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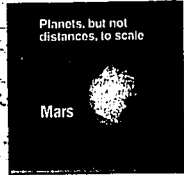
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Activists threaten dairy lawsuit

Idaho Conservation League wants owners of proposed dairy to obtain an air quality permit

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Another local dairy operator faces an environmental lawsuit by the Idaho Conservation League as the organization pushes for the state to bring large-scale livestock operations under Clean Air Act regulations.

Magic Valley's unresolved dairy odor problem has pushed some residents out of their homes and reduced quality of life for people who remain in areas near thousands of cows.

The Conservation League announced Friday that it has asked K&W Dairy owner Adrian Boer to obtain an air quality permit before he opens a new dairy.

Otherwise, the group said, it will sue.

Thousands of cows produce tons of manure which in turn produce the toxic gases ammonia and hydrogen sulfide. Hydrogen sulfide and ammonia can cause eye, nose and throat irritation and nausea. These pollutants should be regulated at large-scale dairies, the Conservation League said.

"They somehow escaped scrutiny and have been under the radar for many years. That has got to change," said Justin Hayes, with the organization in Boise. As the size of dairies has grown, so has the problem, said Laurie Rule, an attorney with the law firm Advocates for the West, which is handling the Conservation League's case. It's time that they

fall under air quality regulations, she said. Similar efforts are under way in other states.

Some dairies can have as many as 10,000 cows. "Part of the difficulty is, there is no smokstack where you can quantify the amount of pollutants coming out of the smokstack,"

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FIT FOR SURVIVAL



Kenyon Barrett sports a duct-tape skirt and tank top as he gives his two-minute pitch for why he should be on CBS' 'Survivor'. Barrett, who waited for an hour in the cold outside of Papa Murphy's in Twin Falls Friday, said he hoped his outfit would improve his chances of landing a spot on the show.

Applicants seek fame on popular show

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Kenyon Barrett stood there, cold. "With temperatures in the mid-30s, he noticed he was attracting crazy looks from others during his hour-long wait. That'll happen to a guy wearing nothing but a skirt and tank top fashioned out of duct tape. "Hopefully they will think I'm crazy enough to pick me," said Barrett, who normally works as a security guard at the College of Southern Idaho when he's not acting like a duct-taped weirdo. Barrett was one of about 50 applicants that showed up at a casting call Friday to try out for the popular "Survivor" reality show. Organizers said about 90 had

Wanna be a star?

Casting calls continue from noon to 7 p.m. today at the Papa Murphy's in the Lynwood Shopping Center, 582 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

applied for the afternoon. Those who could see Barrett through the window pointed and commented on his outfit and on the huge goose bumps that were forming on his arms. Crazy was the consensus. But anybody planning to break through security at CSI better think twice, especially if they consider Barrett's attitude at the casting call. Barrett said he isn't motivated by the \$1 million prize the winner of

"Survivor" receives for being the last castaway standing. "That would just be gravy," he said. "What I really want is to kick everybody's butt."

But Barrett wasn't the only one who thought he could whip the competition.

One tough-looking tattooed woman, Teesa Sinclair, arrived at Friday's auditions with \$1 million on the brain.

"I can do anything I put my mind to do," said Sinclair, who noted that she once crashed a Harley going 80 mph and got up and finished her vacation.

Sinclair, who was one of the first in line, had been waiting in the lobby of Papa Murphy's since 10

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They'll say anything to be on the show:

"We still pee behind trees in Idaho."

— Brenda Miller

"All I want to do is win."

— Kenyon Barrett

"I have pretty much survived a lot of things."

— Shirley Carpenter

"I decided the 'Survivor' diet would be the best for me."

— Nikki Danielson

"There's no challenge to this except the mind game. The physical part is not even a factor."

— Andy Eckstrand

Idahoans chow down on beef

State cattle group looks to promote safety of the meat

The Associated Press

BOISE — With their markets under pressure, Idaho cattlemen drew hundreds of people to a downtown park at midday Friday for free burgers and some talk about the safety of Idaho and American beef.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and U.S. Rep. Butch Otter joined the crowd under partly sunny skies as smoked-walified with grill and government workers on the snow-covered ground.

"I think it's important for Idaho consumers to see who's raising the beef," said Kevin Jones, the president of the Idaho Cattle Association and a feedlot operator in Eden.

"They get a chance to talk about their concerns, and it gives



Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, left, and Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne attend the Idaho Cattle Association at a rally Friday in Boise.

us a chance to tell them about the safety of our product," Jones said. "We'll stand behind our product."

The association anticipated more than 1,000 people for the barbecue and rally that saw one workman walk out of the serving line with his free cheeseburger, potato chips and milk and quip to

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Judge rules suspect in Smart case incompetent

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Wanda Barzee, one of the two people charged with kidnapping teenager Elizabeth Smart, smiled Friday after a judge ruled her incompetent to stand trial.

"I do find that she suffers from mental disorders, mental illness," said Judge Judith Atherton when ordering Barzee, 58, to a state mental hospital "to restore her mental health."

A competence review was scheduled April 15.

Barzee earlier this week waived her right to a hearing to contest the findings of two mental health experts who found her not competent to stand trial.

One doctor's evaluation concluded Barzee was paranoid schizophrenic, the other says she has a shared psychotic disorder, presumably with her co-defendant and husband, self-styled prophet Brian David Mitchell. Based on those



Wanda Barzee

reports, Atherton ruled Barzee lacked the ability to assist her defense.

Salt Lake County attorney David Yocom said he hopes that Barzee will be restored to competency within the 90-day timeframe so both she and Mitchell can be tried together, and Elizabeth would only have to testify once.

Ex-Mayor Coles gets six months

The Associated Press

BOISE — Ex-Mayor Brent Coles was sentenced to six months in jail and three years probation on Friday for misusing public money in a scandal that ended the budding political career of the former president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Fourth District Judge Thomas Neville told Coles that his two felony convictions will be erased from his record if he completes the probation period successfully.

"It is an opportunity for you to do right by your family, by the community," Neville told Coles at the end of a two-hour hearing.

Coles, 51, will also be prohibited from holding public office in the future.

"Those were my actions," Coles said in court. "I took those trips. I knew better. I was elected by the citizens of this city to do the right thing every day. I broke that trust and I know it."

Coles cut a deal with prosecutors in November to limit his maximum prison term to three years in return for a guilty plea to two of the five felony charges.

Coles, who moved up through the city council to become mayor of Idaho's capital city in 1993, admitted to filing a false reimbursement expense for tickets to a Broadway show in New York City in fall of 2002.

It was that infamous trip with then-Chief of Staff Gary Lyman and two female city employees that fueled the investigation the brought both Coles and Lyman down.

Coles also pleaded to misusing public money on a 1999 trip with Lyman for airfare, lodging, meals and car rental.

Lyman pleaded guilty to four felony counts of misusing public money and illegally taping executive sessions of the city council. He faces up to four years in prison when he is sentenced Thursday.



Brent Coles

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy and mostly dry. Highs in the mid to the upper 30s.
Tonight: Increasing clouds. Lows in the lower to the mid 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy-skies. Highs near 40.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Rather quiet and partly cloudy. Highs near 40.
Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Continued mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid to the upper 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

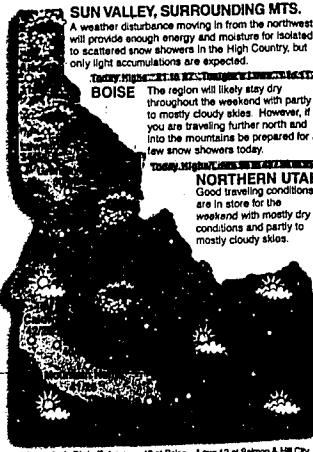
A weather disturbance moving in from the northwest will provide enough energy and moisture for isolated to scattered snow showers in the High Country, but only light accumulations are expected.

BOISE

The region will likely stay dry throughout the weekend with partly to mostly cloudy skies. However, if you are traveling further north and into the mountains be prepared for a few light snow showers today.

NORTHERN UTAH

Good traveling conditions are in store for the weekend with mostly dry conditions and partly to mostly cloudy skies.



Yesterday's State Estimates: 42 at Boise, Low 12 at Salmon & Hill City.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather for various cities: Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Elgin, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Malta, Pocatello, Rupert, Shoshone, Teton, Twin Falls, Victor.

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Weather almanac including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. INDEX, and Day Weather.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table showing regional forecasts for cities like Boise, Bonanza Ferry, Challis, Elgin, etc.

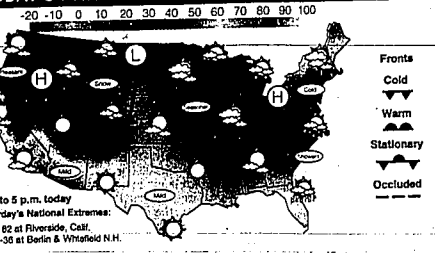
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Table showing national forecasts for cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

Table showing world forecasts for cities like London, Moscow, Tokyo, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table showing Canadian forecasts for cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, etc.

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Dairy

manure system from a flush system that recycles wastewater to a dry system in an effort to reduce the potential for odors.
The K&W Dairy debate also led to a change in Idaho's water law. Opponents Bill Chisholm of Buhl and Lee Halper of Jerome County had succeeded in court in stopping Boer's water right transfer. They argued that another 6,600 cows would not be in the local public interest.

Ex-Treasury chief tells his side of the story

Paul O'Neill says Bush Cabinet meetings were notable for lack of any dialogue
WASHINGTON (AP) - Former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, pushed out of the administration for not being a team player, says President Bush was so disengaged during Cabinet meetings that he was like a "blind man in a roomful of deaf people."



Paul O'Neill

Idaho joins feds in wolf battle

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is defending the federal government's decision to lift federal protection from Canadian gray wolves in Idaho.
Kempthorne announced Friday he is joining the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in its legal battle with several environmental groups, which sued to stop the agency from downlisting wolves as threatened instead of endangered.

Survivor

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a.m. for the auditions that began at noon. Some have traveled from as far away as Boise or Idaho Falls to apply. By the time doors opened, the lobby was packed with about 25 people and the line went out the door and down the sidewalk.
Lee Wagner opened the way to the casting area, at least 50 people stamped through, lined up and took a number.
While some were dressed in fancy costumes, others appeared as though they were just on their lunch hour.

Clark says Bush lies about Sept. 11

LEBANON, N.H. (AP) - Democratic legislative candidate Wesley Clark said "the two greatest lies" of the last three years were that the Sept. 11 attacks could not have been prevented and that a future attack is inevitable.
In previous statements, Clark blamed President Bush for intelligence failures that contributed to the attacks in New York and Washington. The chairman of the federal commission investigating the attacks has said mistakes had led the nation vulnerable but did not blame the Bush or Clinton administrations.

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Space initiative faces significant challenges

By Seth Borenstein
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Returning astronauts to the moon and sending them to Mars can be done, but doing it — as President Bush will propose next week — won't be easy and it certainly won't be cheap.

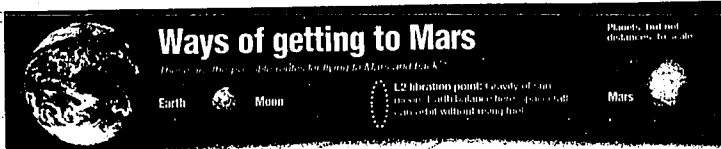
Getting there involves leaping lots of technological hurdles, including designing new spaceships, creating a permanent lunar base and perhaps turning lunar ice and the Martian atmosphere into rocket fuel.

Space experts say those challenges can be overcome. But they're less sure about the human challenges: Can the human body stand long periods of low gravity in an environment prone to deadly solar radiation? Can the human mind withstand extreme isolation for at least 18 months at a time? Can an ossified and graying NASA still do the job?

And — most important — are Congress and the country willing to invest \$130 billion to \$240 billion in the project? Last year's tax cuts, by comparison, are expected to reduce federal reserves by some \$135 billion this year.

"The technology is here; it's not a matter of new technology," said Hans Mark, a former NASA deputy administrator and aerospace engineering professor at the University of Texas at Austin. "Money is the biggest obstacle. You can buy this now."

In 1992, Mark and his students figured it would cost about \$157 billion in today's dollars to send astronauts to the moon and another \$78 billion to go on to Mars.



From the International Space Station

Pieces of Mars craft would be launched into low Earth orbit with rockets, assembled at space station; spacecraft would fly to Mars

- Distance from Earth 240 mi. (380 km)
- Travel time: 1 day to space station; 9 months to Mars

From the Moon

Moon base would assemble rocket with nuclear engine, which would blast off, escape moon's gravity and fly to Mars

- Distance from Earth 230,000 mi. (370,000 km)
- Travel time: 3 days to Moon; 9 months to Mars

From the L2 libration point

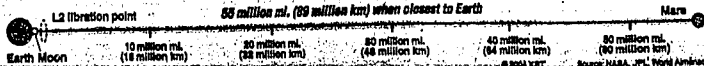
Manned station at libration point would assemble pieces of spacecraft sent from Earth, then spacecraft would fly to Mars

- Distance from Earth 930,000 mi. (1.5 million km)
- Travel time: About 12 days to L2; 9 months to Mars

Nonstop flight to Mars

Huge rockets would lift off from Earth, fly direct to Mars and land

- Distance from Earth: Curving path about 280 million mi. (460 million km)
- Travel time: 8 months



Humboldt Mandell, NASA's former Mars/moon exploration program manager and an expert on government cost estimates, said to go to Mars directly would cost NASA about \$80 billion. Going to the moon would cost another \$50 billion to \$70 billion, he said. Mandell now is a research fellow at the Center for Space Research at the University of Texas.

When the late President Bush, the current president's father, proposed the same expeditions, Mandell said, the estimated

cost was \$400 billion over 20 years, half for the moon and half for Mars.

Christopher Kraft, the famed NASA mission control director who oversaw NASA's heyday of manned Mercury, Gemini and Apollo launches, said the biggest challenge is Congress; it's the nation to be as supportive for going back to the moon and on to Mars in the future the same way it was for the Apollo program.

The next biggest challenge, said former astronaut Jerry Linenger, would be "building a spaceship that can get us there."

Linenger and Mark predicted the new vehicle would replace the aging shuttle fleet with a spaceship operable outside Earth's orbit. Bush's plan is expected to involve flying to the moon first, getting experience there and then going on to Mars, either directly or from the moon as a way station.

High court will review terrorist detention issue

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court announced Friday that it will decide whether the Constitution authorizes President Bush to order the indefinite detention of U.S. citizens captured abroad fighting for terrorist groups, a much-debated element of his legal strategy in the war on terrorism.

In a brief order, the justices rebuffed Bush administration requests to turn down the appeal of Yaser Esam Hamdi, an alleged Taliban fighter who was taken into custody by U.S. forces in Afghanistan in late 2001. Hamdi, who was born in the United States to Saudi parents but who left the country when he was 3, has been held as an "enemy combatant" by the U.S. military without access to a lawyer or other outside contact.

A Richmond-based federal appeals court ruled in the administration's favor last year, accepting its view that the judicial branch should not second-guess the executive in military matters.

But the Supreme Court's action Friday was the latest sign that the justices may disagree, and that they believe it's time to exercise oversight on the executive's conduct of the fight against terrorism. Only a month ago, they brushed aside strong Bush administration opposition and agreed to rule on an appeal by foreign terrorism suspects being held at a U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Beef

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his a friend, "We need some more mad cow disease."

Cattle producers seem to have taken a wait-and-see attitude in Idaho since a cow with mad cow disease was discovered in central Washington. This week's cattle auctions around the state saw limited activity "with prices down about 15 percent since discovery of the disease."

"We're hoping it's a short-term effect," Jones said. "I think the early polls are that people are as confident in our beef now as they were before."

He said the effect on the market has come from exports being shut down in response to the mad cow discovery. Once those sales resume, he said, the market should recover.

In fact, more than two weeks since the emergence of the first case of mad cow in this country, the beef industry's worst fears have not been realized. There's been no evidence the disease has spread, and Americans have stood steadfast to their steaks.

Burger chains report no impact on sales, and investors have returned to beef-related stocks after an initial selloff, even sending McDonald's higher than it was before the mad cow news broke Dec. 23.

Consumer confidence in U.S. beef remains high and statistically unchanged from September, according to a survey conducted Dec. 29-30 by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Eighty-nine percent of the 1,001

non-vegetarian adults interviewed in person and by phone said they were confident U.S. beef was safe from mad cow disease, and 75 percent said they were eating as much beef as a month earlier — the largest percentages in the seven years the tracking survey has been taken. The margin of error of the poll was plus or minus 3 percent.

So where's the beef panic? Industry observers and crisis management experts say the alarming news of Dec. 23 hasn't developed into a full-blown scare because consumers quickly understood that the individual risk to humans remained remote.

The industry also benefited from strong public esteem for beef, which public-relations executive Richard Laerner puts just a step below apple pie on the U.S. food chain.

"Americans and hamburgers — that's a serious, serious relationship," said Laerner, head of RLM Public Relations Inc. in New York and Los Angeles. "People are not going to give up hamburgers as easily as they'd give up, say, Perrier or Tylenol."

