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Rising toward the top: Kimberly junior wrestler Brad Silvester is challenging the top grapplers in his weight class.

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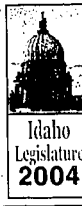
Kempthorne's proposal doesn't include funds for equipment to monitor smell around dairies

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BOISE - Though Gov. Dirk Kempthorne made reducing dairy odor a priority two years ago, his proposed 2004 state budget doesn't include \$255,100 the Idaho Department of Agriculture requested for odor monitoring equipment.

Environmental Quality has used to measure the gas emitted by the Desert Rose Farms dairy near Filer. In addition, the Ag Department asked for \$57,100 to pay a person to run the equipment, \$50,000 for operating expenditures, and \$23,000 for a vehicle to pull the equipment.

The equipment measures a variety of gases, including hydrogen sulfide and ammonia, said Marv Fatten, dairy bureau chief for the Ag Department. At Desert Rose Please see BUDGET, Page A4



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Watch your mouth!

FCC wants to clean up the airwaves

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael Powell said Wednesday he wants a tonal increase in the fines that can be imposed on broadcasters for indecent programming.

The current maximum levy is \$27,500, which Powell said is "peanuts" for big media companies.

"They're just a cost of doing business," he told a National Press Club luncheon. "That has to change."

Powell's proposal, which needs congressional approval, comes amid continued criticism of the FCC for a ruling last October that an explosive uttered by the musician Bono on a network TV program was not a d e c e n t because it was used as an adjective rather than to describe a sex act. And it follows a report last September by a conservative advocacy group, the Parents Television Council, that found much more foul language on network TV.

The trend has attracted the attention of federal lawmakers, who plan a hearing this month focusing on indecency. Broadcasters are trying to compete with coarser cable programming and are going after young men, who are courted by advertisers and considered less likely to be offended by explicit language.

"Clearly, we're beyond the 'Ozzie and Harriet' days but we still don't need some of this language that's out there," said Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on telecommunications and the Internet, which has scheduled the hearing for Jan. 28.

"It's on the air because they can get away with it," Upton said. "This is the use of the public airwaves. From what I know, the public does not appreciate the move to this type of language, and I don't either."

Under FCC rules and federal law, radio stations and over-the-air television channels cannot air obscene material at any time, and cannot air indecent material between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. The FCC defines obscene material as describing sexual conduct "in a patently offensive way" and lacking "serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value." Indecent material is not as offensive but still contains references to sex or excretions.

There are no such requirements for cable channels, which do not Please see LANGUAGE, Page A4



Michael Powell

So far, so good

Magic Mountain snowpack level hits six-year high

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

HANSEN - A group of scientist guys talking telemetry, pressure transducers and meteor bursts strapped on snowshoes and skis Wednesday at Magic Mountain to hike about half a mile on government business.

They headed to the snow course at Magic to manually measure snow depth and water content. It's information that helps farmers know how much water they can expect for irrigation.

On the way up the hill, the hikers and skiers offered the science behind the crystals that formed on the snow and the reason for warmer temperatures and calm conditions Wednesday on the mountain compared with the breezy, chilly valley.

The snowpack made for a comfortable trip. It wasn't puny like it was a year ago in mid-January, when Magic snow measured just 24 inches deep with a mere 6.5 inches of water content.

Wednesday's numbers were nearly double and better.

Water supply specialist Ron Abramovich with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and retired district conservationist Rich Yankey used a tube Please see SNOWPACK, Page A2



Natural Resources Conservation Service water supply specialist Ron Abramovich, right, and retired district conservationist Rich Yankey measure snowpack levels at a SNOTEL station at Magic Mountain Ski Resort Wednesday.

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Bush announces his moon, Mars initiative

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - President Bush set a soaring "new course for America's space program" on Wednesday by proposing manned exploration of the moon within a generation and of Mars sometime after that.

The price could soar, too, to about \$170 billion, according to a NASA document. But Bush spoke mostly of the challenge he saw ahead.

"We do not know where this journey will end," Bush said, standing before photos of the moon and Mars at NASA's headquarters. "Yet we do know this: Human beings are headed into the cosmos."

Comparing the new quest into space to the Lewis and Clark expedition that opened the American West, the president declared, "The desire to explore and understand is part of our character."



President Bush challenges NASA Wednesday in Washington to develop a new spacecraft to carry Americans back to the moon by 2015.

Astronauts could return to the moon to establish a more permanent outpost, instead of brief visits as in the Apollo era, as soon as 2015 or as late as



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2020, according to Bush's plan.

As he spoke, scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., prepared to send final instructions to NASA's Spirit rover to roll down a ramp early this morning and come to a stop on the salmon-colored martian soil. The 10-foot trip was expected to take less than two minutes.

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Investigators seek cows from herd of diseased bovine

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. - When investigators went to the Alberta, Canada, farm of Wayne and Shirley Forsberg, the couple's remarkably simple records made it easy to prove they raised the Holstein that brought the first known case of mad cow disease into the United States.

But investigators are having far more trouble finding the scores of other animals from the Forsberg ranch that came into the United States with the diseased cow.

Three weeks after the infected animal's discovery at a Meibon, Wash., farm, officials have located only 20 of the 81 cows they are looking for. That is because finding each cow requires a painstaking search that is

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Patchy morning fog, then cloudy and cool
Highs near 33
Tonight: Mostly cloudy and mostly dry Lows near 18

Tomorrow: Relatively dry with some clearing
Highs near 37

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy and chilly Relatively dry
Highs in the lower to middle 30s
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a chilly breeze developing
Lows in the teens

Tomorrow: Mostly dry with patchy clouds Highs in the middle to upper 30s

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Increasingly cloudy with a chance of snow starting this afternoon. Snow likely to fall at times on Friday. Mostly dry with some clearing taking place Saturday

Today Highs: 16 to 35 Tonight's Lows: 1 to 11
BOISE
Days of morning and late night fog developing. Otherwise more cloudy than not with chilly temperatures expected today. Patchy sunshine shining through clouds on Friday. Snow likely to fall at times on Saturday

Today Highs: 23 to 28 / 20 to 25
NORTHERN UTAH
More clouds than sunshine expected for the next several days. Chilly temperatures and brisk winds likely. Relatively dry weather will prevail.

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Yesterday's State Extremes: 49 at Lowell, Low: 6 at Malad
Weather key: su=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, mc=mostly cloudy, c=cloudy, th=thunderstorms, sh=showers, r=rain, an=snow, fl=fog, w=wind, m=missing

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 33	Low 18	37/16	39/18	38/21	35/22

Morning fog, then cloudy and chilly Mostly cloudy and dry Relatively dry with some clearing Partly cloudy and brisk A low chance of precipitation A low rain and snow showers

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure
Yesterday's High: 36	0.00"	92%	30.1 in
Yesterday's Low: 20	0.00"	61%	30.2 in
Month to Date: 0.00"	0.00"	81%	30.1 in
Year to Date: 2.33"	0.00"	84%	30.1 in

Temperature recorded through 5pm yesterday

Moon Phases and Moonset

Today: Moonrise: 1:29 AM Moonset: 12:20 PM
Friday: Moonrise: 2:15 AM Moonset: 1:27 PM
Saturday: Moonrise: 3:47 AM Moonset: 2:59 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	High	Low	City	High	Low
Boise	32-22	10-16	Albany	32-22	10-16
Bonanza Ferry	35-25	17-10	Almo	32-22	10-16
Burley	33-17	15-10	Arco	32-22	10-16
Challis	24-13	14-10	Arden	32-22	10-16
Coeur d'Alene	31-18	14-10	Arden	32-22	10-16
Ellis	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Elgin	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Gooding	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Grange	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Hammond	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Hazelton	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Idaho Falls	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Jerome	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Laurel	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Malad	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Massena	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
McCall	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Minidoka	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Mountain Home	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Payson	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Pocatello	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Post Falls	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Rupert	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Shoshone	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
St. Albans	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
St. Anthony	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
St. Charles	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
St. George	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
St. Leon	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
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St. Victor	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
St. Zena	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Theriot	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Twin Falls	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Waldport	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Wendover	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Wilder	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Wood River	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16
Yamhill	31-11	10-16	Arden	32-22	10-16

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	High	Low	City	High	Low
Calgary	22	10	Edmonton	22	10
Winnipeg	22	10	Regina	22	10
Saskatoon	22	10	Victoria	22	10
Vancouver	22	10	Seattle	22	10
Portland	22	10	San Francisco	22	10
Los Angeles	22	10	Phoenix	22	10
Denver	22	10	Chicago	22	10
St. Louis	22	10	Indianapolis	22	10
Columbus	22	10	Pittsburgh	22	10
Cleveland	22	10	Philadelphia	22	10
Baltimore	22	10	Washington	22	10
New York	22	10	Atlanta	22	10
Miami	22	10	Fort Worth	22	10
Dallas	22	10	Houston	22	10
San Antonio	22	10	Memphis	22	10
Little Rock	22	10	Shreveport	22	10
Mobile	22	10	New Orleans	22	10
San Diego	22	10	Las Vegas	22	10
Phoenix	22	10	Albuquerque	22	10
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Chicago	22	10	St. Louis	22	10
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Dallas	22	10	Houston	22	10
San Antonio	22	10	Memphis	22	10
Little Rock	22	10	Shreveport	22	10
Mobile	22	10	New Orleans	22	10

Snowpack

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To sample four cores from the snowpack. They used the depth measurements and moisture of the samples to calculate moisture content.

The snowpack was 47 inches deep holding 13.4 inches of water. That is about right where it should be for a normal year, and the best it's been in six years, Abramovich said.

"We're in the bottom of the fourth inning, and Mother Nature is at bat," Abramovich said.

High pressure has been dominating southern Idaho for the past week, and still above-average mountain snowpacks are slipping a percentage point each day. And soils are still dry, which means they will absorb a good chunk of water before it can reach reservoirs during the spring thaw.

The NRCS uses a network of 600 snow sites in 11 Western states to monitor precipitation and forecast water supplies. Many of the sites are automated like the one at Magic and record hourly updates of mountain snowpack conditions. The information has become useful not only for water supply forecasts, but for skiers wondering if they should bother to head up the mountain, or highway districts checking for new snowfall.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake Basin	109%	55%
Salmon Falls	121%	60%
Salmon	100%	49%
Oakton	117%	58%
Big Wood	108%	55%
Little Wood	125%	60%
Henry's Fork/Teton	123%	62%
Big Lost	118%	56%
Little Lost	94%	47%

*A comparison of basin snowpack, on Jan. 15, with 30-year average.
**An indicator of season snowpack for the entire snow basin, which peaks in April.

The sites include precipitation gauges and temperature and snow depth sensors. Manual measurements are taken once or twice each winter to verify automated reports.

Some sites still are measured manually each month. And many sites aren't as easy to access as Magic Mountain. They can be reached only by helicopter.

Incidentally, meteor bursts offer a communications signal for the remote sites to transmit data to snow survey headquarters.

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Survey: Firms plan to ax care for retirees

Los Angeles Times

Increasing numbers of Americans who plan to retire may find their future health-care benefits wiped out in the next three years, according to a survey of some of the largest U.S. companies that was released Wednesday.

Citing the rising costs of health care, 71 percent of 408 companies surveyed by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Hewitt Associates said they had made retirees shoulder a bigger share of insurance premiums in the past year.

Ten percent said they had done away completely with subsidized health benefits for future retirees, and 20 percent said they would likely eliminate the benefits by 2007.

If employers follow that path, retired Americans could join the growing ranks of the underinsured and the federal Medicare health insurance system could come under increasing strain.

"This is a retreat from the promise that companies have made to workers since World War II," said Jamie Court, president of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights in Santa Monica, Calif. "It's an abrogation of a social contract."

Kaiser, a nonprofit health policy organization, and Hewitt, a consulting firm, didn't identify the companies surveyed but said they included 45 percent of the Fortune 100. All of them have more than 1,000 employees.

In the survey, 86 percent said they planned to increase retirees' health insurance costs in the next three years. "This is something we are seeing with both retirees and employees," said Tricia Neuman, a vice president at Kaiser. "It's the same story - costs are being shifted to both groups."

Report: Braun to drop out, back Dean

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseloni Braun, whose presidential campaign never got off the ground, will drop out of the race and endorse from-runner Howard Dean, campaign officials said Wednesday.

Officials close to the Dean campaign confirmed that they expect Braun to immediately endorse the former Vermont governor Thursday in Iowa. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Space

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Wednesday's much anticipated announcement was heavy on the what and where of this new initiative, but light on the how and the how much.

"The missions would employ a next-generation 'Crew Exploration Vehicle' that would replace the current space shuttle, which would be scrapped in 2010. Construction work on the International Space Station, the world's current presence in space, would finish at the same time. It could be used to help on the moon-Mars mission."

Robert M. Stivers, the Spirit rover now on Mars will have the power for manned moon missions, which could be launched as soon as 2008.

Bush gave no date for humans visiting the red planet. Sean O'Keefe, NASA's administrator, said: "Our principle destination is Mars to be sure. That's why we're there right now."

Cows

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The Forsters' herd-keeping was thorough, if crude. "We had a little calendar in the barn where we wrote everything down," Shirley Forster recalled last week. The calendar was dated back to 1965, with the couple started farming, and listed the birth of calves and other relevant information.

Those records showed that the infected cow was born in 1997, shortly before the United States and Canada banned the use of cattle feed made from the ground-up tissue of other livestock. Such feed is believed to spread mad cow disease.

The infected Holstein remained in Alberta until the Forsters retired and sold their herd in 2001. A group of 81 or 82 animals from the ranch was shipped to the United States, entering the border at Orville, Wash., on Sept. 4, 2001.

The Forsters had to obtain a health certificate to export the animals, which were inspected and given ear tags.

Investigators tracking those 81 animals found several more at the Mabson ranch and at farms in Quincy, Wash., and Mattawa, Wash. But the rest are unaccounted for.

Nancy Roberts, acting USDA veterinarian for New Jersey, is not involved in the search, but said all tracebacks are essentially the same.

Officials begin by looking for any tags, tattoos, brands or other distinguishing characteristics. They are health certificates required for imported cattle into the United States, plus sales records kept by buyers and sellers.

Then there are the interviews with people who may have come across the animal. One problem is that anything they say could include errors caused by faulty memories or jumbled ID numbers. "A lot of what we do in tracebacks is based on memory," Roberts said. "You can have recall errors."

Despite the obstacles, such traces generally end in success and have been instrumental in the near eradication of brucellosis and tuberculosis in cattle, Roberts said.

Man faces theft charge

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A 70-year-old man who went treasure hunting with a metal detector at Valley Forge National Historical Park has been indicted on charges of illegally unearthing Revolutionary War artifacts, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Alfred Lucien, of Port Chester, N.Y., was on vacation 15 years ago when he decided to forage for trinkets. "He was working away and having a ball, and they arrested him," his wife, Ruth, said.

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NATION

LONG GOODBYE

Petty Officer Heath Green, of Tupelo, Miss., gets a hug from his daughter, Lauren, 2, before boarding the USS Boxer at the 32nd Street Naval Station in San Diego for its return deployment to the conflict in Iraq.



Report: Suicide rate among Iraq troops rises

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. soldiers in Iraq are killing themselves at a high rate despite the work of special teams sent to help troops deal with combat stress, the Pentagon's top doctor said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, about 2,500 soldiers who have returned from the war on terrorism are having to wait for medical care at bases in the United States, said Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant

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secretary of defense for health affairs. The problem of troops on "medical extension" is likely to get worse as the Pentagon rotates hundreds of thousands of troops into and out of Iraq this spring, he said.

Both situations illustrate the stresses placed on the troops and the military's health system by the war in Iraq.

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Suicide has become such a pressing issue that the Army sent an assessment team to Iraq late last year to see if anything more could be done to prevent troops from killing themselves. The Army also began offering more counseling to returning troops after several soldiers at Fort Bragg, N.C., killed their wives and

themselves after returning home from the war.

Winkenwerder said the military has documented 21 suicides during 2003 among troops involved in the Iraq war. Eighteen of those were Army soldiers, he said.

Senator: Bush plays politics with Iraq war

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush marketed the war on Iraq as a "political product" to influence the 2002 elections and is doing so again this year, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., charged Wednesday in a scathing speech accusing Bush of putting politics ahead of national security.

In a speech to the liberal Center for American Progress, Kennedy said the war has increased hatred for the United States abroad, diverted attention from the broader war against terrorism and put the country more "at risk" than it was before.

Kennedy, a leading Democratic liberal who was among the small minority of lawmakers to vote against the congressional authorization for war in 2002, has been criticizing Bush on Iraq for months, but rarely in such a sweeping fashion. He accused the administration of distorting intelligence and pursuing an ideological agenda in building the case for war.

"No president of the United States should employ misguided ideology and distortion of the truth to take the nation to war," he said. "In doing so, the president broke the basic bond of trust between the government and the people."

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, denounced the speech, calling it a "hatful attack against the commander in chief." He said Kennedy "insulted the president's patriotism, accused the Republican Party of treason, and resurrected the weak and indecisive foreign policy of Jimmy Carter and Michael Dukakis."

Kennedy referred approvingly to an assertion by former Treasury secretary Paul O'Neill in a new book that Bush began planning for war against Iraq shortly after taking office in 2001. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has denied the assertion, but Kennedy indicated he believes it, praising O'Neill's "integrity, intelligence and vision" and saying the book has "now revealed what many of us have long suspected."

Brazil says pilot made obscene gesture during security check

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — An American Airlines pilot was fined nearly \$13,000 Wednesday on accusations he made an obscene gesture when being photographed at the airport as part of entry requirements for U.S. citizens, officials said.

Brazil imposed the new rules that Americans be fingerprinted and photographed at entry points in response to the similar rules in the United States for citizens of Brazil and other countries whose citizens need visas to enter.

The pilot, Dale Robin Hersh, lifted his middle finger while undergoing the new security process at Sao Paulo's Guarulhos International Airport, said federal prosecutor Mathews Baraldi Magnani.

Police accused the pilot of showing contempt to authorities, a crime in Brazil, and escorted him to a nearby federal courthouse for possible formal charges.

However, Hersh agreed to pay a fine before he leaves Brazil in exchange for no charges being filed, the prosecutor said.

"Since this was a minor crime I proposed that he be fined 36,000 reais (\$12,750), which will later be donated to a home for the elderly," Magnani told reporters.

Hersh was freed on his own recognizance. The prosecutor said Hersh expected to pay the fine on Thursday.

It wasn't immediately clear where Hersh was staying Wednesday night.

Clinton touts deal to trim AIDS drugs costs

NEW YORK (AP) — An agreement with five leading medical technology companies will reduce the cost of treating millions of HIV-infected people in Africa and the Caribbean, former President Clinton said Wednesday.

The deal brokered by his foundation could affect 90 percent of HIV-positive people in the Caribbean and one-third of those in sub-Saharan Africa, Clinton said.

"We're systematically changing

the economics of AIDS treatment in places where before now very, very few people have been able to receive care," said Clinton, speaking at his office in Harlem.

Under the agreement, five companies — Bayer Diagnostics, Beckman Coulter, Becton, Dickinson and Company, bioMérieux, and Roche Diagnostics — would discount the prices of two types of tests needed in HIV/AIDS treatment.

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use the public airwaves. Watchdogs say broadcasters should match cable quality, not cable language. "Nobody turns on 'The Sopranos' to see sex, violence and foul language," said Lara Mahaney, director of corporate and entertainment affairs for the Parents Television Council. "It's good programming."

The National Association of Broadcasters declined to comment. So did NBC, which aired the Golden Globes Awards show last year when Bono, the lead singer

of the Irish rock group U2, said the F-word.

Powell has asked the other four FCC commissioners to overturn the FCC enforcement bureau's ruling that Bono's comments were not indecent or obscene because the F-word was used as an adjective. Legislation has been introduced in the House to prohibit broadcasters from airing eight specific words or phrases, including the word uttered by Bono.

The chairman's call for higher fines attracted support from Upton, who said he would introduce legislation this month to boost fines.

"He rightly complained about the lack of his ability to fine guilty parties," Upton said. "We're going

to do all we can do to strengthen that arm of his to try to get this junk off the air."

The Senate Commerce Committee last year passed legislation boosting the penalties for indecency from \$27,500 to \$250,000, part of a bill renewing the FCC. The full Senate did not act on it.

The commission's two largest penalties for indecency were \$1.7 million against Infinity Broadcasting in 1995 to settle several cases against radio disc jockey Howard Stern and \$357,000 in October against Infinity for a segment on the "Ople and Aunty" radio show in which a couple was said to be having sex in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral.

has to wait a year to get the equipment, "it won't be life threatening," he said.

try and the state are making great strides in reducing dairy odor problems. If the Ag Department

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Farms, the information from the DEQ equipment indicated that owner Hank Hafziger has made progress over the past three years in decreasing the amount of gases coming from his dairy.

The information can also be used by conservation groups against dairymen. There is a national push to force owners of concentrated animal feeding operations to report the amount of gases they emit to the federal government through the Clean Air Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. Two Magic Valley dairymen have been targeted for reporting.

"The governor remains committed to ag odor," Kemphorne spokesman Michael Journee said Wednesday. "You know the budget situation this year. It's a very tight budget, and to be honest, there were a lot of requests from a lot of agencies all over the state that were turned down."

But Bob Naerebout, director of the Idaho Dairy Producers Association, said his group is anxious to move forward on dairy odor mitigation. "We've always said we're supportive of funding solutions for dairy odor," Naerebout said. "But first you have to identify the problem."

Identifying the problem comes from measuring the gases, he said. Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, represents western Twin Falls County, where there have been ongoing complaints about dairy odor. He said he'd be "extremely disappointed and would ask the governor to rethink his decision if in fact he was not going to fund the air quality management program, specifically dairy odor monitoring equipment."


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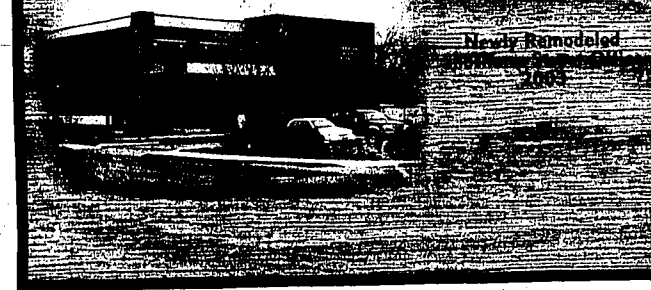


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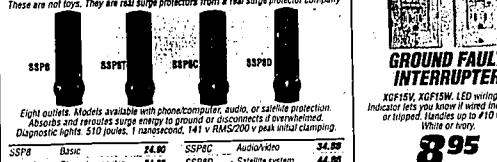
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Dr. Lee Randolph Beck, a biologist and former professor at the University of Alabama Medical School explains, "FLUIDjoint has extensive scientific support, and FLUIDjoint's micronutrients have been tested in well-controlled

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Figure 1 depicts the effect measurements for FLUIDjoint and glucosamine sulfate in one of the studies. FLUIDjoint beat glucosamine in the head to head study by an impressive 60%.

