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# Penny pinching



Jim Black, left, an employee at the College of Southern Idaho bookstore, helps freshman Derek James find a civil engineering book in Twin Falls Monday. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has proposed funding for college employee pay raises, but for the first time in years there would be no additional state contribution to help limit student fee hikes.

## Governor calls for fiscal restraint

**The Associated Press**

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne outlined an austere path to full economic recovery on Monday, combining hold-the-line budgets with modest tax breaks he believes will only quicken Idaho's return to prosperity.

"The tough decisions we made last year have paid off," Kempthorne told lawmakers in his annual State of the State address. "It could be tempting to relax and declare victory. However, let me emphasize that we have not returned to the boom days of the 1990s. We are one more year into what is a multicyle path to recovery."

In his 45-minute address, broadcast state wide by Idaho Public Television, and in some regions by commercial television stations, Kempthorne assured lawmakers his plan accommodated expiration of the temporary penny increase in the sales tax in mid-2005 without the need to cut spending during the following 12 months.

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**Kempthorne's plan**

Here are some key points of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's 2004 legislative agenda laid out for lawmakers Monday:

**General budget**

- \$10 million for permanent merit increases for state employees, who have had their pay frozen for the past two years.
- \$11 million to cover increases in health insurance premiums and the state share of rising pension contributions.
- 234 new employees, more than a third in the Health and Welfare Department where recent cutbacks have been dramatic.

**Taxes**

- Hold-the-line budgets in general that will permit expiration of the temporary penny increase in the sales tax as scheduled in mid-2005.
- A \$1,000 tax credit for every new job created if it pays at least the median wage in Idaho and includes benefits.

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne addresses a joint session of the legislature for his annual State of the State address in the House chamber in Boise on Monday night.

**Education**

- A 3 percent increase in state support for public schools to \$887 million from \$862.8 million this year.
- \$10 million in discretionary money

that school districts can use for teacher pay improvements, technology, special programs or any other local priority.

- No money to offset a multimillion-dollar reduction in money the schools receive from the state endowment fund.
- An increase of \$5.4 million in support for the universities, pushing the total to \$223.4 million, but there is no offset to help hold down student fee increases next year.

**Economic development**

- Combines the Commerce and Labor departments to bring more focus to economic development efforts.
- Creates an Office of Science and Technology, within the Commerce Department, to promote innovative economic development in the state.

**Read more about the governor's speech on A4.**

**Hospital board: Go non-profit**

Chairman says there's no reason to change

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The future of the local hospital's governance is, now in county commissioners' hands.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board Monday voted 9-2 to recommend to Twin Falls County commissioners to pursue changing the hospital from a county form of governance to a 501(c)(3), or nonprofit entity.

County commissioners could choose to make the decision themselves or put it up for a vote of the public.

The ball is now in the commissioners' court, said Dr. Robert Lobb, chairman of the Hospital Board.

But that ball is likely to remain out of play.

"It won't come to a vote," said County Commissioner Tom Mikesell, who earlier in the evening was appointed to a three-year term as a voting member of the Hospital Board. "Commissioners feel the operation of the hospital is working right now."

In other words, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

But supporters of a nonprofit said if the hospital is to be a major player in the increasingly competitive world of health care, it needs to have the same advantages as its competitors. Turning the hospital into a nonprofit entity would take the political process out of decision making and, to a certain extent, shield the hospital from the press, Lobb said. He said it would make it easier for the hospital to forge relationships with other entities as well as with the physician community.

Lobb said the hospital would want to retain local control and is not interested in selling to a larger entity. He also said he would like to see the decision on whether to change governance be made by Twin Falls County voters.

Lobb said physicians overwhelmingly supported a nonprofit form of governance. They would not support a for-profit form of governance.

Hospital Board members have been studying the issue of governance for 18 months. They've on the issue and listened to representatives from other Idaho hospitals discuss their forms of governance. It was time to move on, Lobb said.

Magic Valley Regional has profited over the years. In 1979, the last year it received county tax dollars, the hospital had \$5.7 million in net assets. In 2002, it had \$53.9 million in net assets.

The world of health care is changing, said Chief Executive Officer John Kee, and Magic Valley Regional has to be able to compete. There will soon be more competition to the north as St. Benedict's Family Medical Center gets ready to break ground on a new 25-bed facility at Crossroads Ranch, farther away from its present location in the city of Jerome and much closer to Magic Valley Regional.

But competition doesn't just come from hospitals, Kee said. Technology is driving the market

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## State lawmakers applaud Kempthorne's budget plan

**By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer**

BOISE — Compared to the beginning of last year's session, lawmakers were markedly relaxed when Gov. Dirk Kempthorne laid out his budget plan Monday.

A year ago they squirmed in their chairs and

glowered as Kempthorne spoke of plans for a penny-and-a-half sales tax increase. Many were so angry that they refused to cooperate on any kind of tax increase, and wound up setting a record 118-day session before they approved a penny increase in the sales tax along with a hike in the taxes on cigarettes and liquor.

But Monday, they were all for Kempthorne, clapping several times as the governor recommended flat budgets with a 2 percent pay increase for state workers and \$11 million for their benefit packages.

Kempthorne also made it clear he intends to end the additional sales tax on schedule: June

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**Read more about the governor's speech on A4.**

## School board OKs new schedule

**By Karin Kowalski  
Times-News writer**

TWIN FALLS — It took a year to make and a moment to approve, but Twin Falls High School students will have a new "blended block" schedule starting next fall.

**Parent speaks against drug testing — B1**

The School Board unanimously approved the change Monday night.

The class times are still tentative, but the pattern of 95-minute block periods arranged around a long, flexible lunch period with

**'Blended block'**

Here's the tentative schedule for Twin Falls High School this fall for all days but Fridays:

7:52 a.m.	Zero-hour class	11:15 a.m.-noon	Lunch
7:30 a.m.	Teachers report	Noon-12:05	Passing period
7:55 a.m.	Warning bell	12:05-1:40 p.m.	95-minute block or 'skinny'
8:35 a.m.	95-minute block	1:40-1:45 p.m.	Passing period
9:35-9:40 a.m.	Passing period	1:45-3:20 p.m.	95-minute block
9:40-11:15 a.m.	95-minute block or 'skinny'	3:25-4:17 p.m.	After-hour skinny
		4 p.m.	Teachers' day ends

options for 52-minute "skinny" classes will be implemented.

Before Monday's vote, the school's schedule committee recently met to iron out details in the schedule. Shweta Obenchain, a parent and chairman of the committee, said the panel decided to keep the 35-minute advisory

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## CORDIAL MEETING



President Bush, left, and Mexican President Vicente Fox, right, shake hands at the conclusion of their joint press conference during the Summit of the Americas in Monterrey, Mexico, Monday. For more on the meeting, see page A3.

AP photo

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

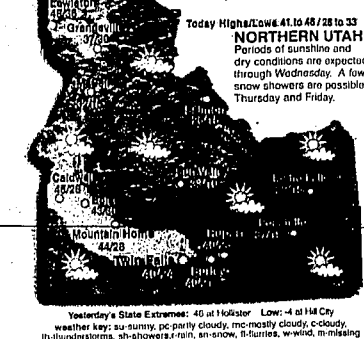
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Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. Lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Increasing clouds. Highs near 40.

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Tonight: Partly cloudy skies and calm winds. Lows near 20.
Tomorrow: Increasing clouds. Highs near 40.

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SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
Dry and seasonably mild today with a period of sunshine. Clouds will increase on Wednesday with snow developing overnight. Snow showers will continue on Thursday.
Today High: 24 to 30. Tonight's Low: 16 to 18.
BOISE
Partly to mostly sunny today and Wednesday. Light winds are expected today and Wednesday. Rain or snow showers are expected Wednesday night and Thursday.



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Table with 2 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists various Idaho cities and their weather forecasts.

CANADIAN FORECAST

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Yesterday's Weather

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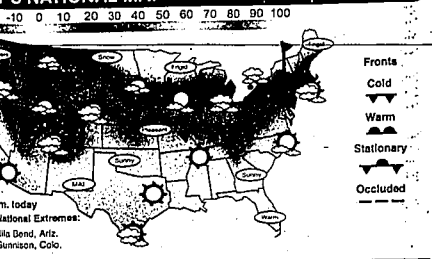
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WORLD FORECAST

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Agency unveils airline passenger profiling system

The Chicago Tribune
An expanded profiling system to pre-screen airline passengers will be applied equally to every traveler, federal officials vowed Monday, but the announcement provoked renewed criticism from security experts and civil libertarians that the approach will not help catch terrorists.
The Transportation Security Administration said that starting this summer it will phase in a more sophisticated version of its passenger-profiling program that the airlines began in 1997. But the airlines are refusing to hand over requested passenger data, citing privacy concerns.
The overhauled system, which will tap into government and commercial databases and is designed to do a 'better job of keeping potentially dangerous people off airplanes, identifying people who warrant extra scrutiny at the airport and reducing the hassle for the vast majority of travelers who pose no threat.

alert authorities to some of the terrorists who hijacked and crashed four airliners on Sept. 11, 2001.
The revised program, Computer-Assisted Passenger Pre-Screening II, is supposed to close those gaps. Testing is set to begin this winter using passenger reservations data.
"The (prescreening) process applies to everybody who buys a ticket," said Mark Hatfield, a spokesman for the security agency.
But some security experts warn that the agency is compromising the program in response to complaints from people who say they have been singled out.
"It's not an equal-opportunity program. If it is, it's worthless," said Billie Vincent, a former security chief at the Federal Aviation Administration. "The 9/11 hijackers were Saudis and other Middle Easterners. You want to look at the features of people who you are concerned about."
Richard Sobel, who studies privacy issues at Harvard Medical School, said the profiling program is unconstitutional and unworkable. "The government should not be setting up a program to determine who has authorization to travel in a free country," Sobel said.
The American Civil Liberties Union, meanwhile, blasted the government's decision to move forward with the program.

How they voted

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board voted 9-2 in favor of recommending Twin Falls County commissioners pursue changing the hospital's governance from a county hospital to a 501(c)(3) - or not-for-profit hospital.
Yes: Jerry Beck, Cindy Collins, Jeff Hafis, Dave Johnson, Dr. Robert Lobb, Terry Schultz, Carl Snow, Doug Volmer, Dr. Robert Ward.
No: Bill Block, Tom Mikesell.
Other hospitals
Medical Center, Idaho Falls; West Valley Medical; Centennial Medical; Not-for-profit: Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise; St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Boise; St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Lewiston; Mery Medical Center, Nampa; Bonner General Hospital, Sandpoint.

Lawmakers

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20, 2005. He also laid out a two-year budget, instead of the traditional one-year plan.
"I think it was a good speech," said Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Boise. "He's staying the course. There were no surprises."
Even the Democrats applauded the speech.
"I'd like to see the two-year budget plan continued," said Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum. "No more of these cut-exit dates based on one year."
Though the \$11 million will likely only cover about half of health insurance increases for state workers, they have not seen any raises for two years. Kempthorne's recommendation will become law unless both houses reject it.
Kempthorne also threw in \$10 million for public schools, calling it discretionary money. At the same time, technology money the state has been giving to schools for years was built into the ongoing public school budget. Marilyn Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, noted that almost \$5 million she had requested for remediation for the state's new high school exit exam was not in Kempthorne's budget.
The overall result, Howard speculated before having a chance to delve deeper into the ongoing funding plan, is that public schools would really be getting about the same amount of money they got last year. According to Kempthorne's plan, last year schools got \$920 million from the general fund, whereas his budget shows them getting \$943 million for 2004-05.

Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, who did much of the heavy lifting last session in helping to pass legislation to rein in spending for public schools, approved of Kempthorne's approach on Monday.
"The increase in \$23 million is discretionary," Bedke said. "That allows school districts to put that money where they think best."
But Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, saw the deficiency in technology funding as an added penalty for small schools.
Kempthorne made several recommendations to spur business development, including allowing telecommunications companies to opt out of regulation on how much money they make. But Sen. Laird Noth, R-Kimberly, said given some of the fissures he has seen in deregulation, he'd have to learn the details in that plan before he'd line up with the governor.

CORRECTION

Jed Powell earned Eagle Scout award
An item on Saturday's Community page incorrectly reported the name of a Boy Scout. Jed Powell, son of Bill and Cathy Powell of Jerome, 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. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Hospital

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more toward outpatient care in the form of orthopedics clinics, free-standing cardiac cath labs, surgery centers and mobile MRI.
Magic Valley Regional must be able to develop business relationships with other health care entities, which can be difficult for a county hospital to do when its business is conducted in public. In his report, Kee said that business that is particularly detrimental to the hospital is what he called "negative press." Kee criticized The Times-News for its editorials and its publicizing of hospital salaries.
"There seems to be a press obsession with that," he said.
That issue has already been played out in the courts. In May 2001, The Times-News requested the names, positions and salaries of Magic Valley Regional employees making more than \$50,000 a year. The hospital provided the paper with positions and salaries, but with the exception of the names of former Magic Valley Regional Chief Executive Officer Jerry Hart and two vice presidents, the names of about 80 employees were redacted from the list. In August 2001, then-Sith District Judge Roger Burdick ruled that employees of the county-owned hospital are subject to Idaho's open records law just as any other employees.
Magic Valley Regional appealed the decision to the Idaho Supreme Court, which upheld the District Court decision in November 2002.
The Times-News published the salaries in a package of stories that examined such things as shortages of nurses and technicians and why hospital employees were working so much overtime. The paper recently requested the 2003-04 salaries of employees making more than \$50,000 a year.
"We don't seem to be able to protect the privacy of our employees," Kee said Monday.
"Employees are very dissatisfied with the local press obsession with salaries," Kee said in his report. "As we enter a more competitive labor market, we stand to lose employees."
Meanwhile, the Hospital Board approved the appointments of Robert Ward and Mikesell to three-year terms on the board. Mikesell, already an ex-officio member, is now a voting member of the board. The board also appointed Terry Schultz to another three-year term on the board.
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Schedule

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performed once a month as well as the late-start Fridays that accommodate staff training. On Friday, classes will start at 8:45 a.m. and end at 3:05 p.m., with 80-minute block periods and a 50-minute lunch.
Dr. David McClusky spoke at the beginning of the meeting to voice concern that students will not have enough choices, as they are required to take two "skinny" classes and there are limited offerings. McClusky teaches a course on health care occupations, and it will be offered as a "skinny" because of scheduling needs.
Interim Superintendent Wally Dobbs said online courses offered by the Idaho Digital Learning Academy could fill the need for extra "skinny" classes.
Board member Chad Hafer expressed his enthusiasm for the new schedule, even if it may have a few glitches in the first year.
"This is an exciting time to be associated with District 42," Hafer said.
The schedule committee will reconvene in a year to evaluate the effectiveness of the schedule, which school officials say is needed for students to meet higher graduation requirements.

# Fox, Bush relations warm

The Dallas Morning News

MONTERRREY, Mexico — President Bush won a strong endorsement of his immigration initiative from Mexican President Vicente Fox on Monday but suggested a tough political path ahead in persuading Congress to go along.

"Yes, there's politics involved," Bush said, answering a Mexican reporter's question about the election-year timing of the proposal, "and there will be politics probably involved in whether or not it passes Congress."

Bush said he is pushing the plan for a new temporary worker program "because it is the right thing for America to do." The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks stalled earlier efforts.

"We ought to not have a system that is based upon an undocumented underclass, but a system that is based on law," he said.

Bush met with Fox on Monday before the start of a 34-nation Summit of the Americas. In a clear sign that their relationship was finally warming, Bush invited Fox to his Central Texas ranch for an overnight visit beginning March 5.

Bush extended a similar invitation in 2002, but Fox canceled to protest Texas' execution of a Mexican citizen.

"I hope it's a convenient date for you because we'd love to have you there," Bush said during a joint news conference after their private meetings.

Though Fox did not publicly accept, he is expected to go, pending the approval he needs from the Mexican Congress.

On the same trip, Fox would like to visit Michigan and Illinois, two Midwestern states with large Mexican communities, said a Mexican official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Fox, who had been cautious in his early assessments of Bush's immigration plan, was more forceful Monday as the two leaders stood together, facing reporters.

"This is a very important step forward," Fox said.

At the same time, he said he understood it would take a while for the proposal to be digested, particularly by the U.S. Congress, which must approve any change in immigration law.

"The idea should mature," Fox said, "and it should definitely be approved."

For Bush, his immigration proposal follows through on key planks of his 2000 campaign and similar themes that he put forth early in his administration. And its timing, at the start of the election year, clearly gives him an issue that should sell well among the growing bloc of Hispanic voters.

# U.S. troops, contractors head to Sahara borders

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania (AP) — The United States is expanding anti-terror efforts to the remote reaches of West Africa's Sahara borders, dispatching U.S. troops and contractors to help seal the predominantly Islamic region to al-Qaida and its allies.

American officials gave the Associated Press details of the anti-terror program, and Mauritania officials confirmed to AP a massive explosives theft that illustrates why the West is concerned about the region.

A U.S. anti-terror team arrived Saturday in the arid, Arab-dominated Islamic republic of Mauritania. U.S. Deputy Undersecretary of State Pamela Bridgewater told reporters late Sunday during a visit here.

The small team will be followed in coming months by U.S. Army experts and defense contractors, under a \$100 million Bush administration anti-terror initiative for the Saharan nations of Mauritania, Mali, Chad and Niger. The U.S. Pan-Sahel Initiative

will provide 60 days of training to military units within the four nations, coaching them in everything from desert navigation to small-unit infantry tactical skills, said Lt. Col. M.J. Jadick, spokesman for the U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

The initiative also will provide Toyota Land Cruisers, radios, and uniforms for the border efforts in the largely poor countries, a West Africa-based U.S. diplomatic official involved in the program said on condition of anonymity.

U.S. troops are to do the work in Mauritania and Mali; contractors of Los Angeles-based Pacific Architects & Engineers in Chad and Niger.

The West long has seen plenty to worry about in the western Sahara: little-patrolled desert crossings and coast lines, alleged al-Qaida cells, centuries-old trade and cultural links to the Middle East, and large sectors of Muslim populations sympathetic to Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein.

The program marks the low-

point spread of U.S. security efforts away from U.S. bases and NATO deployments at east Africa's Horn of Africa.

"There is a military principle that a quiet front needs to be watched and dealt with just as seriously as an active front," the U.S. diplomatic official said.

"We've seen how the terrorists operate — instead of going for the obvious countries, they go for soft spots. And the spots are usually the countries that have low levels of security," said analyst Dapo Oyewole, London-based executive director of the Centre for African Policy and Peace Studies.

In 1999, U.S. officials briefly closed the U.S. Embassy in Senegal, citing intelligence that extremists were scouting out security at embassies in Senegal and other West African nations for a possible attack.

Twin car bombings at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killed 231 people in 1998 and were blamed on al-Qaida. North Africa also has seen lethal terror attacks; West Africa, to date, has not.

# Jury convicts Arab newspaper publisher of spying for Saddam

CHICAGO (AP) — A community newspaper publisher accused of spying on Iraqi dissidents in the United States was found guilty Monday of serving as an unregistered agent for Saddam Hussein.

The jury took less than two hours to convict Khaled Abdel-Latif Dumeisi after the weeklong trial.

"This sends an important message that people can't come to our country and spy on their fellow residents," U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald said.

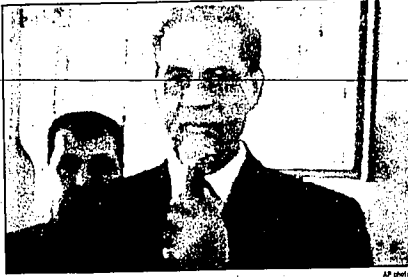
Dumeisi, 61, was convicted of failing to obey a federal law that requires agents of foreign governments to register with the Justice Department.

Prosecutors maintained that the Palestinian-born Dumeisi spied on Iraqi dissidents because he was desperate for money and admired Saddam Hussein as the only true friend of the Palestinian cause in the Mideast in prison at the end of at least \$3,000 in payments from the Iraqis to the debt-ridden publisher.

The jury also convicted him of conspiring not to register, lying to an immigration officer and lying to a federal grand jury. Dumeisi faces up to 10 years in prison at sentencing March 30, but he is likely to get much less time under federal sentencing guidelines.

Dumeisi was not charged with espionage, nor was he accused of terrorism.

His tiny suburban newspaper,



Khaled Dumeisi, an Arabic-language community newspaper publisher, is shown in an image from video giving a speech on Saddam Hussein's birthday at the Iraq Mission to the United Nations on Aug. 28, 2001, in New York.

Al Mahjar was full of articles critical of U.S. Mideast policy and praising the now-deposed Iraqi leader.

Prosecutors launched the trial by showing a videotape of a speech Dumeisi gave at a birthday party in honor of Saddam at the Iraqi mission to the United Nations in New York.

Prosecutors said the U.N. mission was a hotbed of intelligence agents.

In the speech, he referred to Saddam as "our great leader" and "our inspired leader," and praised him for missile attacks against Israel, "the Zionist

stronghold," at the time of the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Witnesses said Dumeisi received training in spying on a trip to Baghdad and even got a pen that was actually a combination tape recorder and camera.

During his closing argument, Dumeisi's lawyer urged jurors not to let his client's praise for Saddam rush them into a conviction, even though they might find his views "despicable."

"Reaching a verdict of not guilty does not in any way endorse his very dubious opinions," John Murphy said. "Quite frankly, I don't like them either."

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# NASA blames leaky hose for space station pressure drop

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A leaky hose on the American side of the international space station seems to be the source of the slow drop in cabin pressure over the past three weeks, NASA said Monday.

If the hose is confirmed as the culprit, a spare will be sent up on a Russian spacecraft as early as the end of the month, the space agency said.

The air leak began just before Christmas, and NASA has said all along that it was so small it never endangered the crew or space station operations.

Astronaut Michael Foale and cosmonaut Alexander Kaleri discovered the leaky hose Sunday using a handheld ultrasound

leak detector in the American-made laboratory. They did not find anything wrong in a check of the area last week, but this time they briefly turned off the scientific equipment and heard the hiss of escaping air.

"They're hesitant to be overly confident, but everything at this point looks like it was the culprit," said NASA spokesman James Hartfield.

The hose is used to prevent a window on the space station from fogging up. It takes condensation that forms between the panes of glass and vents it into space.