The same goes for hot dogs, another beef icon. Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is a threat because scientists say humans can develop a brain-wasting Jakob disease, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, from consuming beef products contaminated with BSE. But even that link has been challenged, and experts say the risk to individual consumers is minuscule regardless.

While 153 people worldwide have died that illness, most in Britain, it has never been diagnosed in an American — a fact that apparently has helped ease consumers' initial concerns.

Consultant Larry Smith suggests the timing of the crisis, amid other distractions, also has helped soften the impact. The fact it occurred during the holidays and at about the same time the government raised the nation's terror threat level to orange both lessened the potential for panic, he said, as did the media's "fairly straightforward" reporting to date.

"There haven't been those World War II kind of banner headlines that would cause people's blood pressures to rise," said Smith, head of a Louisville, Ky.-based communications consulting firm, the Institute for Crisis Management. And with terrorism, SARS and other threats, he said, "Maybe we don't panic quite as much as we used to about things because there are so many other things to panic about."

A whole new attitude is possible if the "lone cow theory" doesn't hold up, as Laerner puts it.

"We're sitting on something that's going to explode as soon as they turn up Cow No. 2," he said. "It's really easy right now to say, 'Look at this, it came from Canada, it's their problem and not ours.' But two cows — it will be a crisis. I'm not sure Americans will stop eating beef, but as Art Buchwald said, 'KFC will be dancing in the streets.'"

Bush advisers debate Syria

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Senior aides to President Bush are vigorously debating what to do about Syria as evidence mounts that the government in Damascus is stepping up support for the terror group Hezbollah and allowing anti-American insurgents to reach Iraq, according to U.S. officials.

Civilians in the Defense Department are pushing for military action against Syria short of an invasion and have drawn up plans for punitive airstrikes and cross-border incursions by U.S. forces, according to these officials. But Bush's White House advisers, backed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the State Department, are arguing against a new military venture with much of the U.S. military tied down in Iraq and a presidential election year away.

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U.S. lowers terror level in places

WASHINGTON (AP) — The possibility of a terrorist attack has diminished enough to reduce the nation's terror alert, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Friday, but he warned the threat was not over.

"Critical resources and locales" will remain on heightened alert, and there still is concern about al-Qaida's interest in using commercial planes to mount an attack, Ridge said.

Certain airports as well as the

cities of New York, Washington and Los Angeles will continue to have increased security, said a Homeland Security official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Ridge said that after a careful review of intelligence the threat level was taken down a notch to elevated, or yellow. It had been at orange, or high, since Dec. 21.

"We are still concerned about continued threats, but the threat conditions that we've been following have diminished," he said.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Lord of the rings

- What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "Ring World."
- Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls.
- When: 2 and 7 p.m. today (there are also showings on Tuesday and Fridays at 7 p.m.)
- How much: Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens 60 and older, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children under 4 are not admitted.



'Plaid' all over

- What: Sun Valley Resort will present its production of Stuart Ross's "Forever Plaid."
- Where: Boiler Room, Sun Valley
- When: Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135.

Classic bluegrass

- What: Strings Attached, a Twin Falls-based bluegrass ensemble, will perform tonight in Twin Falls.
- Where: Dunken's Draught House, 102 Main Ave. N.
- When: Starting at 7:30 p.m.
- How much: There's no cover charge.

Absolutely jazzed

- What: The Great Riff Jazz Society at the College of Southern Idaho Jazz Program will present "Jam at Java."
- Where: Java, 228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.
- When: Tonight, 6-8 p.m.
- How much: There's no cover charge.

Dancing In Flair

- What: The Roseland Band will play for a dance in Flair.
- Where: Roseland Crystal Ballroom, 523 Main St.
- When: Tonight, 8-11 p.m.
- How much: There's a \$5 cover charge.

For more Your WeekEnd please see page A-6.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season pack**
Upper Snake Basin	117%	55%
Salmon Falls	131%	59%
Salmon	107%	49%
Gakley	128%	55%
Big Wood	117%	53%
Little Wood	135%	60%
Henry's Fork/Teton	123%	62%
Big Lost	124%	55%
Little Lost	101%	47%

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

Train hits and kills 17 deer

The Times-News

DIETRICH - Seventeen more deer have been hit and killed by a train east of Dietrich, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game reported Friday.

An estimated 58 deer were killed Monday on the same Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

The second train kill was reported Friday morning about a mile east of the previous

kill, said Kelton Hatch, regional conservation educator for Fish and Game in Jerome. It apparently occurred Thursday night or Friday morning, he said. Officers found one deer still alive but suffering with mortal injuries, and it had to be killed.

If snow is being made with the railroad to see if contact can be bladed away from the tracks to offer an alternative place for migrating big game, Hatch said.

The deer are seeking refuge on the tracks

from deep snow. Two years ago, about 20 deer were killed near the same area. A witness driving along Idaho Highway 24 reported that he had watched as the train sounded its horn. Instead of moving into the deep snow, the deer tried to outrun the locomotive.

Hundreds of deer and antelope seeking relief from snow more than a foot deep are migrating toward lower elevations, valley farm fields and Interstate 84 in search of

better wintering grounds and forage.

Two years ago, large herds that had migrated south grazed in fields on the north side of Interstate 84 between Eden and King Hill.

A number of deer attempted to cross I-84 and didn't make it. The interstates act as a barrier to their migration.

Monday's train kill of 58 deer was deemed unusually large by both game managers and Union Pacific.

Board considers shifting ninth-graders

By Brandon Flala
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Should Burley High School become a four-year school? That's the question the Cassia County School Board will consider Tuesday in a special work session followed by a regular board meeting.

"The work session will give us time to go through the information we're given," board Chairman Bruce Bowen said. "We'll get a feeling for how everybody wants to proceed."

The board is considering the move as part of a bigger study to change the grade levels in all Burley schools.

However, the board is only considering moving ninth-graders now because that was the original plan, Superintendent Mike Chesley said.

"I just decided to send the ninth-graders, and the others later," he said. "If they don't choose to move them, then moving the other grades is moot."

The board is also looking to move ninth-graders first because most people are comfortable with the idea, Assistant Superintendent Bob Pawlock said. "That's the feeling the board got from the December meeting," he said. "Parents then were comfortable with moving the ninth-graders."

Pawlock said the board has set no timeline to consider moving the other grades.

If board members decide to move ninth-graders, they could later consider moving sixth-graders to Burley Junior High School, making White Pine Intermediate School a third-through fifth-grade school and housing kindergarten through second grades in Mountain View and Dworshak elementary schools.

Crowding concerns

Many parents and school administrators support the idea of moving ninth-graders but worry about overcrowding.

"I support the concept of moving ninth-graders to the high school, but there is a question of potential overcrowding and room for growth," Chesley said.

Crowding is a potential problem because Burley High School was built for 1,000 students, Chesley said.

Today 639 students go to BHS, but if freshmen begin attending there will be close to 950, said Jeff Harrah, acting principal of BHS.

Moving ninth-graders is a good thing for students, but "crowding is a problem," Harrah said. "We're going to be maxed out, and that's an issue."



Students bustle through the halls between classes at Burley High School on Friday. The Cassia County School Board is looking at a proposal to move ninth-grade students from the Junior High to the high school. One of the biggest concerns is possible crowding at the school. Burley High School was built to accommodate 1,000 students, and if the proposal enrolls, the enrollment of the school would rise to 950.

School enrollment has dropped over the past few years, but administrators hope enrollment rebounds, board member Steve Lynch said.

"We want the school population to grow, not decline," he said. "If two, three or five years down the road we get a bubble of students going through school, will we have

room? We have to look long term." Harrah said the crowding issue must be weighed against the benefits of a four-year high school.

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Soldiers conduct training in Gooding today

GOODING - The Idaho National Guard unit in Gooding will conduct a four-and-a-half-hour urban tactics training exercise in the city beginning at 7 a.m. today.

Soldiers and equipment will travel down Main Street and other roads in the city during the exercise according to a distance of five miles, covering a range of exercises, according to the Idaho Department of the Gooding Police Department. The urban tactics training also will include a firing exercise using blank ammunition at the fairgrounds.

Residents are advised not to be alarmed by the training exercise and to their equipment with soldiers or their inquiries with anyone with questions or concerns is encouraged to contact the Gooding Police Department at 934-8435 or 934-5515.

Sen. Craig announces military nominations
WASHINGTON - U.S. Sen.

Magic Valley in brief

Larry Craig, R-Idaho, this week announced his nominations to the nation's military academies for the year 2004.

Here are southern-central Idaho nominees:
Duane Miller of Bellevue, from Wood River High School, was nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Military Academy.

Robert Slough of Ketchum, from Wood River High School, was nominated to the U.S. Air Force Academy.
Charlton Coats of Rupert, from Charlton Coats of Rupert, was nominated to the U.S. Military Academy.

Amy Alexander of Sun Valley, from The Community School in Sun Valley, was nominated to the U.S. Naval Academy.
Scott Black of Hammett, from Glenns Ferry High School, was

nominated to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.
Potential nominees were selected based upon their academic record, class standing and potential for leadership.

Democrats will begin election workshops

TWIN FALLS - County Democrats will kick off a series of workshops and training programs for 2004 potential candidates for state, local and federal elective offices on Tuesday.

The initial session will be held at the Twin Falls City Hall conference room, 321 Second Ave. E., beginning at 7 p.m. It will feature presentations on campaign experiences of candidates who previously have run for public office.

Also to be covered are voter precinct organization and structure as well as candidate qualification and filing requirements, said Harry Phillips, Democratic

Central Committee chairman. Declarations of candidacy for the office of precinct committee will be available at Tuesday's meeting.

Detailed information related to procurement of broader elective office candidate packets from the Twin Falls County clerk's office also will be provided.

Offices of interest to Twin Falls County residents that will be open in the November general election include a state Senate seat and two representative seats in both District 23 and 24; two county commissioner positions; the county clerk's office; the sheriff's office; and the county prosecutor's post.

For more information on the Democratic Party in Idaho, its platform and the candidate workshops, Phillips may be contacted at 735-8825, or by e-mail at harryp@phillips@gmail.com.
- compiled from staff reports

Filer council fines tardy contractor

Two deadlines pass without completion of water project

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

FILER - Delays in construction of the Filer water project will cost contractor Harris Construction \$300 a day until the \$2.1 million municipal improvement job is finished.

City Council members decided to charge the contractor following a report given by JUB Engineer Rob Hegstrom on the status of the project at their regular meeting.

"They're still working on a few punch list items and getting really close," Hegstrom said.

The project was supposed to be substantially completed by Nov. 7 and totally finished by Dec. 7. Both deadlines have passed without conclusion.

Harris Construction was hired by the city to install the new million-gallon storage tank, pump house and well house for the municipal project.

In August 2001, voters chose to pay for half the project by raising monthly water rates through a bond election. The city also paid \$31,000 for the purchase of the land for the water tank. All told, the city and its residents committed approximately \$1.24 million, or 58 percent, of the entire project cost. Grants took care of the remaining costs.

Council members approved the contractor's pay requests in the amount of \$36,953 up to Nov. 25.

However, they did deduct \$1,800 from the request for the six days past the completion date at the rate of \$300 a day.

"I think that they should have to pay the penalty," Councilman Don Barkley said.

Hegstrom also told the council that JUB Engineers will have to submit additional charges of its own, because the project has gone past the contract date.

In other council business, Bob Templeman and Mollie Mason took the oath of office as newly elected council members. Mason was elected president of the council.

A public hearing also was held on a proposal to raise building permit fees.

There were no comments against the proposal.
Builders will pay about \$95.20 more than the cost of a previous permit.

WANTED in the Magic Valley

- Name: Christopher Palacios.
- Age: 31.
- Description: 5-foot-9, 160 pounds, black hair, brown eyes.
- Wanted for: Domestic battery while in the presence of a child.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department seeks anyone with information about Palacios's whereabouts to call 735-1911 or Crime Stopper 735-5367, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.



Fairfield inducts new city leaders

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — After being sworn in for his first full term as mayor, David Hanks administered the oath of office to City Clerk Boni Peters, Councilman Terry Lee, and newly elected Councilman Doug Hoskinson.

The mayor presented former Councilman Larry Jones as the first citizen to be inducted into the city of Fairfield, Jones had been the councilman in charge of fire and police matters, now in the hands of Hoskinson.

Fairfield business

- **City attorney** — The council tabled a decision on whom to hire as the new city attorney until the next special meeting. The mayor presented the qualifications of two applicants, but stated that he would like to see more applications.
- **Fire Station** — A special meeting was planned for mid-January at which the city and the station will hammer out a joint fire station agreement.
- **City Seal** — The council agreed to sponsor a contest for citizens of Fairfield of all ages who wish to present original designs for an official seal for the city. Entries will be considered at the March meeting.

The citizens present gave Jones a standing ovation. Tiffanie Hanks, the mayor's wife, presented her husband with

a new gavel engraved with the words, "Mayor David Hanks 2004-2008." The mayor then used the gavel to close the meeting for

a refreshment break. When the meeting reopened, Councilman Terry Lee's peers elected him President of the Council. Lee succeeds Councilman Kenneth Lee — no relation — who nominated him for the position.

In November 2003, a group of citizens put Kenneth Lee up for recall, but the effort failed.

Hanks welcomed the new council, saying, "I believe that we have taken the steps necessary to reinstate the confidence of the residents of Fairfield in our city government's actions and doings."

Man of Steel

• **What:** "Retro-Steel," a retrospective of the work of Twin Falls artist and College of Southern Idaho Art Department founder LaVar Steel, is on display at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the CSI campus in Twin Falls.

• **Where:** In the Herrett's Jean B. King Gallery.

• **When:** Today, 1-9 p.m. (the gallery is also open Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.); closed on Sundays and Mondays.

• **How much:** Admission to the Herrett Center is free.

A little country

- **What:** Country-Classics will play at the Montana Steakhouse in Twin Falls.
- **Where:** 1826 Canyon Crest Drive
- **When:** Tonight, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
- **How much:** There's no cover charge

What's shakin'

- **What:** The Fugitives will play at Shakers in Declo.
- **Where:** 826 Highway 81
- **When:** Tonight, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
- **How much:** There's no cover charge

Buhl group aims for Boys and Girls Club

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Marilyn Butler will head up the advisory committee for the new Boys and Girls Club in Buhl.

As president, Butler was chosen to lead several committees at a meeting Tuesday at City Hall, where club officials mapped out the future of their operations in Buhl.

The advisory committee will work directly with the Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club under the leadership of Don Hall and a corporate board of directors.

"Working with a centralized administration eliminates the red tape attached to the formation of a new club, and saves costs," Hall said.

The group also named Florence Pierce as vice president, Neola Weaver as treasurer and Darlyn Gravatts — was suggested to hold

the secretary's position. Gravatts was not present to accept the nomination, but club advisor Steve Kaatz said she will accept it.

About 25 interested community members attended the meeting to get the details on how the club will function and how funds will be raised to build the club's new facility, which will be located at Linden and 7th avenues.

Hall said volunteers and advisory board members in Buhl will undergo a strong orientation and a yearly evaluation by the corporate board and will receive necessary help from the Magic Valley and national clubs.

As to raising funds, Hall said that because the Buhl club will be affiliated with the Magic Valley club, help will come from administrators who keep the Twin Falls-based organization growing and operating. Grants are being written now to gather funds from

available sources.

The Buhl community will be responsible for raising \$150,000 locally but will also have help in that area from other clubs. All the money raised in Buhl will stay in Buhl, Hall said.

"Raising \$150,000 is a lot of money," said Jim Lunte. "Even if some comes from dues and grants, that still leaves a lot to gatherish."

Because of the tremendous turnout last summer in the pilot Boys and Girls Club at Popplewell Elementary School, the corporate board is assured that parents in the community will see the value of the program and be willing to help keep the club operating, Kaatz said.

The Boys and Girls Club is the fastest growing club in the world, Hall said, with even military buses converting some areas for the children of those in the armed forces.

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

The Times-News
GOODING — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Civil
R.P.F. vs. Curtis C. Fleming and Susan D. Fleming, doing business as Fleming Dairy. Seeking 4,940, plus interest; \$1,000 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Risk Management Alternatives vs. Tina Nalgie, also known

as Tina Nalgie and formerly known as Tina Canchola. Seeking \$1,770.37, plus interest; attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Divorces
Joseph Michael Palma vs. Frankie Darlene Palma.



Police take girl's uncle into custody

NAMPA (AP) — The uncle of a Nampa girl who was found dead in a motel room last month is in custody in Arizona, Nampa police said.

Ecequiel Ramirez-Cerrano was wanted for questioning in the Dec. 19 death of Sandra Rico Ramirez, 16.

He is being held in Arizona on unrelated charges, including a probation violation charge from Idaho, police said.

Nampa Police Chief Curtis Homer said investigators went to Arizona on Tuesday to interview Cerrano about his niece's death.

Homer claims that Cerrano admitted renting the motel room and providing Ramirez and a 16-year-old friend with beer and what appeared to be methamphetamine.

