for areas across the state. Needed are people who have an interest in

this kind of preservation to help the association schedule, go into the field, monitor portions of the trails, and to be watchful for activities that could pose a threat to these federally protected trail remnants, association representatives say. Trips can be scheduled any day of the week to allow involvement by working people.

Visitors and other agency representatives who have similar interests are welcome to the meeting.

Because of the many cutoffs and alternate routes to the Oregon and California Trails across Idaho, and because of Idaho's many, undeveloped and pristine areas, we may have the most miles of existing trail ruts of any state. Having been on almost every mile of those routes we can say that this is an exciting and worthwhile project for "all who want to be involved! The Trail "experience" on a trip on one of those routes is an unparalleled adventure for Idahoans!

email jwmcgill@pobox.com and/or jef.frey_ross@blm.gov. for information or if you plan to attend.

By John O'Connell Idaho State Journal

SODA SPRINGS - Normally, whirling helicopter rotors make enough noise for Idaho Department of Fish and Game workers to get mule deer running toward a net.

When that wasn't enough, helicopter crews blared sirens, which didn't always move the deer.

Now the department is experimenting with firecrackers, even though they've sparked some grass fires that were quickly extinguished by ground crews.

The goal is to chase as many mule deer fawns as possible into an 8-foot-tall fence running the length of two football fields. Once the fawns are snared, Fish and Game biologists fit them with radio collars.

TRACKING DEER Fish and Game traps fawns to gauge population health

Information obtained from collared fawns is invaluable in determining deer survival rates, causes of mortality, locations of wintering ranges and what steps should be taken to improve their chances of survival, wildlife manager Carl Anderson said.

Hunting regulations are set based on the data, which the department started gathering five winters ago.

The department captured and collared 10 fawns near Soda Springs, as well as some adult deer that were weighed, measured, ear-tagged and released.

"The fawns are the ones that are most likely to die through the winter," Anderson said. "Based on their survival, we can get an idea of how the whole deer population did."

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Volunteers from Safari Club

International and the Southeast Idaho Mule Deer Foundation helped trap the deer.

Fish and Game workers returned to Soda Springs the next day, hoping to meet their goal of collaring 25 fawns, but helicopter pilot Dave Savage was unable to fly because of poor weather conditions.

Trapping will also occur in seven other regions throughout Idaho. Last winter, data shows 80 percent of fawns survived. Two winters ago, just 15 percent of deer fawns survived.

"It's largely dependent on what kind of condition they're in when they start the winter," Anderson said. "They're not in great shape this winter, but they're in better shape than they were two winters ago, I think dry conditions during the last three summers have not

been really good for deer."

The collars are fastened on deer with surgical tubing, which rots after about eight months. Collars are reusable, and when the fall off, their locations help Fish and Game officials determine summer ranges.

"We've learned some very surprising and interesting things from that," Anderson said. "In the area between Bancroft and the Blackfoot Reservoir, we found none of the collared deer stayed for the summer. The vast majority of these deer move toward the Wyoming border."

Anderson said his department has also learned surprising information about how far Idaho deer travel. The department has recovered collars more than 70 miles away from where deer were trapped.

Avalanche survivor remembers wave of white

PROVO, Utah (AP) - J.D. Settle remembers the panic he felt after being buried by an avalanche, then the joy of digging himself free only to be sent tumbling by another wave of snow that left him buried up to his neck.

"What it looked like when it comes off that horn is just pure white coming at you. There's nothing but white," said Settle, who lost three friends who were snow-buried with him in the back-country of northern Utah.

One of the three bodies was recovered Sunday night, but the other two remained buried somewhere in the snow of Provo Canyon. The search was called off for Monday and Tuesday after 10 inches of snow fell on the canyon Monday. The search may resume Wednesday, though another storm

and its expected heavy snowfall could thwart the effort at 11,000-foot Elk's Peak, where four successive avalanches trapped the snowboarders.

"They don't want to put people in harm's way again," said Dennis Harris, spokesman for the Utah County Sheriff's Office. Settle, who was treated for a knee injury and hypothermia after being caught in Friday's avalanches, viewed the search Sunday afternoon. An hour or two later, the body of 19-year-old Mike Hebert of Orem was found in just four feet of snow. He was identified by his driver's license and cell phone, which was with the body when a searcher probing the snow with a pole found it late Sunday afternoon, Utah County Sheriff Jim Tracy said.

Hebert's relatives were at the scene and were notified shortly after the body was discovered.

Hopeful that the bodies of the other snowboarders were nearby, searchers worked after dark Sunday in hopes of finding Hebert's friends, Adam Merz, 18, of Orem and Rod Newberry, 20, of Pleasant Grove, but nothing else was found. Authorities said a storm expected to dump more than a foot of snow would prevent the search from resuming Monday.

Hebert, Merz and Newberry were among five snowboarding friends swept away Friday by the avalanche, in a remote area with no avalanche control about 25 miles northeast of Provo and a mile north of Sundance ski resort. The other two men survived,

despite being swept a half mile down a narrow chute above Provo Canyon's Aspen Grove area.

Settle, 20, also of Pleasant Grove, said he was told he spent an hour-trapped in the snow before he was dug out. "I want to go up and help find my friends. That's all I want to do," Settle said Sunday afternoon. "I thought it was gone. That third one, I thought it was going to bury me because I had just my head poking out of the snow and that's it."