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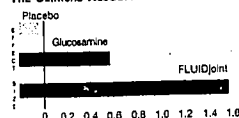
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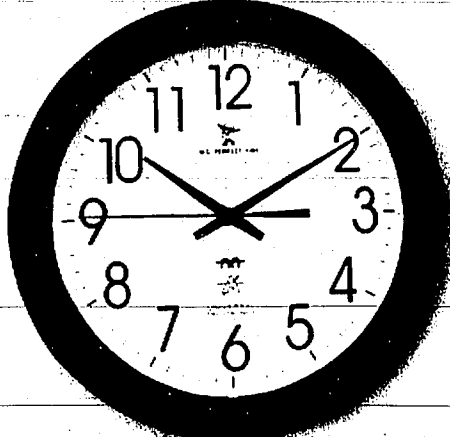


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Space dreams should come back to earth

"Dear Ms. Applebaum,
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Anyone who has ever written an article and had it printed in a public place will know how much e-mail has changed the way that readers communicate with authors. A decade ago, a controversial article might spark three or four letters, of which one would contain obscenities written in green ink. Nowadays you can count on several hundred e-mail missives, of which perhaps half will be literate and thoughtful and the rest will contain insults of the kind that people generally write only to strangers.

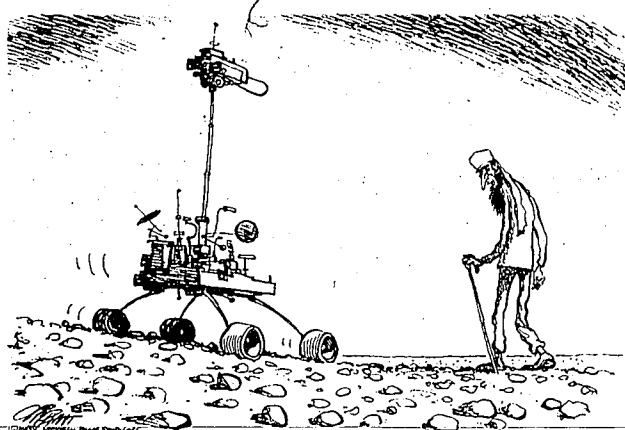
ANNE APPLEBAUM

"I hope you are stuck here on earth when our environment is destroyed by accidental war, pollution, microbes, or a wayward meteor and have nowhere else to go."

Although I've grown used to this phenomenon, I was nevertheless completely unprepared for the passions sparked by a column I wrote last week ("NASA's new mission leads nowhere"). I meant to point out, in a mild sort of way, that human space travel might not be absolutely necessary, that it might cost more money than we can afford at the moment, that robots do most of the work better, and that the notion of humans living on Mars might be pretty far-fetched.

"As for the bone-chilling temperatures: Warmth is a relative term. Or is it your view that the Earth is the norm for the entire universe?"

In fact, the e-mail onslaught ran about 60-40 in my favor. Many of the positive missives came from scientists, even ex-NASA scientists, and ran along the lines of "thank God someone has said the emperor has no clothes." But the negative ones were remarkable both for the level of anger and for the fact that most contained no rational arguments whatsoever. Instead,



they cited the "religious awe" that space travel inspires, or the "human quest to explore and discover," or even, somewhat inappropriately, the 19th-century notion of "manifest destiny." The best most could do was to cite the (undisputed) scientific achievements of the space program, albeit failing to note that none, with the possible exception of freeze-dried ice cream, had much to do with the presence of humans in space.

Indeed, we might well have achieved more, visited more planets, and created something even more amazing than microprocessors if we had focused all of that tremendous talent

– and all of that money – on sending probes to more distant destinations, or even, say, on unraveling the genetic code far earlier.

"Mars DOES have air. Okay, so we can't breathe it..."

The point is that different people are inspired by different scientific riddles: the secrets of the atom, the mysteries of the brain, the intricacies of human psychol-

ogy. But – judging from my e-mail – space travel fanatics arrogantly assume that their dream, and their vision of what humans should explore, is somehow morally and intellectually superior. And for four decades, they've had vast quantities of taxpayers' money, political ideology – we started all of this to prove that we were better than the Russians, remember? – and an enormous bureaucracy supporting their particular fantasy. A few days after my column appeared, the White House declared that the president intends to launch yet another space program. This is a classic example of the way this particular brand of science is always used: to bolster a political campaign, or to inspire patriotism, or to support a particular vision of us, as a nation. Not that this is uniquely American. The Soviet cult of space persists to this day, and the Chinese are now building one as well.

But ultimately, none of this religious awe has sufficed to sustain a long-term program. The Apollo missions were halted because there wasn't anything to do on the moon and the public grew bored. The space shuttle, as a Brookings Institution budgetary

study reports this week, was conceived as a cheap way of sending humans on as many as 60 missions a year. The cost and complexity of keeping people on board alive quickly led to a radical downsizing of the program to an annual average of five missions, and even those had limited scientific capability. And until the Challenger crash – let's be honest here – the public had lost interest in the space shuttle as well.

I don't doubt that a new Mars mission or a new moon mission – or whatever the president decides to announce – will end the same way. But if the president's goal is to tap into the vast well of unfocused religiosity out there, and the righteous anger of people who have grown accustomed to seeing their personal dreams backed with government funding, he may well, I now realize, be on to something.

"Are space missions risky? Yes. So? So's walking down the street!"

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Anne Applebaum is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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NATION

Gephardt rails Dean, who rails Clark as race tightens

By Ron Fournier Associated Press writer

NEVADA, Iowa - Dick Gephardt accused Howard Dean of "manufactured anger and false conviction" in a hotly contested Democratic presidential campaign that turned sharply negative Wednesday.

Dean, his leads shrinking in Iowa and New Hampshire, complained around being "knocked around by all those Washington insiders." He suggested that retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark is a closet Republican unfit to face President Bush's re-election machine.

Even so, Dean pledged to support whoever wins the nomination "because anybody is better than George W. Bush." The mixed message reflected a struggle inside each campaign to balance positive and negative messages. Five days before the caucuses, Dean and Gephardt are locked in a tie for first, followed closely by Sens. John Edwards and John Kerry.

Despite inferior organizations, the senators are gaining steam and could benefit if the leading candidates tear each other down, party officials said.

The results Monday night could reshape the field for the Jan. 27 New Hampshire primary and a seven-state showdown Feb. 3.

"Gephardt better stop worrying about Dean and watch his own butt because those two other guys are nipping at it," said Dave Nagle, a former state party chairman and Iowa congressman who backs Dean.

He was one of several surrogates who telephoned reporters about Gephardt's legislative record, which includes shifts on abortion, Social Security and tax cuts. Union leader Gerald McEntee issued a thinly veiled warning.

"We haven't lifted up any rocks



Howard Dean

in terms of Dick Gephardt or John Kerry - John Edwards or anybody else," he said, "But if this is the politics that people want to play ..."

Dean has a reputation for rewarding candidates who stick to a positive, hopeful message but that theory has its limits.

Uplift appeals work on undecided Democrats - and polls show

a large number of them left in Iowa - but Gephardt and Dean seem to have determined that most of the fence-sitters will remain undecided, thus they've shifted tactics to energize their core supporters.

Wesley Clark

"The positive stuff is how you win the voters," said Fred Antezak, a University of Iowa professor specializing in cam-



Wesley Clark

aign rhetoric and voter reaction. "The negative stuff makes sure your voters are motivated to come out."

For Dean, his focus is opposition to the war in Iraq. For Gephardt, his appeal is to blue-collar workers frightened about trade deals and lost jobs.

"John Kerry, Joe Lieberman, Howard Dean and Wesley Clark, who all supported NAFTA, are now acting like they fought against it. And John Edwards supported the China trade deal," Gephardt said in a speech to several dozen backers.



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Democratic candidates pour millions into TV ads

Knight Ridder News Service DES MOINES, Iowa - Democratic candidates for president have poured so much money into television ads here that they have spent nearly \$90 for each Iowa caucus-goes.

A crowded field of candidates already has invested \$21 million in TV advertising nationwide, including \$8.7 million here in the state that will cast the first judgment on Democrats on Jan. 19. That amounts to \$87 for each of the 100,000 Iowans who may turn out for Monday's caucuses.

These are among the findings of a University of Wisconsin survey released Wednesday. The irony of so much money invested in so few voters is that experts believe the ads will have little impact on the people - fewer than one-in-five of all registered Democrats - who will show up for what is basically an organizational feat.

At 1,993 far-flung caucuses throughout this state, supporters for each candidate will rally as many followers as possible during one frigid winter evening of cajoling and head-counting, ending with allotment of delegates to a state convention.

But voters are likely to arrive with more information from direct-mailings and telephone calls inundating the homes of likely caucus-goers than anything seen on TV here.

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It's a pretty good fairy tale.

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—Carolina quarterback Jake Delhomme on the Panthers playoff march

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Which former NFL Pro Bowl linebacker, now serves in the Louisiana House of Representatives?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school girls basketball**
 Wendell at Valley, 6 p.m.
 Shoshone at The Community School, 6 p.m.
 Buhl at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
 Camas County at Bliss, 6 p.m.
 Gooding at DeLo, 6 p.m.
 Dietrich at Richfield, 6 p.m.
- High school boys basketball**
 Wood River at Filer, 6 p.m.
 Century at Minico, 6 p.m.
 Camas County at Bliss, 4:30 p.m.
 Twin Falls at Pocatello, 6 p.m.
 M.V. Christian at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
- High school wrestling**
 Wood River/Filer at Wendell, 5 p.m.
 Century at Burley, 7 p.m.
- High school bowling**
 Burley at Filer, 4:30 p.m.
 Jerome at Wendell, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Cheer, dance clinic will be on Jan. 24

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will hold its Mini Golden Eagle Cheer and Dance Clinic Saturday, Jan. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon in the CSI gymnasium. The cost for kids grades kindergarten through Grade 6 is \$20. That fee includes pom-poms and a game pass to that night's game against North Idaho College. The participants will perform at half-time of the women's game which starts at 6 p.m.

Registration forms are available at the Twin Falls elementary schools and at the CSI gym. Participants can register the day for the clinic at 8:30 a.m. but may not get pom-poms like those who have pre-registered. For more information, call Cathy Trotter at 732-6472.

T.F. American Legion baseball plans meeting

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls American Legion Baseball informational meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, in Room G-6 at Twin Falls High School. Any interested parents and players are invited. For more information, call Laird Stone at 733-2721.

Pomerelle hosts slope style competition

ALBION — The Pomerelle Mountain Resort will host a slope style competition Saturday. Competition is open to all ages, with trophies and medallions given to the top three places in each division. Registration is 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. the day of the event with competition starting at noon. All entries must pay a \$5 entry fee and a \$5 bib deposit. A Pomerelle release waiver signed by a parent is required for all competitors under 18 years of age. Wavers can be found at local sports stores, Pomerelle Mountain, or on-line at www.pomerelle-mtn.com. For more information, please call 673-5599.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Pat Swilling

Filer's Silvester makes a splash



By Eric Larsen
Times-News Writer

FILER — If anyone still believes that the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference wrestling season is just a two-man race, the Filer faithful have something to say. Standing atop the class are Buhl's Will Baggs and Kimberly's Joey Silva — and now — Wildcat junior Brad Silvester. In what is arguably the deepest weight class in the Magic Valley, Silvester set himself apart with a third-place finish at last weekend's Buhl Invitational by pinning Silva. Silvester finished 4-1 for the tournament, losing only to the eventual champion, Baggs.

"It was just exhilarating," Silvester said of the tournament. "I've had great competition in my weight class."

RISEING STAR

High School Sports

Add in the fact that Silvester pinned Jerome's Ryan Musgrave, and people would be remiss to leave Silvester's name off the list of the Magic Valley's top 171-pound wrestlers.

"It just feels awesome to be at that level, to be a contender," said Silvester. Physique immediately draws attention. It also creates problems for opponents.

"I'm taller, so I have leverage over my opponents," Silvester said. "I'm also fairly strong for how tall I am."

Silvester's drive and work ethic set him apart from the crowd. Raised on a farm, Silvester is accustomed to difficult tasks.

"I've always had to get up and work at the start-of-the-day," said Silvester.

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Filer wrestler Brad Silvester is at home in the Wildcats' weight room. The 171-pound junior placed third in the deepest weight class at the Buhl Invitational.

Bruins race past Indians

By Dustin Lpray
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Lady Bruins went on a 24-2 run during the first and second quarters to open up their 68-43 win over the visiting Pocatello Lady Indians Wednesday in Twin Falls.

The Bruin win sets up a matchup with first place Skyline Friday night in Twin Falls. The Bruins (10-4, 5-2) are in third place in the District III Region Four-Five-Six standings, behind Highland and Skyline.

"We finally got some offense and hit some baskets tonight," Bruin coach Joe D. Shepard said. "And our defense stopped them cold."

Amanda Hovey scored 10 of her game-high 24 points in the third quarter to put the game away. Hovey also drained the Bruins only two 3-pointers.

"Hovey was unconscious," Pocatello coach Tony Stapleton said. "If she's going to shoot the ball like that in her gym, they're going to be hard to beat here."

The Bruins used a box-and-one defense to contain Indians point guard Lacey Pearson, holding her to nine points.

"Belinda Turley and Chelsea Irons did a good job on Pearson. She's their main scorer," said Shepard.

The Lady Bruins also used a full-court press to create first half turnovers. The Bruins had 10 steals in the first half alone. Twin Falls stopped the full-court pressure after the break.

"They put a lot of pressure on our point guard," coach Stapleton said. "That took us out of a lot of our sets. We'll have to adjust to that come tournament time if we get another chance to see them."

Hannah Heidennreich pounded in 12 points in the paint as she battled with Pocatello post Kristen Kerr. Kerr finished with a team-high 11 points.

Amy Bratvold also had 12 points for the Lady Bruins in the win.

Pocatello did close the gap in the second half as coach Shepard substituted got his bench players some playing time.

The Bruins second team (Shakira Bandolin, Jayme Edwards, Carla

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Twin Falls High School point guard Amanda Hovey goes up against Pocatello High School defender Ali Zikratov during the second quarter of the Bruins' 68-43 win in Baul Gymnasium on Wednesday.

AP/WIDE WORLD

Coordinators step up into head roles

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Mike Mularkey was hired as coach of the Buffalo Bills on Wednesday, his first head coaching job after 10 years as an assistant in Pittsburgh while Lovie Smith will take on the Chicago Bears.

Smith was hired Wednesday as the Bears new head coach. He was given a four-year deal to replace Dick Jauron, who was fired Dec. 29.

Smith was to be officially introduced at a news conference Thursday, team spokesman Scott Hugel said.

Mularkey, who spent the last three seasons as the Steelers' offensive coordinator, replaces Gregg Williams, fired after a disappointing 6-10 season.

Mularkey has ties to Bills' president and general manager Tom Donahoe dating to 1996, when the Steelers, with Donahoe in the front office, hired Mularkey to be their tight ends coach. Under Mularkey, the Steelers' offense ranked in the top five for two of the last three seasons. The Steelers slipped to 22nd this season.

After having one of the best offenses in 2002, the Bills ranked 30th this season.

Buffalo finished 3-13 and 8-8 in Williams' first two seasons.

One of Mularkey's challenges will be to try to improve the Bills' inept offense. Others who interviewed for the Bills' head coaching position: former Giants coach Jim Fassel, current Bears coach Dick Jauron, current Bills defensive coordinator Jerry Gray, Smith, Patriots defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel and offensive coordinator Charlie Weis.

The Bears focused on Smith and Pittsburgh offensive line coach Russ Grimm when Nick Saban turned them down last weekend. Smith was the Rams' defensive coordinator for the past three seasons and spent five years as a position coach at Tampa Bay. He also was a college coach for 13 years.

Injuries pile up for Jazz

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz have a waiting list to get on the injured list.

Matt Harpring, Utah's leading scorer, will have his right knee operated on Friday, making him the fourth Jazz player this season to have surgery. The Jazz will be down to an 11-man lineup for a while longer.

"We've got 11 players. We should be able to form a team with 11 players. That means we've got two teams and one person on the list longer," said Kevin O'Connor, the Jazz's vice president for basketball operations.

Harpring is likely done for the season. Center Ben Handlogten, who had knee surgery last week for torn ligaments, is definitely out. Center Curtis Borchardt (broken wrist) and forward Keon Clark (ankle surgery) are out at least two more weeks, Jazz trainer Gary Briggs said.

Injuries have haunted Utah much more this season than they have in the past.

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Utah Jazz forward Matt Harpring stands by in street clothes as his team takes a time out during the first quarter against the Golden State Warriors Tuesday in Salt Lake City. Harpring is scheduled to have knee surgery Friday, likely ending the season for Utah's leading scorer.

AP Photo

Owners mull Expos, Dodgers' futures

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — It appears the proposed sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers to a Boston real estate developer will come down to the Jan. 31 deadline.

Basel's ownership committee discussed the \$430 million agreement between News Corp. and Frank McCourt on Wednesday and will send a delegation to meet with him in Los Angeles next week. The group will include Bill Bartholomew of the Atlanta Braves and Jerry Reinsdorf of the Chicago White Sox.

The committee has been examining the financing for the deal and whether it complies with baseball's rules on the allowable amount of debt, a baseball official said on the condition of anonymity.

McCourt also met with several owners last week, and his agreement calls for the sale to close by the end of January. It won't be voted on at Thursday's meeting of

all owners and Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, wouldn't say whether the commissioner would call for a vote after this month by telephone conference call.

"That's all up to the commissioner," DuPuy said. "I know there is a desire by the buyer and seller to conclude by the end of the month, and the commissioner is aware of that."

The fate of the Montreal Expos was also up for discussion, with the relocation committee talking about visits earlier this month to Monterrey, Mexico, and Norfolk, Va. Baseball had spoken last year with groups from Northern Virginia, Portland, Ore., and Washington, D.C., and DuPuy said Las Vegas and San Juan, Puerto Rico, also were candidates.

The Expos were bought by the other 29 teams before the 2002 season, and...

the second straight year to raise revenue.

SPORTS

Buhl girls hold on for road win

GLENNIS FERRY - Buhl forward Jessica Brown made both her free-throws with 11 seconds remaining as the Lady Indians held on for a 52-51 nonconference girls basketball road win Wednesday over Glenns Ferry.

Local sports

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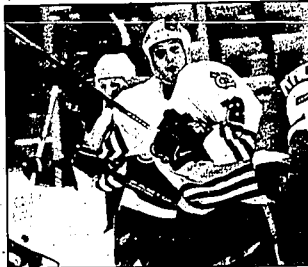
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Hockey

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FOOTBALL

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SPORTS

Patriots safety Rodney Harrison laughs as he and Troy Brown (80) stretch during team practice in Foxboro, Mass., Wednesday.



Rodney Harrison gets back to winning ways

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Rodney Harrison could see the disappointment in New England last winter. That's what sold him on the place.

"I knew that they were a year removed from the Super Bowl and they finished 9-7," the Patriots safety said Wednesday as he prepared for the AFC Championship game. "I can't remember the last time I finished 9-7 — and it was disappointing to them."

Harrison, who spent his entire career with the San Diego Chargers before signing with New England as a free agent, is a big reason why there's little disappointment around Foxboro this winter. The Patriots will play the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday for the conference title, and Harrison is back in the playoffs for the first time since his second year.

This after a season in which Harrison led New England with 140 tackles and added three interceptions while helping instill an attitude in a defense that posted three shutouts in its last four regular-season home games. But with his reputation as a big — some say cheap — hitter and the fact that the woeful Chargers didn't want him, some of his Patriots teammates wondered what they were getting.

"With any free agent, you wonder how he's going to fit in. There's always questions at first. He answers those right away," linebacker Tedy Bruschi said. "I think, from a day 1, he's established himself as a force with big hits."

Actually, it was the second day of practice in training camp when Harrison betrayed New England receiver Troy Brown on a route

AFC Championship Game

Colts at Patriots
TV: 1 p.m., CBS, Sunday

across the middle.

"I really can't comment on what San-Diego — thought," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "I just think Rodney Harrison is a good football player from 'A' to 'Z'. He's a pro — on the field, off the field. He has the ability to play in all situations — run, pass, blitz, tackle, special teams when he's been asked to do that."

Since Harrison has forgotten: The last time he went 9-7 was in 1995, his second year in the league after a rookie year in which he led the AFC champions in special teams tackles.

But since '95, the Chargers haven't been back to the playoffs. So when they decided to start a youth movement last offseason — jettisoning Harrison and linebacker Junior Seau — he was happy to look elsewhere.

The Patriots signed him the day after they signed former Chicago Bears linebacker Roosevelt Colvin. Harrison liked the idea that New England was investing in its defense.

Harrison became the leader of the secondary when the Patriots cut safety Lawyer Milloy five days before their season opener.

"He's definitely brought an attitude, which was something Lawyer Milloy brought, too. But Rodney has brought another aspect — he's a physical presence," Patriots cornerback Ty Law said.

Gordon seeks clean start in 2004

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The house is sold, the divorce is final, and Jeff Gordon is a changed man.

He looks like one; at least, Gordon shaved his **NASCAR** head in the offseason, possibly a symbol of the clean start that one of NASCAR's best drivers could use in 2004.

"It's good to get back here," Gordon said at Daytona International Speedway, where he returned this week for pre-season testing.

The season-opening Daytona 500 is a little more than a month away. As usual, Gordon is considered one of the drivers to beat.

He finished fourth in the standings last year, making a short, decent run at the title in midseason. But ultimately his season on the track turned out similar to his season off of it — unsteady and in many ways, probably worth forgetting.

"We had a lot of good luck as a team for many years," said Gordon, a four-time champion on NASCAR's top circuit. "Last year just wasn't our year. Hopefully, chemistry and hard work will make this year our year."

He wears a ballcap on his head to hide the new hairdo. First, he has his barber give him a buzz cut, and everything looked OK. Next, he shaved his own head, and it didn't look so hot.

"I missed a spot," Gordon concedes. "It's probably worth paying the extra money."

He is colorful when talking about his hair and the big vacation he took during the short offseason — an adventure with teammate Jimmie Johnson to the Bahamas, where they swam with sharks.

At one point, 15 or 20 sharks were nearby.

"It's weird how when you're surrounded by one of your biggest fears, how calm you can be," Johnson said. "I realized if they wanted me, they were going to take a bite."

While Johnson was scared, Gordon said he enjoyed the experience: exploring the depths and getting away from the noise and the glare of the world above water, a world that wasn't always kind to him in 2003.



Jeff Gordon is seen Tuesday during the Nextel Cup Testing at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Gordon filed for divorce from his wife of seven years, Brooke, in 2002, but the case dragged into the next year. Attorneys for Gordon's wife came to the track before the Daytona 500 and tried to issue subpoenas to several car owners, hoping to force them to open their books so they could get a better picture of Gordon's financial situation.

By June, Gordon and his wife had reached a settlement that guaranteed Brooke at least \$15.3 million. In November, Gordon agreed to sell his \$13.3 million Highland Beach for \$13.3 million.

Well before then, Gordon had moved back to North Carolina, where those close to him spoke of a much happier, fun-loving friend

than they had known before the divorce.

Not even a tell-all story in Playboy by a woman who claimed to have had an affair with Gordon changed his outlook; if he was dealing with any problems off the track, nobody on the track seemed to notice.

"By everything we've seen with his personal life and his career, you can't get inside his head," Johnson said, "and that's one of the strengths Jeff has."

But on the track, the problems were unrelenting for a while.

In July, Gordon led 133 laps in New Hampshire, but finished 24th when he took a chance on pit road that didn't pay off. It was the first in a stretch of seven races in which he finished 24th or

worse six times. Mechanical failures, bad strategy and accidents were the reasons for the big slump. By the end of it, his chances for a fifth title were doomed.

Going into his 12th full season, on NASCAR's top circuit, Gordon has learned many lessons, both on and off the track. He knows now that it's how people respond to the things they can't control that, in the end, really defines them. Thus, he is optimistic, not wary, as he heads into 2004.