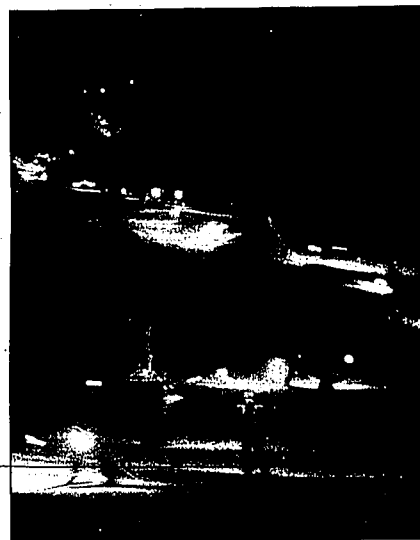
When Ramirez became sick Cerrano and the friend allegedly left her in the room alone, police said.

Police suspect Ramirez died from a chemical overdose and are awaiting results from toxicology tests.

The case will be forwarded to the Canyon County prosecutor, who will decide if charges are warranted, Homer said.

No date has been set for Cerrano's return to Idaho.

TORCHLIGHT VIGIL



Members of the Sun Valley Ski School celebrate the life of Tom Wernig during a torchlight memorial service for the Ketchum skier and instructor Wednesday evening at Sun Valley Company's River Run Lodge in Ketchum. Wernig went missing Jan. 1 during a heavy snowstorm and was recovered on the mountain three days later.

Shift

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Students could benefit by focusing earlier on graduation requirements, he said.

"We think they'll take it more seriously," Harrah said. "Now, they feel they're at the junior high and their grades don't count."

Harrah said the dropout rate is smaller in schools that include ninth grade.

Students would also benefit from having the same coaches, band teachers, drama teachers and others for four years, Harrah said. Record-keeping would also be easier.

If board members approve the change, it could be implemented next fall or the following year, Chesley said.

The proposal to move ninth-graders is popular among many teachers and students, board member Debbie Critchfield said.

"I think it's a great idea," said Eugene Kramer, a U.S. history and physical education teacher at BHS. "It will get students involved quicker in school activities like athletics, band or drama."

However, Kramer said he is concerned about a lack of space.

Mary Miller, a health and phys-

The proposals

All Burley public schools would change the grade levels they serve under a reconfiguration plan being considered by school officials. However, a proposal to move just ninth-graders will be considered first.

School	Today	Proposed
Dworshak Elementary	K-3	K-2
Mountain View Elementary	K-3	K-2
White Pine Intermediate	4-6	3-5
Burley Junior High	7-9	6-8
Burley High School	10-12	9-12

Public hearing

People may offer their comments on a proposal to move ninth-graders from Burley Junior High School to Burley High School at a Tuesday School Board meeting.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. with a special work session, followed by the regular board meeting at 7 p.m. in the school administration building at 237 E. 19th St. in Burley.

ical education teacher, said the change could benefit students, but she also worries about space.

"My biggest concern is whether we have enough room," she said. "Some PE classes already have 45 students in them."

Many students also like the idea.

"I think it's a good idea, because I remember when I was in ninth grade many students didn't think their credit went toward high school," said Jennifer Benavidez, a senior at BHS.

"Many people there didn't know their credit counted."

Senior Wes Hadden said the move could strengthen the athletic program by providing more time for students to develop.

However, junior Andrew Edwards said he doesn't think ninth-graders are mature enough to handle high school.

"They say it will be good for sports and education, but I don't really think they're ready to move up," he said. "They're too immature."

Farragut State Park proposes RV campground

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Farragut State Park officials are proposing a new recreational vehicle campground, trail system improvements at other changes for the park on the southeast shore of Lake Pend Oreille.

The improvements would take two years to complete and be funded with more than \$2.2 million in grants from the state Recreational Vehicle Fund and trail funds, officials said.

"The park has experienced a 40 percent increase in camper unit numbers since 1998," Idaho Parks and Recreation Manager David White said.

The proposed 100-site campground would help meet that demand, he said, especially because few other RV campgrounds in the park meet minimum length and width standards for modern RVs.

Other proposed improvements include an RV dump station near the park entrance and improvements to the trail system, traffic control and day use areas.

"A network would tie the trail systems together and upgrade existing trails," White said. "Hopefully, our improvements will appeal to more than just campers."

Park officials are asking the public for comment on where to place the new campground.

Lost skier describes ordeal in the Cascades

SEATTLE (AP) — His fingers and toes blistered and blackened by frostbite, Dan Witkowski stumbled deliriously during his last day in the wilderness, sometimes believing he was home in Ellensburg instead of freezing in the central Cascade Range.

His body temperature had fallen to 89 degrees, and he had lost 20 pounds. He wasn't sure if he had slept. He remembers almost nothing — except the whirring of the helicopter that reached him just a few hours before he would have died last Sunday.

Witkowski spoke publicly Friday for the first time since his five-day, four-night ordeal in the backcountry near Alpental ski area, which began New Year's Eve when the 25-year-old extreme skier plunged down an out-of-bounds chute he had never skied before.

"Mentally, I was gone," he said, flanked by his doctor and family during a news conference at Harborview Medical Center. "The last couple of days were kind of hopeless. I couldn't stand up or think very well. . . . I just didn't want to die. I didn't want my parents to have to put me in the ground."

Witkowski has been in Harborview's Burn Unit since he was picked up by helicopter last Sunday afternoon. He was expected to be released today morning, and his doctors, who heated his hands and feet by soaking them in warm water, plan to monitor him over the next several months.

Most likely, Dr. David Heimbach said, a few of his fingertips and toes will have to be amputated, but doctors want to see how much tissue recovers before they begin cutting. Nevertheless, Heimbach said, Witkowski should be back on the slopes next season.

"The fact that he lived is pretty remarkable," Heimbach said. "It's a testament to how well you can do when you're young and healthy."

Witkowski began skiing by himself down a chute off Interstate 90 about 40 miles east of Seattle, the morning of New Year's Eve. He soon decided to ski out-of-bounds, as he often did.

He skied north along a ridge and then sailed down it. When he reached the valley below, he knew he was lost, but figured that if he kept heading downhill, he'd be OK.

For a while he did, then decided to hike up to another ridge to see if he could figure out where

he was.

Meanwhile, his friends were expecting to see him at 5 p.m. When he didn't show, they called his home. His father, Robert, drove out to Alpental that night to see if he could find his son's car.

Robert Witkowski didn't find the car and figured Dan must be out celebrating the holiday in Ellensburg. But Robert didn't know there was a fourth parking lot at Alpental, and that's where Dan's car was. When the Witkowskis hadn't heard from their son by the middle of the night, they started calling Alpental's ski patrol, which launched the search the next morning.

"Don had no food, not so much as an energy bar. He tried to keep moving to maintain his temperature, resting on beds of stripped tree branches before dark. He'd have enough energy to continue up through the night. He never stopped for long," he said, because whenever he did he began shivering. Eventually he covered about 10 miles, though he was found only five miles from the ski area.

About 20 inches of snow fell during the time he was missing, so the scores of rescuers who looked for him without believing he was still alive had trouble finding tracks. It was only when the weather cleared Sunday and helicopters were able to fly over the area that they began to see specks of gear in the snow — his fatigues, ski poles, snow-filled gloves, even the lining of his ski boots, which he ditched because they were frozen solid.

During the final two days he covered little ground, staying near Pratt Creek, which he drank from. Sometimes he prayed. He doesn't recall whether he ever realized how close he was to death.

"I never thought I was that bad," he said. "When I was weak, I wasn't thinking straight, and when I was strong, I was surprised at how strong I was."

Witkowski has been working as a dishwasher, but won't be able to do that for a while. He hopes instead to return to Central Washington University and earn a degree — in what, he's not sure.

"Knowing he is sure of: He will be back on the slopes."

"I'm definitely going to go back. I'm going to be safer," he said. "At the time, it didn't seem that stupid. . . . If I go out of bounds, I'll have my gear, and I'll have my friends with me."

Changing other grades?

Although many seem to support the idea of moving ninth-graders, there is less support for moving other grades, Critchfield said.

Most parents are against moving third-graders to White Pine Intermediate School, she said.

"They're concerned about taking an 8-year-old to a bigger school," Critchfield said. "They feel there is a more nurturing environment at Dworshak."

Lynch agreed.

"I haven't heard any negative concerns about moving ninth-graders, and no significant concerns about sixth-graders," he said.

"But I have heard many concerns about moving third-graders."

Lynch said parents worry that White Pine might not be set up for third-graders, such as having appropriate age-level books.

However, Lynch said the board hasn't made any decisions yet and encourages people to attend the meeting to express their opinion.

"It all depends on Tuesday to see what direction we'd like to head," he said.

Should Congress scrap the No Child Left Behind Act?

Yes

Measure should be flunked and replaced

When the Bush team rolled out its 2002 election campaign plan, education was front and center. Post-election, however, what educators and students got was a long list of questions and unmet promises, all in the form of the No Child Left Behind Act.

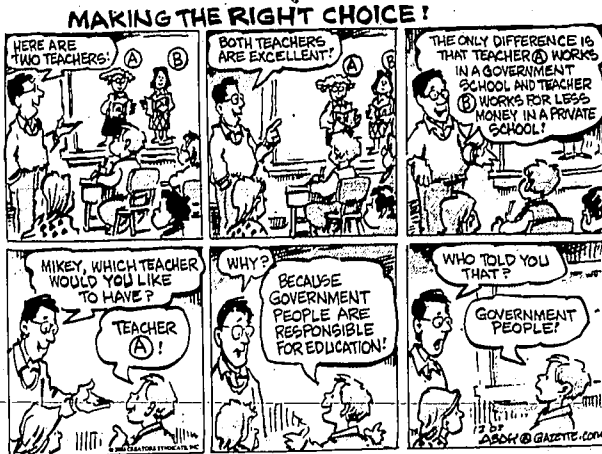
We all agree on the need for higher standards and accountability, but the path of high-stakes testing is a road filled with pitfalls. Tests can be one useful tool, but they must never be the only measure.

A wider range of assessments of students' performance must be used to measure student progress accurately. Teaching to the test has become the reality for too many teachers depriving students of a well-rounded education, including subjects such as music and physical education, and encouraging independent thought and analysis. The penalties for failure under NCLB include sending children to other schools, teachers being fired and school districts being disbanded or further underfunded. Instead of encouraging excellence and innovation, NCLB stifles it.

Among the more damaging aspects of NCLB are the resources – or lack thereof – provided for implementation. While the Bush administration finds ample funds for tax-cuts for the wealthy and an unjustified war, it is only paying lip service to its professed top priority – education.

The U.S. Department of Education contends that education funding is at a historic high. While that may be true technically, actual funding levels in real dollars continue to fall drastically and do not take into account the new mandates school districts face under NCLB. Funding for NCLB is \$8 billion short of the funding levels prescribed. It gets worse though:

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President Bush recently asked Congress to cut funding for NCLB in the 2004 federal budget by an additional \$300 million. That means that the burden for implementing NCLB will ultimately fall on the cash-strapped states and localities.

An analysis of Vermont's implementation of NCLB found that the cost of implementation would be three times the amount provided to the program under current funding formulas. This disparity in funding could prove to be devastating to current programs and the long-term needs of school districts.

Another problem with NCLB is

the lack of resources for students eligible to transfer out of a failing school. According to the U.S. Department of Education, students must be allowed to transfer to new schools regardless of available space and current class sizes. The burden of taking on more students has created massive overcrowding in some school districts. Additionally, schools may be asked to take on new students without any additional funding to provide for their education.

While all agree that no child should be left behind, NCLB's is a set up for failure. Requiring every child to pass the state assess-

ments by the year 2014, combined with the inadequate funding provided for implementation, increases the pressure on local districts to create miracles out of nothing. Instead of providing adequate support for needy schools, the Bush administration is consigning them to the trash heap and piling an almost insurmountable burden on others who inevitably will fail as well. The result will be every child left behind. Lofty goals need to be backed up with viable programs. NCLB does not meet that basic standard.

The No Child Left Behind Act is still relatively new. Educators and communities are still struggling to understand its specifics and its costs to them. Yet, if the Bush administration were to be held to the same standards it imposes on local governments and school districts, it would receive a "failing" grade.

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No

Act is a welcome step in demanding results

ROBERT HOLLAND

grades 3-8 on reading and math is the core NCLB requirement. In a nod to federalism, the law allows states to choose their own tests and set their own passing marks. Nevertheless, critics decry the emphasis on standardized tests. They assert that tests do not measure "critical thinking" or such virtues as "tolerance."

That's true, but without measurement, there would be no way to monitor students' acquisition of foundational knowledge and skills.

In their new book, "No Excuses," Abigail and Stephen Thernstrom document the shocking reality that by age 17 the average black or Hispanic student is scoring lower than 80 percent of his white classmates. The success that charter schools like the KIPP Academies have had in raising minority achievement show that there is no reason to tolerate such grievous inequality.

Unlike prior versions of federal education law, NCLB requires that schools report achievement data by subgroups – and not just according to race, ethnicity and income level but also disability and limited English fluency.

What so empurms many school officials is that NCLB requires annual improvement for students in each of these subgroups, or even a highly regarded suburban school will be rated as in need of improvement.

That's as it should be, because modern education too often has given students a label instead of teaching them to read and has shunted immigrant children to the linguistic ghetto of bilingual education instead of promptly teaching them English.

The education establishment also resents NCLB giving needy parents a right to public-school choice or private tutors when their children are being poorly served. In many localities, officials are doing their best to cheat parents by failing to inform them of their options.

Such reluctance is no reason to scrap NCLB. It is instead a reason to bolster it, thereby improving the quality of our public schools along the way.

The No Child Left Behind Act represents a medical departure from Washington's first K-12 education laws. For the first time, it ties federal dollars to achieving academic results. It also seeks to give parents options when their children are poorly served by schools receiving federal aid designed to close an achievement gap defined so long by race and poverty.

So it is not surprising that the law has ignited controversy in its first two years as parents, educators and elected officials discover that their schools might not measure up.

And while disappointing, it also comes as little surprise that the loudest objections to No Child Left Behind emanate from the 2.7 million-member teacher union, the National Education Association, and its allies.

After all, with its increased accountability for results, the law doesn't bring any added job security for those union members who year after year can't quite get the job done.

With the law as come unprecedented spending increases: Federal K-12 spending has increased by \$11 billion in the last three years. In addition, the nonpartisan General Accounting Office recently concluded that the states already are receiving federal aid adequate to cover the stepped-up NCLB achievement testing.

Nevertheless, Democrats and Republicans likely will squabble forever as to the optimum federal share. What's important is that the consensus holds on demanding results and giving children escape routes from failing schools.

Annual testing of pupils in

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LETTERS

Paper delivers excellent coverage of Ramos

Just wanted to let you know that I really appreciate the coverage your paper is providing with regard to the hearings about Angel Ramos and his fight to keep his job.

I live in Boise where the hearing is taking place, and I'm reading the Twin Falls paper to find out what's happening.

You guys are really on the ball! Thanks again!
JOE LUNDGREN
Boise

Gays have no valid claim to marriage rights

To all who support homosexual marriages: The United States is not creating a second class of citizens by denying same-sex marriages. Homosexuals, by choosing deviant sexual behavior, have created a cultural sub-class.

To insinuate that homosexuality is not a choice is delusional. Scientific evidence supports brain changes that occur as a result of different sexual practices. There is no physical evidence to support that sexual preference is genetically predisposed. To claim that a person is "born" with sexual attraction to the same sex is to equally claim that

pedophilia, date rape and murder for sexual gratification is genetically predisposed. This claim wrongly dictates that some people are born sexually criminal with no chance of redemption or prevention for the victims or the offenders.

Common sense dictates, "In a nation where all people are supposed to be created equal before the law," we are born with freedom of choice and we take responsibility for our actions.

Marriage laws support procreation, not sexual preference. Marriage laws assist and protect families in exchange for creating the next generation of responsible citizens and accommodate the financial sacrifices parents make in order to spend time rearing children.

In short, "You have the legal right to use a wheelchair, but that doesn't make you handicapped, nor does it give you the right to use handicapped parking."

In my opinion, "if you can tolerate and learn to live peacefully with a member of the opposite sex, then you have earned more than marriage laws benefits!"

HOLLY J. BECKSTROM-DOKTER
Twin Falls

Don't expect State of Union revelations

Was American intelligence manipulated in the months leading up to the war? Did the president honestly address the American people about Iraq? These are questions that deserve more attention – especially now, as President Bush prepares to confront the nation in his State of the Union address on Jan. 20.

Is it fair to say that the administration lied? After revelations that part of Bush's 2003 State of the Union address was based on forged documents, the Bush team seemed to fall into the worst kind of denial. The most glaring example happened on the set of "Meet the Press" on Sept. 28, when Condoleezza Rice was asked how the corruption found its way into the State of the Union.

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later. Between October 2002 and January 2003, Rice said, "I didn't remember" that the CIA said not to use the information. She didn't remember?

The information in question was later determined to be based on forged documents. Nobody seems to know who forged the documents, but it took the International Atomic Energy Agency only a few hours to determine that the documents were forged. One letter, dated Oct. 10, 2000, was signed with the name of Allele Hibibou, a Niger minister of foreign affairs who had been out of office since 1989.

