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# Plan would legalize immigrants

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Undocumented workers crossing the Mexican border aren't looking for a pot of gold.

"They're looking for a pot of beans," said Adan Ramirez of the Idaho Community Action Network.

Ramirez said he liked President Bush's idea for a major overhaul of America's immigra-

## Idaho immigration advocates give Bush proposal mixed reviews

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tion system to grant legal status to millions of undocumented workers in the United States for at least three years.

"They want to get food on the table, and they look to the north,"

Ramirez said.  
In a speech Wednesday, Bush told members of Congress, his Cabinet and immigrant advocacy groups that laws should allow workers to enter the United States and fill jobs Americans are not filling. His proposal would allow some 8 million illegal immigrants — including hundreds in south-central Idaho — to obtain legal status as temporary workers.

"As a nation that values immigrants and depends on immigrants, we should have immigration laws that work and make us proud," the president said. "Yet today we do not. Instead we see many employers turning to the illegal labor market. We see millions of hard-working working men and women condemned to fear and insecurity in a massive undocumented economy."

"Illegal entry across our borders makes more difficult the urgent task of securing the homeland," the president said.

Immigration advocates in Idaho gave mixed reviews to Bush's plan, while employers and U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, spoke generally in support.

Craig is invited to the White House to attend Wednesday's announcement.

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# Mad cow disease affects industry

## First cattle sale of year brings lower prices

By Megan Hinds  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Cattle buyer Mike Munsee came to the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co.'s first beef auction of the year Wednesday with a "wait and see" attitude. He left with the ownership paperwork of several cattle.

"These prices are just too good to pass up right now," Munsee said, gesturing to one of his purchases on the auction floor: a 1,200-pound black heifer that sold for 58.5 cents per pound, or \$58.50 per hundredweight.

Munsee buys cattle for several feedlots and independent Magic Valley producers; he bought the black heifer for Magic Valley Cattle Feeders in Murrumbidgee. He said the heifer would be fed at the lot for about a month, then sold "for hopefully 60 or 70 dollars more."

"Most everybody that I buy for wants to wait and see where the market is going," Munsee said. "You don't know when cattle are going to be worth in 120 days."

Wednesday's lower cattle prices were a boon to Munsee as a businessman. However, he acknowledged there could be serious repercussions to the future of the beef industry if prices remain low due to the discovery of mad cow disease, otherwise known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, in a dairy cow in Washington state Dec. 23. He said the prices at Wednesday's auction were higher than he expected.

"After we started resuming auctions, I didn't think the prices would be as high as they are," Munsee said. "I expected prices \$10 to \$15 lower than they are today. It means the packers are able to sell the meat — that there's a market for it right now."

The mood at the auction Wednesday was cautiously optimistic. Both cattle buyers and sellers  
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Delroy Hase guides a group of cattle into the arena at the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co. Wednesday. The sale, the first of the year, was hampered by both the mad cow scare and the morning's winter weather.

# Ramos offers his defense

By Karin Kowalski  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — Beleaguered Superintendent Angel Ramos took the stand Wednesday and burst into tears as he recalled a conversation with Harry Lyter, the man who took his job in an interim capacity.

Ramos, defending himself in the third day of an open hearing to determine whether he will keep his job as superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, testified that he told Lyter that he was still superintendent and expected school employees to behave professionally during his suspension. Ramos had worked too hard for two years to improve the school's climate, only to see it collapse within a few days of his suspension, he had told the acting superintendent.

Ramos' tear-filled recollection of his conversation with Lyter came amid a day where the superintendent "attempted" to see it multiple accusations that he was retaliatory in his management style. He even had to leave the room at one point to gather his emotions.

During seven hours of testimony, Ramos, who's been suspended since July 30, said that he was not vindictive and would like to return and improve the communication at the school.

When State Board of Education Executive Director Gary Stivers received four complaints about Ramos from school administrators, Ramos said the purpose of the all-staff meeting he called soon after was misunderstood.

Assuming their complaints were common knowledge, Ramos said he had told staff at the meeting that they had every right to complain. He testified that he wanted to protect them from staff criticism, not retaliate against them.

Only later when Stivers sent him a critical letter did he perceive that his actions appeared retaliatory and now regrets what he said, Ramos testified.

## One witness testifies

Besides Ramos, only one other witness was called to testify Wednesday: Joe Kren, the former middle and high school principal at the school, told the State Board

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# Package to wrong address reveals trouble

Los Angeles Times

**HOUSTON** — One evening two winters ago, a man in Staten Island, N.Y., absent-mindedly flipped through his mail. Inside one envelope was a stack of fake documents, including U.N. and Defense Department identification cards, and a note: "We would hate to have this fall into the wrong hands."

It had. The package, intended for a member of a self-styled militia in New Jersey, had been delivered to the wrong address.

From that lucky break, federal officials believe they may have uncovered one of the most audacious domestic terrorism plots since the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Starting with a sting operation  
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U.S. Army Specialist Jevon Woolbright, left, from Los Angeles, Calif., caresses the cheek of his wife, Quishawn, inside an aircraft barge after Cox returned to Fort Campbell, Ky., from Iraq Wednesday. More than 600 troops from the 101st Airborne Division will return over the next two days to the western Kentucky post ending nearly a one-year deployment to Kuwait and Iraq.

# Mortar attack wounds 35 U.S. soldiers, military says

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Anti-American insurgents fired mortar rounds at a U.S. military camp Wednesday night, wounding 35 U.S. soldiers, the U.S. command said.

Six mortar rounds exploded about 6:45 p.m. at Logistical Base Seitz west of Baghdad, a U.S. military spokesman said in a statement. The camp is located in the so-called Sunni Muslim triangle that is a stronghold of resistance to the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

The wounded soldiers were given first aid and have been evacuated from the site for further medical treatment, the statement said. The Pentagon added that the soldiers were from the Army's 541st Maintenance Battalion, based in

Fort Riley, Kan., and part of the 3rd Corps Support Command.

The mortars hit "a living area where they have their sleeping quarters," the spokesman said.

A Pentagon spokesman said that some of those wounded returned to duty shortly after the attack, while others were hospitalized. The spokesman, Lt. Col. James Cassella, said he did not know how many were seriously or lightly wounded.

Earlier Wednesday, U.S. troops said they destroyed a home in Fallujah, the center of the anti-American insurgency west of Baghdad, where enraged neighbors said a married couple was killed and their five children were orphaned.

The neighbors insisted the couple was innocent of an attack on the troops that led them to shell the house.

**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

**Today:** Mostly cloudy and milder with a breeze at times. Highs in the lower 40s.  
**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy skies and light winds. Lows in the middle 20s.  
**Tomorrow:** Breezy with periods of clouds. Highs near 40.

**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

| Today                                     | Tonight             | Friday              | Saturday          | Sunday                     | Monday             |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Mostly cloudy skies and mild temperatures | Mostly cloudy skies | Seasonal conditions | Another quiet day | Periods of sun and showers | Mostly sunny skies |
| High 42                                   | Low 28              | 40/25               | 39/25             | 36/20                      | 36/21              |

**Yesterday's Weather**

| City        | High | Low |
|-------------|------|-----|
| Boise       | 34   | 15  |
| Idaho Falls | 34   | 15  |
| Jerome      | 28   | 15  |
| Lowell      | 27   | 18  |
| Malheur     | 30   | 19  |
| McCall      | 30   | 19  |
| Shoshone    | 25   | 15  |
| Starbuck    | 28   | 9   |

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

**Today:** Mostly cloudy and not as cold. Highs in the lower 40s.  
**Tonight:** Abundant clouds. Lows in the middle 20s.  
**Tomorrow:** Breezy with periods of clouds. Highs near 40.

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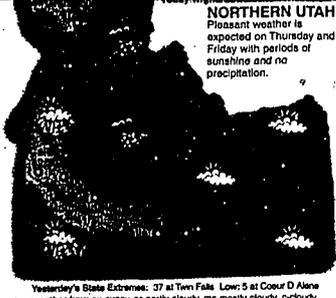
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|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
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| Second High 37 in 1949 | Water Year to Date 2.22" | Today's Forecast Low 70% | Sunday Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:25 PM |   |

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 Cloudy, breezy and turning milder through Saturday with occasional snow showers. Roads will remain icy and snow packed. Sunday appears to be a nice day, and snow packed. Sunday appears to be a nice day, and snow packed.

**BOISE**  
 Periods of clouds and isolated rain or snow showers are expected through Friday. Flurries could turn wet and slippery in spots. Drier weather is expected over the weekend.

**NORTHERN UTAH**  
 Pleasant weather is expected on Thursday and Friday with periods of sunshine and no precipitation.



**REGIONAL FORECAST**

| City         | Today | Tomorrow | Saturday |
|--------------|-------|----------|----------|
| Altoona      | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Boone        | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Chattanooga  | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Cincinnati   | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Cleveland    | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Columbus     | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Dayton       | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Des Moines   | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Indianapolis | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Kansas City  | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Little Rock  | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Memphis      | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Mobile       | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Myrtle Beach | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Nashville    | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| New Orleans  | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| New York     | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Oak Ridge    | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Omaha        | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Portland     | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Raleigh      | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Richmond     | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| San Antonio  | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| San Diego    | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| San Jose     | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Seattle      | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| St. Louis    | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Tampa        | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |
| Wichita      | 31-41 | 30-40    | 30-40    |

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

| City         | Today | Tomorrow |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| Altoona      | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Boone        | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Chattanooga  | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Cincinnati   | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Cleveland    | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Columbus     | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Dayton       | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Des Moines   | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Indianapolis | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Kansas City  | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Little Rock  | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Memphis      | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Mobile       | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Myrtle Beach | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Nashville    | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| New Orleans  | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| New York     | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Oak Ridge    | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Omaha        | 31-41 | 30-40    |
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| Richmond     | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| San Antonio  | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| San Diego    | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| San Jose     | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Seattle      | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| St. Louis    | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Tampa        | 31-41 | 30-40    |
| Wichita      | 31-41 | 30-40    |

**MOONRISE and MOONSET**

| City         | Today   | Tomorrow |
|--------------|---------|----------|
| Altoona      | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Boone        | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Chattanooga  | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Cincinnati   | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Cleveland    | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Columbus     | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Dayton       | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Des Moines   | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Indianapolis | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Kansas City  | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Little Rock  | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Memphis      | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Mobile       | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Myrtle Beach | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Nashville    | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| New Orleans  | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| New York     | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Oak Ridge    | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Omaha        | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Portland     | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Raleigh      | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Richmond     | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| San Antonio  | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| San Diego    | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| San Jose     | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Seattle      | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| St. Louis    | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Tampa        | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |
| Wichita      | 7:27 PM | 7:27 PM  |

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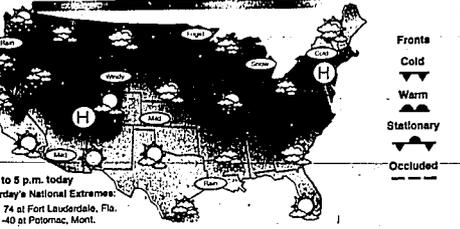
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**CANADIAN FORECAST**

| City      | Today | Tomorrow |
|-----------|-------|----------|
| Calgary   | 30-40 | 30-40    |
| Edmonton  | 30-40 | 30-40    |
| Halifax   | 30-40 | 30-40    |
| London    | 30-40 | 30-40    |
| Montreal  | 30-40 | 30-40    |
| Ottawa    | 30-40 | 30-40    |
| Quebec    | 30-40 | 30-40    |
| Regina    | 30-40 | 30-40    |
| Saskatoon | 30-40 | 30-40    |
| Vancouver | 30-40 | 30-40    |
| Victoria  | 30-40 | 30-40    |
| Winnipeg  | 30-40 | 30-40    |

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**



**Ramos**

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 of Education's hearings officer that Ramos had meeting his name at that staff meeting as one of the administrators who had spoken to Stivers.

Kren testified that made him angry and divided the staff. "I was ticked," Kren said.

Kren, who is now a principal at the North Gem School District in Bancroft, also was utilized by the State Board of Education's attorneys to opines on Ramos' handling of communication and read an e-mail exchange between him and Ramos about a wanted to transfer to another department.

Kren said the teacher had had various problems, including trouble with falling asleep in classes for medical reasons, but had gone through a program of assistance and showed steady improvement, so Kren supported keeping the teacher, Ramos, however, felt otherwise, Kren testified, and gave the teacher an ultimatum to transfer or leave before consulting Kren, which the former principal said he felt was a violation in the chain of command.

"In my mind, he went through it backwards," Kren testified.

Under cross examination, Ramos' lawyer asked Kren to address the allegations that Ramos had touched people improperly. Kren testified that physical contact is part of the beauty of Deaf culture, so friends are much more likely to greet each other with hugs than handshakes. Nevertheless, Kren said excessive intimacy was inappropriate when people are associates and not close friends.

**Never given instructions**  
 During Ramos' turn on the stand, he testified that he was instructed to improve the school by Greg Fitch, the State Board of Education's executive director, when he was hired in August 2001. Ramos' overall charge was to change the school from a just care of students to one who focused on education that would prepare students to succeed later in life. Ramos said he was given no specific instructions of how to do it.

Ramos said the division at the school was the result of a large miscommunication over what he was trying to do at the school and a general resistance to change.

When he arrived at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the hearing, Ramos testified. He said he had staff work on creating a curriculum in spite of resistance from other staff. Ramos said he wanted to increase the number of students taking classes at the Gooding School District, and changing the school's schedule to align with the other schools. He brought papers so that all the staff could be given messages or be alerted to fire drills. Under the old system, these things would be announced over a public address system and the hearing would inform the deaf staff about the fire drill, Ramos said, citing an example.

**Book allegations denied**  
 Ramos said he had finished writing his book before he even applied to work at the school, denying allegations that school employees had worked on his book on the school's dime.

Employees of the Opiotichool employees to do some work on the book in the evenings. When Stivers, the state board's executive director, told Ramos this was an inappropriate use of school property, Ramos said he

asked the employee to stop. Ramos said he coordinated the Opiotichool Project Coordinator, Bob Swallow, check on it and he saw no evidence that it continued. And regarding Opiotichool, Ramos testified, the reason the room was kept locked was because of previous problems with theft.

**Fiscally sound**  
 Addressing criticism over the way he spent school money to improve the superintendent's house, Ramos said he felt the \$45,000 in repairs was appropriate. It was an expense the school's permanent building fund advisory committee approved.

The home had 15-year-old carpet, old blinds and needed lots of general repairs. The house-friendly because it had too many walls that obstructed vision, Ramos testified.

Ramos testified that he saved about \$300,000 in his first year from the school's budget to create a contingency fund, but because of the budget crunch that year, the state asked for the money to be returned. Ramos' asked for \$90,000 of that money to be left with the school so that he could increase teacher salaries. He found he was having trouble keeping teachers because the salaries were so low. Ramos said he also avoided other state budget cuts by successfully petitioning the State Board of Education to consider ISDB a school and not an agency for budgeting purposes.

Ramos testified that many of the financial problems at the school were caused by his relying on those below him for counsel about proper procedures. Ramos said he relied on Gene Peterson, the school's longtime director of finances who died last year, to investigate and make sure it was legal for the school to donate surplus and have it sell off. Under cross examination, Ramos said when Peterson was ill, he relied on his wife for that information.

Generally, Ramos said he was a sound financial manager. "The school is still alive today because of this," Ramos testified.

Defending his hiring practices, Ramos testified that he started the use of three-person interview committees to advise on the hiring of full-time positions. He said before the corrective action plan, he never heard anything with wrong with his hiring practices.

He said he only had one personal friend hired since he started, and the decision to hire that person was not made by him. He denied his hiring of a new director of instruction for the blind and visually impaired, and Boise location also enabled the director to develop a better relationship with the Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Ramos affirmed his desire for teachers to be students in sign language and for students who can use voice to be encouraged to do so.

"It's just not right," Ramos said, referring to teachers that don't know how to sign. "It should not be delayed."

**Cows**

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 predicted the cattle market would stabilize within a matter of months, but that it was still too soon to tell. Cattle prices are directly linked to consumer confidence in the U.S. beef supply, said cattle buyer Neal Landon of Idaho Falls.

"I can't believe the American public can be so naive in thinking the beef supply can be unsafe," Landon said. "When animal by-products have been banned for years and there's never been a case of BSE in a human in the United States, why should there be any reason to worry about the safety of American beef?"

Munsee said he was concerned about the long-term effects of the mad cow scare on rural economies, like Magic Valley's, that depend on agricultural revenue. If another case of BSE were discovered, the effects could be catastrophic.

"If there's another BSE case, we could go from \$10 lower to \$50 lower. In this area, it can be devastating to the local economy," Munsee said. "Farmers and ranchers need to buy new equipment and make repairs and improvements, and when the prices go down, they can't do those things."

Cattle producers had enjoyed



Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co. co-owner and manager Bruce Billington fields phone calls from buyers and sellers asking questions about the day's supply of stock and what he expected to happen due to the morning's poor weather conditions.

record-high prices during the fourth quarter of 2003. Rogerson, beef producer Lori Shafer, who sold several older cows for slaughter Wednesday, was prepared for the slightly lower price her cattle would fetch at market.

"I'm pretty secure on the price we'll get today," Shafer said. "I expect we'll see anywhere between 40 and 50 cents

per pound."

After the auction, Shafer said she was pleased to receive an average of 40 to 42 cents per pound for her cattle - only 2 to 3 cents lower than she would have received before the mad cow scare. The high prices of 2003 have served as a sort of safety net for beef producers in 2004, she said.

"The thing is, beef prices have been so high that a drop in prices really doesn't seem that bad now," Shafer said. "We had a bull that went for \$5 (cent a pound)."

The number of cattle sold at Wednesday's auction was lower than at past sales before the holidays and the BSE discovery, said Bruce Billington, co-owner and manager of the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co. There were 336 cattle auctioned Wednesday.

The low livestock numbers were compounded by the snowy morning weather, which made it difficult for cattle producers to truck in their livestock, Billington said. The auction draws livestock from a 250-mile radius from Twin Falls. The auction was scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. but was delayed for about an hour due to the weather.

"We're definitely looking at lower numbers and prices today," Billington said. "People want to buy, but there just aren't very many to choose from."

Still, it was a buyer's market at Wednesday's auction. Slaughter cattle brought prices ranging from a low of \$25 per hundredweight to a high of \$29.50 - down from before Dec. 26 but not as low as expected, Billington said.

Slaughter cows are older beef cows past the age of calf production, younger heifers - unaltered - calves, bulls and steers for breeding and older dairy cows. The cattle are mainly sold to meatpackers for ground beef. At market, they fetch lower prices than cattle raised to produce higher-quality beef, Billington said.

While overall beef prices have dropped since the mad cow discovery, Billington said slaughter cows prices have not been affected as much as feeder cattle prices, which have dropped \$10 to \$22.50 per hundredweight since Dec. 22. There is always demand for slaughter heifers, he said.

Billington said the percentage of each cow sold and prices he can lose money when sales are low.

"We run on a percentage of how much each cow is sold for," Billington said. "The prices affect me - I take the hit just like the farmer and rancher."

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# NASA hopes Spirit shakes case of 'hiccups'

Los Angeles Times

A couple of minor "hiccups" in getting NASA's Spirit rover settled in on Mars have delayed the rover's roll-off from the landing platform until at least next Wednesday, Jet Propulsion Laboratory officials said.

The problems involved the rover's high-gain antenna, which provides a high-speed data link directly with Earth, and the collapsed air bag that cushioned the craft's landing in Gusev Crater Saturday.

Neither problem was expected to seriously impact the overall mission, the officials said at a news conference Wednesday in Pasadena, Calif.

Researchers could not hide their eagerness to begin using the rover's suite of scientific instruments to sample rocks and soil at the landing site, which may be an ancient lake bed.

"We are champing at the bit to get the puppy off the lander and get driving," said JPL's Art Thompson, a robotics engineer.

The first problem appeared as the rover's team first started moving the lollipop-shaped high-gain antenna to orient it toward Earth, engineers noticed short spikes in the electrical current that was drawing, suggesting the motors were encountering difficulty in moving it.

But when they went back and tried to move the antenna again, it moved smoothly, said Arthur Amador, mission manager for the

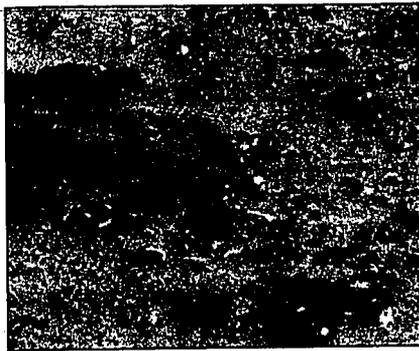
fifth Martian day. "There must have been some debris in the motor housing or stickiness that was taken care of" in the last maneuvering, he said. "Yesterday, everything came back pretty much perfect." The second problem involves one of the crumpled air bags, which is sticking out slightly from under one of the ramps that engineers hope to use to drive Spirit off the lander. The bag prevented the ramp from reaching all the way to the ground.

The team tried retracting the air bag a little bit, but that did not work. So on Wednesday they were planning to try what Thompson called a "lift-and-tuck" maneuver in which the lander pedal attached to the ramp will be lifted up out of the way while the bag is retracted.

Even if that does not work, the rover can be driven off the lander in two other directions. In either of those cases, however, the craft would have to perform a delicate pirouette to orient itself in the direction in which the geologists want to proceed.

Spirit sent one more major picture back to Earth overnight Tuesday, a high-resolution three-dimensional black-and-white image showing the same area in the color photograph released Tuesday.

"We're getting slow glimpses of the world around us," said Cornell University's James Bell, who developed the camera. The images "will be used to determine how to drive the rover through this terrain," he said.



This image from the panoramic camera in the Mars Exploration Rover Spirit shows the rover's airbag trails. These depressions in the soil were made when the airbags were inflated and retracted after landing.

## Parking in the red zone

NASA took more than two years to choose landing sites for the two Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, landing this month. The agency studied images from current orbiters, looking for terrain rich enough to provide data but flat and smooth enough for a safe landing. Gusev crater and Meridiani Planum were chosen from a field of more than 150 prospects.

Past landings  
 △ Soviet  
 ▲ U.S.

1. Gusev crater, Spirit: May once have been filled by a lake; rocks and winds could complicate landing
2. Meridiani Planum, Opportunity: Contains hematite, an iron-rich mineral that forms in water; low winds and few rocks make for safer landing conditions



SOURCES: NASA; European Space Agency; National Geographic Society AP

# France searches for no-show passenger

The Washington Post

French investigators continue to search for a man who failed to show up for an Air France flight that was scheduled to fly from Paris to Los Angeles on Christmas Eve but was canceled for security reasons, the French government confirmed Wednesday.

The man was booked on Flight 68, one of six Air France flights that were canceled on Dec. 24 and 25 after a perusal of passenger manifests and other reports raised fears that terrorists were planning to hijack a plane or carry out some other attack on U.S. soil.

"I can confirm that we are looking for someone, but I can't say more," French Justice Minister Dominique Perben said in a radio interview. "What's important when someone doesn't take a plane is to know why he didn't take it."

French news media later reported that the target of the search was a man believed to be an Afghan named Abdou Hai or Abdal Hai. His name does not appear in French files of suspected terrorists but was provided by U.S. authorities.

The name Hai was on the pas-

senger manifest of one of the canceled Dec. 24 flights, but the passenger never appeared to board the plane, French media reported. French officials said they did not know whether the man was in France.

U.S. law enforcement agencies remained interested in the man. The name "rang a bell with our investigators," said a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

But U.S. intelligence officials said Wednesday that they had no interest in any of the "no-shows," on grounds that examination of available intelligence about the flights gives no special cause for concern. "This is one big garble," said one official.

Abdul Hai and Abdal Hai are relatively common Arabic names.

A man named Abdal Hai Mutmaen was a spokesman for Afghanistan's Taliban movement, which was forced from power by U.S.-backed forces in the fall of 2001. Abdal Hai is also one of the aliases listed for Osama bin Laden in the U.S. indictment of the al-Qaida leader. A U.S. official said there was no reason to believe that the passenger was either the Taliban spokesman or the al-Qaida leader.

# Tighter U.S. security irks European passengers

LONDON (AP) - Fears of a new airborne terrorist attack have brought heightened tensions, grounded flights—and created turbulence—for U.S.-European relations.

Some European nations have balked at the United States' tough new aviation security measures, which include armed guards on aircraft and preflight scrutiny of passenger lists. Airlines, hit by rising security demands, want governments to handle part of the cost.

"There are tensions within Europe on how to handle U.S. requests," said Philip Butterworth-Hayes, editor of Jane's Aircraft Components. "Politically, it's a complete nightmare for Europe." Since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, many airlines around the world have acceded to U.S. requests, installing bulletproof cockpit doors on aircraft and agreeing to share passenger lists with U.S. authorities.

But for some, the demand for armed sky marshals on flights to the United States was a step too far.

While a European Union-wide aviation safety agency is being established, each member country has been free to take its own position on sky marshals.

The Irish government, which took over the rotating presidency of the European Union on Jan. 1, said Wednesday it was organizing a meeting of EU aviation chiefs in Brussels, Belgium, next week to discuss the U.S. request.

On Dec. 29, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced that airlines would be required to

place armed law enforcement officers on flights to the United States "where necessary."

The announcement came after U.S. authorities raised their terrorism alert to orange, the second-highest level, and increased security surrounding international flights. More than a dozen flights to the United States on British Airways, Aeromexico and Air France have been canceled or delayed since New Year's Eve because of security fears.

British Transport Secretary Alistair Darling called the deployment of sky marshals "responsible and prudent" and said passengers would have to get used to increased security. France and Germany, alongside nations such as Canada and Australia, also agreed to the U.S. request, with Germany saying it has had sky marshals on some flights for more than two years.

But civil aviation authorities in Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Portugal all said they would not allow armed marshals to fly and would instead cancel flights if there was a strong suspicion of a planned attack.

Denmark's Transportation Minister, Flemming Hansen, told the Politiken newspaper that "putting armed guards on passenger planes is the same as saying that the terrorists have won."

Package tour operator Thomas Cook, which operates charter flights between London and Orlando, Fla., also said it would not accept sky marshals, and pilot organizations in Britain, Spain and other countries expressed strong reservations.

# Europe's Mars orbiter fails to make contact with Beagle 2 probe

LONDON (AP) - Disappointed European scientists insisted they were still in the race to find signs of life on Mars after another attempt to reach their missing Beagle 2 probe Wednesday failed to pick up a signal.

As NASA scientists proudly released the first full-color pictures of the Martian surface taken by the rover, their colleagues at the European Space Agency were scrambling to keep their first mission to Mars alive.

The British-built Beagle 2 has not been heard from since the Mars Express mother ship set it loose toward the Red Planet in mid-December, despite several attempts at contact by NASA's

Mars Odyssey orbiter as well as British and U.S. radio telescopes.

On Wednesday the Mars Express flew about 195 miles above the site where the probe was to have landed, one of the best chances yet of communication. But there was no electronic "yelp" as hoped, just more silence.

Even if Beagle 2 turns out to be lost, Mars Express still will be able to carry out a series of experiments aimed at determining whether Mars ever supported life, scientists said. The orbiter is equipped with a powerful radar that can probe beneath the surface for indications of water or ice that may have once supported living organisms.

# Theory says sun's gamma rays triggered extinction

ATLANTA (AP) - The second-largest extinction in the Earth's history, the killing of two-thirds of all species, may have been caused by ultraviolet radiation from the sun after gamma rays destroyed the Earth's ozone layer.

Astronomers are proposing that a supernova exploded within 10,000 light years of the Earth, destroying the chemistry of the atmosphere and allowing the sun's ultraviolet rays to cook fragile, unprotected life forms.

All this happened some 440 million years ago and led to what is known as the Ordovician extinction, the second most severe of the planet's five great periods of extinction.

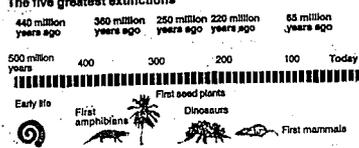
"The prevailing theory for that extinction has been an ice age," said Adrian L. Melott, a University of Kansas astronomer. "We think there is very good circumstantial evidence for a gamma ray burst."

Melott is the leader of a team, which includes some astronomers from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, that presented the theory Wednesday at the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society. Fossil records for the Ordovician extinction show an

## Gamma rays and mass extinction

Astronomers believe a powerful burst of gamma rays may have destroyed the ozone layer, allowing the sun's ultraviolet radiation to burn fragile life forms, some 440 million years ago. A third of all species might have been killed during the second largest extinction in Earth's history. The most devastating mass extinction occurred 250 million years ago. There are at least 10 mass extinctions.

The five greatest extinctions



SOURCES: The Columbia Encyclopedia; Associated Press AP

abrupt disappearance of two-thirds of all species on the planet. Those records also show that an ice age that lasted more than a half million years started during the same period. Melott said a gamma ray burst would explain both phenomena.

He said a gamma ray beam striking the Earth would break up molecules in the stratosphere, causing the formation of nitrous oxide and other chemicals that would destroy the ozone layer

and shroud the planet in a brown smog.

"The sky would get brown, but there would be intense ultraviolet radiation from the sun striking the surface," he said. The radiation would be at least 50 times above normal, powerful enough to kill exposed life.

In a second effect, the brown smog would cause the Earth to cool, triggering an ice age, Melott said.