"And his hair?"
"I plan on growing it out the rest of the year," he said. "But next year, I'm going to do it again, but it's going to be blond. You've always got to keep it interesting, always get it fun."

Panthers are misfits of final four

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Carolina Panthers could be excused for looking around and asking: "What are we doing here?"

The NFL's final four this weekend include the 2002 Super Bowl champion (New England), the team in its third straight NFC title game (Philadelphia), and a team led by a co-MVP (Indianapolis' Peyton Manning).

NFC Championship Game

Panthers at Eagles
TV: 4:45 p.m., Fox, Sunday

Then there are the Panthers, in their eighth year of existence, and with the exception of 1996, relatively ignored outside the Carolinas. Hey, they haven't played on Monday night since November 2000, while the Eagles, their hosts for Sunday's conference championship game, appeared in three prime-time games this season.

"You've got to do something the year before to get one of those," Eagles tackle Jon Runyan said Wednesday. "They'll get one next year."

This year and this month, though, the Panthers have been a major surprise.

After beating defending Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay twice and running away with the NFC South, they manhandled the Cowboys in the wild-card round. Then they ended St. Louis' 14-game home winning streak with a 29-23 overtime victory.

So they should be the darlings of the postseason, right? But they aren't. In fact, they're pretty much being ignored.

"We've only have one winning season around here, so a lot of people don't look at us because of that," said safety Mike Minter, referring to 1996, when the Panthers lost to Green Bay in the NFC title game. "And we don't have that big name. If we had that big name, a Brett Favre or somebody like that, that would help."

Yes it would. But instead of a Manning, Donovan McNabb or Tom Brady at quarterback, they have the low-profile Jake Delhomme. And instead of a Bill Belichick, the AP NFL Coach of the Year, or Drew Brees at the helm, they have the underdog



Carolina Panthers' Mike Minter (30) celebrates with teammates and fans after the Panthers' 29-10 win over the Dallas Cowboys at Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte, N.C., Saturday, Jan. 3.

John Fox.

But Fox has made a huge difference in a franchise that went 1-15 in 2001 — under George Seifert.

"I think it turned when John Fox came," Minter said. "He said, 'Look guys, I don't care what happened up to this point. From this point on, this is a new era and this is the way we are going to run things. The guys who have been here, I am sorry you had to go through that, but this is something new about to start.'"

What they went through was an unimaginable string of off-field problems. Former wide receiver Rae Carruth is serving 18 years in prison for conspiring to kill his girlfriend, Fred Lane, a former Panthers running back, was shot and killed by his wife in 2000.

Those are not the kind of headlines a sports franchise wants.

"Anytime you have situations like we had off the field, it's definitely embarrassing, because

that's all people were talking about," Minter said. "They weren't talking about football, and that's what we do for a living. They weren't talking about the Carolina Panthers winning championships. They were talking about the Carolina Panthers and their off-field problems."

Much nicer are the dramatics in St. Louis last week, and the fact the Panthers are one victory away from their first Super Bowl.

"We feel no pressure," linebacker Dan Morgan said. "We're having fun with it and will just come out and try to win the game."

Added Delhomme: "It's a pretty good fairy tale."

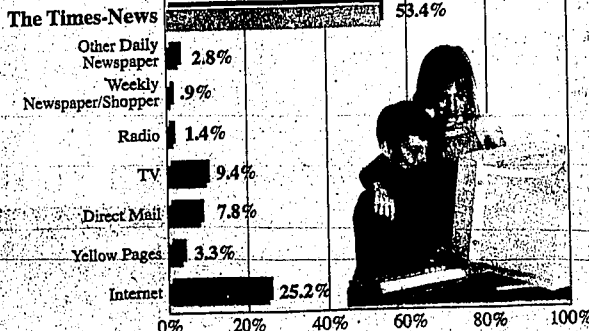
Yet, it's a fairy tale that has not become a household story. Manning's precision, Belichick's brilliance, the Eagles' failures with a Super Bowl berth on the line — those have been the juicy subplots.

"I think we'll get noticed," Morgan said, "if we win Sunday."

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Democrats walk out of session

AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. captain will be Jerome's police chief

JEROME - After six months without a police chief, the city of Jerome has chosen its new top law enforcer. Dan Hall, a captain with the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department, will formally be hired as Jerome's chief of police during a City Council meeting Jan. 20, City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said. Hall's first day on duty will be Feb. 2. He will be paid \$51,800 annually. Former Chief Bill Reid resigned Aug. 22 after a month of suspended leave with pay. Neither the City Council nor Reid was ever willing to discuss the reasons behind his departure.

Buhl man faces molestation charges

BUHL - A 29-year-old man was arraigned in 5th District Magistrate Court Wednesday on charges related to sexual contact with two young girls. Steven Ray Bird, of Buhl, faces two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor under 16, according to an affidavit written by Karen Trent of the Buhl Police Department. The charges stem from incidents with pre-teens that occurred this month and in November last year. His preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 22. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Road closes temporarily for bridge replacement

JEROME - People driving between U.S. Highway 93 and 300 East Road will need to find a route other than 200 South Road for the next few months. The Jerome Highway District and Hayes Construction Co. will start work today on a project to replace a bridge on 200 South about half a mile west of Highway 93. The road will be closed to through traffic for about 90 days, the highway district said in a press release. The district recommends that people coming from the north on Highway 93 turn on Idaho Highway 25 into Jerome or turn on 100 South off of Highway 93. Traffic coming from the south can travel on Golf Course Road, Interstate 84 or turn on 300 South off of Highway 93. The bridge replacement is expected to cost \$45,000. For more information, call the highway district at 324-4601.

Northside Canal Co. to hold annual meeting

JEROME - The annual shareholders meeting of the Northside Canal Co. will be held at 10 a.m. today at the Jerome High School Auditorium. Shareholders will hear the latest updates of water issues including water supply forecasts and water litigation and regular canal company business. The annual shareholders meeting for the Northside Pumping Co. will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the North Side Canal Co. office.

Twin Falls police offer drug awareness class

TWIN FALLS - Marijuana will be the subject of a class conducted by the Twin Falls Police Department Tuesday. The community drug awareness class is part of a series held by the department in an effort to reduce illegal drug use in Twin Falls. Members of the public are invited to attend, but parents, teens, business owners and managers, counselors, teachers and church leaders are especially encouraged to attend. The session will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 20 in the City Hall conference room. For more information, call Det. Scott Smith at 735-7216 or Sgt. Dan McAttee at 735-7223.

College of Southern Idaho plans e-mail class

BURLEY - A four-week class about using e-mail is scheduled to begin Friday at the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center. The class runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Fridays starting this week and ending Feb. 6. It will cover the fundamentals of e-mail, including attachments, multiple copies, and creating e-mail lists and addresses. Registration is \$40 a student. Class size is limited to 150. To register or for more information, call 678-1400. Compiled from staff reports

The Associated Press

BOISE - Two Senate Democrats walked out of a briefing on the legal maneuvering in the Snake River Basin water rights adjudication on Wednesday, claiming the secret session violates the state constitution. "Our caucus has decided after reviewing the law, the constitutional provisions, that it is prohibited," Senate Democratic Leader Bar both Stennett and Sen. Fred Kennedy, a Mountain Home attorney and the other Democrat



Laird Noh - The two also said their separate briefing from Deputy Attorney General Clive Strong on Thursday will also be secret.



A court order has been issued in the case prohibiting discussion of the current negotiations in public. Strong said another mediation session was set for Friday. Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, chairs the Senate Resources and

Environment Committee and says the closed session was necessary because of the court order.



Clint Stennett

order. The process has already taken nearly 20 years and cost over \$60 million. Until Wednesday, Stennett had attended several closed-door briefings on the adjudication as a member of the special joint legislative committee on natural resources. But he and Kennedy said their sensitivity to the issue was heightened last spring when both the Agricultural Affairs and Health and Welfare committees in the Senate held closed-door

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LEARNING THE OLD-WAYS



Bob Hansing of Flor makes a horseshoe for eighth-grade students from Robert Stuart Junior High at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center Wednesday. The students were participating in an Idaho History Day and had a chance to see how settlers lived through interactive exhibits such as roping cattle, working with animal pelts and making butter.

Authorities target stop sign runners

By Loraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN - Barrett McClure has had enough of people running stop signs.

McClure, a former longtime Jerome Highway District commissioner, told Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee members Wednesday that officials must do something to fight what has become a deadly problem.

A friend was coming to visit McClure in August 2002. Just as McClure's friend was talking to his wife on his cell phone, telling her that he was almost to McClure's house and had made the trip just fine, his cell phone went dead.

McClure said that was the moment when someone who had run a stop sign hit his friend's vehicle, killing him.

McClure isn't the only one in Magic Valley who has suffered the loss of a loved one from a stop sign-related accident. Nine people in Jerome County have died in the past 15 months because of such accidents, he said.

"Stop sign violations are rampant," McClure said. "Something has to change."

Vic Watson of the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department said he could think of at least four stop sign fatalities in Minidoka County that happened within the past six months.

"It's safe to say that over half of our fatalities are stop sign-related issues," Watson said. "They consistently are, year in and year out." More people were killed in the past 15 months from stop sign-related violations than from drunken driving, McClure said.

"In most circumstances it is not an accidental infraction; it is a blatant disregard of the law and the safety of others," he wrote in a letter to the Idaho Transportation Department. "Running stop signs is the modern day Russian roulette. A vehicle going through a stop sign at 50 plus miles per hour is the same as a bullet being shot through the intersection. Chances are it won't hit anything, but when it does, someone is going to get killed."

After listening to McClure, the Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee formed a subcommittee to work with transportation committees in Twin Falls and Jerome counties. The subcommittee, which appointed Minidoka County Commissioner Marvin Bingham as chairman, plans to

work to reduce the number of stop sign violations. Members of the committee hope to bring changes in the law and to help educate the public.

McClure said the committee should push the Legislature for a penalty to fit the violation.

"We need to get people's minds back to where they should be - on the road," he said. "When you take people's privileges away, their attitudes will change."

Clay Handy, a Cassia County commissioner, said he liked what the Minidoka Highway District has done. The district has placed several "rumble strips" in front of stop signs at dangerous intersections throughout the county.

"Those rumble strips bring everyone back to reality real quick," Handy said. Please see SIGNS, Page C3

Buhl drama students present dinner theater

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - If you are a Shakespeare fan you will want to attend the annual dinner theater production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, abridged."

The play will be presented by the Buhl High School Drama Department Friday and Saturday at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the curtain going up at 7:30. There are two choices of entrees, baked trout or chicken breast. The cost is \$25 a couple or \$15 for singles and \$12 for senior citizens.

The play will be performed by three actors portraying the many characters of Shakespeare including Hamlet, Macbeth, King Lear, Anthony and Cleopatra and Trus Andronicus.

There will be two different casts, each performing a night. The



"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, abridged" will be performed, by from left to right, Asiel Arroyo, Jessica Adams, Andrew Hutchinson, Lara Welch and Willie Slomp. Instructor David Blaszkiewicz, who is assisted by Caleb Thom. Reservations may be made by calling the Buhl Middle School at 543-4292 or Blaszkiewicz at 490-1992.

Kimberly looks for generator funding

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - Professional community developer Susan Riddle says so far she has not found an avenue for obtaining money for the purchase of a backup generator for the water system in the event of a long-term power outage.

That was the message she delivered to the Kimberly City Council Tuesday along with J-U-B Engineer Tracy Ahrens. However, there might be other projects that would be productive, she said.

The council has been working on purchasing a large generator, but after considering expenses associated with installation - it would be a costly project, Councilman Tom Coonts said.

So the council is now considering grants to make the purchase as Riddle and Ahrens continue to work on the project. Other business on the City Council's agenda included:

• **Induction** - The oath of office was administered to Mayor Jim Sorenson and council members Lee McKinlay and Tom Coonts, who were re-elected in November. The council voted to retain George Plew as its chairman.

• **Appointments** - Mayor Jim Sorenson made the following appointments for the coming year: Pat Berringham, police chief; Rob Wright, maintenance supervisor; Earl Duncan, fire chief; Kim Martin, clerk; Kelly Weeks, assistant clerk and zoning administrator; Lee McKinlay, parks and library; Bill Hollifield, city attorney; J-U-B, city engineering services; and Mike Burr, auditor.

Residents who will serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission include Bonnie Stevens; Julie Reeves, Shirley Watson, Perry Dangfield, Candice Weh, Dan Showmaker and Bev Claiborn.

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Cattle from brucellosis herd will be slaughtered

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - About 260 cattle from a western Wyoming ranch were sent to slaughter Wednesday, the latest step in federal and state efforts to prevent spread of brucellosis. "It wasn't the best," rancher Jerry Jensen said of his emotions

in seeing the bulk of his family's herd leave in five cattle trucks. "I mean, you see four generations go down the road, and it wasn't our fault."

All the family's breeding stock, including cows, bulls and 2-year-old heifers, were sent to a pack-

ing plant in Nebraska. In December, 31 cattle from the herd were diagnosed with brucellosis and were destroyed. The cattle hauled away Wednesday had tested negative but were sold off as a precaution.

Company will pay millions in fines

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) - The operators of a closed phosphorus plant near Butte pleaded guilty Wednesday to illegally storing phosphorus waste at the plant and agreed to pay \$18 million in fines and restitution.

Rhodia Inc., based in Cranbury, N.J., pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to two counts of storing flammable phosphorus waste without proper permits.

Phillip Curry, Rhodia's vice president of health, safety and environmental affairs, said the company initially believed it had

the proper permits for storing the waste on site, but cooperated fully with investigators once it became clear it did not.

"Our belief had been that we were in fact providing appropriate storage of the material, based on regulatory interpretation we had seen," Curry said. Wednesday, he added, "Rhodia understands its responsibilities and certainly will live up to those obligations."

The agreement stems from an investigation in 2000 by the

Environmental Protection Agency and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality that found improperly stored phosphorus at the plant west of Butte.

Investigators said they found a leaking clarifier tank holding sludge with concentrations of phosphorus so high that the sludge would burn if exposed to air. Investigators also found flammable bricks contaminated with high levels of phosphorus and other chemicals.

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Jimmie B. Brookshier - Twin Falls

Jimmie B. Brookshier, 53, of Twin Falls passed away Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at his home of a sudden illness. Jim was born May 7, 1950, in Twin Falls, the son of John "Jack" and Margaret Paul Brookshier.

Jim attended school in Castleford until he was eight when his father died. His family moved to Hansen where he finished school graduating from Hansen High School. He joined the Army in 1969, serving in Vietnam as a helicopter mechanic until 1972.

Jim married Lois Maas on March 11, 1970, in Elko, Nev. After his discharge he went to work for Triple C Concrete working for them for 32 years.

Jim was a dedicated family man spending time visiting his grandchildren whenever he could. He would make extra time just to spend with them. He also enjoyed working in his yard doing landscape work and tending to his roses.

He collected guns as a hobby and loved everything about them. Jim is survived by his wife Lois of Twin Falls; his mother Margaret Feuser of Twin Falls; three sons,



Dean, Jim (Sheri), and Jamie (Jelenn) Brookshier, all of Twin Falls; seven grandchildren, Brianna Hinc, Aubree Dille, Jaydon Brookshier, Jena Brookshier, Derek Brookshier, Alexis Wignall and Tyson Brookshier; and eight brothers and sisters, Wayne (Shirley) Martin of Kanawha City, Mo., J.C. (Vera) Brookshier of Portland, Ore., Linda Towns of Twin Falls, Betty (George) McDowell of Portland, Ore., Ron Brookshier of

Twin Falls, Dennis Brookshier of Elko, Nev., and Darl (Trish) Feuser of Kimberly; as well as 23 loving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Jack, his stepfather Darl Feuser, Sr. and one nephew Herbie Feuser.

Funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004 at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held on Friday, Jan. 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

William Linn Watt - Buhl

William Linn Watt, 87, passed away Jan. 13, 2004, at Sun Bridge Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls. William was born March 11, 1917, the son of George L. and Nina (Barrett) Watt. He was a member of the Buhl United Methodist Church from birth cradle role until his death, where he was active at all levels.

He attended school in Buhl, graduating with honors in 1935. William graduated from the University of Idaho in 1939 and was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

William farmed all his life and was an active cattle raiser. He married Vivian Swiger in 1939. During World War II he volunteered for the Idaho National Guard - Home Town Unit - and served several years as a paramedic and ambulance driver.

When teachers in the Buhl High School were drafted and sent to war, he taught classes and coached basketball. He was often officiating at high school football and basketball games. William was also active with the town's youth; serving with the

William's M.Y.F. Group, Cub and Boy Scouts, the Order of the Arrow, service 4-H groups, and Jobs Daughters. He was a life member of the Buhl Lodge of the Masons, served with the Royal Arch Masons, and was a committed member of El Korah Shrine. William was active in the Buhl Rotary Club for many years.

He served 37 years on the board of directors and as president of the Twin Falls Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He also served many years on the board of the Twin Falls Canal Company, a member of the Committee of Nine, which supervised the water of the upper Snake River.

He was an active member of the Salmon River Cattlemen's Association. One of his greatest joys was the spring cattle drive from the home farm to the ranch in Nevada.

He especially enjoyed being on a horseback for the annual cattle round-up. William was an active member of the Magic Valley Rambler Camping Group and spent many winters camping at Quartzsite, Arizona.

William also enjoyed traveling the United States, Canada, Mexico. He traveled often to Hawaii, and once visited relatives on the South Pacific island of Ponape. William loved flying. After receiving his pilots license he helped organize the Twin Falls Flying Club.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian; three sons, Robert Watt of Buhl, James Watt of Bakers City, Ore and John Watt of Millini, Hawaii; ten grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. William was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, Robert; and sisters, Nancy Jo and Elouise McElroy.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl. Funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004 at the Buhl United Methodist Church with interment to follow at West End Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Buhl United Methodist Church or the Buhl Quick Response Unit.

Mitchell 'Mike' Armenta - Jerome

Mitchell "Mike" Armenta, 62, of Jerome, passed away Jan. 12, 2004, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born Nov. 23, 1941, in Caldwell, the son of Agapito Jay Armenta and Frances A. Armenta Armenta. Mike served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1962 to 1965 during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam war.

He was a proud American and patriot. Mike was a good Samaritan. He was always looking out for the elderly and helping when he could. For the past 30 years he has cared for his mother.

Mike was an active member of the Disabled American Veterans. He is survived by his mother, Frances Armenta; broth-

ers and sisters, Mary Ann (Keith) Jibson, Roger (Becky) Armenta, Jennie (Bob) Bell, Rudy (Sandi) Armenta, Charlie (Sharon) Armenta, and Rosie (Al) Menasco. Mike is also survived by many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his father.

A vigil will be conducted at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 2nd Avenue East, Jerome.

A visitation will follow from 8 to 10 p.m. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 2nd Avenue East, with Fr. Ronald Wackerle, presiding. Committal service with military honors will follow in the Jerome



Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome.

Roger Hayden - Heyburn

Roger Hayden, 52, a resident of Heyburn, left us to be with the Lord on Monday, Jan. 12, 2004.

Roger was born June 16, 1951, in Burley, Idaho, to Frank Hayden and Elaine Peterson. He spent his entire life in the Mini-Cassia area.

He married Deborah Fowler on July 17, 1972. Together they had two sons, Matthew and Nickelous Hayden. They were later divorced.

Roger spent many years drilling water wells around the area, and the last several years of his working career, working at Pickett Equipment in Burley.

Roger spent his free time camping, fishing and playing horse-

shoes with his many friends and family. He spent the last few months of his life with his longtime friend Julie Marsling. He is survived by his mother, Elaine Grisanti (Rino) of Rupert; two brothers, Lloyd Hayden (Ben) of Kimberly, Randy Hayden (Linda) of Heyburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Hayden, and two sons, Matthew and Nickelous Hayden.

Graveside service will be announced at a later date under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.



BYU president blasts bared midrifts

PROVO, Utah (AP) - The bared bellybutton is under attack at church-owned Brigham Young University.

First-year BYU President Cecil Samuelson devoted a campus address Tuesday to telling students that bare midrifts violate the school's dress code, which requires modest dress and lists revealing clothing as inappropriate attire.

Meanwhile, it has been disclosed that the school has been deleting photos of athletes. "We have touched up photos for years - as far as removing tattoos, covering up bellybuttons, just things like that," said Duff Tittle, associate athletic director for communications.

Samuelson said he has filed complaints about bare midrifts since he was selected for the post last year by President Gordon B. Hinckley, leader of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "Some believe they are

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Modest girls get upset because they're trying to get attention in other ways besides their bodies.

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- Brian Shelley, junior at Brigham Young University

expressing newfound freedoms, when all they are doing is expressing ignorance or disdain for things sacred and significant, while being trapped with the milling hordes of degrading conformity," Samuelson said. "When they see modest girls getting all the attention, it discourages them from dressing modestly."

that "penetrated me like a sharp dagger" and prompted the full-length response Tuesday.

Samuelson said the mother told him "she was trying to help her daughter dress more modestly.... Her daughter said something to the effect that her professors and even on one occasion the president himself had seen her and not said anything critical of her dress and appearance."

Brian Shelley, a junior from Alpine majoring in business, and Elizabeth Crane, a freshman from Salt Lake City majoring in culinary arts, said male students must play a role in encouraging women to dress appropriately.

"Modest girls get upset because they're trying to get attention in other ways besides their bodies," Shelley told the Deseret Morning News. "When they see immodest girls getting all the attention, it discourages them from dressing modestly."

EBay deal comes with actress' house

BOISE (AP) - Entrepreneurs who like the idea of running a online software business and owning active Party Duke's home to boot have only to bid enough money for EBay.

ViewPoint Media Systems is a 3-year-old specialist d'Alene business which specializes in creating multimedia CD-ROMs that communities, schools, businesses and other groups use to promote themselves, company president Mike Kennedy said. He has created software for eight northwestern towns, including Boise, Post Falls and the Tri-Cities in Washington. Kennedy said business has been great, but the market for venture capital has been somewhat soft these days. So, ViewPoint Media turned to the Internet-based auction EBay.

"We're a small company. Three

of us are all partners," Kennedy said. "We'll do whatever the high bidder would like. If they want to stick around, we'll talk about that. If they want to go great things by themselves, that's all right, too."

Kennedy's aunt is actress Party Duke, who wants to sell her home and ranch in nearby Hayden. Kennedy said Duke's youngest son, Kevin Pearce, is a sophomore in high school.

"It's a big house and there's 40 acres. They are trying to downsize. Kevin will be flying the coop fairly soon," Kennedy said.

Kennedy and his partners at ViewPoint Media approached Duke about combining the two to raise the profile of both opportunities.

"Once you've played your twin cousin and a blind, deaf, and mute girl who learned to commu-

nicate, nothing sounds outlandish," Duke said in a statement. "Compared to some of my roles, the idea of giving my home to someone who buys a software company is an actually fairly reasonable."

Duke won an Oscar for portraying Fela Koller in "The Miracle Worker" and played Winsie in "The Party Duke Show," as well as other acting shows, her two Golden Globe and three Emmy awards.

While she may want to downsize, her property has plenty of amenities such as an expansive home, wooded area, swimming pool, barn and paddocks, and a 2-acre pond.

Duke has recovered after suffering a concussion and skull fracture when she tried to apply fly spray to a horse in her barn in September 2002.

SERVICES

Carla Sue Ornos of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. Chapel, Graysville. Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. (Pacific time) on Friday, at the Winnemucca Cemetery in Winnemucca, Nev.