Foale removed the short length of hose and capped off the two ends to which it was connected.

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WHAT THE GOVERNOR SAID

Here are excerpts from Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's State of the State and Budget address to lawmakers Monday:

Last year's tax increases

Last year, in the midst of substantial economic crisis, I delivered a message that was difficult, but it was the right thing to do. Last year's speech was also one of the shortest speeches I have delivered before this Legislature and yet it sparked the longest session in Idaho history.

And so, without much exaggeration, I can say that it seems like only yesterday that you and I were here.

Thank you for inviting me back. And thank you for your partnership last session. It wasn't easy for any of us. But the results were clear.

Essential services and responsibilities are covered. We're educating our children, caring for our seniors, providing for our veterans and promoting economic growth.

The tough decisions we made last year have paid off, and tonight I'll affirm to you that as I anticipated, we're on the road to recovery.

The current fiscal year, FY 2004, which started July 1st and ends June 30th, is sound. And, we will have sufficient funds to get us through FY 2005.

Budget for next fiscal year

Tonight as we discuss the FY05 budget we must focus on how it impacts the following year. Some of our existing financial assets will go away. For example, you know that we're the beneficiaries of more than \$83 million in one-time federal assistance. We must receive that money again next year.

More than \$170 million in temporary sales tax revenue will also go away when it sunsets in June of 2005.

So as we prepare, the key word is restraint.

Budget pressures will not ease, and the demands on state resources will continue to grow. Therefore, we must be wise; we have vision; and we must have discipline.

Tonight I present a bare bones budget that projects a 6.2 percent increase in revenues with only a 3.98 percent increase in expenditures. More than half of the spending increases are required by state or federal law. We're positioning ourselves so that in two years we will still have a balanced budget that does not rely on federal assistance, the temporary sales tax and one-time money.

This is a \$2.083 billion budget that contains no inflation other than medical, no significant enhancements other than where we can demonstrate return on investment, and only one major capital outlay expenditure, which is for replacement of emergency vehicles and equipment.

Budget projections show that the temporary sales tax is just that, temporary. It means considerable discipline to get there, but the expiration of the sales tax can proceed as planned.

Economic development

As the national economy shows signs of recovery, Idaho is among those leading the way. We are well positioned because in the face of tough economic times, we did not retreat. We refused to become victims of a national recession.

We did cut back, just as any good business would do in tough times, but at the same time, we charted a course for this ship of state to be a flagship for recovery.

Thanks to our Rural Initiative and leveraging other economic development funds, we're opening business parks in Council, Mackay, New Plymouth, Orofino and Salmon. New businesses like Ashley Inn in Cascade, WYOW Montrose in Jerome and the Hunt Lodge in McCall are open, putting Idahoans to work.

There are a host of other successes, including downtown improvement projects in St. Maries, Elk City, Kootenai, Blaine, and Jerome. Bannock Ferry, Hagerman and Sandpoint, Idahoan Foods in Rupert reopened thanks to a state grant; Rocky Mountain Hardware has expanded in Shoshone; Dell Computer in Twin Falls keeps growing; Empire Airlines, a flight school in Boise, Pacatello and Idaho Falls; and Hecla Mining is expanding their work force by 50-percent in northern Idaho.

State employee pay raises

As the nation's fifth-fastest growing state, the demands on the face of shrinking budgets. The fact is, we have fewer state employees per capita today than we did ten years ago.

What we can, and must do, is recognize our outstanding public servants.

Therefore, my budget includes an additional \$10 million for employee salary increases.

On top of that, another \$11 million is in the budget to cover increased costs for health insurance and retirement contributions on behalf of our state employees.

I ask you to join me in thanking our more than 17,000 dedicated state workers.

Public schools

Last year, in an extremely difficult economic climate, we made the decision to support education and, in fact, increase our funding to public schools while at the same time providing additional accountability for those education dollars.

This year, while some states will be forced to cut education, I am proposing to you a K-12 budget that again provides an increase.

As part of my \$961.8 million budget for K-12 education, I've included \$10 million in discretionary funding for increased salaries the same amount set aside for salary increases for our state workers.

With these additional dollars for education, I want to continue our success in public schools. Think of all that we have accomplished.

For the first time ever, statewide standards are in place for math, reading and language skills.

And now, the Class of 2006 will begin taking the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests or ISAT. These students will have as many as six opportunities to pass all sections of the test.

And while the ISAT will test the knowledge of our students, it is really a test to measure the effectiveness of our schools so that we can continually strengthen and improve how we teach our children to be ready to compete successfully in the world.

Every state is working to follow federal legislation to ensure that no child is left behind when it comes to public education. It has not been a simple task, but I commend our State Board of Education, which has been aggressive in implementing No Child Left Behind.

Higher education

I met with the college and university presidents and told them to prepare for a flat line budget next year.

But even with a flat line budget, our college and universities will see an additional \$5.3 million, or an increase of nearly 2.5 percent because of the salary increases for faculty and staff, and the increased funding for benefits.

We are continuing funding for scholarship programs to assist young Idahoans to attend secondary or professional-technical schools in state.

Environment

Let me now take a moment to address the health of our environment. Protecting wildlife and enhancing recreational opportunities remain a priority.

First, we have been blessed with a tremendous snowpack in the mountains. This is great news for every farmer and rancher in the state. Every basin in the state is currently above average and this certainly bodes well for recharge of our reservoirs. We know that we have critical issues of water remaining before us, but we have made progress and will continue to find solutions.

Also, my standard for enhancing and preserving species is cooperation not conflict.

In that same spirit, we are actively working to remove wolves from the Endangered Species list. It's been nine years since they were imported into Idaho, and their numbers have exploded at the expense of our big game herds.

The wolves have recovered biologically, now let's get the federal bureaucracy out of the way and let Idaho manage the wolves.

Speaking of good management, while many states were forced to close parks and cut their recreation programs, Idaho was able to open its 30th and newest state park this August - Castle Rock State Park in Cassia County. It's a wonderful addition to Idaho's world-class parks which are visited by more than 2 million people each and every year.

Restraint

That, he said, is the period the economy needs to catch up with state budget demands after falling into the tank in late 2001.

Taking advantage of last year's early stages of recovery and projecting slow but steady growth into the future, Kempthorne proposed banking over \$7.2 million of the tax receipts collected this year and holding that cash through the 2004-05 so it can help pick up the slack left by the expiration of the temporary sales tax. The administration believes continued economic growth can cover the rest.

The critical steps we took last year show that we're willing to take responsibility and lead," Kempthorne said. "In this year, I'm asking you to join me in continued budgetary restraint."

He earmarked just under \$3 million to continue investment tax credits for broadband installation and research and development that expired at the end of 2003 and to revive a tax credit for businesses creating new jobs. To be eligible for that \$1,000 break the job would have to pay at or above the median state wage - which the governor's office hasn't yet calculated - and include benefits.

All three were part of just before tax cut passed in 2001 that reduced the bottom fall out on the economy.

The 50 percent tax deduction for long-term care, insurance premiums will be increased to 100 percent of the premium as well. Kempthorne's spending plan for the year that begins July 1 has no money for either inflationary increases in utilities, lease payments or other operating costs or equipment-replacement, except for state police patrol cars and other equipment.

It does end the two-year freeze on state employee pay with money to finance merit raises equal to 2 percent of the state payroll. An equal amount of cash is provided to school districts for higher teacher salaries if they desire. And \$11 million is earmarked for increased health insurance premiums.

Higher education support is up \$5.4 million, but nearly all of that is for staff and faculty pay improvements. For the first time in years there is no additional state contribution to help limit student fee hikes.

Administration officials acknowledged the money would

do little to close the gap between state salaries and those for comparable jobs elsewhere. Kempthorne urged his managers during their budget briefing to find any other way possible to further enhance compensation for their best workers.

General tax support for public schools was up 3 percent in the governor's plan, but nearly all the extra cash aside from that available for teacher pay was needed to meet increased student demands.

The governor eliminated \$5 million in technology grants to school districts - an annual budget figure since 1995 - and another \$5 million to help children catch up if they have failed to pass standard achievement tests to provide basic operating support.

Kempthorne readily acknowledged the austerity in his plan but maintained that if the state gets through the next two budget years without any major disruptions, "we should be able to loosen the reins and hit full stride."

"We're positioning ourselves so that in two years we will still have a balanced budget that does not rely on federal assistance, the temporary sales tax increase and other one-time money," he said.

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# Shiite riot reflects Iraqi frustration

Bomb kills U.S. soldier; troops face attacks in town west of Baghdad



United States soldiers with the 1st Infantry Division patrol through a palm grove while looking for a site that was used to fire mortars at their camp earlier in the morning Monday near Ramadi, Iraq.

KUT, Iraq (AP) — Ukrainian soldiers fired into the air Monday to disperse hundreds of Iraqis who rioted for jobs and food as a second southern Shiite Muslim city was rocked by unrest — a barometer of rising frustration with the U.S. led-occupation in a region of Iraq considered friendly to the Americans.

Also Monday, a roadside bomb in the capital killed one American soldier and wounded two, bringing the U.S. death toll in the Iraq conflict to 495. Large explosions rocked central Baghdad later in the day, but officials reported no casualties.

Trouble started in Kut, 95 miles southeast of Baghdad, when about 400 protesters marched for a third straight day on a government building to demand jobs. Someone in the crowd threw a grenade at police and Ukrainian soldiers guarding the building, injuring one Iraqi policeman and one Ukrainian, according to Lt. Zafer Wedad.

The Ukrainians then fired in the air to disperse the crowd, injuring one protester, Wedad said. He said the demonstrators hurled bricks at the building and rashed a post office in the city.

In a similar protest in Amarah on Sunday, waves of protesters

rushed British troops guarding the city hall before being pushed back. On Saturday, clashes in Amarah killed six protesters and wounded at least 11.

Unrest in the Shiite areas has spread as the country's leading Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, has spoken out against the U.S.-backed formula for transferring power to the Iraqis.

In a full-page newspaper advertisement Monday, al-Sistani repeated his demand that a proposed provisional legislature be elected rather than chosen by regional committees as called for under a plan endorsed by the

U.S.-led coalition and the Iraqi Governing Council.

al-Sistani is highly influential among Iraq's majority Shiites.

No details were available about the death in Baghdad of the 1st Armored Division soldier. Most of the U.S. deaths in Iraq have occurred since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1.

Still, U.S. officials said Monday that insurgent attacks against coalition forces declined to an average of 17 a day in the past week, compared to 30 a day before Saddam Hussein was captured on Dec. 13. Most of the attacks are believed carried out

by supporters of the ousted regime.

In the late Monday blasts, Iraqi and U.S. security officials said at least two mortars exploded near the Baghdad Hotel in the center of the capital. At least one round exploded in the Tigris River and the other exploded on the river bank, U.S. troops said. There were no casualties, the Americans said.

Also Monday, another roadside bomb exploded near an Army convoy in Ramadi, a town west of Baghdad, but the military said no U.S. casualties were reported. Residents said two Iraqis were killed when the Americans opened fire after the attack.

# Death toll in Afghan campaign reaches 100

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An American soldier returning from a patrol became the 100th fatality in the U.S. military's two-year Afghan campaign when his vehicle collided with a truck, high-lighting the dangers facing U.S. forces in a nation ruled by a stubborn Taliban insurgency.

The toll pales in comparison to the tally of American dead in Iraq, which is approaching 500. But it is still a striking number in a force that is a small fraction of the size of the 130,000-strong U.S. contingent in Iraq.

The U.S. military did not identify the soldier in a brief statement issued Monday. It said he was involved in an accident southwest of the Afghan capital Friday night and died of his injuries the next morning.

"His death underscores the dangers inherent in Operation Enduring Freedom, and our condolences go out to his family," the statement said, without giving further details.

As in Iraq, where the U.S. military also triumphed, the number of U.S. casualties in Afghanistan has continued to rise, undermining claims by American leaders that the military campaign has brought stability to Afghans, left destitute by a quarter-century of war.

Only 16 Americans died in the fighting war that drove the Taliban from power at the end of 2001 for providing a refuge and base for Osama bin Laden, the

suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States. The rest of the Americans died after the Taliban's defeat.

Like-wise in Iraq, most of the deaths — both combat and non-combat — have occurred since President Bush declared an end to major fighting on May 1. A roadside bomb explosion Monday killed the 495th American service member since the Iraq war began in March.

Pentagon spokesman James Turner confirmed that the weekend death brought the total from Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan to 100 — 84 from hostile fire and 70 "non-hostile" casualties.

When measured against the large disparity in forces, the tally belies conventional wisdom that Afghanistan has become a far safer place to operate. The U.S. provides 9,000 of the 11,000-member coalition troops stationed in Afghanistan.

The Afghan government said Monday it "honored" America's sacrifice to free the country from al-Qaida and the Taliban and appealed for continued international support.

"An important time like this, Afghanistan needs all the support that the international community can provide, in all areas, in order to make its progress completely irreversible," said Jawed Luddin, President Hamid Karzai's spokesman.

# Bush's team sizes up Dean, downplays lead in the polls

New York Daily News

WASHINGTON — In the spring of 1992, President George Bush confided to a friend that despite fears of a recession, his re-election was shaping up nicely.

"The economy is going to recover," Bush predicted, "and then people won't vote for a guy like (Bill) Clinton with no foreign policy experience."

A dozen years and two Clinton presidencies later, could another President Bush be making the same mistake by underestimating Howard Dean?

Absolutely not, insist Bush-Cheney campaign handlers, who say an unastutely polarized electorate guarantees a hard-fought — and close — election.

White House political guru Karl Rove and campaign manager Ken Mehlman have been furiously trying to lower expectations for weeks — but some top Bush lieutenants didn't get the curb-your-enthusiasm memo.

"I don't think we're underestimating Dean at all," a prominent GOP official with close ties to the White House told the New York Daily News. "He's so far to the left that he's our dream candidate."

The latest Gallup Poll found Bush crushing Dean by a whopping 59 percent-37 percent margin, and the former Vermont governor has come under increasing assault from his Democratic rivals as a flawed nominee who will lead the party to ignominious defeat.

Even so, senior Bush officials expect Dean to survive the intra-party onslaught and unify the party behind his candidacy by the July convention.

"We're happy to run against him, but the guy has proven himself a good campaigner and he's been able to stay a step ahead of the others," one Bush operative noted. "He's no dummy. He'll move to the middle soon."

"Truthfully, I can't figure out how he can beat Bush short of a lot of horrible things happening," he



President Bush Howard Dean

added. "But we still don't have a lot of margin for error."

The Daily News reported Dec. 10 that Bush political strategists were gleeful that Dean appeared to have the nomination sewn up. A win only predicted Dean would take too many more deaths in Iraq or some bad economic news before there could be another term Bush.

But even the liberal-former Massachusetts governor got 46 percent of the vote in the 1998 election against Bush's father — and White House vote-counters say Dean should easily poll as well.

"But do a few things right and you're at 48 or 49," said University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato. "If he predicted Dean would take too many more deaths in Iraq or some bad economic news before there could be another term Bush."

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## EDITORIAL

### Guardsmen deserve local support, not petty griping

Look around your neighborhood or community, and you won't find many tell-tale signs that America is waging a war on terror in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a whole, Americans are sacrificing little in the fight. So if the opportunity arises to contribute in some small way, each of us should jump at the chance.

Workers. They aren't just playing war games in the snow, either. These troops are preparing for the call to serve in Iraq or elsewhere. Operation Iraqi Freedom can only be completed if these part-time warriors are properly prepared for the roles they may be called to fulfill.

**Our view: Complaints about National Guard exercises in downtown Gooding reflect poorly on local patriotism. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

By keeping the soldiers out of Gooding, those who complained have denied Guard members a chance to train for tricky combat situations. The bloody skirmishes still raging in Iraq take place largely on city streets - for which Gooding could have provided a realistic training ground.

The few citizens who complained about the Guard are undoubtedly in the minority. We're confident most residents of Gooding, and elsewhere in the Magic Valley, understand the priority that should be given to military exercises during wartime.

Maybe the Gooding City Council should invite the Guard to come again. As for those who complained, what will they say, years from now, when a child asks, "What did you do to help win the war?"

## Candidates talking God? Bless them

"Meet the Press" host Tim Russert roared as he used his mercurial journalistic skills to pick apart the policy statements of the Democratic presidential candidates. Last week, after Howard Dean announced he was going to start talking more about religion on the campaign trail, Russert made the former Vermont governor's faith journey a character issue.

STEVEN WALDMAN

"If he was baptized a Catholic," Russert intoned, "then became an Episcopalian, left that church because of a feud over a bishop and a new Congregationalist, is he going to be seen as someone who is trying ... to publicly embrace Christ to be seen as more religious than he really is?"

This line of thinking makes me nervous. As journalists and commentators parse the candidates' religious statements, they're doing so in ways that can only remind those running why they used to keep quiet about such matters.

As editor of a religion Web site, I viewed it favorably when the candidates started talking about their spiritual lives. We can learn a lot about them by listening to them discuss their faith: where they draw their strength from, whether they are fatalistic or believe people can control world events, how they make sense of injustice in the world, and what they value most.

But the punditry so far has been ignorant of how Americans develop their style of religious observance, and how it could chill honest discussion of religion. The implication of Russert's question, for instance, is that Dean's shifting among religions indicated a lack of conviction, as if only consistency equals piety. A similar point was made about Wesley Clark after he said, in an interview with *Beliefnet*, "I'm spiritual, I'm religious, I'm a strong Christian and I'm a Catholic, but I go to a Presbyterian Church." Deal Hudson, editor of the conserva-



tive Catholic magazine *Crisis*, complained, "Gen. Clark, still hot in pursuit of the Democratic nomination for President, finally clarifies his real religious convictions - namely, he doesn't seem to have one."

But if Dean and Clark are therefore spiritually promiscuous, they have excellent company. Twenty to 30 percent of Americans now practice a faith different from the one in which they were raised, according to Pew, the sociologist Robert Putnam. And a much higher percentage have switched houses of worship.

Another misconception that has crept into the media analysis of the candidates' religious statements is the idea that Americans approach religion with the mindset of theologians. Thus, Dean and Clark have been maligned not only because they shifted a lot but because they seemed to do so for superficial reasons. Dean, it's often been noted, switched churches because of a dispute over building a bike path. Clark left the Catholic Church in anger over the anti-military rhetoric of a priest.

But again, this isn't unusual. In fact, Americans often choose houses of worship - and denominations - based on a combination of the doctrinal, the practical and the emotional. Which church has the best choir? Which is closest to home? Whose preacher is the best homilist? Where do my friends go? How does the service make me feel?

Similarly, syndicated columnist Cal Thomas mocked Dean for raising his children in the Jewish faith: "Dean's wife is Jewish and his two children are being raised Jewish, which is strange at best, considering the two faiths take a distinctly different view of Jesus." But millions of Americans have figured out how to raise kids in interfaith marriages, and the number is huge if you consider interdenominational marriages, which still involve ignoring serious theological lines.

This approach is really no different from that being taken by George W. Bush. He's obviously a devout Christian. And yet he said a few months ago that Christians, Muslims and Jews all pray to the same God. Does that show that his Christianity is fraudulent? If he really believed Christ was Lord, could he possibly hold both views simultaneously? He can, because, while he believes he has found The Way, he acknowledges that others might possibly have as well. That's not hypocrisy. It's broad-mindedness.

Another potential trap is the assumption that if a politician makes a mistake about some aspect of religion, he is a fake. Comedian/pundit Al Franken described how Bush's friend, Commerce Secretary Don Evans, didn't seem to remember important passages of the Bible, despite having studied it rigorously for two years. Dean, meanwhile, was - not inappropriately - needed for saying that the Book of Job was in the New Testament rather than the Old.

Such errors could indicate that these are not the guys you want leading your Bible study group, but they shouldn't be viewed as prima facie evidence of insincerity. For most people, faith is not about doctrine; it's about a personal search for meaning in the world. It's more important to know that the Bible helped Bush stop being a lush than whether he memorized all the chapters.

Steven Waldman, a former reporter and editor for *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report*, is editor in chief of *Beliefnet*, a multi-faith Web site that provides news and commentary on religious issues.

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## LETTER

### Magic Valley values go beyond mere profits

Where are we going - 1904-2004, a century of progress? Now cars wander not across grassy brush-strewn mud ruts in Twin Falls but across similar landscapes on Mars. One or two of us might actually recall both events firsthand. Progress - of a sort.

Once upon a time, futurists plotted at city center a park twined with majestic elm trees. They planted as well churches on its four corners with schools, courthouses and libraries in between. Flash forward 100 years. The "heart" of Twin Falls is now devoid of churches, schools, libraries, even grass and trees. It seems our "heart" is now strangled by liquor, video games and fresh donuts; a menagerie of mally merchandise. In this context, the candidate had dropped amidst confetti-ensured revelers in 72-degree comfort.

If folks once derived meaning and purpose in life from education, law and worship, from whence does meaning devolve today? Have Levis, Pepsi, Barbie and Microsoft really become the very air we breathe? How - very - trivial - right up there with marian handovers.

Somewhere in between 1904 and 2004, we crossed a line - fivixt necessity and narcissism. Nobody's fault. We've allowed

ourselves to be mauld by malls. We've subtly and slowly shifted our "worship," God, statesmanship, enlightenment and beauty seem unable to match with crass consumerism for the hearts and minds of Americans. We are no exception.

Was I.B. Perrine a noble sacrificial visionary who saw a Magic Valley coursing with the lifeblood of water, making its dry bones come alive? Or simply a forerunner of today's Blue Lakes hustlers? Or a bit of both? That truth may remain ever hidden between the lines of ancient chronicles. What is certain is he's an icon dredged from the grave destined to lead 'Twin Falls in some way into our second century.

The values that truly founded this town still exist somewhere within our collective psyche and especially amid our myriads of churches and service groups. Without business though as (one of many) founding motive, none of us would be here. But as the coming months, reflect further upon our roots and who we are, let's give credence, homage and entitlement to nobler motives and those who, often unsung and underpaid, sacrificed deeply for others and for higher ideals.

Happy reveling! But God help us if, in the end, the business of Twin Falls is simply - business.  
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## Teachers need to know more than just their subject

DOROTHY RICH

or social studies, but also make sure they know some of the lessons I learned." To wit, my teaching and learning are mysterious. There are some basic principles in subject scope and sequence, but the internals matter so much that they can override the best lesson plan. Internals for teachers include common sense, intelligence and enthusiasm. Internals for students include taking responsibility and making effort.