There was no sign of the missing snowboarders until a dog sniffed out Merz's black ski cap along the eastern edge of the snowpack left by the avalanches. Searching in the same area, rescuers found a backpack, a snowboard and another hat before discovering Hebert's body.

WILD



A 4-month-old coeagr named Aspen sits in the snow in the animal habitat area of Grandfather Mountain in Linville, N.C., Dec. 23.

Check the Web before packing your skis

By Roger Petterson Associated Press writer

Now that snow has started piling up in the mountains, it's time to mine the Web for information on ski areas so you can decide where you want to spend your hard-earned vacation dollars this winter.

Got time to kill? Browse through hundreds of resorts at Ski Town - http://www.skitown.com/ - by clicking on "Travel Center" and then on "Resort Guide." You have choice of the long "A-Z List" (Afton Alps in Minnesota to Yosemite's Badger Pass in California) or "Resort Finder," which lets you search by factors such as summit elevation and services.

You can also search Ski Town by region. Looking for the highest peaks in Utah and Idaho? Tell Resort Finder you want summits over 6,000 feet in "Rockies North." For skiing under the lights in Oregon and Washington, check Northwest and "Night Skiing."

SkiOdyssey Resort Guide - http://www.skiodyssey.com/ - has best details on ski areas from Arizona to Maine, and in Canada, with maps to locate them. They list everything from driving directions and phone numbers to lift ticket prices and lodging. But, they don't

supply links to the resorts' Web sites.

If you want to ski in the Northeast, check out New England Ski Resorts - http://newenglandskiresorts.com/ - for information on the principal areas in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. However, it's a twin of SkiOdyssey Resort Guide with plenty of information but no links to resort Web sites.

A slightly friendlier guide to the region - AlpineZone - http://www.alpinezone.com/ - piles on resort profiles, snow conditions, Web cameras, message forums and Feature articles. And in most cases you can link directly to the resort's own Web sites for added information.

Heading West? Before you get your plane ticket to Denver, visit Colorado - Ski - Country - http://www.coloradoski.com/ - for links to 24 areas from Arapahoe Basin to Winter Park. Then consult their lodging guide and "Promotions." There's a slightly different list (fewer entries, but including Wolf Creek) at Colorado Ski Vacations - http://www.toski.com/ - plus another lodging guide and more promotion deals.

Elsewhere in the West,

California Snow - http://www.californiasnow.com/ - has links to mountains ranging from the San Bernardino outside Los Angeles to the Sierra Nevada and the lake selection of resorts in the Lake Tahoe region.

Looking for places to ski in New Mexico or Virginia, or Slovakia, for that matter? The "Resorts" section of Ski Central - http://www.ski-central.com/ - will link you to them and more. Slovakia? Check out the slick, musical Web site for the popular Donovaly.

Do some more research at Ski magazine - http://www.skimag.com/skimag/ - a source of articles, snow reports, and mountain slide shows. And check out their menu of "Mountain Cams" for live shots from around the world.

Look for discount packages by clicking on "Travel" at On-The-Snow - http://www.onthesnow.com/index.html - or click on "Snow" for weather forecasts, events and more live Web cams.

Speaking of Web cams, you can do a lot of armchair touring at Snoweye - http://www.snoweye.com/ - with their links to cameras in Europe, the Americas, Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

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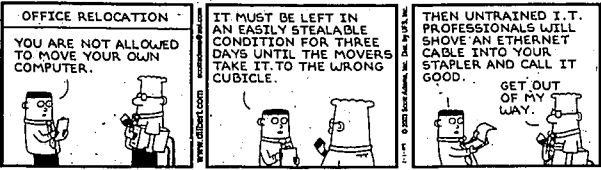
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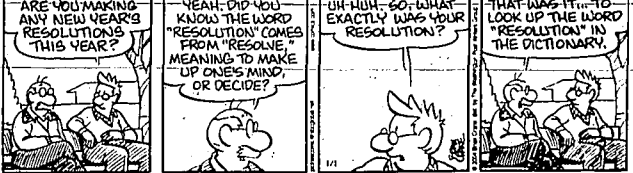
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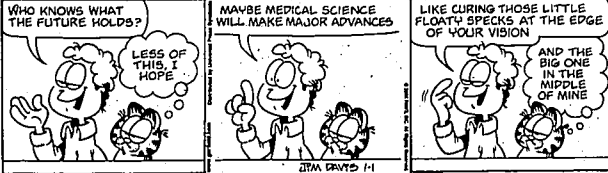
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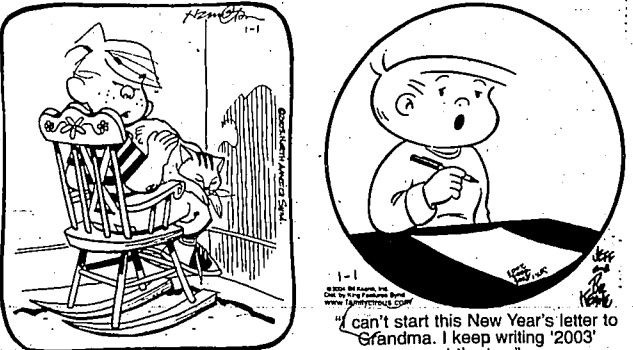


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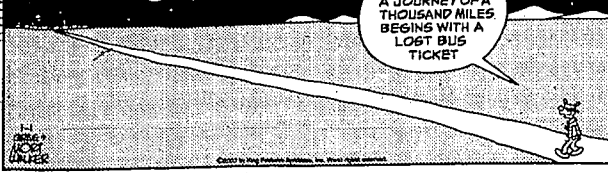
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OUTDOORS

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DAVID COOPER/The Times-News

Brett Helder of Twin Falls gets some nice air from a created jump near Thoroughbred Springs in the South Hills on Dec. 20. The wave of recent Western storms has added piles of new snow at the Diamondfield Jack Snow Play Area, about 28 miles of Highway 30. Snowmobilers reported 18 inches of new snow the weekend after Christmas, with continuing snowfall throughout the week. Trails are continually being groomed by snowmobile clubs this winter.