Charis Mae Myers of Boise, visitation will be from 4 to 8:30 p.m. today at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel. Graveside service will be held 10:00 a.m. Friday, at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Lyle Thomas of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today, at the United Methodist Church in Gooding.

Frank E. Lintz of Buhl, graveside memorial at 2 p.m. today, at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Cremation and service are under the direction of the Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Ina Mae Montoya of Heyburn, funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. today, at the Heyburn 1st LDS Chapel, 530 Villa Drive, Heyburn. Burial will follow at the Oakley Cemetery.

Alexander Schefer of Jerome, memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. today, at the Wendell United Presbyterian Church.

Francis "Frank" William Lamphire of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Friday, at Demary's Gooding Chapel; burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Lisa Marie Shenk of Bellingham, Wash., memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, at North Bay Christ the King Church, in Washington.

Muriel Evelyn Pettibone Jaenicke of Twin Falls, a celebration of Muriel's life will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. The family will greet guests from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Mitchell 'Mike' Armenta - Jerome - Mitchell "Mike" Armenta, 62, of Jerome, died Jan. 12 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements will be made by Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome.

Ellis John Powers - MALTA - Ellis John Powers, 86, of Malta, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2004, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Malta Ward Chapel. Burial will be in the Valley View Cemetery. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street, Burley, on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and at the

church from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Saturday.

PHYLLIS Burkhalter - JEROME - Phyllis Burkhalter, 74, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004. Arrangements will be made by the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Daniel H. Blackwell - BOISE - Daniel H. Blackwell, 72, of Boise, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at a Boise care center. Graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16, at Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glenns Ferry. Arrangements will be made by Summers Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel-in-Mountain Home.

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REVISITING HISTORY

GOODING COUNTY COURTS



Utah Gov. Olene Walker delivers a road claim to the Bureau of Land Management as part of a settlement involving the state's claim to historic roadways across federal lands during a news conference Wednesday in Salt Lake City. The dirt and gravel road in question runs across the western desert from the middle of the state to near the Nevada border.

Utah asserts formal claim to rural road

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Utah Gov. Olene Walker delivered the first of Utah's road claims to the Bureau of Land Management Wednesday, asserting the state's right to a historic byway across Utah's west desert in an action that could serve as a precedent for claims by other Western states.

Utah BLM Director Sally Wisely took Utah's application and a \$10,000 check and promised a decision by mid-April on the 99-mile Weiss Highway, a mostly gravel road that runs through the heart of the desert on BLM land.

Nobody has ever disputed the Jubah County road, making this a symbolic rest of an out-of-court settlement reached last April by former Gov. Mike Leavitt and Interior Secretary Gale Norton. Utah will ask the federal government to relinquish its interest in an untold number of historic

roads that can be traveled by car or truck.

Some of those claims could run into opposition from conservation groups or critics trying to protect their watersheds. Ted Zukoski, an Earthjustice attorney in Denver, said even as Walker was making Utah's first claim a congratulatory news event, his group received a letter from Utah attorneys "saying their policy will be to stonewall the public on information about these claims."

"This is the first one. There's 14,999 other potential road claims out there. Some will

impact water quality, archaeological resources and wildlife. We're going to make sure the BLM takes a hard look before they give up control of American's public lands," Zukoski said.

For Utah, it's the start of an effort to resolve a Civil War-era mining law that guaranteed states and counties rights of way across federal land.

The law, Revised Statute 2477, was repealed in 1976, but states and counties were assured continued use of roads that existed before that time.

For Utah, it's the start of an effort to resolve a Civil War-era mining law that guaranteed states and counties rights of way across federal lands.

However, records of roads were scattered and there were disagreements across the West over whether wandering dirt paths qualified as roads.

The deal struck by Leavitt and Norton set up a bureaucratic process for resolving road claims outside of national parks, wildlife refuges or wilderness areas.

Wisely said the federal government never objected to the Weiss Highway, named after a survey engineer who improved on the sheep and cattle route used by pioneers who settled Nephi, Utah, in 1851.

The road delivers visitors to the Little Sahara Recreation Area and continues west almost to the Nevada border, where it leads to imprisoned polygamist Tom Green's now-abandoned trailer compound and the foot of the 12,000-foot Deep Creek Range.

GOODING - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments
Desiree A. Nunnally, 19, driving without privileges; continued arraignment Jan. 22; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
Hidro Ortega-Hernandez, 30, failure to purchase/valid driver's license; reckless driving; continued arraignment Jan. 22; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor sentences
Rebecca A. Anderson, 36, battery; dismissed by prosecutor; unlawful entry; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; 30 days in jail, 89 suspended; credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor dismissals
James M. Prince, 67, failure to stop damaging the scene of an accident; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Civil
Risk Management Alternatives vs. Joe Harrah and Shelly Harrah, husband and wife; Seeking \$5,616.29, plus interest; \$1,950 attorney fees; Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.
Risk Management Alternatives vs. Leticia Campos and Paula Fias, also known as Paula Ortiz; Seeking \$1,045.80, plus interest; \$50 attorney fees; Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Divorces
Christopher Paul Hainline vs. Amanda Luu Hainline.

JEROME COUNTY COURTS

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

Misdemeanor sentences
Jeffrey Alan Zimmerman II, 21, failure to purchase/valid driver's license; \$150 fine, \$11.20 suspended; 30-day court costs; probation fee six months unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Barnes.

Misdemeanor withheld judgments
Lloyd H. Carpenter, 66, driving under the influence; judgment withheld one year; \$730 fine, \$220 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Barnes.

Felony arraignments
Robert Burton Glasson, 44, possession of a controlled substance; petit theft; status hearing Jan. 26; District Judge John K. Bunker.

Felony sentences

Lewis G. Dohlelager, 60, driving under the influence; \$103.50 court costs; five years supervised probation; 180 days discretionary jail time; five years determinate penitentiary time (suspended); possession of a driver's license that has been mutilated, altered, revoked, etc. dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge John K. Bunker.

Civil
Credit Data of Idaho vs. Denise Lage and Durrell Lage; Seeking \$12,440.46, plus interest of \$3,000.26; attorney fees of \$5,102.52.
Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Divorces
Douglas Inc. vs. Ron Lewis, doing business as Tyke Trucking; Seeking \$1,798.32, plus interest; attorney fees; Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for goods and services purchased on an open account.

Officials look into whooping cough cases

LEWISTON (AP) - Three cases of whooping cough have been confirmed in Latah County and two suspected cases in Idaho County are being investigated by the North Central District Health Department.

A Latah County adult and two preschool-age children, all in the same family, recently were diagnosed, according to Donna Anderson, department epidemiologist at Lewiston.

The two suspected Idaho County cases are teenage siblings, Anderson said.

Infants younger than 6 months are most at risk from the disease.

Health department officials are urging parents to check their children's immunization records to be sure they have gotten all their shots.

Pertussis, or whooping cough, is preventable with a vaccination. It is a contagious disease spread in the air from an infected person through coughing, sneezing or even talking. The incubation period is usually seven to 10 days, but can range from four to 21 days, Anderson said.

Infants younger than 6 months are most at risk from the disease, she said.

Pertussis begins with cold-like symptoms - runny nose and a mild fever - and a cough that becomes progressively worse over one to two weeks. Coughing usually occurs in long bouts, sometimes with a characteristic whooping sound.

The cough can last six to eight weeks - and become so severe that it causes exhaustion and vomiting.

Court permits suit against police officers

LEWISTON (AP) - A federal appellate court on Wednesday allowed a lawsuit filed by a Lewiston man against local police for false arrest in his 1997 detention for allegedly violating an order to stay away from his wife.

The three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that officers Joseph Mundell and Cpl. Brad Mitendorf acted unreasonably in arresting Rafael Beier when they had not read the specifics of the protection order.

Both Mundell and Mitendorf claimed they had probable cause to make the arrest outside a church to both Beier and his estranged wife, attended because Susan Beier told them he had violated the order.

The court said it was not reasonable for the officers to rely on the legal conclusions of a civilian for probable cause to make an arrest.

"Probable cause cannot be established by an erroneous understanding of the law," Judge Marshall Berzon wrote for the panel. "While an officer may have reasonable suspicion or probable cause even where his reasonable understanding of the facts turns out to be mistaken, we have repeatedly held that a mistake about the law cannot justify a stop, let alone, an arrest."

Power

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electricity. It also has three fossil-fueled plants. In 2001 the seasonal rate adjustment was an increase of 40 percent, in 2002 it was also a 40 percent increase, but in 2003 the rate went down 18 percent.

"The annual rate adjustments are different from the base rate. In 1993 the PUC authorized Idaho Power to use an annual power cost adjustment to allow it to charge rates in line with the cost of producing or purchasing energy.

The power cost adjustment includes only energy supply or power production costs. These are the fuel costs for coal and gas at the fossil fuel plants or the cost of

Come on down

- **What:** Idaho Power Co. Informational meeting on its proposed 17.7 percent general rate increase.
- **Who:** Hosted by staff from the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, it's for anyone interested in learning more about the proposal.
- **When:** Today at 7 p.m.
- **Where:** Twin Falls City Council Chambers, 305 Third Ave. E. It's not a public hearing on the rate proposal by Idaho Power. The commission plans to hold a series of public hearings in April to solicit public comment. More information is available online at www.puc.state.id.us

started as an airplane pilot, then worked as a lineman, in sales and as a district manager.

Gary Blick, Idaho Transportation Board member, said the new committee could make a presentation to the board about getting funding for a billboard campaign with statistics and warnings about stop sign violations.

"Maybe through education we can make people aware," Blick said.

Signs

can be used, but it is difficult to catch stop sign violators, Higgins said.

Watson agreed, saying that stop sign runners are seldom caught. "We usually catch them when they are dead," Watson said. "I've seen multiple fatalities."

Watson referred to one accident in 2003 when a mother and two children were killed at 500 W. 300 S. near Paul. In another recent accident, a woman ran a stop sign and hit a train.

Signs

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Watson agreed. "I think they are great - especially for people who are unfamiliar with the area," he said. "When I hit those rumble strips, it gets my attention."

A committee would have to be careful about language used in a stop sign law to make sure it is enforceable, Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins said.

Laws on the books for inattentive driving and reckless driving

Police arrest two men after high school cheerleader died in fall from balcony

KAANAPALI, Hawaii (AP) - A high school cheerleader on a dream trip to Hawaii to perform at a college football all-star game changed next to her death from a fifth-floor hotel balcony. An initial autopsy released Wednesday showed alcohol in her system but no evidence of foul play.

Police on Tuesday arrested two men on suspicion of murder, but they released them later that day and on Wednesday said Lauren Crossan's death was classed as a "miscellaneous accident."

"On a 9-degree morning thousands of miles away, a New Jersey suburb grieved for the 18-year-old

as it waited for answers about her mysterious death.

"I can't even describe how much it hurts," said Erica Baurillon, a senior from Randolph, N.J., who had known Lauren since both were 3 years old. "People were breaking down in school. I've never seen anything so somber since 9-11. The hallways were so quiet."

Crossan's body was found Monday morning by a hotel guest only hours after she had checked into the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa.

The initial autopsy "suggested alcohol was present but we don't have the quantity yet," Dr. Anthony

Maunoukian, Maui County medical examiner, said Wednesday.

No other drugs were found, nor was there any evidence of sexual assault or injuries not caused by the fall, Maunoukian said.

On Tuesday, Maui police arrested two men, both registered to the room in which Crossan fell, on suspicion of second-degree murder. Lt. Tiwoli Faamuua said Donald L. Devers, 19, and Erik B. Larson, 20, both of Folsom, Calif., were later released and were not charged.

Devers answered a telephone call to his hotel room but said he had no comment and hung up. A

subsequent call went unanswered. Officers told police that Crossan was in her room when they fell asleep early Monday. Her clothing and personal belongings were still in the room when police arrived to question them, but the men said they did not know what happened to her, Faamuua said.

A chaperone on the trip received a call from Crossan at about 1:30 a.m. Monday saying she was OK in the room when police were called, Faamuua said. When she did not show up, the others went to look for her but could not find her, he said.

Carson Tani, deputy prosecuting

attorney for Maui County, said the investigation could take several weeks.

Nassau was captain of the cheerleading competition squad at Randolph High School, about 30 miles west of New York City in an affluent area of New Jersey.

Crossan was one of three Randolph seniors selected by the National Cheerleaders Association to perform with nearly 600 other cheerleaders from across the country at the halftime show of the Hula Bowl.

The cheerleaders association is part of The National Spirit Group, of Dallas, which operates camps

and competitions and sells cheerleading-related merchandise.

The girls raised money for the trip by selling candy and soliciting sponsorships from local businesses.

Crossan was a standout athlete, playing on the school softball team as a freshman and sophomore, and cheerleading for the wrestling, basketball and football teams. She also served as statistician for the basketball team.

"She was full of life, vivacious, curving not a wimper, and was loved and respected by every member of our squad," said her cheerleading coach, Sherry Tremper.

IDAHO/WEST

Nevada presses case against waste site

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a last-ditch effort to stop a nuclear dump in Nevada, the state told a federal appeals court Wednesday the government has failed to ensure that thousands of years from now people will be protected from the waste's radiation.

Two of the three judges hearing the case asked government lawyers why the federal standards for radioactive releases for the Yucca Mountain dump were pegged to 10,000 years into the future when scientists say the material will be most dangerous many thousands of years after that.

The 3.5 hours of arguments before the appeals court panel marked the first time a federal court has heard the merits of President Bush's decision in 2002 to select a ridge of volcanic rock 90 miles from Las Vegas as the place to entomb 77,000 tons of used reactor fuel from the nation's commercial power plants.

Congress affirmed Bush's decision in July 2002. Nevada officials argued Wednesday for the decision to be overturned, saying Congress violated the state's constitutional rights when it singled out Nevada.

The three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals won't decide the case until later this year. Two of the judges made their views on several key issues clear during exchanges with Justice Department and Nevada lawyers.

They threw cold water on Nevada's hopes of challenging the way the Energy Department and later the White House decid-



Yucca Mountain north of Las Vegas will become the nation's nuclear waste dump if lawsuits filed by Nevada and other entities fail. It is scheduled to begin accepting waste from INEEL and other facilities around the U.S. by 2010.

ed to select Yucca Mountain. Judge Harry Edwards, the senior jurist on the panel, said that's no longer an issue because Congress passed a law affirming Bush's decision. But the judges accepted more openly some other arguments brought by opponents of the proposed nuclear waste site.

"All of the legal wrongs (in the government's decision) ... stem from the fact that the waste will not be isolated," Geoffrey Fettus, an attorney for the Natural

Resources Defense Council, told the court. The NRDC filed one of the 13 lawsuits that have been consolidated by the court. Opponents contend that the Environmental Protection Agency's radiation standard for the site was inadequate because it would be applicable to only 10,000 years into the future. Critics cited a National Academy of Sciences finding that said the peak radiation doses from some of the isotopes would be most dangerous up to 300,000 years.

Judge David Talen said the study clearly "rejected the 10,000 year limit" for radiation monitoring, but the EPA adopted it anyway. The report is "absolutely clear ... that 10,000 years is incorrect," added Edwards. "An agency does not have the authority to do whatever it wants to."

Plans call for the facility to begin accepting waste by 2010, including waste from the National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Panel likes Kempthorne's plans for tobacco funds

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed allocation of \$1.9 million in earnings on what was left of the state's tobacco settlement money was endorsed Wednesday by a special legislative committee.

There was no discussion about how to spend the smallest amount of cash for anti-smoking programs since the state began receiving the money in late 1999. But the party-line vote was only 6-4.

The Democrats objected to continued diversion of a quarter of the cash to counties to reduce the cost of tobacco-related health care for poor people. The services would otherwise be financed with property taxes.

Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, said the property tax relief provided any individual under that proposal is almost unnoticeable while returns from investing the same amount of money in programs that fight the use of tobacco would be significantly greater.

The joint committee's recommendations will be considered by legislative budget writers as they put together the 2004-2005 state spending plan in the next two months.

\$500,000 for the Health and Welfare Department's anti-smoking media campaign. The same amount was allocated this year. \$515,200 for Public Health District smoking prevention and cessation programs for Idaho citi-

zens. \$500,000 to offset half of every county's share of indigent health care expenses for smoking-related illnesses, up from \$435,000 allocated this year.

\$270,000 for the Supreme Court to continue juvenile offender services. The same amount was allocated this year.

\$94,000 for the Idaho State Police to finance investigations into illegal sales of tobacco to youth. The same amount was allocated this year.

\$60,700 to develop a statewide program through the Health and Welfare Department encouraging community partnerships to reduce tobacco use.

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Budget writers take first steps, pay for firefighting

BOISE (AP) - Legislative budget writers took their first action on Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's multiyear economic plan on Wednesday, paying a record high wildfire suppression bill but sidestepping a decision critical to the budget-balancing plan.

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee failed to introduce legislation changing operations of the \$700 million State Endowment Fund to head off a decision that the Legislature divert \$46 million from the next budget into the fund to cover losses incurred during the bear stock market of the early 2000s.

Members of the House-Senate panel were unable to agree on a key part of the formula that determines just how much cash would



have to be diverted from other government programs to the endowment and how much of the earnings on the fund can be distributed to public schools and other beneficiaries.

While lawmakers know the importance of extending from four years to 10 years the period between the endowment incurring losses and the Legislature making them up, they were at odds over whether the endowment's target balance should be increased annually to

reflect inflation. The target determines the amount of payout and whether lawmakers must divert cash to the fund. "It is something we're going to have to work out," House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell of Jerome said.

If the \$46 million diversion to the endowment is required, it would torpedo Kempthorne's entire plan to keep the state budget balanced without further tax hikes or drastic spending cuts. Even without the endowment diversion, some key lawmakers fear the election-year session, Kempthorne's lieutenants have been forced to defend the budgeting scheme from attacks from both the right and the left. A number of

Republicans believe Kempthorne's forecasts for revenue growth are too optimistic while some moderates and Democrats claim his budget shortchanges key programs like education.

There was much less discussion, however, on the initial spending bills of the session. The committee unanimously approved \$11.6 million to cover the cost of fighting wildfires on state land.

It was more than \$1 million higher than the previous record set in 2000. State Land managers blamed two severe fires - one near Priest Lake in the Panhandle and the other that destroyed five homes near Viola in the north-central part of the state - for the high price tag on wildfire suppression last year.

Simpson appoints assistant

BOISE (AP) - U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, has appointed a new legislative assistant in Washington.

Josh Heird will handle a variety of issues including agriculture, energy and environment and natural resources.

Heird previously worked for Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo., as a deputy legislative assistant in charge of public lands, natural resources, Indian affairs, and agriculture.

"I'm thrilled to have Josh on staff. He has great experience

dealing with agriculture and natural resource issues," Simpson said. "The knowledge that he brings with him from Sen. Allard's office is going to be a huge benefit to all Idahoans as we move forward on issues that matter most to our western way of life."

Heird also will be the staff contact for those caucuses of which Simpson is a member: alcohol fuels, biotechnology, farmer trade, Lewis and Clark, mining, Native American, potato, rural, sportsmen and Western.



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Hispanic Caucus, Indian tribes unite

Groups form 'historic' alliance to address common concerns

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

BOISE — An alliance has been forged by the Idaho Hispanic Caucus and four Indian tribes in the state.

One of the first activities of the new alliance is the Idaho Tribal/Latino Caucus Summit starting today and running through Saturday in Boise to address common issues and build political participation. "Voices United - Voces Unidas" will be held at the Doubletree Riverside, 2500 Chinden Blvd. in Boise. There is no registration fee.

"We are making history, and it really is exciting to be helping the tribes and this community," said Maria Gonzalez Mabbutt, with the Idaho Hispanic Caucus.

The purpose of the summit is twofold — one is to announce the alliance between the Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce, Shoshone-Paiute and Kootenai tribes and the Idaho Hispanic Caucus, an Hispanic advocacy group, Mabbutt said. The other reason is to prioritize issues on which they can work together.

"Education is the top issue that people agree we've got to work together to do better for our children," she said.

Health care and public safety are more

issues to be addressed. Under public safety, the topics for discussion include criminal justice, drivers licenses for immigrants, public infrastructure, profiling and disparagement in police patrols, that is whether communities of Latinos and Indians are not patrolled or responded to as quickly and effectively as other neighborhoods.

Tribe representatives approached the Hispanic Caucus about an alliance, Mabbutt said. They had both worked together on a campaign to promote the Indian Gaming and Self-Reliance Act, that passed by a 16-point margin in November 2002 to legalize video gaming in Idaho on Indian lands.

More discussion followed.

Another summit goal is to build political participation, namely getting out voters and grooming candidates, she said.

Political action workshops at the event on Saturday include voter identification/activation, running for office and developing and managing campaigns for local, state and national offices.

Indians and Latinos are underrepresented in office, Mabbutt said.

"There is no one of color on the State Board of Education," she said.

What more information?

For more information, call Annette at (208) 454-1654 or Maria Gonzalez Mabbutt at (208) 230-2416.

Latinos make up about 8.5 percent of Idaho's population and Indians make up about 2.5 percent.

"But you don't see 11 percent of our folks at the state house," Mabbutt said.

The last tribal members in the legislature were in the 1980s.

The event opens today at 6 p.m. with a welcome and reception and remarks by U.S. Rep. C.L. Otter, R-Idaho.

On Friday, the event includes remarks by Boise Mayor David Bieter, U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo, R-Idaho, Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard and Ernie Stensgar, chairman of the Coeur d'Alene tribe and president of the Affiliation of Tribes of Northwest Indians, which represents 50 tribes.

There also will be panels on education, public safety and health.

On Saturday there will address by Idaho Court of Appeals Judge Sergio A. Gutierrez.

Another sponsor of the summit is the Idaho Migrant Council.

FIRST LADY



After months of denying presidential aspirations, Mexican first lady Marta Sahagun told The Associated Press in an interview she might consider a run to replace her husband, President Vicente Fox, during the Special Summit of the Americas in Monterrey, Mexico, Monday.

MUSIC NEWS & HAPPENINGS from Brazilian to eclectic

New Iglesias album gets less than two stars

By the Los Angeles Times

The crooner usually takes more risks with his English-language releases than his smoothly romantic Spanish ones, and his seventh collection mines the '80s with a sense of adventure even broader than 2001's "Escape." Unfortunately, this derivative pastiche of that era's rock, new wave and folk-pop, spiced with modern electronic-dance flavors, is about as imaginative as the album title.

Although Iglesias and his song doctors seemingly threw every trick crossed their minds into these hackneyed songs, they should've tried harder. Right now, everyone from fringy dance acts to mainstream pop stars is regurgitating the '80s — and in much more interesting ways than merely aping Don Henley ("California allin'"), the Cars ("Break My Shake Me") and Tom Petty ("Free"). Ample doses of cowbell on such numbers as the AC/DC-esque "You Rock Me" kick up strong whiffs of arena-rock, but with-

out the raw sexual vibe.

Indeed, despite Iglesias' lover-boy persona, the tunes aren't very sexy. Even the torrid ballad "Say It" feels more processed than heated. Nothing here has the slightly haunting charm of something like his "Ballamos." For all the endless layers and varied textures — the single "Addicted" lards a watery, echoing ballad with Beatles flourishes and Coldplay-like prog-pop — the slick, ultra-plush production only pumps up the mediocrity.

—Natalie Nichols

Julietta Venegas

Two Stars

Two years ago, Venegas' album "Bueninvento" showcased the Tijuana-born singer-songwriter as one of the most compelling voices in the Latin rock movement, the Mexican equivalent of a Bjork or a PJ Harvey. But the album wasn't a commercial blockbuster, and Venegas must have wondered if her idiosyncratic vision was turning away potential

customers.