Rice probably forgot about that. Another letter, allegedly from Niger President Tandja Mamadou, had text with inaccuracies so egregious, a senior IAEA official told The New Yorker, that "they could be spotted by someone using Google on the Internet."

But Rice probably forgot how to Google.

I'll never forget watching Rice say – over and over – that she didn't remember the CIA told her not to use the information. I was speechless.

She forgot? Bush forgot? Everybody in the administration

forgot? How do you forget being warned by the CIA not to use a piece of information like this?

By the standards set in the Clinton era, Bush's crimes and misdemeanors are worthy of impeachment. Of course, getting testimony from folks as memory challenged as Rice might pose a problem. But – for the importance of our international credibility and getting to the bottom of the forgery mystery – I think a Senate impeachment trial is warranted. Unfortunately, no member of the House of Representatives seems to be willing to risk the political

capital necessary to file articles of impeachment.

So for now, we will have to wish President Bush stand at the speaker's lectern to once again deliver a State of the Union address. I doubt that he will address the serious issue of forged documents and knowingly deceiving the American people in last year's State of the Union, but I think he should. If you can remember.

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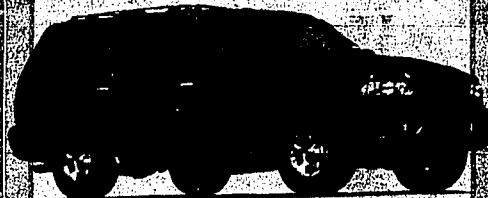
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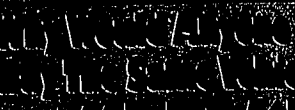
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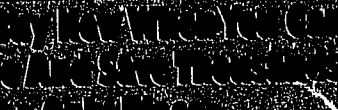
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Coming Sunday

A young man works to represent his Palestinian homeland.

The Times-News

Saturday, January 10, 2004

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SPORTSQUOTE

“As you know, Pete Rose was banned from baseball for life. In fact, he’s not even allowed to have himself frozen.”

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—David Letterman

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who twice hit more than 50 home runs in a season, 10 years apart?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College basketball
 - Women, Salt Lake CC at CSI, 6 p.m.
 - Men, Salt Lake CC at CSI, 8 p.m.
- High school girls basketball
 - Wood River at Valley, 6 p.m.
 - Wendell at Filer, 6 p.m.
 - Twin Falls at Jerome, 6 p.m.
- High school wrestling
 - Buhl Invitational at Buhl HS, 9 a.m.
 - Twin Falls Freshman/Sophomore Invitational, 9 a.m.
- High school boys basketball
 - Wood River at Gooding, 6 p.m.
 - Filer at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.
 - Richfield at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
 - Shoshone at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
 - Castelford at Twin Falls JV, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Pomerelle hosts slope competition

ALBION — The Pomerelle Mountain Resort will host a slope style competition Saturday, Jan. 17. Competition is open to all ages, with trophies and medals given to the top three places in each division. Registration is 9-11 a.m. with competition starting at noon.

All entries must pay a \$5 entry fee and a \$5 bib deposit.

A Pomerelle release waiver signed by a parent is required for all competitors under 18. Waivers can be found at local sports stores, Pomerelle Mountain, or on-line at www.pomerelle.com.

For more information, please call 673-5599.

Youth basketball camp is this morning

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School basketball coaches are hosting the classic clinic for boys and girls in grades 4-6, which will be held from 8 a.m.-noon today at O'Leary Junior High School. The camp will be instructed by TFHS coaches and players. The cost is \$20 per participant.

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 2004 season. The cost is \$50 (scholarships available) and a copy of the player's birth certificate must be provided. Call Scott Bartlett at 733-6973 for more information.

Buhl volleyball club registration is Tuesday

BUHL — The Buhl Volleyball Club will hold its registration for the 2004 season from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday at Buhl High School. All girls in grades 5-12 are eligible. The cost to register is \$20. A \$15-T-shirt is also mandatory in order to play. The league will begin in February and run through March. For more information, call Kelli Fields at 543-8294.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

—Willie Mays hit 51 homers in 1955 and 52 in 1965.

Oakley guard All Cranney drives past Hansen's Kayla Bates during Friday night's Magic Valley Conference game. Cranney finished with 20 points, but Hansen picked up the win, 51-41.

ERIC LARSEN/The Times News



Getting the job done

Hansen hands Oakley first conference loss

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — The Hansen Lady Huskies took a 14-5 lead to open Friday night's Magic Valley Conference girls basketball game against Oakley's Lady Hornets and never looked back, winning 51-41.

The Hot-shooting Lady Huskies improved their record to 10-3, 7-2 in-conference by handing Oakley its first conference loss of the year. The 9-3 (8-1 Magic Valley Conference) Hornets struggled to move the ball inside against Hansen coach Terry Dowd's pseudo-1-2-2 zone defense. Hansen set

its focus on shutting sophomore Oakley post Jenna Peterson, and did so, holding Peterson to only six points in the game.

"She'd been burning it up recently, so that's who we concentrated on," Dowd said. "That zone is my own invention. It looks like a 1-2-2 zone, but it works differently."

Offensively, Hansen relied on their starters for production. The Lady Husky starting five produced all but two of Hansen's 51 points. Senior Bonnie Freestone led Hansen with 14 points, while Jamie Lapp posted 11 from down low. Freestone's younger sister Charlotte added nine, while starters Kayla Bates and Retha

Stanger scored eight and seven points, respectively.

"It was a real team effort," Dowd said. "We stepped it up tonight."

Senior Oakley guard Ali Cranney posted a game-high 20 points on the strength of four three-pointers. While Cranney was able to find open shots at the top of the Hansen zone, Oakley coach Brett Graham's hard-working posts were neutralized by the swarming Hansen defense.

"Our posts were working hard," said Graham. "But they did a great job of shifting their zone over to cover our rotations."

While the loss ends Oakley's hopes for a perfect conference season, the Lady Hornets are still lead-

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Salt Lake sweeps Golden Eagles

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Playing without their top three scorers for the entire game and their top four for much of the second half, an undermanned College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team fell to Salt Lake Community College, 73-64 Friday night at the CSI Gymnasium.

The Golden Eagles were missing Sidney Orndorff, Lenka Zimova and Delicia Jernigan due to either injury or illness, a total of nearly 34 points missing from the CSI lineup. To worsen matters, forward Jennifer Pond, who averages 9.3 points and 5.9 rebounds per contest, left the game early in the second half with an ankle injury.

"We were missing some key players, but we have to overcome that," said CSI head coach Randy Rogers, whose team fell to 13-4 overall and 9-2 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. "Salt Lake is not the best team in this conference, not by a longshot."

But the Lady Bruins (11-6, 7-4) are still pretty good.

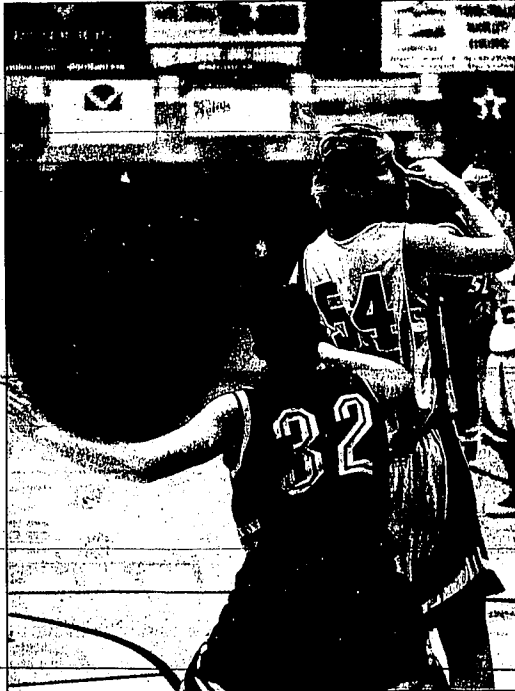
SLCC used an 11-1 run midway through the second half to claim a 48-37 advantage, thanks to some clutch outside shooting and the ability to get to the basket with backdoor cuts.

"Our help—should've been there," Rogers said.

The Eagles didn't help themselves much on offense, either, turning the ball over 20 times while making just 17 of their 34 free throw attempts.

Salt Lake's Jenn Cook led all scorers with 28 points. Teammate Carolyn Manning chipped in with

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An errant entry pass sails over the shoulder of College of Southern Idaho forward Denisa Svarova, 54, during the first half of Friday's 73-64 home loss to the Salt Lake Community College Lady Bruins.

ERIC WYDER/The Times News

Gibbs hiring uplifts city of sporting losers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For a city full of people who have to win something to get here, Washington sure has a lot of losers. Namely, the city's major pro sports teams — the Redskins, Capitals and Wizards.

But now the winningest coach in Redskins history is back, and the city is abuzz.

To understand the significance of this week's hiring of Joe Gibbs requires an understanding of the psyche of the nation's capital.

Folks and the Redskins are Washington's two obsessions, and it's often difficult to tell which has the

higher priority. Few policy declarations from the White House provide the same kind of lift as a Redskins victory. The height of euphoria came when Gibbs led the team to three Super Bowl titles in his 12 years as coach from 1981-1992.

"Washington has always been a Redskins town. That's it," said lifelong fan Bill Richardson of Manassas, Va.

At the same time, however, Darren Washington, a fan who lives in suburban Maryland, said the capital has become a sports wasteland.

"We were getting to be the city that gets dumped on. Every sports franchise stinks," said Washington,

sporting a Redskins jacket on his lunch break Friday. "Hopefully, with Gibbs coming back, we'll at least have one winning franchise."

Gibbs' decision to end an 11-year retirement as a coach in the NFL brought joy to a city in the midst of the winter doldrums. The city's two daily newspapers made Gibbs a page one story for two straight days.

Gibbs gave his first news conference Thursday at the team's headquarters and was cheered heartily by fans who lined the parking lot to see him, a scene comparable to a presidential candidate pressing the flesh in a throng of supporters.

"I'm a little embarrassed by so much attention," Gibbs said.

Sports are a diversion for a city that lives on the front line of the war on terror, where anxiety has been high since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, one of which badly damaged the Pentagon in the capital's suburbs. But the performance of the area's pro sports teams has made the mood worse.

The Redskins have won just one playoff game since Gibbs left despite millions spent by owner Dan Snyder on marquee players like Deion Sanders and Bruce Smith and well-known coaches Steve Spurrier

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Singh surges into lead with birdie streak for 9-under par

The Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Vijay Singh is playing as if they're still counting votes for PGA Tour player of the year.

Playing the best golf of his life, Singh finished with seven straight birdies Friday for a 9-under 64 to surge past Stuart Appleby and into the lead at the season-opening Mercedes Championships.

Singh was at 14-under 132 and had a one-shot lead over Appleby in what was shaping up as a two-man race going into the weekend on the Plantation course at Kapalua.

"I wasn't expecting all that," Singh said. Appleby led by as many as four shots when he made the

turn on the Plantation course at Kapalua, but his momentum slowed when he tried to drive the green on the 305-yard 14th and lost his ball in the waist-high vegetation — a two-shot penalty — and had to scramble to make bogey.

He birdied the two par 5s after that and finished with a 67.

Darren Clarke recovered from a double bogey on the first hole for a 69 and was at 10-under 136.

Tiger Woods, who barely beat out Singh for player of the year, hit some unfamiliar shots that left him in a familiar position — trying to catch the big Fijian. Woods lost his opening tee

shot and made double bogey, missed a 4-foot par putt on the next and spend the rest of the day trying to make up lost ground. He wound up with a 3-under 70 and was nine shots behind.

Singh won four times last year despite being mired in controversy over critical comments about Annika Sorenstam playing in the Colonial. Better yet, he won the PGA Tour money title with \$7.5 million, ending Woods' four-year reign.

No one looks sharper, and Singh looks as determined as he was last year.

"You've got to make putts over here to score," Singh said. "I didn't do it yesterday. They paid me back today."



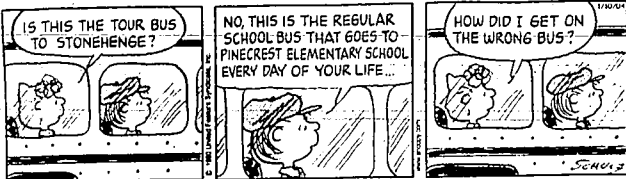
Vijay Singh follows his drive from the 1st tee of the Plantation Course during the second round of the Mercedes Championships in Kapalua, Hawaii, Friday. Singh leads the tournament by one stroke to finish at total 14-under-par.

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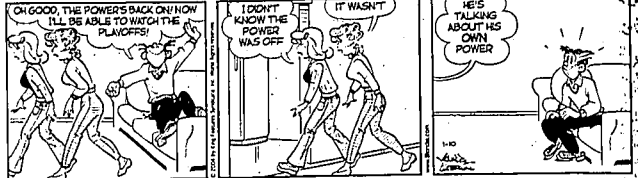
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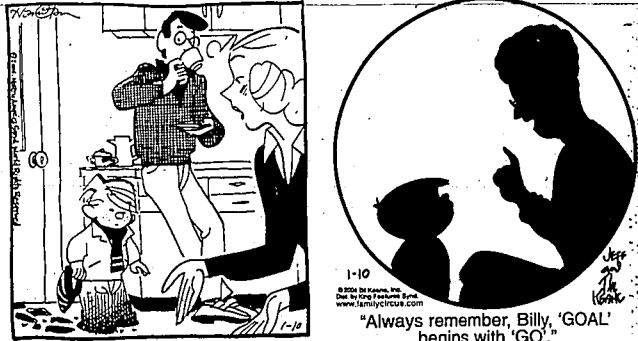


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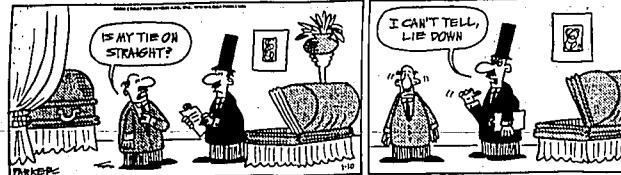
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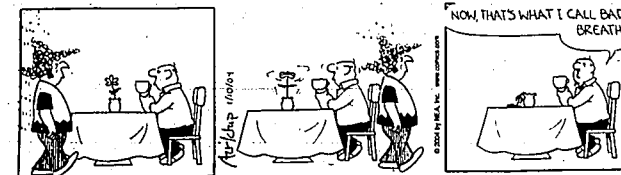
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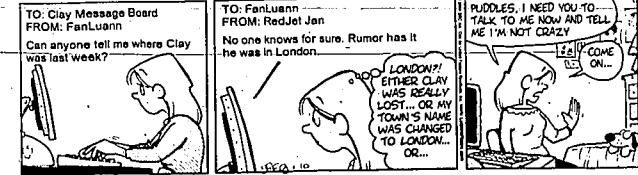
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Candy co. reports record earnings

KETCHUM - Colorado-based Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory Inc. reported record nine-month earnings.

Rocky Mountain Chocolate franchises gourmet chocolate and confectionery stores and manufactures premium chocolates and other confectionery products. The company and its franchisees operate 256 stores, including one in Ketchum.

For the third quarter, which ended Nov. 30, revenues increased 30 percent to \$5.8 million, compared with \$5.6 million a year earlier. But comparable-store sales at franchised retail outlets fell 2.5 percent.

Net earnings for the third quarter, at \$630,000, compared with a year-ago net loss of \$473,000. Basic earnings per share increased to 25 cents, from a net loss of 19 cents per share a year earlier.

Excluding a year-ago nonrecurring loss associated with insolvency of a single franchisee, net earnings for the most recent third quarter increased 11.7 percent to \$630,000 from an adjusted net income of \$564,000. Basic earnings per share increased 8.7 percent on an adjusted basis.

For the nine months that ended Nov. 30, revenues grew 3.6 percent to \$15.2 million, but comparable-store sales at franchised retail outlets fell 3.6 percent due to a soft retail and economic environment, the company said. Nine-month net earnings were \$1,691 million.

New theater to open near Park City, Utah

PARK CITY, Utah - Rocky Mountain Cinemas, based in Hailey, will open a new eight-screen theater near Park City this month.

The Redstone 8 Cinemas will be at Kimball Junction behind the new Wild Out Market. The company has a partnership with Metropolitan Theaters, based in Los Angeles.

SkyWest announces increase in passengers

ST. GEORGE, Utah - The number of passengers on SkyWest Airlines topped 1 million last month, a 26.5 percent increase over the previous December, the airline reported.

That strong month catapulted the regional carrier's passenger total for 2003 to 10.7 million, a 28 percent more than the 8.4 million passengers who flew on SkyWest in 2002.

Almost 72 percent of SkyWest's available seats were filled last year, up 32 percent from the previous year, although the "load factor" was down slightly in December, the company reported.

SkyWest had 1,200 daily departures serving 104 cities - including Twin Falls and Hailey - in 27 states and three Canadian provinces. It has 5,800 employees, operating as United Express, Delta Connection and Continental Connection under marketing agreements.

Heritage Propane reports loss, offering

TULSA, Okla. - Heritage Propane Partners LP - owner of V.I. Propane operations in Twin Falls and Rupert - reported a net loss of \$1.3 million, or 9 cents per limited partner unit, for its fiscal first quarter, compared with a profit of \$1.5 million, or 8 cents per unit, for the same quarter a year earlier.