Breeding dogs is neither cheap nor easy

LURAY, Va. (AP) — Say you have a standout retriever or pointing dog and you want to develop some offspring. You'd better do some serious planning. Successful dog breeding is more than simply arranging a blind date.

There are many steps in the process — exercise and examinations, nutrition and nurturing, whelping and adoptions. And, if you're being honest about the whole thing, you should take a hard look at your dog and decide if you're really furthering the breed by producing progeny.

"Successful breeders remove emotion from the decision," said Martin Coffman, senior scientist and veterinarian for The Jans Co., a major pet food manufacturer based in Dayton, Ohio.

Develop a checklist. Ask yourself if your dog — sire or bitch — is from championship stock, free from hereditary diseases and mature enough to breed.

Pedigrees are of value, but dog traits should rate first in any equation, Coffman says.

"Never breed a dog that doesn't perform," he said. "While these dogs may produce great pups, the odds are much better when you're breeding best to best."

Coffman also recommends looking hard at the "breadth" of the prospective mate's litter.

"What are the littermates to the stud dog? What have they accomplished? Is the dog (bitch) the only good one in the litter? If so, I would be cautious. I would rather own and breed a mediocre female from a great family than a great individual with an average pedigree."

Do some digging. Determine some of the genetic problems common to your dog's breed. And if you're new to all this, learn all you can about dog breeding. You may find it's not worth the bother.

"As most conscientious professional dog breeders will affirm,

there's not much profit in producing top-quality puppies," writes veterinarian Dan Rice in "The Complete Book of Dog Breeding" (Barra's Educational Series, \$10.95 paperback). "Even popular purebred puppies, produced from carefully selected parents, are often difficult to place in appropriate homes," Rice said.

"Producing healthy, strong puppies, whether purebred or mongrel, is an expensive business. The necessary investment in food, health care, including vaccinations, and time is rarely recovered. As a full-time business, purebred dog breeding might show a modest profit, but as a hobby or sideline, it rarely does."

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TROPHIES



Top, Adam Wright, 14, left, and his cousin Isaac Wright, 15, of Twin Falls, are shown with an antelope harvested by Adam in Central Wyoming last September. Above is the antelope harvested by Isaac in the same region.

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 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 twineas@micron.net; or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office.

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Share your adventure
 Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? If so, The Times-News would like to print it as part of our new "Calls From The Wild" series.
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'Undoing Racism' workshop set for T.F.

TWIN FALLS - A workshop that seeks to "undo" racist structures that hinder effective social change will be held next month in Twin Falls.

The "Undoing Racism" workshop is designed to educate, challenge and empower people to that end. The training is based on the premise that racism has been con-

sciously and systematically erected and that it can be "undone" if people understand where it comes from, how it functions and why it is perpetuated, organizers say.

The workshop is offered with the support and sponsorship of Casey Family Programs, a private nonprofit child welfare agency; the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Children and Family Services (Region V), Idaho Child Welfare Research and Training Center and the College of Southern Idaho.

Mexican rock bands re-emerge

By Agustín Gurza
Los Angeles Times

In political circles, they call it "La Reconquista," a nativist theory that Mexicans are plotting to take back California and the Southwest.

In musical terms, that's not a bad way to sum up 2003. The past year brought an onslaught of new albums by top Mexican rock bands - Molotov, Café Tacuba, El Gran Silencio, Control Machete, Kinky - just when people thought these pioneers of the alt-Latino sound had surrendered or retreated.

El Gran Silencio's "Super Riddim Internacional" with its gritty street energy and cumbia-hop fusion, was the most compelling of the albums by these groups, though the others had their high points.

Conspiracy theorists still see the Cuban absence as a deliberate shoutout, secretly accomplished with the help of allies in Washington. But whether Machiavellian or just bureaucratic, it was an embarrassment for a country that preaches freedom of expression to the rest of the world.

The year also brought some auspicious debuts, including delightful and inventive singer-songwriters - Mexico's Natalia Lafourcade and Argentina's Kevin Johansen. Both were picked up by Sony, a sign that the major labels might be paying more attention to off-beat talent that doesn't fit the old Latin pop mold.

Mexican migrants find easier going

Holiday travel comes without as many hardships, they say

By Olga R. Rodriguez
Associated Press Writer

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico - The holiday trip home for many Mexican migrants has become easier as President Vicente Fox has moved to protect families on the annual trek that used to be plagued by police demanding bribes and confiscating gifts.

Fox has made changing government officials' attitudes toward migrants one of his top priorities since taking office in 2000.

He has focused on the annual trip home before Christmas, when mass migrant families return to Mexico, clogging highways with pickup trucks and sedans overflowing with bicycles, television sets and computers.