The education myth that is still strong, despite what we know now about the principles of learning, is that somehow learning is a straight line: a teacher teaches, a student learns. Actually, education is a slow, messy, zigzag process. For example, in math class, students may look as if they

are listening and be the proverbial million miles away. Yet, these same students at home may figure out batting averages and even follow the stock market. The overwhelming majority of learning time is spent outside the school. Students at best go to school half the days of the year and only one quarter of the day. These facts alone ought to be enough to convince school boards, parents and politicians that not everything is taking place in school. Yet, the No Child Left Behind Act and related state legislation continue to support the myth of the all-powerful school without providing support for the learning that takes place at the kitchen sink and while driving in the car.

Teaching well is important but students have to want to learn. No one can do it for them. I reclaimed this old adage in the classroom: You can lead a horse to water, but

you can't make him drink. The same thing happens in school.

Education is a lot more concerned, secretly and miraculously than we know, the mind, the heart, the brain, the spirit - all of which play a bigger role than we can now identify. Students, and parents too, need teachers who know not only their subject but also how to encourage, how to motivate and how to respond positively. They must impart real praise based on achievement, not empty, perfunctory words.

And let's remember that teachers also need encouragement. These hard-learned lessons, and not content alone, are what constitutes "highly qualified." They make it possible for real learning to take place.

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### United States wanders into China's sticky web

Remember when we used to complain about our 24-to-1 trade deficit ratio with Japan? Our trade deficit ratio with Communist China is 7-to-1, which far exceeds our deficit ratio with any other nation in our history. True to their five-year plan, China has been expanding its military 20 percent each year. Military analysts believe that China is spending three to five times the amount to upgrade its military that China officially submits. Where does China get

the tens of billions of dollars to spend its military? Duh!

The Congressional China Security Review Commission published a report wherein Conclusion No. 5 states, "China's leaders believe that the United States ... can be defeated, most particularly in a fight over Taiwan - Chinese analysts also believe that the United States will not and cannot sustain casualties in pursuit of its vital interests. China is dedicating considerable resources toward preparing for potential conflict with the United States, especially over Taiwan." The Congressional

China Security Review Commission report further states that China has provided the technologies necessary in the creation of weapons of mass destruction to many countries, including Iran, Iraq, Syria and North Korea. On Dec. 9, President Bush stood beside Communist Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at a press conference. President Bush scolded the president of Taiwan for a "forthcoming referendum in Taiwan which is critical of Communist China's missiles being aimed at Taiwan (we didn't like it when Khrushchev and Castro did that to us). Comrade Jiabao

could hardly control his glee when he told reporters, "President Bush has reiterated the U.S. commitment to the one-China principle, and opposition to Taiwan independence. We appreciate that." Isn't it interesting that Americans are spending billions of dollars to build up the Chinese military, at the same time spending billions of dollars containing the Iraqi desert for weapons of mass destruction, which, if they're ever found, will certainly say, "Made in China - Paid by USA."  
 JOHN COX  
 Twin Falls

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### By Bruce Tinsley



# If other candidates want a chance, they'll need Iowa

If Howard Dean wins the Iowa caucuses, the Democratic presidential race is over.

Take all the noise to the contrary from other candidates and the news media, who have vested interests in keeping the race alive, with a large grain of salt.

A Dean win in Iowa would require an unprecedented series of events to deny the former Vermont governor the nomination. It would also mark the first time that Iowa's peculiar form of democracy really has settled a nomination fight.

While a scenario to stop Dean if he wins Iowa might exist in some screenwriter's mind, there is none in the real world of politics.

History says candidates who have the most money, highest poll numbers and strongest organization win unless they get knocked off early in the small, retail campaigning states.

No one can come close to Dean in New Hampshire's Jan. 27 primary, where the race is for second place. That leaves only Iowa on Jan. 19.

The only one who can beat Dean in Iowa is Richard Gephardt of Missouri, the former House Democratic leader who won there in 1988 but ran out of gas once the voting moved to his neighboring state. He trails Dean there but is within hailing distance.

Gephardt must catch Dean in Iowa for there to be some, albeit small, chance that anyone other than Dean can become the party's standard-bearer against President Bush.

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The chances of stopping Dean even if he loses Iowa are small because he is so far ahead in New Hampshire and well positioned to run nationally, while the others are competitive only in certain states.

A second-place finish in Iowa for Dean might only mean his eventual New Hampshire margin of victory will be less than 20 points. Gephardt is not a serious contender in New Hampshire, and even winning Iowa won't change that.

But if Dean wins Iowa, his train will be off and running down the track to the nomination, and everything else will just be political theater.

After New Hampshire, the campaign goes wholesale. The numerous contests scattered throughout the country will be won based on a candidate's ability to convince voters through television commercials, organizational strength and news-media coverage.

Those are categories in which Dean is the best positioned. Moreover, most of the races will be won at that point and none, other than perhaps Gephardt if he wins Iowa, will be getting a cash infusion from donors impressed by a winner's vote-getting power.

If Dean does win Iowa, everyone else will be just going through the motions, despite the virtual certainty that an ABD (anyone but Dean) candidate will emerge from the Iowa and New Hampshire also-rans.

Whether Gephardt, Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts, John Edwards of North Carolina, Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut or former Gen. Wesley Clark, the eventual ABD candidate will argue that Dean is

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not only unelectable, but will be a drag on Democrats running for other offices.

They may be correct. There are many, myself included, who think Dean is the reincarnation of Walter Mondale and George McGovern combined, each of whom only carried one state

when they faced the voters in November. Like 1984 nominee Mondale, Dean is pledging to raise taxes massively (\$3 trillion), while Dean's strong opposition to Bush's Iraq policy is reminiscent of McGovern's 1972 campaign against the Vietnam War.

Regardless of the accuracy of those crystal balls, the ABD forces can't possibly succeed if Dean wins Iowa, because such a victory would

eliminate Gephardt as a contender.

There are two loyal party constituencies critical to a successful ABD effort under even the most favorable circumstances — blacks and organized labor. There is no serious contender for the Democratic nomination (sorry Al Sharpton and Carol Mosley Braun, you don't fit that definition) around whom blacks can logically coalesce.

And Gephardt, whose opposition to free trade flouts labor's boat, is the only candidate with serious union support other than Dean.

If Iowa voters sideline Gephardt, the other unions, like many blacks, are very likely to jump on Dean's bandwagon because his anti-war, pro-tax increase, socially liberal agenda is more in tune with theirs than any potential ABD candidate.

So when Iowa Democrats brave sub-freezing temperatures to gather in their town halls, churches and living rooms, this actually picks the nominee rather than just narrow the field as they have done in the past.

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# ACLU backs Limbaugh's privacy case

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Rush Limbaugh and the American Civil Liberties Union don't agree about much, but they're in accord that the conservative radio commentator's medical records should be off-limits to prosecutors.

The Florida ACLU filed court papers Monday supporting Limbaugh's argument that investigators violated his constitution-

al right to privacy when they seized his medical records in November to investigate whether he violated drug laws when he purchased prescription painkillers.

"It may seem odd that the ACLU has come to the defense of Rush Limbaugh," the state chapter's executive director, Howard Simon, said in a statement. "But we have always said that the

ACLU's real client is the Bill of Rights and we will continue to safeguard the values of equality, fairness and privacy for everyone, regardless of race, economic status or political point of view."

State Attorney Barry Krischer had no comment on the ACLU's involvement. Spokesman Mike Edmondson said prosecutors have followed state laws and have protected Limbaugh's

rights throughout the investigation. Limbaugh has not been charged with a crime.

Prosecutors say they cannot continue their investigation until they review Limbaugh's medical records, which have been sealed since Dec. 23.

Limbaugh's attorneys have asked an appeals court to keep the records sealed past a Jan. 23 deadline set by the Palm Beach

Circuit Court.

Investigators went after the records discovering that Limbaugh received more than 2,000 painkillers, prescribed by four doctors in six months, at a pharmacy near his Palm Beach mansion.

Limbaugh's former maid told investigators she had been supplying him prescription painkillers for years.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Canal company holds annual meeting today

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Canal Co. will hold its annual shareholders meeting at 9 a.m. today in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.  
Proposed bylaw changes, water forecasts and updates on water issues are on the agenda.  
Guest speakers include Norm Semanko, a Boise water attorney and director of the Idaho Water Users Association and Coalition for Idaho Water. He will update water users on the latest issues involving endangered salmon.  
For the proposed bylaw changes, rolls will be open from noon to 6 p.m. at the canal company office, 357 Sixth Ave. W.

### Buhl livestock operation wants to expand

**TWIN FALLS** - Dave and Leslie Nelson of Buhl want to expand their heifer raising operation from 300 animal units to 999 animal units.

Twin Falls County commissioners Monday signed a resolution to request the state's confined animal feeding operation siting team examine the operation and give the county its recommendation.  
The siting team is made up of experts from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Water Resources. They will check setbacks, wells and other things on the property, located at 1246 E. 3500 N., said county Planning and Zoning Director Bill Crafton.

### M.V. Chorale starts rehearsals Thursday

**TWIN FALLS** - The Magic Valley Chorale, under the direction of Joseph Capersson, will begin rehearsals for its spring concert on Thursday night.  
The first rehearsal is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the choral room of the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center. Registration is \$7 and begins at 7 p.m.  
Rehearsals will continue every Thursday night, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., until the performances on April 10-11.  
There are no auditions, but singers do need to be able to match pitch.

### Illness of actress prompts postponement of play

**TWIN FALLS** - The Friends of the College of Southern Idaho Players' production of David Auburn's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama "Proof," scheduled on open Jan. 22 at the Lamphouse Theater, has been postponed because one of the actresses became ill.  
The play will be restaged, perhaps this spring, according to Tony Mennen, its director.  
The Friends of CSI Players is a 2-year-old independent theater troupe, funded in part by the CSI Foundation, that was organized to promote the college and its theater program with productions throughout southern Idaho and northern Nevada.

Compiled from staff reports

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### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	110%	55%
Bainom Falls	125%	60%
Balmom	102%	49%
Dakley	122%	58%
Big Wood	111%	55%
Little Wood	60%	30%
Henry Fork/Teton	127%	62%
Big Lost	119%	55%
Little Lost	96%	47%

As of Jan. 12

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

## Council gives nod to truck route

**By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer**  
**TWIN FALLS** - The City Council gave its support Monday for improving and designating existing routes on the east side of town as a truck route.  
To add some teeth to their vote, council members passed a unanimous motion giving "nodding approval" to planners for the proposed route but did not give a financial commitment at this point.

The proposal would offer safer and more efficient travel routes for access to U.S. Highway 93 and Nevada and industrial areas south of town, said Mike Pepper, planner and public involvement consultant for KMP Planning and Consulting. The final proposal is scheduled for completion this spring.  
The estimated \$12 million project would require a combination of local and state money and federal grants. Local agencies

involved include the city of Twin Falls and the Twin Falls Highway District.  
"A big part of those costs get wrapped up in the railroad trestle and the Rock Creek crossing," Pepper said.  
Truckers would exit I-84 at the Traveler's Oasis, cross the Hansen Bridge and head toward Twin Falls on Kimberly Road (U.S. Highway 30). They would turn south on Eastland Drive and then west on 3500 North (Idaho Highway 74). They could then connect with U.S.

Highway 93 southwest of town if they were headed to Nevada.  
A railroad underpass on Eastland doesn't meet truck clearance requirements by 3 feet, Pepper said. Lowering the existing grade and addressing drainage problems that result in water pooling under the trestle would be required. The other big expense would be improvements to the bridge that crosses Rock Creek.  
An interim truck route designa-

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## Fish Creek water users face fine

**Reservoir company will pay \$2,000 for bulldozing, burning areas of streambank**

**By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer**  
**CAREY** - The Fish Creek Reservoir Co. has been fined by the state for unauthorized bulldozing and burning of areas of Fish Creek's streambank.  
The irrigators signed a consent order with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. They agreed to pay a \$2,000 fine for the violations that occurred in spring 2003 and to meet with state regulators at least four times this year to come up with an approved plan for handling backed-up streamflows by 2005.



Portions of the streambank along Fish Creek near Carey were burned last year, leading to sanctions against the Fish Creek Reservoir Co.

The stream bank alteration below Fish Creek Dam was intended to improve water delivery to irrigators, officials of the company said.  
"The stockholders weren't getting their water," said Lawrence Kimball, watermaster of the Fish Creek Reservoir Co.  
The irrigation district loses 40 percent of its water between the reservoir and its delivery system, board Chairman Doug Surerus said.



Water cut through sediment that had built up behind a beaver dam after the dam was removed without authorization.

The 2003 water year was short, and the water users were looking for all the water they could get. But stream alterations require permits from the appropriate agency, either the Idaho Department of Water Resources or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.  
The irrigation company used a small bulldozer to clear about 2 miles of the banks and scooped out areas of the stream bed below the reservoir, according to an investigation report by Water Resources and DEQ. Clearing was intermittent throughout the sloped. Beaver dams were removed, and brush was burned.  
DEQ employees discovered the unauthorized work May 20, 2003, during a routine water quality sample of Fish Creek, according to the investigation report.

The creek was running muddy. Water sampling tests showed that turbidity - muddiness - caused by sediment - exceeded state water quality standards. Turbidity is measured in units. Test results showed that disturbed areas had reached 83 and

91 units, compared with 3.5 units in an undisturbed area.  
The reservoir company didn't know it needed a permit to do the work, Surerus said. The company considered the area part of its canal system and a dry stream bed, he said.  
Water is held back each year in the reservoir once the gates close. The company was cleaning out debris to be able to deliver the water.  
With little water over the past few years, the reservoir has been nearly empty in the fall. When the water is let lose in the spring, it cuts into the sides of the reservoir and carries sediment with it, Kimball said. The sediment plugs up the water.

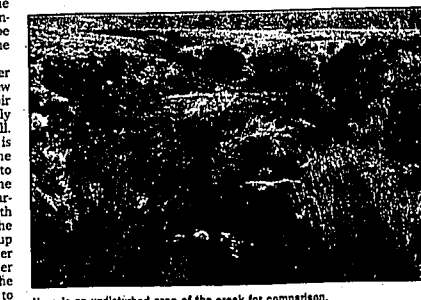
The beaver dams so the water can't get through. When the porous lava rocks and is lost to local water users.  
If the water users had brought

the stream recover naturally was the best remedy to the disturbed areas, Burke said.  
Terry Blau is one of two people in the state who works on cases like these for Water Resources. He estimated that four or five beaver dams were removed. The vegetation along the streambank provided forage and habitat for game and birds. Beaver dams fulfill the natural function of slowing runoff and keeping water in the stream year-round, Blau said.

"When beaver dams are restored streams become perennial," he said.  
But again, state agencies can work with water users if beavers are causing water flow problems, he said.  
Water Resources at one time had five employees statewide working on stream protection, said Dick Larsen, department spokesman. But in 2002, budget holdbacks led the department to reduce the program to one state manager in Boise and one field position in Twin Falls. The program permits and enforces stream alterations.  
The other employees were

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**DEQ employee discovered the unauthorized work May 20, 2003, during routine water quality sample of Fish Creek, according to the investigation report.**



Here is an undisturbed area of the creek for comparison.

## Judge postpones Blaine double-murder trial

**By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent**  
**HAILEY** - The double-murder trial of 16-year-old Sarah Johnson has been rescheduled and postponed by four months from the original date of Feb. 10.  
Fifth District Judge James May on Monday agreed to the delay until June 1 after public defender Bob Pangburn told the judge that evidence collected in the Sept. 2, 2003, slayings of Alan Johnson, 46, and his wife Diane, 52, still was being scientifically analyzed and had not been

turned over to the defense.  
**B**laine County Prosecutor Jim Thomas did not object to the delay.  
May already has issued a gag order restricting what prosecuting and defense attorneys, officials and law enforcement officials may say publicly about the case. There's

no restriction, however, on media reporting.  
Sarah Johnson was arrested and charged with two counts of first-degree murder eight weeks after her parents' bodies with single rifle shots were found in the upscale Johnson home in Bellevue. Investigators said DNA and "blood evidence" confirmed that the daughter was the shooter, using a hunting rifle usually stored by her father in an adjoining guesthouse.  
The teenage defendant remains in the Blaine County Jail, with no expectation she will

be moved to a larger facility where she might complete her high school studies and graduate.  
Pangburn told a reporter after Monday's hearing that because Sarah Johnson is to be tried as an adult, Idaho law requires she be kept in an adult jail facility. The kept in an adult jail facility. The kept in an adult jail facility. The kept in an adult jail facility.  
Pangburn said that before the slayings, the teenager had been accepted as a student at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash. Her older brother, Matt, is a student at the University of Idaho.

## Parent decries drug testing

**By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Opposition to drug testing of students at Twin Falls High School was being Monday night even as School Board members approved a research grant to add education to the school's drug testing program.  
Students at the school must submit to random drug testing in order to participate in extracurricular activities.  
Joseph Stanzak, a retired Twin Falls attorney with two daughters attending the school, spoke of his disapproval of the program. Six other people attended the meeting to show support for his cause.  
Stanzak said the testing policy violates constitutional protections against unreasonable search and seizure, privacy and presumption of guilt. He said the policy targets and humiliates the best students at the school -

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## F&G catches cougar near Blaine house

### Sickly animal ends up being euthanized

**By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent**  
**HAILEY** - A mountain lion hanging around a Blaine County home between Ketchum and Hailey should remind people to watch out for the predators as they hunt for food in the state-Department-of-Fish-and-Game officer said Monday.  
The young lion, undernourished and weighing only about 50 pounds was picked up at a house on Golden Eagle Drive in an area of expensive homes last week by Fish and Game officers. It was then euthanized because it was sickly, regional conservation officer Cary Hompland said Monday.  
Mountain lions at this time of the year generally are prowling for elk and deer in river bottom areas, usually early in dawn or late in the evening, Hompland said. Although lions are all over Idaho, Hompland said concentrations can be found in the Bennett Mountains between Shoshone and Mountain home and in Blaine County.  
"They're large carnivores and will hunt where big game is wintering," he said.  
However, they also have a taste for domestic cats and dogs and are capable of attacks on humans, although such incidents aren't likely, he explained.

Idaho has a mountain lion hunting season from Aug. 30 to March 31. Fish and Game's license bureau said Monday that during 2002, the last year with available complete statistics, the state sold 2,216 tags for lion hunting. Another 17,541 were sold as part of sportsmen hunting packages, but not necessarily used for hunting lions.  
Hompland, who said the largest mountain lion probably is under 200 pounds, offered tips when a mountain lion might be encountered or appears on private property:  
Keep domestic animals indoors.  
Be cautious of leaving small children outside in areas where mountain lions might prowl.  
Don't act like prey - back away slowly when encountering a mountain lion.  
Use noise-makers such as a whistle to frighten them away.  
If in close quarters with a mountain lion, use pepper spray if available.  
Hompland said that the mere presence of a mountain lion is not grounds for shooting and killing one.

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Ralph L. Barr - Twin Falls

Ralph L. Barr passed away Jan. 10, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Ralph was born in Rupert, March 19, 1916, to Avery and Evident Barr. He had been a resident at Sunbridge Health Care in Twin Falls for 15 years. The family appreciates all the loving care Ralph received by the employees of Sunbridge. Ralph loved little children and his favorite pet was a dog. He is survived by a sister, Venus Hanks of Rupert; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, his mother, two brothers and three sisters. Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery.

Frank E. Lintz - Buhl

Frank E. Lintz, 90, of Buhl, passed away peacefully, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, of natural causes. Frank was born July 12, 1913, in Lima, Mont., the son and fourth child of Fred and Frieda Bucher Lintz. There were seven children, four girls and three boys. When only 5 weeks old, Frank contracted polio. He spent the rest of his life meeting the challenges of being physically disabled. When he was 1 year old, the family moved to the Eden/Hazleton area where Frank grew up. He attended schools and farmed with his brother Ed and his Dad.



Approximately, 1984, Frank moved from his home in Buhl to the Lincoln Court apartments where he lived for several years. He thoroughly enjoyed going to the Senior Citizens Center on his three-wheelers every day for lunch. He also motored about town to the grocery and other stores in Buhl. He loved to visit with the town's people. Later he moved to a series of assisted living facilities, where many of the people enjoyed his friendly ways—and his bright sense of humor.

Frank was very special, one of a kind, not to be forgotten human being and was loved very much by his family and friends. He will be deeply missed. Surviving Frank are his sisters, Emma Shotwell of Sebastopol, Calif., Irene Harris-Petersen (Pete) of Twin Falls, and Freda (Gerald) Nicholson of Filer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His parents, two brothers, Freddy and Edward Lintz, and one sister, Harriet Lockhart, preceded him in death. Graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl, with Pastor Gary Benedix officiating. Cremation and service are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Buhl Senior Center or to the Buhl Presbyterian Church.

Lyle Thomas - Gooding

Lyle Thomas, 76, a resident of Gooding, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.



Lyle was born on Sept. 14, 1927, in Filer, at the home of his parents, Clifford and Margaret Thomas. Lyle attended schools in Filer, graduating from Filer High School. He served his country during WW II in the U.S. Navy. Lyle married his high school sweetheart, Dolores Schroeder on June 1, 1947, in Clover. In 1949, they bought a farm north of Gooding where they farmed together. In 1998, Lyle sold their ranch and bought property next to the Gooding Airport to build a new aviation business. Lyle was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Twin Falls, the Gooding Country Club, the Gooding Airport Flyers Association, and the Gooding Booster Club, where he enjoyed attending and supporting Gooding sports activities.

Lyle is survived by his two sons, Dale (Barb) Thomas and Rod (Cinda) Thomas; six grandchildren, Emily (Jason), Charlotte, Ashley, Todd, Nici and Chad; three brothers, Cliff Thomas of Austin, Texas, his twin brother, Lynn Thomas of Buhl, and Vic Thomas of Pocatello; and his sister, Bea Hendrix of Buhl.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Dolores, on May 16, 1996. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at the United Methodist Church in Gooding with Pastor Lawrence Vedder of the Immanuel Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family members and friends may call from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made in Lyle's name to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Building Fund at 2055 Filer Ave. East in Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301, or to the Gooding High School Athletic Department at 1050 Seventh Ave. West in Gooding, Idaho 83330.