That might explain this bewildering album, which might be her take on what a conventional "Soy Ti" trust sound like. At less than 35 minutes, the collection stands as the most spectacular misfire in Latin music this year.

Devoid of the singer's enigmatic lyrics, quirky instrumental flourishes and unsettling textures, "Soy" sounds distinctly pedestrian. Anything by Venegas is at least marginally interesting, and this album is no exception. Her unique vocals — part sensuous diva, part teenage gothgirl — sound liberated and defiant when contrasted with the minimalist arrangements.

On "Lenito" and "A Tu Lado," she creates instantly hummable choruses, but it is her oblique hooks that truly are memorable. If this record does find commercial success, let's hope that it will give her the confidence to return to more challenging territory rather than encourage her to do more of the same.

—Ernesto Lechner

Underground sounds of Mexico scene surfaces

By Jordan Levin
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Mexico. Land of big-haired varqueros singing songs of love and nationalism, of mariachi bands playing sentimental melodies. A place where trends move slowly.

But tune your ears below the mainstream market radar, and you'll hear something very different. There's a wave of alternative music coming from Mexico that belies the country's traditional and glitzy commercial images, one that provides a soundtrack to a very different — and very modern — world.

It's boldly experimental, with antennae tuned around the globe, bringing in electronic, hip-hop, ska, rock, punk and more, sometimes (though not always) mixing it with traditional Mexican genres and spitting it back out in a new Mexican sound. It's music that's open-minded, politically engaged, side and sophisticated, music that rattles and echoes with the sound of a culture reinventing itself.

"The Internet has extended this sense of looking for and need (Antonio Hernandez), DJ and producer of Control Machete, a hip-hop band from the northern city of Monterrey, a hotbed for new Mexican alternative music.

"Styles like electronic or rock which are very universal are like a medium to express what you already are," says Gil Cerezo, turntablist and vocalist for Kinley, an electronic band also from Monterrey. "But what you express is your own identity. Whether it's punk or electronic or whatever, you're still going to express yourself as a Mexican."

The alt-Mexican sound ranges across styles and generations. There are older groups like Malitza Veciniand, a ska-punk band that emerged in the 1980s and was among the first to challenge establishment politics, and Cafe Tacuba, whose musical experiments have led them to collaborate with the avant-garde classical ensemble Kronos Quartet. There's Molotov, whose politics are as aggressive as their rap-metal

sound, and idiosyncratic, self-defined female singersongwriters like Julieta Venegas, Ely Guerra and Natalia Lafourcade.

Loosely allied groups like Tijuana's Nortec Collective and Guadalajara's Nopal Bean Collective mix electronic with traditional Mexican genres and make waves in the international dance scene.

Many of the new bands come from Monterrey, whose proximity to the border and technological sophistication — it's home to Tec de Monterrey, a large technical university — have made it a fertile breeding ground for alternative acts. In addition to Control Machete, mix and electronic with traditional Mexican genres and make waves in the international dance scene.

"The new music has its roots in broad changes in Mexican culture. The spread of Internet access and satellite TV have widened musicians' access to music from around the world, and increased their audiences at home and elsewhere.

The growing exchange with the United States and its large Mexican immigrant population are turning artists toward El Norte as a source of audiences and ideas. "Audiences are getting smarter and getting tired of what the monopoly of Televisa (Mexico's television, media and entertainment empire) has been giving to them for a long, long time," says Enriquez. Blanc, who edits La Banda Elastica, a Los Angeles-based Latin rock magazine, from his home in Guadalajara.

"The roots of this defiant, experimental attitude go deep. Mexico has a long history of absorbing and creating other countries' musical styles. It's a part of Mexican heritage — for instance we've copied cumbia and vallenato from Colombia, and developed them in a way that's specific to our country," says Pata (Raul Chapa), rapper for Control Machete. "The same happens with rock bands or something more hip-hop or trip-hop. We do it in our own style."

Virginia Rodrigues: Finding her place under Brazil's sun

By Lynnli George
Los Angeles Times

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — On a cooling night, at Santa Monica's Temple Bar before a crowd murmuring mostly in Portuguese, Virginia Rodrigues works her charms — those of the inebriated variety.

Backed just by cello, guitar, spare percussion and the whisper of woodwinds, hers is a timeless, understated voice, and so this tiny, jasmine-scented room could very well have been in Salvador de Bahia's old square, Pelourinho, or West Africa; could have been 40 years ago, or 300 — or perhaps 10 years in the future.

In a butter-yellow dress, braids pinned high, adorned with a spray of cowrie shells, she spins old stories and utters invocations to the "orixas" (Afro-Brazilian deities) and to the sky. She slows the family passages of a song down to stop-motion to reveal the very fibers of a lyric. Her face a blank obsidian slate, often without even a hint of a smile, she appears more a vessel for these ancient messages. Whether her body rocks to the waves of a samba or her movements are as staccato as

the pulled string of the "berimbau," Rodrigues is still reworking Brazil's story the best way she knows: verse by verse.

When Rodrigues' star first began to rise, just five years ago at the age of 34, she shed an intense, bright light on our expectations of Brazilian popular music — and of Brazil.

Her debut album, 1998's "Sol Negro" (Natascha/Hannibal Records), etched new trails. Pared down, free of the moment-pop trickery, the album merged the classical with the populist, the joyous with melancholy. The music, shot through with wonderment and longing, reflected the country's complexity in her voice — both the complex history and conflicted soul.

The album — and the woman with the worldly voice and child-like face — were as disarming as the fairy-tale story that accompanied them. Up from little, Rodrigues grew up in the crumbling "favelas" of Salvador de Bahia. Working as a cook and manicurist, she would soften the edges of the day's labors by singing through her duties. Her luck would change during a theater rehearsal put on by Bahia's

venerable Olodum Theatrical Group and attended by singer/cultural icon Caetano Veloso, who was moved to tears, by not simply her performance but her presence.

Suddenly everything was fast-forward: performing with Veloso in the studio to record "Sol Negro" with cameos from her idols, Gilberto Gil, Djavan, Milton Nascimento.

"It was like Alice in Wonderland! It was a crazy time," she says seated in the lobby of her Santa Monica hotel, on the eve of the Temple Bar show. "My father had just died and I had just buried him. Then, all of a sudden, here I was standing in front of Milton Nascimento. I couldn't find my voice."

She was the toast of her hometown, the new treasure of her country. And just north, in the States, she became a critic's darling and the hip cocktail-party spin.

It wasn't a fairy-tale fluke.

Her follow-up, the critically acclaimed "Nos," once again dislodged the unexpected, taking the brilliantly hued anthems often associated with Bahia's street carnivals and peeled them

out of their fleshy wrappings down to a smattering of strings, the heartbeat of percussion, strewn about like post-party discards. Her latest release, "Mares Profundos" (edge music), follows the same path. This time, Rodrigues reshapes a classic suite of songs dubbed "Afro-sambas" written by poet Vinicius de Moraes and virtuoso guitarist Baden Powell and recorded in the 1960s. For a month, she sat with the music and "listened to what was happening inside me." For the following two months, she worked through the songs, engraving her impressions of pieces that give more than a nod to the African influences that carry the history that course through its daily life.

So much of it is "camouflaged," says Rodrigues. Like her own journey, the country needs to go through a process of rediscovery, she believes. "I'm not radical. But I try to do a little bit with what I have."

The Afro-sambas merge popular musical forms with cultural artifacts, including invocations of African Candomble and Umbanda ritual.

SUMMIT PROTEST



Farmers stage a protest in downtown Monterrey, Mexico, Monday at the start of the Special Summit of the Americas. The sign in background says "Stop the Poverty."

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Pat Marcantonio

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NATION

Group: Tie teacher pay to test scores

WASHINGTON (AP) - In her year of teaching, Brenda has a new reason for raising students to do well on standardized tests: Their scores will be used to raise their pay. A new commission of government, business and education leaders says that, in the long run, a significant portion of their raises will go to teachers who raise their students' scores. The commission says salaries and raises are currently based on a teacher's experience and education. That system "does nothing to reward excellence because all teachers, regardless of effort or performance, get the same automatic pay increases," according to a report by The Teaching Commission, a nonprofit group formed in 2003 to improve the public teaching corps.

Parrish, who teaches eighth-grade math at Bell Street Middle School in Clinton, S.C., will have 20 percent of any salary bump based on her students' test-score gains. An additional 30 percent will be based on test scores for her school, while the remaining 50 percent of her review will be based on her own evaluations, including her ability to motivate students.

Parrish says it seems fair. The school, she says, has greatly expanded regular training for teachers, and the student evaluation is done in a way designed to minimize factors outside her control, such as whether a child comes from a poor home.

The pay-for-performance idea is part of a compensation overhaul recommended by the commission, whose members include former IBM Chairman Louis Gerstner Jr., President Clinton's Education Secretary Richard Riley and former first lady Barbara Bush.

The group also recommends an increase in base salary for all teachers to make the profession's pay more competitive, new paths for teachers to boost their pay and responsibilities without leaving the field, and financial incentives for teachers to serve in hard-to-staff schools or take on high-demand subjects.

Pay is just part of the picture. The commission's suggestions also cover university education programs, state teacher licensing and the role of principals in hiring.

Sandra Feldman, president of the American Federation of Teachers, the union representing many urban teachers, supports the thrust of the report. But Feldman, a commission member, said the group gave too much weight to basing pay on student achievement.

"Experiments are fine," said David Sherman, vice president of the United Federation of Teachers in New York City, who worked with Feldman on the commission. "But in order to do it systematically, you've got to get the process down right. We're not there yet."

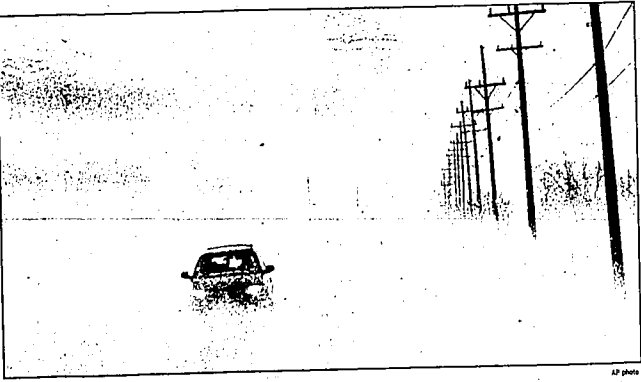
The National Education Association, the country's largest teachers union, does not support tying teacher pay to student scores, said Tom Blanford, associate director for teacher quality. Such a plan could ignore performance that won't show up in test scores, such as a teacher who prevents a child from dropping out, or one who inspires excellence in poetry.

WTC memorial pays tribute to rescue workers

NEW YORK (AP) - A revised design for the World Trade Center memorial was unveiled Wednesday and includes a subtle tribute to the rescue workers and an underground room where visitors can see twisted steel beams, a crushed fire truck and other artifacts from Sept. 11.

The additions received a warm response to a distinct change in the often contentious process of remembering the nearly 3,000 victims of the 2001 terrorist attacks. "These revisions show that the Sept. 11 families and the general public have finally been given a voice in this process," said Coalition of 9/11 Families executive board member Patricia Reilly, whose sister died in the attack.

Michael Arad's "Reflecting Absence" memorial places all of the victims' names randomly around two reflecting pools, a visual reminder of the "haphazard brutality of the attacks," but he designates rescue workers by listing their ranks and agency's insignia alongside their names.



A hard and bitterly cold wind causes blowing snow and occasional whiteouts Wednesday making driving difficult in Hopewell, N.Y., and other parts of the Finger Lakes region. Temperatures are expected to remain in the single-digits and even below zero for the next couple days.

Cold snap freezes New England

N.H. workers warm up in freezer

BETHEL, Maine (AP) - As temperatures plummeted to 20 below, Maine's busiest ski resort was nearly empty Wednesday, despite the free hot chocolate and hand warmers.

Across towns, the huskies were yipping and ready to go, but a company that offers dog-sled rides had no customers, either. And the ice shacks on frozen lakes and ponds? Let's just say most anglers were saving their fish stories for another day. Extreme cold gripped New

England, and even in Maine, where people are used to freezing weather, the chill-sent-all-but-the-hardest souls inside.

Portland's minus-10 reading was the warmest overnight reading in Maine, with temperatures as low as 26 below and a wind chill of minus 54, said Tom Hlawley, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service.

The coldest spot in New England was New Hampshire's Mount Washington, where the temperature dipped to 44 below with a wind chill of minus 100.

It was so cold in New Hampshire that workers at the Laconia Ice Co. used an unlikely place to warm up - their freezer.

Manager Tom Rudzinski said the freezer is kept around 15 degrees, about 30 degrees warmer than it was outside in the parking lot at midmorning.

At AAA Northern New England, calls for help starting vehicles in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont were well above the company's usual 2,000 for a typical winter day. The auto club got more than 3,200 calls before noon.

Schools in several communities called off classes. Police advised motorists to stash extra clothing in their vehicles, and the National Weather Service took the unusual step of sending an advisory warning people to watch for frostbite.

Group wants everyone to have full health care

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The United States must find a way to provide health care coverage to all Americans by the year 2010, the National Academy of Sciences recommended Wednesday.

Culminating the most detailed, authoritative examination of the pain and suffering caused by the uninsured in America, a scholarly committee of the academy's prestigious Institute of Medicine (IOM) for the first time formally recommended that the United States guarantee health insurance for every citizen.

"The lack of health insurance for tens of millions of Americans has serious negative consequences and economic costs not only for the uninsured themselves but also for their families, the communities they live in, and the whole country," concluded the 16-member IOM committee, composed of a diverse array of health policy experts. "The time is dire and expected to worsen." The Committee urges Congress and the Administration to act immediately to eliminate this longstanding problem.

The panel sidestepped recommending a specific approach for achieving the highly complex,

politically volatile issue. Instead, the panel issued a "checklist" of five principles that it said should guide federal officials, politicians and policymakers in tackling the problem - and voters in assessing candidates.

"We're not saying that one plan is better than another. There may be a blend," said Mary Sue Coleman, president of the American University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, who co-chaired the panel. In an interview before the report was released at a National Press Club briefing in Washington, "Our point is not to say we know the right plan for the nation, but what we have done is provide the evidence for the nation that something must be done, and provide principles for achieving that goal."

With the economic uncertainty driving rising public concern about the issue - and a presidential contest underway, Coleman said she hoped the IOM committee's uncharacteristically bold and direct recommendation could become the tipping point for creating the national momentum necessary to finally accomplish the lofty, elusive goal. "We're calling for action. We're calling for universal coverage by 2010," Coleman said.

Enron official pleads guilty

HOUSTON (AP) - Andrew Fastow, the chief architect of the shady, off-the-books deals that brought down Enron, pleaded guilty Wednesday to two counts of conspiracy in a deal that could take prosecutors to the top of the corporate ladder at the scandal-ridden company.

The plea by the former Enron finance chief called for a 10-year sentence and for him to help pro-

secutors who have targeted - but not charged - the executives who once occupied the most potent offices on the company's top floor: former Chairman Kenneth Lay and former CEO Jeffrey Skilling.

Fastow's wife, Lea, was also set to plead guilty later Wednesday to a tax charge related to Enron's ill-gotten gains. Lea Fastow, 42, was Enron's former assistant treasurer.

Judge: Reckless driver will carry victim's photo

BUTLER, Pa. (AP) - A woman who prosecutors say was drunk when she killed a man in a head-on collision must carry a photograph of the teacher in his coffin as part of her five years of probation, a judge ruled.

Jennifer Langston pleaded guilty in September to vehicular homicide, reckless endangerment and reckless driving.

Prosecutors said Langston was drunk and talking on a cell phone in 2002 when she crossed the center line and hit a pickup truck carrying Glenn Clark and his pregnant wife, Annette.

He died, his wife remains in a coma and their son, born by Caesarean section five months after the crash, is being raised by relatives.

A judge sentenced Langston to 30 days in jail, plus house arrest and probation, and ordered her to carry a picture of Glenn Clark.

But when Clark's mother provided the photo of Clark in a casket, Langston, 27, objected. Her attorney said the "spirit of the agreement" was that the photo be of Clark when he was alive.

"This makes no sense to me. Requiring Jennifer to carry a picture like that defeats the whole purpose if the purpose is to look and remember," said Langston's attorney, Michael Sherman.

"Who in their right mind will look at such a picture?" Butler County Judge George Hancher ruled Tuesday that Langston would have to carry the coffin photo.

Clark's mother, Rosellen Moller, has been unapologetic. "That's where she put him - in a casket. That's what she did for him. I'd just shut my mouth if I was her," Moller said.

Advertisement for Dodge Ram Quad Cab 4x4 truck and horse trailer. Text: "Win a Pick Up Truck & Horse Trailer on March 19". "Winner picked during Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo". "If you're an experienced rider or an urban cowboy, you'll want to register for a chance to win a 2004 Dodge Ram Quad Cab 4x4 and three-horse Monarch Gosenek trailer at Fort Hall Casino on Friday, March 19. Receive one free entry to win when you register for the giveaway at the Player's Club booth. Earn additional entries when you play our gaming machines using your Player's Club card. The more you play, the more entries you earn, and the more chances you have to win. Ten entries will be picked daily and entered into a drawing barrel. Only those names in the barrel will be eligible to win the pick up and trailer at midnight on Friday, March 19. The winner may choose a cash payout instead of the pick up and trailer. You must be present to win. Visit the Player's Club booth to become a Player's Club member and for complete promotion details." Includes Fort Hall Casino logo and contact info: "Big Fun. Big Winners. Exit 80 off I-15, just north of Pocatello, Idaho 1-800-497-1234".

Movies section listing various films and showtimes. Includes "Ophelia" (7:00-9:20), "The Bourne Supremacy" (7:00-9:30), "The Bourne Identity" (7:00-9:30), "The Bourne Ultimatum" (7:00-9:30), "The Bourne Legacy" (7:00-9:30), "The Bourne Identity" (7:00-9:30), "The Bourne Ultimatum" (7:00-9:30), "The Bourne Legacy" (7:00-9:30), "The Bourne Identity" (7:00-9:30), "The Bourne Ultimatum" (7:00-9:30), "The Bourne Legacy" (7:00-9:30).

Lamphouse Theatre advertisement. Text: "Lamphouse Theatre 223 5th Ave S. Phone: 736-8600. Shows: Pieces of April (7:00-9:15), The Singing Detective (7:00-9:15). Today 4:45-7:15-9:30."



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CAPTURING GLIMPSSES OF THE OLD WEST

Committee gathers local generations' stories



Photo courtesy of DONNA SCOTT

Top, Floyd Stiles of Twin Falls shows off a catch in the 1940s. His wife's letters to a son in the Navy describe Stiles' Idaho hunting and fishing successes. Stiles' daughter Donna Scott believes this photograph was taken along the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Right, Floyd and Ruth Stiles, parents of Wendell resident Donna Scott, on their wedding day in 1918 in Grenola, Kan. The couple moved to Twin Falls in the 1920s.

Her mother thought it was heaven to see fruit falling from trees. Her dad planted a huge garden, tramped the South Hills searching for trout streams and hunted deer every fall. But both died young.



Photo courtesy of CORINNE BRIDGMAN

Marietta Hunsberger Detweiler Colner in 1917 in Twin Falls.

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Her parents came from the Kansas dust bowl during the Depression, in time for Donna Scott to be born in Idaho.

Her mother thought it was heaven to see fruit falling from trees. Her dad planted a huge garden, tramped the South Hills searching for trout streams and hunted deer every fall. But both died young.

And Scott might never have seen much of Idaho life through her parents' eyes.

What saved their stories for her were the letters the couple sent to their eldest son as he served in the Navy during World War II. Years later, that brother gave Scott an old manila envelope filled with the letters.

"Since I was small when they died, it was like meeting them for the first time. What a gift," said Scott, 69, of Wendell.

"And I'm sure they had no idea how important were those hand-written letters, just pencil on lined tablet paper, as they shared their day-to-day experiences with a son serving our country on the other side of the world — that they would someday be read by their youngest daughter, with a lump in her throat and tears in her eyes," Scott said.

Not many folks these days write detailed letters by hand.

But it's rewarding, nevertheless, to save something of the past and present for the future. That's Scott's mission this year, as she and her colleagues on the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's heritage committee gather the stories of generations.

Printed here is the first installment "Pioneer Portraits," a column by Scott that will appear occasionally on *The Times-News* Centennial page in 2004. The column's content will be short selections from the personal histories which Scott and ZoAnn Shaub are gathering for a special publication of the Centennial Commission.

The two women, leading the heritage committee, are soliciting oral and written histories from local families whose members have lived in or near Twin Falls throughout all or most of the past century. What they're looking for, Scott says, is evidence of the pioneer strength that built Twin Falls over the years and endured the barren landscape of 100 years ago, the Depression, the war years and other difficulties.

"We need more than names and dates. We need stories that tell what life was like, and maybe what heritage we have received from these people that we should be aware of," Scott said.

She's interested in the "courageous quality of mind

that allowed our forebears, both men and women, to face the hardships of the early Twin Falls Trail."

These topics catch her interest: Why did people come here from other areas? What did they see in Twin Falls that made them want to stay and raise families and start businesses? Who made you who you are? Who influenced your life? Are the strengths and qualities of your forebears still common today?

If you have a story to contribute, call Scott at 536-2788. Don't worry if your family's experience in Twin Falls doesn't stretch back an entire century.

"We will be including stories from the entire 100 years," she said.

Scott and Shaub are interested in hearing from newcomers to Twin Falls, as well as longtime residents. They invite newcomers to share what attracted them to Twin Falls.

Their findings will be published in a booklet in May. But throughout 2004, Scott will share some of her favorite anecdotes from the oral and written histories in her "Pioneer Portraits" column.

Heritage committee members also hope to work with local schools to speak to classes about the city's centennial, and to gather stories from youngsters' parents, grandparents or old family friends. The idea is to use plays, skits and written histories to help residents of all ages understand local heritage, and to get the generations talking to each other. Youngsters' stories can vie for both prizes and inclusion in the Centennial Commission's publication.

The deadline for submissions is March 31.

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Finding your heritage

The heritage of your own family is Donna Scott's pet project — whether or not you ever participate in this year's official heritage projects.

Here, Scott shares techniques to help you compile your family history, begin a memoir that might become a book, or simply share personal anecdotes. Twin Falls' centennial year, she says, is a particularly appropriate time to preserve your family's past and present for future generations. "Write it down before it's too late," Scott urges. "Some of the most valuable historical information has been discovered in old letters, journals and diaries. That effort, she says, can be your contribution to the centennial."

Scott's tips for celebrating your own family heritage:

- Plan a family reunion. Then talk about more than names and dates.
- One reason a family get-together is important: You get all perspectives — from young and old — of a story, and it can become a tribute to the generations past," Scott said. "It can also become the 'tie that binds' extended family, which in our current mobile society is more separated now than ever before."

• On occasion, such an exercise can even clear up familial misunderstandings and even help members through a grieving process."

• Compile your family's history. "It makes you take stock of your own lifestyle; you appreciate the strength of character it took for the pioneers of our area to just survive," Scott said.

• If you eat Sunday dinner with relatives, take time to talk about the past.

• Talk about the ordinary stuff of life when you're sharing stories at a family gathering or in written memoirs.

Childhood memories. Games you played as a child. The time you ran away. Holiday traditions. Summer vacations. Embarrassing situations. School-day experiences. First jobs. First sweethearts. Military service.

"Any word you want to throw out will trigger a memory with every person in the room," Scott said.