Fox, who started his six-year term on Dec. 1, 2000, has tried to make sure the holiday trip home safer by strengthening the Paisano program, a 14-year-old federal plan to safeguard the migrants' return.

But while many migrants said the changes have made the trip home better, others found plenty of reason to stay north of the border.

Undocumented workers, for example, are staying in the United States because illegal crossings have become harder and more dangerous under increased security measures.

Paisano program director Florencia Morales said 1 million migrants made the trek home last year during the holidays. Numbers for this year won't be available until late January, but Mexican customs officials say there has been less traffic compared to previous years.

Most of the migrants crossing earlier this week were legal U.S. residents.

They included the Reyes family, traveling in a three-car caravan laden with gifts. Donato Reyes, one of 11 family members on the trip, says Fox's improvements have made a difference in his



Mexican migrant Zanalda Garcia, of Pharr, Texas, greets Mexican president Vicente Fox as her husband, Daniel, and daughter, Valerio, look on Dec. 19 at the Control de Interacción Temporal de Vehículos, short-term vehicle importation permit office, in Reynosa border city, Tamaulipas, Mexico. President Fox visited the Reynosa customs office during the International Migrant Day. The Garcia's family were on their way to Zanalda's hometown of San Juan-De La Cruz in the state of Nuevo Leon for the holidays. Daniel and his daughter, Valerio, are American citizens.

family's annual trek from West Virginia to the central state of Guanajuato.

"In the last three years, the changes have been visible," said Reyes, a construction worker driving a truck crammed with plastic bags stuffed with clothes. "Now, the services are much faster, and your complaints are tended to. You even have police officers asking to accompany you."

For the second year in a row, police have organized migrants into caravans and guided them through the city to ensure they are not mistreated or robbed.

To discourage corruption at the border, Fox's government has posted more than 1,000 independent observers at major crossings, from the Pacific coast to the Gulf of Mexico. Migrants can call government hot lines to report harassment.

"We in the government know how hard life can be abroad, and

that's why we have created the Paisano program, to protect the rights of our fellow citizens and give them our support when they return to Mexico," Fox said Saturday during his weekly national radio address.

The president is expected to make his annual trip to the border on Thursday to greet returning Mexicans on the country's Day of the Migrant.

Even so, some migrants say that police still prey upon them in central Mexico, beyond the focus of the Paisano program.

Fox reached out to Mexicans living in the United States during his presidential campaign and after taking office. He has strengthened Mexico's U.S. consular system and often calls migrants "national heroes."

"He is the only person who has spoken for the undocumented migrants," said Cristina Reyes, a factory worker in West Virginia

waiting to get a government import permit for her family's van. "Maybe what he is promising is all lies, but at least he is talking about it."

Yet some complain that Fox's inability to achieve a migration accord with the United States means he has fallen short on his promise to be the president of all Mexicans, both at home and abroad.

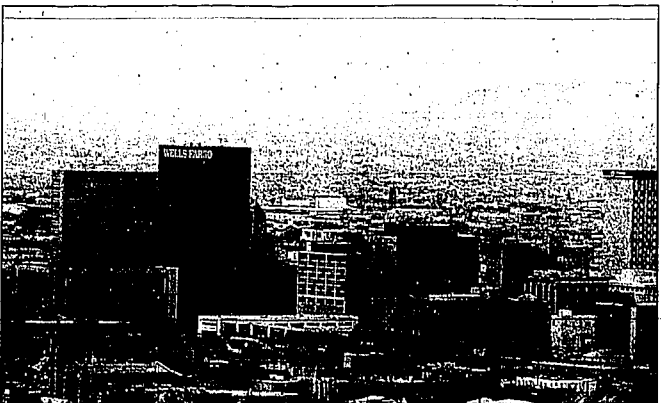
"His term is almost over, and it's a shame he has achieved nothing," said Maria Mendiola, who works in a lumber factory in Georgia and was traveling with her husband and sister-in-law.

Mendiola, 37, and her husband crossed into the United States illegally. They plan to return north in a few weeks.

"He promised to create jobs here, but where are they?" Mendiola said. "For the undocumented, our president hasn't done much."

HEALTH DANGER IN THE AIR?

A temperature inversion layer is visible across the border in Juarez, Mexico, behind downtown El Paso, Texas, Dec. 24. Wafts at international bridges, like the one that goes from El Paso to Mexico, are longer these days, partly because of the holidays and also from heightened security following terrorist threats. But people in those long lines also face another kind of danger. The extended border delays mean more people will be exposed to air pollutants from idling vehicles that are spewing exhaust fumes, said Dr. Jorge Magana, executive director of the El Paso City-County Health District.



NIGHTTIME KISS



A couple kisses while they bum sparklers in Zocalo Square, which is decorated with Christmas lights, in Mexico City.

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FEATURES

Networks stake claim to mindless mediocrity

By Diane Werts Nowaday

As the networks continued to obsess this year over the short-term ratings gains of cheesy reality shows - even TV "news" magazines now qualify with such celebrities as Michael Jackson - they also accelerated their longer-term slide into mediocrity of imagination. In considering which programs meant the most to me and the medium this season, I had to work hard to come up with one network effort. The incisive days of "Homicide," "Rosanne" and "Nothing Sacred" seem so far behind us now, never mind the all-out breakthroughs of "All in the Family" or "Hill Street Blues." We aren't even back to the '60s, with the loopy originality of "The Addams Family" or "Green Acres." Thank goodness for cable.