Carla Sue Oronos - Burley

Carla Sue Oronos, 57, of Burley, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at her home.



She was born Feb. 28, 1946, in Oakley, the daughter of Hyrum Rex and Virginia R. Young Martin. She received her education in Oakley and Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1964. She married Charlie M. Jackson in 1969, and they were blessed with two sons, Charles and Tyler. They later divorced. She then married Pete Oronos and they had three wonderful years together prior to his death in 1985.

Carla loved people. Her caring attitude was a special talent that allowed her to succeed and excel in her professions. She was head clerk at Southwest Gas of Winnemucca, Nev., for many years. She later worked as the manager of the Martin Hotel and was the secretary for Hunewell Construction, all in Winnemucca, Nev. She retired in 1998, so that she could move to Burley, where she lived with and has cared for her parents. She had many hobbies including, gardening and working jigsaw and crossword puzzles. She loved her family and enjoyed being with her sons and grandchildren. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She is survived by her mother, Virginia R. Martin of Burley; two sisters, Sally (Dennis) Fort Wenatchee, Wash., and Gayla Anderson of Wickenburg, Ariz.; her sons, Charles (Jacy) Jackson of Elk Grove, Calif., and Tyler Matthew Jackson of Boise; and her grandchildren, Nicholas Ira Jackson, Raven Black, and Colton Black. In addition to her husband, Pete, she was preceded in death by her father, Rex "Kitten" Martin, who died on March 7, 2001; and one sister, Linda Bradshaw. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, where friends may call one hour prior to the funeral. Bishop Scott Bray of the Burley LDS 5th Ward will officiate. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. (Pacific time) on Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at the Winnemucca Cemetery in Winnemucca, Nev. The family expresses their gratitude to Idaho Home Health and Hospice for the outstanding care given to Carla. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

BLM emergency closure aims to protect wintering big game

The Times-News

SHOSHONE — Seasonal motorized closures are in effect in areas of the Wood River Valley, and an emergency motorized closure is in effect in the Bennett Hills to protect wintering big game. Deer and elk have moved onto lower elevation winter range and southern exposed slopes to escape deep snow in search of forage. The motorized closures assist during winter periods of high stress. Closures are for BLM-administered lands only. The emergency Bennett Hills closure north of Shoshone and Gooding will remain in effect until conditions change, the BLM said. Travel is restricted to designated routes and county roads that provide access to higher eleva-

tion areas above 5,000 feet, which will remain open Big game in the winter. The BLM advises public land users to avoid wildlife in these areas. "During the winter, harassment of wildlife on historical winter ranges can quickly deplete their energy reserves," Shoshone Field Manager Bill Baker said in a news release. "They have a difficult enough time trying to live through these tough winter conditions, so we need to eliminate any further stress on wildlife from disturbance or harassment by motorized and nonmotorized recreationists," he said. Skiers and snowshoers also are advised to avoid big game areas.

the BLM said. To protect wildlife on winter ranges in the Wood River Valley, the following areas are closed annually to motorized use, including snowmobiles, from Dec. 1 through April 30: • Martin/Big Dry Canyon. • Croy Creek to south of Townsend Gulch. Snowmobile and snowshoe use permitted on main roads. • Big and Little Beaver drainages. • South slopes above East Fork. • Elk Mountain area. • Portions of Picabo Hills. BLM patrols these areas to monitor and enforce closures. Free maps are available from the Shoshone BLM office, 400 W. F. St., Shoshone, or 732-7296.

Justice hails success of drug courts

BOISE (AP) — The establishment of new drug courts last year by the judiciary an invaluable tool for resolving some of the toughest problems facing the state, Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Copple-Trount told assembled lawmakers and elected leaders on Monday. Copple-Trount's annual State of the Judiciary speech followed Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's address Monday evening. "When considering the complex social problems confronting our courts, no area is more troubling to me than the impact of drug and alcohol abuse on every aspect of life," the chief justice said. Last year, the Legislature funded 30 special drug courts for the first time. Statewide, the courts processed the cases of 750 offenders in the past year. In Ada and Kootenai counties, where drug courts have a longer



Linda Copple-Trount

history because of previous pilot programs, the recidivism rates were far lower than standard criminal courts, Copple-Trount said. She cited a recent evaluation indicating that only 19 percent of Ada County drug court graduates were later re-arrested, compared to 77 percent of those who had failed to complete drug court. "There is no question we all pay for the additions of a few," she said. "Drug courts have been a bright light in an otherwise bleak picture of society's inability to curb illegal drug and alcohol use." Copple-Trount also told officials that the state must better address

the needs of the mentally ill who find themselves in the justice system, but she is withholding any proposed solutions until next year. The chief justice said the state's judicial system will ask for modest budget increases this year, mainly to fund travel and time for retired judges who work part-time to ease the burden from full-time judges. She said the state must also address the justice system's inter- other states that promise better pay and steadier work. Copple-Trount also gave kudos to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who has appointed 18 judges to District Courts, the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court during his "past five years" in office. "This is a remarkable achievement and an indelible stamp on the judiciary," she said.

Hunter success looks above average

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Hunters killed fewer elk in Grand Teton National Park last year but had better success in nearby areas, including the National Elk Refuge. Hunters killed 447 elk in Grand Teton park, compared to 500 in 2002, according to preliminary figures compiled by park officials. Though down from the previous year, last fall's hunt exceeded the 375 elk taken in

2001, park spokeswoman Jackie Skaggs said Monday. Skaggs said the figure for last year may increase slightly with late reporting. Hunters must report their kills, and that process could take until mid-February. Grand Teton is one of a handful of national parks to allow hunting. Hunting park elk helps ensure their numbers do not overtake other segments of the

Jackson elk herd, said Doug Brimeyer, biologist for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The Game and Fish Commission has set a population goal of 11,029 for the Jackson elk herd, which numbers about 13,000. The herd streams in four locations, including Teton park, the Gros Ventre drainage, Teton Wilderness and southern Yellowstone National Park.

SERVICES

Terence Martin Hagemann of Portland, Ore., and Eden, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Eden (Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, Ore.).

Victor "Vic" Martin Cenarussa of Richfield, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Demaray's Funeral Home in Gooding.

Joseph Edwin Holcomb of

Kimberly, service at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls; friends may call at 7 p.m. today at Parke's Funeral Home.

Francis "Frank" William

Alexander Schaefer JEROME — Alexander Schaefer, 79, of Jerome died Jan. 12, 2004, at the Twin Falls Care Center. A memorial service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m., Thursday at the Wendell Presbyterian Church

Lampshire of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding; friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Friday at the chapel.

Roger Hayden HEYBURN — Roger Hayden, 52, of Heyburn, died Jan. 12, 2004, at his home. Arrangements were announced by Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

DEATH NOTICE

OBITUARY

Ina Mae Montoya - Heyburn

Ina Mae Montoya passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 10, 2004.

She was born Dec. 6, 1948, to Donna Marie Judd and Earl Jay Hunt in Ogden, Utah. She married Carlos Gilbert Montoya on May 1, 1963. Ina Mae and her family lived in various areas and counties in Utah until finally settling down in Heyburn in 1983. She was a very caring and loving person. She touched many hearts. She drove the Veterans Administration van and she also drove for Kitty-Wells-for-the-Disabled Americans. She was employed with Ore-Ida for several years. Ina Mae loved her children and great-grandchildren with all her heart. She was a woman of many trades, but some of the things she loved to do the most was go hunting, fishing, camping, and to needlework. She also had a large green thumb as well.

She is survived by her husband; three brothers, Joseph Earl Hunt of Rupert; two sisters, Rose

Marie DeWitt of Minnesota and Colleen Gilbert of California; two sons, Michael Earl of Boise and David Gilbert of Utah; four daughters, Theresa Pernell of Oklahoma, Martha Montoya of Burley, Lynn Montoya of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Ina Marie Moffett; of Heyburn; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, a brother, a daughter and a granddaughter.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at the Heyburn 1st LDS Chapel, 530 Villa Drive, Heyburn, with Bishop Gene Price officiating. Burial will follow at the Oakley Cemetery. A viewing will be held for friends and family from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel 321 East Main, and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

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# Cassia discusses 20-year road plan

By Brandon Flata  
Times-News writer

**SHOSHONE** - Motorists in Cassia County should benefit from having a long-range transportation plan, county officials say.

Cassia County commissioners met Monday in Shoshone with state transportation officials to discuss the plan, which includes all highway districts in the county.

"It's the first time we all got together," Commissioner Clay Handy said. "Our plans should dovetail. With one transportation plan everything runs smoother."

The plan is designed to examine the current road system and

look 20 years down the road, said Gerald Flatz, a federal aid manager for the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council. That council assists local highway districts and administers some programs for the Idaho Transportation Department.

Most counties lack such detailed studies, Flatz said.

"Many counties consider transportation in their comprehensive plans, but it's not extensive," he said. "Usually it's very general, maybe a page or two."

Cassia's study will exhaustively analyze the road system in order to identify future problems. For example, some roads might get crowded due to growth or changes in land use, Flatz

said. Once problems are identified, they can be prioritized.

"This planning process helps us identify how to spend money and allows the county to better compete for federal money," Flatz said.

On Monday Flatz negotiated pay and work schedules with engineers from Riedesel Engineering, the prime consultant for the project.

The total project should cost about \$200,000, with about \$185,000 going to Riedesel, Flatz said. The Federal Highway Administration will pay for about 93 percent of the study, with the county picking up the rest.

The study should start around

April and be finished in a year, Flatz said. Once the study is finished, the county will probably adopt it as the transportation element of its comprehensive plan.

Adopting the plan should help the county obtain federal funds for road projects.

Most transportation plans are relatively new and help ensure local highway systems are maintained and expanded in the most efficient manner, Flatz said. Previously road projects were mostly devoted within local highway districts.

"It wasn't very public," he said. "The transportation plan includes public input to be gathered at future workshops."

# Jan. 24 workshop focuses on caregivers

**TWIN FALLS** - Page Geske, a communications specialist, will present a three-hour workshop Jan. 24 titled "Communicating Effectively with Health Care Professionals."

The workshop will be held at 9 a.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Office of Aging Annex, 998 Washington St. N. The fee is \$10.

The workshop will give family members the insights and the tools they need to interact with effective members of health care teams, along with doctors, nurses, social workers and others who may be involved, Geske said.

It will be the third class Geske has offered in the Magic Valley. She said the first two classes had an excellent response.

Geske has a bachelor's degree in communication studies from Virginia Tech and 16 years of experience in the communications field. Last August, she completed the national certification to teach the course. She works as the public information officer and contracts manager for the Area Office on Aging and Adult Services at CSI. To register, call Geske at 736-2122 or 420-6244.

### Around the valley

Reports get installed Thursday, too.  
Changes are scheduled on the chamber's plans and will be by the Development Commission.

**Public lands group meets Wednesday in Burley**  
BURLY - The Healthy Forest Restoration Act and proposed grazing rules are two topics slated for discussion at Wednesday's Cassia County Public Lands Committee meeting.

The Jan. 16 meeting takes place in the district courtroom of the Cassia County Courthouse. It's open to the public.

Scott Nannenga of the Forest Service is to discuss the forest act, and Management grazing rules are to be addressed by Wendy Reynolds and Elena Shaw.

Randy Smith and Mike McDonald of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game are supposed to update the group on game grouse.

**Paul tree burn, hot dog roast takes place Saturday**

PAUL - The annual Christmas tree burn and hot dog roast is scheduled for noon Saturday in City Park in Paul.

West End firemen plan to set the pile of trees on fire at noon and they say hot dog roasting should begin around 1 p.m. Hot dogs and drinks are free.

Anyone who still has a live Christmas tree may bring it to the burn. City employees are picking up trees left by garbage cans. All decorations must be removed from the trees.

**Juniper treatment plan moves forward in Cassia**

BURLY - A juniper treatment plan for Jim Sage Mountain near Malta is still in the planning stages, but an environmental assessment is scheduled to be completed in four to six weeks.

The proposed action is to restore sagebrush habitat by removing juniper, said Rance Marquez, a five year specialist with the Bureau of Land Management in Burley.

Proposed treatments include cutting the juniper out with chain saws and burning the junipers, Marquez said.

After the public reviews the assessment, BLM employees would write a final decision on the plan.

"The earlier this plan could be implemented is this fall," Marquez said.

Restoring sagebrush has several purposes, Marquez said.

"Probably the biggest reason is that it supports many animal species," he said. It also aids in fire control, as juniper is more difficult to suppress, Marquez said.

Marquez said there is still time for people to comment by calling the BLM's Burley field office at 678-5514.

- compiled from staff reports

# Minidoka officials boost some county fees

By Rose Marie Parsons  
Times-News correspondent

**RUPERT** - Fees for building permits in Minidoka County and to have civil papers served by the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office are scheduled to increase.

Minidoka County commissioners Monday approved new higher fees for a variety of sheriff's services, fees and for permits issued by the county's building department. The new fees were patterned to align with fees charged in Cassia County and Burley.

Minidoka County Sheriff Paul Fries said he purposely revised fees for his office to parallel fees recently adopted by Cassia County commissioners because the two counties transfer papers across the river frequently. His employees served more than 2,600 papers in 2003.

The higher fees still don't really recover the costs, Fries said, but they will come closer to matching actual costs. The increased fees are still less than those charged in neighboring Blaine County, he pointed out.

Director of Community Development Paul Aston said Minidoka County uses a two-fee system that includes a building permit fee and a fee to review plans. If construction is inside the city limits of a city in Minidoka County, 25 percent of the building permit fee is distributed to that city. The plan review fee remains with the county planning and zoning office.

Aston said Cassia County and the city of Burley each use a single-fee system and assess fees for building permits. The combined cost of the building permit fee

and the plan review fee on Minidoka County's new schedule is comparable to the cost of a building permit for similar construction in either Burley or Cassia County, according to Aston.

Building department fees haven't been increased for 15 years. Aston recommended commissioners adopt the new fee schedule and use it for three years. He suggested incremental annual increases after that.

The higher building department fees won't be in place until all the cities in Minidoka County approve the new schedule. Cities in Minidoka County contract with Aston's office for building department issues.

No citizens testified at the hearing about the fee increases.

Commissioners had planned Monday to meet with farmer Brad Rogers to amend his lease for 39 acres of county property. However, Commissioner Marvin Bingham told Rogers not to attend Monday's meeting because Bingham thought he could negotiate a deal for the land on behalf of the county.

Bingham told Rogers he wouldn't have to pay rent for the four years he has leased the land from the county, but Rogers would have to pay to have the ground ripped. Rogers agreed to those terms.

Commissioner Dan Stapelman objected to Bingham's deal, pointing out the commission didn't agree to waive the rent for all four years.

Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Jason Walker advised commissioners that a formal motion should be passed before an individual commissioner

# Grant allows for expansion of shooting program for 4-Hers

By Rose Marie Parsons  
Times-News correspondent

**RUPERT** - Stronger response than expected means a second shooting sports project is under development for Minidoka County 4-Hers.

Extension Educator Donna Gillespie told Minidoka County commissioners Monday she had expected six or seven children to show interest in the shooting sports program, but more than 30 attended a recent organizational meeting.

Gillespie plans to use a National Rifle Association grant she secured last fall to establish a shotgun program for older children. Younger 4-H members will learn about shooting using air rifles.

speaks on behalf of the board of commissioners on any matter. Commissioners agreed to ask Rogers to attend their next meeting, which is scheduled for Jan. 20.

Other commission business included:

- Fire plan contract - Commissioners approved a contract with Northwest Management Inc. to develop the county's fire plan, contingent upon Walker's review and approval of the document.

- Weed board - Mike Larson and Pat O'Donnell of Rupert and Carl Bailey of Heyburn were reap-

pointed to the weed advisory board for two-year terms.

- Mid-Snake Water Resources Board - Richard Poteet of Minidoka was appointed to the Mid-Snake Water Resources Board. Don Murray of Rupert was reappointed to that board. His current term expires in April.

- Kmart taxes - Walker said an attorney has volunteered to represent Idaho counties owed taxes in Kmart's bankruptcy proceedings. He said Minidoka County Assessor Max Vaughan should be asked to determine the extent the Burley store's closing has had on the county.

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# Universities hope to uncover source of cosmic rays

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - A team of U.S. and Japanese universities plans to build a \$17-million-to-\$18-million cosmic ray observatory in Utah's Millard County, where researchers hope to uncover the source of high-energy cosmic rays, the University of Utah announced Monday.

The Telescope Array, as it is called, is scheduled to begin construction this spring and be completed by 2007 in rangeland west of Delta.

The Japanese government has

promised \$12 million toward construction, while American universities, including the University of Utah, hope to raise another \$5 million to \$6 million, said Pierre Sokolsky, a physics professor at the University of Utah and principal investigator for the project.

Utah was chosen as the site of the observatory because of its dark skies and clear dry atmosphere, said Sokolsky.

"This area of the country is ideal for these kinds of experiments," he said.

Utah is already home to a cosmic ray observatory, the High-Resolution Fly's Eye, at Dugway Proving Ground, while another, the \$60-million Pierre Auger Project, has been proposed for Utah or Colorado.

Scientists hope the Telescope Array will help explain the mystery behind what is hurling high-energy cosmic rays, or subatomic particles, through space.

"The earth is being bombarded from outer space by these particles," Sokolsky said, adding that scientists will be able to col-

lect more data with the Telescope Array because its sensitivity is 10 times greater than the equipment used now.

Scientists have a number of theories for what forces lie behind these rays, including energy that gets caught in cracks in space time during the Big Bang, or previously unseen matter from far away, Sokolsky said.

"We've only seen about 12 of these in the past 10 years," he said. "We need to see hundreds of them before we can make a decisive discrimination."

# Water

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moved to the water rights adjudication bureau, Larsen said. That leaves two people to enforce and issue alteration permits for Idaho's thousands of miles of streams. The Corps of Engineers also does some permitting.

"Most stream channel alterations, you don't find out about them unless it's by accident," Larsen said.

And many times unauthorized stream channel alterations create other problems, such as sediment or flooding downstream, he said.

Unauthorized stream work isn't uncommon in Idaho.

"It's more often than we would like to think," said Carl Fromm, with the Environmental Protection Agency in Boise.

The Fish Creek Reservoir Co. had about 35 shareholders who

received water deliveries in 2003. The company has other troubles, as it must come up with safety repairs to Fish Creek Dam or breach the dam that originally was built in the 1920s. The company has until Thursday to present its proposal to Water Resources.

Rebuilding the dam would cost millions of dollars - more than 35 shareholders farming 8,000 acres could afford.

An engineer is working on a

plan that would repair the dam's buttresses, Surerus said. Estimated cost is between \$40,000 and \$50,000, which would be paid by the shareholders.

"I feel pretty confident that we'll be able to do the repairs," he said.

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ion could be made by using Blue Lakes Boulevard South rather than Eastland to avoid those costs until the money can be generated, Pepper said. It would offer a reprieve for several million dollars.

Councilman Lance Clow asked whether the Southern Shoshone Region's source Stridy Falls involved designation of an eventual beltway route around the city to meet long-term growth needs beyond the study's 20-year outlook.

The study concluded that there was far less traffic than had been assumed that passes through Twin Falls on the east side of town, Pepper said. Eighty to 90 percent

of travelers coming in from the east are coming to Twin Falls. The numbers don't justify a new truck route farther from town, which is why improvements to existing roads were proposed.

Councilwoman Elaine Steele asked if the state planned to improve the two-lane Hansen Bridge that provides Twin Falls' eastern Snake River crossing.

"That's a narrow, not real user friendly bridge," she said. Idaho Transportation Department District 4 project manager, said there are no immediate plans, but there is recognition that the need for such improvements is approaching. Such a project would

be costly, he said.

Other council business included:

- Survey - Council members learned that the majority of 900 residents - about 3 percent of the city's more than 35,000 residents - who responded to a survey were mostly satisfied with city services and considered Twin Falls a good place to live. Weds. the timing of traffic lights and canyon rim development continued to be some areas of dissatisfaction.

- Street project - The council allocated \$38,300 to hire Western Appraisal and Investment Co. Inc. to acquire rights of way on 31 parcels for the widening of Washington Street from Shoup

Avenue to north of Borah Avenue West.

- Development - The council approved a final plan to subdivide the 2.6-acre Turf Plaza No. 2 into four commercial lots and enclose in pipes the Perrine Coulee that now flows open through the property. Three lots would be designated for commercial buildings, and the fourth would be for parking and landscaping. The existing vacant property fronts Fillmore Street between the Turf Club and Fred Meyer.

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# Other board business

**Other Twin Falls School Board business Monday included:**

- Night school - The board approved a pilot night school program to help students recover credits. An English class will start with the new semester Jan. 19 and will be taught by two teachers Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 9 p.m. for the last nine weeks. English will be the first program offered, with possible expansions to include government and other classes.

- Student "at risk" categories could take classes for free, and the rest would pay the same tuition rate offered for summer school programs. The program was suggested as a means to prevent students from dropping out when they can't attend regular classes or are falling behind.

- "It's going to fund an educational need that we don't have now," said John

Miller, the district's operations director.

- Dropout rate - Juan Owens, the district's dropout prevention specialist, said the number of students dropped out has been decreasing. The district lost 25 students since November. In the same period of time last year, it lost 42.

- Surplus structure - The board approved the sale of a surplus model unit unit for \$3,500 to the high school, the Burley School District.

- Psychologist honored - Lotty Watson, who retired in July, received the Idaho Association of School Psychologists Distinguished Service Award.

# Testing

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among them, his daughter. "It treats her like a criminal," Stanzak said, observing that the program has harsher consequences for students who refuse testing than for those who test positive for controlled substances.

Stanzak also said the program may have the opposite of the desired effect because it could drive students who dislike drug testing away from productive activities and onto the streets.

Stanzak asked for a moratorium on drug testing while the parents at the school are surveyed about

the program.

Superintendent Wiley Dobbs recommended that Stanzak present his case to the athletic and Safe and Drug-Free Schools advisory committees, which originally formulated the drug testing policy.

The research grant for the world-wide for drug education classes taught by coaches to their athletes. Dobbs suggested that if successful, the program could be expanded into the school's physical education and health classes.

Twin Falls is one of eight districts around the country to test this program.