• Look for insights into the heritage of characters. "What was the most important lesson you learned from a relative? What responsibilities did you have as a child? What family routines or habits molded your personality? Have you carried those customs into adulthood?"

• Help the younger generation understand the Great Depression and the World War II years," Scott suggested. "Discuss the changing habits of each generation, technology advances; even culture shock."

• Don't forget those old photographs. "Get out all those shoe boxes and name those folks," Scott said. "Get really radical and put them in a scrapbook. Frame Grandpa and hang him on the wall."

In the quest for adventure

Young teacher finds excitement in developing Twin Falls County

For a pioneer teacher living in a tent, maintaining a classroom-ready appearance could be a challenge. Particularly for a young woman who had known the conveniences of plumbing and electric lighting before her family ventured to the West.

Marietta Hunsberger Detweiler Colner was born in Hilltown, Pa., on July 2, 1895, the eighth of 16 children. Her parents — hard-working farmers and strict Mennonites — made many moves before finally settling in Twin Falls.

Marietta was in the first class to enter the new high school on Shoshone Street in Twin Falls, and later graduated from Albion Normal School. In interviews with historian Elsa Vaughn, she said one of the happiest days of her life was when she received her teacher's certificate and was ready for her first job.

Her first teaching position was at Big Creek, about 30 miles south of Rogerson

and close to the Nevada border. Not an ideal spot, but for a "first school" you took what you could get. Big Creek's school was a one-room affair with 15 students. Teachers also served as janitor, nurse, disciplinarian and sometimes referee.

Students had to take their eighth-grade examinations at the county seat, and their scores were not only a personal measure, but also reflected on what they'd been taught. Naturally Marietta was proud when her students did well on their exams.

Living quarters were sometimes no more luxurious than a tent. Plus, it was difficult to look presentable in those days. Fabrics "mussed and creased" easily. Dresses were always worn, no pants for ladies in those days! They also had long hair. To cut it short would bring on whispers: "A woman who would bob her hair would do anything."

Teachers had reputations to uphold.



PIONEER PORTRAITS
Donna Scott

Did this tidbit catch your interest? A fuller account of Marietta's life in Twin Falls, along with stories of other local residents throughout the past century, will be published later this year by the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's heritage committee. To submit stories, contact Donna Scott at 536-2788 or urnunch@tlink.com.

NATION/WORLD

Struggle for control of oil-rich city tests the new Iraq

By Sarah El Deeb
Associated Press writer

KIRKUK, Iraq — Iraq's long-suppressed Kurds have converged on oil-rich Kirkuk to claim it as their own, setting the stage for a struggle that will profoundly affect this country once the Americans hand over power to a new Iraqi leadership.

Already, tensions are rising among the Kurdish, Arab and Turkmen ethnic groups vying for control of the city.

Despite their shared Muslim faith, the three communities have been distrusting and killing each other for centuries. The hatred boiled over in May with 11 people killed, then in August when at least another 11 people were killed. Fresh clashes left two more dead on New Year's Eve.

"This is not the Arabs' homeland. Their home is in the south," said Kikawar Ibrahim, a 25-year-old Kurd who fought against Saddam Hussein's rule.

Ibrahim is a peshmerga, or "one who faces death," who marched with American forces and Kurdish comrades during the invasion of Iraq last year.

Ibrahim gave up his weapons after the fall of Kirkuk but is willing to pick-up-the-gun-again to keep the city in Kurdish hands.

"We will not tolerate anyone who betrays us," he said.

A look at major developments in Iraq:

- U.S. troops in Samarra detain four nephews of former Iraqi Vice President Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, the most-wanted member of Saddam Hussein's regime.
- In Ramadi, U.S. soldiers capture Khamis Sihan al-Muhammad, No. 54 on the list of 55 most-wanted figures. Al-Muhammad is believed to be a paymaster for fighters who are attacking the U.S.-led coalition.
- A car bomb explodes in front of a police station in Baquba, killing the driver and two other Iraqis and wounding 31, including civilians and police.
- Cars driving past a U.S. patrol open fire on the convoy. The soldiers return fire, killing eight Iraqis, the military says. Twenty-six people are arrested.
- Gunmen ambush a convoy operated by U.S. civilian contractor Kellogg, Brown & Root, killing two drivers and wounding several others. Their nationalities are not released.

Another peshmerga, Saleh Ahmed Farag, 54, said, "You can ask the cemeteries and they will tell you that this is Kurdish land."

To ease tensions, U.S. troops are confiscating weapons and maintaining a nighttime curfew.

For centuries, Iraq's rulers have used ethnicity as a tool for controlling Kirkuk, which forms a natural border between Kurdish-majority northern Iraq and the Arab-majority south.

Kirkuk was a Kurdish town until the late 19th century, when Ottoman rulers encouraged Turkish-speaking settlers to move in.

The last reliable census, in 1957, found the Kurdish population of Kirkuk reduced to 48.3 percent. Arabs were 28.2 percent and Turkmen 21.2.

By the time Saddam came to power in 1979, his ruling Baath party's policy of "Arabization" of Kirkuk was in full swing — Arabs from central and southern Iraq were given financial incentives to settle here. Kurdish officials say an estimated 300,000 Kurds were evicted and forced to move north.

The northern provinces became free of Saddam's control after the first Gulf War in 1991 under a U.S.-enforced no-fly zone.

The provinces became autonomously governed by Kurdish militias and parties.

Since the collapse of Saddam's regime, about 35,000 Kurds, including peshmerga guerrillas and civilians, have moved into Kirkuk, a city of 1.2 million people, and an estimated 100,000 Arabs have fled, said Kirkuk

FINDING THE TRUTH



An Iraqi man, suspected of involvement in attacks on coalition forces, is questioned Wednesday in the living room of his home during a raid by the 82nd Airborne Division near Fallujah, Iraq.

Deputy Governor Hasseeb Rosh-Bayani.

Kurds initially wanted a democratic Iraq to be divided into two federal states — Kurd-and-Arab. But most Iraqis and neighboring countries objected, fearing ethnic

separatism would flare.

Kurds now are leaning toward the idea of creating a half-dozen smaller autonomous states with Kirkuk belonging to one of the Kurdish states.

But that would be bad for Iraqi

unity, says Ismail al-Hadidi, an Arab councilman and one of Kirkuk's three deputy governors.

He agrees that the Kurds suffered under Saddam but believes Kirkuk should never become a Kurdish state.

INEEL will conduct final chemical tests

CAMP EDEN, Iraq (AP) — Tests by Danish and American experts indicate there is no chemical warfare agent in mortar shells unearthed in southern Iraq, but conclusive word will only come from the National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Earlier examinations had indicated a blister agent was in the shells, which apparently date to the Iran-Iraq war of the 1980s.

The U.S.-led Iraq Survey Group conducted tests on five of 36 shells found Friday and all came up negative, the Danish army said Wednesday in a statement from Copenhagen. Those results contradicted Danish and British field tests that were positive for a blister agent.

A U.S. official, speaking Wednesday on condition of anonymity, said chemicals such as phosphorous used in some munitions can produce false positives. The official said "there is no doubt" that Saddam Hussein had blister agents in the early to mid-1990s, but it's not clear where they are now.

The Danish statement said the results of the tests will be sent to the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, and the final verdict will be available in three to five days.

Danish troops found the 120mm shells outside a village near Qurnah in southern Iraq, 250 miles southeast of the capital Baghdad. Villagers there had reported fighting during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war that could have included the use of chemical weapons.

"This was a stash. They were stacked and ordered and wrapped in plastic. They weren't just lying in the ground," Capt. Kim Vibe Michelsen, the spokesman of the Danish army's Camp Eden in southern Iraq, told The Associated Press. He said they must have been buried at least 10 years ago.

Before invading Iraq, the United States asserted that Saddam's regime had stockpiles of mustard gas, a World War I-era blister agent that is stored in liquid form. The chemical burns the skin, eyes and lungs.



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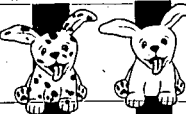
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Snowmobilers thrive on snow-packed trails and sunny skies like this scene. But preparing for the worst is part of any trip into the outdoors.

Photo by STU MURRELL/The Times-News

When harsh weather hits will you be ready?

During winter, proper preparation can avert disaster ...
... or death

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

The news this time of year is rife with stranded and lost people. The key to survival is preparedness and a mindset to make it out.

Our modern society is accustomed to machine travel and our current crop of sport utility vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and snow machines are more reliable than ever. However, machines can fail or become stranded because an individual pushes their capability too far.

I have taught survival techniques to thousands of sportsmen in my hunter education classes since 1966. The main principle has always been to avoid panic and admit that you are stranded or lost. It is frightening to most people, particularly if you are alone, to be dependent on themselves in an outdoors situation. Preparedness and common sense can relieve much of this anxiety. One of the most famous lines in the survival video is "there are no thermostats out here." This is particularly true in Idaho with our changing weather.

The following are tips that may save your life. Always tell someone where you



The author in a late muzzleloader hunt, packed with survival gear. Wearing layered clothing is critical in snowy and wet weather.

will be traveling. A good map is important, along with your global position system unit or compass. Check with the U.S. Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management office about avalanche danger and travel conditions.

Skiers and snowmobilers should always have an avalanche beacon on their person.

Always carry some type of survival kit, depending on the weather to be expected. If you are traveling on an ATV or snow machine, this is necessary because of the great distances these can cover in a short period of time. This kit should always include matches in a waterproof case or appropriate fire-making equipment. A hatchet or small saw is invaluable for cut-

ting wood or making a shelter. Extra warm clothing or sleeping bag is vital. A space blanket is important for keeping warm and dry. A container to heat water helps to avoid dehydration and warms the body internally.

Appropriate dress is important. Cotton clothing is out, since it is cold when wet. Poly underwear is good, followed by layers of wool,



Jackie Willis of Action Sports demonstrates turns on a machine. Snowmobile riders should always carry survival gear on their machines.

then a windbreaker of some sort as an outer shell. Head cover is critical, since 60 percent of your body heat is lost from the head area. I like the balaclava, wool or fleece, which covers all but the face.

Stay with your machine if it quits. Build a fire and stay warm. Don't worry about extra food, since with modern search and rescue techniques, you will be found quickly. Humans can only survive about three days without water, but will last more than two weeks without food.

If the snow is relatively firm, build a snow cave in a drift to stay warm. Fires in deep snow should be built on a platform of green logs to prevent snow putting out your fire. Watch for snow accumulation on trees above your fire, since they can also fall on you or your fire.

When big game hunting in inclement weather, I like to build a fire and noon and get warm. This is a challenge with wet conditions and tells me what to expect if I have to spend a night out with my game. Do not travel in the dark, as this can result in crossing rough terrain and a serious injury.

Travel by car can be hazardous

in the winter. Carry a shovel and ax, plus warm clothing, good boots and a blanket to stay warm if you are stranded. This is not an idle threat with our fast-moving blizzards that close highways.

Water safety is another concern in winter. Waterfowl season continues until Jan. 23 this year in Idaho. Do not overload your boat (this applies to any situation), wear a life vest, and go with a partner. Most people do not have any idea what hitting water in the 30-degree or 40-degree range can do to the body. It is a tremendous shock and even good swimmers can seize up immediately. Each year, some duck hunters drown in cold water.

Hypothermia is the No. 1 killer in the outdoors. This happens when the body cools rapidly. It can occur in weather below 50 degrees F and even worse in cold water. Stepping over the top of your waders can be fatal. I always carry matches in a waterproof case for just such an emergency. Violent shivering is the first sign of hypothermia, then your mind is affected. Warm a person as soon as possible and give hot liquids internally under these conditions.

Horseback riders stay along winter trails in Upper Salmon range.



OUTDOORS

Yellowstone guide will speak at banquet

The Magic Valley Fly Fishers will hold their 35th Annual Banquet and Membership Drive on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Turf Club in Twin Falls. Cost is \$35 for a single ticket, and \$70 for a couple. Raffle ticket packages will also be available. A \$50 single ticket includes 25 raffle tickets, and a \$100 couple ticket includes 50 raffle tickets. The price includes a prime rib or chicken oscar dinner, a one-year membership to Magic Valley Fly Fishers, and a chance to win the grand door prize.

The event will be highlighted by the feature presentation "A Yellowstone Sampler" by Bob Jacklin. Jacklin is the longest standing outfitter and guide in West Yellowstone, and has been in the guide service since 1969. He is a world champion caster who guides out of his shop during the season and travels nationwide for presentations in fishing and casting.

The event starts at 5 p.m. with a no-host bar. Dinner starts at 7. Tickets are sold in advance only and must be reserved and paid for by Feb. 4. For reservations call Dale Quigley at 734-8888.

A special program for banquet ticket holders will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 7 with a fly-tying seminar in Room C74 of the Evergreen Building on the campus of CSI, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

A theory and technique of fly fishing for trout clinic will follow from 11 a.m. to noon at the Turf Club.

Rafting expert will sign books in Twin Falls

Riverrat Whitewater Toyz of Twin Falls is sponsoring a River Trip Planning Event and Slide Show with author Maria Eschen's book "River Otter Handbook for Trip Planning" on Friday, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. Eschen will be available for a book signing, and a slide show and recipe tasting will also be held.

The event is free to the public at River Raft's store on 138 2nd Ave. South. For more information contact Mary Anne at 735-8696.

NRA basic pistol courses begin Jan. 17 in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Red's Trading Post is sponsoring NRA Basic Pistol courses, which will be taught by Certified NRA Instructor George Kinslow of Idaho Ordnance. The first course will be an all day course on Saturday Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the second course will consist of three nights beginning Monday Jan. 26 from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

The courses will be held at 253 5th Ave. West located in Historic Old Towne Twin Falls. Cost is \$55 at the door or \$45 if you prepay. Each class will be limited to eight students. This course meets state training requirements to obtain a Concealed Weapons License. For more information please call Idaho Ordnance at 420-6163 or Red's Trading Post at 733-3546.

Twin Falls Ducks Unlimited hosts January banquet

The Twin Falls Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is holding its 16th Annual Couples Banquet Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Radio Rodeo Event Center, 241 Main Ave. West. Happy Hour starts at 7 p.m. Dinner follows at 7:30 p.m.

A silent auction, live auction and raffles will take place during the evening. Prizes include decoys, guns, prints and more. For tickets and other information on how to support Ducks Unlimited, call 734-3608 or 731-0521.

CSI hosts ski class at Pomerelle Ski Resort

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho is offering an adult skiing class from noon to 7 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 22 through March 11 at Pomerelle Ski Resort. Participants will have an opportunity to renew old skiing skills or begin a new experience. Students will progress at their own pace. Instructors are from the Pomerelle Ski School.

Cost is \$120, which includes instructor fees, lift tickets and transportation. Equipment is available at an additional cost. Students will meet in Tale 13 of the CSI parking lot before departure. For more information or to register, call 732-6290.

- compiled from staff reports

CHILLY CHARGE



Cowboys Ray, left, and Perik Heide move a herd of horses out to another corral after a snow storm hit the Clark area north of Steamboat Springs, Colo., Jan. 5.

Ardent anglers take note: Ice fishing is in full gear

By Roy Grass
Deseret Morning News

SALT LAKE CITY - Fishermen: The ice is on - over most Utah waters, that is.

Among the more popular fishing spots in northern Utah, only Deer Creek and Jordanelle have yet to receive a full cap of ice.

Which means, of course, ice fishing is in full gear for those ardent anglers who fear neither snow nor wind nor the work involved in drilling through foot-thick ice.

This is the time, too, when fishing alone will hold the attention of anyone who chooses to go along.

Take Rockport Reservoir, for example. Latest reports are that

fishermen are pulling trout and/or perch through the ice holes as fast as they can unhook and return the lure to the water.

Fishing, at times, has also been just as fast at Echo, although not as consistent.

The secrets to winter fishing are few and simple: Dress warmly, be willing to move frequently and have a light touch.

Fish are able to feel the cold and therefore are less active in the winter. Which means it's sometimes up to the fishermen to move about and locate fish as opposed to fish moving to find baited hooks.

The rule is that if nothing but frostbite has hit after 15 to 20 minutes, move to another ice hole. Also, being less active, fish bite

with less enthusiasm. Sometimes a strike registers as no more than a slight twitch at the end of the rod. For that reason, avid fishermen go with winter fishing rods that are short, thin and sensitive.

Ice fishermen also dress for the occasion. The recommended method is to layer, which allows anglers to take clothing off when it warms up and put it back on when it cools down. Good gloves and boots are especially important, as is good headgear.

One reason for the popularity of winter fishing is the list of equipment is short and not too expensive - shorter rods, smaller reels, a good ice auger and an ice fly tipped with a chunk of perch or sucker meat.

One thing anglers need to pay

attention to is the thickness of the ice. To safely support a group of anglers, the ice needs to be about 4 inches thick. Ice thickness can be checked from shore by throwing a couple of large rocks onto the surface. Anglers can also take a few steps onto the ice and drill a hole.

The way the ice looks also can help determine whether it's safe. Clear ice without a lot of air bubbles is the strongest.

As far as where to go, there are plenty of options, said Tom Pettengill, sport fishing coordinator for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

Besides Rockport and Echo, Fish Lake is also expected to pick up for splake, which is a cross between a brookie and lake trout.

There are also a lot of smaller perch in the lake.

Pineview, which has been a winter hot-spot for perch in the past, has been spotty. A thick snow, along with some slush, has made travel difficult over the ice.

There are plenty of perch in Jordanelle. In fact, the limit was raised from 10 to 50 fish this year. The problem is finding where they're holding, especially when there is no ice to walk on to locate them. Success has been called anywhere from fair to good at times.

Strawberry, Utah's No. 1 fishing spot, has been good. Those who can get away from the easy access points, like Chicken Creek and the Ladders, are reportedly catching more fish.



Leroy Ulrich of Rupert caught this 6-1/4 pound trout at Lake Walcott on January 8. Leroy is an avid fisherman who will use any excuse to go. His fishing partner, Dwinelle Alfred, caught a minnow that was only 3 pounds.


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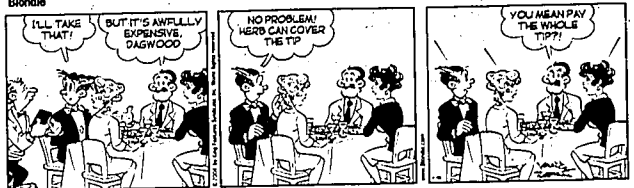
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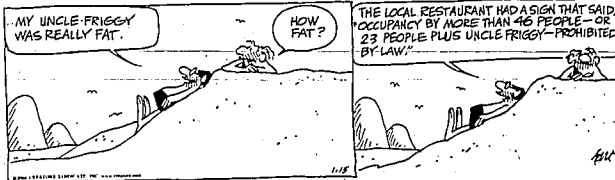
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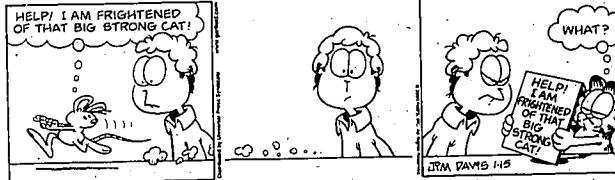
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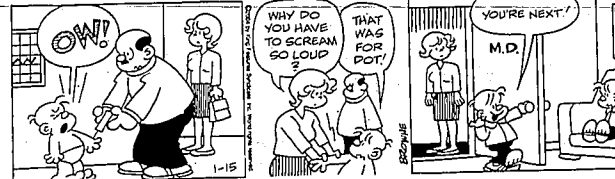
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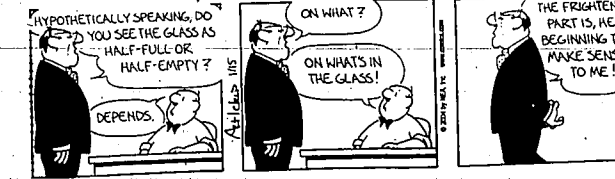
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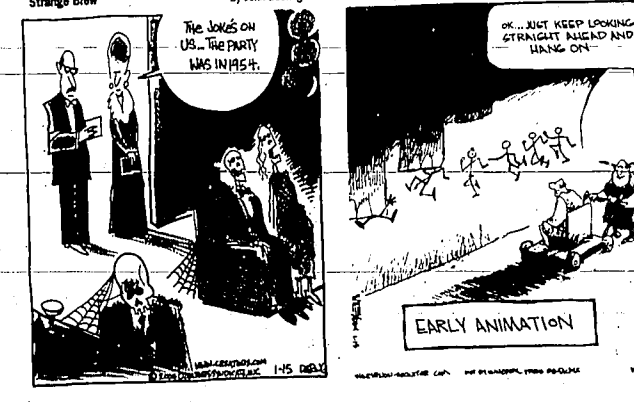


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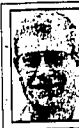
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OUTDOORS

Hunting with primitive weapons hits crossroads

Question: "I'm going to purchase a muzzle-loading rifle to hunt deer and elk. I've read quite a bit about the controversy within your agency over the '209 ignition system.' Please explain the pros and cons to this type of ignition system?"



ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Homland

Answer: Current commission rules require muzzle loading rifles used in "muzzleloader only" big game hunting seasons to be ignited by either a percussion cap or flintlock system.

The origin of muzzleloader big game hunting seasons in Idaho was to provide the public with additional hunting opportunity utilizing a relatively inefficient and primitive weapon.

At that time, traditional side-lock hammer muzzle loading rifles, such as the "Hawken, Kontakey, or Plains rifles" were the only black powder firearms commercially available. The effective range for most sportsmen was about 100 yards utilizing traditional black powder rifles. The inefficiency of those muzzle-loading rifles allowed liberal hunting seasons with little game populations.

Over the last several years many technological improvements have been made to the muzzle-loading rifle. Black powder has been replaced with chemically stable pyrodex pellets, allowing more consistent shooting and faster reloading.

Ballistically superior sabots (pronounced sa-bows, are jacketed pistol bullets enclosed in a plastic cup) have replaced the round ball, producing a flatter trajectory and longer effective range.

"In-line" rifles with internal firing pins have replaced traditional "side-lock hammer" rifles with an external flash hole. In-line rifles have an ignition chamber protected from the elements much like a bolt-action rifle. The flash hole is also a direct line into the ignition chamber. Together these improvements make ignition of the powder faster, more reliable, and less affected by the elements.

The preceding technological advancements are all approved for use during our muzzleloader big game hunting seasons. As stated at the beginning of the article, current rules require the firearm to use a percussion cap or flint to ignite the powder.

The next advancement on the muzzle-loading horizon is the "209 ignition system," and this is the focus of the debate.

Firearms with this next advancement replace the percussion cap or flint with a shotgun

primer. The addition of the 209-ignition system to in-line rifles produces a black powder firearm capable of 3 to 5 inch groups at 200 yards. The 209-shotgun primer is a super efficient method to increase the fire into the ignition chamber of a black powder rifle. Literature from rifle manufacturers claim the 209-ignition system produces up to 20 percent more velocity than comparable rifles ignited with a percussion cap. The 209-ignition system is also reported to be totally waterproof further improving its reliability.

The bottom-line of this argument is, technological advancements in muzzle loading rifles has resulted in single shot firearms comparable in every way to a 30-06 high-powered rifle. The technological advancements have drastically improved the effectiveness and efficiency of these muzzle-loading rifles by bringing down big game. In some cases, the hunting success for muzzleloader hunters is higher than that of traditional high-powered rifle hunters.

As we try to continue to provide muzzle-loading opportunity, it has become apparent that technological advancements have resulted in a more efficient weapon and a lot of harvest many populations cannot maintain.