"Soldier's Girl" (Showtime). The networks don't know what TV movies are anymore. But on premium cable (and increasingly basic cable), they're just specials premiered on a small screen. Director Frank Pierson's heart-wrenchingly humane view of a transgendered woman and the unsophisticated soldier who despite all reason can't help loving her was a small masterpiece of the sort we now never see on the movies of the 1970s. Pierson's fact-based material radiated compassion even for his killers, riven by emotions they're unequipped to fathom. TV was made for this kind of intimate character study, of ordinary people.

"Playmakers" (ESPN). Universal truths of the workplace have revealed here, too, even as this drama is populated by high-ticket football players, coaches and hangers-on. Gutsy isn't the word for John Eisenhardt's unsparring portrayal of the darkness and desperation inherent in their lives' insecurities. Detailed in graphic terms of drugs, violence, and corporate backstabbing, the core statements resonate down to our own commonplace struggles to maintain whatever status we've been able to scrape together.

"South Park" (Comedy Central). Still the most original and persistent series on the tube. From kids' toilet-papering a neighbor's house to such cultural currents as anti-war protest, senior power, ostracizing smokers and elevating "metrosexuals," creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone shy away from nothing and observe everything with keen (if sometimes crude) insight. They're especially sharp (and vicious) in limping celebrity. Somebody sure needs to be.

"Battlestar Galactica" (Sci Fi). Here's a show that reflected us by reflecting a world forced to grapple with its past doings and future possibilities. Yet this apocalyptic mini-series pilot was no "message" slog, just a rip-roaring adventure yarn with firm moorings in the human race's continuing battle with its own overbearing impulses.

"Angels in America" (HBO). A brilliantly grounded first half sketched the self-consuming compromises we make to get us through the hurdle of modern life. An ethereally muddled second half threatened to dissipate the cumulative force of the first. But what a gorgeous production from Mike Nichols, what a gifted cast (Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, Justin Kirk), what a wondrous parade of language (Tom Hanks' Wright Tuckusner, herby preserving his Broadway triumph on film).

"Arrested Development" (Fox). OK, here's that network series. As TV comedy lies wasting away like Greta Garbo's Camille, along comes this jaunty, acerbic yet affectionate look at a shallow nouveau riche family. Short cinema verite without an audience, narrated by ordinary-Opie Ron Howard, it lets us find the laughs, and the heart, for ourselves in its outrageous situations.

Rose Parade comes complete with 'float cam'

HGTV provides coverage commercial-free today

HGTV

Home and Garden Television will provide uninterrupted, live commercial-free coverage of the 115th Tournament of Roses Parade today, along with a highlight parade special on Saturday.

In Pasadena, Calif., parade hosts will be HGTV gardening expert Paul James, Master Gardener Rebecca Knolls and veteran TV producer Robb Weller.

Plus, real-time, behind-the-scenes coverage of float construction will be shown on a "float cam" at HGTV.com. The theme of this year's parade is "Michigan."

The parade will also feature majestic floral floats, high-stepping equestrian units and spirited marching bands from around the world. The Tournament of Roses Parade began in 1890, when most of Pasadena's 5,000 residents gathered on Jan. 1 to witness or participate in what would become a holiday tradition. The tournament's early years featured bicycles and children's carts decorated with flowers from home gardens. It made

See the roses

"The Making of the Rose Parade" will air at 5 a.m. and again at 8 a.m. today on HGTV. "The 115th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade" will air at 9 a.m. today on HGTV. "The Rose Bowl" Michigan vs. USC in Pasadena, Calif., will air at 2:30 p.m. today on ABC.



Michigan coach Coyd Carr is greeted by Rose Bowl princesses as he arrives at a hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. Michigan and Southern California meet in the Rose Bowl today.

the leap into the 20th century with the inclusion of automobiles and the first Rose Bowl football game, played in Tournament

Park in 1902. Today, flowers from as far away as South Africa and Holland cover the innovative,

motorized floats and are draped around the necks of stately Percherons, graceful Paso Finos and even band members.

TODAY'S TV PICKS

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"Great Performances" - Conductor Riccardo Muti leads the Vienna Philharmonic in Strauss Family waltzes

which the Vienna State Opera Ballet and ice skaters perform. (TVG) PBS 7 p.m. "American Idol: Life on the Road" - Singers hit the road to perform in venues across the United States; with Ruben

Studdard, Clay Aiken, Kimberley Locke, Kimberly Caldwell, Rickey Smith, Trenyce, Julia DeMato, Carmen Rossmussen and Charles Griggs. (CC) TVG 7 p.m.

"Hey Arnold! The Movie" - Animated Arnold and his friends take action when their neighborhood is slated for demolition. (CC) SHOWTIME 8 p.m.

Table with columns for NEWS, MOVIES, THURSDAY MORNING, SPORTS, KIDS and a grid of channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, etc.) with program listings for various times (5a.m., 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00).

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Mentor Club celebrates 70 years — COMMUNITY EVENTS

BUHL — Few local groups can boast that they have been able to sustain an active organization over 70 years.

But that was the reason for celebration when the Mentor Club held its December meeting at the home of current president Florence Pierce.