The extinction "could have been a one-two punch," said Bruce S. Lieberman, a paleontologist at the University of Kansas and a co-author of the theory. "Our theory builds on earlier theories" that included an ice age.

Before the extinction, the Earth was unusually warm. Melott said climate experts have been unable to find a model that would explain the sudden onset of massive glaciers.

"They need something to jump start the ice age," he said. "The gamma ray burst could have done it."

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

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company, an Idaho corporation, that on the 13th day of January 2004, 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 VIII.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 9, 2004.

DATED this 29th day of December, 2003.

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# President seeks legal status for undocumented workers

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - President Bush, saying that the nation has failed millions of illegal immigrants who live in fear of deportation, Wednesday proposed an ambitious plan that would allow undocumented workers to legally hold jobs in the United States for the first time.

Taking on an issue he shelved after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Bush proposed a program that would bestow temporary legal status for at least six years on the 8 million undocumented immigrants in the United States, as long as they keep their jobs. But it would not automatically put them on a path to obtaining citizenship or even permanent resident status.

"We must make our immigration laws more rational and more humane," Bush told 200 Latino supporters attending his first White House announcement of the election year. "I believe we can do so without jeopardizing the livelihoods of American citizens."

Bush's "temporary worker program" was eagerly embraced by business groups but condemned as stingy and impractical by advocates for immigrants. The plan, which the administration hopes will appeal to Hispanic voters and expand the Republican political base, was described by strategists in both parties as politically shrewd. But many said it has little chance of passing Congress in the form Bush described.

A presidential adviser said the immigration plan appeared to be

## Bush calls to modify immigration policy

System Wednesday. His proposal would grant legal status to millions of undocumented workers in the United States through a new "temporary worker program" and increase the number of green cards granted annually. Congress would have to write legislation for the changes to take effect.

### Proposed application

- ▶ Illegal immigrants or someone abroad would be allowed to apply for the right to work legally for a three-year term that could be renewed
- ▶ Applicants already in the United States must pay a registration fee and show current employment status
- ▶ Employer must show no Americans wanted the job

### Temporary workers ...

- ▶ Would receive same protections afforded to American workers
- ▶ Would be allowed to move freely between the United States and home country
- ▶ Must return to home country at end of term; incentives to return home include access to retirement benefits and tax savings accounts
- ▶ Would be able to bring dependents to the United States if able to prove family support



SOURCE: Associated Press

the opening chapter of an agenda being designed by Bush aides who are planning for a general election race against former Vermont-governor Howard Dean, who has been spotted to the front of the Democratic pack with his outsider appeal. Other elements are likely

to include proposals to limit lawsuits and add private accounts as part of the Social Security system. Bush is scheduled to meet Monday in Mexico with President Vicente Fox, who has been making the White House look like changes in border policy.

# With proposal, Bush presses advantages of bully pulpit

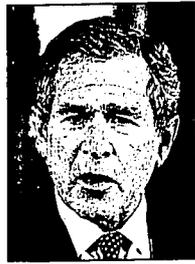
By Dan Balz  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - With his Democratic challengers preoccupied, President Bush demonstrated the advantages of incumbency Wednesday with a proposal for undocumented workers aimed squarely at the Latino community that is destined to be one of the most important swing constituencies in the election next November.

At a time when the Democratic candidates are worried about attracting the support of their party's most loyal - and often most liberal - activists, the president's proposal to legalize undocumented workers looked beyond his conservative Republican base. It was the latest indicator that Bush and his political advisers plan to press their advantages to shape the general election environment well before Democrats even find a nominee.

That general election is still a long way off and Bush faces significant challenges, from stabilizing Iraq to restoring the jobs lost to his watch. Nor is it clear that the guest worker proposal will pay big political dividends, given the criticism it received for not offering undocumented workers the prospect of legalization.

But this president starts the year from a far more solid political foundation than did his father, including an approval rating higher than that of any incumbent seeking re-election since World War II. Any hopes among Democrats that they might pattern 2004 as a rerun of 1992 appear to be gone, according to Republican pollster



President Bush  
At the White House Wednesday

Bill McInturff, who said Bush and his father faced "two fundamentally different situations" in their re-election campaigns.

At this point 12 years ago, three in five Americans said they wanted the country taken in a different direction. Last month, a Washington Post-ABC News Poll showed that almost three in five felt positive about the president's policies. At the beginning of 1992, Bush's father's economic approval rating stood at about 25 percent. Bush's is just over 50 percent. Last month, according to a Washington Post-ABC News Poll, almost three in five Americans said the economy was not good or poor compared to nine in 10 who gave the economic negative ratings a dozen years ago.

Still, Bush faces a country far more divided and polarized than did his father, who lost his re-election bid, or President Ronald

Reagan, who won his in a landslide. His political team has been focused on trying to expand support by appealing to different constituencies, from suburban citizens to younger men to senior women to investors, knowing that small changes in big support from any of those groups can pay off significantly in 2004.

No constituency figures more prominently into that strategy than Hispanics, the nation's most rapidly growing minority group, one with a tradition of supporting the Democratic Party and a critical force in big states including California and Texas and small states such as Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Colorado. Bush's advisers say unless they can attract a bigger share of the Latino vote, the GOP will have little chance of becoming the country's dominant political party.

Bush was moving toward proposing changes in immigration law before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, according to a White House official. These attacks dramatically changed the climate on immigration and border security and forced Bush to set aside any thought of immigration law reform. But reaching out to the Latino community has remained one of Bush's most important political objectives, despite the fact that immigration reform is a divisive issue within the GOP. Many conservative Republicans oppose liberalized immigration laws. A Pew Research Center poll last year found that twice as many conservative Republicans as liberal Democrats believe that immigrants threaten traditional culture in the country.

## Immigration

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"The president is calling upon all of us today to face the situation of illegal immigration realistically," Craig said in a news release. "We need 21st century solutions, not the head-in-the-sand rhetoric of the 1930s already being trotted out in opposition. He has proposed a framework for immigration reform concerning millions of workers who have been working in the United States without legal documentation, some for many years."

"There are many misconceptions about undocumented workers, Ramirez said. And especially since 9/11, they often face discrimination from people who hold those misconceptions.

"When they cross the border, there's all kinds of labels waiting for them - they're 'criminals' or 'terrorists,'" he said.

And contrary to what some might think, immigrants are not taking jobs away from U.S. citizens, Ramirez said.

"In the U.S., people have been spoiled," Ramirez said. "They don't want to work in the dairies, the fields or in the Laundromats. They don't want to clean toilets."

Farmers depend on immigrants to till their fields and pick their crops. And farmers, as well as consumers, get a pretty good deal, Ramirez said.

"If farmers had to pay \$12 an hour to get someone to drive a tractor, they would have to charge three times as much," he said.

Duane Grant of Ruppert depends on immigrants to work his 9,000

acres of potatoes, sugar beets, barley, wheat and alfalfa. He employs about 15 year-round workers and up to 70 farm harvesters during the summer harvest.

"In general, any plan that would allow workers to come in to the U.S. in a controlled manner to meet the demand for agricultural labor is a good plan," Grant said.

He said farmers are required by law to inspect a worker's documents, but sometimes what appears legal turns out to have been printed from someone's computer and purchased for \$20 on a street in San Diego, Calif. Sometimes workers are picked up and forced to return to Mexico.

"We're subject to losing our workers at any given moment," Grant said.

As for Bush's plan, Grant said he wondered what would happen when the three years were up. Will undocumented workers be able to get permanent status?

"It's a big problem for agriculture," Grant said.

State Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, called Bush's plan "a start."

"Our undocumented people are in limbo. They're performing jobs Americans don't want to do," she said.

According to the General Accounting Office 2000 report on foreign agricultural workers in the United States, more than 52 percent of the 1998 agricultural labor force lacked legal authorization to work.

Leo Morales, a community

activist based in Boise, said Bush's plan doesn't "overly cry enough."

"I am somewhat critical of it," Morales said. "It sounds like another guest worker program. What we want is protection for workers - a comprehensive plan that would protect workers from slave wages. They're contributing to the economy, but at the same time aren't offered opportunities. The system is so complex, and there are so many barriers. The quota system isn't favorable to workers coming from Latin America. It's more favorable to European countries that sent high-tech workers. Because we have a broken immigration system, the Bush administration has chosen not to look at it

comprehensively."

About 140,000 "green cards" are issued each year to people wanting to migrate to the United States. Bush said Wednesday that number is too low, and he called on Congress to raise it, although he did not give a specific number.

Morales said immigrants are just looking for opportunities to improve their quality of life. "America is a nation of immigrants," Morales said. "Immigrants want the same things anyone else wants - good jobs and a better education for their children."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

## Candidates target resurgent Clark

The Washington Post

PETERBOROUGH, N.H. - With his poll numbers inching steadily upward both here in New Hampshire and nationally, retired Gen. Wesley Clark Wednesday received the most sincere compliment from front-runner Howard Dean's campaign can give to a presidential rival: pointed barbs questioning Clark's standing as a "real Democrat," and recalling his trail of ambivalent comments about whether he would have backed President Bush on the Iraq war.

Clark's campaign, which like others in the Democratic nominating contest is trying to establish

itself as the leading alternative to the former Vermont governor, was buoyed by an independent daily tracking poll showing he is making modest but clear gains in New Hampshire - at the expense of Dean and Sen. John Kerry, from neighboring Massachusetts. In recent days, the survey said, the former top commander of U.S. forces in Europe has moved from 12 percent to 16 percent support, while Dean has dropped from 39 percent to 35. Clark is now a shade ahead of Kerry, who urgently needs a second-place in New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary on Jan. 27, if his candidacy is to remain viable.

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# Woman claiming lottery ticket admits fraud

CLEVELAND (AP) — A woman who claims she lost the winning Mega Millions lottery ticket and is suing to block payment to the acknowledged winner — said Wednesday she was charged previously with credit card fraud and assault.

When asked about past run-ins with the law, Elicia Battle said she was charged but not convicted.

"I'm done with that," said Battle, 40. "I paid the fine. That's end of story. It makes me look like I'm a bad person. Everybody has had in the past. I'm not even worried about that, really. I never did any jail time for that."

Battle said Wednesday that she was charged in the Cleveland suburb of South Euclid under her former married name, Elicia Dickson. She refused to discuss why or when she was charged. A call to the South Euclid police to try to confirm the charges was not



immediately returned.

The Ohio Lottery on Tuesday declared Rebecca Jemison, 34, of South Euclid, the winner of the 11-state Dec. 30 drawing, qualifying her for a lump-sum payment of \$67.2 million, after taxes.

Later Tuesday, Battle sued, asking a judge to block the lottery from paying Jemison. "Battle claimed in a police report

"I paid the fine. That's end of story. ... Everybody has had in the past."

— Elicia Battle, on her credit-card fraud charge in the past

that she dropped her purse as she left a convenience store after buying the ticket and only realized after the drawing that the ticket was missing.

"My ticket was lost. I do recall all the numbers. They are all somehow family related. No one can tell me what I did and did not play. I did it honestly and I have no doubt," Battle told The

Associated Press at the office of her attorney, Sheldon Starke.

Authorities in South Euclid feel Jemison's winning ticket "obviously draws into question the integrity of Elicia Battle's report," said L. Kevin Milet. Police are now investigating whether she lied in the police report — a misdemeanor punishable by 30 days to six months in jail.

Jemison said Battle's claim prompted her to quit stalling and submit her ticket.

"I was angry at first, but not worried at all," Jemison said. "I knew what I possessed."

Dennis G. Kennedy, director of the Ohio Lottery, said the lottery was confident Jemison bought the ticket. She provided another lottery ticket bought at the same time and had a ticket from a previous drawing with the same numbers, Kennedy said.

# Terror

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piece of mail," investigators discovered an enormous cache of weapons in the east Texas town of Noondley, including the makings of a sophisticated sodium cyanide bomb capable of killing thousands.

Three people — William Krar, a small-time arms dealer with connections to white supremacists, Krar's common-law wife, Judith L. Bruce, and Edward S. Felts, the man who was supposed to have received the forged documents — pleaded guilty in the case in November. They are being held in a Tyler detention facility and are scheduled to appear before a federal judge for sentencing next month.

But what is typically the end of a criminal case may be only the beginning in this one. Some government investigators believe other conspirators may be on the loose. And they readily acknowledge that they have no idea what the stash of weapons was for — though they have tantalizing and alarming clues of a "covert operation plan," according to an FBI affidavit.

"What was Krar going to do with this stuff? That's what we want to know, and we don't know," said Bri Featherston, an assistant U.S. attorney and the federal government's anti-terrorism coordinator in the eastern district of Texas. "There is no legitimate reason to have this stuff. The bottom line is that it only had one purpose, and that was to kill people. And it's very troubling that we have yet to figure it out."

Krar, 62, who lived in the piney woods of Noondley, a tiny community about 100 miles southeast of Dallas, pleaded guilty to possession of a chemical weapon and faces a possible sentence of life in prison, Featherston said. No sentencing date has been set, though the case is expected to come onto the docket in February.

Bruce, 54, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess illegal weapons and faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison, Featherston said.

Felts, 56, of New Jersey, has pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the transportation of false identification documents and faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison, Featherston said.

According to the FBI affidavit,

Felts has told investigators he is a member of a group called the New Jersey Militia, which, according to its Web site, believed the federal government has grown too powerful and says it is "ready, as a last resort, to come to our nation's defense against all enemies, foreign or domestic."

It is unclear whether Krar or Bruce had any involvement with the organization. Neither representatives of the New Jersey Militia nor attorneys representing Felts and Bruce could be reached for comment.

Tonda L. Curry, a Tyler defense attorney, represents Krar, who appears to have made much of his living, investigators say, by manufacturing trigger parts for 223-caliber Bushmaster rifles.

Krar, Curry acknowledged, is an "eccentric" who broke the law by possessing weapons he was not licensed to own, including fully automatic guns.

He has not cooperated with investigators, and Curry would not reveal any details of her conversations with Krar regarding motives for "possessing" the weapons. She said, however, she has "never seen anything that indicates there was any kind of terrorism plot or any intent to use these things against the American people or the government in any way."

"He was not the type who kept these things at ready access. They were miles from his home in a storage facility," Curry said. "His home was not a bunker, an arsenal, whatever you want to call it, where he was ready to attack. These things were stored as collectibles."

The case began to unfold in January 2002, when the package was mistakenly delivered to Staten Island. Investigators traced it to a mailing and business center near Tyler, then to Krar and Bruce, who lived together in Noondley.

With Bruce's permission, they searched a nearby storage facility the couple had rented. The firepower inside shocked law enforcement officers.

Investigators found nearly 500,000 rounds of ammunition, 65 pipe bombs and batteries that could be detonated by remote control. Most distressing, they said, was the discovery of 800 grams of almost pure sodium cyanide — material that can only be acquired legally for specific agricultural or military projects.

# Publicity-shy Russian may have solved math mystery

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A publicity-shy Russian researcher who labors in near-seclusion may have solved one of mathematics' oldest and most abstruse problems, the Poincaré Conjecture.

Evidence has been mounting since November 2002 that Grigori "Gisha" Perelman has cracked the 100-year-old problem, which seeks to explain the geometry of three-dimensional space.

If Perelman succeeded, he could be eligible for a \$1 million prize offered by the Cambridge, Mass.-based Clay Mathematics Institute, formed to identify the world's seven toughest math problems.

Mathematicians around the world have been checking Perelman's work in search of the kind of flaws that have sunk the many other supposed solutions to a problem first presented by the French mathematician Henri Poincaré in 1904.

"This is arguably the most famous unsolved problem in math and has been for some time," said Bruce Kleiner, a University of Michigan math professor reviewing Perelman's work. Perelman's work has advanced

the furthest without falling apart, and there is optimism that it will ultimately hold up.

"I don't think there's been a single example of a proof that has gotten this much attention and has withstood the scrutiny as it has so far," Kleiner said.

Not since Princeton University researcher Andrew Wiles cracked the 350-year-old Fermat's Last Theorem a decade ago has the math world been so consumed with one problem.

Perelman is a researcher at St. Petersburg-based Steklov Institute of Mathematics of the Russian Academy. Colleagues describe him as brilliant and say he spent his formative years in the United States, then spent eight years quietly working in Russia without publishing any of his works in science journals.

Whether he attempts to collect the prize money is as much a mystery as the Poincaré Conjecture itself. He did not respond to an e-mail query from The Associated Press and has declined interviews with other media in the past. The institute's rules state that to collect on a proof, winners must publish their work in a science journal and withstand two years of scrutiny afterward.

# Divas consciously distort some words, scientists say

The Associated Press

Even opera buffs peek at the electronic subtitles when a diva rattles the chandelier with a soaring aria. It may sound beautiful. But what exactly is she singing?

Scientists say you shouldn't blame your uncultured ears for not being able to understand the lyrics, even when they are in English.

New measurements show that a soprano distorts pronunciation when she opens her mouth wide and adjusts her vocal tract to hit the highest, loudest notes.

In doing so, she sacrifices the acoustical nuances that listeners require to understand the words.

"It's not our ears," said Australian physicist Joe Wolfe. "In some cases, the information simply is not there."

Until now, scientists had difficulty measuring and explaining the effect — most pronounced in sopranos, who have the highest voices.

When an opera singer's voice fills the concert hall, the lungs push a prodigious amount of air through the larynx, vibrating the vocal folds. A woman's vocal cords vibrate almost twice as fast as a man's 220 times per second, and that is what creates her higher pitch.

The sound waves are shaped as they move through the vocal tract; that is the soft, fleshy tunnel through which sound resonates as it passes through the mouth and past the lips, adding brilliance, fullness and power.

The best sopranos can sing nearly as loud as the roar of a jet engine. That not only helps them to be heard above a large orchestra; it also conveys the dark emotions that composers like Verdi and Wagner intended.

If the composer pushes hard and high enough, singers must sacrifice intelligibility to make the music.

Wolfe and others at the University of South Wales developed a method to measure this "soprano effect," which they described in a brief paper published in today's issue of the journal Nature.

So what's a diva to do? Amplification will not enhance the performance, he said. For one thing, it sounds unnatural. And in concert halls where singers use microphones, people rustle, sneeze and chat as the singer tries to sing louder over the noise. Soon everybody is shouting.

"And people often wonder why they have sore throats in the morning," Wolfe said.

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## EDITORIAL

### Bliss bridge solutions deserve local applause

If you think you've commuting in snow has been miserable this winter, just remember it could be worse. You could be one of the folks living on the south side of the Bliss bridge.

Ever since the Idaho Transportation Department closed the bridge in November, about 15 families residing south of the Snake River near Bliss have endured two-hour detours to get into town.

The piles of snow that have come in the past two weeks haven't helped much, either. In bad weather, the alternate roads are frequently impassable.

But officials from the Bliss and Twin Falls highway districts brought some good news this week, by announcing that the bridge can be repaired for

less than \$200,000 this spring. The two districts will contribute \$50,000 to the fixes, with the rest coming from state and federal emergency funds.

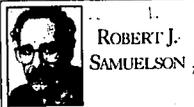
Give credit to the engineers who came up with the repair idea. Their plan is to drill through the supporting tiers of the bridge and insert steel pipes with concrete to solidify the foundation.

This technical solution averts the specter of nasty political squabbling - and possible litigation - over who should replace the bridge.

The \$200,000 price tag is a relative bargain compared with the millions it could have cost to replace it outright. Local highway district officials and the state leaders involved deserve kudos for finding a cost-effective solution.

## America's future looks awfully costly

Just for the record, the Congressional Budget Office recently issued a report telling us what everyone already knows: the federal budget is drifting into a future of unprecedented tax increases, huge deficits or both. This is no secret because the great driving force of change is the impending retirement of 77 million baby boomers and their heavy claims on federal retirement programs. But in Washington, the CBO's irrefutable conclusion won't produce any noticeable reaction because there's already a clear bipartisan policy concerning the future: forget about it.

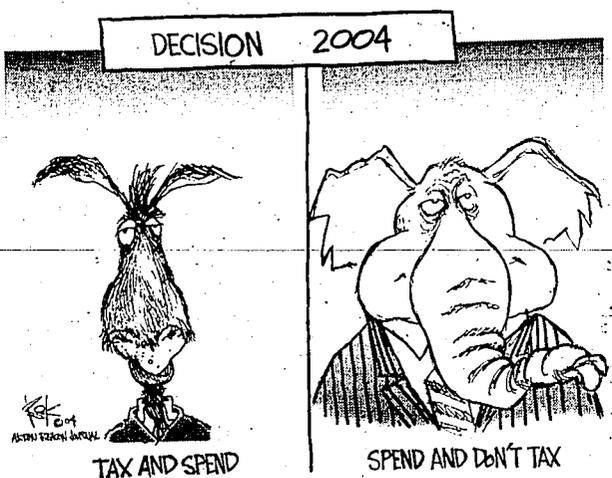


ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

To leaders of both parties, offending today's voters with unpopular solutions to future problems makes no sense. Indeed, Republicans and Democrats will gladly worsen tomorrow's problems to win more of today's votes. President George W. Bush did precisely that in successfully advocating a new Medicare drug benefit. Although Democrats criticized him, their complaint was that the new benefit isn't generous - aka expensive - enough.

It's expensive anyway. The spending is usually described as \$400 billion over the next decade, but the CBO report says that when the drug benefit is fully phased in, it will cost about 1 percent of gross domestic product annually by 2030. That's about \$110 billion in today's dollars, and these costs will simply increase total spending for Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid (Medicaid provides basic health insurance for the elderly; Medicaid covers some nursing-home care).

Now, let's examine the overall numbers. In 2002 total federal spending (except interest on the debt) was 17.8 percent of GDP. Under one CBO projection, that increases almost two-fifths, to 24.5 percent of GDP, by 2030. Another projection shows an increase of only 1.5 percent of GDP in 2030. The main difference between the two projections involves assumptions about



higher health costs, but unfortunately, both projections may be optimistic. Why? Well, the CBO offsets some of the higher spending for the elderly by assuming modest reductions in other federal spending as a share of GDP from 2002 levels: Under both projections, defense spending declines to its lowest GDP share since 1940. And then there's the rest of government: homeland security, national parks, health research, school aid, highways, food stamps, med inspections - and much more. This spending also drops as a share of GDP. If you assume these cutbacks don't occur spontaneously, then federal spending in 2030 could be higher than the projections - and they don't include interest on the debt (about 1.5 percent of GDP in 2003) or allow for big emergencies. What if there's an epidemic that dwarfs AIDS?

All projections involve huge uncertainties, but federal spending is clearly moving toward a higher plateau. Immense tax increases would be needed to pay for this spending. In the past 30 years, federal taxes have averaged 18.4 percent of GDP, slightly higher than they are today. Raising taxes from this

level to, say, 24 percent of GDP involves an increase of almost a third, amounting to \$600 billion a year in today's dollars. How well would the economy fare with much higher taxes? No one knows.

But choices inevitably will be made. If spending - on the elderly or everything else - isn't cut or taxes raised, deficits will spin out of control.

What's astonishing is that the problem has been known for decades. A prudent society would have prepared by adjusting federal retirement programs to emerging social and economic realities. People can pay for their own retirements through savings and, possibly, part-time work, or they can rely on others, mainly workers and taxpayers, to pay through government programs. As life expectancy improved, the obvious response was to begin gradually - with much advanced warning - raising eligibility ages and tying benefits more to income. This would have encouraged saving and tempered future increases in federal spending.

Little was done. Political leaders of the "greatest generation" ignored the future, and now their baby-boomer successors -

led by Presidents Clinton and Bush - are doing the same. But not all blame belongs with leaders. In a new book, "Who Will Pay?" economist Peter Heller of the International Monetary Fund observes that average citizens have been enablers of the politics of denial. No less than their leaders, they're shortsighted, he argues. Or perhaps just selfish.

The longer choices are postponed, the harder they become, and they've already been delayed so long that they can't be easy. Prospective baby-boom retirees may assume that their children will always pay the costs of federal retirement programs.

This may be an illusion. As Heller notes, one possible response to a future budget crisis would be for government to "abandon or suddenly scale back on their commitments" to retirees. Abrupt benefits cuts would be arbitrary and unfair.

But given baby boomers' role in sanctioning today's indifference and denial, they would be richly deserved.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for *Newswatch* magazine.

### A vote for mail-in precincts

Idaho's most rural areas don't often set trends in state politics. But if a proposal from the Idaho Association of Counties proves successful, the state's less-populated counties could usher in a new era of mail-in voting.

One of the association's ideas for the upcoming legislative session is to introduce mail-in voting for the state's smallest precincts - those with fewer than 250 registered voters.

Idaho Secretary of State Ben Yursa supports the idea, which could save those 134 precincts a lot of money and inconvenience. The smaller precincts are mostly in remote

places. Mail-in voting has encouraged higher voter turnout in Oregon and Washington. Now, all Oregon elections are conducted through the mail. There's no reason to doubt the same success for Idaho.

Unlike so-called "motor-voter" registration laws, in which voters only need identification to cast their votes, each mail-in vote would be attached to a street address where residence has been established. That cuts the possibility of voter fraud.

Idaho's small population and rural geography make it a prime candidate for successful voting by mail.

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## LETTERS

### Coverage of Ramos case made good reading

Thank you very much for your great coverage of Dr. Ramos. It is a subject that is very important to me, as I am sure you can tell from my email address (webmaster@DrAngelRamos.com)

This is the best source of information for interested people around the country. Please keep it up for the entire hearing. I wish I could be there, but what I read this morning was almost as good.

PS: I do like the "story"-style articles - just remember moderation in all things.  
RICK WIDMER  
Kimberly

### Random thoughts on cows, terror and bad ads

Bad cow disease: After all the controversy about this on TV and in The Times-News, we decided to take our own survey. To obtain the most accurate information, we interviewed cows at several local dairies. You have heard of horse whisperers? Why can't the same thing be done with cows? We set out on the day after

Christmas. It was a very wet day, as it had been raining and snowing. Here are the results, direct from the mouths of the cows themselves:

"You would be mad, too, if you had to stand outside in this cold weather, knee deep in manure, for 24 hours a day!"

"I wish I was a horse, then I could sleep standing up. I wouldn't have to lie down in this slap!"

"Where are all the animal rights activists when you really need them?"

"Maybe the dairy industry should quit spending so much money blowing smoke about how much they contribute to the economy. They could probably save enough money to buy us a little straw for bedding. Their advertising don't help the smell a bit!"

"Careful, gals, don't stumble or act sick. You'll wind up in hamburger!"

somewhere in Idaho. While we ate at it, we might start another deck of cards. We could put the names of all the manufacturers that are advertising drugs, medicines and diet pills on them. Wilford Brimley could be the ace of spades. Let's clean up the TV and radio and get some new advertisers.

Well, that's it. I gotta' go. It's time to milk this lesson.  
MARK BARTLETT  
Wendell

### Keep your helmet on when you go riding

My name is Chase Falcnburg. I am 6 years old and I am a first grader at Immanuel Lutheran School. I am writing this letter to tell people that they should wear helmets while riding on scooters, bikes, skateboards, motorized scooters, motorcycles and dirt bikes. I am telling everyone this so that we can all be safe.  
CHASE FALCNBURG  
Twin Falls

### Letter evokes an angry response - at home

Regarding the Simmens letter, "Was that Saddam? Or another dictator?"

Well, I have had it. This creep has been called sick, sick, mean spirited, filthy, he has poor taste, spiders on the brain, and he is the cause there is no peace on earth. I can just imagine that during his 70 years on earth, he has been called much worse.

Well right on, people. He will no longer insult this fine, honest, lonely lady, The smartest woman on earth. A fine woman as pure as a new snow. A fine woman that has never done a thing wrong. Well, she did marry Bill.

Thank you all for the letters to The Times-News. You all have made me see the light. Thanks, Liz, Grant, and the others that this sick man has offended.

Just how do you think I feel? Married for 45 years; two kids, four grandkids. Well, enough is enough.

New Year's Day, I threw the bum out of the house for good.  
KATHRYN SIMMONS  
Buhl

### Craig should wafe and smell the beef

It was refreshing to read Bruce Newcomb's statements on butchering sick or dying cattle. Why should we take a chance on polluting or give the appearance that

our food supply is less than pristine?

It took about 20 minutes for the customers of our beef products to renege on lord knows how many tons of our beef products.

The practice of butchering sick and dying milk cows reminds me of the movie "Soylent Green," wherein dead humans are processed into food for the living.

Mr. Newcomb spoke his mind on this issue and my respect for him increased by a factor of 10 as opposed to Larry Craig, who apparently has a memory loss on how he voted on this issue. It's apparent to me Larry Craig never saw a cow dying in a river of manure no longer able to hold its head up or walk under its own power, waiting for someone with a forklift or front-end loader to provide transportation to the slaughter house. I'm sure he wouldn't ask the butcher to save him a few T-bones off of that animal.

You don't have to be an expert to know these animals are no longer fit for human consumption.

C'mon, Mr. Craig, people sent you to the Senate because they liked what you stood for. Now stand for something that makes sense. Bruce Newcomb did!  
DAVID WHITTING  
Jackpot, Nev.

### New Year's Gala was an enjoyable success

I would like to complement the committee and all the hard-working, dedicated people who planned, worked so hard and made the Twin Falls New Year's Eve Gala Centennial event at the mall such a success.

There was definitely something for everyone of all ages, and as we walked around, it appeared that people were actively involved and enjoying themselves - from young children to teenagers, grown-ups and older grownups such as we felt we were.