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# Agency's failure to explain death irks relatives

SALMON (AP) — The father of a helicopter crewman killed fighting an eastern Idaho wildfire last summer is still aggrieved about the lack of information the U.S. Forest Service provided in the six months since.

"Some people who work for the Forest Service aren't very professional," Bill Allen said. "I come from the old school where if you are dealing with the family of a dead firefighter, you ask, 'How can I help? What can I do?'"

Allen, a businessman in Salmon who also fought fires when he was younger, says he got no answers when he and his wife, Diz, were informed on July 22 that their son, Jeff, had been missing for several hours after the Cramer fire blew up and made contact with him and Shane Heath was lost.

"When the bodies were recovered later, Bill Allen said he had to call the district ranger — not the other way around — and he still got no answers.

Ranger Patty Bates said she did not remember details.

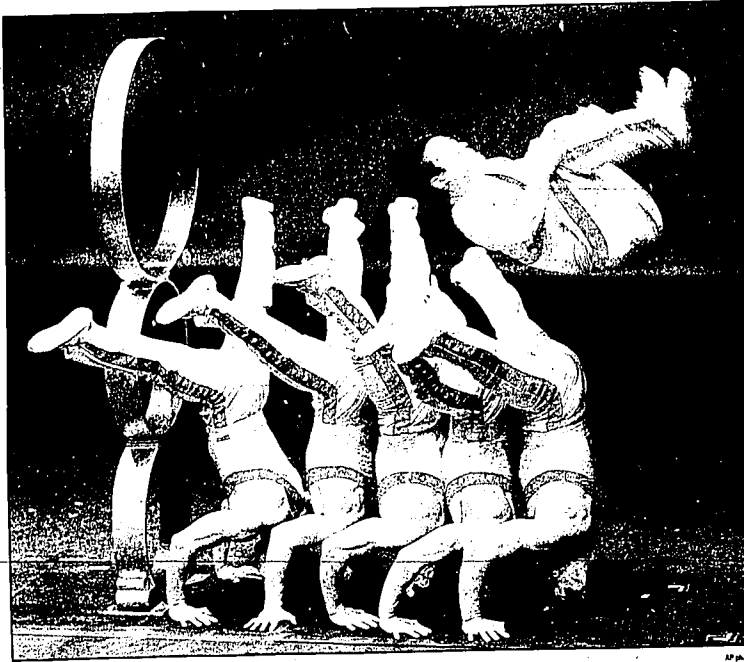
"It was such an emotional day," Bates said. "I recall he was very upset."

Jeff Allen, 24, of Salmon, and Heath, 22, of Melba, were cutting a helicopter landing area on a ridge above the fire in the Salmon-Challis National Forest when the flames overtook them.

The Forest Service report on the incident is still being finalized, spokeswoman Cheryl Chatham said.

In the aftermath of the deaths, Forest Supervisor George Matejcek asked to be reassigned and is working in Washington, D.C., but no other changes have been made. Regional Forest Service officials have publicly acknowledged the toll the deaths have taken on family members and colleagues but have offered nothing further, awaiting the report that will detail the facts of the fire and recommend changes.

## JUMPING THROUGH HOOPS



Poking Acrobats perform a hoop diving stunt at the Kirkland Performance Center in Kirkland, Wash., Sunday. In the stunt, the men stand rings higher and higher, performing acrobatic dives and flips through each of the rings as individuals and in a group.

# Student at UI pleads innocent in terror case

BOISE (AP) — The University of Idaho graduate student held for nearly a year on visa fraud charges pleaded innocent on Monday to the additional charge of supporting terrorism.

Sami Omar Al-Hussayen appeared only briefly before U.S. Magistrate Mikel Williams. Williams postponed Al-Hussayen's trial date from Jan. 20 to Feb. 17 and said both sides could put motions before U.S. Judge Edward Lodge — who will preside over the trial — if they wanted the date postponed longer.

Defense Attorney David Nevin has accused federal prosecutors of trying to delay the trial by securing the federal indictment last Friday on information the government has had since Al-Hussayen was originally arrested last February.

"It's very, very troubling that these charges were filed at the eleventh hour and the fifty-ninth minute," Nevin said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Lindquist said the newest charge came so late because it took federal investigators that long to sift through the evidence seized after Al-Hussayen's arrest.

"His computer contains massive amounts of information that we're still trying to assimilate," Lindquist said. "It's taken us this long to get through the computer information."

The indictment claims Al-Hussayen, 34, a computer sciences student, knew his computer services and expertise on behalf of Islamic organizations and two sheiks would be used to recruit people and raise money for holy wars, especially in Palestine and Chechnya.

Al-Hussayen has already been found guilty of helping to deport a man back to his home in Saudi Arabia but has been detained to stand trial on the criminal charges. His wife and children are under an immigration order to leave the country by March 6.

The indictment formalized the allegations federal agents have been making against Al-Hussayen since they raided his home on the university's Moscow campus before dawn to arrest him last Feb. 26.

The government claims Al-Hussayen maintained several bank accounts in Indiana, Texas, Idaho and Michigan to siphon large sums — to — the Islamic Assembly of North America, based in Ann Arbor, Mich. From January 1997 until last year the indictment said Al-Hussayen received and disbursed through those accounts more than \$300,000 in excess of cash needed to finance his schooling.

The assembly came under scrutiny shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks because the name of its president, Mohammed Alahmari, was on a list of people the FBI said it wanted to question about the attacks.

The indictment said Al-Hussayen maintained Web sites for the assembly as well as the Al-Haramain Islamic Foundation, a Saudi-based charity, and others linked to terrorism.

# Wolf problems hit Wyoming ranchers

RAWLINS, Wyo. (AP) — Lifelong rancher Charlie Jaure has seen cattle lose parts of their tails to the cold on occasion.

"We've never seen them bitten off by wolves."

That is, until shortly after Christmas, when Jaure lost two of his cattle to wolves north of Wamsutter. Another two were hurt badly and up to a dozen lost their tails, he said.

"I thought maybe they froze their tails," Jaure said. "I got to looking, and it was all at the top of the tail."

His wife, Kathleen, said the bones were left crushed and mangled.

"We're messing with a new predator," she said. "We haven't seen the damage from wolves here in a hundred years."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed the wolf attack last week and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has authorized the killing of the two wolves involved.

Mike Jimenez of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Lander said the wolves were likely young

males searching for new territory.

"They may settle into the area, but Jimenez did not believe a pack had relocated."

The attacks have made life difficult for the Jaures, who were trying to bring in portions of their spooked herd for the calving season.

"They've been chased. These heifers are usually pretty gentle," Kathleen Jaure said. Now, "they're really nervous."

Rod Merrill with the government's Wildlife Services said that

is typical of a wolf attack.

"Generally speaking, all of the cattle turn wild," he said. "They will jump fences. They don't like to be handled."

The Jaures said they may find other dead cattle when the snow melts but stressed the attack will not keep them from their livelihood.

"That's the only place we've got to put our cattle," Charlie Jaure said.

"We'll take care of them the best we can. Winter's so tough on them right now."

# Groups, business fight over sonar testing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Environmental groups asked a federal judge Monday to again halt the testing of a new sonar they claim can harm migrating whales, but the New Hampshire company that designed the sonar defended the system.

It was not known whether U.S. District Judge Samuel Conti, who temporarily blocked testing of the newly developed sonar last year, would rule Monday.

The company that designed the sonar, Scientific Solutions Inc. of Nashua, N.H., resumed testing the sonar earlier this month after receiving a new permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The day after the testing resumed, a coalition of environmental groups went back to court seeking another judicial ban. The groups claim the system could drive whales from their feeding grounds and separate calves from their mothers.

The company, which has been testing the sonar off the coast of central California in San Francisco Bay, says the system is safe and will help protect whales from ship collisions.

But the environmental groups —

including Australians for Animals, Sea Sanctuary and others — say the high-frequency sonar could disorient whales, chasing them away from their food supplies and separating calves from their mothers during migration.

Environmental groups first sued over the issue more than a year ago, arguing that Scientific Solutions should have conducted an environmental assessment before starting the project.

Conti agreed, halting the testing and ordering the company to obtain an environmental assessment and apply for a new permit.

After conducting the assessment, the company on Dec. 24 received the new permit from the Fisheries Service to begin testing.

The environmental groups went back to court last Thursday, arguing that the assessment was inadequate and the sonar system's impact on whales was significant.

The company should be required to file an additional report detailing the way the sonar can affect whales, environmental attorney Lanny Sinkin said Sunday.

Officials with Scientific Solutions said in an e-mail to The Associated Press the testing does not harm whales and should continue. The company has insisted it shares the environmentalists' goal: protecting the giant sea-going mammals.

The company says a new type of method of detecting whales is needed because the two current methods — passive sonar and visual identification — aren't effective.

Scientific Solutions says it is conducting tests to determine safe levels of active sonar soundings that can detect whales without harming them.

# Suit will challenge ban on polygamy's constitutionality

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A leading civil rights attorney prepared Monday to file a federal lawsuit challenging Utah's ban on polygamy, citing the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that struck down a sodomy law in Texas.

The suit says Salt Lake County clerks refused a marriage license to plaintiffs G. Lee Cook, an adult male, and J. Bronson, an adult female, because Cook was already married to D. Cook. That woman had given her consent to the additional marriage.

In denying the marriage license, the county violated the plaintiffs' First Amendment right to practice their religion, attorney Brian Barnard says in the suit.

The suit, an advance copy of which was obtained by The

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# Police identify a suspect in death of tourist from Ogden

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police in Guatemala say they have identified a suspect in the slaying of an Ogden architect in the robbery of a Utah tour group last week, and are now seeking him.

"We're on a good path," Faustino Sanchez, chief of public relations for the national police in Guatemala City, told The Salt Lake Tribune. "Our investigation is going really well."

Sanchez said authorities were seeking one individual in particular, but he provided no details. "If we find one, we can find the others," he said.

Four homes have been searched in the Quetzaltenango area, where the minivan carrying 13 tourists and Guatemalan driver Filiberto Roca Marroquin was driven off the road by robbers and its occupants held at gun-

point on Wednesday.

The tourists were visiting sites in Guatemala thought by some members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to be related to people in the Book of Mormon.

Witnesses said Brett Richards, 52, was shot in the chest as he tried to help another of the victims.

Sanchez said Sunday that Richards may have tried to oppose one or more of the assailants, who perceived his moves as aggressive.

Richards, who was traveling with his wife, Becky, and other family members, died en route to a hospital.

His body was returned to Utah on Sunday, said a friend of the family, Lynn Blake.

Funeral services are scheduled Wednesday.

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# India, Pakistan face long, bumpy road

NEW DELHI (AP) — Nuclear-armed India and Pakistan have taken the historic step of proclaiming their desire to put a half-century of enmity behind them and renew peace talks.

Easier said than done. The hurdles loom high and success may be years away. And as ever, at the heart of the matter lies the beautiful, bloodstained Himalayan territory of Kashmir.

"The same bottom line remains. It is very difficult to conceive of any room between the Indian and Pakistani positions on Kashmir," said Arun Swamy, a South Asia specialist with the East-West Center in Hawaii. "The claims of each rests on a principle that is central to its identity and cannot easily be compromised."

Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf were all smiles at a South Asian summit in Islamabad earlier this week.

Vajpayee's last two summits with Pakistani leaders also ended in smiles, yet went nowhere. India and Pakistan both claim Kashmir in its entirety, and haven't tackled the Kashmir issue head-on since 1972.

"The leaders from India and Pakistan have taken a first step. Now, all they need is sincerity," said Talat Masood, a retired Pakistani general. "Every year he said: 'Both countries need months, if not years, to reach any solution.'"

The two countries have fought three wars and 18 months ago were on the brink of a fourth after India accused Pakistan of being behind a deadly suicide attack on its parliament complex.

The United States and Britain intervened and talked both sides down. Washington helped smooth the way for Tuesday's announcement of renewed talks and Secretary of State Colin Powell offered both governments whatever help they needed "to keep this process moving forward."

"We've been working with the Indians and Pakistanis for almost two years, from a period of 'historic change,'" Powell told U.S. News & World Report in an interview Saturday.

Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan said Monday that Washington, the European Union and China all pushed for the rapprochement.

"Right now, what is happening is that the principal actors are talking to each other, and it is the principal actors who have to come to an understanding ultimately for a resolution of this dispute," Khan said.

Both countries are American



A Pakistan Rangers officer, left, shakes hands with an Indian Border Security Force officer after the beating the retreat ceremony in Wagha border Lahore, Pakistan, on Saturday.

allies. But India has rejected any efforts at U.S. mediation, while Pakistan, which bases its claim to Kashmir on U.N. resolutions, has often called on Washington or the United Nations to help broker talks.

But its foreign minister, Khurshid Kasuri, was quoted Thursday in the Gulf News in Dubai as noting that the United Nations intervened 50 years ago. "Has it solved the Kashmir issue?"

India, proud to stand on its own and suspicious of the United States after decades of unfriendly relations when on the opposite sides during the Cold War, may in the end have to concede that mediation is necessary.

# Sharon says he'll seek parliament's approval

JERUSALEM (AP) — Trying to reassure hawkish coalition partners, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday he will seek parliament approval for a possible unilateral troop pullback in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.



Ariel Sharon

Sharon also said he would consult with coalition members and the United States before deciding on such unilateral steps.

In his speech to parliament Monday, Sharon did not refer to the possible dismantling of some Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He has said in recent weeks that some of the communities would have to be

removed as part of a troop redeployment. Sharon said Monday he remains committed to the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan which envisions a Palestinian state as the centerpiece of a peace deal by 2005. The prime minister reiterated that it becomes clear in the coming months that the Palestinians are not living up to their obligations, he will take unilateral steps.

"I will of course bring the steps that the government decides on ... to the Knesset for approval, so that we can hold a serious and comprehensive debate on the subject," he said.

# Drug disappoints in study of lung cancer patients

LONDON (AP) — A drug that has prolonged the lives of many breast cancer patients has failed to live up to hopes that it might help people with lung cancer, new research has found.

In a study outlined this week in the European journal *Annals of Oncology*, those treated with Herceptin in combination with two chemotherapy medicines did no better than patients treated with the chemotherapy drugs alone.

However, the study, involving about 100 lung cancer patients, gave a hint that a very small fraction of patients with a particular genetic profile may benefit.

Herceptin, a standard treatment for spreading breast cancer, belongs to a new set of cancer drugs called targeted therapies, which are intended to arrest cancer by disrupting the internal signals that fuel its unruly growth.

Herceptin targets a gene called HER-2 and its protein. In breast cancer it typically delays progress of the drug seemed to work better in a chemotherapy combination on lung cancer cells than it did on breast cancer cells.

Scientists were hopeful that Herceptin might benefit lung cancer patients because in many the HER-2 gene is switched on. Also, test tube studies had shown the drug seemed to work better in a chemotherapy combination on lung cancer cells than it did on breast cancer cells.

"It was very disappointing therefore to find that the survival times and the time to the disease progressing were very similar — between six and seven months for both," said the study's leader,

Dr. Ulrich Gatzemeier, head of thoracic oncology at Grosshansdorf Hospital in Germany.

Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society, said the findings show that for the large majority of lung cancer patients, Herceptin is not going to be the answer.

"Positive or negative, this is important information," he said. "We now know a lot more than we did before this trial was done. This type of information will provide significant guidance to others."

"We are perhaps at the end of the beginning of using targeted therapies," said Lichtenfeld, who was not involved with the research. "We're still learning about how these cells work. We are still finding the targets that we have to test. We're going to get there, it's just taking us a longer time."

However, the study found that five of the six patients who had extremely high levels of the HER-2 protein responded to the drug better than the other patients did. It was nearly 8.5 months before their disease progressed compared with just over six months for the patients with lower HER-2 levels, Gatzemeier said.

But experts say the fraction of patients who could benefit is so small that limited resources may better be directed elsewhere.

Another targeted drug, Iressa, also has failed to show a benefit as a mainline lung cancer medicine.

# Moscow court sentences two men to life-in-prison for apartment bombings

MOSCOW — A Moscow court on Monday sentenced two men to life in prison for their involvement in a series of apartment house bombings that triggered the second war in Chechnya, a verdict that the Kremlin's critics denounced as a "show."

Yury Kryshankhalov and Adam Dkkushev were convicted on charges of terrorism, murder, illegal possession and trafficking of explosives and other crimes in relation to the 1999 bombings in Moscow and Volgograd, which killed 246 people.

The judge said that the pair made explosives, packed them in sugar sacks and drove them to Moscow and Volgograd on the order of Chechen rebels. According to the charges, the two residents of the southern province of Khabarovsk-Chechenskiy, which is west of Chechnya, drove a truckload of explosives right to the wall of the apartment building which was blown up in Volgograd.

Moscow City Court Judge Marina Khmarova handed down a life sentence in a maximum security prison to both convicts and ordered them to pay about \$156,000 in compensation to the victims.

Libyan court postpones trial of Bulgarian medics

TRIPOLI, Libya — A Libyan court on Monday postponed the trial of six Bulgarian medics accused of intentionally infecting more than 400 children with the AIDS virus, court officials said.

The verdicts — and possible sentencing — could be when the trial resumes Jan. 26, said the officials, who declined to be named.

International observers are monitoring the trial in the coastal city of Benghazi, where the Bulgarians — five nurses and a doctor — were employed at a hospital when arrested in February 1999.

## World in brief

Prosecutors have demanded death sentences, accusing the Bulgarians of intentionally infecting the children with HIV-contaminated blood as part of an experiment to find a cure for AIDS. Twenty-three of the children reportedly have since died of AIDS.

Initially Libya claimed the infections were part of a conspiracy by the CIA and Israeli intelligence but has since backed away from those allegations.

All six medics have pleaded innocent, and experts for the defense have argued poor hygiene likely led to the contamination.

## Fans bid farewell to Hong Kong pop star Anita Mui

HONG KONG — More than 1,000 fans poured into the streets Monday to bid farewell to Chinese pop diva and actress Anita Mui, who died last month at age 40.

A private funeral for Mui, whose deep and melodious voice captivated Chinese audiences world-

wide, drew many of Hong Kong's entertainment elite, including action film star Jet Li, Chan and one-time Bond girl Michelle Yeoh — both her close friends.

— compiled from wire reports

<b>Movies</b>	Sorry - We No Longer Take Personal Checks
<b>Orpheum</b>	Mon. Jan. Smiles (w) 7:00 - 9:20
<b>Jorono Cinema</b>	Lord of the Rings (w) 7:30 - 9:30
<b>Liberty</b>	Lord of the Rings (w) 7:15 - 9:15
<b>Lord of the Rings</b>	Lord of the Rings (w) 7:30 - 9:30
<b>Big Fish</b>	Big Fish (w) 7:15 - 9:15
<b>Odyssey &amp; Theatre</b>	My Daddy's Baby (w) 7:30 - 9:45
<b>Peter Pan</b>	Peter Pan (w) 7:00 - 9:30
<b>Last Samurai</b>	Last Samurai (w) 7:30 - 9:30
<b>The Mating Game</b>	The Mating Game (w) 8:45 - 9:30
<b>Raycheck</b>	Raycheck (w) 7:15 - 9:45
<b>Twin Cinema 12</b>	Stuck on You (w) 7:00 - 9:30
<b>Cherise by the Ocean</b>	Cherise by the Ocean (w) 7:45 - 9:30
<b>Calandra Gilda</b>	Calandra Gilda (w) 7:45 - 9:30
<b>Chasing Liberty</b>	Chasing Liberty (w) 7:15 - 9:30
<b>Haunted Mansion</b>	Haunted Mansion (w) 7:30 - 9:45
<b>Summitline</b>	Summitline (w) 7:30 - 9:30
<b>Nations and Commanders</b>	Nations and Commanders (w) 8:45 - 9:30
<b>Lord of the Rings</b>	Lord of the Rings (w) 7:00 - 8:30
<b>Gold Mountain</b>	Gold Mountain (w) 7:45 - 9:30
<b>Big Fish</b>	Big Fish (w) 7:15 - 9:30



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Travelers with Alzheimer's require companion



**DEAR ABBY:** I work for a major airline and saw something today that was very disturbing but more common than you might think. A relative of an 87-year-old lady with an Alzheimer's disease put her on a plane with a card pinned to her clothes with her name and information written on it. It was not a nonstop flight, and we were asked to make sure she didn't get off the plane before her final destination. The traveler obviously had no idea where she was going or what to do.

Abby, as you know, things can happen when people fly. Weather and mechanical problems can leave passengers stranded away from home or their destination. Can you imagine how that would affect an already scared and confused lady?

Airline personnel are not baby sitters. People with this mental capacity should be escorted when traveling. Between elderly travelers and inexperienced travelers,

we have a lot to deal with during peak seasons.

**CONCERNED AIRLINE EMPLOYEE, AMARILLO, TEXAS**

**DEAR CONCERNED:** I can see why you're concerned. All it would take for tragedy to strike is a flight attendant who is momentarily distracted and a traveler whose diminished capacity who follows into the crowd in the terminal.

The Alzheimer's Association urges families to always have a caregiver accompany someone with Alzheimer's while traveling. It also offers helpful travel tips for the caregiver. Read on:

- (1) Get plenty of rest before the trip.
- (2) Dress the patient in clothes that are easy to put on and remove (skirts with elastic bands for women; sweatpants for men).
- (3) Have the patient wear an ID bracelet at all times. Information should include: name, address and phone number. In addition, include the patient's purse or pocket, place a card with the name of the hotel or person you'll be visiting.
- (4) Be sure to carry pertinent medications, medical records and insurance cards with you. (Also the tickets and money).
- (5) Check all luggage at the curb through to the final destination.
- (6) Realize that change may create confusion and disorientation. Be realistic. Know going that strange water, accommodations, time changes and busy terminals are all known to precipitate panic in AD patients.
- (7) Keep the patient's diet and dining times simple and consistent.
- (8) Do not travel at peak hours and carry as all possible.
- (9) See a small sign that reads "Please be patient. My name is \_\_\_\_\_." Place an Alzheimer's Association "ID" to alert others of your special situation.
- (10) If the Alzheimer's patient is of the opposite sex and in a public restroom, ask someone to look in on him or her if it seems like it's taking a long time. Or place an "occupied" sign on the door.
- (11) Be patient. Reassuring the traveler with memory loss may mean reminding him or her repeatedly of where he or she is going.