In our upcoming commission meeting, commissioners will be required to vote for an option. One option would be adopting the technological advancement of the 209-ignition system, even if it means hunter numbers must be restricted through controlled hunts or special tags. Another option would be restricting firearms to older technology and less efficient ignition systems in order to provide more liberal hunting opportunities.

We are at a crossroads with primitive weapons hunting. You will have your opportunity for input. Please contact your fish and game commissioner or attend the commission meeting January 21 in Boise and voice your opinion.

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Fly fishers settle in to dream of summer

By Sam Cook
Knight Ridder News Service

DULUTH, Minn. — As an angler, you have a choice this year of year.

Some anglers pass these deep winter evenings sitting in fishing shacks, contemplating the pulsating glow of their depth-finders. Others stay close to the fire inside their homes, contemplating peacock herl, Krystal Flash and grizzly hackle.

For the latter bunch, it's fly-tying season.

For many fly fishers, that means hunkering over a fly-tying bench, cranking out a few dozen Woolly Buggers, Pass Lakes, Pheasant Tails or Hair Frogs. These fly-tiers are laying in a supply of imitation insects, grasshoppers, minnows and leeches in anticipation of good times on the water next summer.

"It's a good midwinter time around here," said Duluth's Mark Cole, 48, a fly fisher and fly tier. "I tie the majority of my flies in the wintertime. I find it relaxing, and kind of creative."

Fly fishers have plenty of reasons to tie their own flies. Tying them saves money, even when you consider the cost of materials. It allows an angler to tie a fly exactly the way he or she wants it. And it adds to the fishing experience to catch a fish on one of your own creations.

"I was just thinking about that," said Tim Pearson, 24, of Silver Bay. "Catching a fish and holding it in your hand and letting it go — it's something unexplainable. Just to know that I've fooled a fish with something I've made — that's probably the biggest thing for me."

Duluth's Tim Carroll figures he'll tie about 500 flies this winter, about 80 percent of what he'll use next summer.

"It's a passion," Carroll said. "It's the rush of tying your own flies, hitting a creek and — bang — you're onto a trout."

Carroll, 61, started tying flies at age 12. He grew up in West Duluth, fishing Keene Creek for brook trout and the occasional brown trout. A self-described "river rat," he fishes little streams on the North Shore, Wisconsin's Brule River and streams in southeastern Minnesota.

One of his favorite flies is the Woolly Worm.

"I use it a lot with a bead head," Carroll said. "It's a very effective all-around fly, and it's easy to tie."

The fly has a black chenille body palmered with grizzly hackle, and it has a red marabou tail. He likes it in sizes 10 and 12.

Cole got into fly tying when he lived in Park City, Utah, and guided trout anglers on the Green River.

"When you do that, you have to tie your own flies," Cole said. "It's part of the maturation process. I was hanging around with some good guides, so I was an easy target. I sat down with those guys at night, drinking beer and tying flies. We'd tie a dozen or two for the next day's clients."

Cole still fly fishes for trout now that he's back in northern

Minnesota. He fishes them in spring and fall, but in recent years he's begun fly-fishing for bass and muskies.

"If you're in this area, you have spring Kamloops (rainbow trout) and steelhead, and the fall Brule season," Cole said. "But you've got three or four months in the middle where there's not a lot going on. And we have a really outstanding smallmouth bass fishery around here."

Cole sees more and more trout anglers branching out to fish bass. A couple of his favorite flies for bass and muskies are the Teaquey Streamer and the Hair Frog, but Cole is still perfecting his Hair Frog.

"They're hard to tie. I have to buy 'em," he said.

The Teaquey is "very ugly," Cole said. It's tied with copper-colored chenille in the body, with yellow rubber legs and a black and yellow marabou tail. He likes it in sizes 6, 4 and 2. It imitates a crayfish.

"Smallmouth and muskies both like it," he said.

Cole finds fly-tying satisfying and economical.

"I've been tying up about 200 flies this winter. That's about \$500, and it cost me \$50 in materials, plus my time," he said.

Pearson, a Minnesota-Duluth senior who is from Silver Bay, tied about 200 flies last winter and has been tying a lot over the holiday break this winter, he said. At 24, he's been "tying-for-about-seven-years."

"I got a book and had a couple

of friends that tied," he said. "I started sitting with other people and learning new tricks. That helps a lot."

While there seems to be mystique about fly-tying, Pearson says it's just a matter of practice and working through frustration.

"Just keep at it," he said. "I've got bags and bags full of flies I'm not happy with. It's a long process, but once you get good, it's well worth your time."

And fish aren't always as picky as those who tie flies, he said.

"I find with brook trout, I go back to my first flies. I was catching fish on those flies I thought were crappy," Pearson said.

Pearson fly-fishes for almost everything — steelhead, brook trout, walleyes, northern pike, bass. When he goes after steelhead, he'll take about 200 flies, representing 12 to 20 different patterns. For brookies in streams or lakes, he'll take about 100 flies in a few patterns.

"Like to have a lot of flies. You never know what they're going to bite," he said.

Some days, when the fish seem particularly about what they'll take, it can be frustrating, Pearson said.

"But there are those days when everything is going right, and they're hitting everything," he said.

All of the fly-tiers recommend consulting a local fly shop for advice on tying and for getting the right equipment.

"All of the stuff will be good stuff, and they'll take care of you," Carroll said.

Young hunters should plan to attend classes

JEROME — Youth wanting to hunt this fall need to plan now to sign-up for one of the several hunter education classes this spring.

Because of last year's law change, allowing 9-and 10-year-old children to hunt small game this fall with an adult, classes are expected to fill-up early. A parent needs to attend the first night of class for all 9-and 10-year-old students.

"With this many eligible students, some may have a tough time finding an open class that will fit into their schedule," says Clayton Nielson, Fish and Game Hunters' Education coordinator.

Sign ups begin the third week of February and will be held at:

- Feb. 23) Farmer's Insurance Office, at 130 Broadway Avenue North, in Buhl
- Feb. 23-24) Boy Scout Service Center, at 2988 Falls Avenue East, in Twin Falls
- Feb. 23-24) Cassia County Sheriff's Office, 129 East Fourteenth Street, in Burley
- Feb. 24-25) ISDB Campus (Round Building), 202 Fourteenth Avenue East, in Gooding
- Feb. 25) Filer Middle School, 299 Highway 30, in Blaine
- Feb. 25-26) Blaine County

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Sheriff's Office, 201 First Avenue South, in Hailey

- Feb. 25-26) Fish & Game Regional Office, 868 East Main Street, in Jerome

Registration times are from 5 to 8 p.m., with Buhl's going from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration requires an address, phone number, date of birth and social security number for each student. Cost is \$8 per student.

For more information, call 324-4359.

Fish and game seeks volunteer instructors

JEROME — With the growing demand for Hunter Education in the Magic Valley, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is seeking new volunteer instructors in the Hailley-Sun Valley area, Twin Falls, Wendell, Burley, Filer, Carey, Bliss, Jerome and Hansen.

Part of the criteria for being a volunteer instructor includes: Enjoys hunting, desire to perpetuate the sport of hunting by working with youth, pass a background check and department interview, attend an instructor workshop and practice teaching with a trained instructor.

Spring classes the Fish and Game will be hosting a training class for new hunter education instructors March 6.

Anyone interested in becoming part of the Hunter Education program should call 324-4359.

— compiled from staff reports

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"Our goal with getting new instructors it to help lighten the load of the current volunteers and provide the additional classes needed in the valley to satisfy the student demand," he said.

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Chambers gather tonight

T.F. and M-C both host annual banquets

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's too late to buy tickets for tonight's chamber banquets in Burley and Twin Falls.

But if you made reservations, don't forget to go and claim your tickets at the door.

Tonight's gatherings of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce and Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce are the first of late January's round of banquets throughout Magic Valley.

The Mini-Cassia chamber event tonight at the Burley Inn starts with a social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m., and awards and entertainment at 8 p.m.

Dave Westfall, a partner in the Westfall and Westfall accounting firm, will be honored as chamber Member of the Year, and flag educator Otha McGill as Volunteer of the Year. New board members will be installed, and reports are scheduled on the chamber's plans and on work by the Mini-Cassia Development Commission.

At the Twin Falls chamber's event, meanwhile, the winner of the annual Curtis T. Eaton Award will be the evening's big news. But the winner's identity is kept secret until tonight.

The Twin Falls business organization's 83rd Annual Meeting Banquet, at the Turf Club, starts with cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner is served at 7 p.m.

There's still time to buy tickets for next week's round of annual chamber banquets:

• Hailey Chamber of Commerce, Jan. 22, at The Mint in downtown Hailey. No-host social hour at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Silent auction, annual awards and introduction of the chamber's new logo and branding. Cost \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Call 788-2700.

• Buhl Chamber of Commerce, Jan. 23, at Clear Lake Country Club. Hospitality hour at 6 p.m. Roast beef dinner at 7 p.m. Speech by Judge J. William Hart. Cost \$15 per person. Call 543-6682.

• The Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce, Jan. 24, at Billingsley Creek State Park. Pre-event social from 6 to 7 p.m. Barbecue dinner at 7 p.m. Live music and no-host bar. Cost \$20 per person. Call 837-9131.

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State holds property

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

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

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax returns, stock dividends, a worker's

compensation benefits and the like.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Twin Falls. The tax commission said each person or business listed today owns unclaimed property worth \$25 or more.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

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- Lance Thompson

What to do

- See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:
 - Call 1-800-972-7660, Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627.
 - Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.
 - Send e-mail to taxstate@tax.state.id.us.
 - Log on to www2.state.id.us/tax and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and a list of other state's unclaimed-property listings.

Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Boarding by the numbers

Passenger boardings for SkyWest Airlines — a Delta Connection carrier — at the Twin Falls airport:

December 2003: 2,802
That's a 9 percent increase from the 2,581 SkyWest boardings in December 2002.

Full-year 2003: 30,352
That's a 3 percent increase from the 29,364 boardings in 2002. (The totals don't include charter flights.)

Annual totals before 2002 aren't comparable with the latest numbers. Bill Carberry, airport manager, said earlier reports of Twin Falls boardings were inflated by the inclusion of passengers on some flights diverted from the Wood River Valley because of bad weather. Diversion boardings have been stripped from the totals reported here, yielding a truer measure of Twin Falls area economic activity.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Company announces first-quarter earnings

JEROME — Seattle-based Washington Federal Inc. — parent of Washington Federal Savings — on Wednesday announced first-quarter earnings of \$32.822 million, or 46 cents per diluted share, for the three months ended Dec. 31.

That's down 11.6 percent from the year-ago \$37.118 million, or 52 cents.

"Although less than the peak earnings level of the past two years, net income last quarter was quite healthy by other standards," Chief Executive Officer Roy M. Whitehead said. "We continue to manage the balance sheet in a very conservative manner, primarily to protect against rising interest rates. As always, our focus is on maximizing long-term returns to stockholders."

On Jan. 23, Washington Federal will pay a cash dividend of 22 cents per share to common stockholders of record on Jan. 9. It will be the company's 84th consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

Washington Federal Savings has 119 offices in eight western states.

Idaho unveils statewide homeownership program

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Housing and Finance Association said Wednesday it has introduced a new HUD Section 8 Homeownership program for voucher participants throughout Idaho, available to help the disabled own their own homes.

IHFA's program provides assistance on monthly mortgage payments for disabled households — those in which the head, co-head or spouse of a family is disabled. The level of assistance corresponds with the level of rental assistance received under Section 8 guidelines.

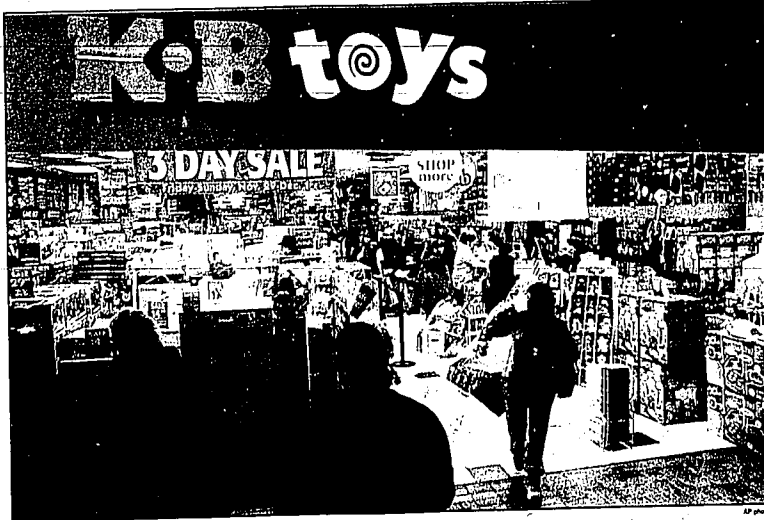
Program participation is limited to 40 families statewide (10 through each of IHFA's four branch offices, including one in Twin Falls) and is available only to current Section 8 participants. About 1,100 income-eligible families identified as potential participants were invited by IHFA to participate, and 16 families are pursuing participation in the program.

IHFA expects the first participants to close on their new homes in south-central Idaho by the end of the month. The participants must be able to generate a 1 percent down payment from their own resources and be able to qualify for a loan with a participating lender.

Planning for the new program began several years ago and kicked off in earnest last August. In March, IHFA held trainings in its Boise administration office for branch office personnel who will implement the program.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

GOING BROKE



A shopper leaves a KB Toys store in Springfield, Mass., in this file photo. KB Toys Inc. filed for bankruptcy Wednesday blaming a fierce holiday price war in toys. The privately held retailer had stiff competition during the holidays from discounters, primarily Wal-Mart Stores Inc. Last month, it informed suppliers that it was slowing down payments because of sluggish sales.

KB Toys seeks bankruptcy protection

The Associated Press

PITTSFIELD, Mass. — Blaming the fierce holiday price war in toys, KB Toys Inc. announced Wednesday that it filed for bankruptcy protection with its creditors.

The privately held retailer with 1,300 stores, including one in Magic Valley Mall, was hit hard by discounters, primarily Wal-Mart Stores Inc., during the holiday buying season. Last month, it informed suppliers that it was slowing down payments amid

sluggish sales.

The filing under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy laws will enable it to develop a financial reorganization plan while continuing its business operations.

"It said it hopes to emerge from bankruptcy protection before the 2004 holiday season.

KB Toys, which accounts for about 4 percent to 5 percent of the U.S. toy business, was the second casualty in the toy market this season. In early December,

FAO Inc., owner of the famed FAO Schwarz toy stores, filed for Chapter 11 for the second time.

Toys "R" Us Inc., the nation's second-largest toy chain behind Wal-Mart, also suffered behind this holiday season. Earlier this month, it said its overall sales rose less than 1 percent for the critical holiday sales period, and that sales at U.S. stores open more than a year fell almost 5 percent. The company said profits would be less than expected for the year.

The 80-year-old KB Toys, based in Pittsfield, announced it secured \$350 million in financing from the Fleet Retail Group. Officials blamed the increasing use of toys as loss leaders by merchants during the early part of the holiday season and increased price competition in the toy market for a sharp decline in its sales and earnings during the fourth quarter. Wal-Mart took the industry by surprise when it slashed prices on hot toys in October, several weeks earlier than in the past.

NATIONAL GAS PRICES WATCH

Idaho prices remain stable as average rises

The Associated Press

BOISE — Despite the surging price of crude oil in recent weeks, the average price for unleaded gasoline in Idaho has been relatively stable while prices across much of the nation have risen.

The American Automobile Association reported the average Idaho price for self-service unleaded was just over \$1.58 a gallon on Wednesday, barely a penny higher than the national average.

The latest AAA survey findings showed the price was down fractionally from two weeks ago and 3.5 cents lower than a month ago.

It reflected what Idaho AAA Director Dave Carlson has said is a seasonal stability in fuel prices across Idaho as weather tempers demand and retailers adjust prices in response.

The penny gap between the national and state average was the smallest in months, dropping

Idaho's price from seventh highest through the final weeks of 2003 to 18th highest this week. The price was \$1.65 just before Thanksgiving.

A year ago, Idaho's price was just under \$1.47 a gallon. The AAA survey showed the national average was up nearly a penny from Tuesday to Wednesday as crude oil prices exceeded \$35 a barrel a day earlier before retreating.

Regionally across Idaho, the Coeur d'Alene area continued to have the highest average at just over \$1.63 a gallon. That was up a fraction from Tuesday and about a penny from a month ago.

Prices in the Boise area were also stable this week, averaging under \$1.58 a gallon. That was two cents lower than a month ago. But southeastern Idaho showed a dramatic decline in the past month. The average in the Pocatello area was down eight cents to less than \$1.51 a gallon.

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS LAWSUIT

Federal judge refuses to dismiss lawsuit

The Associated Press

DENVER — A lawsuit accusing former Qwest Communications executives of misleading investors and fraudulent accounting will continue.

In a 57-page ruling, U.S. District Judge Robert Blackburn said investors had not given enough detail to support all of their claims, but he did not dismiss the suit, as requested by Qwest, the former official and auditing firm Arthur Andersen LLP.

In Magic Valley, Qwest is the major provider of local-phone service. The suit, filed by investors in 2001, accused 10 company officials of engaging in 18 different accounting manipulations to make Qwest appear more profitable between May 1999 and February 2002, when stock prices fell from more than \$50 per share to about \$7.27.

Blackburn said 12 of the

alleged accounting violations would remain against six former and current officials, including Qwest founder Philip Anschutz and former chief executive Joe Kacchio. Violations include manipulating consumer and small business revenues, inflating balance sheets and failing to disclose the effect of a one-time pension credit of \$299 million.

Arthur Andersen, accused of ignoring such accounting violations in Qwest's financial statements for 1999 and 2000, also remained named in the suit. Qwest fired the firm and brought in KPMG LLP in June 2003.

Blackburn dismissed Lew Wilks, Marc Weisberg and Steve Jacobsen from the lawsuit, maintaining that investors had not provided enough detail to show those former executives knowingly misled them or violated widely recognized accounting standards. Another executive remains.

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MONEY

Stocks rise as optimism grows

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors had a surge of optimism Wednesday ahead of the first major fourth-quarter earnings reports, sending stocks sharply higher and carrying the Dow Jones industrial average up more than 110 points.

Wall Street managed to shake its nervousness from earlier in the week, investing heavily in the chips and tech stocks in the hope that Intel Corp. and other major firms would come through with positive earnings results after the close of trading. Intel did exactly what investors expected, but its first-quarter outlook appeared to disappoint the market, and it and other high-tech stocks fell in after-hours trading and raised the possibility of more selling on Thursday.

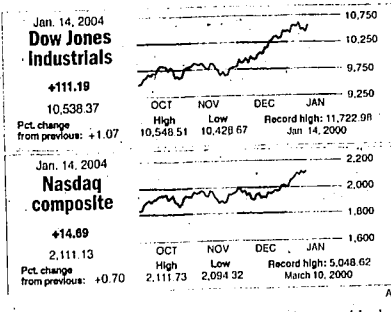
During the regular session, the Dow closed up 111.99, or 1.1 percent, at 10,538.37, more than making up for a 58-point drop on Tuesday.

Broader stock indicators also closed higher. The Nasdaq composite index was up 14.69, or 0.7 percent, at 2,111.13. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 9.30, or 0.8 percent, at 1,172.99.

Analysts said the market was looking to Intel in particular to see if Wednesday's gains could be sustained. But while the company posted earnings 8 cents per share above analysts' estimates and boosted record quarterly revenues, its first-quarter revenues fell 57.9 percent to \$5.5 billion, apparently fell short of what Wall Street was looking for.

Intel fell 2 percent in after-hours trading after falling 20 cents to \$33.39 during regular trading.

Fellow high-tech bellwether Apple Computer Inc. beat expectations by 2 cents per share, while Yahoo! Inc.'s earnings were in line with estimates. Yahoo! closed down 41 cents at \$48.39, while



Apple rose 8 cents to close at \$24.84. Both stocks were down in after-hours trading, but high-tech stocks were generally lower, a likely response to Intel's outlook.

It wasn't surprising that investors, concerned about the strength of the economic recovery and its effect on corporate earnings, would look closely at quarterly and full-year forecasts.

"The quarterly outlook seems fine, but the markets focus on the trade," said Jay Suskind, head trader at Ryan Beck & Co.

Earlier in the day, Delta Air Lines disappointed Wall Street with higher-than-expected losses a year of cost-cutting measures. Nonetheless, Delta rose 1 cent to \$12.15.

But investors were buoyed by positive economic data. The Commerce Department said the trade deficit shrank to \$38 billion in December, the lowest level in a year.

The Fed's rate hike in late November to the early part of this year. In addition, the

Labor Department said wholesale prices rose by 0.3 percent in December, suggesting inflation is still in check.

The news helped investors offset Tuesday's losses, but it was the market more focused on earnings and outlooks for the future, economic numbers are likely to have less of an impact in the coming days.

Reports of J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.'s acquisition of Bank One Inc. surfaced after the close of trading. J.P. Morgan shares fell nearly 5 percent in after hours trading, while Bank One was up nearly 10 percent.

Feds: Economy gathers strength

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy was continuing to rebound as the new year began with many regions of the country reporting that retailers enjoyed a boost from a rash of last-minute holiday shopping, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday.

Even the nation's beleaguered manufacturing sector showed further signs of life, and the central bank said reports from its 12 regional banks supported the economic rebound that began in the second half of last year was gaining momentum in late December and early January.

Household and auto sales remained strong amid scattered signs that manufacturers were beginning to rehire some of the 2.8 million workers laid off over the last three years.

"Reports from the Federal Reserve districts suggest that the nation's economy has continued to improve since the last survey," the Fed said in the report, called the Beige Book for the color of its cover.

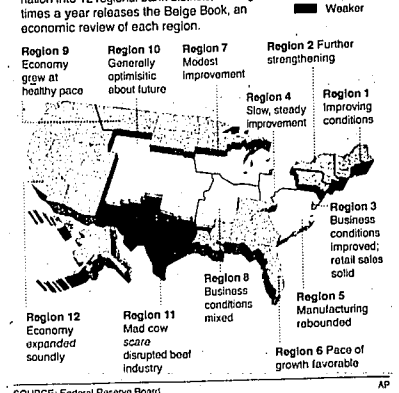
The new survey will form the basis for discussion when central bank policy-makers hold their first meeting of 2004 on Jan. 27-28.

Most analysts believe the Fed will continue to leave interest rates unchanged at a 45-year low, hoping to provide a strong foundation for a sustained economic rebound in 2004.

The Fed's regional survey said the economy was generally strong throughout the country, helped by a surge in the last two weeks of December.

The strongest sales were reported by the San Francisco region, which said retail spending was up considerably from a year ago, but Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Kansas City districts also reported solid gains with most other districts noting at least modest increases from a year ago.

Federal Reserve's regional outlook



The strength in sales was led by gains in high-end products, according to reports from the New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta and San Francisco districts, while sales at discount stores were coming in below expectations.

Nearly all Fed districts reported increases in manufacturing activity in December and several noted that factory employment edged up a bit as well. This upturn has yet to register on national unemployment figures, but the Labor Department reported last week that factories cut an additional 26,000 workers in December.

However, economists are hoping that various signs of a rebound in manufacturing will soon translate into significant gains in factory jobs, an expectation that the Fed survey falls as well.

"Manufacturers across the country generally expect" better factory conditions in the months ahead, the survey reported, noting that manufacturers had plans to boost capital spending, especially to replace outdated computer equipment.

The survey noted that a case of mad cow disease in a herd in Washington state had resulted in "a great deal of uncertainty for cattle ranchers" with several districts reporting declines in cattle prices as a result of foreign bans on U.S. beef exports.