The dance bands were very impressive. I thought, food snacks excellent, and we really enjoyed the "old time Twin Falls gallery."

It was a good choice of timing also, as we entered the new year. These things do not "just happen"; they take much time and effort by many people.

Thank you so much for providing such a great time for all, and we were glad to see such good attendance.  
PEGGY WILLFORD  
Twin Falls

### Doonesbury



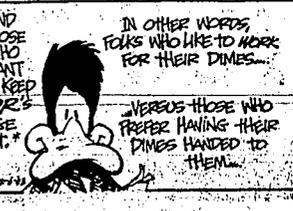
### By Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley



# Spears' fling adds to Vegas' rep

HAL ROTHMAN

**B**ritney Spears' recent marriage on the Las Vegas Strip was one more reminder of that city's role as

the capital of the consumption of entertainment. Like so many others before her, Spears headed to the Little White Chapel — the round-the-clock wedding hall where Joan Collins and Michael Jordan also tied the knot, although not to each other. Media reports made it sound like a whim: Her child blues left her palatial MTV-created digs at the Palms Hotel and succumbed to exactly what Las Vegas encourages, the illusion that adults can act like children and be excused from the consequences. A few hours later, it was already being annulled.

Spears was in Las Vegas because that's where everyone goes now. It's the fantasy place of the moment.

where instinct replaces restraint, where the future of a society, for better and worse, takes a form inconceivable even a generation ago. Las Vegas even generates its profit in a different way than any other city on Earth. It is a rare human who eats an apple grown in a Las Vegas-area orchard or wears a sweater from the wool of sheep fattened on its fine grasses. Las Vegas and Nevada learned to get paid for things visitors couldn't do at home. In the culture of "me, me, me, now, now, now," putting smiles on people's faces yields terrific dividends. Las Vegas holds a mirror up to its public and says: "What do you want to be, and what will you pay for it?" You can get married by an Elvis impersonator or be the pharaoh at the Luxor.

The city is a script in which the visitor, no matter how ordinary, is the star. It is better than real; it planes the rough edges off reality and makes the story about you. In Las Vegas, you can ride a gondola at the Venetian without

ducking the pigeon bombs of Venice. No one at Paris Las Vegas will sneer at your high school French.

All tourist towns reflect desire; Las Vegas anticipates it as well. It succeeds because it offers the middle class a luxury experience at middle-class prices. Combined with the excess the city encourages at every turn and the self-indulgence of American society, these features have made Las Vegas the place everyone goes as the new century gathers momentum.

Capitalism is a warrior culture, a hierarchical mode, and Las Vegas is its epitome. In Las Vegas, ordinary people feel special. Celebrities such as Spears and Paris Hilton can receive the attention they so crave.

The evolution of American culture as purely about the self catapulted Las Vegas to prominence. Las Vegas grew into the last frontier city, as foreign at times as Prague, but as quintessentially American as Peoria. In Las Vegas, you can choose your fantasy. And in Las Vegas, if it doesn't work, you can always take a mulligan.

Hal Rothman, a history professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is the author of "New Metropolis: How Las Vegas Started the 21st Century."



# An angry white male for Democrats

MYRIAM MARQUEZ

**H**oward Dean decided to study medicine to help people, yet there's no kind bedside manner to his doc—at least not on the stump for the presidency.

He's the Democratic version of the Angry White Male. A peacenik with a brass, shoot-from-the-lip attitude.

His anger at everything Republican surely inspires the Democratic Party left-leaning base, but national elections haven't been won by the Democrats' left wing in decades. The expectation is that Dean will energize young people and disaffected independents who haven't voted before.

Sorry, but most of America is middle of the road, worried about terror but certainly not hopping mad.

Look at California's recent gubernatorial election. Arnold Schwarzenegger won as a Republican who's conservative on fiscal issues, but supports abortion rights and gay rights, including civil unions that stop short of the volatile "gay marriage" label. The political Arnold isn't the cinematic Arnold. He's the real deal on the big screen. His wife, Maria Shriver, who came out swinging to support her man after sexual-harassment accusations surfaced against him, painted a softer side to Arnold that stuck with the electorate.

No doubt Dean's platform can be appealing to many working stiffs. As Vermont's governor he showed himself to be a fiscal con-

servative and a fiscal liberal. He wants to fix the health-care mess. He wants to roll back tax cuts that so far have shown no real benefits to the economy to produce more jobs. In fact, about 3 million jobs have been lost under Bush's watch, and the tax cuts have contributed to the federal budget deficit, heading for a record \$500 billion this year.

What Dean can't seem to do is argue his points in a way that uplifts the middle. His angry image turns off many of us who had hoped for a real race. By contrast, President Bush's agenda has turned off many of us independent-minded voters who expected he would respect the controversial 2000 election results by steering a moderate course. Instead, Bush has veered to the far right.

Yet on a personal level, Bush can charm his detractors. Even on the war on terror, as much as I hate his administration's attacks on civil liberties, Bush has talked up unity to deliver divisive policies.

Dean, by contrast, can't even smile without it looking like an insincere wolf's grin. It's as if his mind is reeling with plots and counterplots. When other Democratic contenders criticize him, Dean has shown he can't take the heat. He pouts. He grimaces. He rails. The only real smiles I've seen are in old pictures of a young

and optimistic Dean. A little humility would be nice. Some self-deprecating humor, as often displayed by Gen. Wesley Clark, sure would be welcome from Dean. But he seems to be wound so tight he can't show a softer side — if he has one.

Say what you will about Bill Clinton (and I don't know if I have), but he was able to connect with a lot of people. Remember after another Angry White Man, Newt Gingrich, came to power as speaker of the U.S. House and the 1994 election put Newt's GOP in charge of Congress? Newt was swayed by charming Billy Boy's mea culpas and attempts to find a middle ground on policy.

Dean's schtick revolves around his outsider status. He rails against those members of Congress now running for president who have backed many of Bush's war or tax policies. The way Dean goes about making his case — the constant I told you so's — hardly inspires confidence that a President Dean could negotiate peace with enemies abroad or at home. Maybe Dick Gephardt will give Dean a run for his money in Iowa. Maybe John Kerry can make a difference in New Hampshire. Or Clark can wow the South. But the odds are that Dean's AWM train won't be stopped by middle-of-the-road voters. We're headed for the pits, and the angry doc gives us little hope.

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# NASA's new mission leads to nowhere

ANNE APPLEBAUM

The first color pictures from the NASA space probe expedition to Mars have now been published. They look like — well, they look like pictures of a lifeless, distant planet. Not only does the planet have no life, it has no air, no water, no warmth. The temperature on the Martian surface hardly rises much above zero degrees Fahrenheit, and can drop several hundred degrees below that.

Mars, as a certain pop star once put it, isn't the kind of place where you'd want to raise your kids. Nor is it the kind of place anybody is ever going to visit, as some of the NASA scientists know perfectly well. Even leaving aside the cold, the lack of atmosphere and the absence of water, there's the deadly radiation. If the average person on Earth absorbs about 350 millirems of radiation every year, an astronaut traveling to Mars would absorb about 130,000 millirems of a particularly virulent form of radiation that would probably destroy every cell in his body. "Space is not 'Star Trek,'" said one NASA scientist, "but the public certainly doesn't understand that."

No, the public does not understand that. And no, not all scientists, or all politicians, are trying terribly hard to explain it either.

Too often, rational descriptions of life inhuman, even anti-human living conditions in space give way to public hints that space give way to public hints that more manned space travel is just around the corner, that a manned Mars mission is next, that there is some grand philosophical reason to keep sending human beings away from the only planet where human life is possible. One actual "Star Trek" actor, Robert Picardo, the ship's holographic doctor, enthused this week that "we really should have a timetable to send a man to Mars. ... Mars should be part of our travel plans." Naive, perhaps, but fundamentally not much different from President Bush's grandiloquent words after the Columbia disaster: "Mankind is led into the darkness beyond our world by the inspiration of discovery and the longing to understand. Our journey into space will go on."

But why should it go on? Crowded out of the news this week was the small fact that the troubled international space station, which is itself accessible only by the troubled space shuttle, has sprung a leak. None of which is to say that it

isn't interesting or important for NASA to send robotic probes to other planets. It's interesting in the way that the exploration of the bottom of the Pacific Ocean is interesting, or important in the way that the study of obscure dead languages is important. Like space exploration, these are inspiring human pursuits. Like space exploration, they nevertheless have very few practical applications.

Worse, there is always the risk that yet another politician will seize on the idea of "sending a man to Mars," or "building a permanent manned station on the moon" as a way of sounding far-sighted or futuristic or even patriotic. President Bush is allegedly considering a new expansion of manned space travel. The Chinese are embarking on their own manned space program, since sending a man to the moon is de rigueur for would-be superpowers. The result, inevitably, will be billions of mispent dollars, more lethal crashes — and a lot more misguided rhetoric about the "inspiration of discovery" as if discoveries can only be made with human hands.

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WORLD

Haitian students protest

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Following the example of student movements that helped topple two presidents, university students marched against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Wednesday in a protest marred by bloody clashes that killed at least one person and wounded 13.

Anti-government demonstrators armed with clubs, bottles and pistols jumped down from pickups to block the marchers, who were joined by thousands of anti-government demonstrators shouting "Freedom!" and "Down with Aristide!" Riot police fired shots to keep government partisans away.

The anti-government demonstrators and students accuse Aristide of being power-hungry and failing to put the poor in a country where an estimated 40 percent of the 8 million people are under 18, such activism carries weight.

Sudanese government and rebels sign agreement

NAIVASIA, Kenya - Sudanese government and rebel negotiators signed an agreement Wednesday on sharing the nation's wealth, eliminating a key obstacle to reaching a comprehensive peace agreement.

Among the riches to be shared by the government and the Sudan People's Liberation Army is revenue from the 250,000 barrels of oil per day coming from the south.

The two sides agreed to equally split net oil revenue from the south during a six-year transition period, said spokesman Samson Kijane. Africa's longest-running war has left more than 2 million people dead, mainly through war-induced famine. The war erupted in 1983 when southern rebels took up arms against the predominantly Arab and Muslim north. The north says they are fighting for greater equality for the south and for southerners to have the right to choose whether to remain part of Sudan.

In signs of thaw, Israelis, Libyans meet secretly

JERUSALEM - In signs of a potential thaw in relations between Israel and one of its historic enemies, Libyan and Israeli officials have held at least two meetings, one involving a high-ranking Israeli official. The meeting, held in Europe, Israeli media reported Wednesday. The other meeting, which took place several months ago, included an Israeli lawmaker from the ruling coalition and Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi's son, the lawmaker said. Once a pariah in the West, Gadhafi has worked to remake his image in recent years, toning down his anti-Israeli rhetoric and trying to build a reputation as an African statesman.

Britain restricts embryos in fertility treatment

LONDON - In an effort to reduce the number of "test tube" twins and triplets, Britain's regulator of fertility treatment told clinics Tuesday they no longer can implant more than two embryos in women under 40. The Human Fertilization and Embryo Authority set a limit of three embryos for women over 40, who have a harder time getting pregnant.

The new regulation reflects a global trend across Europe and elsewhere to reduce the number of embryos in fertility treatment.

Coroner: Princess Diana was not pregnant when she died

LONDON - Princess Diana was not pregnant when she died, a former royal coroner says, apparently ruling out one of the rumors which has swirled around her death in a car crash six years ago. Dr. John Burton, who was the royal coroner at the time, said he was present at a post-mortem examination after her body was returned from Paris. Burton spoke on the same day that the present royal coroner, Michael Byard, opened formal inquests into the deaths of Diana and her boyfriend, Lord Spencer, 42. They died when their chauffeur-driven car crashed in Paris on Aug. 31, 1997.

A French judge laid responsibility for the crash on the driver, Henri Paul, who was found to have been intoxicated and driving fast.

Chinese authorities raid wild animal market at center of SARS debate

GUANGZHOU, China (AP) - Government watchers aghast as animal-market SARS fighters descended on China's largest wildlife market Wednesday and hauled off hundreds of squirming civet cats for slaughter.

"Restaurants won't want to buy from here anymore," said Liu Qiu, an animal seller. "We do disinfect here, but outsiders will think it's full of deadly diseases. It might even affect China's international trade."

The aggressive fight against suspected causes of SARS in the southern city of Guangzhou has just begun. The government plans to kill all 10,000 civet cats in the area by Saturday, then move on to the next target: rats.

"Guangzhou's carpet extermination of rats," said a headline in the newspaper Information Daily, reporting on the coming three-day campaign. "The whole city united will go about killing rats, not leaving out one household."

The response comes after Guangzhou recorded China's first SARS case of the season, a television producer who was expected to be well enough to go home Thursday after being hospitalized for three weeks. Guangzhou, formerly known as Canton, is the capital of Guangdong province, where SARS is believed to have originated in November 2002.

Also Wednesday, officials in the Philippines released 38 people from

home quarantine after a woman suspected of carrying SARS from Hong Kong was declared free of the virus. Officials said tests showed she had bacterial pneumonia.

Given the suspected link between wild animals in Guangdong and the SARS virus that killed 774 people last year, city officials say "extraordinary measures" are needed.

The civet, a weasel-like animal prized as a delicacy, is no longer on the city's menus after researchers found similarities between a virus found in the animals and in Guangzhou's SARS patient. Chefs still in markets will be seized and killed by drowning or electrocution, their remains boiled or burned.



Passengers disembarking a flight from Guangzhou, China, are scanned Wednesday by an infrared camera at the Narita airport, east of Tokyo.

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**Coming Friday**  
 Mario Lemieux sees another season end on the injured list.

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**MORNING LINE**  
**SPORTSQUOTE**

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 "Ninety percent, I'll spend on good times, women, and Irish whiskey. The other 10 percent I'll probably waste."  
 —Reportedly said by Tug McGraw, the former relief pitcher who died Monday of brain cancer, after he signed a bonus-laden deal and was asked what he would do with the money

**TRIVIA QUESTION:**  
 How did former pitcher "Tug" McGraw get his nickname?  
 ...answer below

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**  
 High school girls basketball  
 Rigny at Minico, 6 p.m.  
 Filer at Buhl, 6 p.m.  
 Glenns Ferry at Valley, 6 p.m.  
 ISDB at Dietrich, 6 p.m.  
 Kimberly at Wood River, 6 p.m.  
 Jerome at Mountain Home, 6 p.m.  
 High school wrestling  
 Jerome, Gooding, Spring Creek at Kimberly, 6 p.m.  
 Minico at Blackfoot, 6:30 p.m.  
 High school boys basketball  
 M.V. Christian at Castleford, 6 p.m.  
 Hansen at Hagerman, 6 p.m.  
 Murrah at Raft River, 6 p.m.  
 Burley at Jerome, 6 p.m.  
 Gooding at Shoshone, 6 p.m.  
 Lighthouse Christian at Oakley, 6 p.m.

**IN BRIEF**  
**Meet Special Olympians this Friday**  
 TWIN FALLS — Some area Special Olympians will be on hand to meet and greet visitors from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. Friday at the Twin Falls Sprint Store at 760 Blue Lakes Boulevard. The state-of-the-art winter games are held in March.

**Cal Ripken meeting set for Monday**  
 TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Cal Ripken Baseball League is holding a meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Harmon Park Recreation Building for parents and prospective players.  
 Also, players ages 9-12 can register for the upcoming 2004 season. The cost is \$50 (scholarships available) and a copy of the player's birth certificate must be provided. Call Scott Barrett at 733-6973 for more information.

**Jerome-TFHS boys game rescheduled**  
 TWIN FALLS — Wednesday night's scheduled boys basketball game between Twin Falls High School and Jerome was rescheduled to Jan. 24.

**TF offers adult coed indoor soccer**  
 TWIN FALLS — The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer an adult coed soccer program starting Jan. 19 through Feb. 25 which, games Mondays and Wednesdays.  
 The cost is \$18 inside city limits and \$28 outside. Players must be 16 years or older to play.  
 Register at 136 Maxwell Avenue or call 736-2265 for more information.

**Ski resort offers free rentals, lessons**  
 HANSEN — From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, the Magic Mountain Ski Resort will sponsor free rentals and lessons for beginning cross country skiers. For more information, call Jack at 837-4505.

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
 "McGraw, whose given name was Frank, was given the nickname 'Tug' by his mother because he used to tug when she breast-fed him.

## Glory days again? Legendary coach Gibbs announces his coaching return to Redskins

**The Associated Press**  
 ASHBURN, Va. — In a bid to return to their heyday, the Washington Redskins reached into their past with a most stunning move: Joe Gibbs is coming back.  
 The Hall of Fame coach who led the team to three Super Bowl championships instantly restored hope to a franchise searching for answers after a decade of losing and the resignation of Steve Spurrier.  
 Gibbs retired 11 years ago and then rose to the top in a second sports career as a NASCAR team owner. He signed a five-year, \$25 million contract Wednesday in a coup for owner Dan Snyder, who grew up rooting for Gibbs' first teams.

"Who better to set our strategy and lead the Redskins back to championship glory?" Snyder said.  
 The details of Gibbs' contract, confirmed by a source within the NFL, speaking on condition of anonymity, matched the NFL record deal given to Spurrier.  
 "The desire to coach has always been with me, even after being away from the game for 11 years," Gibbs said. "Gibbs owns a minority share of the Atlanta Falcons and will sell his portion. In a statement, the Falcons said Gibbs approached them several weeks ago and talked about their vacant coaching job.  
 "When the opportunity at the Redskins came up, Joe told me he couldn't turn his

back on the history, fans, loyalties and relationships built over time in Washington," the Falcons' statement said. "While we understand his feelings, we are disappointed that he didn't continue his talks with us."  
 Gibbs was also given the title of Redskins team president, but the protocol for roster decisions will essentially remain the same. Vinny Cerrato continues as director of player personnel, and Snyder will have the final word to settle any disputes, according to the source. Given Gibbs' track record, however, his recommendations are sure to carry more weight than Spurrier's did.  
 Gibbs will be introduced at a news conference Thursday, but he already has his first two hires in place, according to the

source. Former Buffalo Bills coach Gregg Williams will be defensive coordinator.  
 Joe Bugel, who oversaw the "Hogs" as offensive line coach under Gibbs from 1981-89, returns to that post. The Williams hiring was first reported by SportsLine.com.  
 Spurrier quit last week with three years left on his contract. His teams went 7-9, then 5-11.  
 In contrast, the Redskins made the playoffs during eight of Gibbs' 12 seasons, and his .683 winning percentage ranks third in NFL history. His record was 124-60 in the regular season and 16-5 in the playoffs, including Super Bowl victories after the 1982, 1987 and 1991 seasons.  
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## STOPPED SHORT

### Burley battles Hillcrest; fails 72-71 in OT

By Eric Larsen  
 Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Hillcrest center Brandon Cox's baseline jumper with 5.2 seconds left in overtime downed the Burley Bobcats in Wednesday night's 72-71 overtime thriller in Bobcat Gymnasium.

The 1-5 Bobcats had one last chance to even the score, but senior Craydon Funk's would-be buzzer-beater hit only the front iron, sealing the Hillcrest (7-2) victory.

What happened in the 35 minutes and 54 seconds of game time before Cox's winning shot was nothing short of classic.

With under a minute left in regulation, Hillcrest sophomore forward Dustin Elliott hit his fourth three-pointer of the night late in the fourth quarter to give the Knights a 64-62 lead. But Burley's Kegan McCoy had the answer, tying the game at 64 with a 10-foot jumper in the key. With the game tied, Hillcrest coach Don Baldwin had his team hold for the last shot.

The plan almost had disastrous results as Knights point guard Tyler Roe slipped, but regained control of the ball and called timeout with 3.3 seconds left. Senior forward Josh Curtis' desperation jumper at the buzzer missed the mark, setting up overtime for the two teams.

In the bonus period, Burley's Scott Randleklev struck for a third three-pointer of the night, but it was Hillcrest's Cox who owned overtime. The 6-foot-6 senior scored five of Hillcrest's eight overtime points, including the game winner.  
 "I thought he played really well," Baldwin said. "I thought Burley played tough, and we got lucky in a couple situations, so that helps too."

While the Bobcats were able to stay in the game thanks to a career-high 33 points from Randleklev, Hillcrest's second chance buckets wounded Burley all night. The smaller Knights — especially senior Ryan Tall — scrapped for every offensive rebound.



Burley guard Wes Hadden's flying pass over Hillcrest's Ryan Tall is stopped by Brandon Cox in Wednesday night's 72-71 overtime loss to Hillcrest. Cox finished with 17 points, including the winning baseline jump shot.

Bobcat coach Jack Bagley knows how important rebounding was in the loss. "They probably had 15 or 16 points on offensive rebounds alone," said Bagley.  
 While Randleklev looked dominating on offense, the Bobcats inability to rotate and cover the hot-shooting Elliott led to five open 3-pointers for the sophomore.

"That's what really upsets me as a coach because we called three timeouts just to tell our players to step out on him," Bagley said. "But until we execute what we practice and talk about in timeouts, that's going to happen."  
 Elliott led the Knights with 19 points.  
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## Declo's Stoker steers the ship

By Eric Larsen  
 Times-News writer

**DECLO** — The fad might have slipped under your radar, but sophomore point guards are all the rage this year in the Magic Valley. There's Wendell's Zac Thomas, Minico's Lauri Bodenstein, and Declo's Spencer Stoker, a 5-foot-10 defensive dynamo.

A potent combination of steady ball control, pinpoint passing, and — intense — defense is what Stoker brings with him into every Declo boys basketball game. And with a 14-point, seven-assist performance against conference rival Gooding last Saturday, Stoker solidified himself as the Hornets' floor captain of not only the future, but of this year too.  
 "I knew I'd be playing point guard," Stoker said. "I didn't know if I would be starting or not, so I figured I'd just give it my all and see what happened."  
 What happened was a defending state-champion Declo team received a bonafide leader — one it sorely needed after losing seven players from last year's squad.

"He's a winner, and you like to be around kids like him," Declo coach Dennis Smyer said of his young point guard.  
 What stands out about Stoker is his maturity on the court, both

## RISEING STARS

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offensively and defensively. He runs Declo's multiple offensive sets, steering them with timely passes and drives to the lane. He is a solid — if not spectacular — shooter that can and will hit the three if left open. Combined with surging junior wings Bret Wardie and Bjorn Christensen, Stoker and the Declo offense are a hand full.  
 But watch him play defense and you'll know why Smyer is so high on Stoker. He looks less like a defender and more like an attacking pickpocket in Declo's full-court press. Give him an inch, a momentary lapse in concentration, and it's bye-bye basketball.  
 "I like being aggressive and keeping the intensity up," said Stoker. "I don't like the slow games. I like to push the tempo."  
 And boy, does he push. In Smyer's run-and-gun offense, Stoker leads the Hornets on the transition attack at every opportunity. Thanks in part to Declo's state-tournament run in football,  
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Declo sophomore point guard Spencer Stoker, 33, looks for an opening in the defense during a recent boys basketball game.

## REMEMBERING A BASEBALL GREAT

### "Tug" McGraw didn't conceal much. And that was part of his charm

They shared a World Series title and a place in the heart of a tough old town, and on the day Tug McGraw died, he and Pete Rose wound up sharing space in the newspapers, too.  
 Rose's story grabbed most of the headlines and more column inches because scandals make good copy — especially when someone as shameless as Rose works the hustle. There's nothing he won't say or do for money, and no chance he'll stop as long as someone presses a nickel into his sweaty palm.



Jim Litke

McGraw never minded attention, either, and he certainly wasn't a saint. Those who knew him talked about how he squeezed every last drop out of life and emptied a few bottles along the way. After clinching the pennant one season, McGraw was asked what he would do with his World Series share.  
 "Ninety percent I'll spend on good times, women and Irish whiskey. The other 10 percent," he said, "I'll probably waste."

Rose was good for a quote once upon a time, too, but then he turned dishonest and the victim act got old. For all the other things he and McGraw shared — guts, showmanship, a work ethic and passion — on that score they couldn't have been any different. McGraw displayed more grace in the 15 months he battled brain cancer than Rose managed while wrestling with his lie for nearly 15 years.  
 "He didn't conceal much," broadcaster Tim McCarver said of McGraw. "And that was part of his charm."  
 McCarver was a backup catcher on the 1980 Phillies team with Tug McGraw and Rose that won the town's only title. That might explain why he described the just position of their stories as "strange."  
 "Tug was true to the end as most guys who play the game are. There's an irony certainly in this week, Tug dying, and Pete all of a sudden revealing the truth after such a long time," McCarver said.  
 It would be nice to think McGraw's openness had something to do with Rose finally coming clean, but it isn't true. The Hit King was intimately familiar with shame long before McGraw learned he was sick. But greed is the only emotion that drives him now. If all it seems that Rose would time the release of his book to steal the thunder from the Hall of Fame welcome extended to deserving men like Paul Molitor and Dennis Eckersley, sad to say it is that overshadowed the passing of a guy who reminded us  
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## Optimism runs high despite Woods

**The Associated Press**  
 KAPALUA, Hawaii — Tiger Woods is ready for a new year, only this time he has company.  
 Brilliant sunshine and a gentle surf along Maui's rugged coastline only adds to the optimism at the Mercedes Championships, a winners-only tournament that kicks off the 2004 season Thursday.  
 For the first time in five years, several players have every reason to believe they are on the verge of a big year.

"It's no longer the Tiger Tour."  
 "Obviously, Tiger is the best player," Davis Love III said. "But now, everybody has their share of something from last year. It got spread around a little bit."  
 Woods was the PGA Tour player of the year for the fifth straight time, but he didn't earn the most money. That honor went to Vijay Singh, as credible a challenger as Woods has seen.

Woods led the tour with five victories, but no one pled up more trophies around the world than Ernie Els, whose seven titles included the Mercedes Championships and Sony Open in Hawaii.  
 The majors?  
 Mike Weir (Masters) and Jim Furyk (U.S. Open) emerged as stars last year, while Woods was shut out of the Grand Slam events for the first time since 1998.

Suddenly, Woods no longer seems so invincible. "Things have changed a little bit," Els said. "I think the 'Tiger effect' is not as strong as it used to be. I think guys go into a week and feel if they play their games, it might be good enough."  
 Is the gap between Woods and everyone else smaller than ever?  
 "I don't know," Woods said Wednesday. "When I'm playing well, I'm tough to beat. If I'm playing well, I like my chances against anybody."  
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SPORTS

Idaho Falls stumbles against Minico

The Times-News

IDHAHO FALLS - A slow start sank Minico's chance at Idaho Falls in a 55-35 District III Region Four-Five-Six boys basketball loss.

"We were not prepared to play," said Spartans coach Mike Graefe. "That's my fault. We have to get that fixed by Friday."

Minico (1-8) play Friday at home against Highland.

Kyle Bingham scored eight to lead the Spartans.

Waco 84-49-38
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Declo 48, Snake River 38
DECLO - Bret Wardle led all scorers with 14 points for Declo, as the Hornets defeated Snake River 48-38 Wednesday night in Declo.

Derek Furniss led Snake River with 10 points.

"Both teams matched up pretty well. We were both pretty physical but we made it our type of game, and that was the difference," said Declo coach Dennie Smyer.

Declo (6-2, 2-0 SCIC) hosts Filser on Friday.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Brian Boucher deflected the attention as easily as the Washington Capitals' shots.

Boucher became the first NHL goalie in almost 55 years to record four consecutive shutouts, making 27 saves in the Phoenix Coyotes' 3-0 victory over Washington on Wednesday night.

"I've had some help along the way, but ... you need luck on your side," Boucher said. "They hit some posts and guys have been blocking a lot of shots."

The last goalie to make four straight shutouts was Montreal's Bill Durnan, who accomplished the feat from Feb. 26-March 6, 1949.

Boucher stretched his shutout streak to 265-45, and trails only Durnan's modern-era NHL record of 309-21, also set in 1949.

Boucher will be back in goal Friday night in Minnesota, where the Coyotes close a four-game road trip.

"It's pretty unbelievable," Boucher said. "Hopefully, I can ride it through until Friday."

Phoenix coach Bob Francis left little doubt that Boucher will start against the Wild.

"What would you do?" Francis said. "I'm not stupid."

Shane Doan had a goal and an

Scott and Dulebohn win U.S. short program

ATLANTA (AP) - The names may change in U.S. pairs skating, but the sloppy programs don't.

Defending national champions Tiffany Scott and Phillip Dulebohn were first in the short program at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships on Wednesday night, but only because somebody had to be. There were more spins and elements than a Three Stooges convention, with only two clean programs the entire night.

And one of those was a watered-down program that would barely cut it at the junior level.

"It wasn't our best," Dulebohn said. "But we're still in contention, and we still have a whole long program left."

The free skate, worth two-thirds of the final score, is Friday night. Rena Inoue and John Baldwin Jr. were second, and Katie Orscher and Garrett Lucash were third.

Jennifer Donat and Jonathan Hunt, bronze medalists at last year's junior world championships, are fourth.

"The United States hasn't been a major power in pairs in years. No American pair has won an Olympic medal since 1988, and the last two medals at the world championships came in Olympic years, when the top couples tend to move on to bigger and better things."

Local sports

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Glenns Ferry 63, Castleford 43
- GLENN'S FERRY - Glenns Ferry defeated Castleford 63-43 Wednesday night in Glenns Ferry.

Jessica Simons led the Pilots with 18 points and Kenzie King added 14 points to the Glenns Ferry attack.