The Mentor Club was the outcome of the dreams of a group of young women in Buhl in the 1930s who shared the common bonds of a love of reading and the desire to continue their opportunities to learn throughout their lifetimes, reported club member Judy Felton of Buhl. The members decided to take turns presenting programs at their twice-monthly meetings and did extensive research into their selected topics.

As the years went by, a tradition was developed that each member would select a book that would be available to the other members for their reading enjoyment during that year. At the end of the year,

each member would receive her own book back or the books were sometimes donated to the Buhl Library, Felton reported. It was suggested that the books be recently published and of current interest.

As times changed, so did the Mentor Club. Although reading is still the focus, the members now have expanded their definition of "lifelong learning" to include a spring excursion, Felton reported. These outings have included such diverse destinations as the Hagerman horse pits and museum, the Ray catfish and alligator facilities, the Jerome Benedictine Monastery, Twin Falls Livestock Commission and many other interesting places.

Helene Byrne, a member since 1934, is still an active participant in the club. At the age of 101, she is a wonderful example of what people can accomplish if they make efforts to keep their minds active, Felton reported.



Florence Pierce, left, and Helene Byrne prepare to cut the cake to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Mentor Club of Buhl. Photo courtesy of JUDY FELTON

Helping Hands needs money, food donations

BURLEY — Helping Hands Christian Outreach's major work is food distribution, and organizers said they are in constant need of many items.

Those items include finances to cover monthly expenses; diapers, baby items and formula; warm clothing; wood, kerosene and coal; donations for power bill; toilet paper, paper cups, napkins, towels, cups and plastic forks; garbage bags (39 gallon and 13 gallon); soap (antibacterial dish, hand, liquid laundry); gloves for handling food; after-shave, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, tooth paste and tooth brushes; plastic shopping bags for commodities (plastic grocery bags); sugar, pancake mix and syrup; all food items; peanut butter, jelly, honey, beans, rice and other dried foods; and blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats, gloves and boots.

The center is nonprofit and licensed with the state of Idaho. Workers receive no salaries, no government funding and depend solely upon the donations and support from the community, organizers said.

Donations can be brought to Helping Hands at 1250 Miller Ave., Burley. For more information call 878-9140.

Government conference registration approaches

RUPERT — The Idaho 4-H Know Your Government Conference is an opportunity for 4-H members in the eighth and ninth grades to see the government first hand.

Delegates will participate in legislative or judicial workshops and learn how the state government decision-making process works, how teens can participate politically to influence state government, how the state judicial system works, what is involved in bringing a case to court and more. They will have the opportu-

nity to observe the legislative process in action, meet and share ideas with legislators, judges and other elected officials.

The registration fee is \$85 plus bus transportation. The deadline to return the application and a letter of recommendation is Jan. 7.

For more information, call 436-7184.

Buhl Christian Church holds fifth quarter rally

BUHL — The Buhl Christian Church will hold its 5th quarter rally on the after the last Friday night home game of both the Buhl High School boys' and girls basketball teams.

During 2003, six rallies hosted 422 students. Students were treated to free food, athlete guests, drinks, arcade games, the game film showing, among other activities.

For more information, call Steven Marshall Associate Pastor of Buhl First Christian Church or call 543-4103 or 543-4250.

Local Shrine clubs elect new officers for 2004

TWIN FALLS — Local Shrine clubs elected new officers for 2004.

The new Twin Falls club officers will be Darrell Sweet, vice president; Dick Machaner, vice president; Pat Borden, secretary; and Richard Rowe, treasurer.

Incoming Wood River club officers will be Lawrence Calkins of Richfield, president; Joe Klimes of Wendell, vice president; and Joe Rose of Jerome, secretary/treasurer.

Incoming Burley/Rupert Shrine Club officers are Don Bohn of Paul, president; Wayne Rogers of Burley, vice president; and Dewayne Maier of Rupert, secretary/treasurer.

The North/South Shrine All Star High School football game will be at 7 p.m. June 2 at the Twin Falls High School Bruin stadium.

LETTERS OF THANKS

County housekeeping department thanks workers

We would like to thank the public of Twin Falls County, the employees of Twin Falls County and a special thanks to Sybil Larsen; Linda Wright; Judges

Brown, Holmhorst, Brumbach, Smyser and Stoker; Sheriff Wayne Touseley; and Prosecutor Grant Loeb for all the support you have given us over the past several months. If we have left anyone out, please forgive us. And thank you again for

all of your support. **KAYEANNE EDWARDS** Supervisor, Housekeeping Department Twin Falls County Twin Falls

Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit appreciates community

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
- Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.

For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 288. To express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Classified department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

The Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit would like to thank everyone who helped us with a great year. Areas to practice in and volunteer victims are important to our practice. Thanks to the 4-H Club, Girl Scouts of America, Twin Falls County

Fairgrounds, Clear Lakes Country Club and Magic Mountain.

All the opportunities to participate in community safety and educational events were appreciated. Special thanks to Costco, Addison Animal Clinic, the employees of Idaho Power, US Cellular, LifeFlight, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and all other supporters. **DONNA JACOBSEN** Twin Falls

Restaurant, volunteers make holiday special

Thanksgiving Day was a special day for folks in Twin Falls because of the management and staff at the Outback Restaurant who hosted a traditional meal of turkey to folks who had no way to cook, didn't

want to be alone or opted to take advantage of the generous offer of a fine meal.