"Although overall sales volumes increased due to acquisitions, the increase was limited by the warmer than normal temperatures and was not enough to offset the higher operating expenses associated with those acquisitions," said H. Michael Krimbill, president and chief executive of the Tulsa-based partnership, which sold during the quarter, which ended Nov. 30, a 1.9 million gallon increase, the partnership said.

Heritage also announced that it plans to sell 7 million common units in a public offering. It plans to use the net proceeds to pay in combination with Energy Transfer Co. Heritage will also grant the offering's underwriters an option to purchase an additional 1.05 million common units to cover overallocations.

Heritage is the nation's fourth-largest retail marketer of propane.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Unemployment drops in western M.V.

But rate remains higher in Mini-Cassia

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - December jobless rates show western Magic Valley with an all-around healthy economy, and Mini-Cassia as stable and better than expected, a labor economist said.

In Magic Valley's primary labor market - Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties combined - unemployment dropped to an exceptionally low 3.7 percent in December, the Idaho Department of Labor Forecast on Friday. That's down from both November's three-county rate of 3.9 percent and the 4.3 percent of December 2002.

Western Magic Valley's jobless rate in December was forecast at more than a full percentage point below the statewide 4.8 percent.

"This economy is working at all sectors," said Greg Rogers, the department's regional labor economist for south-central Idaho.

How the year shaped up

These are preliminary estimates of 2003's annual average unemployment rates in several local markets, compared with the previous two years:

Area	2003	2002	2001
Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties combined	4.0	4.2	3.9
Minidoka and Cassia counties combined	7.2	7.0	6.0

"This rate is low enough to know that all of the sectors are doing well, for the most part," Rogers was particularly pleased by the Jerome County jobless rate - two-tenths of a point lower than a year ago despite the summer's closure of a Moore Wallace Inc. business-forms plant in Jerome and its roughly 100 jobs. He credited the dairy industry's stability and retailers' plentiful

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December payrolls for Idaho drop as workers leave labor force

The Associated Press

BOISE - After expanding for three straight months, the number of Idaho workers fell to its lowest level of 2003 in December, and an apparently listless holiday season drove thousands of job seekers from the labor force.

But the Department of Labor on Friday reported that the flight from the work force was so much greater than the loss of actual jobs that it drove the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate below 5 percent for the first time in over two years.

Analysts estimated the December jobless rate at 4.8 percent, down a third of a point from November and a point and a half below the year-earlier rate. It is the lowest

unemployment rate since March 2001, when it dropped to 4.7 percent.

But total employment last month fell 1,700 to 652,800, and nearly 4,000 workers dropped out of the state's labor pool.

The inclement weather, the uncertainty of the holiday sales and a few layoffs had an adverse impact on job gains in December," analysts said in the report.

The same circumstances marked unemployment nationally. Stagnant employment and the exodus of 300,000 from the work force dropped the seasonally adjusted rate down two-tenths to 5.7 percent, the lowest level in more than a year.

It was the 12th straight month that Idaho's rate has been lower than the national rate, and the substantial decline in December put the average unemployment rate for 2003 at 5.3 percent, a notch lower than labor analysts expected just two days ago and a half point below the average for 2002.

But even with the dropping jobless rate, the December report reinforced assessments made earlier in the week by

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FEELING THE FALLOUT

Some Hispanics who participated in boycott lost their jobs

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. - A chef at a Mexican restaurant, Alvaro Tejeda skipped work Dec. 12 to protest the repeal of a California law allowing undocumented immigrants to apply for driver's licenses.

Tejeda expected he might receive a warning, or get demoted. Instead, he says, he was fired the next day.

Advocates say they've heard from dozens of workers like Tejeda who claim they lost their jobs because they missed work to join the one-day economic strike. Though it's been tough getting by without a job, many who were fired say they believe the boycott was a success, and some are hoping to join similar actions planned for May and December.

"The more we are, the more we'll be able to make ourselves be heard," said Tejeda, a 23-year-old, undocumented Mexican immigrant who lives in San Jose. "We have to support each other."

Tejeda's former employer, El Torito Restaurant, issued a statement saying employees were terminated because they violated a company attendance policy. Tejeda says he told his supervisor ahead of time he might observe the boycott.

It's unclear how many people participated overall; organizers estimate tens of thousands joined throughout the state.

Salvador Sandoval, a founder of Latino Focus in Redwood City, said his group has received about 150 phone calls from people who lost their jobs after the strike. Hispanic organizations have held community workshops to help people find new jobs and get training and legal help, said Sandoval who has spoken at five such meetings.

If their employer has a leave policy, employees cannot be denied a day off from work because they plan to engage in political activities, said Tomas Margain, a San Francisco attorney who spoke at



Jose Valdez, right, speaks as, from left, Juan Rodriguez, Gustavo Mora, Jose Valencia, and Gustavo Torres listen at the home of their former co-worker Francisco Retz in Hollister, Calif., on Tuesday. They were fired from their jobs at Milgard Manufacturing, a window company, in Hollister, Calif., after participating in the Dec. 12 statewide boycott.

one of the workshops.

But most workers he talked to didn't ask for, or were denied, little recourse, he said. Some mistakenly believed their employer supported the boycott, while others thought they were secure because so many co-workers were missing work. Some just decided to take a risk.

Organizers of the boycott say they have been trying to help workers get their jobs back. In Northern California, activists heard from more than 400 people who lost their jobs, and all but 30 were reinstated after advocates spoke with

their employers, said Nativo Lopez, president of the Mexican American Political Association. Southern California, the group has heard from about 20 employees; half got their jobs back, he said.

"With the literally tens of thousands of workers that participated, it's a minute number of people," Lopez said. "With every social movement, there's always a byproduct of direct action."

The economic strike underlined the importance of immigration issues in this state, where one in four residents is foreign-born. Critics have said allowing illegal immigrants to get driver's license

is "a free pass" that could allow terrorists and other criminals into the state.

Though Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed legislation repealing the driver's license law, he has indicated he is willing to consider a similar bill if it had more security safeguards.

Tejeda, who has lived in the United States for eight years, said police have impounded his cars four times after finding he had no driver's license and no insurance. Each time, he had to pay about \$80 to get his car back and \$600 in fines.

"There are a lot of times we've called 733-1300.

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Agency considers incentive to new employer

Urban Renewal ponders giving grant to California manufacturing company

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The city's Urban Renewal Agency on Monday will consider approving a gift of \$200,000 to help a California manufacturer of high-precision hydraulic valves and fittings relocate to Twin Falls.

Hydro-Fitting Manufacturing Corp. has settled on a 425-acre site at the intersection of 3200 East and what will be a new segment of Highland Avenue East for its new manufacturing plant, said Drey McAllindin, Twin Falls' director of economic development.

He said Hydro Fitting owners have a purchase contract with owners of the site, which is in the newly approved Magic Valley Business Park, and are finishing negotiations with a contractor.

Urban Renewal on Monday will consider an incentive package that would include the \$200,000 gift from the agency itself, to write down the cost of the property; an application by the city for a Community Development Block Grant for infrastructure work, but with

no guarantee of securing the state grant; and worker training help from the College of Southern Idaho, using one of Hydro Fitting's own computerized machines.

Urban Renewal members have talked in private sessions about their \$200,000 incentive for Hydro Fitting, and they set the money aside in their budget. But they haven't yet discussed or voted on the incentive in a public meeting.

Acting in their separate role as the city's Industrial Development Corp., Urban Renewal members last month voted to lend Hydro Fitting owners the development corporation's tax-exempt status for industrial development bonds to fund up to \$3.5 million in plant construction and equipment purchases.

"It will be nonrecourse debt, which means Industrial Development and the city won't be responsible for payment of the bonds even if the company defaults. Industrial Development on Monday will hear an update on timing and other details for those bonds.

The Urban Renewal Agency has two other items on its Monday agenda.

A leader in an effort to erect a Magic Valley Arts Council facility in town will speak to the agency about the possibility of using vacant Urban Renewal-owned land between Maxwell Avenue and Rock Creek Canyon.

That's the same site that once was the planned home of the local senior center. Urban Renewal in 2001 agreed to sell the

senior center its four acres south of Maxwell Avenue for just \$1 - providing that the center successfully raised money for a new building.

Seniors worked on fund-raising but, the following year, instead clinched a deal to buy an existing building elsewhere in Old Towne which had housed an entertainment business.

Northwest Feed Manufacturing has asked Urban Renewal to buy the Old Bowne site where its mill burned down in November, McAllindin said.

The company is asking \$175,000 for the property, as if. At this moment I have no notion as to what we would do with the property," McAllindin said Friday.

He said he couldn't predict whether agency members will be interested in the offer.

As the historic warehouse district redevelops, Urban Renewal has bought other Old Towne sites in recent years, with an eye on public projects or luring private development. But it has passed up some potential purchases.

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Project will hold seminar

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Project will hold a seminar for business owners, managers, supervisors and human resource staff members from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday in Rooms 117-118 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

Money In brief

Participants will be responsible for their own lunches from noon to 1:30 p.m.

"Drugs in the Workplace: Detection, Intervention and Community Resources" will address issues such as the human resource manager's role in a drug-free workplace, available resources in the community to help a business and employee affected by drug use, the impact drugs have made in the community, and how to detect drug use in the workplace.

Speakers include Carl Johnson, human resource consultant at Cooper Norman; Jill Chestnut, a registered nurse - and executive director of Drug Free Idaho; Sheri Molina, coordinator of Safe Schools for the Twin Falls School District; Darrell Roskelley, 5th Judicial District Drug Court coordinator; Janie Dedrick, Idaho-National Guard drug demand reduction specialist; and Sgt. Gary Kaufman of the Idaho State Police, at presenters will be available to discuss companies' specific issues.

Reservations are open to the public at \$25 per person. Reserve a spot as soon as possible online at www.mvdrugfree.org or by calling 733-1300.

Auctioneers association plans convention, contest

BOISE - The Idaho Association of Professional Auctioneers, with about 60 members statewide, plans a state annual convention and auction contest Jan. 16-18 in Boise.

Meetings are for members only, but the public is invited to the auction contest Friday night. The public is also invited to help judge contestants at the auction contest Jan. 16-18 in Boise.

Auctioneers from around the state will compete for the Idaho Bid Calling Championship 2004 Title. "A panel of professional judges as well as members of the public will judge each contestant's introduction, poise, rhythm, clarity, ability to spot bids and personal interview in both the Rookie and Pro divisions.

Musick & Sons Auctioneers & Appraisers will host the association's contest at 6 p.m. Friday at the E. State St. in Eagle. The public can inspect auction items from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

A list of members and past auction contest winners is available on the association's Web site, www.idahoassociation.org, and pictures of a list of items to be auctioned during the contest are available at www.musicauktion.com.

Compiled from staff reports

MONEY

Share prices fall on weak job reports

NEW YORK (AP) - A bad jobs report Friday halted Wall Street's 2004 rally, sending stocks sharply lower as investors cashed in profits from the market's recent advance...

Poor's 500 index rose 10.06, or 0.3 percent, to 11,211.85. The Nasdaq composite index, which had spent much of the day in positive territory, closed down 13.33, or 0.6 percent, at 2,086.92...

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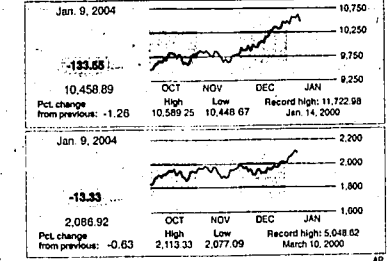
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Teamsters urge ban on 'mad cow milk'

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) - The turmoil from the nation's first case of mad cow disease took yet another turn as a union representing locked-out Darigold workers called for a ban on milk products linked to the mad cow's farm.

WestFarm Foods, WestFarm Foods is the marketing manufacturing subsidiary of that cooperative.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief veterinarian said Friday there was no scientific basis for such restrictions.

Scientists believe spongiform diseases are the work of twisted proteins called prions.

Teamsters Local 66 represents 194 workers involved in contract negotiations with Seattle-area Darigold plants operated by WestFarm Foods, which also operates a Jerome milk-dehydration facility.

The union's attempt to scare consumers with false insinuations in an attempt to apply leverage in contract negotiations is truly reprehensible,

Table with 4 columns: County, Dec. '03, Nov. '03, Dec. '02. Lists unemployment rates for Blaine, Cassia, and Twin Falls counties.

Source: Idaho Department of Labor forecasts

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various NASDAQ stocks and their price changes.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ markets showing volume, active shares, and most active stocks.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, and others with their current values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks such as Albertson, Boise Cascade, and others with their prices and changes.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 225 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing American Stock Exchange stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including Corn, Soybean, Wheat, and Oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

MARKETS

Table of market indices and prices for various commodities like Gold, Silver, and Copper. Columns include item name, price, and change.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuel prices including Crude Oil, Heating Oil, and Gasoline. Columns include item name, price, and change.

Company admits efforts to stop counterfeiting

WASHINGTON (AP) - Adobe Systems Inc. acknowledged on Friday it quietly adopted technology to the world's best-known graphics software at the request of government regulators and international bankers to prevent consumers from making copies of the world's major currencies. The unusual concession has angered scores of customers. Adobe, the world's leading vendor for graphics software, said the secretive tactics, which "could have minimal impact on honest customers," it generates a warning message when someone tries to make digital copies of some currencies.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types like Soybean, Pinto, and Black. Columns include item name, price, and change.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices including Corn, Soybean, and Wheat. Columns include item name, price, and change.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metal and currency prices for Gold, Silver, and various currencies. Columns include item name, price, and change.

HEATING OIL

Table of heating oil prices for different grades. Columns include item name, price, and change.

Hispanics

Continued from B7. feeling he supported us." Instead, many were fired, he said. The company did not return calls from The Associated Press. Activists will advise people to ask for a day off well ahead of the next strike, said Isabel Villavicencio, an organizer with San Jose-based Community Volunteers. They're also buying grocery or gas, for example - that people can choose from, without risking their jobs, Sandoval said. Though she lost her job at a fast food restaurant after the strike, Nicolasa Chacon de Menla Park said she's determined to join the next action. "I will tell our people to gain courage and participate in the boycott," she said. "We have to take the risk."

Idaho

Continued from B7. jobless rates of 6 percent or higher. Two still had double-digit jobless rates, said economists, anticipate on modest job gains over the next 12 months. Department analysts expect the jobless rate to fall significantly this year, dropping to 4.9 percent from the 12 percent set in 2001. Regionally, the unemployment rates for December, November and December 2002 were: Panhandle, 6.8 percent, 7.2 percent, 9.2 percent; Lewiston area, 3.5 percent, 3.9 percent, 5.2 percent; Ada, Canyon and Bonneville counties, 4.5 percent, 4.8 percent, 5.5 percent; Magic Valley, 3.7 percent, 3.9 percent, 4.3 percent; Pocatello area, 4.5 percent, 4.7 percent, 5.9 percent; Idaho Falls area, 3.6 percent, 4 percent, 4.9 percent.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices for various types like Cheddar and Swiss. Columns include item name, price, and change.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices for different grades. Columns include item name, price, and change.

SUGAR

Table of sugar prices for various grades. Columns include item name, price, and change.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices including Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep. Columns include item name, price, and change.

CATTLE

Table of cattle prices for different grades. Columns include item name, price, and change.

Something missing?

Are you able to customize our menu? Not anymore. If you're interested in a stock, mutual fund, or commodity that's not in our report, just call us.

Large table of mutual fund prices and performance data, including fund names, prices, and changes.

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Scorpios: Plan a yummy evening

IF JANUARY 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you achieve much and do so with a ready charm. People are drawn to you and respond to your easy but dynamic ways. Guard against a tendency to be self-absorbed to the point of discounting the needs of those around you. Things really are easier when you take time to enlist the cooperation of others.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): It may be hard to get along with others today as everyone seems to crave the lion's share of attention. Let the small stuff go. You are beautifully aligned to succeed in career, and the rest will work itself out.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraline Saunders

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): As the day progresses, you'll get off your high horse and have more fun. Your charisma is especially strong. Don't sweat the details; just look at the larger creative effort.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A welcome rest today gives you the opportunity to handle some details needing attention at home. Emotional communications should be more easily understood, but still use care.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A precise, heartfelt communication is a winner by evening. Kiss and make up. In any case, continue to be careful to avoid abuses when using your personal power.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A restless evening, with perhaps some desire to be free from entanglements. Money matters are also more of a focus late in the day. Remind your loved ones that you are working for them too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotions bubble to the surface by midnight; try not to be too critical. You may find others temporarily unwilling to commit. An intense encounter could happen near your home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Thoughts and feelings are well-aligned, and you can really tell friends how you feel. There may be some jealousy and competition for your attention, though. Daily routines are anything but routine as they enter a cycle of sudden change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Tell the truth regarding money issues. Strengthening your partnership is called for now. Plan a yummy evening at home if possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be too vocal with criticisms this evening. Timing improves for caring communication. Creative flow is strong, and plans take on great dynamism.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lots of new ideas are starting to form. Write down the details so you'll remember them all. Possibilities in love start to open up again - and you're ready!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): As the day progresses, you may be lost in deep musings. Sift through the details and be sure to note your conclusions. Restless you will pass; ignore them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): A romantic evening is just what the doctor ordered. Make plans early. Your pull toward independence should not interfere; it's very temporary, so don't make any big decisions.