Readers for more valuable tips and suggestions, call the Alzheimer's Association toll-free at (800) 272-3900. Someone will be there to help you 24/7.

How many scratch, how many blow?

**Q.** Where does the violin rank on that list of musical instruments Americans most prefer to play?

**A.** No. 8. Between No. 7 trumpet and No. 9, harmonica. No. 1 is piano. No. 2, guitar. No. 3, organ. No. 4, flute. No. 5, clarinet. No. 6, drums. Saxophone is No. 10. Xanthophyll flat feet.

Florida's 'Diver Dan' Becher dredges up stray balls along with scary stories

**The Orlando Sentinel**

**ORLANDO, Fla.** — Dan Becher is-a-pearl-diver. He searches for valuable underwater quarry that can retail, new, at 55 per white sphere.

He's also a diamond miner of sorts, paying access fees to golf courses in exchange for the mineral rights to harvest the hidden riches of their water hazards.

Others might consider him a wetsuit-wearing treasure hunter who has found dozens of amusing and alarming items in the primordial mire, some made of shiny, exotic metals and worth thousands of dollars.

Then there's the more practical sign painted on his nondescript, heavy-duty van that reads Debo Underwater Salvage, which doesn't nearly convey the occasional excitement or substance of his job.

Becher is a living, breathing ball retriever, known at courses all over Central Florida as "Diver Dan," the golf-ball man. After 15

years on the job, some of his underwater tales will make you shudder your teeth.

"Definitely not your everyday job," said Leo Rawls, director of golf at Disney World, where Becher has plucked thousands of balls from the muck.

Becher has been chomped by alligators, snapped by turtles, chased by water moccasins and sliced to ribbons by unseen perils of the not-so-deep. He jokingly calls water hazards "the killing zone," because that's where he dredges up balls "by the basket, though Florida's golfing waters contain an element of danger, too.

When your name is Diver Dan, every golf-course pond is an occasional hazard. Many of the lakes in the state are the color and consistency of steeped tea, with visibility that is measured in inches, not feet. Most of the day, Becher is under water, air tank strapped to his back and feeling his way along in the dark.

Every so often, he wraps his fingers around something far more lively than an old Top-Flite.

"I've found everything you can't imagine, even a few floor safes that have been stolen in burglaries," he said. "I found a bowling ball once, right off a tee box.

"As best I can figure, the guy must have had some kind of money where he gave up bowling and switched to golf. I bet you it wasn't very long before he was throwing his clubs in the water, too."

Becher (pronounced BEACH-er) exhumes about 100 clubs per year from a watery grave and donates them all to charity. Most where found near the 18th green, where golfers give their a cathartic leave-ho. He twice has found entire bags — filled with balls, irons and 5500 drivers — in ponds at the final hole.

"I've like they are saying. This is the clubs, some of them are brand new. Putters and wedges are Nos. 1-2 in terms of what you find, because they are replaceable, and it doesn't break up the set."

Married Scorpions must keep the home fire hot

**IF JANUARY 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** ... you like to operate by the book, that is, as long as it's your book. You probably have many methods, principles and goals. You definitely prefer to be in charge, and follow someone else only when it furthers your long-term plans. You feel more secure in a committed relationship. Though stubborn, you are an adaptable parent and spouse.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Desire for emotional intimacy comes to the forefront; plan a special evening if possible. Itchy feet will come and go, as you experience very short periods of restless stars for a few days. Don't do something you regret later.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** The North Node of the moon (also known as the Dragon's Head) is about one year into a two-year journey through Taurus and forces you to notice your progress today and your destiny. Are you on the path?

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Achieve what may be difficult to achieve today; all you want to do is dance and play. A charming person could appear in the lives of the way you live your life; don't just glimpse empty sentiments.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Home and family hold your heart today, not an unusual condition for a moon child anyway. This is a welcome retreat from the workday which continues to be a bit of a battleground. Don't be surprised if an unconventional solution springs to mind.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** When you can pry your mind off of work, you'll notice the stirrings of romance. It's a good day to tell someone you're someone special. By evening, your words will be especially lyrical.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Your concerns move into the arena of relationships, and if in a committed one, you may feel fity for the next couple of days. This will pass, so don't act in haste. However, if

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you've been waiting to make a jump, these stars may give you the final push.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** All you project is love. The stars are vibrating up a few days of dissatisfaction with your partner, though. If committed, don't let this push you into a dalliance that could create heartbreak.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Dating Scorpions could be in for a very exciting and romantic chance meeting in the next day or two. Married Scorps had better focus on keeping the home fires burning. How about a romantic fire in the hearth tonight?

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Settle in with friends or group associates would be great today and tomorrow. Don't dance or dally with the wrong person, though; for the next few days, the stars could push you to pull up roots, which you would later regret.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** It will be easier to marshal your thoughts tomorrow. In the meantime, enjoy the opportunities to create strategic alliances in your career. If a mate isn't cooperative today, your patience is one of your greatest strengths anyway.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A brief excursion or just a walk around the block is just what you need. Get out and breathe some air! And who knows? Someone with an unusual background or who comes from far away could snort into your life.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** You're a fish in deep waters today. Mysticism or other arcane pursuits are of interest, but your passion also seeks an outlet for expression. If you're feeling too caged in, don't take an action you could regret later. These stars will pass in a few days.



REVISITED L.M. Boyd

It was an axiom of the '80s that clarified the difference between "involvement" and "commitment." It went: "Think of ham and eggs. The chicken was involved. Only four non-alcoholic beverages of major importance have been produced by human beings: extract of the tea plant, extract of nut and extract of the coffee bean." Such is the claim of a Greek historian.

Aristotle thought he was a member of the supreme race: Greek.

William Procter made candles. James Gamble made soap. When they became business partners, they needed hardly any time at all to think up a name for their new company.

Alcohol has been around since ancient Egypt. But around founding forefathers would have been astonished to see it poured on a wound. That wasn't what it was for. They knew nothing of disinfectants.

In space, water boils instantly. That wit Larry Miller said: "To women, we are like big dogs that talk."

"If modern civilized man had to kill the animals he ate, the number of vegetarians would rise astronomically," so said Christian Morganstern, Ph.D.

The Kingdom of Bhutan between India and Tibet also issues postage stamps. One has Donald Duck on it.

Socrates knew nothing of Confucius. Confucius knew nothing of Socrates. Their lifetimes overlapped.

Researchers checked out numerous troubled matrimonial mates. Half went to marriage counselors, half didn't. After three years, only one of the counseled couples but 43 percent of the uncounseled had split up.

Therapists contend if proves ineffective. What it proves, skeptics say, is people willing to get help have a better chance than do unwilling people. It's the willingness that's key, they say.

**Coming Wednesday**

**'Act of Faith'**

**Cookbook helps local church raise funds**

Food & Home in The Times-News

Affidavit offers support for exhuming Billy the Kid's mom

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)** — In a sworn statement, a 72-year-old man says Sheriff Pat Garrett's widow told him 13 years ago that her husband didn't kill Billy the Kid — Garrett's friend — but that Garrett and the Kid shot a drunk in his place.

The affidavit of Homer Overton was offered as evidence for exhuming the body of the Kid's mother, Catherine Antrim, to compare her DNA with that of a Texas man who claimed until his death in 1950 that he was William Bonney, known in Western lore as the Billy Kid.

A hearing on the exhumation petition is scheduled Jan. 27 in Silver City, where Antrim is buried. City officials there oppose disturbing the grave.

Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan, Deputy Steve Sedawell and DeBaca County Sheriff Gary Graves are asking for the exhumation.

They want to know if Antrim's DNA shows any relationship to Ollie "Burrhead" Bill Roberts, a Rio Texas man who long claimed to be the Kid.

A coroner's jury concluded in 1881 that Garrett killed Bonney with a gunshot to the left breast. But according to Overton's affidavit, Apollonia Garrett, a Rio Texas widow — told the 9-year-old Overton and his boyhood buddy Bobby Tubert that Garrett and Bonney shot a drunk in his place to make him unacceptable so his body could pass for Bonney's.

Overton lives in Alta Loma, Calif., where he gave the Dec. 27 affidavit that was filed in court in Silver City that was a week ago. The affidavit says the boy visited Apollonia Garrett in the summer of 1940, about 32 years after her husband was shot to death in 1908.

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## Coming Wednesday

The Glens Ferry and Valley boys tangle in their first Canyon Conference basketball game of the season.

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### SPORTSQUOTE

Do you think you'll be driving a race car for the rest of your life?

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—Cambridge, Wis., driver's education teacher Bob Nodolf, who told the Wisconsin State Journal in Madison about a scolding a teacher once gave Winston Cup champion Matt Kenseth for skipping an English class

### TRIVIA

#### QUESTION:

UCLA had won NCAA men's basketball championships and gone 30-0 in Bill Walton's first two seasons on the UCLA varsity. What team stopped UCLA's title run at seven in a row in the 1974 national semifinals, and who were the star and coach of that team?

...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

#### High school boys basketball

Declo at Kimberly, 4:15 p.m.  
 Carey at Bliss, 4:30 p.m.  
 Filer at Stuart, 6 p.m.  
 Twin Falls at Century, 6 p.m.  
 Castleford at Wendell, 6 p.m.  
 Glens Ferry at Valley, 6 p.m.  
 Gooding at Hagerman, 6 p.m.  
 Community School at ISDB, 6 p.m.  
 Jerome at Mountain Home, 6:15 p.m.  
 Camas County at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.

#### High school girls basketball

Kuna at Jerome, 6 p.m.  
 Hagerman at Castleford, 6 p.m.  
 Lighthouse Christian at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.  
 Hagerman at Castleford, 6 p.m.  
 Camas County at Richfield, 6 p.m.  
 Raft River at Hansen, 6 p.m.  
 Kimberly at Filer, 6 p.m.  
 Carey at Bliss, 6 p.m.  
 M.V. Christian at Oakley, 6 p.m.  
 Wood River at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.  
 American Falls at Burley, 8 p.m.

#### High school wrestling

Gooding at Buhl, 5:30 p.m.  
 Declo at Raft River, 6 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### T.F. YMCA will host junior tennis tourney

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls YMCA will host a "B" level tennis tournament for ages 10-18 on Jan. 30 and 31.  
 The entry cost is \$12 for both singles and doubles players.  
 For entry forms, please stop by the YMCA at 1751 Elizabeth Blvd. For more information call 733-4384.

#### Boxing workshop set for Jan. 31 in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center will hold a five-hour boxing workshop from 5-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 in the Eldon Evans Expo Center on campus. The cost is \$25.  
 Students will receive boxing instruction in offensive and defensive techniques, rules, ring procedures, medical requirements and conditioning. Boxing equipment for the class is provided.  
 Instructor Shawn Davis is the CSU rodeo head coach and has headed the annual smoker since its inception.  
 For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

North Carolina State, led by David Thompson, defeated UCLA, 80-77, in double overtime, at Greensboro, N.C. The coach was Norm Sloan, who died last month.

# Clemens shuns retirement, joins Astros

Former Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens laughs as he answers a question during a news conference with the Houston Astros Monday in Houston. Clemens is pushing back his retirement, agreeing to a one-year contract with the Astros.



By Michael A. Lutz  
 Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens throws quite a curveball, too.  
 Clemens changed course Monday, ending his much-ballyhooed retirement after only 78 days and agreeing to pitch with close friend Andy Pettitte on their hometown Houston Astros.  
 At 41, the six-time Cy Young winner got a one-year deal for \$5 million. Instead of finishing in Yankee pinstripes, the Rocket splashed down in Spacetown.  
 "I took to heart what Wayne Gretzky told me and Michael (Jordan) and Emmitt Smith and even Johnny

Bench," Clemens said. "It's great to come home."  
 Once his wife and four boys approved, Clemens got the one final OK he needed to hear.  
 "My mother gave it her blessing," he said.  
 For more than a year, Clemens insisted 2003 would be his final season. But that changed after the Yankees lost the World Series and Pettitte left New York.  
 "It's a great thing for Houston and, frankly, Roger has earned the right to do whatever he wants to," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said.  
 Clemens is coming off a season in which he went 17-9 with a 3.91 ERA. He reached career milestones of 300 wins

and 4,000 strikeouts in the same game in June.  
 In what appeared to be his final outing, even the Florida Marlins applauded after his last pitch in Game 4 of the World Series.  
 After the season, Clemens filed for free agency as a formality. A month later, the United States was eliminated from Olympics qualifying — he had shown interest in pitching at Athens — and it seemed he was ready to settle down and spend time with his family.  
 "Roger Clemens was a great warrior for the Yankees — a teacher and a leader," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. "He

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# Lady Pilots beat Wendell

By Dustin Lapray  
 Times-News writer

WENDELL — Kylee Noble hit a 3-pointer with 1:10 remaining and the Lady Pilots hit their free throws down the stretch to give Glens Ferry a 37-33 win over Wendell Monday.  
 The win gives the Lady Pilots a 1-1 Canyon Conference record (4-9 overall), putting them in second place behind Valley.  
 Glens Ferry opened the game with a 10-1 first quarter, led by Jessica Simons' six points. Simons led all scorers with 12 points.  
 "At the beginning of games we need to get a better start," said Wendell head coach Ryan Pope.

The Lady Trojans battled back, ending the half with a Rosette Moreno bucket to bring the Pilot lead to 16-9 at the half.  
 "We struggled on our shooting," Glens Ferry head coach Kelli McHone said. "We were getting great shots and good shot selection, we just couldn't get anything to fall."  
 The game became physical in the third quarter as the Trojans mounted a comeback. Wendell opened the half with a 3-4 run, closing the score to 20-18 with a hard drive through the lane by Hailee Kelsey. She finished with 11 points.

The Lady Pilots had an answer. Kenzie King drained a three and followed it up with a mid-range jumper to give Glens Ferry a 25-23 edge. Jamie Hurst grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back for two of her 11 points to give the Pilots a 27-18 lead to close out the third quarter.  
 Wendell opened the final frame with a 9-0 run to bring it within two points. Madison Campbell came up huge for Wendell, scoring seven of her team-high 11 points in the fourth quarter before fouling out.

With Wendell down 29-28, Kelsey drained her second three on an assist from Jaynie Goodbody with 2:45 remaining, giving the Trojans their first lead of the game at 31-29. Kelsey then answered again with a drive to the hoop and a foul. She missed the free throw, making it 33-29 with 1:10 remaining.  
 The Pilots' Sarah Morin hit a layup to close it to two points. Kylee Noble then hit her game-winning try from the right side to give Glens Ferry its 34-33 lead.  
 "I told them to be ready because I know they'd start warm'ing up and start hitting those outside shots," McHone said. "I tried to get the girls not to lose their composure and stay right there because the

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Glens Ferry High School forward Sarah Morin, left, fights for the ball with Wendell defender Rosette Moreno during their girls basketball game Monday night in Wendell.

# No. 13 Pitt slips by Irish, 74-71

By Alan Robinson  
 Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH — Julius Page and Jason Johnson led the Panthers to a half comeback, and No. 13 Pittsburgh shook off Chris Thomas' 29 points and Notre Dame's strong outside shooting for a 74-71 victory Monday night.  
 Brown scored 19 points and Page had 18, all but three after halftime, as the unbeaten Panthers (17-0, 3-0 in Big East) won their 36th consecutive home game.  
 Pitt withstood five Irish 3-pointers in the final 2:33 — three by Chris Quinn and two by Thomas — to win despite nearly wasting a nine-point lead.  
 Pitt's last home loss came exactly two years ago Monday — 56-53 to Notre Dame, when the Panthers' sixth player in the Fitzgerald Field House. They have won 30 straight since moving into the Petersen Events Center last season.  
 The Panthers trailed by as

many as seven points before Carl Krauser's 3-pointer with 7:22 remaining put them back into the lead for good and started a 8-0 run that made it 59-52.  
 "But the Irish soon started trading 3-pointers for free throws. Quinn and Thomas, setting up on opposite wings, hit two 3-pointers apiece in slightly more than a minute to cut Pitt's lead to 67-66.  
 Page, fouled by Thomas as he was going up for a 3 with 51 seconds to go, then hit only one of three free throws, but with Panthers rebounded and Page made one of two free throws. The next time down, freshman Chris Taft made two more foul shots to make it 71-66. Taft finished with 10 points and nine rebounds.  
 After one more 3-pointer by Quinn, Chevon Troutman was fouled inside and made both free throws to push the lead to 73-69. Thomas then turned the ball over when he couldn't find an open shot, and Brown hit a free throw to effectively seal it.



Pittsburgh's Carl Krauser, bottom, is fouled as Notre Dame's Torrian Jones blocks his shot in Pittsburgh on Monday.

# UI hires Rob Spear as new director of athletics

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The interim director of the University of Idaho's athletic department has been hired full-time for the job, university officials announced Monday.  
 Rob Spear, who has been in the position since Oct. 10, has been given a three-year contract.  
 "I've learned this the past three months: Yes, we have challenges," Spear said. "And no, they are not insurmountable."  
 "Vandal athletics has a rich and proud tradition in every arena of competition and a history of success in the classroom. My mission is to continue those traditions while at the same time looking toward and building for what promises to be a bright future."  
 Spear replaces Mike Bohn, who left to take over the athletic department at San Diego State.  
 "We need the continuity and stability of a long-term athletic director, especially as we continue

to sort out our athletic conference affiliation issues," University of Idaho Interim President Gary Michael said.  
 Currently, Idaho plays football in the Sun Belt Conference, and basketball in the Big West Conference in all other sports. The university is considering whether to become a full Sun Belt Conference member.  
 "Rob has the background and skills to lead Vandal athletics through the tough terrain ahead as well as to manage the day-to-day operations," Michael said. "I have been impressed with the leadership he has brought to the interim position and I expect that performance to continue."  
 "Always a fan of Vandal athletics, Spear said his introduction to the inner workings of the department has been rewarding.  
 "On a personal note, I've had a great time," Spear said. "It seems like a new challenge, but it's fun. I look forward to coming to work every day."

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Nearly two years after shooting, Williams case begins

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (AP) — Once a fierce NBA rebounder and wisecracking TV commentator, Jayson Williams is now a defendant who hopes to avoid a long prison sentence in the shooting death of a limo driver.

Jury selection from an expected pool of 300 begins Tuesday and might last until the end of the month. The manslaughter trial was moved to a neighboring county because of publicity.

The 35-year-old Williams has been free on bail. His lawyers maintain the fatal shooting at his estate nearly two years ago was accidental.

Williams, a former All-Star cen-

ter for the New Jersey Nets, is accused of shooting the driver, then trying to cover it up. Manslaughter and witness tampering are among the seven charges that could carry up to 55 years in prison.

His trial comes as Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case proceeds in Colorado, putting a spotlight on two prominent basketball players charged with serious crimes. Bryant's next hearing dates are Feb. 23.

Costas Christofis, 55, was killed Feb. 14, 2002. He had driven Williams' friends from a Harlem Globetrotters show in Bethlehem, Pa., to a restaurant, then to the 65-acre, 40-room estate in Alexandria Township.

Two guests pleaded guilty to tampering with evidence, one for wiping the shotgun that killed Christofis, the other for hiding Williams' clothes. Both agreed to testify against him.

Williams' lawyer, Joseph Hayden Jr., and a defense spokeswoman did not return several messages. Hayden will be joined by Washington lawyer Billy Martin. Opposing them will be Steven Lemmer, first assistant Hunterdon County prosecutor since 1991.

"One thing the defense wants is people who will not hold his celebrity status against him," said Robert Zatorski, a criminal defense lawyer in Saddle Brook and a former assistant prosecutor in Hudson County.

Race could play a role based on defense efforts to see the service records of state troopers involved in the investigation and the ethnic breakdown of the grand jury that handed up the indictment. Williams is black. That is a risky defense strategy, said Alan Zegas, a lawyer who has led defense attorney organizations.

According to prosecution documents, Williams wiped the gun and tried to put the victim's hand or fingerprints on it; he removed his clothing, jumped into a pool and put on new clothes. He told guests they must agree the shooting was a suicide and tell police they had been downstairs, the documents said.

Buhl volleyball club registration is today

BUHL — The Buhl Volleyball Club will hold its registration for the 2004 season from 6-7 p.m. tonight 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 Bill Fields at 543-8294.

Minico Boosters sponsors Red & Gold Nights

RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will be sponsoring a Red & Gold Night on Jan. 28 for the Minico boys, basketball game against Burley and on Jan. 29 for the Minico girls, basketball game against Burley. If you wear red or gold on those nights you will receive a ticket for prizes that will be given away during the game. For more information call 436-5670.

Twin Falls Parks and Rec offers open gym times

TWIN FALLS — The City of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and the Twin Falls School District are sponsoring a free open gym on Sundays through Feb. 29 at Robert Stuart Junior High.

Adults play from noon-3 p.m. with youth playing from 3-4 p.m. For more information, call 736-2265.

Ex-Vandals head coach named Huskies LBs coach

SEATTLE — Former Nevada and head coach Chris Tormey was hired Monday to coach linebackers at Washington, where he was also an assistant from 1984-94.

Tormey coached tight ends, outside linebackers and the secondary in his first stint, and was assistant coordinator in 1993. During that period, the Huskies reached 10 bowl games and shared the 1991 national title with Miami.

The 48-year-old Tormey was credited with recruiting Napoleon Kaufman, Mark Brunell and Kashaun Sheckie to Washington.

Tormey spent the last four seasons as head coach at Nevada, and last year's team beat Washington 28-17 at Husky Stadium. He was fired after a 6-6 season that boosted his overall record to 16-31.

Before that, Tormey was 33-23 in five seasons at Idaho.

Capriati withdraws from Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — Two-time Australian Open champion Jennifer Capriati withdrew from the Grand Slam tournament Tuesday because of a back injury.

Capriati, injured in November in the season-ending WTA Championship, also missed a tournament in Hong Kong last week because of the same injury.

The 27-year-old American, the 2001 and 2002 Australian Open winner, lost in the opening round last year, becoming the first defending champion to lose there in the first round.

Capriati is the third high-profile woman to withdraw. Serena Williams, the 2002 winner, withdrew last week, and Mary Pierce, former French Open champion and runner-up at Melbourne Park in 1997, pulled out because of fitness concerns.

Former Bulls GM Jerry Krause joins Yankees

CHICAGO — Former Chicago Bulls general manager Jerry Krause, who built teams that won six NBA championships, is changing jobs.