"It was pretty much a sloppy game for both teams," said Glenns Ferry coach Kelli McHone.

Glenns Ferry (3-8; 0-0 Canyon Conference) travels to Valley tonight.

Castleford 101-109
Glenns Ferry 11-18-15-31
CASTLEFORD (62)
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Wendell splits tri-meet
Wendell - Wendell handled Glenns Ferry 72-24 and fell to Buhl 43-36 in a wrestling tri-meet held Wednesday in the Trojans gym. Buhl beat Glenns Ferry 57-24.

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team event, led by Clinton Ward's 152.

Filser hosts Minico next Wednesday.

Late Tuesday
Girls basketball
OAKLEY 29, Hagerman 31.

OAKLEY 29, Hagerman 31. The Oakley girls basketball team improved upon their perfect Magic Valley Southside conference record (8-0, 9-2 overall) with a 49-31 win at home over Hagerman Tuesday.

"We're hoping we can keep it going," Oakley head coach Brett Gramm said.

Jenna Peterson led all scorers with 22 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

The Lady Hornets led throughout, but really put it away in the fourth quarter, Gramm said.

Ali Cranney scored all of her eleven points in the decisive fourth.

Oakley hosts Hansen Friday. Hagerman (7-5) travels to Raft River Friday.

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Boston Celtics guard Ricky Davis (12) drives past Orlando Magic guard Gordon Gikeck, right, enroute to a slam dunk during the first half in Boston, Wednesday.

Celtics extend Magic losing streak to six

BOSTON (AP) - Paul Pierce had 19 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, and Mike James added 21 points, in extending the Magic's losing streak to six games with a 101-93 win Wednesday.

After trailing 90-72 with 8:16 remaining, Orlando went on a 14-2 run, featuring three 3-pointers and 11 points by Tracy McGrady.

But the Magic got no closer as Pierce scored four straight points to make it 96-86.

McGrady scored 28 points to lead Orlando, which has lost six straight on the road. He had 34 points in the fourth quarter; Keith Bogans added a career-high 18 points.

Chris Mihm made his first start for Boston since being acquired 12 games ago and had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Sixers 100, Clippers 80
PHILADELPHIA - Allen Iverson scored 20 points and the Philadelphia 76ers reached 100 points for the first time in nearly two months, defeating the Los Angeles Clippers 100-80.

Iverson and Glenn Robinson combined for 16 points during a 21-5 run to start the third quarter that gave the Sixers a 17-point lead. With Iverson on the bench in the fourth quarter, the Clippers were able to cut the deficit to 11.

But a series of turnovers led to a 17-4 run by Philadelphia that put the game out of reach.

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Elton Brand's 26 points and 12 rebounds led the Clippers, who have lost eight of their last nine on the road.

Raptors 75, Cavaliers 69
TORONTO - Vince Carter scored 11 of his 14 points in the final eight minutes, including a clinching windmill dunk with 21 seconds left.

Carter was 1-for-12 from the field and hadn't scored since the first quarter before putting Toronto ahead on a 3-pointer with 7:34 left.

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James had 21 points and five assists but shot 2-for-8 with no assists in the fourth quarter.

Pistons 85, Rockets 66
AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Richard Hamilton scored 16 points and Detroit held Houston to its lowest point total while extending its NBA record of holding teams under 100 points to 38 straight games.

Detroit's Tayshaun Prince

scored 13, Mchmet Okur had 10 and reserve Chucky Atkins added 11. Ben Wallace, the reigning NBA player of the week, had nine points, 15 rebounds and three blocks.

Heat 102, Bulls 95
MIAMI - Eddie Jones scored 27 points and Lamar Odom added 25 of the Miami Heat, coming off their lowest-scoring game of the season, held off the Bulls.

The Heat, who lost 87-85 to Indiana on Monday, topped the 100-point mark for the fifth time in nine games.

Bulls rookie Ronald Dupree was impressive in his NBA debut, scoring a team-high 18 points.

The Heat led 76-70 entering the fourth quarter and kept it pulled a three-point lead the rest of the game.

Dupree's free throws pulled the Bulls to 97-93, but Jones knocked down a pair of foul shots to provide a six-point lead with 23 seconds to go.

Bucks 95, Suns 87
MILWAUKEE - Michael Redd scored 23 points, including 13 in the third quarter, and the Milwaukee Bucks extended their winning streak to a season-high four games.

Deshaun Mason scored 17 points. Joe Smith had 14 and J.J. Ford 11 for Milwaukee.

Joe Johnson had a season-high 25 points, Shawn Marbury added 19 and Leandro Barbosa 16 for the Suns, who had Antonio McDyess and Howard Eisley in the lineup for the first time since acquiring them in a package from New York for Stephen Marbury and Perry Hardaway.

Milwaukee led 78-77 four minutes into the fourth quarter before back-to-back three-point plays by Rui Hachimura and Desmond Mason started a 12-0 run.

Hornets 97, Wizards 87
NEW ORLEANS - Baron Davis had 28 points and 10 assists and David Wesley broke out of a slump with 20 points.

Wesley, who scored a total of 13 points and shot only 21 percent in his previous two games, was 7-of-13 - including three 3-pointers - in his lowest point total while extending his NBA record of holding teams under 100 points to 38 straight games.

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Buffalo Sabres' Jay McKee (74) works for the puck with Philadelphia Flyers' John LeClair (10) during the first period Wednesday in Buffalo, N.Y.

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Woods

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Last year, the field at Kapalua featured 18 first-time winners. That trend ended quickly, as 2003 belonged mostly to golf's biggest stars.

Woods, Love, Singley, Weir, Furyk, Els, David Bonin and Kenny Perry were all winners and combined to win more than half of the PGA Tour events.

With last season not even a distant memory - wasn't it only yesterday that Woods and Els were trading clutch putts in the Presidents Cup? - 2004 is poised to be a spectacular season.

Woods is still the guy to beat, but it isn't getting any easier. "Golf's techniques are better. The field has gotten much deeper," Woods said. "The scores you have to shoot to make the cut are pretty impressive."

Woods missed only two holes in his 14 holes-in-one last year while recovering from knee surgery. Els overpowered a firm, fast course



SPORTS

# New England awaits Titanic rematch

By Dave Goldberg  
Associated Press writer

In one of the best games of the NFL's regular season, the Tennessee Titans went to Foxboro on Oct. 5 and lost to the New England Patriots 38-30.

When the Titans return Saturday for a second-round playoff game, they will be trying to do what no team has done since a score a meaningful touchdown at New England. In six home games since facing the Titans, the Patriots have three shutouts, and the only TD they allowed came late in an easy win over Jacksonville.

The Patriots are favored by six points. Here's why:

- Their home record.
- Their week off -- they're rested and fit.
- Titans quarterback Steve McNair's wobbly legs -- he was healthy the first time they played the Patriots.
- But it won't be that easy for New England, in part because

playoff rematches rarely resemble regular-season meetings.

Indianapolis, for example, lost by 14 to Denver late in the regular season, then won by 31 in the playoffs. Carolina lost to Dallas by 19, then beat the Cowboys by 15.

"They run the ball very well against us, which was embarrassing when we looked at the tape," Titans coach Jeff Fisher says. "But we have corrected those things since then."

Indeed they have. Baltimore's Jamal Lewis, whose 2,066 yards in the regular season were the second most in NFL history, got just 25 yards on 14 carries against the Titans last week. Then again, that was with Anthony Wright at quarterback, a far cry from Tom Brady.

The game should be close and the scoring much lower than the first time.

But ...

**PATRIOTS, 17-13**

Green Bay (plus 5.5) at Philadelphia

The Philly fans are worried more about the Packers than the Rams, the presumed opponent in the NFC title game.

And they probably should be worried more about Ahmad Green than Brett Favre. The Eagles have problems stopping the run, and Green led the NFC with 1,883 yards.

Philadelphia also will be without Brian Westbrook, its second most important offensive player. Most important, of course, is Donovan McNabb, who engineered the last-minute drive that beat the Packers 17-14 in Green Bay on Nov. 10.

Another negative: for the Eagles: They've lost three times at home.

Even with all that ...

**EAGLES, 27-20**

Indianapolis (plus 3) at Kansas City

The Chiefs have a history of losing opening playoff games at home, although Arrowhead is a

hard place for road teams to play. Assuming the weather is decent, this will be high scoring -- Peyton-Manning and his cohorts against a leaky Kansas City defense; Priest Holmes et al against an Indy D that's not much better.

Upset?

**COLTS, 34-33**

Carolina (plus 7.5) at St. Louis

Carolina's defense was formidable against Dallas and is the Panthers' main hope here -- Marc Bulger has been prone to turnovers.

But the Rams have won their last 14 home games, and their speed on turf is tremendous, on offense and defense. Add in the Rams' playoff experience and their week off and ...

**RAMS, 27-10**

**LAST WEEK: 2-2 (spread); 3-1 (straight up)**

**REGULAR SEASON: 143-108-5 (spread); 162-94 (straight up)**

# Head coach searches leave out coordinators

By Dave Goldberg  
Associated Press writer

Analysis

Joe Gibbs was hired. Tom Coughlin, too. Deni Green signed, and Jim Fassel is rumored to be next. Charlie Weis, Romeo Crennel and Lovie Smith get interviews -- and not much else.

At least for the time being.

Why?

Just ask Marvin Lewis or John Fox, who were assistants in the Super Bowl in 2001 while teams that might have hired them as head coaches were filling their vacancies early. Fox got the Carolina job a year later, Lewis went to Cincinnati this season. Both have been major successes, justifying the "hot coordinator" label that first was put on them three years ago.

The same problem that Lewis and Fox faced now exists for Weis and Crennel, the Patriots' coordinators, and Smith, the Rams' defensive coordinator. Teams looking for head coaches worry that they might have to wait until after the Super Bowl to get one of that trio.

All three have been interviewed -- the NFL allows teams to talk to assistants on playoff teams during their bye week. But now they have to wait until their teams are eliminated from the playoffs -- as early as this weekend or as late as three weeks from now.

The Giants started it all by firing Fassel with two games left in the regular season. They interviewed all three of those coordinators and were especially impressed by Crennel and Smith.

But they hired Coughlin, hired a year ago as Jacksonville's coach.

"The fact that he is available now certainly played into it," said John Mara, New York's executive vice president. "It gives us the opportunity to put together a pretty good staff, and we can get a jump on other teams in doing that."

So on a day when Gibbs shocked the NFL by coming back to the Redskins 11 years after he left, the hottest unrecalled coach seemed to be San Francisco defensive coordinator Jim Mora (no, not that one; his son). One reason: The 49ers missed the playoffs, so Mora is available now for Chicago, Atlanta or someone else.

Buffalo completed its interview process Wednesday by talking to Pittsburgh offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey, another assistant from a non-playoff team. "There were some reports Fassel might get that job this week, but he said he knew little."

"You'd have to ask them that," Fassel told The Associated Press when asked Wednesday about his status with the Bills. "I thank I'm a good coach and right now I'm just sorting things out with my people."

Green, meanwhile, signed a deal to become the head coach in Arizona, where Fassel had been considered the front-runner.

But the runner, of course, was Gibbs' return to Washington. He will also get the title of president for a team he coached to three Super Bowl victories. He is the second coach to be elected to the Hall of Fame and then return to the sideline; Paul Brown did it when he took over the fledgling Cincinnati Bengals.

Gibbs has been a successful NASCAR owner since leaving the Redskins and always rebuffed feeders to return.

"They can have the \$5 million," he told Sports Business Daily last June when asked about Steve Spitzer, who quit after two seasons in Washington. "It's a tough business. I think 30 years is enough. I kind of look at it and think 'What else is there left to do?' At the point when I stepped out, there wasn't a lot. I had wanted to get back with my kids, and you can't have your kids with you in football."

One returning Hall of Famer coach, one less job for a top coordinator. At least this year.

"We had a great group. Any one of those guys could coach on our league now," Giants co-owner Wellington Mara said, referring to Weis, Crennel and Smith. "They will be fine."

Probably. Just not in a season when their teams go deep into the playoffs.

They can talk to Lewis and Fox about that.

# Titans must find way to disrupt Brady

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -- The Tennessee Titans can stop the run. Stopping great quarterbacks has been more difficult.

The NFL's best defense against the run ranked better than only Houston and Atlanta against the pass. And, all four of the Titans' losses this season came to teams with good quarterbacks -- Peyton Manning (twice), Chad Pennington and Tom Brady.

The Titans (13-4) got another chance at Brady and the New England Patriots on Saturday night in an AFC divisional game. To reach their third AFC championship in five seasons, the Titans know they must disrupt Brady.

"He kind of picked us apart the last time," Titans safety Lance Schulters said Wednesday. "We get a chance to redeem ourselves."

It won't be easy.

Brady has been key to the Patriots' 12-game winning streak by not making mistakes. He has thrown 241 passes at home this season without an interception, the most attempts without an interception at home in a season since 1970.

He has never lost in the postseason, and in his only other divisional game, he set club passing records against Oakland two years ago when he was 32-of-52 for 312 yards on a snowy night.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher said Brady is not going to make mistakes.

"If you are going to get a chance at an interception, it is going to be because a ball was tipped or deflected or went through a receiver's hands," Fisher said. "I want to throw one to you," Fisher said. Tennessee prides itself on stopping

the run first, frustrating opponents into throwing the ball.

That plays to the Titans' strengths with pass-rushing ends Jevon Kearse (9.5 sacks) and Kevin Carter (6.5), and cornerback like Samari Rolle (seven interceptions) and Andre Dyson (five).

When the Titans get a team into third down situations, no team is better than getting off the field than Tennessee.

"They have a good pass rush," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "They have good linebackers, and they have good cover people and they're well-coached. When you put all that together, there is not a lot where you can say, 'Oh-boy, we can't wait to get to third down against these guys.'"

Brady will face a very different defense than the one he saw in the Patriots' 38-30 victory over Tennessee on Oct. 5.

The Titans were without defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth and linebacker Peter Simon. The lost Rolle on the first series, and tackle Robaire Smith played with the flu.

For a defense that gave up an average of 225.4 yards passing per game, Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck expects the Patriots to test them by throwing over the top, temperatures that could be in single digits by kickoff.

"Then their o-line is going to have to pick their quarterback off the ground a lot because he's going to complete some passes. But we're going to get some hits on the quarterback as well," Bulluck said.

And the Titans hope that's enough to knock Brady off his stride.



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady looks to pass during the first half at Gillette Stadium Dec. 27, in Foxboro, Mass. The Patriots beat the Buffalo Bills, 31-0, with Brady throwing for four touchdowns.

Stars

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the Hornets came into tryouts with the conditioning an up-tempo team needs.

"The conditioning carries over tremendously," said Stoker. "The physical part carries over, but not as much for me because I'm up top. I'm not down low where most of the elbows are flying."

While a mouth guard might not be high on Stoker's wish list, you

can bet that a return trip to the 3A state tournament is.

"We're winning, so I'm happy with that and just being able to be on the team," said Stoker. "I think that if we continue to play good ball we could be one of the top teams out of this district."

Successful and still understated, it's easy to see why DeClo fans love this kid.

# Arizona Cardinals name Dennis Green as coach

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) -- Dennis Green, one of the winningest NFL coaches in the 1990s, signed a five-year contract Wednesday to guide the struggling Arizona Cardinals.

Green, who had a 97-62 record in 10 regular seasons with Minnesota and led the Vikings into the playoffs eight times, spent most of the day at team headquarters working out the agreement.

The Cardinals did not release details on his salary. The team announced his hiring through e-mail, and neither vice president Michael Bidwell nor football operations vice president Rod Graves, the driving force to land Green, returned calls to their offices and cell phones.

"He is a proven winner with an outstanding track record of success," owner Bill Bidwell said in the release.

The Cardinals planned to introduce Friday at a news conference.

Green was 4-8 in the postseason, one of the reasons he was fired late in the 2001 season.

The Vikings went 15-1 in 1998 and wound up losing in the NFC title game. They also lost in the 2000 NFC championship game.

Green made a smooth transition to football commentaries on television while looking for opportunities to get back on the sideline. He recently interviewed for the head coaching jobs at Oakland and Washington.

He interviewed for several jobs last season, but wanted more control than any of the teams were willing to give him.

A disciple of former 49ers coach Bill Walsh, Green was head coach at Northwestern and Stanford before taking the Vikings job.

"The attraction of Arizona for Denny is that the Cardinals' organization has had trouble winning and now a lot of people don't expect them to start winning," said Gary O'Hagan,

Green's agent told the Associated Press late Wednesday. "That creates a lot of upside, an opportunity for success."

He said the team's new stadium in Glendale, Ariz., adjacent to the Phoenix Coyotes' new ice arena, was one of the strong points of the job. The roofed football stadium is scheduled to open for the 2006 season and will host the 2008 Super Bowl.

"They need to have a winning team because they need to sell tickets," O'Hagan said. "Dennis is a proven winner and that's what the Cardinals need."

The Cardinals have had one winning season since 1984, one playoff appearance since 1982 and one playoff victory since winning the NFL title in 1947 as the Chicago Cardinals. Coach Dave McGinnis was fired after Arizona finished 4-12 last season, one of four teams with that league-worst record.

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Gibbs

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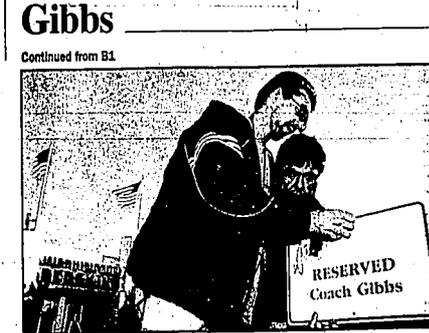
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But it's been done before. Dick Vermeil left Philadelphia in 1992 and returned to St. Louis in 1997, winning a Super Bowl in his third season with the Rams.

"I'm happy for Joe," said Vermeil, now coaching Kansas City. "I appreciated very much where he was when he left and understood completely why he left. And I've understood completely why he's underpaid. He'll be a great influence on the Redskins organization as long as they allow him to be."

"I think sooner or later you understand what you're really all about. What you are, what will you do to move forward and to work," he said. "He had a tremendous passion for the career he was in, and I know he was very successful in his second career. But this time, he's driving the race car now."

The other candidates the Redskins interviewed -- former Giants coach Jim Fassel, former Vikings coach Dennis Green and Seahawks defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes -- were all fired from their last jobs. Gibbs left on his own terms.



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# McGraw

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why we fell in love with the game in the first place.

Baseball was good and the money was getting better when McGraw made his debut as a 20-year-old with the New York Mets in 1965. He was full of fire and hard to miss on the mound, even harder not to laugh along with when he did something zany at the biggest moments.

Sometimes, after watching a hitter drive one of his pitches deep, but just foul, he stuck a hand inside his jersey and started flapping it, letting everyone know his heart was beating again. His best pitch, fittingly, was a screwball. But like all born comedians, McGraw found his weaknesses made for much better material.

So he named one fastball for singer Peggy Lee, because of her hit single, "Is That All There Is?" and another for actress Bette Lark -- in less politically correct times --

because it had "a nice little tail."

McGraw loved grand entrances and even grand exits. When the Mets opened John Franco, who grew up idolizing McGraw, Tug rode in from centerfield on a motorcycle.

Last September, at the end of the last game at Veterans Stadium, a black Lincoln stopped alongside the mound and out popped McGraw in a Phillies uniform, wearing the familiar No. 45 on his back.

The old ballpark shook when McGraw towed the rubber, looked in at the catcher and threw an imaginary pitch for strike three. Then he lifted his arms skyward, just as he had after a walk strikeout of Kansas City's Willie Wilson clinched the World Series, and did a little dancing.

He coined the phrase, "You Gotta Believe" while playing for the Mets 20 years earlier, and for a moment, he had Phillies fans believing he might beat long odds again. The joint rocked so hard

that it looked and felt like the demolition was beginning.

"He just had a joy for life and living," recalled Tom Seaver, McGraw's teammate with the Mets' 1969 championship team.

"But what people sometimes overlook because he was always happy-go-lucky was what kind of competitor he was on the mound. No one competed with more intensity than he did."

He wasn't always the father he should have been, and barely acknowledged the most famous of his four kids, country singer Tim McGraw, until his son was about to leave college and try his luck in the music business. Tug tried to make up for lost time over twice, not because there was something in it for him, but because it was the right thing to do.

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Section C

## MINI-CASSIA IN BRIEF

### Utility plans outage in Bell Rapids area

**TWIN FALLS** - A temporary power outage will occur in the Bell Rapids Project area near Hagerman today, Idaho Power announced Wednesday.

The outage will affect approximately 100 customers and will begin at 11 a.m., the power company said in a press release. The outage will last approximately four hours.

During the blackout, Idaho Power personnel will make emergency repairs to power lines. The company said it regrets any inconveniences.

### CSI offers education workshop for adults

**TWIN FALLS** - Adults considering taking a college class or more in the future are encouraged to attend an upcoming "Back to School" workshop through the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho.

Participants will learn about the services available at CSI, financial aid resources, and college procedures. Participants also will explore the myths, which prevent adults returning to college from reaching their goals.

This free workshop is designed for any person who is considering college classes - full time or part time - and is unsure of where to start or what resources are available.

The "Back to School" workshop is scheduled from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22.

If you are interested in attending this workshop please call 732-6680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680.

### Astronomical Society discusses telescope use

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Astronomical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

The meeting will cover types of telescopes and how to use them. Those with questions concerning how to set up and use their telescopes are encouraged to attend with their device.

The meeting is open to the public.

### Minidoka scouts plan 38th recognition dinner

**RUPERT** - The Minidoka District of the Boy Scouts of America will be holding its 38th annual recognition dinner and roundtable tonight in the East Minico Middle School's commons.

The banquet starts at 7 p.m. with roundtable expected to begin immediately after at 8 p.m.

The dinner will include a potluck supper - turkey, ham and potatoes will be supplied.

A small fee will help defray the costs of awards.

A message will be left on the answering machine at 436-1543 in the event that roundtable has to be canceled because of inclement weather.

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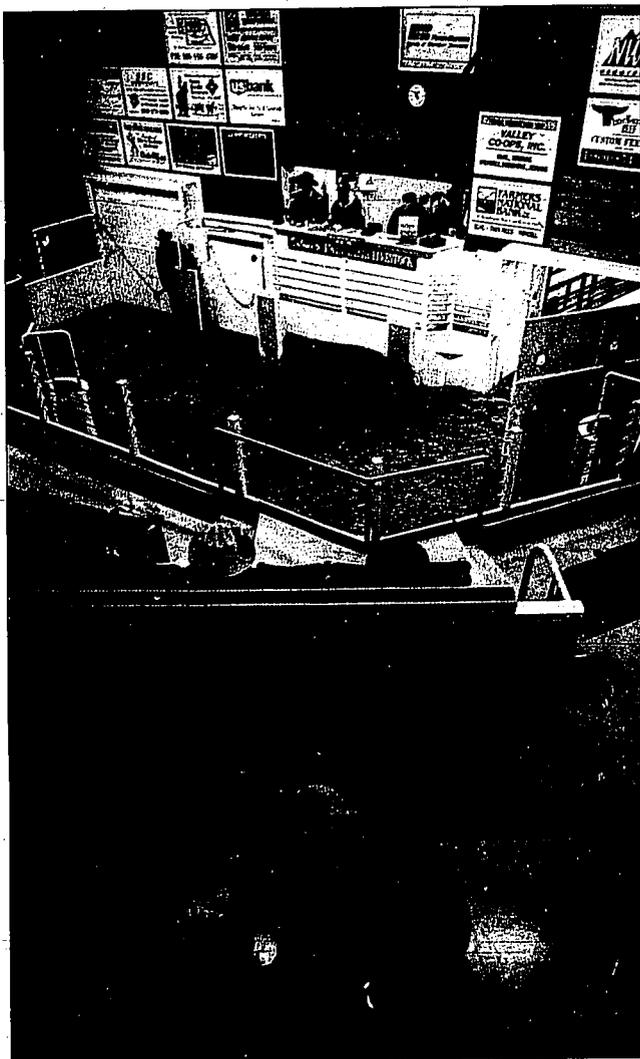
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| Henry's Fork/Teton | 123% | 60% |
| Big Lost           | 124% | 63% |
| Little Lost        | 102% | 46% |
| Salmon             | 107% | 48% |
| Big Wood           | 117% | 53% |
| Little Wood        | 130% | 59% |
| Salmon Falls       | 132% | 58% |
| Oakley Basin       | 130% | 56% |

As of Jan. 7.

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

Most cows sold Wednesday were 'killer' cows - cattle that immediately will be sent to slaughter for ground beef. Jerry Stewart is one of a handful of herdsmen who led the cattle from the trailers, through the yard and to the auction floor.

# SALE DAY



Talking to an employer on a cell phone, Mike Munsee, a buyer for Interstate Feeders and Magic Valley Feeders among others, watches as the first beef sale of 2004 takes place at the Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co. Wednesday.



At left, enjoying breakfast at Ranchers Cafe before the beef sale are, from left, Neal Landon, Mark Rose, Larry Holtzen, Kurt Neff and Terry Van Ostran. Below, morning comes early for Twin Falls Livestock Commission Co. co-owner and manager Bruce Billington as he clears the sidewalks in front of Ranchers Cafe.



Photos by Cory Myers/The Times-News

## Gooding lets police chief go

Paul Brown likely will remain on force

By Mickey Walker  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** - The City Council has chosen not to reappoint Paul Brown as its police chief although he has served in that capacity the past 11 years.

Instead, the council chose to appoint officer Rick Coven as interim police chief upon the recommendation of Mayor Herb Stroud following a closed executive session Monday.

Brown has been an officer with the Gooding Police Department since 1976.

City Council members did not offer an explanation at their regular meeting Monday as to why Brown would not be getting his job back.

However, Stroud thanked Brown for his service personally during the meeting.

"I don't think you're a bad guy and I know the council doesn't and we do appreciate what you have done," Stroud told Brown.

Stroud also commended Brown for work he had done with youth in the community.

In a telephone interview Tuesday, Stroud said he believes Brown will remain with the city's police department, just not in the position of police chief.

Councilwoman Sharon Seifert declined to comment Tuesday on Brown being passed over, citing the matter as a personnel issue.

Brown said in a telephone interview Wednesday that he was told that he probably wouldn't be reappointed.

In mid-November, the council sent the police chief a two-page letter with a list of concerns, Brown said, adding that he responded with a six-page letter that he thought addressed their concerns.

"I made the offer to meet with the council but it was never accepted," Brown said.

The city will advertise for applicants to fill the police chief's position.

During their Monday meeting, council members reappointed Todd Bunn as public works director, Pat Bishop as fire chief, Craig Hobbey as city attorney and Carmen Korsen as city clerk/treasurer.

New councilmen Vern France and Duke Morton also took their oaths of office.

## Weather closes some area schools

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - Wind and snow had road crews busy and most Northside schools closed Wednesday.

"Our county highway department was trying to get ahead of things through the night," said Jim Cobble, superintendent of the Jerome School District. "But they were not able to stay ahead of the wind."

Whether schools in the Jerome, Shoshone, Dietrich, Bliss and Valley districts will reopen for business today depended upon weather Wednesday night and early this morning. The forecast called for a continuing chance of snow but with warmer temperatures.

Jerome County road crews did have a handle on road conditions by Wednesday afternoon, Cobble said. If conditions remained the same, most likely school would be held, but if the wind came up during the day...

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is

obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a mes-

sage in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

John 'Jack' Coulam Frederickickson - Twin Falls

John "Jack" Coulam Frederickickson, 95, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at his home with his family by his side. He was born Sept. 30, 1908, to David Franklin and Ellen May Coulam Frederickickson in Salt Lake City, Utah. He attended grade school, the LDS High School, and the LDS Business College in Salt Lake City. He married Leona Murphy and had one son. He started a career in banking but due to the depression, he bank closed. He went to work for the first Sneguloves Ice Cream Store. Due to difficulties of the depression he was left unmarried. Not long after he was called to serve a mission in Wyoming. After his mission, he was given the opportunity to work and later manage Green's Ice Cream Store in Twin Falls. In time, he made the acquaintance of Zelpha Richards Darrington, who had returned to Twin Falls with her two sons. Jack and Zelpha were soon married and he adopted the two boys as his own. The Green's Ice Cream Store failed, and Jack with help and advice, purchased the store and it became Frederickickson's Ice Cream Company. It was later that his father advised him to make candy for the winter months. Later on he operated a drive-thru restaurant from 1945 to 1952. In 1952, Jack built a new building in its present location—Jack—and Zelpha had seven children from this marriage.



Zelpha died in 1965. It was not too long after that he married Bonnie Stimpson, a widow with two children. Together they jointly operated Frederickickson's Ice Cream, Candy and Crafts. As the years passed he taught some of his grandchildren the art of making candy. Five years ago when his eyesight and his Parkinson's got worse, the grandchildren took over the candy making. He taught us well and his legacy of making the finest candies will go on under the watchful eyes of his wife, Bonnie; his daughter, Mary; and his grandchildren, Angie, Nicole, and Nathan. His goals for the store were not to gather wealth but to serve the community with the finest candies and to be able to greet and visit with

the valued customers and friends. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie of Twin Falls; his children, Dick (Bernice) Frederickickson of Salt Lake City, Utah, George (Mary) Frederickickson of Lawrence, Kan., Bob (Arletta) Frederickickson of Salt Lake City, Utah, John R. (Annette) Frederickickson of Salt Lake City, Utah, Jean Ann (Larry) Stimpf of Corona Del Mar, Calif., Kent (Virgean) Frederickickson of Idaho Falls, Alice (Lloyd) Brown of Fillmore, Utah, Grant (Valeria) Frederickickson of Napa, Calif., Dennis (Kathy) Frederickickson of Lawrence, Kan., Garey Stimpson of Twin Falls, and Mary Thrall of Twin Falls. He is also survived by his sisters, Ellen Bohlander of Salt Lake City, Utah; brother, Gleyre Frederickickson of Spokane, Wash.; 67 grandchildren; 132 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and many more to come. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Dave, Paul, and Grant; an infant son, Bryan; and a great-granddaughter, Taylor Mason. Services will be held at noon, Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at the 6th Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park", and 1 hour prior to the service.