Finnish nurse, Tina Saarikoski, left, feeds 97-year-old Sharbanou Mazandarani, who was rescued last Saturday after spending nine days under rubble in the earthquake-devastated Iranian city of Bam. 'My bed had turned into a grave with me alive in it. I had only one partner: God,' Mazandarani told. The Associated Press.

97-year-old survivor no longer fears death after quake ordeal

BAM, Iran (AP) - A 97-year-old woman rescued after spending nine days under earthquake rubble said Friday she no longer fears dying after her experience.

"My bed had turned into a grave with me alive in it. I was alone as I days and nights passed by. I had only one partner: God," Sharbanou Mazandarani said.

Mazandarani weighs less than 66 pounds, but she's feisty, talkative and in good physical condition. Workers at a Finnish field hospital said the old woman is ready to be released, but they are trying to find any extended family members she can live with.

The survival of Mazandarani and another quake victim found Wednesday have amazed doctors who have been helping Bam recover from the 6.6-magnitude earthquake that shattered the ancient city on Dec. 26. The quake killed more than 30,000 people and injured about 15,000.

The other survivor, a 57-year-old man, was pulled from the rubble barely conscious. Rescuers believe he may have had a source of water during the 13 days he was buried.

The man, named Jalil, later slipped into unconsciousness. Although he was described Friday as stable, his prognosis remained uncertain.

Mazandarani, meanwhile, is ready to get on with life and happy to talk about her story of survival - which she proudly calls one of her history books.

"God saved my life. There was nothing for me to drink or eat. I was about to starve to death but I was confident that I wouldn't die because God was on my side," Mazandarani told a reporter from her hospital bed.

Mazandarani was discovered by rescue workers on Jan. 3, her bed protected in an air pocket between two fallen walls of her home.

She said she was not afraid of dying, but paused a few moments before explaining herself in broken words.

"Well, everybody, including the aged, like to live as long as possible. But I'm not afraid of death. I have the experience of a semi-death ordeal behind me," Mazandarani said.

"I have pains from head to toe," she added.

During the interview, she kept demanding sugar cubes and water.

"She is very talkative and in good physical conditions," said Lasse Kyllanpaa, spokesman of the Finnish Red Cross team. "She can be discharged now, but we are looking after her because there are yet no traces of even an extended family."

The old woman's spirit became evident almost as soon as she was pulled from the rubble. She asked for a cup of tea, got it and then promptly started grumbling that it was too hot to drink.

Now, when she gets water, she won't accept any assistance drinking it.

"She wants to do everything herself without anybody helping her," said a Finnish nurse, Tina Saarikoski.

She has received a stream of visiting journalists and dignitaries, including Queen Rania of Jordan, who stopped by on Wednesday.

Mazandarani talks so much that workers finally put her in a field hospital tent away from the other patients so the others could get some sleep, Kyllanpaa said.

Mazandarani said her husband died 20 years ago. She believes her two sons perished in the quake.

Kyllanpaa said rescue staff from the Iranian Red Crescent initially thought they had found a corpse when they spotted an arm poking out from the rubble. But when they touched it, the hand moved.

Mazandarani describes her days under the rubble as a long prayer session.

"All I did was pray to God with thanks for being alive and recite verses from the Quran," she said.

College student needs to take break

DEAR ABBY: My son is a college student with an extremely demanding major. I have become concerned about his mental health.

Last year he began taking an overload of classes, a large number of extracurricular activities, and started a part-time job. As a result, he now feels too stressed to continue school and his grades have dropped. He is also making errors at work and getting into trouble for taking too many days off.

He dropped all his extracurricular activities, but his grades have not improved. Neither has his performance at work. He is in danger of failing school and being fired from his job. In addition, he's developing a short temper.

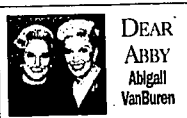
What should I do? And what is your advice for my son?

- SCARED DAD IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR DAD: The most important thing is your son's health and peace of mind. Encourage him to slow down and take an extra year to complete his studies. Even though it may be more expensive, it will be worth it. Since your son is a student and has access to a student health center, he should make a point of dropping in, discussing his concerns and getting checked out. Some short-term psychological counseling can help him lower his stress level.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 41-year-old woman who has been having a nine-year affair with "Anthony," a married man. I am also married, but I have been separated from my husband and two sons for four years.

When I tried to encourage Anthony to get a divorce to be with me, he asked me to wait until his children graduated from high school. After they got their diplo-



DEAR ABBY
Abigail
VanBuren

mas, he begged me to "wait a little longer" until they graduated from college. Well, you guessed it. His three children are all college graduates and on their own. Now Anthony says he "can't" get a divorce because his wife will get everything and he'll be ruined.

Abby, Anthony owns his own business. He had it before he married his wife. His wife is a professional with a pension that they could split 50/50. (I'll admit I haven't divorced my husband because I need health insurance, and I don't want to lose out on his pension if Anthony doesn't leave his wife and marry me.)

I have dated other men, married and single, to make Anthony jealous enough to leave his wife. It hasn't worked. I can't understand why his wife doesn't leave him. What do you think is going on here?

- NEEDS TO MOVE ON IN SCRANTON, PA.

DEAR NEEDS: What's important is what's not going on here. You have willingly been played for a fool. Anthony has no intention of ever leaving his wife. Not only is she a tough cookie, she's a smart one. Wake up and smell the coffee. She has the title and the assets, and you'll always be playing second fiddle.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: A happy union is not one of perfect partners, but the triumph of love over imperfections.

- J. HODGES, PORTLAND, ORE.

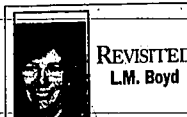
Beavers work the night shift

A beaver-dam might be even more a masterpiece of engineering if the beavers could see what they were doing. They don't build by sight. But by sound. Flow of water indicates where each log goes. They work the night shift.

What made the Vikings such a power back then? You read, was their invention of the keel - it let them sail the open sea.

Soldiers of old Rome signed up for 20 years and took basic training for four sometimes five years.

It's hard to explain, why great horned owls can't make it. Before the original club members decided to call themselves the Elks, they tossed out Foxes as too cunning, beavers as too destructive, and bears as too coarse and brutal.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

The word "mortgage" traces back to Norman French to something very nearly like "death pledge" - but you knew that without the definition.

North American caribou and northern European reindeer are exactly the same animals. With different names. Fossils prove the caribou came first. Went west across the land bridge to become reindeer. Not vice versa.

That sage Joyce Kilmer said: "There are times not to flirt. When you're sick. When you're with child. When you're on the witness stand."

An atom is mostly empty space. Item 2265A in our Love and War man's fact file: "The rhinoceros mates for a half hour once every two years."

All I know about Gideon J. Tucker is it was he who in 1866 said: "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the Legislature is in session."

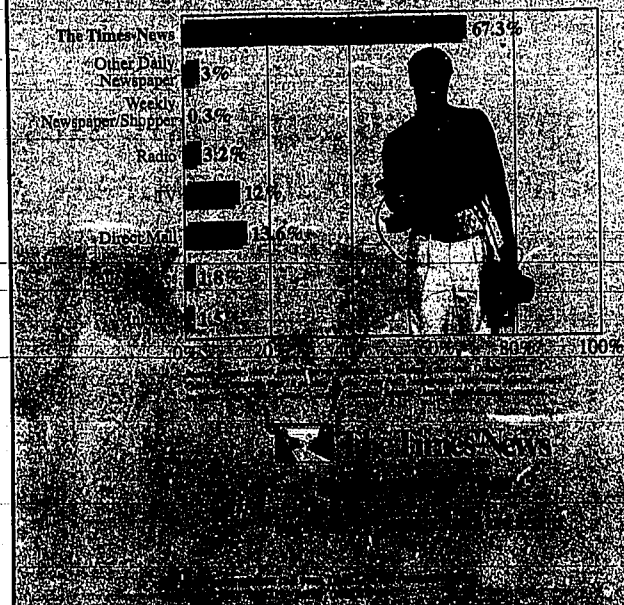
Can't tell an alligator from a crocodile? Nothing to it. Count its teeth. Alligator, 80. Croc, 70.

Midwestern bean beetles have yellow blood. Brown sugar is white until you pour in molasses.

Nobody comes close.

And that's a fact.

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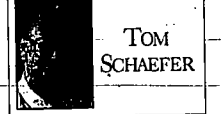
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Good-faith predictions for 2004

Soothsayers think they have an inside track on predicting the future. Pshaw. Any religion journalist worth his or her fair-and-balanced faith should be able to gaze into a crystal ball and see the outline of what lies ahead regarding all things religious. Or at least give it a good-faith shot.

I hereby offer five predictions, in no particular order, about what will unfold in 2004.

1. In the aftermath of the Episcopal Church's consecration of its first openly gay bishop, no more than a few thousand Episcopalians will leave the 24 million-member denomination. While there is unhappiness among many over last summer's decision to approve the Rev. V.



TOM SCHAEFER

Gene Robinson's election as bishop, most disgruntled congregations will find living with the decision easier than trying to pull up stakes — because you can't take your church property with you. Whether other mainline Protestant churches adopt similar policies on gays will come down in part to this formula: The number of denominations who follow the Episcopal Church's lead will be inversely proportional to the number of Episcopalians who ball out of the church.

2. The devastating revelations about pedophile priests in the Roman Catholic Church have undermined the confidence of laity in both dramatic (loss of some members and financial support) and subtle (a more suspicious eye toward priests) ways for more than a year. This year, however, will mark the start of a church turnaround. Bishops will continue to mend fences and seek to be more open in how they manage diocesan affairs. As a result, the laity will reach out to priests and bishops in renewed trust, re-energizing the faith of the Catholic Church.

3. Following the Sept. 11 attacks, discussions between Muslims and Christians in this country were taking place. But in the past 18 months, efforts have diminished. Both the lack of dialogue and an increasingly politicized Muslim population (polls show most Muslims oppose the Bush administration) could heighten tensions within this country. This year, Christians and Muslims will reach a crossroads: Either they will seek greater understanding or they'll find themselves even more isolated from, and more suspicious of, one another. The crystal ball suggests more isolation.

4. Evangelicalism continues to be a popular though variegated faith. Practitioners of a strongly biblical version of it seek to be true to its doctrinal roots (belief in the Trinity, virgin birth, inerrancy of Scriptures), while other evangelicals adapt to the culture. Some promote a therapy-as-theology way of faith, others a wealth-and-health version. Still others stress end-times teachings. While polls show that 40 percent of adults say they are evangelicals, the precise definition of what an evangelical is remains elusive. Evangelicals are increasingly becoming sidelined in the political arena by the dominant secular culture. As a result, their ability to influence social issues as abortion, sexual mores and school vouchers will be minimal.

5. Although organized religion still has a significant role in people's lives, more and more believers are finding creative ways to blend their personal beliefs and practices with the findings of the faith group. Eastern mysticism, new-thought theologies and "holistic" approaches to health and spirituality will be incorporated into more people's lives. The effort will intensify, particularly among the boomer population as it approaches retirement and seeks meaning and a heightened sense of spirituality. Bottom line: There will be more cafeteria-style Christians in the pews and fewer orthodox believers.

I do believe that French historian Alexis de Tocqueville, after visiting this new land more than 170 years ago, was on target when he said of religion in America: "I do not know whether all Americans have a sincere faith in their religion — for who can search the human heart? — but I am certain that they hold it to be indispensable to the maintenance of republican institutions."

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SONGS OF PRAISE



Gaylene and Dick LaBore are longtime supporters of the St. Louis Bach Society. Gaylene, who grew up in Twin Falls and attended Lutheran school here, is currently being honored with a series of Bach society concerts.

Missouri choir honors former Twin Falls woman, group's longest-standing member

By Lorraine Cawener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A woman who was a member of the first choir at Memorial Lutheran School — now Immanuel Lutheran School — is being honored by the St. Louis Bach Society.

Gaylene LaBore lives in St. Louis, but grew up in Twin Falls. She has been a member of the St. Louis Bach Society Chorus for 50 years. People from all over the St. Louis area audition for a chance to sing in the choir every year.

The Bach society is giving a series of concerts in LaBore's honor. Music has been commissioned to be written around some of her favorite Bible passages.

"The society issued this statement: 'It is fitting that the kickoff concert of this season — presented in honor of chorus member Gaylene LaBore — is defined by works of intense spirituality, including Bach's eight-part motet Singet dem Herrn.'"

The society's 63rd concert season, which opened in October 2003, is also named the Gaylene LaBore 50th Anniversary Season. LaBore said "she was surprised when she learned of the honor. "I didn't realize it was my 50th year," she said.

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— Gaylene LaBore

Bach office, and she served on the society board of directors for 25 years. She has also been chorus secretary and attendance taker.

"I would bring the playpen and my daughter would play there in the office while I worked," she said, adding, "Music is a gift from God. Music can lift your spirit and lift your soul. The Bach society is an opportunity to share that gift."

LaBore got her start in music at Memorial Lutheran School, which opened in 1946 with 59 pupils. It was a two-room brick building with a basement. The name was a memorial to servicemen, including Frederick Becher and Eugene Schuler, who were killed in World War II. LaBore graduated from eighth grade as Gaylene Holzen, in 1948. She graduated from Filer High School in 1952 and attended Immanuel Lutheran Church, where she sang in the choir.

After secretarial college, she moved to St. Louis and worked at Lutheran Hour Ministries. She still serves with Lutheran Hour, as executive assistant to former Lutheran Hour speaker Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, who will be 90 in December. LaBore has fond memories of

her years in the Magic Valley. Her mother, Martha Holzen, taught fourth grade at Memorial and played piano by ear. LaBore remembers singing duets with her sister, Elaine Wolters, who lives in Jerome with her husband, the Rev. Melvin Wolters. Brothers Larry and Ramon Holzen also reside near Jerome.

LaBore plays piano, organ, saxophone and clarinet. "I was an extraordinary musical talents would always be a huge part of her life," Elaine Wolters explained. "Larry and Ramon, who are also very musical, and I were so proud of big sister's accomplishments — not only in music, but in her love of others and zest for life. We love it when she comes back to Idaho each year and the family music begins again."

Wolters sang in the Bach chorus with her sister for two years: "While waiting for the bus on deserted street corners, we would sing duets and choruses from music we had just learned. Sometimes when we finished a song, we would hear clapping from windows of apartments high above us."

For 50 years, audiences have continued to clap. A Dennis Sparger, music director/conductor for Bach, wrote about LaBore's contribution in a society newsletter: "Her record of singing for 50 years in our chorus sets a new standard for commitment and dedication — one that challenges us all to give our best to an organization whose aim is to reach out and inspire singers and audiences alike with music that praises our God."

For more information about the St. Louis Bach Society, visit www.bachsociety.org

Spirit isn't moving religion's left wing

By Mark I. Pinsky
The Orlando Sentinel

Heading into a presidential election year, the Republican Party faithful are already rolling up their sleeves — and passing the collection plate. In church social halls, they are raising money for voter registration, "issue" advertising and "Christian scorecards," which rate candidates on their positions on key cultural issues such as abortion and homosexuality.

By contrast, there is little activity at the other end of the ideological spectrum. Left-wing religious efforts at political mobilization — where they exist — seem puny, aged and marginalized.

After decades of riding popular social movements, such as civil rights, the left splintered and now seems unable to regroup. Conversely, the GOP has co-opted the support of religious voters by focusing their attention on cultural and lifestyle issues, such as gay marriage.

On economic issues, another mainstay of the left, the outlook is no brighter. Unless they are directly affected, people in the pews seem unwilling to grapple with economic disparity and job losses, which defy simple solutions. They are more likely to object to teaching Darwin in the classroom.

The poli numbers are ominous for Democratic candidates, who seem to have written off voters

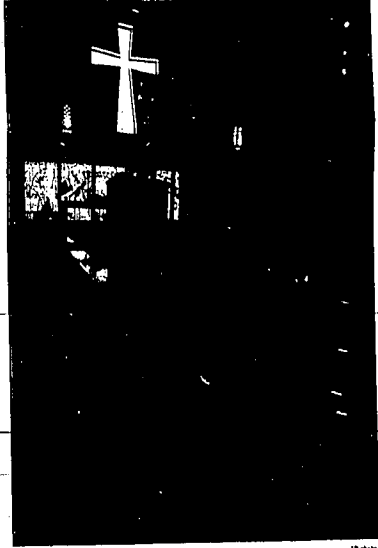
with strong religious convictions. The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press reports that nearly two-thirds of Americans who attend religious services at least once a week vote Republican. For those who say they seldom attend a house of worship, two-thirds vote Democratic.

Though preachers don't pick presidents in America, for at least 150 years they have helped set the political agenda. Religious activists in the 19th and early 20th century helped end slavery; supported women's suffrage; brought about Prohibition; and supported the rights of workers to organize into trade unions. In more modern times, they propelled the civil-rights and anti-Vietnam War movements.