Krause is joining baseball's New York Yankees and will be introduced on Tuesday as a special assistant, baseball operations.

Krause met Monday with Yankees principal owner George Steinbrenner and vice president for "player" development Mark Newman in Florida. He expects his role to be further defined in a Tuesday meeting with general manager Brian Cashman.

Krause, 64, stepped down as Steinbrenner's manager on April 7, ostensibly for health reasons, but made it a point to say he was resigning and not retiring.

Krause, a baseball scout for four teams over 16 years earlier in his career, was a frequent visitor to Wrigley Field last season, talking with the scouts in their seating area behind home plate.

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He was satisfied that he hadn't lost his eye for talent. Krause said he'll be involved in player evaluation on all levels.

NFC adds Redskins wide receiver Coles to Pro Bowl

WASHINGTON — Washington Redskins wide receiver Laveranese Moss was added to the 2004 NFL Pro Bowl squad, replacing injured Randy Moss.

Dolphins hire Marino to front office position

DAVIE, Fla. — Wearing a pinstriped suit rather than jersey No. 13, Dan Marino rejoined the Dolphins on Monday as the team's senior vice president of football operations to resume his quest for a Super Bowl ring. The hope is that he can achieve as an inexperienced executive what he was unable to accomplish in 17 seasons as quarterback.

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Jacksonville fires three assistant coaches

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars fired special teams coaches Bill Bates and Paul McCord and receivers coach Larry Kirksey on Monday.

Head coach Jack Del Rio said he would name replacements later.

NHL suspends three players for rough play

NEW YORK — NHL disciplinary Colin Campbell was suspended for two games.

Simon was punished for cross-checking Tampa Bay's Ruslan Fedotenko

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South Carolina hires Minter as defensive coordinator

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Krause is joining baseball's New York Yankees and will be introduced on Tuesday as a special assistant, baseball operations

Krause met Monday with Yankees principal owner George Steinbrenner and vice president for "player" development Mark Newman in Florida. He expects his role to be further defined in a Tuesday meeting with general manager Brian Cashman.

Krause, 64, stepped down as Steinbrenner's manager on April 7, ostensibly for health reasons, but made it a point to say he was resigning and not retiring

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BASKETBALL

NBA All-Time LEAD EASTERN CONFERENCE table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB

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Sunday's Games table with columns for Home, Visitor, Final Score, Time

NBA boxes table with columns for Team, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks, Fouls

NBA boxes table with columns for Team, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks, Fouls

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NFL table with columns for Team, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks, Fouls

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WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing table with columns for Event, Time, Network

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PUBLISH: January 13, 2004

**NOTICE OF HEARING IN RE: JARED WILLIAM CLINE**  
 A Petition by Jared William Cline, born on December 7, 1977 in Coalinga, State of Idaho now residing at 645 Fawnbrook Ave #216, Twin Falls, proposing a change in name to Jared William Sunial has been filed in the above entitled court. The reason for this change in name being Selected name with spouse when married, symbol of new beginning. The petitioner's father is living.

Such petition will be heard at 9:15 o'clock am on 2/17/2004, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objections; show to the court a good reason against such a change of name. WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 6th day of January, 2004.

**J. DAVID NAVARRO**  
 Clerk of the District Court Ada County, Idaho

**NOTIFICATION OF ADJUDICATORY HEARING IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA**

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In retrospect, all West had to do was to duck the second round of trumps.

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West's diamond ace to cash for down one. Only three of the eight declarers found the duck.

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LAB X puppies, chocolate, beautiful. Mom is AKC.

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FREE (1) kitten, 12 weeks old, 1200 home.

FREE Lab X (2) 8 week old females, 1200.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Halley chamber plans awards event

HAILEY - The Halley Chamber of Commerce plans its annual dinner and awards celebration Jan. 22 at the Mint in downtown Hailey. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a no-host social hour. Dinner, catered by The Red Elephant, will begin at 7 p.m. There will be a silent auction held throughout the evening. The event's highlight will be the honoring of outgoing chamber board members Kim Baker of Professional Roofing, Mike Fehrenbacher of Halley Paint & Supply and Brad Toothman of Sawtooth Auto Sales. Also honored will be retiring President Jeff Bertz of Copy & Print. Incoming President Jim Spinelli of Wood River Insurance will be installed. Annual awards will be presented, and nominations are still being accepted for Business of the Year, Community Volunteer of the Year, Citizen of the Year and Employer of the Year. Nominations may be sent to the Halley Chamber of Commerce. At next week's dinner, the chamber will also introduce its new logo and branding look, which it says incorporates the heritage and beauty of Hailey. Tickets cost \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office at 15 W. Carbonate St. in Hailey. For information, call the chamber at 789-2700.

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Buhl chamber members will hear retired judge

BUHL - Judge J. William Hart, a retired Minidoka County district judge who grew up in Buhl, will be the guest speaker at the annual Buhl Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held Jan. 23 at Clear Lake Country Club. Hart was recently elected to the Idaho Community Foundation board and is active in many community affairs, the chamber said. Banquet cost is \$15 per person. Tickets are available from all chamber directors or from the office at the visitor center at 716 E. U.S. Highway 30. The office can be reached at 543-6682.

On Jan. 23, hospitality hour will start at 6 p.m. with a roast beef dinner at 7 p.m. President Rick Hill will pass the gavel to incoming President Holly Langdon, who will outline the Buhl chamber's events for 2004.

Drug-free project postpones seminar

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Project has postponed indefinitely a seminar previously scheduled for today. By Monday afternoon, no new date had been set for the "Drugs in the Workplace: Detection, Intervention and Community Resources" seminar. For more information, call 733-1300.

Federal benefits await Caldwell Simplot workers

CALDWELL - About 90 former and current workers at the J.R. Simplot Co. potato-processing plant in Caldwell qualify for federal retraining and re-employment benefits, the U.S. Department of Labor said Monday.

The company has scaled back operations in Canyon County and shifted production to a new french fry processing plant in Canada. Workers laid off in Canada.

Worse off \$0 or older may also be available for benefits under the Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance program, which helps workers who do not have skills that are easily transferable, department officials said.

Under the programs, a group of three or more employees who believe they are affected by imports can petition the governor for assistance.

In Magic Valley, meanwhile, Simplot closed its Heyburn spud plant last fall. Workers there also have received special benefits.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Arts center plan clears hurdle

City agency may lease Old Towne land to promoters

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Those who dream of a community arts center near the Rock Creek Canyon rim crossed one hurdle in that effort Monday.

The city's Urban Renewal Agency owns vacant Old Towne land between Maxwell Avenue and Rock Creek Canyon. That property, part of an envisioned greenbelt, is the top site picked by promoters of a planned Magic Valley Arts Council center.

approval later, would tie up the Old Towne property for some tiny annual lease payment while Rotary and arts leaders continue their fund-raising and building-design efforts.

But Urban Renewal would retain long-term control of the site. That's important in case the arts project dies or goes elsewhere, said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls director of economic development.

If arts-complex construction proceeds, Urban Renewal could opt to sell the land with a contract

clause stipulating that the land would revert to agency ownership if the Arts Council ever leaves the site, McAlindin said.

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Idaho aquaculture promotes trout safety

Salmon study may hurt perception, industry worries

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

HAGERMAN - A controversial study questioning the safety of farm-raised salmon has caused worry among some local trout producers about consumer confidence in farm-raised fish. But local aquaculture experts say farm-raised trout is safe.

The study, published Friday in the Journal Science, tested contaminants in 700 salmon purchased around the world. While the levels of contamination found in the purchased salmon fell below Food and Drug Administration food-safety standards, the study found that certain farm-raised salmon contained the most pollutants linked to cancer - including dioxin and polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs - followed by North America and Chile.

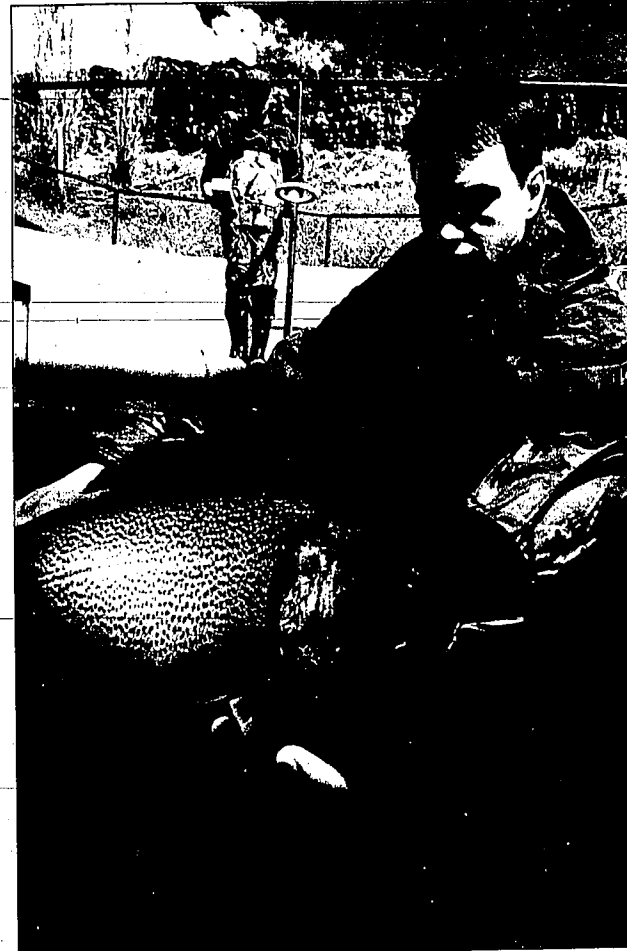
The study, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, concluded that eating more than one meal of farm-raised salmon per month - depending on country of origin - could slightly increase the risk of developing cancer later in life. It also recommended consumers link their consumption of farm-raised salmon in favor of wild salmon. Wild salmon averages \$1 to \$2 more per pound in supermarkets.

Gary Fornshell, University of Idaho extension aquaculture educator, said Monday the aquaculture study "does have the possibility to shed negative light on all farm-raised fish." He said he has heard from several concerned local trout producers about negative attention drawn to the industry since the study's release.

"This is a really sensitive issue right now," Fornshell said. Larry Cope, president and chief executive officer of Clear Springs Foods, which operates four large fish production farms in Magic Valley, said the trout industry could be hurt if consumers believe the study depicts all farm-raised fish as unsafe to eat.

"News like this tends to confuse the consumer, who doesn't tend to draw a distinction between wild caught and farm-raised salmon," Cope said. "If the consumer is confused, they may choose not to eat salmon. In the worst-case scenario, the consumer may choose not to eat fish at all."

The study's findings aren't new at all, Cope said. The fish industry has known about the presence of contaminants - monitored under the FDA's safety standards - for years. However, the salmon study based its findings on Environmental Protection Agency pollutant guidelines.



Genetieler Ken Overturf returns a female brood trout into a hatchery at the University of Idaho's Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station near Hagerman. Overturf and colleagues hope to breed fish that grow faster on grain-based feeds.

"The levels (the authors of the study) are talking about are far below what the FDA has set," Cope said. "As an environmental agency, (the EPA has) a much lower threshold for contaminants, even if the

levels are safe for human consumption." Contaminants are even less of a concern in farm-raised trout, Idaho aquaculture experts say.

To differentiate between the

safety of farm-raised salmon and farm-raised trout, it is important to understand differences in how the fish are grown, said Ron Hardy,

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D.A. Davidson creates a regional stock index

The Times-News and The Associated Press

GREAT FALLS, Mont. - The investment firm D.A. Davidson & Co. has created a regional stock index that is intended to help track the performance of 30 publicly traded companies in Idaho and other western states.

The company said its '99 Regional Stock Index was constructed in a similar manner to the Dow Jones Industrial Average and will track stocks of companies operating within seven states in the greater Northwest and Rocky Mountain regions. That

covers Idaho, Colorado, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

"We are pleased to be able to provide investors, media and analysts with a unique and comprehensive measure of how these regions are performing in the marketplace," Ian B. Davidson, chairman of Davidson Companies and D.A. Davidson & Co., said in a written statement.

"As a leading investment firm in the region, we believe that this newly created index, which covers broader trends than most local stock indices, will help to

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Winter wheat growers slash acreage for 2004

The Associated Press

BOISE - A soft market and increasing demand for barley has prompted Idaho's winter wheat producers to plant their smallest acreage since 1952.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Monday estimated Idaho farmers committed only 720,000 acres to winter wheat this fall, down 40,000 from a year earlier. Farmers planted 703,000 acres in 1962.

Idaho's Grain Producers Association Director Steve Johnson said the grain market is being affected by the rising prices

of malt barley operators.

"There's a little more encouragement to produce other crops," Johnson said. "In Idaho, we're seeing the benefits of good barley contracts through Anheuser-Busch, Modelo and Great Western. They're competing to get the supplies and offering good contracts."

In addition, conditions and the market for wheat have been less than attractive since the mid-1990s, Western grain grower Ray Butts said.

"One of the reasons is the lack of both topsoil and deeper soil. Please see WHEAT, Page D3

COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Beatris Sibirian Lira, also known as Betty Lira, 311 W. Elm St., Hailey, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000. Case no. 04-40006.

Kasey Ray Dieckson, 409 U.S. Highway 30, No. 64, Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-40021.

Robert R. Lange, 1262 Juniper St. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-40022.

Becky Rae Cummins, 146 S. 600 W., No. 23, Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-40023.

Amanda Crystal Pond, 793 Washington St. S., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 04-40031.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Gilbert Salinas and Irma Salinas, 221 Lorens Lane, Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-40005.

Ellis Higley, 414 10th Ave. W., Gooding, and Melody Higley, 1873 S. 1850 E., Gooding, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-40014.

Troy R. Rose and Brandy Ann Rose, 104 Third W. St., Declo, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-40016.

Michael McClure, 133 Taylor St. E., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-40018.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Susan Ann Woodman, 202 S. Main St., Bellevue, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40012.

Joe L. Gonzales and Lorel Ann Gonzales, 1213 Nevada St., Gooding, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40013.

Jeffrey Scott Weir, 1159 Blake St. N., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40032.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Michael L. Sant, also known as Mike Sant, 464 W. Four Mile Road, Shoshone, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 04-40008.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Evane Kent Fletcher and Charlene Lane Fletcher, 1628 E. 1700 S., Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40020.

John Paul Quintana and Misti Renee Quintana, 600 12th Ave. N., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40033.

MONEY

Don't count on scholarships to pay full college cost

Question: I have a granddaughter in the 11th grade who is a member of the Future Teachers of America... I am worried that her parents will not have the money for college when she starts. I would appreciate your letting me know how I might help her obtain a scholarship so it will be available when the need arises.

Answers: Unless your granddaughter is unusually gifted intellectually or physically (she's a soccer whiz, say), scholarships aren't going to do the trick. Many parents hope for a free ride, but scholarships consist of the smallest portion of the financial aid pie and typically pay for less than 10 percent of a college education.

What's more, any scholarship money your granddaughter does win is likely to be subtracted from the other financial aid that she might be eligible for. That would be fine if her scholarships would pay reducing loans she has to pay back, but that's not likely, for her scholarships would replace the other "free money" — that is, grants — she might otherwise receive.

It's also a myth that there's a



MONEY TALK Liz Pufflum Weston

ton of unclaimed scholarship money available. Most of that "unused" money is so targeted and restricted that your granddaughter is unlikely to qualify for it. Scholarships that are limited to green-eyed, left-handed shuffleboard players, meanwhile, are typically so competitive that the odds are stacked against all but the best and the brightest.

That's not to say you can't help your granddaughter look for scholarships. Here are some circumstances when applying can make sense: • It's easy money. Plenty of employers and unions provide money for workers' college-bound children, and typically the applications are pretty painless.

• There's little competition. If her family belongs to religious, fraternal or service organizations that offer scholarships, she might have a good shot.

• Her intended college offers

inadequate student aid. Unfortunately, some colleges offer financial aid packages that don't completely pay their students' bills. They usually allow scholarships to fill the gap, but you're penalizing the rest of the student's package.

• The scholarship is really, really prestigious — and she's got a reasonable shot at it. Tough tests and long essays can be worthwhile if the scholarship would look good on a resume. You're starting at the right time — a student's junior year is generally the best time to begin a scholarship quest.

• A better bet is a college scholarship search engine, such as the ones provided by FastWeb at www.fastweb.com/pdf or student lender Sollic Me at www.wired-learner.com. But don't let the scholarship hunt constitute the bulk of your family's fund-finding efforts. Have her parents read a good book on paying for college that can provide effective strategies for maximizing potential financial aid. It almost certainly will have a better payoff than any scholarship search.

Q: In March 2003, my FICO credit scores as the three credit bureaus were as follows: Experian, 727; Equifax, 714; and TransUnion, 735. However, I checked my credit report last week and those scores are now 712, 715 and 735, respectively. Can you give me some reasons as to why my FICO scores would change?

A: Your credit scores change constantly. Your scores are based on information in your credit reports at the three bureaus that is constantly being updated by your lenders.

If you take a look at your three credit reports, you'll see differences — in the number and type of accounts being reported, as well as the balances shown. Those differences are reflected in your scores. As the information changes — a new account is added, a balance grows or shrinks, a payment is missed or made on time — your credit score changes to reflect the new data.

Because none of your scores has changed significantly, you've really got nothing to worry about. Just continue using credit wisely and your scores should get even higher over time.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pufflum Weston at asklizweston@hotmail.com

Renewal

Continued from D1. ed \$200,000 gift to a California manufacturer of hydraulic valves and fittings that plans to relocate to Twin Falls this year.

Hydro Fitting Manufacturing Corp. has settled on a site at the intersection of 2200 East and Highland Avenue East for its new manufacturing plant. Company 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.

Twin Falls real estate broker J. Francis Florence said Hydro Fitting owners have contracted to buy 4.2-4.5 acres for \$300,000 from the business park developers. The contract, he said, calls for a \$50,000 credit back to the buyers as a landscaping allowance that reduces the price to \$250,000. The parties want to close the deal Feb. 2, and the manufacturer aims to be operational in Twin Falls in early July.

Hydro Fitting is also eyeing adjacent land in the business park for possible future expansion, Florence said.

Urban Renewal members have tentatively set aside \$200,000 of their budget as "reserved" for the park to give \$10,000 as earnest money on Hydro Fitting's land purchase is contingent upon the company executing agreements with both the building contractor and the property seller. And the vote did not obligate the agency to pay the remaining \$190,000 that's set aside.

The city's tentative package for Hydro Fitting also includes an application by the city, for a Community Development Block Grant for infrastructure work in the business park. But that promise comes with no guarantee of securing the state grant.

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If the application is successful and the developer gets help with infrastructure costs, McAlindin said, the city should require the developer to reduce by the same amount the price Hydro Fitting offers for the land.

"In my mind, the incentive should go to a company locating here, not to a landowner," McAlindin said.

• Not eager to buy — The agency took no action regarding Northwest Feed Manufacturing's offered sale of the Old Towne site where the company's mill burned down in November.

McAlindin said Northwest Feed had asked Urban Renewal to buy the property, as is, for \$175,000. If it bought the site, the agency would have to raise what remains of the mill.

Agency member Dave Woodhead — whose own Old Towne businesses are negotiating to the mill — said Northwest Feed's asking price was based on a \$7-per-square-foot calculation.

"Seven may be a little ambitious," McAlindin said.

Urban Renewal Chairman Dave VanEngelen and member Dan Brizee on Monday said they'd like to see the agency sell some of the Old Towne buildings before buying more — particularly the agency's vacant Shoshone Street frontage beside a newly constructed parking lot. VanEngelen directed a special projects committee to draft a marketing plan for the Shoshone Street property.

Times-Tribune Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 735-3242 or virginia@magicvalley.com.

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Continued from D1. more accurately represent these regions and their economic vitality.

The securities included in the index were selected based on the companies' market capitalization, importance within their sectors and importance within the states they represent, Davidson said.

About 20 percent of the index

weighting comes from industrial goods producers, basic materials companies and energy companies, three sectors that are considered important economic drivers in the greater Northwest region.

Other major sector contributors to the index include consumer stocks, financial institutions and technology stocks. Of the 99 companies included in the

index, 41 are representative of Washington, 20 of Oregon, 12 of Utah, 11 of Colorado, nine of Idaho, four of Montana and two of Wyoming.

Representing Idaho in the index are Boise Cascade, Coeur d'Alene Mines, Hecla Mining, Coldwater Creek, Albertsons, Washington Group, Amis Holdings, Micron Technology and IDACORP.

Several of those companies have operations in Magic Valley.

A. Davidson & Co. is an independently owned investment firm based in Great Falls, with offices in eight states.

The company said the Davidson 99 Regional Index will be published daily on Davidson's Web site, www.davidson.com.

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T-Mobile set to become one of state's top employers

MERIDIAN (AP) - T-Mobile says it will provide an annual payroll of \$17 million when nearly 400 workers are fully staffing its planned Meridian call center.

Wheat

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MUTUAL FUNDS table listing various mutual funds with columns for Name, Sell Chg, and other financial data.

# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## As cyborg, professor tailors reality

By Brian Bergstein  
Associated Press writer

TORONTO — When you first meet Steve Mann, it seems as if you've interrupted him appearing diamonds or doing some sort of specialized welding. Because the first thing you notice is the plastic frame that comes around his right ear and holds a lens over his right eye.

But quickly you see that there's more to his contraption: A tiny video camera is affixed to the plastic eyepiece. Multicolored wires wrap around the back of Mann's head. Red and white lights blink under his warmly.

Mann greets you, warmly at first, though he soon gets distracted by something on the tiny computer monitor wedged over his eye.

In fact, being with Mann sometimes feels like the ultimate, in-your-face version of having a dinner companion who talks on a cell phone.

But don't be put off by it. Someday you, too, might be a cyborg.

Mann, a 41-year-old engineering professor at the University of Toronto, spends hours every day viewing the world through that little monitor in front of his eye — so much so that going without the apparatus often leaves him feeling nauseous, unsteady, naked.

While the small video camera gives him a recordable, real-time view of what's in front of him, the tiny screen is filled with messages or programming code fed by a computer and wireless transmitters that Mann straps to his body. He calls the experience "mediating reality" — sort of like having icons from your computer screen transposed onto your regular vision.