Robert Alan Busch - Seattle/Gooding



Robert Alan Busch, P. H. D., 58, passed away in his sleep alongside his wife, Marsha Landolt, of 13 years when an avalanche engulfed his family vacation home on Friday, Jan. 2, 2004. Robert (Bob) was born Aug. 22, 1946, in Rhinelander, Wis., to Gilbert J. and Marianna Busch. He was raised in Rhinelander where he spent his childhood enjoying the outdoors near Stone Lake. Bob graduated from Rhinelander High School in 1964, earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Colorado State University in 1968, Masters of Science in Microbiology from University of Northern Colorado in 1971, and a Doctorate of Immunology and Bacteriology from University of Idaho in 1976. By a previous marriage to Marge Hine, Bob was blessed with two daughters; Jodi in 1969, and Jenna in 1973. Bob spent countless hours teaching his daughters the value of education and excellence, and the importance of hard work and the pursuance of dreams. In April of 1991, Bob married Marsha Lamerle Landolt and resided in Seattle, Wash., where he was president of Biomed Pharmaceuticals and ultimately became an independent aquatic health consultant both nationally and internationally. At the time of

his death he and Marsha were preparing to spend their retirement between the mountains of Idaho and sailing the San Juan Islands of Washington. Together they enjoyed nightly candlelight dinners, travel, and introducing their grandkids to the Mariners, magic tricks, the opera, and the love of woodworking. Bob was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert J. and mother Marianna. Surviving family members are sisters, Barbara Busch Scheeler (Tom), and Sandra J. Solberg both residing in Wisconsin; and daugh-

ters, Jodi Wright (Archie), grand-children, Brittanee, Jordan, Isaiah, and Jenna Rovig (Kelby), grandchildren, Tucker, and Emma, both residing in Boise. Dad, we find comfort in knowing that you were taken from us in your own "Heaven on Earth" (the cabin) in the arms of your bride. And we feel peace in knowing you are with the one you love, fly-fishing again with your dad, comforted in the arms of your mom, and entertained by your Angel Grandgirl Shelby.

Viewing and visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Bleitz Funeral Home in Seattle, Wash. A joint memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the University of Washington, 130 Kane Hall.

A funeral and memorial service will also be conducted at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at the Gooding United Methodist Church in Gooding. Viewing for Robert will be one hour prior to service at the church. Burial for Robert will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery in Fairfield. Cremation for Marsha will take place in Seattle, Wash. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho, Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit.

Jose 'Joe' Legarra Arrate - Shoshone

Jose "Joe" Legarra Arrate, 62, ended a 10-year battle with cancer on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, with his family at his side. He was born on Feb. 25, 1941, in Aulesti, Spain. Joe came to the United States in 1966. He worked for the Oneida Sheep Company and for Boise Cascade before meeting his wife, Christina Guerricabeitia. They were married on Aug. 22, 1970, and moved to Green's Ice Cream Store where they farmed and ranched for the next 32 years. Joe was well known in the community, active in organizations such as the Magic Valley Wool Pool, local boards, and the County Farm Bureau. He is survived by his brother, Ignacio of Aulesti, Spain; his wife,



Christina of Shoshone; his son, Robert of Kuna; his daughters,

Susan Matlock of Claremore, Okla., and Melissa Kluckner of Kuna; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Benito Arrate and Maria Legarra; and many friends. Rosary services will be recited at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel. A celebration of his life will be shared at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the First Baptist Church in Shoshone. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. on Friday at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made in Joe's name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 600 North Curtis Road, Suite 245, Boise, Idaho 83706, 658-6662.

Marsha Lamerle Landolt - Seattle



Marsha Lamerle Landolt, 55, of Seattle, Wash., was killed in an avalanche along with her husband, Robert Busch, 58, on vacation at their cabin in southern Idaho on Friday, Jan. 2, 2004. Marsha, the oldest daughter of Clet and LaMerle Belcher, was born in Houston, Texas on Jan. 19, 1948. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Baylor University in 1969, her Master's degree in Zoology from the University of Oklahoma in 1970, and her PhD in Pathology from George Washington University in 1976. She worked for the U.S. Department of the Interior in Leetown, W.Va., from 1970 through 1974, the National Zoopark 1974 through 1975, and the University of Washington since 1975. During her tenure at the University of Washington, she served in a variety of capacities including assistant professor, associate dean of the School of Oceanic and Fisheries Sciences from 1983 to 1991, director of the School of Fisheries from

1991 to 1996, and most recently as the dean of graduate studies and vice provost. Marsha, a loving wife and devoted mother, enjoyed entertaining her family and friends, outdoor pursuits, and international travel. Marsha is survived by her parents Clet, 80, and LaMerle, 81, of Belcher of Portland, Ore.; brother, Jack Belcher, 49, of San Diego, Calif.; son, Nicholas

Kocan, 24, of Los Angeles, Calif.; step-daughters, Jenna Rovig, 30, and Jody Wright, 34; five grandchildren of Boise; and ex-husband Richard Kocan, 62, of Squamish, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Philip Belcher.

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Helen Lenore Metzger Lancaster - Wendell

Helen was born on Sept. 9, 1914, to W. B. Archibald Metzger and Mable Grace Kloss in Fort Collins, Colo., and passed away Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Helen was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Jess; and sisters, Shirley and Pearl; and her beloved husband of 38 years, Eugene (Gene) A. Lancaster. Helen and Gene lived and farmed in Wendell for all of their married life among Gene's loving family. Helen is survived by her five children; sons, Fred Starr, and Eldon (Renee) Lancaster of Jerome, and Duane (Mac) Legg of Gabbs, Nevada; daughters, Dixie

Pierson of Jerome, and Jeris (Roger) Ford of Twin Falls; also her sister, Grace Hoskins of Hansen. Helen was an avid bowler for many years and will be missed by all her friends that she shared those years with. Helen was loved by her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. They were the love of her and Gene's life. Grandma Helen and Grandpa Gene left cherished memories of wonderful days on the farm along with all the family fishing and camping trips. Helen is being cared for by the Demaray Funeral Chapel in Wendell and services will be announced later.



Gertrude Emeline Martin Speckman - Oakley

Gertrude Emeline Martin Speckman, 89-year-old Oakley resident, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Rehabilitation Care and Senior Living in Twin Falls. She was born May 28, 1914, in Oakley, the fifth of 12 children born to Joseph and Edith Emeline Worthington Martin. Gertrude married William Frank Speckman on Nov. 25, 1936, in Twin Falls. On Dec. 7, 1971, their marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Frank and Gertrude had two daughters, Gertrude, an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and she served in various capacities throughout her life. She enjoyed the years she volunteered as a Pink Lady at the Cassia Memorial Hospital. She enjoyed traveling, bowling and golfing with family and friends. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed making her home and yard a welcome place for her family and friends. Gertrude had a great



love for her family. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She dedicated her entire life in loving and serving them. She will be greatly missed. Survivors include her daughter, Janet (Kim) Cranney (Shiloh) Cranney of Burley, and Tyson Cranney of Oakley; two grand-

daughters, Terri (James) Barnes of Boise, and Stephanie (Jay) Hill of Abilene, Texas; three great-grandsons, Brian, Caden, and London; four great-granddaughters, Lydia, Letitia, Jalen, and Jillian; three brothers, Jay Martin of Jerome, Jim Martin of Hagerman, and Max Martin of Portland, Ore.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Frank, on July 4, 1985; her daughter, Terry Lynn, on May 7, 1974; three brothers; and five sisters.

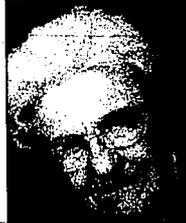
Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Oakley Stake Center, 301 North Center, with Bishop Gary Lloyd, officiating. Burial will be in the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main St. in Burley, and prior to the funeral from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the church.

Skylar Von Jones - Meridian



Skylar Von Jones was born on Dec. 7, 2003 in Meridian. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Skylar passed away on Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Born to T.J. and Toni Jones, and brother Seth of Boise. Grandparents are Tom and Anita Jones of Burley, and Gary and Linda Moreton of Burley. Skylar was a fighter and amazed everyone with his will to live. Skylar was loved greatly and will be in our thoughts and hearts forever. A remembrance will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the Jones family home at 12335 West Caddy Court, Boise.

Henrietta Agnes Hansen - Provo/Twin Falls



Henrietta Agnes Hansen, age 91, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, in Provo, Utah. Born Jan. 23, 1912, in Pauline, Neb., a daughter of Harold Gott, and Elizabeth Bloom Binderup. Married Maurice August Hansen Nov. 23, 1943, in Nevada. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on Aug. 22, 1968. Henrietta lived most of her life in Twin Falls, she was a member of the LDS Church, and graduated from Kearns State College. She has been a resident of Eastlake Care Center in Provo, Utah, for the past 3 years. Survived by daughters, Linda Pease of Heyburn, and Sandra McDaniel of Woodland Hills, Utah; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband; parents; two sisters; and seven brothers.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, in the Twin Falls 13th Ward, 421 Maurice St. North. Interment Sunset Memorial Park. Under the direction of Independent Funeral Service of Salt Lake.

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SERVICES

Dyveka Camilla Rasmussen Sorensen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley...

Kelly Neil Qualls, of Nampa and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Tampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa.

Jessie D. Pickett Glenn of Twin Falls, funeral at 12:30 p.m. today, at the Murtaugh LDS Chapel, Bishop Brad Barnes conducting interment will follow in the Mortion Cemetery; friends may call from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Gladys "Leona" Poog Paladino, of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Scott C. Jex, of Boise, remembrance at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rylea Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Lurlie Irene (Danel) Schroeder Jones and Daniel Allen Jones, of Buhl and Earp, Calif., service at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl; interment will follow at West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Esther Fairman, of Ketchum, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum; and a memorial in Boise on Esther's birthday, May 4, 2004, at her daughter's home (Wood River Chapel in Hailey).

Bernard Alfred Hoffman of Twin Falls, service at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Filer Ave. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls.

Terence Martin Hagermann of Portland, Ore-Eden, service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W. Locust Street, Hermiston Ore. Graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Eden (Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, Ore.)

Jack Elmer Parrott of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at the 11th Ward LDS Chapel, 847 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call at White Mortuary from 4 to 8 p.m. today and from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

Ethel Clarissa Allred Bowers of Richfield, funeral at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Richfield; burial will follow at the Richfield Cemetery (Demary's Chapel).

Jesse (Jesus) Hernandez of Twin Falls, celebration at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Twin Falls Reformed Church Worship Center; the Pastor Jerry Steele and the Pastor Ron Heath officiating.

Ruth Sughden Chaffee of Portland, Ore., memorial reception at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, in the Ivy Room at the Grove Hotel, Boise (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Mable Marie Fairchild HEYBURN - Mable Marie Fairchild, 76, of Heyburn, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Center. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Veronica Madalena WENDELL - Veronica Madalena, 61, of Wendell, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at her home in Wendell. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Dorothy Grace Hollifield Carlson HANSEN - Dorothy Grace Hollifield Carlson, 87, of Hansen, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at Bridgeview Estates. Service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at White Mortuary with viewing from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004.

Genevieve E. Kane SHOSHONE - Genevieve E. Kane, 89, of Shoshone, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2003, at the DeSano Place in Shoshone. Arrangements will be announced by Demary Funeral Chapel, Shoshone.

Alfred Kuhn JEROME - Alfred Kuhn, 91, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by the Hove Robertson Chapel, Jerome.

Ethel Jeffress SHOSHONE - Ethel Jeffress, 88, of Shoshone, died on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2004, at the DeSano Place in Shoshone. Arrangements will be announced by Demary Funeral Chapel, Shoshone.

Margaret Moeller JEROME - Margaret Moeller, 89, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by the Hove Robertson Chapel, Jerome.

Frances Ruth Shenoberger TWIN FALLS - Frances Ruth Shenoberger, 90, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical

Charles Ray Ashley Charles Ray Ashley, 57, of Nampa, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at a Nampa hospital. Funeral service at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. Private family burial will follow in the Kohlerlawn Cemetery, Nampa.

Weather

Continued from C1 ing the night classes may be canceled again. "It's a joint decision between the highway department and our bus contractor," he said. "They make the recommendation." It was not in the best interests of students and staff members to open schools Wednesday, Cobble said. "Sections of our county roads were not safe for travel," he said. "It drifts in as fast as you can plow them out." Cobble couldn't remember how long it had been since the Jerome district had a weather-related closure. Bob Stearns, superintendent of the Gooding School District, said it was the first snow day the Gooding district had taken in two years. "People on two ends of the district are looking at the number of impassable roads and how student safety would be impacted," he said. Wendell School District Superintendent Larry Manky said if the wind blew again Wednesday night, schools could be closed again today.

"Let's hope for no wind," he said. "It kind of surprised me. I had anticipated going to school." It had been a long time since Wendell schools were closed because of weather, he said. Cobble said the Jerome district closes schools only on the rarest of occasions. "It is even more critical now that there is more accountability," he said. State regulations cause officials to only close schools if it is absolutely necessary. "If we have two more days out, we fall below the number of hours required," he said. If schools do fall below the number of required hours, several options are available for making up the time, Cobble said: holding school for a number of longer days, holding school on Saturdays, shortening spring break or adding days at the end of the school year. Minidoka County and Cassia County schools were closed earlier this week, but on Wednesday they were open again.

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Jerome narrows down police chief candidates

By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The search for a new city police chief is nearing the end. Jerome City Administrator Travis Rothweiler told the City Council this week that the field of 36 applicants has been narrowed to six.

Those six candidates - from Idaho, California, Oregon and New Mexico - will be interviewed Thursday and Friday by a selection committee made up of Mayor Charles Correll, Councilwoman Marjorie Schmidt, Councilman Jerry Crozier, Information Services Specialist Kathy Marcus, Fire Chief Jim Audaire and Twin Falls Chief Lee DeVore, who is a nonvoting member. The candidates will be ranked from one to six.

Then the No. 1 candidate must pass a criminal background check and Rothweiler and Audaire will travel his home town to visit with the candidate's fellow workers and neighbors to get an idea of his work and life style. If the No. 1 candidate does not pan out the committee will go to No. 2 and so forth down the line. Rothweiler said if all goes well

In other business

JEROME - Other business conducted by the City Council Tuesday included: Taking the oath - Councilman Jerry Crozier and Councilwoman Marjorie Schmidt were sworn into office. Schmidt was appointed to fill out Mayor Dennis Moore's unexpired term in office six years ago when he became mayor. Schmidt then won two successive elections to the council. Schmidt also was elected as council president Tuesday evening. As president, she will serve as mayor in

Mayor Charles Correll's absence. Rezoning - The City Council adopted an ordinance that changes the zoning of 3 1/2 lots located east of the Washington Elementary School campus from a residential to community services designation. Mobile home parks - The council adopted an ordinance that raises the number of units required to constitute a mobile home or manufactured home park from two to six. All other requirements for manufactured home parks such as curbs, gutters, lighting, fencing, sidewalks and parking stay the same. This ordinance is aimed at

single-wide units, those that are not multi-sectional and are less than 1,000 square feet. Laundry - The Pet Pals of Jerome have arranged the donation of a washer and dryer to the animal shelter to be used to launder the animals' bedding. City Administrator Travis Rothweiler told the council. Construction slowed - Building Inspector Dave Richey told the council that the weather has slowed construction to a much slower pace, as well as applications for building permits.

he hopes to have the new chief ready for hire at the next council meeting on Jan. 20.

The police chief position is subject to appointment by the mayor with council approval. The new chief will supervise between 20 and 30 full-time employees including reserve staff. The starting salary will be \$51,800 to \$56,350 annually depending on experience, plus a benefits package of health insurance, retirement and vacation. The chief will work under the direction of the city administrator. Former Chief Bill Reid resigned

Aug. 22 after a month of suspended leave with pay. Neither the City Council nor Reid had been willing to discuss the reasons behind his departure.

In other business, the council approved raises for the fire chief and public works director. Both got from \$48,161 to \$51,500 annually, an increase of \$3,339. Both raises were given to bring the salaries up to the level of compensation in surrounding communities, council members said. Markus, the city's information specialist, was approved for a merit increase of 3.5 percent, rais-

ing her annual salary from \$48,720 to \$50,425.

Councilman Rob Lundgren asked if the council might be setting itself up for problems by approving the 3.5 percent increase for Markus. But Rothweiler said Markus' performance evaluation had scored in the range for the 3.5 percent increase.

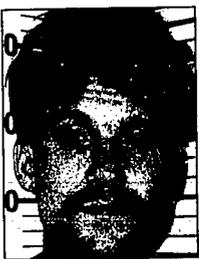
The city allowed for 3 percent merit increases in the budget but some employees don't merit increases, so it will all balance out, Rothweiler told the council. "You won't see any 3.5 percent increases," he said.

Suspect in shooting of Minidoka deputy negotiates plea agreement

By Brandon Flata Times-News writer

RUPERT - After getting shot three times in late September, Minidoka County Sheriff's Lt. Randy White is back at work - hobbling on crutches with a bullet still in his leg.

The man charged with shooting White remains in an Elko County, Nev., jail as attorneys work on a plea bargain. John Kurkowski, 23, of Paul, is charged with attempted murder with use of a deadly weapon in the shooting incident, Elko County Deputy District Attorney Robert Lowe said. Kurkowski was arrested with Paul resident Lisa Ledford, 34, in September following an incident at Cactus Petes in Jackpot, Nev., where White was shot three times. Kurkowski is also a suspect in a Sept. 19 armed robbery at the Elko County Jail. This robbery remains under investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Deputy U.S. Attorney Jack Haycock said Wednesday.



Paul Kurkowski Also facing Paul bank robbery charge

Kurkowski faces up to 40 years in prison on the attempted murder charge, but Lowe declined to discuss details of the plea bargain. "They've been talking 16 to 40 years, but I'd like to see it closer to 40," White said. "I think he should get a substantial sentence. He could have killed me." Kurkowski's sentencing is set for Feb. 23, but the date could change depending on plea negotiations, Lowe said.

meaner charge of violating the terms of his probation - all unrelated to the robbery, Cannon said. The felony charges include fraudulently obtaining welfare and possession of methamphetamine, Cannon said.

Ledford is scheduled to be arraigned today on the welfare fraud charge. A preliminary hearing on the drug possession charge is scheduled for Jan. 13.

Elko Deputy Sheriff Brian Switzer previously said the Sept. 23 shooting incident happened after officers talked by telephone with Kurkowski in this ninth floor hotel room at Cactus Petes. After the call ended, Kurkowski opened his room door and entered the hallway where officers were waiting to make the arrest. As he was being wrestled to the ground, Kurkowski opened fire with a Glock 9 mm handgun, getting off four rounds, three of which struck White in the abdomen and legs, Switzer said. Kurkowski then charged into the wounded officer and both fell to the floor. Kurkowski was immediately taken into custody.

Switzer said after Kurkowski was apprehended, officers ordered Ledford out of the hotel room, but she did not respond. When officers went into the room, the bathroom door was locked and Ledford was inside. She ignored demands to come out and officers broke into the bathroom and found Ledford hiding in the bathtub.

Docs call for closed campuses

Deadly auto accident might drop, they say

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - About 100 members of the Idaho Falls Medical Society have asked five eastern Idaho school districts to close high school campuses - not allow pupils to come and go during the school day.

Kenneth E. Krell, the society's president, said the doctors are concerned about the number of car accidents during lunch times. Idaho Falls, Bonnevill, Madison, Shelley and Rigby school districts all were sent letters.

The doctors cited two serious accidents last year. In one, a Rigby High School student allegedly ran a stop sign, killing Albert Randall Furrows.

Idaho Falls physicians treated a Wyoming teenager at the same time. The boy spent several days in Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center's intensive care unit with severe head injuries.

Both were the result of car accidents during school lunch breaks. Krell said the public only takes notice when someone dies during a lunchtime accident, but doctors usually treat high school students injured while hurrying to and from lunch.

Of the 18 school districts in eastern Idaho, only one, Sugar-Salem High School, has a closed campus. Ririe High School has an open campus, though students are not allowed to drive.

Rigby decided last month not to close its campus, but Superintendent Robert Ranelles said the decision is not final and he is giving the doctors' letter to the school board.

However, he said schools wanting to close campuses face challenges, such as a lack of cafeteria space.

Madison School District Superintendent Geoffrey Thomas said his district has discussed closing its campus for the past three years. But Madison has 970 students and a cafeteria that holds just 200.

"No one is against the idea of closing campuses for safety reasons," Thomas said. "We have come up against the brick wall of the paucity of resources."

The doctors suggest districts be creative by staggering lunch hours or allowing outside vendors to sell goods on campus. They argue that doing nothing guarantees repeats of both the Wyoming and Rigby incidents.

Kempthorne will combine speeches Sect wants alternate memorial in Utah park

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will forgo the long standing tradition of governors who have given separate State of the State and budget addresses to the Idaho Legislature.

Instead, both will be combined into a single speech, scheduled to be delivered to a joint session of lawmakers at 7 p.m., Monday.

In past years, he and previous governors have given the State of the State address on the opening day of the Legislature followed by the Budget Address two days later.

Kempthorne said the change signifies the importance of Idaho's fiscal picture to the state's overall condition.

"The next two years are so intertwined that you cannot describe the state of the state without using the numbers," Kempthorne said in a prepared statement.

The move will also give lawmakers a two-day head start on the session, he said.

Monday's address will still be delivered in the House Chambers to members of the Legislature, members of the state, Supreme Court, the states Constitutional Officers and a live television audience - on Idaho Public Television.

Chief Justice Linda Coppel Trout will deliver her brief State of the Judiciary address to the lawmakers - immediately following Kempthorne's speech.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A federal judge has asked a religious group has asked a federal judge to require the city of Duchesne to remove a Ten Commandments memorial from a city park or allow it to build an equivalent nearby.

The Salt Lake City-based Sumnum religious sect, which practices mummification, winemaking and sexual ecstasy, is seeking permission to build a monument of similar size displaying their Seven Aphorisms. Sumnum worshippers argue that the city is violating their First Amendment rights by allowing the Ten Commandments plaque and denying their request to build a similar one.

The group has filed similar lawsuits in Salt Lake City, Ogden and Pleasant Grove. Judges threw out the suits involving Salt Lake and Ogden, though the dismissals were reversed on appeal by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. In

both cases, the cities chose to remove the monuments instead of allowing construction of the Seven Aphorisms.

Duchesne city attorney Cindy Barton-Coombs argued that the city didn't have to allow Sumnum worshippers the same outlet for religious expression because the land wasn't technically public property anymore.

In August, the city sold an 11 feet by 10 feet plot on which the monument stands to the Lions Club for \$10 and services that benefit the community. But Salt Lake City attorney Brian Barnard, representing Sumnum, said the plot's low price and narrow terms showed Duchesne sold the land only to avoid a lawsuit. Sumnum's aphorisms - which spell out the faith's principles - should enjoy the same exposure on public land that the commandments had for nearly 25 years,

Heavy snow proves mixed blessing in Jackson

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) - Heavy snow that blanketed Jackson Hole over the last two weeks proved to be a mixed blessing for ski resorts during the busy holiday ski season.

Eight feet of snow fell in the Teton Range from Dec. 25 to Jan. 5, making excellent ski and snowboard conditions.

"I can't remember seeing so much snow," said Matt Streng, a 27-year-old snowboarder from Chapel Hill, N.C. "The past week was amazing."

But early reports indicate that lodging and air travel numbers were down compared to last year, and one Teton County resort said the stormy weather hurt business by causing poor travel conditions.

A lodging report prepared by the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce projected total lodging occupancy for Dec. 27 at 65 percent, down from 78 percent on the same day last year. For Jan. 3, the chamber projected total occupancy at 49 percent, down from 53 percent a year ago.

In preparing its forecasts, the chamber surveyed lodging properties representing roughly half of the rooms in the area.

On the western slope of the Teton at Grand Targhee, the 10-day barrage of storms may have kept some visitors from reaching the slopes.

Highways in Idaho and Teton Pass in Wyoming were closed for parts of these days, leaving regional skiers at home and hurting ticket sales, said resort spokesman Susie Barnett-Bushong.

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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Ann E. Arthurs, 23; reckless driving; pretrial conference Jan. 26; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Billy J. Bodenhofer, 23; reckless driving; pretrial conference Jan. 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. ... Court records



Misdemeanor sentencing

LeeRoy Levesque, 31; trespass of private; \$200 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, six months unsupervised probation; 20 days in jail, 20 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. ... Divorces

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News

SHOSHONE - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Thomas A. Russell, 22; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Jan. 14; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram. ... Felony arraignments

Misdemeanor sentencing

Nathan Seidel, 21; theft by receiving; \$63.50 court costs, 60 days in jail; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram. ... Divorces

Activists contend retaliation at BLM

Group: Employees who have clashed with ranching interests are being moved to Idaho's 'Siberia'

BOISE (AP) - A public-employee watchdog group charges that the reshuffling of U.S. Bureau of Land Management offices in southern Idaho to improve efficiency is actually retribution against agency staff. The Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility on Wednesday accused the agency of moving 20 staff positions from "a bustling Boise office to a remote outpost" in the Owyhee County town of Marsing, about 35 miles to the southwest.

District Office for south-central Idaho, to save visitors and employees from a 164-mile round trip. "This move is a political pay-back to a very few, but very connected Owyhee ranchers who want revenge against BLM range staff," PEER Executive Director Jeff Ruch said. "But since the BLM staff cannot be fired for doing their jobs, the next best thing is to induce them to resign or retire to avoid being moved to Idaho's version of Siberia."

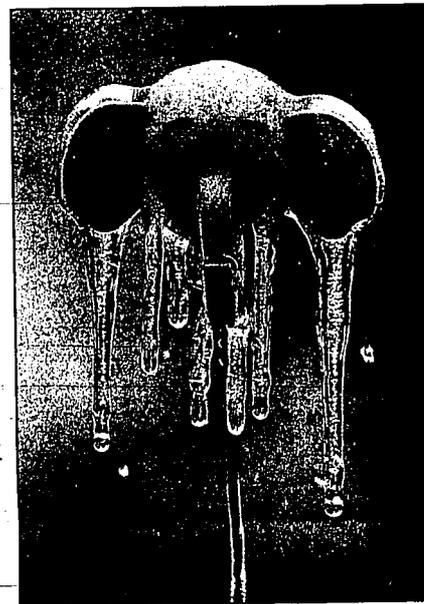
Evidently some BLM employee told this to PEER, but she says they haven't even determined the final figure. "It has been the state director's commitment to do this in the existing budget and the least amount of impact to the public and employees." State Director K. Lynn Bennett said he had submitted the organization proposal to BLM Director Kathleen Clarke and Assistant Interior Secretary Rebecca Scott, and they approved it. In a Tuesday letter to Assistant Interior Director Rebecca Watson, Ruch asked the department to reconsider the Marsing move and examine Bennett's motives. The agency did not want to commit a lot of extra staff time to do an extensive analysis of the move, but an ad hoc committee will be formed to look further into the

issue, Zwang said. "I think this is really a good thing. If it turns out it doesn't meet the goals, we will re-evaluate it," she said. Tensions between the BLM and some Owyhee County officials have been high in the face of grazing restrictions in the arid county. Hostility from Owyhee County officials dead-set against the federal government has caused BLM staff to request a safety review to address their concerns about assaults and lack of cooperation by local authorities, Ruch said. BLM field people have clashed with Owyhee officials. In 1997, Sheriff Gary Aman said he did not believe BLM rangers had authority to make arrests and even threatened to use his arresting powers on rangers who violate the civil rights of local residents.

Idaho recalls phone books due to cover

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Department of Administration recalled 500 state telephone directory books after state lawyers warned they did not have explicit permission to use an image of a deceased Iraq war hero on the cover. The state was in the process of printing up to 11,000 copies of the books and had just distributed about 500 copies around the Capitol Mall complex in Boise on Tuesday when the error was discovered. The image in question is a copy of the Idaho's silver medallion, which was minted to commemorate America's war casualties in the Middle East and help pay for the veterans cemetery. The medallion featured the likeness of 40-year-old Air Force Maj. Gregory Stone of Boise, who was killed last March in a grenade attack at Camp Pennsylvania in Kuwait as he was preparing to deploy to Iraq.

FROZEN DRIP



Icicles hang Wednesday from a frozen elephant antenna ball on a car in Kent, Wash., after freezing rain poured into the Puget Sound region. For more, please see page C8.