"We had the feeling that we were getting somewhere," recalls the Rev. William Sloane Coffin, former chaplain at Yale University and patron saint of mainline religious activism. "We criticized American practice in the name of American ideals."

But today liberal religion is seen as a spent force, says Mark Tooly, of the Institute on Religion and Democracy, a Washington, D.C., think tank. The religious left comprised denominational leaders and "tended to be elite, as opposed to grass roots," he says. And opposition to the Iraq war-by-Roman Catholic bishops

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The Most Reverend George H. Niederauer, bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, answers questions at a news conference at All Saints Episcopal Church on Dec. 21. Participating religious leaders said they believed the Utah legislature cannot force them to register with the state in order to ban firearms from their places of worship.

Clergy in Utah defy state gun-ban registration law

By Patty Henetz
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Guns in the house of God? Unsurprisingly, clergy in Utah aren't fond of the idea.

But nearly four dozen leaders of Utah churches and synagogues say they also don't want to be forced to have a notice posted on a state-run Web site that announces they've placed a ban on firearms for their sanctuaries.

The interfaith alliance says a state law requiring that they notify state officials if they impose a gun ban constitutes undue government interference with religion.

"We don't think we need to be on a state list of who's allowed to be exempt from the gun law," said the Most Rev. George Niederauer, bishop of the Roman Catholic Church's Salt Lake Diocese. Niederauer and several of his fellow religious leaders gathered recently in Salt Lake City to protest amendments added last

year to the state's concealed weapons law. The earlier version of the law said houses of worship could post signs notifying congregants that guns were banned from the premises.

State Sen. Mike Waddoups sponsored the amendments, that say if church officials announce a firearms ban verbally or in a church bulletin or newspaper, then they must also register their bans with the Bureau of Criminal Identification, which then posts the notice on the agency's Web site. However, because of the law's wording, it could mean that if a church simply posts a sign prohibiting guns but never mentions it, then the clergy aren't required to notify the state.

No one seems to know for sure. Niederauer and others said they wanted to make clear they don't allow guns in church — but also don't agree with the state's meddling. "We do not need the state of Utah to give us permission to make such a statement or

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Magic Valley Gospel Opry features Hildreth

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TWIN FALLS - Bryan Hildreth will be featured artist as the Magic Valley Gospel Opry kicks off its new season of weekly concerts at 7 p.m. today at First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St. N. The local resident will perform songs from his first album, "God's Country," which he recently recorded in

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Nashville. Today's opry also will feature Rachel Williams, Dan Duncan, Dave and Bev Bennett, Darin Gere, Lawnie Kay Bolster, Kelley Biniakewitz and the Gospel Opry Band. Admission is free. An offering will be received.

Hagerman Christian Center gets new music director HAGERMAN - Steven Fulkes has

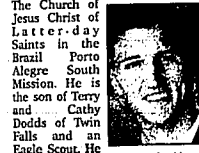
joined Hagerman Christian Center as director of music. Fulkes, 26, is formerly of Nampa and is a graduate of Northcentral University in Minneapolis, Minn.

Buhl First Assembly of God hosts singer Jennifer Jones BUIH - Jennifer Jones will sing at 10:50 a.m. worship on Sunday at the Buhl First Assembly of God Church, 701 Locust. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Jones is the daughter of Denny and LaVone Jones of Buhl. She per-

formed, with her family, as "The Last Generation" and, as a student at Boise Bible College, with "Image of Christ." She and Tina Kluckewitz have written songs and, as the duet Cause, Dei (for the cause of Christ), produced a CD titled "Heaven."

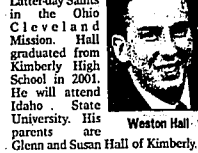
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TWIN FALLS - Elder Scott Dodds has been called to serve a mission for



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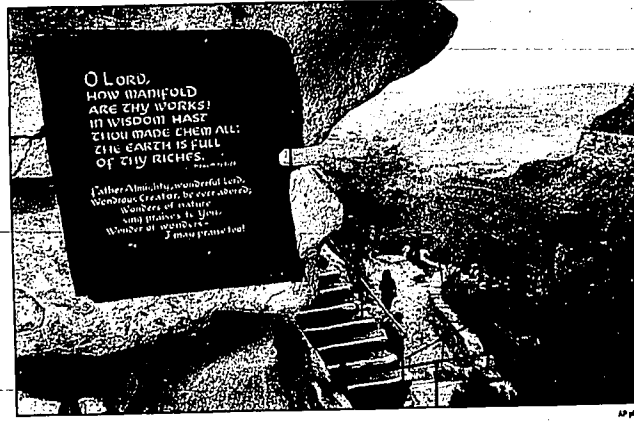
Debate over religious displays hits national parks

By Anabelle Gary The Associated Press

PHOENIX - With its eye-catching photographs of the Grand Canyon and the blue waters of the Colorado River, the hardback "Grand Canyon: A Different View" is a medium seller at the national park's bookstore. But the book's claim that the Grand Canyon was formed as a result of the great flood of Genesis and is therefore only a few thousand years old has thrust the park into the debate over whether it is fitting to display religious materials at public sites.

The book by former Colorado River guide Tom Vail includes a collection of essays by fellow creationists, who favor a Bible-based view of the Earth's formation. Vail and his wife are the founders of Canyon Ministries, which organizes Christian whitewater rafting trips through the canyon. Some critics say the book is the latest example that the National Park Service has caved to pressure from conservative and fundamentalist Christian groups, accommodating their requests to post or alter materials.

The overall concern is that the top managers of the park service are implementing a conservative agenda that is at odds with their duties as custodians of the nation's heritage, said Jeff Ruch, director of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, a nonprofit group of federal and state resource workers. But National Park Service officials deny the accusation, saying they seek legal advice before acting. The criticism began just weeks after "Grand Canyon: A Different View" went on sale at the park's bookstores in August, said park spokeswoman Dawn O'Sickey. "This is a book that by its cover



A bronze plaque depicting Bible verses is posted near Lookout Studio at Grand Canyon National Park near Flagstaff, Ariz. Debate over religious displays in public places has extended into national parks.

ing displays posted at the park caused a similar debate. Plaques quoting the Bible were placed at scenic points of the canyon's South Rim about 30 years ago by the Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary. Grand Canyon officials took them down this summer after an inquiry from civil libertarians and consultations with the U.S. Solicitor's Office, O'Sickey said. Then, the National Park Service ordered that the plaques be returned to the Grand Canyon while officials took a second look at the issue. The Park Service also is under fire for agreeing to change a video on the Lincoln Memorial following complaints by conservatives that it featured mostly

liberal causes, Barna said. One conservative lobbying group, the Traditional Values Coalition, objected to footage displaying gay rights and abortion rights demonstrations at the monument. However, altering the video could make it historically inaccurate, Ruch said. The park service is planning to add footage of some conservative-leaning events that happened at or around the monument, such as the president's Millennium celebration, a parade at the end of Desert Storm and a Promise Keepers gathering, Barna said. "We're trying a fine line," he said. "And trying to keep it historically accurate."

Theology on Tap caters to a more casual crowd

By Allison Kennedy Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBUS, Ga. - As day faded to night, bringing a wintry chill to the air, a group of college students and other curiosity seekers entered the back-banquet room of Longhorn Steakhouse. Caps and jackets came off. Happy chatter filled the room. Some ordered drinks. A few of the 20 or so people talked of upcoming exams.

You might not think of a restaurant/bar as a makeshift church, but on this night it was. Eating, drinking and idle chatter gave way to a priest's theological presentation. A Catholic group that began in Chicago, called Theology on Tap, is making its way around the country. As the name suggests, the evenings mix theology with food and beverage.

In Columbus, the group started an extension of the Neumann Society at Neumann State University. Neumann societies, named for a deceased Catholic cardinal, are for college-age Catholics and those interested in Catholicism. "There really is a distinction between what you learn as a kid at church and what you need to know as an adult," said Anne Xueber, a CSU senior and mem-

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ber of St. Anne Catholic Church in Columbus. "So many things we have to take on faith, but there are reasons behind it."

Theology on Tap has multiple aims, according to its leaders. "To educate non-Catholics about the faith and to clear up misconceptions about Catholicism - myth, they say, such as Catholics aren't Christians and they worship the Virgin Mary."

"To bring back those Catholics who have strayed from the Church. To keep college-age Catholics, who statistically are most prone to ditch their faith, active in the Church."

"It's a casual atmosphere, allowing people to meet in a comfortable setting," said the Rev. Mike Ingram, parochial vicar of St. Anne who has helped lead discussions on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "Why the questions included 'Why is a priest needed for confession?' The restaurant-pub setting is intentional. 'We don't push drinking, but we won't condemn those of (legal age) who choose to drink,' Ingram said. The point is to bring the Church out of its walls, he said, and into a place frequented by college students and other young adults.

Peaceful resolution of conflict should be the goal of peoples

The Kansas City Star

READER'S QUESTION: Our country is at war, but many of us are against this for moral reasons. How can we determine if this is the correct stance according to our faith?

The Rev. Yolanda Villa, pastor of evangelism, Platts-Woods United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Mo. The communities of United Methodist utilize a resource called the Book of Discipline, which describes our history, our foundation and defines more succinctly thinking and actions we can take around contemporary concerns and issues that we face as Christians. Under our "Social Principles," Page 164, we are advised in this way: We deplore war and urge the peaceful settlement of all disputes among nations. From the beginning, the Christian-conscience has struggled with the harsh realities of violence and war, for these evils clearly frus-

trate God's loving purposes for humankind. We yearn for the day when there will be no more war and people will live together in peace and justice. Some of us believe war and other acts of violence are never acceptable for Christians. We also acknowledge that most Christians regretfully realize that, when peaceful alternatives have failed, the force of arms may be preferable to unchecked aggression, tyranny and genocide. We honor the witness of pacifists who will not allow us to become complacent about war and violence. We also respect those who support the use of force, but only in extreme situations and only when the need is clear beyond appropriate international organizations. We urge the establishment of the rule of law in international affairs as a means of elimination of war, violence and coercion in these affairs.

Jach Pursel turns 'channeling' into golden empire

By Amy C. Rippe The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. - It's a story Jach Pursel has told hundreds of times: Sitting quietly on his bed one day in 1971, the aligned deep into meditation with his wife watching. Then words spilled from his lips, and Lazaris made his first appearance through Pursel. For nearly three decades, Pursel has claimed to communicate, or channel, information from the "nonphysical entities." He has even built his million-dollar business, Concept Synergy, around Lazaris (pronounced La-ZAR-is) - a being that no one has ever seen - and has a Web site titled Lazaris.com. Since 1974, followers have shelled out money for Lazaris seminars, videotapes,

audiotapes, books, calendars and music CDs. Followers say Lazaris has taught them about love and friendship, but the mystery and intrigue surrounding Pursel have provided fuel for his detractors. Much of the skepticism stems from the 2001 accidental death of Pursel's ex-wife and the suicide of her husband the same day at the secluded southwest Orange County compound the trio shared. Pursel remains undaunted by critics. His followers - whom he says are mostly doctors, lawyers and business people - are pleased with the lessons they learn from Lazaris, he says. In 1973, Pursel moved his concept Synergy from Florida to California, where the New Age movement was taking off. There,

celebrities touted him. Actress Sharon Gless thanked him in her 1987 Emmy acceptance speech. Actress Shirley MacLaine lauded Lazaris as her "spiritual guide and teacher" in her book "It's All in the Playing." Then Pursel and his wife divorced and she married Michael Prestini, a Concept Synergy business partner, who later changed his name to Michael North for numerology purposes. Pursel and Prestini and Michael North shared homes, bank accounts and work. In 1988, with the cost of living skyrocketing in California, Pursel moved his business back to Florida. On May 9, 2001, investigators called to the shared home found Penny North dead in a wheelchair. Michael North told

authorities that his 313-pound wife had been in pain for weeks, taking codeine and drinking vodka to relieve the pain. Her death was determined to be an accident. Hours later Michael North was found dead in a lounge chair at the pool. The Orange County medical examiner determined his death was a suicide from nitrous oxide poisoning. His suicide note said he didn't want to go on without his wife, Orange County sheriff's investigators said. Michael and Penny North left a combined \$6.2 million in assets to Pursel, according to their wills. There is now a Web site, cosmicfoot.com, dedicated to Lazaris skeptics. But longtime followers say criticism is motivated by jealousy.

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held such a position," the religious leaders said in a joint statement. Three churches - Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church in Park City, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City and Sunnium Church of Salt Lake - have registered with the BCL. There have been isolated gun-related incidents at Utah churches. Episcopal Rev. Coyneeth Murphy cited a brandishing in-

dent a decade ago at St. Mark's Cathedral, and Presbyterian Rev. David Henry said he knew of two funerals that had been disrupted by threats on family members of those who died. No representatives of the Mormon church - Utah's largest denomination - signed the joint statement. A spokesman for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has pointed to a statement the church's governing First

Presidency made three years ago that guns in church were "inappropriate except as required by officers of the law." Waddoups and others familiar with the legislation have said the Mormon church endorsed the amendment during the 2003 legislative session. The change was added to a bill clarifying that concealed-carry permit holders can have guns in public schools.

The Episcopal church that posted signs banning guns under the old law and has been active in seeking legal recognition of its Utah's concealed weapons laws. Utah's concealed weapons and firearms act says concealed-weapon permit holders can carry their weapons "without restriction" except in areas that have security screenings: large airports, prisons, jails and courthouses.

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and mainline Protestant leaders has failed to generate grass-roots support. Today's religious right is younger and more vigorous, drawing support from growing charismatic and nondenominational churches. "The religious left was mobilized and excited by the civil-rights movement and by the anti-Vietnam War movement, and has had difficulty finding equally passionate causes to rally those," according to Teoley. "The religious right has abortion, homosexuality and church-state issues that have energized them over the past 25 years."

There are a variety of explanations for the virtual collapse of the religious left in America. Some believe its members never recovered from the divisive period of the 1970s, when the movement split into "identity politics," when a supposedly unified movement headed in different directions - affirmative action, feminism, gay rights, multiculturalism. Others think the left was simply outmaneuvered and organized as access to religious television enabled leaders such as the Rev. Pat Robertson and the Rev. Jerry Falwell to build the Christian Coalition and the Moral Majority political movement.

Religious conservatives "plugged into the issues of personal morality as the touchstone for Christian faithfulness," says the Rev. Fred Morris, of the Florida Good of Churches. That got a good response from Middle America, "who were by that time scared by what they saw as a shifting of values." This shift climaxed in the presidential election of 1980. In a show of political evangelism and pragmatism, evangelicals chose Ronald Reagan - who was divorced and rarely attended church - over Jimmy Carter, a born-again Christian and Sunday school teacher. Still, there are faint signs of

life - and youth - in the religious left, according to Jim Wallis, of Sojourners, a Christian ministry whose mission is "to proclaim and practice the biblical call to and integrate spiritual renewal and social justice." Wallis considers himself a theological conservative, pro-life evangelical - and a radical social activist. Unlike many evangelicals, he believes that religious concern for the poor and the powerless should be motivated by justice and by charity. "Then he and others like him, including radical evangelist Tony Campolo, carry their message to heartland churches, the response is positive, he says.

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Putin praises churches on eve of Russian Christmas

MOSCOW (AP) - On the eve of Wednesday's Russian Christmas, President Vladimir Putin praised the nation's Christian churches.

"The activities of the Russian Orthodox Church and other Christian faiths traditional for our country contribute to the promotion of moral values in society," said Putin, who extended good wishes to all believers observing Christmas, which he called "a joyous and holy holiday that fills people's hearts with faith, hope, love and kindness." Putin also thanked Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexei II for his leadership and said the government supports "the promotion of interreligious peace." Roughly two-thirds of the 144 million Russians are considered Orthodox, but many do not worship regularly despite the post-Soviet revival of organized religion.

College students' missions convention draws 19,000

URBANA, Ill. (AP) - Some 19,000 college students, young adults and others converged on the University of Illinois campus for five days to consider foreign missionary careers, hear inspirational speakers and study the Bible.

The event, one of the largest religious gatherings for North American college students, is held every three years by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, which has 810 chapters on U.S. campuses.

InterVarsity said attendance was the most ethnically diverse since the first convention in 1948, with 39 percent of the students of nonwhite descent and a record 1,074 black Americans. Attendees were urged to sign cards pledging either openness to considering foreign missionary work or definite commitments to such careers.

North Carolina Catholic newspaper fires editor

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - The long-time editor of the N.C. Catholic, published by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, has been fired after an article ran that included criticism of the church.

Strange said he was "surprised and saddened" by the decision by Bishop Joseph Gossman. Gossman declined to say exactly why he dismissed Strange. Strange said the firing followed an interview in the Dec. 14 issue with William Powers, author of the book "Tur Heel Catholics," which included Powers' view that the church has trouble recruiting cler-

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gy and should consider allowing women and married men to become priests. Powers was quoted as saying "no organization has trouble finding key workers unless there is something wrong with it."

Georgia Ten Commandments display gets companions

WINDER, Ga. (AP) - In the wake of a lawsuit over separation of church and state, materials from various religions are on display near a disputed "Ten Commandments" plaque at the Barrow County courthouse.