Mann manipulates the computer through a handheld key device he invented, though he has experimented with putting electrodes on his skin and trying to control the cursor with brain waves.

If it sounds a bit creepy, consider this: Mann became a cyborg so he could be more human.

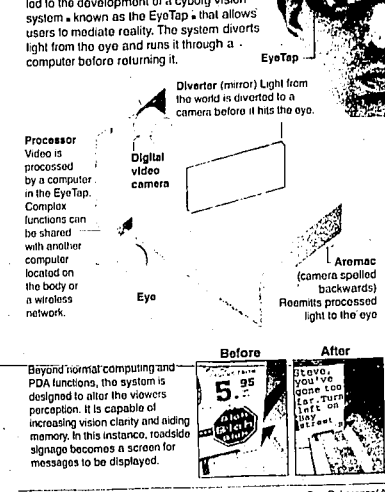
To be sure, that runs contrary to the sci-fi movie tradition of cyborgs (short for "cybernetic organisms") as electronic beasts, like in the "Terminator" movies. It also seems to violate a pastoral sense of what it means to be human: governed by spirit, reason and instinct, not infused with wires and silicon.

But Mann has sensitive and perceptive motives for his electronic immersion, which began 25 years ago. He believes that wearing computers and cameras will give people more power to maintain their privacy and individuality.

For one thing, Mann rous the power of wearable computers to filter out advertising and other elements of daily experience he finds objectionable.

And in a world of ever-increasing surveillance cameras for security, and strong database-mining software for government intelligence and corporate marketing,

The research of Professor Steve Mann has led to the development of a cyborg vision system known as the EyeTap — that allows users to mediate reality. The system diverts light from the eye and runs it through a computer before returning it.



SOURCE: Professor Steve Mann, University of Toronto Dan DeLorenzo/AP

Beyond normal computing and PDA functions, the system is designed to alter the viewers perception. It is capable of increasing vision clarity and aiding memory. In this instance, roadside signage becomes a screen for messages to be displayed.

Mann believes regular people ought to have cameras and powerful computers on them, too. It's all about leveling the power dynamic.

"People feel they're masters of their own destiny when everything they need is right there with them," he says.

A cyborg, could, say, take pictures of hostile police officers during a political demonstration and instantly post them on the Web — to spur others to join in the protest, perhaps, or to simply provide alternative documentation of the scene. Mann calls such postings "glogs" short for "cyborg blogs" ("blogs," of course, is itself shorthand for In more everyday language, Mann advocates "using a bit of the machine against itself.")

For example, Mann has created performance art by shooting video in stores that prohibit it, using handheld cameras more noticeable than the "EyeTap" ocular computing system he normally wears.

When employees tell him filming is not allowed, Mann points to the store's own surveillance cameras behind darkened domes in the ceiling.

Then he tells the employees that "HIS manager" makes him film public places for HIS security — how does he know, he tells them, that the fire exits aren't have to talk to HIS manager.

His behavior in such show-downs generally provokes hostility, confusion or resigned shrugs.

But don't try telling Mann that the complaining employees are just doing their jobs, and that his real beef is with executives who

make store policy Mann believes everyone should fight. The System, those powerful institutions lurking behind the one-way mirrors.

"Clerks should be confronted with their clerk-ness," Mann says one afternoon in the Deconism Gallery, an electronic-art studio he runs near Toronto's Chinatown.

That comment is pure Steve Mann — onto something, but pedantic about it.

"Cyberman," a 2001 Canadian documentary about his work, includes footage of Mann telling the director and producer which scenes they ought to use and which ones to cut, a conversation he surreptitiously filmed through the EyeTap.

Yet Mann's cyborg experience is much more than a political statement or geek showboating.

In his 2000 book "Cyborg: Digital-Destiny and Human Possibility in the Age of the Wearable Computer," Mann wrote about the surreal beauty he experienced in programming the computer in his vision to alter colors, or alert him to objects behind him.

"The wearable computer allows me to explore my humanity, alter my consciousness, shift my perspectives so that I can choose — any given time — to see the world in very different, often quite liberating ways," he wrote in "Cyborg."

For example, Mann and his graduate students have developed software that can transform billboards or other rectangular shapes in the physical world — when viewed through the lens of a wearable computer — into virtu-

al boxes for reading e-mail and other messages.

Mann envisions future generations walking down the street and seeing virtual, personalized messages on bus stops and building walls. A friend could log onto your plot to see where you were, then fire off a quick e-mail that only you would see on the park bench: "Turn around — you went two blocks too far."

Of course, there are more prosaic possibilities. Mann's graduate student James Fung once was wearing an EyeTap while sitting around a campfire with friends and used its wireless Internet connection to find a ghost story to tell.

"It was a nice example of myself and the computer working together," Fung says. "You could imagine that if it were completely concealed in glasses — people would naturally think that I was able to recall the stories myself."

Mann builds his "WearComps" and "EyeTaps" himself, with input from his wife, Betty, who has worn the gear, too, for nearly 15 years.

He has shrunk it dramatically over time. His first wearable system had to be carried in a device backpack, then it morphed into a terrible-looking beast that featured a helmet topped with rabbit-ear TV aerials. Eventually Mann developed a system that could be hidden behind sunglasses, and now uses the one-side-of-the-face wraparound.

It can plug into a variety of computers and devices. One of his common setups involves a computer with a Pentium 4 processor at least 512 megabytes of memory and a specialized operating system based on Linux.

Depending on where he's going, Mann carries a few different wireless transmitters so he can connect to whatever kind of network — Wi-Fi, cellular, old-fashioned radio — happens to be available.

The system lets him check e-mail while out and about, for example, though Mann says that to reject attachments that could leak the works. While lecturing to his classes, he can read his notes on the little monitor.

All this began in Mann's childhood in Hamilton, Ontario, where he was a tinkering misfit who would doodle circuitry designs in class.

He wired the family home to eavesdrop on his parents' conversations and invented a sonar raccoon detector for the backyard. He and his brother, Richard, now a computer science professor at Canada's University of Waterloo, put up sensors that would detect when a parent was coming upstairs, so the boys could pretend to be sleeping by the time their bedroom door opened.

As a teenager, Mann worked in a television repair shop and became fascinated by the mini-TVs that served as viewfinders in consumer camcorders. He decided to link that technology with computing, and by the late 1970s, he began experimenting with wearable computers.

## Tiny frogpad makes a big leap

By Craig Crossman  
Knight Ridder News Service

On the Net  
url: www.frogpad.com

Did you know that only around 20 percent of us who use a keyboard are full-fledged touch typists? The rest either hunt-and-peck or use two or three fingers on each hand to do their typing. In the search to design a better keyboard, many alternative keyboards are available. Some use different key layouts, different key positions and other creative methods that try and find a more elegant solution to the standard QWERTY keyboard.

Another ongoing endeavor is designing ways to make keyboards more portable. Some fold up making them easy to carry around, but they still must be opened when used. When you make a keyboard smaller, so do the keys and there's the rub. Most of these keyboards have keys that are way too small for most adult fingers. One way to get around the "small-keyboard-with-keys-that-are-too-small" paradox is to make a keyboard with less keys. Some of these smaller keyboards use a chording method where more than one key is pressed at the same time to produce alternative characters. The drawback to that method is the time you must spend to learn the new chording technique. But one keyboard maker has come up with a small keyboard that has full sized keys, requires no chording, and as an added bonus, it only requires one

hand to type anything. The FrogPad looks much like a numeric keypad but only uses 15 character and five function keys. The five function keys are placed along the FrogPad's bottom perimeter. These are Space, Number, Symbol, Enter and Shift. By combining the pressing of these function keys with your thumb and pressing any of the other 15 keys with your fingers, you can produce any character you can with a standard 101 key keyboard. The fifteen letters featured at the center of FrogPad's keyboard includes the letters "A," "E," "M" and "P" which are the keys most used during average English keyboard activity. All of the vowels can be pressed by the index finger. Hitting the Shift key at the bottom of the keyboard in conjunction with one of the 15 central keys, for example, leads to the rest of the alphabet. Similarly, pressing the Number key allows a person to type in numbers, and the Symbol key lets users type in punctuation marks. Indicator lights indicate which function key is selected as well as special and alternative modes that can be selected. According to the company, you will never have to simultaneously press more than two keys at any time.

## Paranoia groups find an audience

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — Ever wonder what happened to all those Y2K gloom-and-doomsayers? They're still at it, this time with a new cause.

From survivalists to conspiracy theorists to the remnants of the crowd that predicted the end of civilization when the year 2000 arrived, the global war on terror is providing a feeding frenzy of dangers to warm about.

Among the most vocal is the Northeast Intelligence Network (www.homelandsecurityus.com), a self-styled, anti-terror outfit specializing in independent data acquisition & analysis run by an Eric, Pa., private eye named Douglas Hagmann.

The site's current warning is that al-Qaida and other terror groups are planning to blow up

one of the Muslim world's most holy sites, the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem.

Another well-known terror alert site is run by longtime survivalist writer Steve Quayle, (www.stevestay.com), whose site also advertises fallout shelters, emergency food supplies and disaster preparation guides.

Then there's a site called the Millennium Ark (www.stand-eyo.com) that purports to assess current world disaster concerns, relating them to biblical prophecy, weather phenomenon and "the coming global economic collapse."

It was started in 1995 by a Pueblo, Colo., man named Stan Deyo, whose online biography claims he "held above top secret security clearance and worked undercover for the FBI."

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## Web inventor will be knighted

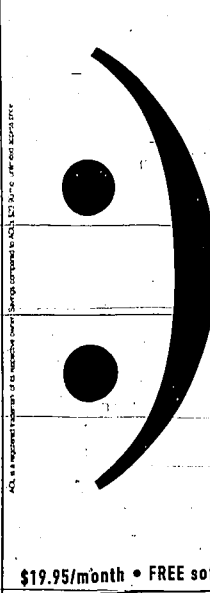
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Tim Berners-Lee will become a Knight Commander, Order of the British Empire for his work inventing the World Wide Web. Announcing the honor for the British citizen who lives in the United States was made Wednesday by Buckingham Palace.

"This applies to the whole Web development community and to the inventors and developers of the Internet, whose work made the Web possible," the 48-year-old said in a statement. "I accept this as an endorsement of the spirit of the Web ... of making best efforts to ensure its fundamental technologies are available to all."

In 1991, Berners-Lee developed the concept that led to Hypertext Markup Language that is used to create Web pages.

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# COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 735-3288

## West Enders turn out for blood drive

Event collects 91 pints of blood

By Sandra Wisecaver  
Special to The Times-News

**BUHL** - Despite lots of flu and colds in the West End, 97 healthy donors turned out Dec. 12, for the Buhl blood drawing at the Moose Hall.

With six deferrals for miscellaneous medical reasons, a total of 91 pints of blood were collected. Bob Bailey Jr. received a 13-gallon pint for donating his 104th pint of blood. Wilmont Koehn donated his 96th pint to receive a 12-gallon pin.

Keith Quigley received an eight-gallon pin for donating his 63th pint of blood. A three-gallon pin was awarded to Mike Ruffing for his 24th pint donation.

"Phil Blick, Doug Byboe and Ruth Harder each received two-gallon pins for giving their 16th pint of blood.

"We missed our quota of 108 pints, but appreciate those who were able to take the time Friday to donate blood," Chairman Sandra Wisecaver said. "Each pint of blood can help three people, which means our donors shared the 'gift of life' with 273 people.

"Those people will forever be grateful to the donors who gave them another holiday season with family and friends."

Four first-time donors were Priscilla Koehn, Reginald Koehn, Kurt Matkin and Jerry McAllister.

The next drawing will be held at the Moose Hall between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 20. To schedule an appointment, call Wisecaver at 543-2737.

The Buhl Moose provided the facility, and the Buhl Kiwanis



Photo courtesy of SANDRA WISECAVER

Volunteer donor and worker Ruth Crawford visits with donor Judy Quillon and Red Cross nurse Jen' Hodge at the drawing in Buhl.

Club showed up early and late to unload and load the equipment for the drawing. The women of the Buhl Catholic Church provided refreshments for donors and lunch for the workers. Edna Wiebe is the canteen recruiter, and Nedra Korte serves as the volunteer recruiter. Greeters were Ginny Hampton and Anita Svancara.

Facilitators were Chris DeAlta and Bobbi Huson, and Pat Koehn served as the escort. Carolyn Jones assisted with publicity.

Sandra Wisecaver is a volunteer coordinator with the American Red Cross.



Jerry McAllister was a first-time blood donor in Buhl at the most recent drive. Shown with nurse Mandy Manes, he was one of four first-time donors at the drawing.

## STORK REPORT

### Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Layla Marie Von Berndt, daughter of Lynn Marie Von Berndt of Buhl, was born Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003.

Gabriella Marie Coraway, daughter of Gayle Winter Molina of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003.

Anthony RJ Shosky, son of Amie Tonia Beem and Casey Lee Shosky of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004.

Adrian Isaac Dominguez, son of Adriana Isabel Dominguez of Rupert, was born Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004.

Ashley Lorene Faulkner, daughter of Aleshia Lorene and James Edward Faulkner of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004.

Louis Gary Jensen, son of Emily Lea and Gary Louis Jensen of Bliss, was born Monday, Jan. 5, 2004.

Diego Ivan Martinez, son of Beatrice Louise Guzman and Rodrigo Martinez of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 2, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:  
The Community Page  
The Times-News  
P.O. Box 548  
Twin Falls, ID 83303  
Or fax to: 734-5538  
Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.  
More information? Call 735-3278

Haylee Brienne Stations, daughter of Jessica Lee Ann Avalos of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003.

Kasey Scott Hinton, son of Shannon Michelle Mahay and Cecil Grover Hinton of Burley, was born Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004.

Muex Gonzales, son of Lusiaida Vanette Wallace and Herbert Gonzales of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004.

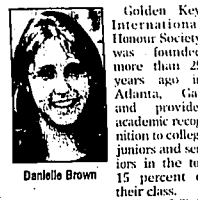
Noah Howard Darrow, son of Heather and Michael LeGrande Darrow of Buhl, was born Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Baxter appears in college stage production

Jacqueline Baxter, daughter of K. Baxter of Twin Falls, appeared in the production of "The Time of Your Life" presented Oct. 23-26 on Alexander Stage at Whitman College's Harper Joy Theatre in Walla Walla, Wash.

Baxter, a junior theater major, is a graduate of Wood River High School in Hailey.



Danielle Brown

Golden Key International Honour Society was founded more than 25 years ago in Atlanta, Ga., and provides academic recognition to college juniors and seniors in the top 15 percent of their class.

### Brown accepts membership in Golden Key Honour Society

Danielle Lee Brown, daughter of Dan and Kathie Pinther of Twin Falls, has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society.

Brown, a Boise State University student, was honored during a campus ceremony. She is majoring in accounting.

### She is 2000 graduate of Twin Falls High school

Sallysbury earns Master of Science at university

Morgan James Sallysbury, son of Os and Jacque Sallysbury of Twin Falls, has earned his Master of Science in geology from Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Wash.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Seventh-grade teachers at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls reward students who exhibit the agreements of mutual respect, attentive listening, appreciations and responsibility. Honored as Students of the Week for November and December were, from left, back row: Sarah Hawkins, Zach Thomas, Alexa Gregg, Jamie Sparrow and Andrew Vite; second row: Corbin Metcalf, Maril Nelwirth, Courtney Rose, Anna Henson and Clarissa Adams; front row: Sejdalla Saracovic, Ben Greene, Karen Arteaga, Shayla Whitton and Christy Bradshaw.



Photo courtesy of Robert Stuart Junior High School

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Upcoming workshop will teach how to motivate

**GOODING** - The Gooding Chamber of Commerce will hold a workshop, "Leading, Building and Activating Your Volunteer Team" from 8 a.m. to noon Jan. 23 at the Gooding Basque Center. The speaker will be Patrick McGaughey. The cost is \$30, which includes a continental breakfast. Entry deadline is Jan. 20, and registration form is at the Jerome County Historical Society Museum. For more information, call 324-5641.

### Coates volunteers as program chairperson

**JEROME** - Lulu Mae Coates is the Jerome County Historical Society's new program chairperson. To suggest a program of local or historical importance, call the museum at 324-5641 or send a letter to PO Box 50, Jerome, Idaho, 83338; or e-mail info@historical.jeromecounty.com

### CSI course offers 'Learn the ABCs of Photography'

**TWIN FALLS** - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will be offering the zero credit enrichment class, "The A-B-Cs of Photography" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 20 through March 18 in Art Place

102 on the CSI Campus. The cost will be \$68.

Instructor Rod Mathis will teach students the foundations of photography, covering lenses, light meter, flash, filters, f-stops, shutter speeds and composition. Students should have a camera that has fully adjustable shutter, lens aperture (f-stops).

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

### 4-H Club Winter Camp takes place Feb. 27-29

**TWIN FALLS** - The University of Idaho Extension 4-H Club Winter Camp is scheduled for Feb. 27-29.

Activities will include a search and rescue course, snow tubing, skiing and snowshoeing. There also be workshops for winter safety and survival.

Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due back by Feb. 6. For more information, call 734-9590.

### Rudy's cooks up a romantic dinner for two

**TWIN FALLS** - Jon Mortimer will present a class "Romantic Dinner for Two," from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 21 at Rudy's, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The menu will include potato crusted salmon filets over

Ratatouille, hazelnut crusted bric with apple lingonberry chutney, wild mushroom and sherry soup and wild mushroom strudel.

The cost is \$35. Mortimer is the chef of Mortimer's and B.B. Strands restaurants in Boise. He is a native Idahoan and graduated from the University of Arizona and the Horst Mager Culinary Academy. Mortimer recently published his first cookbook, "The Idaho Table."

For more information, call 733-5477.

### Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center holds dance

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at 536 Shoshone St. W. in Twin Falls. Music will be provided by Melody Masters.

The cost is \$4. For more information, call 734-5084.

### 4-H camp openings has four camp boards

**TWIN FALLS** - There are four openings for 4-H camp board members.

Camp board members meet twice year, and this is an opportunity to participate, submit ideas and use leadership skills.

To volunteer or for more information, call Teresa Tverdy at 734-9590.

### Idaho Youth Horse Council sponsors logo contest

**TWIN FALLS** - The Idaho Youth Horse Council is sponsoring a logo contest.

The winning logo will be used for Horse Council books and various other items. Entries must be in to the University of Idaho Extension offices by Feb. 1. Cash prizes include \$50 for first place, \$25 for second place, and \$10 for third place. For more information, call 734-9590.

### VFW POST 2072 holds monthly meeting

**RUPERT** - The Andrew Moller Post 2072 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. - Jan. 20 - at the post located at 12th and D streets in Rupert.

Memorial Day 2004 celebrations for the National World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. will be discussed, and all members are encouraged to attend. Qualifying veterans are encouraged to join and be actively involved in local VFW Community events.

For more information, call Post Commander Emmett Olmsted at 436-2350 or e-mail thechief@rmci.net.

## FIRST BABY



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Tammy Hanks of Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert presents a gift basket to the first baby born at the hospital in 2004, Aurora Trejo was born to Anna Trejo at 8:02 a.m. on Jan. 8. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Mother and child will receive a collection of items donated by area merchants, Minidoka Memorial Hospital and the hospital auxiliary.

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## Aquaculture promotes trout safety

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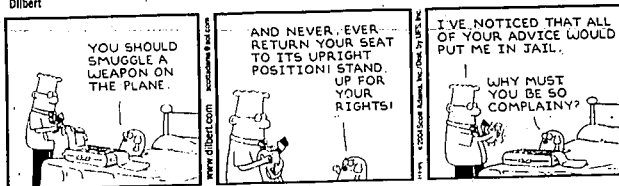
# COMICS

### Classic Peanuts

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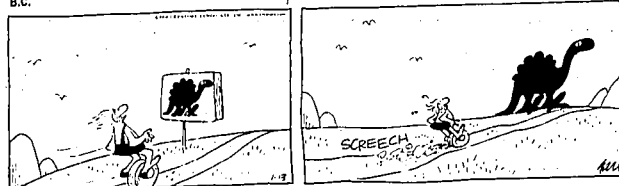


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By Johnny Hart



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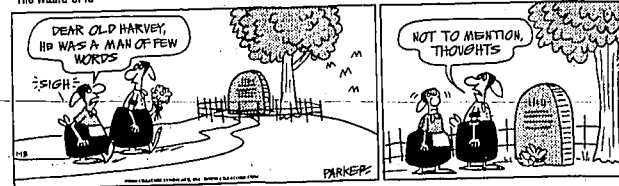
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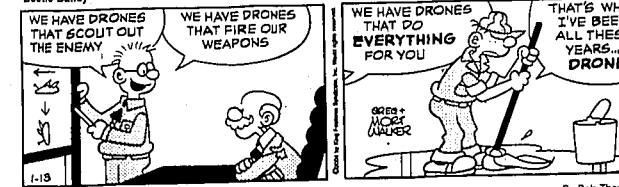
### Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



### Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



### Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



### The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



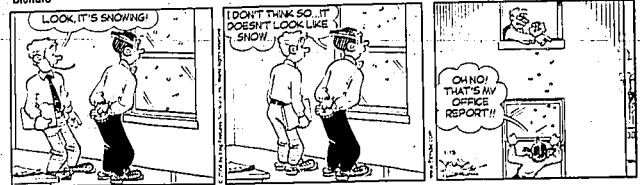
### For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



### Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



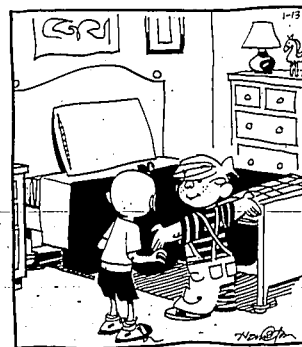
### Pickles

By Brian Crane



### Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



### The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



### Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



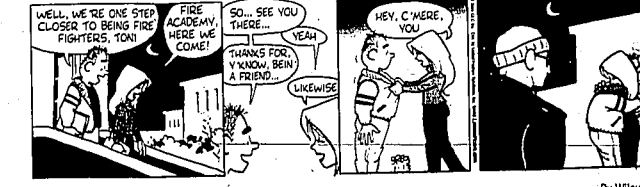
### Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



### Luann

By Greg Evans



### Strange Brew

By John Deering



### Non Sequitur

By Wiley