BLM orders further study of drill plans

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Agreeing in part with concerns raised by a conservation group, the Bureau of Land Management ordered more analysis Wednesday on 18 planned coal-bed methane wells southwest of Gillette. Marathon Oil Corp., through its subsidiary Pennaco Energy, has not yet begun drilling the wells and the action does not revoke or suspend drilling permits the BLM granted in September, according to Phil Perlewitz, acting deputy state director for minerals and lands. No timetable was set for the additional study. The Powder River Basin Resource Council asked for the review for the House Creek 10 drilling plan, for proposed wells that near where Interstate 90 crosses the Powder River. Some concerns cited by the council were translated into orders for the BLM's Buffalo field office. Among other things, the state office directed its field office to analyze the possible cumulative effects of water discharged from the methane wells, including how vegetation and soil could be affected and if the water could promote West Nile virus by harboring mosquito larvae. The order also points out that Marathon's water management plan does not include a statement saying the company will comply with all laws and does not provide information about the depths at which it obtained groundwater samples.

Risk Management Alternatives vs. Roben R. Clinegan and Deborah Clinegan, husband and wife. Seeking \$1,684,43, plus interest, \$650 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection. ... Divorces

Idaho man faces charges in gun incident

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A man was being held in the Bonneville County Jail on Wednesday after authorities say his gun failed to fire when he tried to shoot a police officer and a hotel clerk. Police had been looking for Leo Leal, 29, of Idaho Falls since December when officers were finally tipped that he was at a local hotel. But when they tried to arrest him Monday evening, there was a scuffle in the lobby that police said ended with Leal pointing a semiautomatic handgun at the head of Detective Jeremy Galbraith. Leal pulled the trigger but the gun did not fire. He then turned on hotel clerk Jeff Jenks and pointed the gun at him. But again it did not fire. "That's as close to death as I ever want to get," the 23-year-old clerk said. Leal, who had been wanted for threatening to make his ex-girlfriend watch him kill her husband and charged with assault and a weapons violation, Police say he apparently did not load the gun right. Seven shots were left in the chamber.

Advertisement for EZ Pay featuring a man's face and the text: 'Put a turkey on Your Table or receive a Free \$20 gift card to KB Toys! Act Now!! Join our EZ Pay program before January 31, 2004 and receive your choice of a 20 lb. maximum turkey\* from Smiths or a \$20 Gift Card from KB Toys. Enjoy receiving The Times-News every day while paying for your paper the simple, convenient way with EZ Pay Service and receive a free turkey for your table! EZ Pay lets you pay for your newspaper subscription automatically from your checking, debit card or credit card account with 12 monthly payments of only \$17.40! That's a savings of \$17.40 per year with no check fees. It's like getting 4 weeks of The Times-News delivered for FREE! KB Toys The Times-News Smiths

## Jumping in the middle

### Party chairman wants to make changes

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** - When Damian Rodriguez took the reins of the Mini-Cassia Democrats, there were not many reins to take.

Three people attended the first meeting, which was held in February 2001.

About half a dozen showed up for the second meeting.

"By June they had multiplied their numbers tenfold," said Jade Riley, former executive director of the Idaho Democratic Party.

At least two dozen people now attend most meetings.

Rodriguez, a 51-year-old vocational rehab counselor, has a bachelor's degree and is working toward his master's in education with an emphasis in human services and counseling from the University of Idaho. He is a Vietnam-era veteran and a technical sergeant in the Air Force National Guard.

When he first organized the Mini-Cassia Democrats, Rodriguez said he started with the group out of his curiosity about the party.

He had listened to some Idaho Democrats talking on a radio talk show, and contacted Patty Nance, then executive director of the Idaho Democratic Party, with a few questions.

"Next thing I knew I was the chair of the Mini-Cassia Democrats," he said.

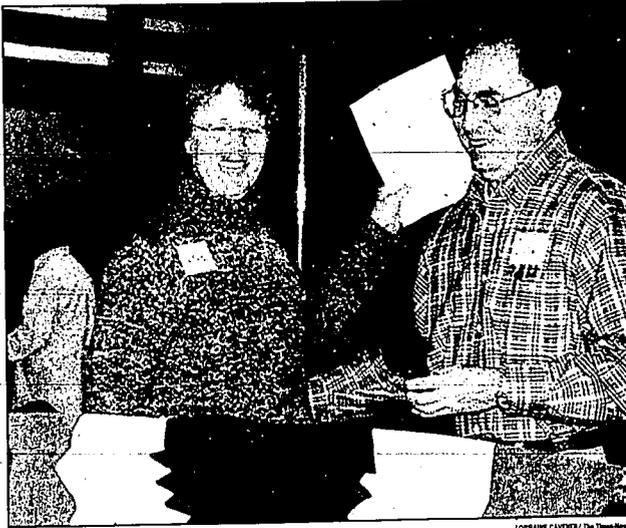
One of the reasons he got involved was because there was not enough representation in the Hispanic community, he said.

"My philosophy is if you want to make a change you've got to jump in the middle," Rodriguez said.

"You can't stand on the sidelines and say 'what's happening.'"

He now co-chairs the local organization with Teri Anderson.

The local committee planned the 2002 Idaho Democratic Party Convention in Burley, which drew more than 500 people from around



Damian Rodriguez, with State Senator Wendy Jaquet, serves as the Mini-Cassia Democratic chair and says he got involved because he wants more representative from the Hispanic community in politics.

the state. New Idaho bi-laws were drafted and a new Idaho Democratic Party platform created.

Several speakers gave presentations, and many workshops were held.

"I didn't do it alone," Rodriguez said of the convention. "I had a lot of help."

"Their work was instrumental in making that a first-class convention," Riley said. The convention was full of opportunities for people to meet elected officials and legislative candidates.

"He did a wonderful job organizing," Nance said of Rodriguez. "There was something there for everybody. It was a big learning experience."

Rodriguez also organized a jobs

rally, which the group held at JR Simplot's Company, Nance said.

"He really headed it up. He worked closely with Jade Riley and he made sure it happened," said Nance, who called Rodriguez "refreshing and dedicated."

His leadership also helped re-elect Marilyn Howard as Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Idaho Department of Education, she said.

"He put together and worked closely with people in the education community."

She also is impressed with Rodriguez's understanding of the needs of his community.

"That is why he has been so successful," she said.

While active in politics, Rodriguez is saddened by the over-

all lack of political involvement from the Hispanic community.

"I'd like to see more," he said. "If all Hispanics got together and voted we would change the climate in the area."

"His organization took it upon themselves to register Latino voters," Riley said. "It is important for members of the Latino community to get involved in the political process. He's the first to recognize the importance in including them."

"I am a part of the Latino community," Rodriguez said. "I want to see more involvement from the Latino community."

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### Hispanic group hears about heart screenings

**TWIN FALLS** - A program about heart screenings for Hispanics will be on the agenda of the meeting of the Hispanic Business and Professionals Network at noon Monday at Eduardo's in Twin Falls.

Malena Rodriguez, the interpreter coordinator at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, will be the guest speaker.

Anyone is invited to the no-host lunch. For more information, call Pat Marcartonio at 735-3288 or Leticia Coronado at 733-0931.

### Conversation Spanish class starts next week in Jerome

**JEROME** - An intermediate class for English speaking people to learn conversational Spanish will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays at CAPS, 215 Lincoln St. N. in Jerome from Jan. 13 through March 2.

The Jerome Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the class. The cost is \$60 for chamber members and \$70 for non-chamber members. Participants can make payment arrangements if needed. Lupe Cisneros will teach the class.

Participants will learn how to give and receive directions, make introductions, understand how to address others, about family members titles and carry on simple conversations. The final exam for the class will be ordering a meal in Spanish at a restaurant.

Cisneros said that after the conversational Spanish class is finished she may offer similar one in conversational English for Spanish-speaking students. For information call Cisneros at 324-5557.

### CSI begins registering people for free ESL classes

The College of Southern Idaho is offering another round of English as second language classes around the Magic Valley.

Registration and classes begin next week. However, the classes



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are open entry so people can register at any time. The classes are free.

The schedule of classes is as follows:

Halley - 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the CSI Blaine County Center (old Wood River High School).

Wendell - 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Wendell High School.

Rupert - 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Big Valley Elementary School and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Big Valley Elementary School.

Ketchum - 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Hemingway Elementary.

Jerome - 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Jerome Middle School.

Twin Falls - 9 a.m. to noon everyday and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays on the second floor of the library building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Citizenship classes will begin on Jan. 15. They are held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays at the same location Hagerman - 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Hagerman High School.

Burley - 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Burley Junior High School.

Gooding - 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Gooding Middle School. At the locations, there is a special class for children age 4 and above.

For more information, call 732-6540 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6540.

## Online credit-card payments available for application fees

By Diane Smith  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service is now accepting online credit-card payments for electronically filed applications for green-card renewal and employment authorization documents.

Customers may pay application fees using credit cards issued by Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Debit cards associated with these credit cards and electronic funds transfer are also options.

The government offers case status online service in English and Spanish. Customers can use the

service to track their cases.

Customers can also learn the processing times for their applications' processing dates and can find out when to call the National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283 for help.

E-filing was introduced in May. More than 55,000 applications, primarily those designed to enable people to renew or replace green cards (Form I-90) or to receive employment authorization (Form I-765), have been filed on the site.

To find out more or to use the case status online feature, go to [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

SOURCE: Department of Homeland Security

## Street teachers target working children in Mexico

By Kevin Sullivan  
The Washington Post

**GUADALAJARA, Mexico** - Tomas Eduardo Trinidad, who has a snowman's belly, a degree in philosophy and a Pied Piper effect on kids, walked into a downtown square, scanned the crowd and spotted a dirty-faced little boy selling cheap Santa Claus hats.

Trinidad greeted him in easy street slang, then plopped down cross-legged in the middle of the plaza, ignoring all the shoppers hustling by.

"What's your name?"

"Martin."

"How old are you?"

"I don't know. I think 7?"

"Do you go to school?"

"No."

Trinidad smiled, because he had

figured right. There are thousands of children like Martin on the streets of Guadalajara, and across Mexico. The government estimates that at least 2 million Mexicans under 15 do not attend school. The vast majority are like Martin, from poor families whose parents need the money their children can earn working.

So street teachers go to the kids. Trinidad, 26, is a frontline soldier in a growing movement across Latin America. He spends long days scouring the streets of Mexico's second-largest city, finding children who are receiving no formal education and recruiting them into classes right there on city corners.

"This is like gasoline in my engine," Trinidad said, sitting in the plaza with Martin and three other boys, joking and laughing

and flashing his high-wattage smile. Through his efforts in the past three years, dozens of street children are now enrolled in schools, learning to read and write and studying other subjects they never would have heard of on the streets.

Ana Maria Anguiano, a professor at the University of Guadalajara, which offers a degree in street education, said there are about 1,500 street teachers now working in Mexico, and many more in such countries as Brazil and Peru. She said they are funded by private groups and governments that increasingly see the approach as a practical and innovative way to deal with Latin America's chronic problems of poverty and street children.

Anguiano said teachers in her program learn how to improvise,

using a sidewalk as a chalkboard or discarded cigarettes to teach about the nature of fire and the effects of smoking on the lungs. Prospective teachers also take courses to understand how poverty, broken families and street life affect learning.

"Many of these children are from extreme circumstances and we need to attend to them differently," Anguiano said.

Sylvia Ortega Salazar, chief of public schools in Mexico City, said street teaching began in the 1970s and has boomed in recent years. She said at least 27 private organizations now have street teachers trying to reach tens of thousands of Mexico City children who are not in school.

"Street educators are absolutely critical," she said. "They provide the last chance for these kids."

## BLESS THE EARTH



Roxanne Salinas, from Mexico City, Mexico, blesses the Earth at the start of the Thunder in the Desert Indian Pow Wow, Dec. 31 at the Rillito Park soccer fields in Tucson, Ariz.

## Book spotlights organized labor

By Stephen Franklin  
Chicago Tribune

We say we are a nation of immigrants, but we've been escorting them out of here lately by the droves. We profess respect for work and hard workers, but we shun laws and unions that might soften workers' burdens.

This is not new. Our schizophrenic views about unions and immigrants provoke a lament today from an overworked, Mexican-born factory worker lashed to a low-dignity, low-wage job much as they did 100 years ago from Eastern Europeans draining away their lives in Chicago's stockyards.

Drawing upon the overlapping legacies of immigrants and unions, historian Leon Fink makes this point vividly clear in "The Maya of Morganton: Work and Community in the Nuevo New South," a compelling recounting of the dilemma faced by Guatemalan and Latino immigrants snarled in a long, bitter dispute at a North Carolina poultry plant.

## Digame! (Tell me!)

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# Husband's salon tan indicates cheating

**DEAR ABBY:** A while back you listed clues to look for if you suspected your husband of being unfaithful. I'd like to add to that list: a bronzed body from a tanning salon.

My husband, "Jerry," and I are called the "ideal" couple. We're both physically active and in good condition. We've been married 46 years.

Jerry brings me coffee, fruit and the newspaper in bed every morning. He has also seduced, or tried to seduce, my sisters, some of my closest friends and business associates.

When I confront him, he tells me that I have a problem and that I need help - not him! I am in therapy in order to decide what to do with the rest of my life.

Please print this list again for those who might have missed it.

- **SUSPICIOUS NO MORE**

**DEAR SUSPICIOUS NO MORE:** You are a strong lady. I'm sure you'll make the right decisions about your future. I'm also



**DEAR ABBY**  
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pleased you're getting professional support, because therapy can be helpful regardless of age.

And now, the list:

- A sudden change in manner of dress and grooming.
- Secretiveness.
- Unexplained absences.
- Unfamiliar charges on credit card or phone bills.
- Hang-ups on your home phone.
- More business trips than usual.
- Stops confiding in you or asking your advice.
- Sets up a new e-mail account and doesn't tell you.
- Mutual friends start acting strangely toward you. (They either know about the cheating or have been told stories about

what a horrible wife or girlfriend you are.)

- Refuses to let you take him to the airport when he's leaving town.
- Carries condoms even though you are on the pill.
- Deletes his phone numbers from caller ID.
- Leaves the house in the morning smelling like Irish Spring and returns in the evening smelling like Speedstick.
- Becomes accusatory, asking if you are being true to him, usually out of guilt.
- Raises hypothetical questions such as, "Do you think it's possible to love more than one person at a time?"
- Buys himself new underwear.
- Insists that the child seat, toys, etc., are kept out of his car.
- Stops wearing his wedding ring.
- Supposedly works a lot of overtime, but it never shows up on the pay stub.
- Suddenly wants to try

new love techniques.

- Has unexplained scratches or bruises on his neck or back.
- Has a sudden desire to be helpful with the laundry.
- Picks fights in order to stomp out of the house.
- Shows a sudden interest in a different type of music.
- Has a sudden preoccupation with his appearance.
- Spends an excessive amount of time on the computer, especially after you have gone to bed.
- Works long hours on weekends, but is never at his desk to answer the phone. Then calls back later with a reason, such as, "I was working in the conference room where there is more space."
- Has lots of "emergency errands." Then comes home empty-handed, saying, "They didn't have what I needed."
- And the telltale sign of a cheating spouse? Having to ask the first person you call. Listen to your gut!

## Baby surge relates to past events

**DENVER (AP)** - Cabin fever is alive and well in the West.

Hospital officials say the monster blizzard that kept people indoors across Colorado last year led to a spike in the number of December babies.

"We had more babies born in December - exactly nine months after the blizzard - than in any other month last year," said Len Gregory, spokesman for St. Mary-Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

Added Lynne Snyder, head of newborn services for Avista Adventist Hospital in suburban Louisville, "We were overflowing there for a while."

Snyder said it is not unusual for a surge in births 40 weeks after major events like the Denver Broncos' first Super Bowl victory.

The snowstorm started March 17 and shut down Colorado cities big and small for several days.

Nearly 9 feet of snow fell in the mountains and half that total paralyzed the heavily populated Front Range along the eastern slopes of the Rockies.

The state health department won't have final birth figures until next month, but spokeswoman Cindy Fermenter said she would not be surprised if the numbers back the anecdotal evidence of a baby boomlet.

Nicole Maria Walker is one of this year's blizzard babies. She was born at 4:01 a.m. Jan. 1.

"We certainly will never forget this new year," said Nicole's mother, Regina.

## Hope quotes make good collection

If you're looking for something to collect, why not quotations about Hope? There are all kinds, almost all uplifting. Here, start with John Keats' line: "There is a budding morrow in midnight."

"Ole!" cry out the bullfight buffs. It's a Spanish corruption of a word brought to Spain by Muslims in the 8th century: "Allah."

An opussum of appropriate gender has two wombs.

Beer didn't make any city in Wisconsin famous until after the Chicago fire. That wiped out the burned city's big breweries. Joseph Schlitz shipped a boatload of brew down from Milwaukee. And pretty soon everybody knew milk was not Wisconsin's only drink.

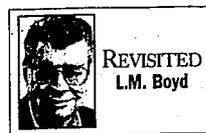
It was the science fiction writer Arthur C. Clark who first proposed communications satellites.

Q: Does your Love and the Typewriter have statistics on the typical frequency of sex among the married, say, couples between the ages of 35 and 44?

A: That statistical file indicates 98 times a year is average.

Look closely at the inner corner of your eye. Do you see the little fold of tissue? It's what's left of a third eyelid. You don't need it anymore. But your most distant progenitors, they so exposed it. Or so says a student of antique animal life.

More basketball players than baseball players and more baseball players than football players - still here? - report injuries. Or so says the Consumer Products Safety Commission.



**REVISITED**  
L.M. Boyd

Its naked tail is what the 'possum has to worry about in winter. Frosthite.

Many a voter thought the senior Henry Ford would make a good president. That White House movement waned, though.

Got out that Ford told heart patients - at the Henry Ford Hospital to forget their doctors' advice, and to just lie on the floor and eat celery. History records he believed his most recent "earlier self" had been killed in the Civil War.

Why the cruise agents don't quote Tennessee Williams I do not know. Take his line: "Make voyages. Attend them there. There's nothing else."

That sage Dorothy Bernard described "courage" as "fear that has said its prayers."

Q: Who was the first scientist? A. A Greek named Thales is sometimes so credited. He was the first person to record a predict a solar eclipse.

## People born today succeed at most things

**IF JANUARY 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** - you are an awesome success machine. Your perseverance is legendary and has already brought you far from your beginnings. You won't be satisfied until you attain all of your goals. Do make sure to take some time for fun personal relationships as well as for rest to recharge your batteries. There are actual advantages to being well-rounded!

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): During the day, your attention will shift from home to fun, and you'll feel pounds lighter. Let yourself have some fun when your responsibilities are completed. You want lots of attention.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20-May 20): You want to be the king or queen of your castle today. Keep it real and don't expect others to back away from your presence! Avoid an ideological struggle over something that's really not essential.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): By afternoon, you're better able to express yourself out of a warm heart. Your thoughts are powerfully drawn to a serious relationship. Other people's actions may seem heavy-handed.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Your generosity shines through. Romance is starting to gel, but let it happen naturally. Money may become a point of pride.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Your pride awakens with a bang by midday, though you remain generous with time and effort. Disputes in areas of travel or education can be temporarily upsetting.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Time for a break as evening comes. Watch out for wounded pride. Single Virgos could con-

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Jeraldine Saunders

nect with someone very special.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Family ties are strengthened now, despite the outside pressures. There is a subtle sense of coming into your own, regardless of what is swirling around you. In career, you reap what you have sown.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Have patience with daily routines. You'll be able to fix what needs fixing later. Work through your frustrations privately in a suppressed anger affect your health.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Ah, yes, things feel lighter today. Watch out for a tendency to be intellectually overbearing. Children don't want to be preached to. Wait to employ your abundant charisma.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make sure to create some real fun for yourself today. Uncommitted Caps should get out and mingle. Your thoughts travel in deep waters, and your thirst for power increases.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't address grievances directly with others or you may say things you wish you could retract. However, writing about them will release a great deal of pent-up feelings. It's in your heart to give generously to loved ones.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): A good day for exercise and other self-care. You're restless with duties, but fun is not easy to come. Charing for children is satisfying, though perhaps exhausting.

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**Mona Lisa Smile (13) 7:00 - 9:30**  
Return of the King (13) 7:30  
Cheaper by the Dozen (16) 7:15 - 9:15  
Paycheck (16) 7:15 - 9:45



## Magic Valley scrapbooks

# Rich with history



Photo courtesy of Thomas Bally of Twin Falls

This photograph, taken at Twin Falls' old post office at Second Street West and Main Avenue West in about 1922, depicts mail carriers as they prepare to leave on their walking routes. From left are Superintendent Henry Mahnken, G.J. Preckel, Glynn Smith, L.H. Benton, J.A. Phillips, Phil Compton and Herb Smith. The photo is owned by Glynn Smith's son Vernon Smith of Twin Falls, a retired mail carrier who followed his father into a postal career.

## Readers share images of local pioneers

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - What tidbits of Magic Valley history might a scrapbook reveal? Perhaps postal carriers, family portraits or a parade.

Today *The Times-News* presents a selection of photographs from its readers' private collections. The photos are published by owners' permission, and the newspaper hopes other Magic Valley residents will opt to share, as well.

"Magic Valley scrapbooks" will be a frequent feature on our twice-weekly Centennial page from now through October 2004. So check your attic, comb the photo albums and ask older family members for their treasured old pictures.

Let us know what you find. With your permission, we'll share selections from your collections with our readers.

We're looking for photos taken anywhere in Magic Valley before 1940. (No mystery photos, please.) The 100th birthday of Magic Valley's largest city is a good time for us to highlight the early days of the entire valley. So we're not limiting our publication of historical photos to images of Twin Falls only.

The sampling published today, for instance, includes a photograph from Hansen.

To submit privately owned historical photographs for "Magic Valley scrapbooks," please bring them to *The Times-News*' office in Twin Falls.



Photo courtesy of Thomas Bally of Twin Falls

This photograph, from approximately 1910, was taken in the orchard at I.B. Perrine's ranch in the Snake River Canyon. Perrine planted fruit trees and developed the gardens and fields of his canyon property. He marketed loads of his fruit in Challis, as well as in Halley and Shoshone, where he owned grocery stores. The people pictured here are unidentified.

• What to submit: We're looking for photos taken anywhere in Magic Valley before 1940, depicting people, places or activities that you can identify.

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*Times-News* Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins - serving also as Centennial editor - can be reached at 735-3242 or [virginia@magicvalley.com](mailto:virginia@magicvalley.com).



Photo courtesy of Thomas Bally of Twin Falls

This 1930s photograph depicts Lincoln S. Courtney and his wife, Mabel Gray Courtney, at their ranch on the Salmon Falls tract south of Twin Falls. The Courtneys, parents of six, had operated a dairy, homesteaded, run cattle, hauled freighted, cleared ground, grown crops and raised sheep in many locations, including Clover Creek, the Twin Falls area and Shoshone Basin. But they spent the last years of their life on this land on the lower end of the Salmon tract. The photo was supplied by Sharon Moore, a grand-niece of the Courtneys, and some of the couple's grandchildren still live in the Twin Falls area.



Photo courtesy of Sharon Bally of Twin Falls

James William Glandon and his wife, Ella May Johnson Glandon, pose in this 1898 photo with three of their five children: John Herbert Glandon, Gladys Glandon Carson Haviland and Elsie May Glandon Stafford.

James W. Glandon - the great-grandfather of current Twin Falls resident Sharon Glandon Kelley - first came to the Rock Creek area (on a horse drive from Nebraska to Portland, Ore.) in 1874 at age 17, stayed for two years and mined with the Chinese in the Snake River Canyon. He returned to Twin Falls in 1907 and built a house on Fourth Street North; his wife and children followed in 1909. Descendants of James and Ella who still live in Twin Falls are Roger Stafford, Betty Evans, Joan Smutney, Kelley, Jim Glandon and Linda Davis Rushton.

This June 1924 photograph shows the state convention of BPOE No. 1183, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. BPOE members march along Twin Falls' Main Avenue, with the landmark Rogerson European Hotel in the background.

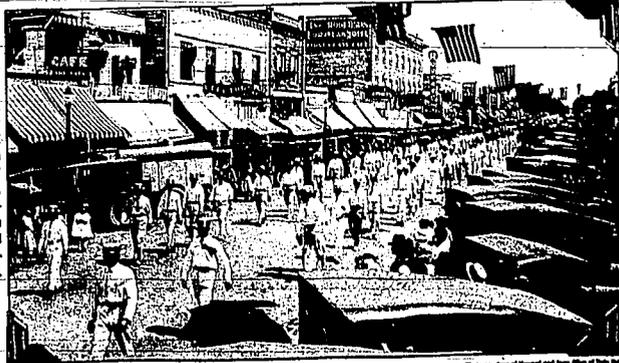


Photo courtesy of Howard and Jean Allen of Twin Falls



Photo courtesy of Lillian Hansen of Twin Falls

In this 1916 photo, Emma Bally of Hansen, on left, and Dolly Sharp of Heyburn, in foreground, harvest onions at the Bally farm in Hansen. Lillian Rambo of Murtaugh - granddaughter of Bally and great-niece of Sharp - notes the crease in her grandmother's sleeve. "You knew it had to be ironed," Rambo says. "And all those pleats! That was a lot of work, you know, to make those dresses."

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# Nasty weather



Annal Tuma looks over a car that was crushed by a falling tree branch Wednesday in Corvallis, Ore. Freezing rain hit the area, downing trees and causing widespread power outages.

# Study: Idaho counties need Medicaid dollars

BOISE (AP) — A new study finds that federal and state health insurance funds are essential to the economic well-being of Idaho counties.

The study, conducted by the Idaho Community Action Network and Northwest Federation of Community Organizations, says dollars from Medicaid and the state's Children's Health Insurance Program ripple through a county's economy, supporting local jobs and providing health coverage for the young.

Ten percent of Idaho residents depend on Medicaid and more than 11,000 children rely on CHIP for health care, the study says. Every state dollar for Medicaid is generally matched by just over two federal dollars, and last year's statewide total was \$800 million.

Medicaid — spending — in — Ada County, the state's most populous, was nearly \$200 million alone. "State spending on Medicaid results in total business activity approximately five times larger than the state's original investment given that state dollars are matched and because the initial spending stimulates additional economic activity," the report said.

In 2000, the latest information available, Medicaid spending generated more than \$1 billion in business activity beyond direct health care, supporting 16,764 jobs and creating \$542 million in total employee income.

In individual counties, the percentage of Medicaid-spending-in-total health-care expenses ranged from just 8 percent in Blaine County, the state's wealthiest, to 44 percent in Fremont County.

"A hospital's purchase of medical supplies helps support businesses that produce medical supplies, businesses that transport the supplies and businesses that provide raw material for the supplies," the study said.

"Employees of all these businesses use part of their salaries to purchase further local goods — they may spend part of their salaries on appliances, enabling appliance store employees to spend additional money on groceries, and on and on."

The report also says Idaho has opportunities to strengthen the economy by investing in the programs.

In 2003, the Legislature passed a measure to expand the so-called CHIP plan. It makes children with family incomes between 150 and 185 percent of the federal poverty level eligible for health care.

Lawmakers are still putting details together. The plan does not take effect until mid-year.

The survey was performed by Steven Peterson, research economist for the University of Idaho's Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.

# Snow turns to icy slush in Northwest

SEATTLE (AP) — Snow turned to rain and icy slush Wednesday after a storm that shut down schools and highways in the Northwest and stranded travelers overnight in airports.

Public schools in Seattle and its suburbs and in northwest Oregon were closed Wednesday for a second day, and parts of western Washington and Oregon were under flood advisories as rain mixed with melting snow.

Tuesday's snowstorm was the largest since 1996 in western Washington, which typically has mild weather. Accumulations ranged from 3 inches in Everett, north of Seattle, to 11 inches at Hoodport.

In Portland, Ore., 7 inches of snow was enough to nearly bring the state's largest city to a halt Tuesday. Even the city's light-rail commuter train skidded to a stop on icy rails on some routes.

Freezing rain during the night caused a rash of power outages, and Seattle City Light officials reported about 20,000 homes and businesses in the dark. Portland General Electric said about 45,000 customers were without power Wednesday morning.

Interstate 90, Washington's principal east-west route, was closed early Wednesday because of poor visibility in blowing and drifting snow.

Thousands of travelers were stranded at Oregon's Portland International Airport after more than 330 flights were canceled because of slippery runways during the storm Tuesday. More than 140 flights were canceled Wednesday morning because of freezing rain coating aircraft wings, said airport spokesman Steve Johnson.

Other travelers spent the night at Washington's Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.



Stranded travelers Heidi Goehring, left, and Michelle Dickinson, with the Oregon State gymnastics team, wait in line for word of their flight to Atlanta Wednesday at Portland International Airport. More than 140 flights were canceled Wednesday morning because of the storm.

The NBA postponed a matchup between the Portland Trail Blazers and Memphis Grizzlies, marking the first time weather has ever stopped a Portland home game.

Several large companies in the Portland area told employees to stay home Wednesday, including the headquarters of Nike and Freightliner.

Three deaths were linked to the snow and cold. A 3-year-old boy died of hypothermia after sneaking out to play in the snow early Tuesday at Union, Ore. An apparently homeless woman was found dead in the snow in Seattle. In British Columbia, the cold was cited as a factor in the

death of a woman who wandered away from a care center for the mentally ill.

Despite the problems, many people took advantage of the unaccustomed snowfall.

With several streets closed to traffic, Seattle residents slid down hills on sleds, inner tubes, and even garbage can lids and plastic bags.

"We don't have many sleds because it doesn't snow much around here," said Grady Leno, who used a tarp-covered ironing board.