Those who enjoyed the meal were warmed by the atmosphere, gratified by the service and filled with some of the best tasting turkey and trimmings. The Outback staff and volunteers went out of their way to make everyone welcome. Thank you, Outback management, your staff for working so hard with such joyful attitudes to serve others. We extend our appreciation and awe of your generous spirit. To the volunteers who served in the restaurant or delivered meals to folks, we say a great big thank you for your kind hearts and willingness to share your day. **MAJ. ANN PATTERSON** The Salvation Army Twin Falls

PASSING THE TORCH



Local Business Professional of America members work on ornaments for the Idaho Christmas tree showcased at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. BPA members from around the Magic Valley met at a leadership conference on Nov. 12. While there, they completed ornaments for the Idaho Christmas tree. The ornaments were made and painted by Dave and Debbie Klug, Mrs. Klug is the counselor at Kimberly High School, reported Katie Baldwin, a Kimberly High School BPA member. The ornaments look like torches symbolizing the Torch Award that is given to BPA members who achieve the award's requirements. Written on each ornament is one of the seven Torch Award sections: leadership, service, cooperation, knowledge, friendship, love/hope/charity and patriotism. BPA is an organization, mainly for high school students, that helps to develop professionalism and leadership for future lives in business and office careers.

THEY'RE HONORED



The First Presbyterian Church in Burley held Veteran's Sunday recently in recognition of Veterans Day. From left are Lt. Col. James R. Plummer, U.S. Marine Corps (retired); Chaplain John A. Rakestraw, U.S. Army (retired); and Russell Morgan, Spec. 4th Class, U.S. Army.

East Minico Middle School honors exceptional students

RUPERT — East Minico Middle School in Rupert announced its honor roll students for the first trimester.

Sixth grade — High honors

- Lacey M. Anderson
- Bruce R. Hanson
- Garth A. Crane
- Ryan Webster
- Albert Turner
- Melody Turner
- Shanica Turner
- Demi Quattlebaum

Honor roll

- Lyn Brisbin
- Pete Coats
- Michael DePhillips
- Laura Hurtado
- Cody Lopez
- Cody Pfeiffer
- Monica T. Delgado

Roberto Olivares

- Zachary Sayles
- Kara Jentsch
- Alexandrin Q. Koyle
- Colton W. Larsen
- Lane E. Linard
- Christopher A. Barfuss
- Byrce J. Harper
- Anthony Labra
- Katie Richins
- Victoria Vega
- Michelle White
- Garrett L. Mackay
- Rebecca E. Sunderland
- Charlie Rawlings
- Rolando Martinez
- Hannah Felt
- Matthew Buck
- Christopher Burns
- Jacey Couch
- Janice Sandstoe
- Jessica B. Sleght
- Zachary B. Harman

Ashley Hyde

- Seventh grade — High honors
- Spencer Christensen
- Jaclyn Crane
- Tyson C. Crane
- Holly C. Hruza
- Justin Martinez
- Erik Merrill
- Landon Barnes
- Samuel A. Bingham
- Katie Coats
- Kelsie Halverson
- Shane M. Hansen
- Kyle C. Hopworth
- Chad Quattlebaum
- Vicente Vasquez
- Cody Oliver

Honors

- Ashley E. Hulet
- Sam Parker
- Carrie Salvi

Kyleigh Smith

- Eric S. Bohm
- Brigham R. Duncan
- Marijorie Newman
- Jordan Reed
- Whitney Schut
- Mathew Braden
- Zachary Kane
- Jordan Nesbit
- Byron Pinther
- Joshua Draper
- Melanie Fennell
- Tyson G. Grisenti
- Christopher Joyce
- Francisco J. Martinez
- Joshua Stallings
- Nathan L. Ellenberger
- Oliver Evensen
- Adrian Toolson
- Dale Amen

Eighth grade — High honors

Jocelyn Larsen

- Andrew Aston
- Shelby Coats
- Derek Jentsch
- Karee Jurgensmeier
- Julian Rodriguez
- Erin M. Barnes
- Hailey Kelig
- Joelle Poter
- Caitlin M. Reddington
- Damon Turner
- Honors
- Austin Goff
- Kurt Kobayashi
- Lizette Vigil
- Ashley M. Bessire
- Sadie P. Eames
- Hailey D. Hansen
- Cherril D. Wrigley
- Stacy J. Turbet
- Tiana Nestle
- Marshelle Young

Sheldon Zimmerman

- Jacob J. Bassett
- Kathleen D. Child
- Brian Christiansen
- Nathan S. Crane
- Kalli Mackay
- Mayra Ambriz
- Megan M. Harper
- Benjamin D. Child
- Laura Acolt
- Patricia Juarez
- Audrey Kent
- Megan Musselman
- Landon Whitesides
- Daniela Navarro

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS. NOTICE TO CREDITORS: In the Matter of the Estate of: BERTHA JEANETTE COLE, Deceased.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS. NOTICE OF HEARING: In the Matter of the Application of: AUTUMN HARMONY ROBINSON GODIN and RAIN ROBINSON GODIN, for change in Name.

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The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$754.38...

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Dated this 5th day of December, 2003.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On April 28, 2004, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock PM of said day...

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...

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...

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The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$807.35...

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Dated this 22nd day of November, 2003.

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 1-800-923-9106

Valley Regional Medical Center, PO Box 409, 650 Addison Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83403-0409, telephone (208) 737-2118.
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The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the secured by the above referenced real property, in the amount of \$508.00 each...