The additions include Hindu stories, Buddhist teachings, excerpts from Islam's Quran and writings that define agnosticism, along with different versions of the Ten Commandments. The new materials were placed by Scott Harris, a doctoral student at Brown University, across a breezeway from a Ten Commandments plaque that is under federal court challenge. The new display would have remained unless county commissioners order it taken down, said the county sheriff's office.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit in September on behalf of an unidentified county resident against the new display. Local officials are appealing a federal court's decision not to dismiss that lawsuit.

Program hopes to help struggling students

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - To help close the racial achievement gap among public school students, an after school program launched this week is turning to a proven source of empowerment for the black community: the church.

Program organizers hope the federally funded after-school program at Fisher Memorial United Holy Church, where students will feel comfortable and supported by pastors and congregants, will help in ways that traditional programs have not. The program serves third-through eighth-grade students who perform below grade level. Help in math, reading, rest-talking skills and computer literacy is offered by certified public school teachers from the Durham area.

Rules forbid teaching the students about Christianity or other faiths, and crosses and other religious symbols have been removed from the classroom.

Synagogue leases space to Muslim school

By Eric Tucker
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA
Congregation Beth T'Fillah of Overbrook Park is a smallish synagogue on a nondescript street in a middle-class neighborhood. With a gift shop and an auditorium, a study for the rabbi and a sanctuary for members, it looks like a typical house of Jewish worship.

Except, of course, for the Muslim school downstairs. A new congregation has taken root there, with young members who pray in a different language and study a different sacred text. The synagogue is leasing out classroom space to NSA Educational Learning Center for pre-kindergarten through eighth graders. In classrooms adjacent to the synagogue's main sanctuary, 65 students study Allah and Arabic - along with science, math and history.

School principal Nikkita Shoatz-Ahmad said she learned of the space through a newspaper ad. She didn't know at first that it was located in a synagogue. Seizing the chance to move her nascent school out of the small storefront it occupied, she visited the property.

"It was no fear to me that when



Male and female students participate in Muslim prayers at the NSA Educational Learning Center in Philadelphia. The Muslim school leases space at the synagogue in a novel arrangement.

"I pulled up it was a synagogue," she said.

The new partnership, perhaps a model of inter-religion tolerance, actually originated as a pure business deal. The school was looking to expand its enrollment and services; the synagogue was searching for a new tenant after a public school that rented its classrooms pulled its students out.

Since the school operates independent of the synagogue, there has been little interaction between the two, said Rabbi Robert Rubin. But last month, he gave NSA students a presentation on Hanukkah, the Jewish holiday.

Shoatz-Ahmad said the school follows basic Islamic tenets, including modesty in dress and frequent prayer. Students wear

head covering and other traditional Muslim garb, Arabic letters can be seen on chalkboards, and time is set aside daily for prayer.

A byproduct of the partnership is the chance to dispel myths about both religions. In a sermon this year, Rubin cautioned worshippers from reaching generalizations that militant Muslims are the norm.

Unfinished business for religious groups

During the holidays we tend to put all business except dire emergencies on hold. It is perhaps the modern version of the ancient belief that the new year's religious observances virtually re-create time. The claim was that the slate was clean, the situation totally new.

While time can be bracketed, it cannot also be erased. One of novelist William Faulkner's well-known aphorisms - "The past is not dead. In fact, it isn't even past." - is the conviction that trumps the clean-slate approach for most of us. The new year's does not always carries over unfinished business.

Here are some carry-over concerns for U.S. religious groups.

- More pain lies ahead for the Roman Catholic Church as it continues to engage the scandal over sexual abuse of children. In February it is scheduled to release a study that will describe the extent of the problem during the past 50 years. It's good to remember that the church ordered the study. Progress in addressing the scandal has been real, though uneven. Archbishop Sean Patrick O'Malley of Boston, for example, has settled claims with victims, has moved to a modest residence and is liquidating church real



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estate in Brighton to defray costs of the settlements. At the other end of the continuum are bishops who are, at best, minimalist in their implementation of new policies.

- Mainline churches will continue to wrestle with the role of gays and lesbians in their life and leadership and over the blessing of same-sex relationships. The most recent spotlight has been on the Episcopal Church. But it also is a divisive issue in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the United Methodist Church.
- The Supreme Court has on its docket a case, *Lee vs. Weis*, that could produce a landmark decision in church-state policy. This case could establish constitutional mandates for government funding of religion-based services. These days, any line of separation between religious groups and government is becoming more and

more blurred.

• Muslims will continue to wrestle with the challenging question of what it means to be both Muslim and American. A new cooperative project between Muslims and progressive evangelicals is designed to reduce misunderstandings between Christians and Muslims and to construct an ethics code that would "recognize a mutual belief in one God" and identify ways to join in serving the common good.

The project, funded by a \$1 million grant from the Department of Justice, will be administered by Fuller Theological Seminary. More conservative evangelicals have emphasized what they believe are irreconcilable differences between Muslims and Christians.

• Religion and politics will move closer to the top of the priority list during this presidential election year. The Republican Party in general and President Bush in particular seem to have an advantage, not only with the hard religious right but with religiously observant voters as a whole.

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CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN CD

By Brent Castillo
The Wichita Eagle

George Rowe, "Think About That" (Rocketown)

George Rowe didn't start out to be a musician. At birth, he was given up for adoption and was taken in first by foster parents who were abusive. When his adoptive parents first saw him, they wished and frail he was. He said they took him home, "poured love all over" him and saved him. He believes he has a better understanding of God because of the love his parents showed him. He eventually got married and got his music degree from Pepperdine University. But only weeks after graduating, Rowe and his wife decided music was his life calling and the two of them moved to Nashville. Maybe because of his rough start and subsequent musical success, his songs are upbeat R&B flavored with pop melodies. His music and vocals sound like a mix between Stevie Wonder and a young Michael Jackson. Themes of forgiveness and grace are heard throughout the album.

RELIGION IN THE MEDIA

The Dallas Morning News

BOOK

"Journeys of Simplicity," by Philip Hadden (Skylight Press, 109 pages, \$16.95)

When famed monk Thomas Merton died in 1968, among his personal effects were a Timex watch, one pair of dark glasses, two Cistercian prayer books and a rosary. This thoughtful book, written in beautiful prose, is full of short portraits of people and the things they carried in life. On weekend trips, French painter Marcel Duchamp, who died in the '60s, never took a suitcase, but traveled with two shirts worn one atop the other and a toothbrush in his jacket pocket. But the list of things Thoreau assembled for a 12-day canoe trip into the Maine woods included "Simplify, simplify" assembled 166 pounds of baggage, enough to nearly swamp the canoe when they launched it.

"The stories will make you smile, but they'll also make you think. Are you leading a life cluttered by materialism? What do your possessions say about you?"

-Susan Hogan/Albath

BOOK

"A Day in the Life of Billy Graham: Living the Message," by Deborah Hart Strober and Gerald S. Strober (SquareOne Publishers, \$14.95, 195 pages)

This husband-and-wife team provides a rare inside look at the world's most prominent evangelist. In this old age, and with his wife

Ruth in delicate health, Graham doesn't grant many interviews. But this is not a contemporary book at all. It's mostly about the evangelist's everyday life from nearly 30 years ago. Some details are interesting, such as a sweet, intimate look at the Grahams relaxing at home one evening in the mid-'70s, and a look at Graham out in public, trying to get a bite at a cafeteria before a crusade and constantly being interrupted by autograph seekers.

-Berta Delgado

MAGAZINE

Commonweal (Dec. 19)

Commonweal on pop culture's hot item, "The Lord of the Rings," examines J.R.R. Tolkien's Catholic journey. The author went to great lengths to explain how the novel "is of course a fundamentally religious and Catholic work; unconsciously at first, but consciously in the revision." Andrew Krivak, a writer living in England, says the story "is driven by the classical motif and Christian tradition of the journey," and that one persistent theme is "how does one know the way? The answer becomes not knowing, but hoping." He says Frodo's burden is not fated so much as chosen. In the Christian journey "free will, God's greatest gift, displaces the fate of the ancients and gives humans control over their personal destinies." Gandalf, whom Tolkien described as an angelic power, tells Frodo, "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

-Robert Plonchak

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The Buhl Kiwanis K Club members include, from left, front row: club treasurer, Kimberly Juker; Alyssa Solaaga, vice president; Tiffany Wuensch, secretary; and Matt Hamilton, president; back row: Popplewell Elementary School Principal Helen Brown; Kiwanis K Kids representative, Janet Linderman; and Kiwanis President Richard Edwards.

Buhl Kiwanis K Club has busy year

BUHL - The Buhl Kiwanis K Club is now complete. It has its own banner with the name of the club and Popplewell Elementary School. Kiwanis President Richard Edwards and club representative, Janet Linderman, presented the K Club members with the banner.

The club does community service and saved aluminum cans for one month to earn money for a Christmas project. Edwards presented club president Matt Hamilton with a check for \$82 for the cans. As a community service, the club adopted 20 children to

receive Christmas presents that were purchased with the can money. The presents were wrapped and put into the Christmas baskets distributed by a local ministerial group. K Club advisers are teachers, Berdena Schlick and Judy Juker, who supervised the shopping trip.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Respite - Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregivers can take a break! Volunteers are needed in the Buhl, Twin Falls, Gooding, Wendell, Eden and Jerome areas. Call Edith at 736-2122, ext. 320, or Kitty at 878-0725.

Upholsterer - Volunteers needed to upholster a set of chairs. For information about this project, call Flo Slatter at 735-0121.

Volunteer drivers - Volunteer

drivers age 55 and older are needed to drive clients to doctors and grocery shopping. Volunteers are needed in the entire Magic Valley area and will be reimbursed mileage and covered by excess insurance. Call Edith at 736-2122, ext. 320 or Kitty at 878-0725.

Senior volunteers - The America Reads program needs volunteers age 55 and over to work with children in kindergarten through third grade. Call Shirley Basham at 736-2122, ext. 325.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call the United Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, Ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

STUDENT COMMUNITY SERVICE



Left, Twin Falls High School Principal Ben Allen was "canned" with the canned food drive sponsored by the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and the nutrition and foods class. About 7,400 food items were collected by the students and donated to the Salvation Army. Mike Federico's information period was the winner of the food drive, donating more than 2,700 of the items, and Janis Mottam-High's information period was second place with more than 1,800 items donated. Judy Schroeder is the FCCLA adviser and the nutrition and foods teacher. Above, the nutrition and foods class at Twin Falls High School was busy hauling food items to the front foyer of the school so the Salvation Army could pick it up. FCCLA member and nutrition and foods student Erica Bennett, right front, was chairman of the food drive.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Right, Murtaugh Elementary School presented the play, 'The Littlest Christmas Tree' on Dec. 17 for the community. The play had a full cast and choir all performed by the elementary students. The elves included Brayden Cantu, Nick Samirand, Kelsey Adams, Isabel Nanez, Sloan Cummins and Hannah Stanger. Below, the performance of 'The Littlest Christmas Tree' involved a choir of students.



FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Jerome Scout receives Eagle Scout award

Ted Powell, son of Bill and Cathy Powell of Janna, received his Eagle Scout award Nov. 2 at the Jerome 1st and 3rd Ward building of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Ted completed 27 merit badges and qualified for the bronze palm. He is a member of Troop 36.

For his Eagle Scout project, Ted made improvements to the Jerome County Fairgrounds, including painting the barn trim and cleaning and constructing goat and pig pens. He spent 40 hours on his project with the help of 12 people.



Ted Powell

Ted, 14, is a freshman at Jerome High School and is a member of the football team, enjoys snow boarding and rodeo, and has served in the LDS Church for three years.

Wendell Scout earns Eagle honor for hatchery project

Derrick David Chandler, son of Kent and Jami Chandler of Wendell, received his Eagle Scout Award on Aug. 12 at the Wendell Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center.

Derrick is a member of Boy Scout Troop 175 and completed 21 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project, Derrick built three picnic tables for the Hagerman Fish Hatchery. The project took 50 hours with the help of 10 people.

Derrick, 14, is a student at Wendell High School, has a 3.8 grade point average, plays basketball and football and is active in

his church. Firth receives American FFA Degree

Kelsey Firth of Richfield and a member of the Richfield FFA Chapter, has received the American FFA Degree.

The honor was presented on Nov. 2 at the 76th National FFA Convention held in Louisville, Ky. The degree recognizes demonstrated leadership ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs. To be eligible, members must have earned and productively invested \$7,500 through a supervised-agricultural-experience program in which they start, own or hold a professional position in an existing agriculture enterprise. Each recipient receives a gold American FFA Degree key certificate and a wallet identification card.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Snake River Bros holds monthly meeting, election

JEROME - The Snake River Bros will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the rear banquet area at Mr. Bills in Jerome. There will be an election of 2004 officers.

4-H leaders plan upcoming fair events

RUPERT - The Minidoka County 4-H leaders' meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the McGregor Community Center at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds, 85 E. Baseline Road, Rupert. A livestock leader's meeting will be held immediately following the general 4-H Leaders' meeting. Weigh in dates, judges, superintendents, fair events and other information for 2004 will be

discussed at this meeting. For more information, call 436-7184.

Fabric store announces January classes

HEYBURN - Carleen's Fabrics and Crafts will hold handwork classes in January at the shop, 450 21st St. in Heyburn. The class schedule is as follows: Victorian Christmas tree skirt, 2-5 p.m. today. The cost is \$15. Call ahead for space. The basics of piecing and cutting accurately, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. The cost is \$30 and a second class is included. A rag quilt class, Wednesday. Call 679-3573 to make an appointment and for more information. Stitcher's corner, 6-8 p.m. Friday. Refreshments will be served. A free class, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 19.

Kits will be available. Finish a project day, Jan. 20. Call for time and space availability. The cost is \$15.

Free open project day, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Jan. 22. Easy machine quilting class, 1-4 p.m. Jan. 24. The cost is \$20. The "Let's think about Spring" table runner class, Jan. 29. Call for more information. For more information, call 679-3573.

Enrichment class offers tips on home brewing

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will be offering a new workshop, "Brewing for the Beginner" from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 29 through Feb. 13 at Wirt's Brew House on Highway 30 in Kimberly. Cost is \$35.

Instructor Daryl Wert will teach students about beginning brewing steps, equipment, beer and wine kits, processing, and bottling. Class size is limited. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Multiple Sclerosis support group hears about therapy

RUPERT - The Mini-Cassia Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at in the East Conference Room of the Minidoka Memorial Hospital. JayLynn Twiss will be speaking on "Laughter Therapy." Anyone interested is invited to attend.

CSI enrichment class catalogues are available

TWIN FALLS - Catalogues for zero credit enrichment classes running from January through

May through at the College of Southern Idaho are now available for distribution. The catalogues feature class descriptions, times, dates, cost, instructor information and more, as well as information on how to register for any classes.

New classes scheduled this semester include "Duck Calling 101 and 202," "Tobacco Cessation," "Japan, E-Z" and "Microsoft Access." Repeat courses such as "Computers for Seniors," "Pottery" and "Dog Obedience" will be offered.

For more information to receive a complete catalogue of classes or to register, call 732-6288 or 732-6290.

West End Theatre Company will plan projects for year

BUHL - A meeting of the West End Theatre Company will be at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at Grandstands Restaurant in Buhl.

Topics of discussion will include new projects for the year.

All Magic Valley residents are welcome. For more information, call David A. Blaszkiewicz at 543-4652.

B.J. Duplicate Bridge club announces winners

RUPERT - Results for the B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club for Jan. 6 were, north/south first, Ella Annett and Lola Moorman; second, Marie Price and Suzie Evans; third, Vera Mafi and Nanette Woodland; and fourth, Billie Park and Xana Brice. East/west winners were, first, Warren and Faun McEntire; second, Peggie Payne and Donna Kuna; third, Trudy Carver and Nancy Gibson; and fourth, Bill Navasel and Shirley Harris.

Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

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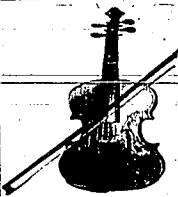
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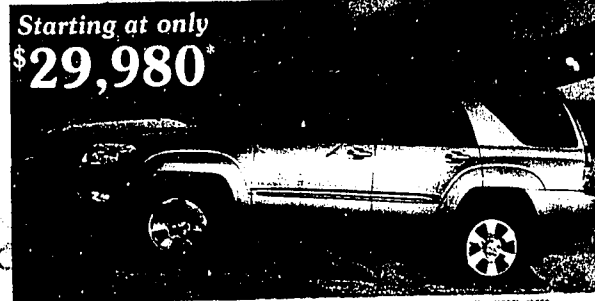
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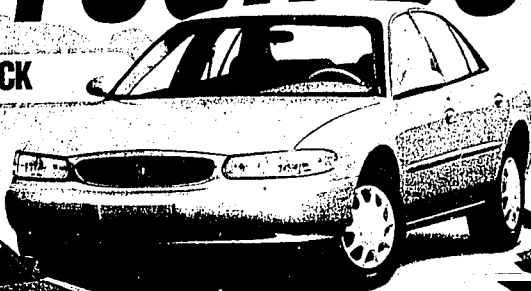


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