"Super fun!" said Lara Stokes, 33, who slid down a Seattle hill on a garbage can lid with her husband.

# Idaho bill targets small boat owners for new fee

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Every canoe, kayak and raft over 7 feet long would have to be registered with the state under a bill being proposed by the Kootenai County Sheriff's Department.

The \$13 registration fee would apply to any non-motorized vessel, including out-of-state paddlers.

"They need to pay their own way," Kootenai County Sheriff Rocky Watson said about non-motorized boats. "They are creating a need for services."

Watson said most search-and-rescue efforts are for whitewater rafters and kayakers.

The bill is not sitting well with river outfitters and retailers.

Fran Tonsmeire, co-owner of Wilderness River Outfitter in Chelan, said her family-owned business already pays enough fees.

"We wouldn't like it. It's just another red tape kind of thing, and we don't need any more regulations or paperwork," she said.

Stan Kolby, co-owner of Idaho River Sports canoe and kayak shop in Boise, said the proposed law is misinformed about the sport.

Many new kayak boats are built under the 7-foot length limit now, and shorter boats are often used in the roughest water.

Also, dedicated paddlers often have multiple boats for different water conditions. Paying fees for

each boat would punish people who are taking measures to avoid search and rescue operations by using the proper equipment.

And, Kolby says, his business would be forced to pay more than \$1,300 in fees just for the lively boats he rents to customers.

"I understand search and rescue has to be funded. Sometimes things happen beyond our control. But there must be other options or alternatives," he said.

Idaho currently requires motorboat and sailboat owners to buy an annual registration, which costs \$13 for boats up to 12 feet. An additional \$2 per foot is charged for longer boats.

The Idaho Parks and Recreation Department estimates that there are more than 100,000 non-motorized boats in Idaho.

Corby Christensen, the state's boating law administrator, thinks it's time for paddlers to pay their share.

"It would help enhance the sport and help correct a lot of overcrowding problems we have," he said.

Kootenai County Waterways Director Kurtis Robinson sees the \$13 charge more as a user fee than a registration fee.

"I have two kayaks myself and I don't think it would bother me," he said. "You have to pay if you are going to play."

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## Hunting the high lumber

When I started hunting more than 20 years ago the absolute safest place in Idaho for any deer was directly in front of my rifle. In my vicinity, they had a virtual guarantee that no harm would come their way.

Throgs of deer took advantage of the sanctuary offered in my gun rights and large sums of cash crossed the counter of a local sporting goods store to keep me stocked with ammunition for my well worn 30-30. I'm not sure if those hunts in the early 80s qualify as the good old days or not, but if deer hunting isn't quite the same now it certainly isn't my fault.

Until this fall, I hadn't been deer hunting in a while. Work and obligations always seem to coincide with the hunting season, but I have a son who'd been counting down the days to this years season and I couldn't let him down, so, we played hooky for a day and headed for the hills.



COUNTRY LARKS  
Sam Hutchins

I knew we had a few strikes against us right out of the box. The weather was unseasonably warm. Deer numbers were down and without a permit for any of the controlled hunts, we would be restricted to a general season area where we could be assured of encountering great herds of other hunters like us.

I could plainly see one thing hadn't changed since that crisp fall day when I first drew a bead on a lone mule deer. It was written all over the face of my 12-year-old son - that tummy-fluttering excitement of a boy about to take his first crack at venison.

When the morning finally came Zack went through all the classic emotions hunters have been experiencing since the first nomad picked up his spear and trotted after a line of tracks. It's a wonderful combination; a giddy flush of anticipation mixed with an earnest sense of mission. From the guns and gear, to the simple mystique of leaving home long before daylight, it all smacks of pure adventure.

Fittingly enough we headed for the Deer Creek area near Hailey. By pre-arranged plan our hunting party dropped Zack and I off at the base of a large mountain. The others drove on ahead to the crest of a ridge about a mile away. In the gray, half-light of early dawn Zack and I struck out. It was soon apparent that the mountain facing us was going to be quite a challenge. I have a body toned and sculpted by years of flower gardening and Zack has the unmistakable physique of an avid Nintendo player, but in spite of the exertion Zack's spirits remained high. This was the moment he'd been waiting for. With my brothers' borrowed rifle slung over his shoulder and a day full of promise ahead of him, he was practically a man.

"We stopped for a breather at the top of a small knoll. I watched Zack survey the country around us with intense concentration. Scrawing his mouth up a little he squinted at a patch of trees and, in the most man to man tone he could muster, asked, "Dad, do you think there could be some hiding up there in that lumber?"

"I suppressed a smile. "You mean in that timber?" I replied.

Zack winced slightly. "I knew that didn't sound right," he muttered. "That's all right," I said, "I think there just might be some up there. Let's go see."

We didn't find any deer in the lumber, or anywhere else that day, but it was a good day none the less. The qualities were in their full golden glory. The sky was an intense blue and the breeze warm and pleasant. When we crested a peak we were treated to an awe-inspiring panorama of the Idaho backcountry; a vast sea of mountains all around us, spreading out into a horizon of blue haze. The sun was just a faint glow in the west and our legs shaky with exhaustion when we finally headed back to the hunting "Dad," Zack said as we drove out. "He really meant it too, and for me, that was the best part of the day."

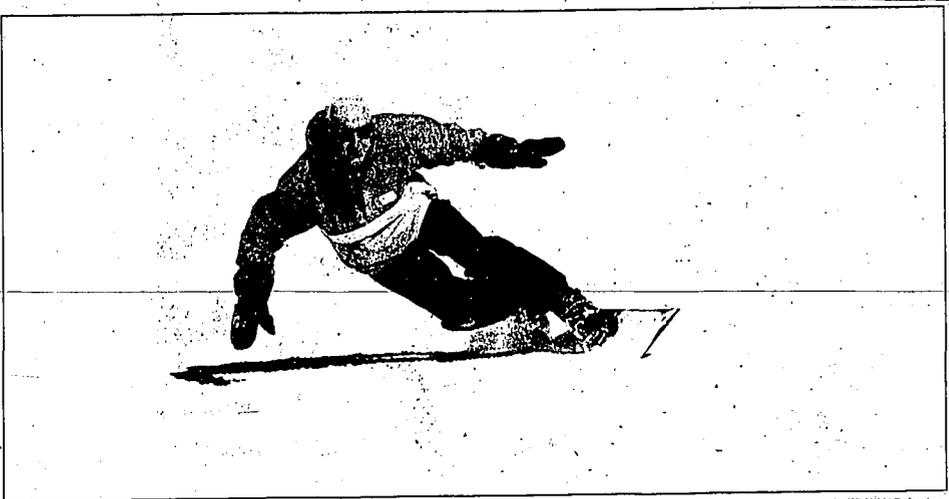


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Carl Manus, 73, is the grandfather of snowboarding in Sun Valley. He's so used to leaning over to drag his knuckles against the snow that he even sings that way in the choir, says his choir director Patty Parsons.

## Hey, skiers, try not to get board

Sparting continues between different breeds of snowbird

By Karen Bosseck  
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - One of my friends - a dyed-in-the-Bogger skier - proudly displays a bumper sticker on his Ford Explorer. "If it were easy, they'd call it snowboarding."

Another - a dyed-in-the-Burton snowboarder - proudly boasts a T-shirt he just bought from the gift shop at River Run Lodge. It reads "Snowboarding is not a crime."

Just goes to show there is still a lot of - mostly - good-natured kidding between the two groups of snow sliders 15 years after snowboarding became entrenched in every American ski resort except for Mad River Glen, Alta, Deer Valley and Teton.

When snowboarders first hit the slopes at Sun Valley and Pomerelle, the jokes aimed at snowboarders were fast and furious:

"What does a snowboarder use for birth control?" His personality.

"How does a snowboarder say, 'Good morning'?" "Ooops. Sorry, dude."

Then something happened. Snowboarders became our husbands, our wives, our sons, our daughters. They became us.

They were no longer faceless bubble blowing punks with shaggy haircuts and low-slung jeans.

They were grandpas like Carl Manus, a 73-year-old boarder whose white Army crewcut is a staple on Bald Mountain.

They were aunts like Laurie Lehman, whose ponytail bobs behind her as she cuts graceful arcs down Ridge.

I'll be up front about it. I tried snowboarding once and hated it.

To be fair I was not taught by Sun Valley's core of polished instructors who insist they could have had me careening down the mountain like Dante Hall cutting across a football field.

The resort I learned at sported these rickety wooden chairs with landing zones that plunged down so sharply that I felt like a needed a parachute to get off the chair in one piece. But that told snowboarding has a much quicker learning curve than skiing, I tried it.

I felt like a calf in the under who's just had its legs yanked from under it.

I bodylanned my way down the slopes. I lay on the ground and pounded the snow, cursing God for ever inventing the stuff.

And, after one too many bonks on the head, I decided that if God had meant for man to have both legs tied down to one board, we would have been born that way.

That said, snowboarding has put a nip into many a guy and gal's ski fix.

Sure, we've heard many of the arguments: Snowboarders slide around on trays scraping all the snow off the hill. Knuckle draggers - so called because they get so close to the snow that they drag their hands in it - leave ruts. Snowboarders are obnoxious and out of control.

At places like Lake Louise in Canada, snowboarders who know nothing about what they're doing sideslip down the hill scraping all the snow off and leaving an icy path in their wake. But here at Sun Valley, snowboarders know how to snowboard.

Snowboarders may leave a few ruts in the runs at Sun Valley. But so do the high-speed race carvers on skis.

You just have to be careful you don't trip over them.

As for obnoxious and out of control? Well, Carl Manus is as charming as he can be with that sweet talking Arkansas accent of his.

"Snowboarding is a gentlemen's sport," insists Manus. "Well, at least there are a few of us gentlemen around."

When snowboarders first began to become noticeable on Sun Valley's slopes in the 1990s, Sun Valley banned snowboarding from two runs on Seattle Ridge.

They did that to oblige the request of older skiers who wanted a couple of runs where they didn't always have to be nervously looking over their shoulders at the raucous sound of snowboards skimming down the hill, said Jack Sibbach, director of Sales and Marketing for the resort.

"We never banned snowboarding completely because we knew it was part of the industry-up and coming," he said.

Over a 10-year period the closures dwindled to one run, The Sun Valley quietly took the closure sign down on the other run, without receiving a single complaint.

Sibbach says Sun Valley doesn't reap the complaints often directed at snowboarders elsewhere for two reasons.

"First, we're further away from a big city. At Big Bear and the other areas close to Los Angeles, for instance, 70 percent of the riders are snowboarders and a lot of them are younger kids. Here snowboarders make up 20 percent of the riders and they tend to be older."

"And we have a big enough



Snowboarders often say their favorite position is sitting on the snow. Another plus is getting back on your feet is easier than with skis.



Skiers claim they can catch more air than snowboarders. But you have to be coordinated to land on both skis at once.

mountain that it's not as crowded. Therefore there's not as much room for confrontation."

Rob and Kris Cronin, who own the Red Elephant Saloon and Zou 75 in Hailey, know what it's like to be in a mixed marriage.

She tried snowboarding once. But she caught an edge and the whomp on the snow ended it for her.

"It's better this way, anyway," she says, knowing how men can get intimidated by gals who do things better than they. "We don't compete."

Rob has a different take on it. "Us knuckle draggers can get into the tree easier, which gives me more quality time away from my wife. It makes our time at the lodge that more special."

And is there anything he absolutely cannot stand about skiers?

"Not at all. The skiers create bumps for me to snowboard on."

Cathy Reinheimer tried learning to snowboard two years ago. But, like myself,



Rob Tetsuno shows that snowboarding can reward snowbirds of all ages.

she went back to two boards. "There was something about not having both legs free...maybe because of my age. At 46 I just felt like I was in a self-imposed prison. Plus, on the board I couldn't see out of my peripheral vision and the whole thing was too odd - it freaked me out. Then I realized everyone else on snowboards is half-blind, too."

"With skiing, by contrast, I feel like I'm missing everything. I'm a fast skier and I know how to deal with the steep. The one thing I did like about snowboarding was being able to sit on the hill when I got tired. Getting up is easy on a snowboard whereas in skiing you often have to rearrange your poles and skis and even legs."

Another who went back to skis after snowboarding was David Wheelock. But he did so for an entirely different reason.

"The skis got fatter and when they did I switched back. Now it's like having two snowboards on my feet. It's fun and I feel like I have more control."

But snowboarding offers a whole new niche for people who otherwise would probably never hit the slopes.

One of them is Walker Monroe who, despite his white hair and curly white beard is "just a kid" in Carl Manus' eyes.

After 35 years of skiing in Sun Valley, Monroe had gotten bored with it. He had hung up his skis and was ready to head for the Baja for good when he tried snowboarding. Now he rides his snowboards over Sun Valley's white powder waves when he isn't cruising the blue waves at his second home in Baja.

"It's the best thing there is when you're 600 miles from an ocean!" he said.

OUTDOORS

# CSI schedules avalanche safety course

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program will hold a two-day avalanche safety course on Jan. 30 and 31. The first day will be in the classroom, and the second day will be spent in a to-be-determined mountain location in southern Idaho.

The Outdoor Program has held annual avalanche safety programs for many years. Interest in this year's class is expected to be more significant as a result of several avalanche deaths and other inci-

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dents in the Intermountain Region this season, said program director Bill Studebaker.

Skills taught during the course include how to move safely through the mountains in the winter, how to do avalanche assessments, multiple snow pack checking methods, and search and rescue methods following an avalanche. The class is excellent for backcountry skiers, snowmobili-

ers, cross-country skiers, winter campers, mountaineers or people who are interested in the science of mountain snowpacks.

Course cost is \$60. Rental gear is available the second class day from the Outdoor program. A maximum of 12 persons can be accommodated. For information or to sign up, call 732-6697.

### Silver Sage Grottu club will hold meeting today

**TWIN FALLS** - The Silver Sage

Grotto club will hold its January meeting at 7 p.m. in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The program will be a slide show of the Honey Creek Cave in Texas.

The group meets the second Thursday of each month. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

David Olsen, club secretary, said the group takes several trips to area caves each year.

- compiled from staff reports

# Nordic club will assist at free ski day Jan. 14

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - Three major activities are scheduled during January for members of the High Desert Nordic Association.

Members of the cross-country ski organization will assist with Cross-Country Idaho on Saturday, Jan. 10, hear a presentation on winter medical emergencies at the regular meeting on Jan. 14, and plan a weekend trip to the Wood River Valley and Stanley Basin, Jan. 17 to 19.

Bob Forster, president of the association, said members will provide instruction and other support for the free ski day at Magic Mountain ski area south of Hansen this Saturday. Skis, poles and boots will be provided for those wanting to try cross-country skiing. The event runs from 10

a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dennis Pettygrove of Hansen, HDNA member and veteran backcountry skier, will present information on handling winter emergencies at the organization's meeting on Jan. 14. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Idaho Joe's in Twin Falls.

Members joining the ski outing the next weekend (Jan. 17-19) will stay at the Central Idaho 4-H Camp north of Ketchum. Participants will be able to ski trails in the North Wood River valley and in the Stanley area as well as backcountry trails in Galena Summit region.

For more information about Cross-Country Idaho call Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505. For information about the HDNA, contact Dale Stewart at 733-1882.

# Upland game bird seasons start winding down

**JEROME** - With the closing of pheasant, forest grouse and quail seasons Dec. 31, hunters will have less variety but still plenty of opportunity to enjoy the hunt over the next few weeks.

Bird hunters can go after chukar and gray partridge through Jan. 15. Cottontail rabbit season continues to the end of February and snowshoe hares can be hunted through the end of March.

"Bird season has been great this year and with the new snow it will be better," said Kelton Hatch, Fish and Game Regional Conservation Educator. "The hardest part about hunting them will be getting to them. I would guess most places would be pretty muddy because of all the snow and rain."

"Waterfowl hunters should also do well over the coming weeks with the cooler temperature drying the birds to feed more often," he said. "But one thing hunters need to remember before heading

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out to the field is to purchase new hunting licenses."

With the turning of a new year all licenses, tags, permits and validations expire after Dec. 31, except for the federal waterfowl hunting stamp that remains in effect through the end of the seasons.

Waterfowl hunters also need a new Federal migratory game bird validation for \$1.50. Waterfowl seasons close Jan. 23.

Along with the expiration of hunting licenses, fishermen also need to get new licenses before heading out.

### River otter season closed

The river otter harvest quota of 20 has been reached in the Magic Valley Region and is now closed.

Any otters trapped in the Magic Valley Region must be brought in

and surrendered to the Department for a \$5 reward.

### Follow steps to protect winter wildlife

**JEROME** - With winter's snow piling up the site of elk and mule deer moving to lower valleys is becoming a common sight.

Along with the moment of the animals come the problems for both them and the people who live in the valleys.

Here are a few tips for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to protect both the animals and the people who live near them.

- Store feed, hay, grain in a shed or building.
- Wrap shrubs with burlap or fence around them to keep wildlife from feeding on them.
- Report large herds of congregated wildlife to Fish and Game.
- Do not feed wildlife. If you are feeding one or two elk today there

is a good chance more will come and soon there will be dozens.

• Drive with caution. Look for eye reflection along roadways.

• Reflect dogs kennel or chained.

• Keep a safe distance from wildlife, if they move you're to close.

Along with the problems some people face with big game animals small predators such as skunks and raccoons also cause problems.

Here are some additional tips.

- Place garbage in covered containers.
  - Don't feed pets outside at night. When night comes bring food dishes inside or place in garage.
  - Place bird feeders on metal poles.
  - Clean up wood, brush and garbage piles near home.
- For more information on living with wildlife, contact the Fish and Game office at 324-4359.

# Advanced gadgets aid the 'hard-core' hunter

By Christopher Stern  
The Washington Post

**JOSH GRAU**, a self-described hard-core bow hunter, is trading across the winter wheat and frost mud on his family's farm in Clayton, Del., and he has a lot to carry.

There is the \$1,100 compound bow equipped with a fiber-optic sight, the \$300 laser range finder clipped to his belt, and a collapsible deer blind, zipped into a bag that bumps against his waist as he walks. His camouflage hunting jacket and pants are lined with carbon-filtered material designed to keep his body's odor from reaching any nearby game. He has taken the added precaution of spraying repellent, a chemical mixture that claims to kill "human scent on contact."

According to Grau, deer have a sense of smell six times as powerful as a dog's and he is not taking any chances. He goes through a gallon of the stuff a year.

Hunting has entered the 21st century laden with technology. Gadgets such as hand-held global positioning system receivers, remote-controlled duck decoys and night-vision goggles have become big business for outdoor retailers.

It also has raised questions about the fairness of hunting with such equipment.

Hunters are divided on the issue. Some, such as Grau, embrace the technology. Others say the high-tech gadgets undermine the hunt in ways in which the challenge of pursuit and development of skill are just as important as bagging a trophy.

Grau, 18, sees nothing wrong with seeking a technical edge over his prey. "I can't smell like a deer," he said. He also argues that the technology allows him to be more humane. His laser range finder takes the guesswork out of judging distances. He knows not to shoot a deer more than 40 yards away because, at that distance, an arrow is more likely just to maim, not kill, the animal. "There are a lot less injured deer," Grau said.

But some hunters view the growing popularity of technology as unwelcome intrusion. "I can't think of a more inappropriate place for high-tech equipment," said David Peterson, an avid hunter who writes about the sport. Peterson said the use of technological aids is "immoral, unethical and just plain stupid."

For Peterson, who hunts elk in the Rocky Mountains with a traditional longbow, the joy of hunting is "going out there and meeting nature on your own terms."

Animal-rights supporters question whether hunting in any form is appropriate. Yet the sport remains a hugely popular activity, attracting 19 million people each year, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, an industry trade group. Bow hunting is one of the fastest-growing segments, with more than 7 million archers across the country.

There is nothing new about advances in hunting gear being controversial. The introduction of rapid-fire shotguns and telescopic sights also were resisted before they became standard equipment.



**Josh Grau sets up a digital camera to track game. Time-stamped pictures indicate the best hours for hunting.**

the latest in that evolution, and they are being accepted quickly. As sales of hunting equipment are stagnant or even falling, sales of electronic devices for hunting, such as global positioning devices and laser sights, are up more than 13 percent in the past year, according to SportsScan Inc., a research firm that tracks the retail sales of hunting and other sporting equipment.

Jerry Martin, a professional hunter since 1970, believes the popularity stems from hunters' desire to squeeze a time-consuming pursuit into the constraints of hectic modern lives.

"They get a week's vacation and they want to use every minute they can," said Martin, who is a staff reviewer of hunting equipment for the "Outdoor World" television show. Some of the best-selling new products are so-called game cameras, which allow hunters to scout woods without leaving their house. Until just a few years ago, it was common for hunters to spend days, if not weeks, looking for a deer before they picked up their guns or bows. Now they can place a digital camera, equipped with a thermal motion detector, on a tree they expect to be passed by game. The photos are uploaded to computers or images of deer as they wander by.

The photos are stamped with dates and times, saving hunters the trouble of staking out the woods themselves. The photos and data can be uploaded to computers or programs designed to predict the best time and places for a hunt. Last year, Cabela's, a popular outdoor retailer, had just three models of game cameras in its catalogs. This year, game cameras fill three pages.

In many cases, the new technology is a refinement of gear that has been around for a long time. Bows have carried chunky sonar fish-finding devices for years, but now there is a sonar gizmo so small that it can be attached to the end of a fishing line. The Humminbird Smartcast RD 30 fishfinder beams an image of nearby fish to a wireless receiver connected to a wristwatch-like device.

In other cases, companies marry new technology to standard equipment. This year, Shimano, the Japanese sporting goods company, is selling the first fishing reel with a

microchip. The company claims that the Calcutta Company 200DC can lengthen a cast from 200 feet to almost 300 feet by adjusting speed of the spinning reel as the line flies through the air.

The new gear is not cheap. Night-vision scopes can sell for more than \$5,000. Game cameras range from \$120 to \$500.

"Hunting has become a rich man's game," Martin lamented.

While some dismiss the new technologies as a fad, many hunters believe they are at a disadvantage if they don't adapt to changing times.

Tom Clifford of Washington Grove, Md., has spent much of his adult life trying to perfect his ability to call ducks. He has even tested his skills at state duck-calling contests. But three years ago, his expert calling was no match for a hunter across the Chester River who had a robotic duck with motorized wings that spun at the push of a button. "The ducks would just fly right by me and decoy to him immediately," Clifford said.

When Clifford got home that afternoon he asked his wife for his own motorized duck decoy. "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em," he said. Although he has used the decoy on dozens of hunts, Clifford has mixed feelings about it. "Sometimes technology is a bummer. It's the dumbing-down of hunting," he said.

(Begin optional trim.) While so much technology heading into the woods, hunting organizations charged with maintaining the traditions and ethics of the sport are struggling to stay relevant. Last month the Pope & Young Club, hunters' abundance, a rule that hunters abandon submitting records for animals shot with extremely high-powered bows - complex contraptions that employ high-tension cables, wheels and pulleys. But with a majority of bows sold in stores now exceeding the limits laid out in Pope & Young's rule book, the group ran the risk of becoming obsolete. The group rescinded the rule retroactively in a 294 to 148 vote.

Pope & Young struggles with other issues. For instance, it bans the use of "electronic devices for attracting, locating or pursuing game or guiding the hunter to such game." But it allows hunters to sub-

mit records for deer caught with the aid of digital game cameras. "Our present rule is that it is not part of the hunt and therefore not in violation of the rule," said Kevin Hisey, executive secretary of the Pope & Young Club. "It does get into an admitted gray area."

The growing popularity of some technologies is also a reflection of the changing habitat of humans and animals. Deer are now a common sight in leafy cul-de-sacs and even urban parks. Bow hunters, who generally hunt in a range of less than 40 yards and who can fire an arrow without making a sound, can safely hunt right under the nose of unsuspecting suburbanites.

"I don't want them to know I'm there," said Charles Ebersberger, owner of the Angler Sports Center in Annapolis, Md. He recalled recently helping a hunting buddy who was trying to track a deer that ran off after being shot with an arrow. As he searched the edge of a field, Ebersberger saw a large plastic play set in a nearby backyard.

Deer and other game run along superhighways and sprint across soccer fields, Sid Evans, editor of Field & Stream, the 108-year-old outdoor magazine, argues that there has never been a better time to be a hunter.

He said conservation efforts by groups such as Ducks Unlimited have saved millions of acres of land for wildlife habitat. As a result, populations of key game species such as turkey and deer are at modern highs.

Evans' magazine devoted a section to technology in a recent issue. The hottest new product genre is survival gear such as satellite beacons that can relay a stranded or lost hunter's location to a search and rescue team. Evans said. There are emergency lasers that shine 8,000 times as bright as a flashlight and can be seen for 20 miles. "It's not going to be that valuable for the guy hunting deer in New Jersey," Evans said.

(End optional trim.) But for all the demand for the latest technology, there are still millions of hunters who rely on the same style of double-barreled shotgun that became popular in the early 20th century. In some areas, such as the quail-hunting plantations of Georgia, a double-barreled gun is required. A hunter with anything but a traditional shotgun is viewed up in a T-shirt and tennis shoes.

Even as hunting becomes more high-tech, there is a growing movement toward ultra-primitive weaponry. Some traditional-bow hunters are using the same kind of flint-tipped arrows that were used by Native American archers hundreds of years ago. "It's making a reliable stone arrowhead is a lost art. A flint tip can cost as much as \$150 and could be lost after a single use.



**Marsha Kemmer of Heyburn harvested this 3-by-5 buck on Nov. 11 near Sublett.**

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OUTDOORS

# Book awards focus on outdoors authors

By Chuck Oxley  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — A decade ago, adventure writers and photographers who climbed the world's tallest peaks, paddled the most dangerous waters and told the tallest tales had trouble finding their stories.

The larger publishing houses in New York and elsewhere were reluctant to invest in untested authors in a little-understood market niche. Many authors had trouble attracting attention or recognition for their work.

But for the past few years, the Pocaticello, Idaho-based National Outdoor Book Awards list has provided an increasingly respected signpost to the best in environmental-friendly outdoor reading.

As director of Idaho State University's renowned Outdoor Program in 1995, Ron Waters saw a gap that needed to be filled.

"There were lots of other niche book awards, but there wasn't anything for outdoor books," said Waters, who has written several books himself and is an expert in flatwater and easy whitewater canoeing.

"There was all this good stuff going on in the outdoors, but there was no place where the writers could send their books in to a national contest."

In 1995, Waters pitched his idea to friends and associates at a conference of outdoor recreation leaders in New York. It drew enough interest to form a committee, which for the next two years set standards, submission procedures and selected judges. The contest launched in 1997 with 30 entries.

Rodney Ley, director of the Outdoor Program at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., said he enthusiastically joined the project, which would combine two of his passions — books and mountaineering.

Over the years, the organization has expanded its categories. Besides the real-world adventure narrative, there's room for "how-to" instructional books, fiction, biographies, photography, nature guidebooks, even children's books.

The highest December count ever calculated was in 1994, when 19,045 elk were found in good spotting conditions, said R.J. White, a park wildlife biologist.

The size of the herd has come under intense scrutiny since wolves were reintroduced to the park and the central Idaho wilderness in 1995 and 1996. Elk numbers have been dropping steadily since then.

White said on Tuesday that wolf kills are one of the primary factors contributing to the herd's decline since the mid-1990s.

In 2003, "Jam & Jelly by Holly & Nellie," written by Gloria Whelan and illustrated by Gijstert van Frankenhuyzen, took the prize for the children's book category.



The cover of Gregory S. Stone's National Outdoor Book Award winner, "Ice Island," is shown in this undated photo released by the National Outdoor Book Awards Web site.

**Some winners**  
BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Here is the list of some of the winners of the 2003 National Outdoor Book Awards, listed by category as provided by NOBA. Some categories had no winner, but an entry in those categories may earn honorable mention.

- Outdoor Literature. Winner, *The Beckoning Silence*. By Joe Simpson. Published by The Mountaineers Books, Seattle.
- Design and Artistic Merit. Winner, *First Light: Acadia National Park and Maine's Mount Desert Island*. Photography by Tom Blegden, Jr. Text by Charles R. Tyson, Jr. Published by Westcliffe Publishers, Englewood, CO.
- Nature and the Environment. Winner, *Ice Island: Expedition to Antarctica's Largest Iceberg*. By Gregory S. Stone. Published by the New England Aquarium, Boston MA.
- History/Biography. Winner, *Southern Exposure: A Solo Sea Kayaking Journey Around New Zealand's South Island*. By Chris Duff. Published by Globe Pequot Press, Guilford, CT.
- History/Biography. Honorable Mention. *Women on High: Pioneers of Mountaineering*. By Rebecca A. Brown. Published by Appalachian Mountain Club Books, Boston, MA.
- Outdoor Classic. Winner, *Alone*. By Richard E. Byrd. Published by Island Press, Washington, DC.

both the whole picture and the parts.

"Even in the city, there's a lot of nature to look at. The closer you look, the more you realize how valuable it is."

Not all the work will be fully accessible to general readership. This year's winner in the Outdoor Literature category was Joe Simpson's "The Beckoning Silence." It begins with a hair-raising — yet fairly technical — account of climbing a brittle set of ice falls.

"It does assume you have a basic knowledge of mountaineering," Waters said. "It doesn't necessarily have to appeal to someone who has never climbed before."

As a book judge, Ley said he does not let his passion for the outdoors excuse substandard writing, editing or organization.