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
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Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.
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FOUNDED Yellow, white, wearing red harness. Tuttle area West of Richie Road. Call 208-807-6000

FOUNDED Cat, long-haired calico, in West Heyburn on Monday, December 29th. Call 208-735-5151

FOUNDED Cat, orange and white, large neutered male. Found 1 mile west of Burger King. Call 208-735-0248

FOUNDED German shorthair, brown, has some white on his muzzle, wearing collar. Please Call 208-543-8043

FOUNDED Lab, big red with red collar. Lost between Twin Falls and Kerbyville. Call 208-735-5151

FOUNDED Lab, yellow, 1 year old, red collar, named Luke. Call 208-735-0167

FOUNDED Saw horse, steel, missing between 3 and 4 miles west of Kerbyville. Found. Call 208-423-5212

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"In the stock market, bulls make money, bears make money, but pigs just get slaughtered."
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When this dice came up in the New Year's Eve duplicate pairs event at the menagerie, each of the three little pigs drove the South hand to slam without much encouragement from their partners.

Afterwards, as they sat around in the sty, sharing a refreshing glass of swill, they compared notes on their performances.

The first little pig had gone for simplicity by cashing the club ace and then leading his spade three toward the spade jack, hoping West had the spade king. It was not his day.

The second little pig had been subtler. He too had cashed the club ace, but then had advanced a devious spade king. If East had held a doubleton spade queen, he would have had to take his card or lose it, and even as the cards lay, if East had been foolish enough to win this trick, dummy would have had an entry. But East was awake and ducked this trick, and down went the contract.

Then his brothers asked the third little pig what had happened at his table. "I was lucky," he modestly responded. "The cards cooperated for me." When pressed for more details, he said that after cashing the club ace, he had led the spade 10, not the queen, from his hand. When the beautiful spade nine appeared, he simply overtook with dummy's jack. Now either the spade jack or the spade five in dummy was a guaranteed entry to the club winners, and the wolf had been successfully kept from the door.

NORTH 01-1-A
♠ J 5
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ 8 7 5
♣ K Q 4

WEST
♠ 9
♥ Q 4 3
♦ J 10 8 4
♣ J 10 8 3 2

EAST
♠ K 4
♥ J 6
♦ Q 6 3 2
♣ A 7 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 8 7 6 3
♥ A K 10
♦ A K
♣ A

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass
2♠ Pass 2NT Pass
3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass
6♠ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond jack

BID WITH THE ACES 01-1-B

South holds:
♠ J 5
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ 8 7 5
♣ K Q 4

South West North East
1♥ 1♠ Dbl. 1♠
2♣ 2♦ Pass Pass

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. Passing would be cowardly here, since partner has promised opening values and three-plus hearts. There is no minimum hand on which he would double initially without three cards in both majors. Do not sell out at the two-level if your side has a known fit of at least eight cards.

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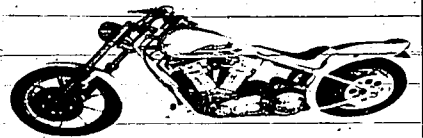
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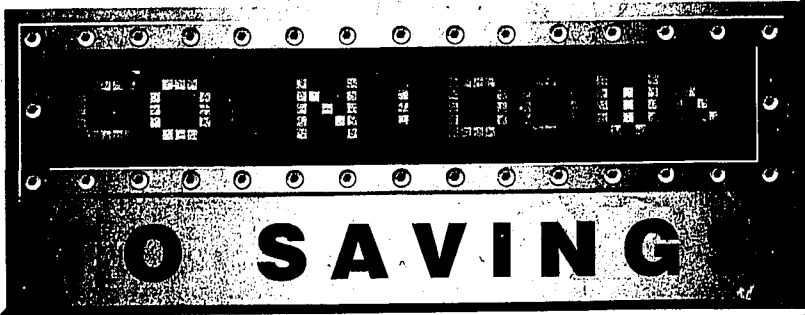
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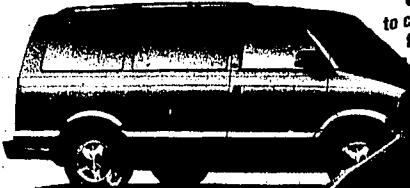
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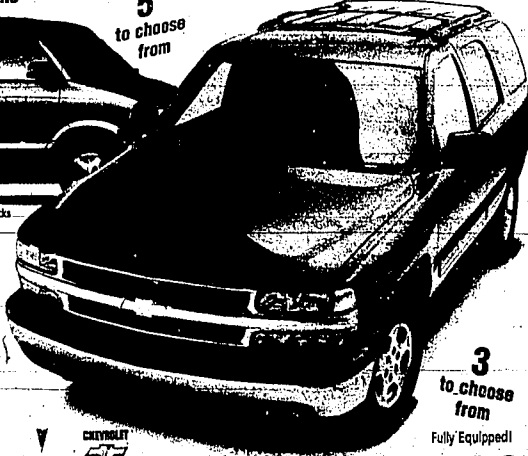
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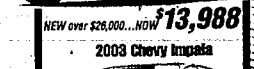
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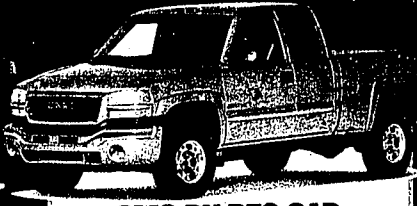
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