"The looking for excellence," said Ley, who for the past four years has judged submissions in the categories of outdoor adventure guidebook, instructional, and classics. "I lose it if I find a misspelled word or a crummy index. Those are real black marks for me."

of drought, big winter kills in 1996-97 and the shooting of thousands of animals during annual late hunts in Gardiner, Mont.

The hunts, designed to kill migrating elk before they damage winter range outside the park, have been cut back "as total elk numbers and elk migrations outside of the park have declined in recent years," said Tom Lemko, a biologist for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

About 1,400 permits were issued this year, down from 2,880 in past years. Harvest figures have also fallen from 2,365 elk in 1997 to just 718 elk last year, Lemko said.

"Most hunters clearly understand that fewer elk on the ground will translate into reduced hunting opportunities... and that's how the system is designed to work," he said.

Whelan, who also writes short stories and novels for young adults, is a Michigan native who lives in a Thoreau-like setting in the Upp Lake Peninsula. A small lake is the centerpiece of her 260 acres, which have been preserved by conservation easement.

"Jam & Jelly" is a journey through the northern woods as a mother and a daughter pick various berries through the seasons. Her story is supported by warm, comfortable illustrations by van Frankenhuyzen.

"Each berry is found in a different place," Whelan said. "Blueberries are on a bank, where you see the lake. Blackberries are deeper in the woods, where it can be a kind of a scary place."

The underlying message to her young readers is that it's important to look closely at the nature that's around us, to see

# Avoid disturbing animal populations during winter

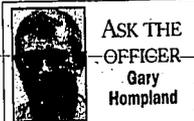
Question: "How are the game populations holding up during this harsh winter?"

Answer: The answer to that question depends on the species and location. Most wild animals evolved strategies to survive winter conditions. Often when humans intervene wildlife populations get into trouble and get hurt.

Winter has always been a physically demanding and stressful time for wildlife. Winter wildlife viewing offers unique opportunities to observe wildlife behavior and survival but please keep your distance. Unnecessary disturbances from vehicles like snowmobiles, or human presence use up precious energy needed for survival later in the winter.

The actions of one person at first glance may seem inconsequential. However, the cumulative effects of disturbing an animal many times may be more than a group of wild animals can tolerate and still survive until spring.

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Smokey Creek and along the South Fork of the Boise River in unit 43 are up and running. About 280 elk have congregated around the Big Smokey feed site.

Elk herds on the Camas prairie that were fed by private individuals in the past are damaging nearby haystacks this year because the individuals decided not to feed. Habituated to past winter feeding, these elk are now roaming the prairie damaging stored hay crops.

The Department discourages individuals from feeding big game animals to avoid trampling vegetation and compacting soil in areas where animals congregate. We also discourage feeding to prevent the spread of wildlife dis-

eases and maintain wild populations on their native ranges. Elsewhere in the region elk are doing just fine.

As many are aware, deer and antelope populations move to lower elevations to escape deep snow and cold temperatures. While migrating south to lower snow depths, a herd of 58 deer was killed this week in a train collision between Dietrich and Owinia.

A word of advice to all motorists, slow down. Travelers along I-84 in the Magic Valley should be especially careful, because many of these deer congregate during the inter-state periods of deep snow. High speeds, reduced visibility, and animals on the roadway are a deadly combination for deer and the traveling public.

Deep snow and extreme cold can be troublesome for upland game birds as well. Lack of cover and winter food requires them to rely on their fat stores to see them through. On the heels of a drought, many game bird popula-

tions may not be able to last long without a break in the weather. I haven't had any reports of birds in trouble but I suspect populations of quail and chukars that have expanded into fringe mountain habitats will succumb to the winter.

People with bird feeders must be careful not to let their feeders go long without replenishment. Populations of songbirds become dependent on the food provided by humans at bird feeders and will not survive long if they are allowed to remain empty.

The bottom line is, if you decide to take a role and intervene in natural processes on behalf of wildlife resources, you must remain diligent and maintain your support well into the spring.

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# SNOWMOBILE WONDERLAND



Joe Donnell rides a snowmobile in the powder near Mirror Lake Highway, Utah, Dec. 28. With more than 1,200 miles of snowmobile trails across the state and 11 complexes, from Cedar Mountain in the south to Hardware Ranch in the north, Utah's snowmobilers have ample places to ride the white wave.

# Endless trails, powdery snow make Utah a haven snowmobilers

By Brett Prettyman  
The Salt Lake Tribune

UINTA MOUNTAINS, Utah — Doug Page takes an extended snowmobile trip with friends each year to see what other states have to offer. During the drive home, he always has the same thought.

"I wonder why we drive for six hours to ride when we have some of the best snowmobile riding in the Intermountain West right here," said Page, president of the Utah Snowmobile Association, and fluffy, not that concrete other states have."

With more than 1,200 miles of snowmobile trails across the state and 11 complexes — from Cedar Mountain in the south to Hardware Ranch in the north — Utah's snowmobilers have ample places to ride the white wave.

Eric Stucki, off-highway vehicle specialist for Utah State Parks, says the Mirror Lake/Mill Hollow area in the Uinta Mountains is the state's most visited complex, followed by the area around Strawberry Reservoir.

There are more than 30,000 registered snowmobilers in Utah and state officials groom trails regularly to keep them safe and fun.

Low snow totals required only 12,000 miles be groomed last winter, but more than 21,000

miles were groomed the previous year.

To help snowmobilers make the most out of Utah's terrain, lodges began popping up near popular snowmobile destinations about 10 years ago. Prior to that, most snowmobilers who wanted to spend a weekend riding powder had to take a motor home and park it on the side of the road.

"Things have changed. Today, lodges with dry spas, hot tubs and restaurants await riders weary from dry days that might include a 150-mile journey.

"People play hard on their machines and they like to have a place where they can relax after a long day without having to load up their snowmobiles and make the drive home," said Elizabeth Lehner of the Daniels Summit Lodge on Highway 40 south of Heber City and near Strawberry Reservoir. "Having a lodge close to the trails makes it easy to spend a weekend with the family snowmobiling, skiing or snowshoeing."

Daniels Summit Lodge frequently fills its 48 rooms on winter weekends, but Utah's snowmobiling wonderland remains a secret locals are not willing to share.

"Maybe as much as 20 percent of our guests are from out of state," Lehner said. "It is apparently still just a Utah thing to come here to snowmobile."

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Bear River Lodge owner Roger Eggett says recent visitors to his cabins 30 miles south of Evanston, Wyo., in Utah's Uinta Mountains hailed from such locales as Kentucky, Georgia and Florida. But about 80 percent of his customers are still Utahns.

"We have really tried to focus our marketing to get people who want to enjoy the snow to come and stay here. When I first took over (seven years ago) 99.9 percent of our business came from the Wasatch Front," Eggett said.

Most of the people bound to the Bear River Lodge drive to Evanston and take Highway 150 to the end of the paved road where Eggett is waiting with warm cabins and powerful snow-

mobiles. He looks forward to a day when snowmobilers will be able to ride between all of the state's snowmobile complexes without having to trailer their machines.

"Back east they are able to ride all over the place and we just aren't accustomed to that out here," he said.

Eggett was excited when a trail opened last year that allowed snowmobilers to ride between Bear River Lodge and Flaming Gorge Lodge.

"We are linked by trail to Daniels Summit Lodge so people can ride between the three and stay at a different place each night. That could be quite an experience," he said.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Women's Realtors group plans meeting

TWIN FALLS - The south-central Idaho chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors plans its monthly meeting for members...

Sonic Corp. announces higher quarterly earnings

OKLAHOMA CITY - Drive-in chain Sonic Corp., which includes franchised locations in Twin Falls and Jerome...

Revenues also rose 20 percent, to \$118.7 million, for the period that ended Nov. 30...

The company also reported "a significant acceleration in system-wide same-store sales during the quarter, up 5.5 percent for drive-ins open for more than one year..."

During the first quarter, Sonic opened 38 new drive-ins, including 36 franchised restaurants...

Money tip: Planning to avoid inheritance pitfalls

NEW YORK - Passing along assets can be a delicate and emotional process. If handled poorly, it can spark acrimony and break families apart.

But it doesn't need to, according to Gary Buffone, who directs the Family Business Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

Buffone says there are four common pitfalls involved in passing wealth along to family members. He calls these pitfalls the "four S's" and explores them in his recent book...

Too Late: Many parents delay inheritance decisions. Think about it well before illness strikes or old age nears.

Too Tight: Some parents can't let go. They attach excessive stipulations to inheritances, making them as much a burden as a boon.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

M-C chamber gives awards

Organization presents volunteer, other annual honors



Dave Westfall

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN - At first Dave Westfall thought Joan Asson was teasing when Asson said he was selected as the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce's Member of the Year.

If she had been asking for help with a project, he might have taken her more seriously. Westfall, a partner in the Westfall and Westfall CPA firm, was chosen from chamber membership nominations along with Otha McGill, selected as Chamber Volunteer of the Year...

Westfall has been a great supporter of the chamber over the years, Asson said. "He is always ready to sit on any committee," she said. "He's the first one to raise his hand."

For instance, Westfall helps organize the Mark Moorman Golf Scramble and the Burley Regatta Golf Scramble each year. Westfall said he is not much of a golfer but enjoys the people involved in the events.

He also is a member of the banquet committee, which helps with chamber dinners, and he serves on the ambassadors committee, hosting events such as Business After Hours...

"I love meeting new business owners," he said. Westfall was on the chamber board for six years and was president in 2002. He resigned last year to pursue stronger involvement in economic development.

Westfall said that after he resigned from the Mini-Cassia chamber board he made it a goal to stay involved - to help make the community a better place.

"The chamber has limited funds," Westfall said. "They need people to donate time and money."

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Otha McGill

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Hitting the bull's-eye

Former timber worker takes aim with bowstring firm

The Associated Press

JOHN DAY, Ore. - Timber workers who lose their jobs in the Eastern Oregon city of John Day typically have one option: move out. As the timber harvest plunged in the 1990s, Mike Slinkard knew he faced the short end of what he had planned on being a long career.

"I had 16 years in the timber business here," said Slinkard. "That all kind of came to an end."

Instead of leaving, he decided he would take his passion for archery and turn it into a living. Out of that ending came the beginning of a new company: Winner's Choice Custom Bowstrings Inc. Only 3 years old, the company has been profitable for more than a year, topped \$1 million in sales in 2002 and is now a nationally recognized leader in making high-quality strings for hunting bows.

Slinkard and his partner, Tom Nealy, a former tree-faller, have taken a long-shot as a company in a depressed area of Oregon and turned it into a success. They have found a niche outdoor product where they can compete as the highest-quality provider and still operate in an isolated section of the state.

Virtually every shipment can go by FedEx just as fast as if they were shipping from Portland. "It's a darn good-looking project," said Rick Minster, regional development officer for the state's Economic and Community Development Department. "It's a light at the end of the tunnel."



Mike Slinkard is shown Dec. 16, in John Day, Ore. Timber workers who lose their jobs in the Eastern Oregon city of John Day typically have one option: move out. As the timber harvest plunged in the 1990s, Slinkard knew he faced the short end of what he had planned on being a long career.

Winner's Choice was to be the first tenant to move into the city's new industrial park. Within one year, employment at the firm is expected to increase to 25 employees, up from the current 13. "I knew we had a good product when we started, but I've been surprised how fast it has caught on," Slinkard said. Winner's Choice strings are used primarily by hunters and tournament archers. They are expensive, \$50 or more, from two to eight times the cost of a traditional bowstring. But they offer a significant advantage. Traditional bowstrings "creep," or get longer, the more they are used. That causes accuracy problems in the complex workings of bows. Winner's Choice completely pre-stretches the

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State: Unemployment headed for record low

The Associated Press

BOISE - State employment figures for 2003 will be released Friday. Unemployment averaged 5.8 percent in 2002. Despite the improving employment outlook, the analysts said, the employment situation remained sluggish. They suggested the declining unemployment rate was due to the number of people looking for work increasing even more slowly than new jobs are being created.

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growth in 2004. "Historically, it's a little slow for Idaho, but it's respectable in terms of where we've been in the past," Church said.

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opening of the election-year session Monday.

But Johnson said the last two tough economic years have significantly strained the state's unemployment insurance fund. He said an increase in the employer tax or a reduction in employee benefits is inevitable, although managers are trying to stave off that decision for at least another year.

Jobless benefits set another record in 2003, totaling nearly \$220 million.

Johnson estimated the 2003 unemployment rate at 5.4 percent, a third of a point lower than department analysts projected a year ago. He predicted the seasonally adjusted rate would drop to 4.9 percent this year and stay there through 2005.

The record at 4.9 percent was set in 2001 just as recession was

tightening its grip on the economy.

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State holds unclaimed property

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

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

It's stuff for which Idaho has been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Times-News on Thursdays publishes a sampling of unclaimed property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Most of today's list is from Twin Falls, with a few Burley names tossed in to round out the list. The tax commission said each person or business listed today owns unclaimed property worth \$25 or more.

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Log on to www2.state.id.us/tax and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a link for other names and a link to other state's unclaimed-property listings.

MONEY

Markets edge lower ahead of economic reports

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed mixed on Wall Street Wednesday, with blue-chip shares edging lower as investors found little reason to recommit to the market before the beginning of the corporate earnings season and ahead of two key economic indicators due out this week.

Cash flowing in to mutual funds helped prop up some sectors of the market, including technology shares, but on the whole, investors were holding back ahead of reports Thursday on December sales for major retailers and another report Friday on December employment.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 9.63, or 0.1 percent, at 10,529.03. Broader stock indicators closed higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up 2.66, or 0.2 percent, to 1,126.33, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 20.31, or 1 percent, to 2,077.68.

"This is a fairly mild consolidation," said Russ Koesterich, U.S. equity strategist at State Street Corp. in Boston. "We've had a good run since December, and the market needs some time to digest that ahead of the earnings season, which really gets under way in the next week or two."

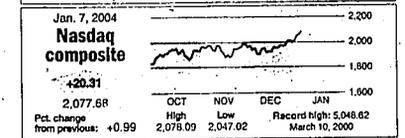
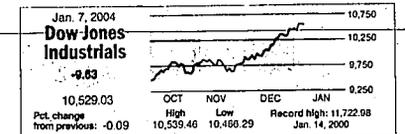
Part of the weakness in blue chip shares Wednesday was attributed to profit-taking following a consistent runup in blue chip shares since late November, when the Dow Jones industrial average was hovering just above 9,000.

Technology shares went against the downward trend, gaining some ground on a bullish analyst report on Intel Corp. that lent support to semiconductor shares. Intel rose \$1.09 to \$33.99.

Some skittishness about the upcoming corporate earnings season was evident in the market Wednesday as investors pushed the shares of Dow component Alcoa Inc. down 29 cents at \$38.20 ahead of the company's earnings report Thursday.

Brian Pears, head equity trader at Victory Capital Management in Cleveland, said that what little support the market was getting came not from any solid news on earnings or economics but from a "flow effect," a flood of new money into stocks and mutual funds.

"It's more a question of liquidity than fundamentals," Pears said. "We're seeing some decent



inflows to start the year. ... Mutual fund managers aren't being paid to manage cash right now, so we have to invest it."

No major economic indicators came out Wednesday, leaving the most recent reading on the economy a relatively poor showing for U.S. factories that came out Tuesday. Orders fell by 1.4 percent in November, the biggest decline in seven months, and a separate report showed slower-than-expected growth in the services sector.

Some traders were looking ahead with trepidation to the December employment report, the next major reading of the economy. An indication of poor job growth could discourage investors that this key sector of the economy is still struggling.

Economists will get another important indicator of consumer spending trends — another key element of the economy — on Thursday when major retailers report sales for December.

Bowstring

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bow's fibers prior to assembly, ensuring that the bowstring will stay at the desired length. Because a Winner's Choice string will wear out, as many as 40,000 arrows might be launched. With a traditional string, an archer might expect 5,000 launches, according to Slinkard.

At the Broken Arrow Archery shop in Milwaukee, Or., owner Norm Geertsen said Winner's Choice is popular because each string is custom built. Because of the high price, he sells only about 30 to 50 annually.

"Customers that do a lot of shooting by them, both hunters and target shooters," he said. "Their product has been quite well received nationally."

It has not always been this good.

Initially, Slinkard used money from his 401(k) retirement fund to start the company. Banks, he said, were a dead end.

"They just looked at you like you were nuts when you said you wanted to build bowstrings for a living," he said.

His credit union loaned Winner's Choice some money, Slinkard said. Then, using a mix of state grants and federal assistance in the form of disabled employees whose pay was subsidized, he began production in earnest in 2001.

In 2002, revenues first broke the \$1 million barrier, something the company did not expect for five years. Although Slinkard will not reveal precise figures on net income and gross revenue, he said Winner's Choice is profitable.

Total revenues come from a mix of sources: About 50 percent comes from a network of

1,100 dealers nationwide, such as the Broken Arrow Archery shop; about 35 percent comes from archery manufacturers who use Winner's Choice strings; and 15 percent comes from direct Internet sales.

Manufacturers had been nearly 65 percent of sales in 2002, until Slinkard walked away from a \$500,000 contract in January at a trade show, he found a manufacturer using a mix of Winner's Choice strings and strings from a secondary manufacturer on new bows. Compound bows use a single bowstring and a series of strings known as cables to drive wheels that increase the bow's power.

Slinkard said mixing strings was unacceptable — customers might confuse the quality of Winner's Choice with the lesser quality of another bowstring manufacturer. He confronted the archery manufacturer, who refused to relent on mixing the strings on a single bow.

Slinkard said he canceled the contract with the manufacturer, took his bowstrings and went home. Winner's Choice lost \$250,000 in annual sales that year.

"We have a commitment to quality we are not going to jeopardize for anything," he said. "If you quality is compromised, we are basically shot."

The insistence on quality is paying off. Precision Shooting Equipment, a Tucson, Ariz.-based manufacturer of archery equipment, will use Winner's Choice strings on the best bows for its 2004 line. Precision is the largest archery manufacturer in the world. Production has already begun, with initial sales showing promising results.

Boise Cascade expects to close 40-45 stores

WASHINGTON (Dow Jones/AP) — Boise Cascade Corp. said Wednesday it expects to close 40 to 45 retail stores in 2004 and open 12 stores, including OfficeMax Express stores.

The company said in a planned investor presentation attached to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing that it also plans to relocate 10 retail stores and remodel 250 stores this year.

The Boise-based office-product company, which last month closed its acquisition of OfficeMax Inc., did not say in the filing whether the store closures, relocations and remodelings would occur at OfficeMax or other retail stores.

The company has one OfficeMax store in Twin Falls. As Boise Cascade integrates OfficeMax into its business, the

company expects to "consolidate" some of its 55 distribution centers, leaving the company with 25 to 30 centers, the filing said.

The investor conference was scheduled for Wednesday at the Itasca, Ill., headquarters of its Boise Office Solutions unit.

Boise Cascade also said in Wednesday's investor presentation that it expects its OfficeMax acquisition to contribute 20 cents to 30

cents a share to its 2004 earnings.

The company had earlier estimated the purchase would add 15 cents to 20 cents to its 2004 income.

Due in part to its plans to remodel 250 stores, the company estimated it would spend \$340 million to \$360 million on capital investments in 2004. It expects its 2003 capital expenditures to amount to \$150 million.

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Firms move jobs overseas

WASHINGTON (AP) - Leading technology companies urged Congress and the Bush administration Wednesday not to impose new trade restrictions aimed at keeping U.S. jobs from moving overseas where labor costs are lower.

Awards

Continued from E1 "He has contributed so much in the community, it's time we gave something back to him," Asson said.

Annual M-C banquet

The Mid-Cassia Chamber of Commerce's annual installation-of-officers banquet and general membership meeting will begin with a noon social hour at 8 p.m. Jan. 15.

Qwest

New CEO Richard Notebaert, who was chairman and chief executive of Ameritech from 1995 to 1999, is generally new to the region.

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# COMMUNITY

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Dinner, dance, auction will benefit injured officer

**BURLEY** - The Burley Elks Lodge has donated its rooms for a benefit at 7 p.m. Saturday on behalf of Travis Wages, a Rupert police officer who sustained massive injuries to his face and hand in an off-duty gun accident.

The event will include dinner, dance and an auction. The Wayside will provide the food, which will include chili, baked potato bar and cinnamon rolls. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under.

Anyone who has a donation for the auction can call Cyndi at 678-5681, Lori at 436-5309 or Andrea at 677-5681. Items can also be brought to the lodge at 1349 Oakley Ave., Burley, any time before the event.

### Snake River Weavers' Guild will meet Tuesday

**TWIN FALLS** - The Snake River Weavers' Guild will have its January 2004 meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The hostess will be Dar Wagner. For additional information, call Elly Young at 734-5358 or Dar Wagner at 735-8123.

### Magic Valley Symphony needs new players

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Symphony's first rehearsal for the spring 2004 season will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday on stage at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.

Adult and youth musicians who want to play symphonic orchestral music are needed. The symphony, under the direction of guest conductor Kevin Call, will present a program of orchestral masterworks including Dvorak's "New World Symphony" and Mozart's "Firebird" at 8 p.m., Feb. 27 in the CSI Fine

### Arts Auditorium

The symphony's Pops Concert will be held at 8 p.m. April 30 in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium and will feature the music of duo pianists Del Parkinson and Jeff Shumway and music from "E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial and The Planets."

For more information about upcoming concerts or about performing with the symphony, call music director Ted Hadley at 733-1079.

### Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Henry D. Lytle, Post 2136 and its Ladies Auxiliary will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls.

Upcoming VFW projects will be discussed, and members are encouraged to attend. For information, call Post Commander Bob Jackson at 733-6042 or e-mail him at thechief@rtnet.net.

### Milligan celebrates 90th birthday this weekend

**BOISE** - Lucile Milligan, of Boise and formerly of Hansen, will celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house between noon and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, 205 Madison East, in Kimberly.

The event is hosted by her children and the Crossroads United Methodist Church. Milligan was born Jan. 19, 1914, near Maryville, Tenn., where she married Vergil

Belmont Milligan on Jan. 12, 1935. The Milligan family moved to Wyoming and Alabama before settling in Hansen in 1983. Milligan now resides in Boise with her son, Larry Milligan.

Milligan's children are Alan Dale Milligan, Ogden, Utah; Larry B. Milligan, Boise; and Linda Oatman, Hansen. She has eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

### American Legion Post 7 hosts meeting, potluck

**TWIN FALLS** - The American Legion Post 7 and Unit 7 will hold its monthly meeting and a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Post Home, 447 Seastrom St., Twin Falls.

Members should bring a potluck dish to share, along with a new stuffed toy, games, or books for the Mountain States Tumor Institute Toy Barn in Boise. Final plans for the Mid-Winter Conference in Boise on Jan. 15-17 at the Owyhee Plaza also will be discussed. For more information call Veeta at 734-4994.

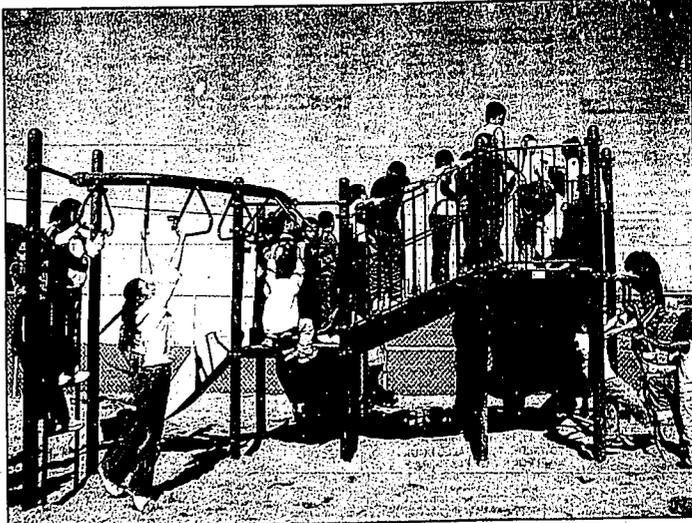
### Twentieth Century Club features all-Idaho program

**TWIN FALLS** - The January luncheon-meeting of the Twentieth Century Club will be held at noon Tuesday at the Turf Club on Falls Avenue in Twin Falls.

The all-Idaho program will include songs by Jack Hyder accompanied by Willa Rider, and Idaho poems by the family of Clyda Walden as presented by Marietta James and Mavourneen Hall.

For reservations, call Marge at 733-2435 or 733-3116 by Monday.

## KIDS AT PLAY



Children from the Newcomer Center in Burley enjoy the new playground equipment. Before the new equipment, there were only a few swings for the children to play on, said Suzie MacIas, head teacher. The center raised money by selling snacks and soda to teachers and students of the Tech Center, which is located on the same property. The Burley Lions Club donated \$4,500, and club members spent numerous hours building the play structure. The Cassia County School District contributed \$2,300, Smith's Food and Drug contributed \$800 with its "Earn and Learn" program, and Dale Whipple donated \$500. Other contributors include Scott Kunau, Kathryn Hall and more. The names of donors are posted at the center.

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Head Start children proud to wear donated T-shirts

We at East End Head Start in Hansen would like to thank ConAgra for its generous donation of a T-shirt for each Head Start child.

The shirts are a beautiful tangerine color and have our Head Start logo on them. The children are very proud to wear their school shirt.

**MARIAN WINTERHOLER**  
Center Supervisor  
East End Head Start  
Hansen

do about the importance of an adequate blood supply.

Special thanks to the members of the Buhl Moose Lodge for opening their facility to us and the Buhl Kiwanis for unloading and loading the Red Cross van at each drawing.

The ladies from West End churches and organizations provide lunch for the Red Cross nurses and volunteer workers. They also provide delicious cookies and Smith's Dairy provides the juice for the donors.

Our volunteer workers give of their time to assist donors, and we are blessed with faithful donors who take time out from their busy schedules to share the "gift of life" with others.

**NEDRA KORTE**  
Volunteer Recruiter  
**EDNA WIEBE**  
Canteen Recruiter  
**SANDRA WISECAVER**  
Buhl Coordinator  
Buhl

### Students thank organizer of duck-calling class

Mike Plein put on a duck-calling class called Duck Calling 101 to teach the hunters of Twin Falls his secret art. Mike taught the class everything there is to know about duck hunting. To wrap up the class, Mike had a duck-calling contest that was sponsored by Sportsman's Warehouse.

After everything that was put into the class, we personally would like to thank Mike Plein. Some people think a duck-calling class is crazy, but being able to be taught by the best in Idaho is what I consider a true honor.

I think I speak for the entire class of Duck Calling 101 when I say, "Thank you, Sportsman's Warehouse and RNT for donating the gifts that you did and Mike Plein for putting on this class and teaching us the great knowledge of talking duck."  
**SHAY LAWRENCE**  
**JESSY LAWRENCE**  
Twin Falls

## GETTING A HEAD START ON WINTER



The Optimist club sponsored a winter fest at the East End Head Start in Jerome. The children are, left to right, Eduardo Leon-Vargas, Jr Sanchez, Ruben Vivanco, Jose Gonzales, Yajaira Caballero, Maricel Vivanco, Janeth Cabral, Shelli Jones, Daniel Harris, Melanis Carrantes, Danny Rodriguez, Roci Ramos, Gerardo Martinez, Victor Lopez, Rafael Corona, Felicity Ailers and Isaiah Galan.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Lewis-Clark State College announces dean's and president's list

Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston announced its dean's and president's list for the 2003 fall semester.

To be included on the president's list, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.75 or above while carrying a minimum of 14 semester college credits.

Students who earn a semester grade point

average of 3.25 to 3.749, while carrying a minimum of 14 semester college credits are honored with placement on the dean's list.

**Dean's list**  
Ashley McCormick, Buhl  
Allison Gilley, Burley  
**President's list**  
Tyson Dietz, Paul  
Shelley Smith, Twin Falls  
Joanne Anderson, Wendell

## SERVICE NEWS

### McGovern graduates from Naval hospital corps class

Navy Hospitalman Recruit Michelle D. McGovern, daughter of Christy J. Allen of Elko, Nev. and Michael C. McGovern of Sweet Home, Ore., has graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, McGovern learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses.

McGovern also received an introductory instruction for services in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

McGovern's first assignment after school will involve

direct patient care, but with her training, McGovern can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections.

McGovern is a 2002 graduate of Elko High School and joined the Navy in June 2002.

### Flores earns promotion to Navy petty officer

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Santos Flores, son of Graciela Flores of Buhl, has been promoted to his current rank while serving at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Goose Creek, S.C.

Flores was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

He is a 2002 graduate of Buhl High School of Buhl.

### Martinez completes deployment to Iraq

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jose M. Martinez, son of Marin and Mario Martinez of Buhl, is on deployment while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home-based in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Members of Martinez unit recently completed operations in Iraq. The MEU conducted more than 300 patrols in southern Iraq including 50 by the MEU's boat company.

Martinez's unit also trained local police in the setup of security checkpoints, confiscated weapons and destroyed more than 2,000 rounds of ordinance, much of which was found near villages and playgrounds.

Martinez joined the Marine Corps in July 2002.

## GIVING TO CHRISTMAS



On behalf of the Burley Elks Lodge, Roger Wageman presents a check for \$600 to Richard Poulvorn of the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council. The Elks hold a charity ball each year, and for the past 20 years all donations made at the event have been given to the Christmas Council, which helps needy families during the holidays.

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