New York Stock Exchange

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and %Chg. Includes major indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, and Nasdaq.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table summarizing market activity including Most Active (NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ), Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indices such as S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrials, and Russell 2000.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, and YTD.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT:

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market, and the 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed in boldface. Stocks in boldface changed 5 percent or more in price.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing stocks on the American Stock Exchange with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD.

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

BEANS

Table of bean futures prices, including soybean and bean contracts.

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Table of cheese futures prices, including cheddar and mozzarella.

POTATOES

Table of potato futures prices, including Idaho and Washington potatoes.

GRAINS

Table of grain futures prices, including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

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Table of sugar futures prices, including sucrose and beet sugar.

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Table of livestock futures prices, including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

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Table of feed futures prices, including various feed grains.

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Table of soybean oil futures prices.

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Qwest

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Will Burger King start a bunless revolution?

CHICAGO (AP) - It has come to this in America: Burger King is losing their buns.

a giant Whopper with dotted lines marking the outline of where a bun would normally be...

Some of them, at least. Burger King's rollout of bread-free Whoppers this week is a nod to the low-carb craze...

It also is introducing Whopper meals that substitute salads for French fries and bottled water for soft drinks...

But hold the bun, please. Burger-lovers will have the last say, and experts say the bun shouldn't be written off...

"This isn't a big segment of the (burger) market," predicted Jerry McVerty, a foodservice industry consultant based in Farmington Hills, Mich. "I don't see it lasting very long."

Besides, he noted, a Whopper without a bun is almost an oxymoron. "The bun is almost the least of my worries," he chuckled.

The issue is we need less bun more carbohydrates - more physical activity and cut less," said Dickman, director of university nutrition at Washington University in St. Louis. "The better option would be a smaller burger, maybe less often, and still have it on a bun so you control the calories."

With good reason, according to Carl Silbiski, an analyst for Capital Group, a Morningstar and frequent fast-food patron. "Bunless burgers don't sound so appealing," he said.

McDonald's and Wendy's, the other two largest burger purveyors, aren't biting on the bait for now. Spokesmen for both those chains, which have added entire salads and taken other steps to assuage customers' diet concerns, said Wednesday they have no plans to include bunless burgers on their menus.

The price of the new product risks being unappealing to customers, too. It's the same with chicken, but Burger King's restaurants to its 8,000 restaurants.

But in a sign of the times, the menu has changed. Currently known as "protein style" burgers, they used to go by the less poetic, "animal style," Silbiski said.

Burger King took out a full-page advertisement in its Fall Today on Wednesday to tout its unlikely new product, showing

the lettuce without the bun," he said. "It's kind of the precedent for it."

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, assets, and returns.

University of Idaho thinks of ideas for curing 'cabin fever'

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho Extension Family and Consumer Science educators are offering Curing Cabin Fever workshops to ease the effects of "cabin fever."

The workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. beginning Feb. 6 at the Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and Feb. 12 at the Gooding County Extension Office, 203 Lacey Lane in Gooding.

Joan Parr, Cassia County Extension educator, will present "People Aren't Difficult... Just Different," which includes a short personality assessment survey. She will lead a discussion to review scenarios from everyday life and to understand how behavior can positively influence daily interaction with family and friends.

"A Healthy Guide for What's for Dinner in 30 Minutes or Less" will be presented by Rhea Lanting, Twin Falls County Extension educator. Participants will learn time saving strategies in order to prepare 20- to 30-minute meals to make healthier substitutions and how to make recipe makeovers. Handouts will be provided.

Marsha Hawkins, Jerome County Extension educator, will present, "Protecting Against Identity Theft," showing the best strategies for securing data and protecting yourself.

"Why Don't They Hear What I Say?" presenter Diana Christensen, Gooding County

Extension educator, will share tips to help understand the different communication styles of men and women and how to talk and listen to your children and to keep an audience listening.

"Family Fun Night," presented Donna R. Gillespie, Minidoka County Extension educator, will lead activities about family folklore. Family stories and traditions will be explored and how to appreciate a family's unique history. This workshop will include a hands-on activity to take home and share with your family.

Pre-registration for this free event is encouraged before Jan. 30 for the Twin Falls event by calling 734-9590 or the Gooding event at 934-4417.

ing at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Hutchinson spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, band-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Hutchinson is a 2003 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

SERVICE NEWS

Griggs completes weeks of Marine Corps training

Marine Corps Pfc. Gregory M. Griggs, son of Daria B. and Gregory M. Griggs of Kimberly, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally. Griggs spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which includ-

ed learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, band-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

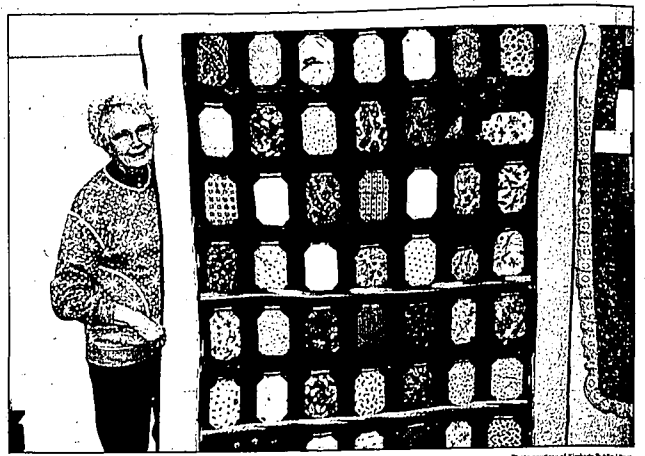
Hutchinson finishes up Marine Corps training

Marine Corps Pfc. Joshua S. Hutchinson, son of Melanee Hutchinson of Twin Falls, and Jim M. Hutchinson of Twin Falls, has completed 12 weeks of basic train-

FIVE GENERATIONS AND COUNTING



Five generations gathered recently. They are, from left, front: Opal J. Bergerson of Burley, Catherine A. Cazier of Logan, Utah, and on her lap, Joutto A. Cazier of Logan; back: Becky K. Evensen of Oakley, and Julie A. Evensen of Rupert.



Jacquie Luff shows one of the quilts now on display at the Kimberly Public Library. The quilt was made by Joanne Smith of Twin Falls.

Kimberly Public Library show displays quilt art

KIMBERLY - A show highlighting the quilting art is on display at the Kimberly Public Library now through the end of January.

The display is being presented in the city council chambers that the library shares with the city.

Some 51 items are on display, including quilts, wall hangings, doll quilts, table clothes and afghans.

Jacquie Luff has been the chairwoman for the quilt show for the past five years. Luff and Marilyn Attebury solicit exhibitors for several months prior to the show

and set up the display. Library representatives said. The displays can be viewed from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at the library, 120 Madison W.

Visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite quilt. Children especially enjoy the voting and come back again and again, voting for their favorites, library representatives said.

Admission is free to the show. For more information, call Laura Fowers at 423-5936.

LETTERS OF THANKS

People make Christmas special for families

On behalf of the Wishing Star Foundation and the Wish families, I would like to thank all who made Christmas a special time for the families by providing gifts and food for them.

Cooper Norman employees, Wilma Norris, Dee Clark, Ila Thaece, Eleanor and Jerry Washburn, Magic Bowl and patrons Ted and Alyce Wash, Dale and Gretchen Black, Phyllis Wiggins, Ryan and Kaitlyn Simpson, Donna Mills, Cheryl Kerr, Marvina Bartlett, Betty Baker, Paul and Jean Miller, Joe and Kathy McClure, Kate Pearson, Felix and Kay McLemore, Lisa Dickenson, Jessica Jenkins, Anna Moore and Scott Trappen.

Thanks to the Fiber Peacocks, Lutheran Quilters and to Jody Shotwell for providing blankets for the children who are hospitalized. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated in helping children who are suffering with life-threatening illnesses.

DIANA JONES
Magic Valley Chapter
Wishing Star Foundation
Twin Falls

Support results in success for East End Providers

To friends and supporters of the East End providers:

Once again, your generous support has made this year's operation a great success. We were able to provide Christmas baskets for 220 families because of you, school and Scout collections, KMYT's Christmas for Kids, church groups and special events.

Toys, clothing and food were delivered, providing a brighter Christmas for 562 children in the communities of Kimberly, Hansen and Murtough. Your donations and the many many hours of donated time made this outreach possible.

May God bless each of you.

CAROL CALL
Chairman, East End Providers
Twin Falls

CECILLE GRIFFITH
Vice Chairman of Operations
East End Providers
Kimberly

Football supporters score a touchdown with team

This Christmas season, the Burley High School football team

worked as "Santa's Helpers" to raise funds toward the team football camp. The boys will continue to be available to perform odd jobs for donations to their cause, so if you need their help, please call 678-3903 or 431-3903. Appreciation goes to the following businesses and persons for supporting Burley High School football:

Advantage One Realty, Al's Pizza Shoppe, Almeida Nunnelee, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bellison, Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley, Robert Despain, D.R. Parish, Mind and Body Works, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Schenk, Sweetheart Manor (Ted and Rae Smith), Mr. and Mrs. David Roper, Willow Hills Dairies (Clad and Susan Bailey), Ray Warren and Herb Wittaker.

GAYLEN HONDO
Coordinator
SCOTT PALIN
Football coach
Burley High School
Burley

Rupert Elks Club hosts lamb feed

RUPERT - A lamb feed will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert Elks Club, 85 S. 200 W., Rupert.

The event also will feature live music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost is \$20 per person, and tickets can be purchased at the Elks in advance or at the door.

The public is invited. For more information, call 436-6852.

Viking Lounge of the Sons of Norway will meet

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Viking Lounge of the Sons of Norway will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E.

A documentary, "Inside the Box," an immigration story, will be viewed, and there will be trivia concerning cheese.

For more information, call 324-4085.

Twin Falls Chapter of the Idaho Writers meets

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Writers League Twin Falls Chapter will meet at noon on Saturday at Idaho Joe's Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Everyone interested in all forms

of writing is welcome to bring a few copies of their writing for critique and assistance in finding places for publication.

The 2004 Idaho Writers League state conference will be held May 21-22 in Coeur d'Alene. The league Web site is www.idahowritersleague.com.

For more information, call 324-7694 evenings or email ihlun@northrnn.com.

Missions offering dinner takes place at church

BURLEY - A missions offering dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Calvary Baptist Church, 515 W. 27th St., Burley.

The dinner is by donation and will be western style chili with all the extras. The public is invited.

Donations will go to the Slavic Gospel Association, a ministry reaching out to those who have not had religious freedom, starting churches, traveling seminars and ministering to numerous orphanages.

For more information, call 678-0793.

CSI offers class on foot reflexology

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer "Foot

Reflexology" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 28 in Taylor building, room 256 on the CSI Campus.

The cost is \$40. Instructor Cecilia Jordan will teach students the benefits of reflexology, such as relaxation, stress reduction, energy revitalization, pain reduction, healing promotion, elimination of toxins and increased circulation. Students will perform basic and simple reflexology techniques on the feet using their thumb or finger to compress points for a gentle, comfortable experience.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

West End writers announce monthly gatherings

FILER - The West End Writers will meet at 7 p.m. on the third Thursdays starting Jan. 22 at the Filer Public Library, 219 Main.

All Magic Valley residents are invited who enjoy writing, listening to and critiquing others' work. The group is working to have winners of the recent Best of Idaho writing contest read their poetry. Meetings are open to people of all ages. For more information, call 537-8576.

Learn printmaking and watercolor at center

TWIN FALLS - Instructor Jeanine Lee Sharp will teach two

art classes for adults in the Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, 249 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Printmaking class will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays, Jan. 28 to March 3 and show beginning techniques, using linoleum, wood and paper. The class is limited to eight students. The cost is \$85, and students should provide carving tools.

Watercolor painting will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 27 to March 2. The cost is \$80. Beginning techniques will be explored. For more information, call 737-9111.

Workshop will offer tips on how to quit smoking

TWIN FALLS - The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer a free workshop, "Tobacco Cessation," from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 3 through March 9 in the Taylor building, room 256 on the CSI Campus.

Instructor J. Barron will discuss nicotine addiction, different quitting techniques, withdrawal symptoms, stress management tools, social supports, consequences of smoking, benefits of being smoke free, coping strategies, nutrition and exercise, and relapse prevention. Class size is limited.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Ruth Haney celebrates her 80th birthday

FILER - Ruth Haney will celebrate her 80th birthday Saturday in Salt Lake City, Utah. Haney was born on Jan. 18, 1924. She married George E. Haney Jr. on

Jan. 15, 1943, and the couple also plan to celebrate their 61st anniversary. The event will be hosted by their children, George and Irene Haney, Pam and Mike Youngs, Brooke and Les Charlton, Linda and Russ Grimmert, and Ted and Kris Haney.

The couple has six children; 29 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. The Haney's recently served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and reside in Filer.

Stamp collectors plan upcoming meeting

TWIN FALLS - The South

Central Idaho Stamp Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month, beginning Jan. 19, at the Office of Referral and Information Services, 451 Second Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call 326-5696.

CSI offers a home-buyer education class

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering a home buyer education class. The class begins from 6-10 p.m., Jan. 22 (part one) and Jan. 29 (part two) in the Taylor building, room 276 on the CSI campus.

There is a \$25 refundable fee for the class. This fee will be refunded after the student completes the course on Jan. 29.

The class is for first-time home-buyers or people wanting to learn more about the home-buying process.

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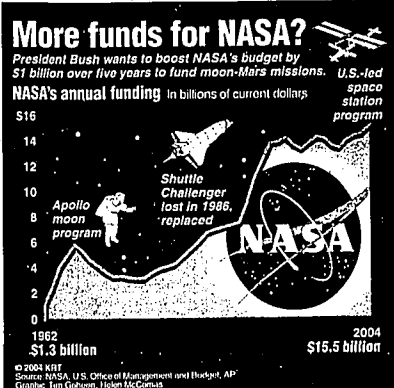
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Plan for manned spaceflights spurs debate over reason, cost

By Seth Borenstein
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — When President Bush on Wednesday challenged the nation to send astronauts back to the moon and on to Mars, the big question was: Why? Proponents say exploring the unknown is one of the soul's innermost desires. It's not what you'll find, they say, but the journey itself. It's about overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

The reason not to go, opponents say, is more grounded in reality: money. Experts put the cost of the missions at around \$200 billion for a country already running record deficits. To make the commitment easier, Bush is expected to propose starting with an additional \$4 billion over the next five years.



A manned mission? — 11

Still, a clash is coming between people moved by balance sheets and by adventure epics — and sometimes by both.

"The main driver for why we would go to the moon and on to Mars is not the science, its exploration," said Rice University professor Neal Lane, who was President Clinton's science adviser and director of the National Science Foundation. "It stirs the soul."

But when Lane considered the costs, he hedged: "I don't know if we can afford it."

American University public policy professor Howard McCurdy, author of the book "Space in the American Imagination," compared the choice to "buying a boat. There's half of you that says 'I want to do this.' The person on the other side of your shoulder says 'Let's get real.'"

The president is seeking a "Kennedy moment," something to inspire the American public, said John Logsdon, space policy director at George Washington University and a member of the independent board that examined last year's space shuttle Columbia explosion. He is tapping into a classic Kennedy moment from a 1962 speech:

"We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills," Kennedy said.

Bush hinted at that Tuesday in Monterrey, Mexico, saying his plan will be about "seeking new horizons."

Unlike the competitive Cold War race for the moon, Bush's proposal is more a matter of reaching within, said Gerry Griffin, a former director of the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"Are we up to it?" Griffin asked. "Establishing a permanent moon base is an evolutionary step that gives humans a habitat 'not just of Earth but ... the solar system,'" said Harrison Schmitt, the last man to step on the moon. Schmitt, a former New Mexico senator, said it was comparable to humans first moving out of Africa.

Less lofty reasons to go to the moon include finding helium 3, which can be used in nuclear fusion on Earth, setting up a solar power farm to beam electricity back to Earth, and to telescope on the moon's dark side, scientists and engineers said.

The main reason to go to the moon, most said, is as a training base for Mars, where astronauts can look for life and clues about the way planets formed.

When it comes to science, robots have accomplished more — than astronauts, said David Stephenson, professor of planetary sciences at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

Alex Roland, a Duke University historian, said putting people into a spaceship makes crew safety the absolute priority and "diminishes the amount of science you're going to get out of it — at ten times the cost."

Cost is a major problem for NASA, said conservative former Rep. Dick Zimmer, R-N.J., and liberal current U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., both foes of the over-budget International Space Station.

"If they want romance, let them buy Danielle Steel books. It's much cheaper than going to Mars," Frank said. "It's important for human beings to have goals, but why does the goal have to be going millions of miles away? I think it's a good goal to clean up all the hazardous waste sites in America and provide health care to people."

Rover readies to roll off

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Spirit rover completed repositioning itself Wednesday and was ready to roll off its lander and onto the surface of Mars to begin its three-month journey of discovery, the space agency said.

Controllers planned to command Spirit early today to roll down a ramp and come to a stop on the salmon-colored martian soil. The 16-foot trip was expected to take less than two minutes.

It was expected to be the riskiest step Spirit would take while on

Mars. Scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory hoped to learn between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. MST whether the maneuver was a success.

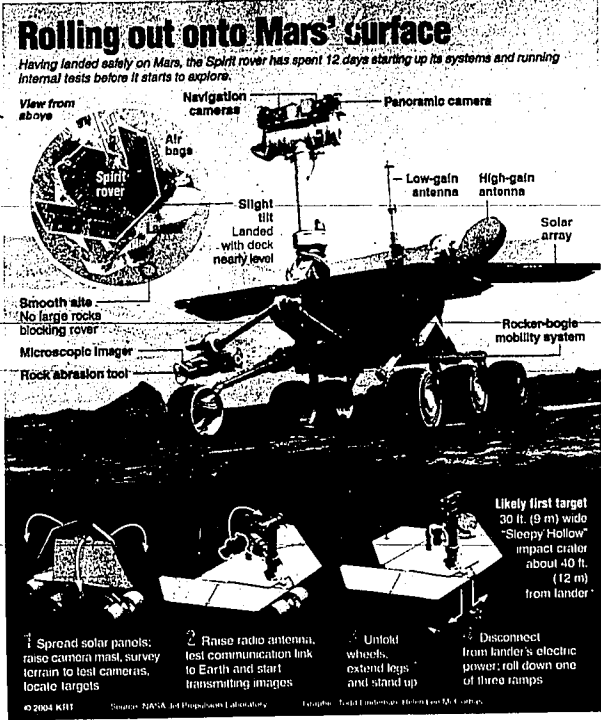
After that, the space agency plans to keep Spirit parked for several days, taking measurements of soil and rocks around the rover, before they send it trundling off on a zigzagging path to look for evidence that the Red Planet was once wetter and hospitable to life.

On Wednesday, the rover finished the last of three turns atop

its lander, rotating 115 degrees in order to line up its six wheels with the ramp.

The rover was actually supposed to use another ramp that would have taken it directly onto the surface of the planet. But the now-deflated air bags that cushioned the rover's landing on Mars were blocking the way, requiring the pirouette.

Since landing Jan. 3, Spirit has shot panoramas of its surroundings that scientists are using to plot the rover's course.



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Aquarii should pay attention to dreams

IF JANUARY 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are a CAPRICORN ... you are a person with strong convictions. Living up to your own ideals is important to you, and you can be easily disappointed by others. Make sure to keep your expectations within the realm of the possible to avoid future distress. Creative, caring and compassionate, you can be a real force for helping others in the world. ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Your mind becomes increasingly pragmatic, and your business focus sharpens even further. Social life slows down a little, and you become more interested in quiet pleasures. You'll be less testy when Mars exits Aries early next month. TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Relationships may be challenging. For that matter, this is nothing new - they have been for some time. Make sure not to try to out-stubborn your significant other; you could win the battle but lose the war. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's back to work and back to focus. Painstaking work is easier than usual, and you actually may enjoy it - that is, if you didn't quit yesterday. It's not a good time to bring up disputed financial matters; wait a few days. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your mind is concerned with one-to-one relationships of all kinds, and your approach is practical instead of sentimental. Do try to arrange a getaway in the next month or so; you'd enjoy it completely. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You could be quite touchy at home today and tomorrow. Avoid brooding on past frustrations, and by all means, don't take them out on your family. Practical new ideas for routine matters yield concrete results. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Romantic excitement is on the agenda today; don't be afraid to take an emotional risk. Speaking of your passion is a possibility. You're also thinking

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

of making your creativity pay dividends. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It may be difficult to be serious today even though every aspect of your life feels incredibly serious. Your health could be in for some surprising changes; be moderate in making choices that could have an impact. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): That surprise meeting is still a possibility, so keep your eyes open. In all likelihood, though, you will meet a fling and not a soul mate. You emerge from privacy with all cylinders firing. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If single, you could meet someone interesting very close to home. Your mind turns to practical money matters, and you're more careful and less spontaneous with money than you have been for a month or so. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your heart becomes both more social and more interested in the depths of things. You don't suffer fools gladly today, but a real opportunity to help others in conjunction with a like-minded community is welcome. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your mind sharpens, and career thoughts move to center stage. Answers to questions you have may come in dreams. For the next month, keep pencil and paper by your bed so you can make notes immediately upon awakening. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): As Venus enters Pisces, your charm shines out like a beacon. Your curiosity is aroused by something unusual. Wait out difficult stars before beginning any potentially difficult financial decisions.

Girl accepts loss of beloved Rocky

DEAR ABBY: I am a 12-year-old girl. My grandfather passed away. Then my rabbit died. On top of that, my cat, "Rocky," was diagnosed with cancer. It spread to all parts of his body.



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

After hearing Rocky cry out in pain at 3 a.m., my family and I made the heart-wrenching decision to have him put to sleep. We took him to the vet, where I stroked his fur and spoke softly to him as he peacefully departed. My parents stayed behind to speak to the vet, but I couldn't stand seeing Rocky lying on the table, so I walked out to the waiting room, still sobbing. The only other person there was an elderly man with a black Lab. With a foreign-accent he asked what was wrong, and I tearfully told him my cat had just been put to sleep. He handed me a tissue and said, "You made the right choice, dear. You were very unselfish. Just think how your pet would have suffered had you not done this for him." I asked if he had ever put a pet to sleep, and he nodded. "Many times," he said. "Although it is sad, I think of it as one last act of love."

A Dog's Prayer By Beth Norman Harris Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of mine. Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between the blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do. Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wiggling of my tail when your footstep falls upon my waiting ear. When it is cold and wet, please take me inside, for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements. And I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth. Though you had no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest on the softest pillow in the warmest home in all the land, for you are my god and I am your devoted worshipper. Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should your life be in danger. And, beloved master, should the great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather hold me gently in your arms - skilled hands grant me the merciful mercy of a quick rest - and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I drew, my fate was ever safest in your hands.

Burton inspired Costner

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) - Kevin Costner said it was Richard Burton who inspired him to pursue an acting career. Costner was boarding a plane decades ago when he had a chance meeting with Burton and asked the actor if one could have an acting career without the turmoil that surrounded Burton's life. "I think it's possible. It hasn't been for me, but I think it's possible," Costner said Burton told him. The brief comment was the inspiration he needed, Costner said Monday during a question-and-answer session at the Palm Springs International Film Festival, where earlier he received the event's Career Achievement in the Art of Cinema Award. "The 400 people participating

also watched screenings of his films "Dances With Wolves" and "Open Range," both Westerns that embody an independent spirit. "I would like to have a big fat hit," Costner said - explaining, however, that he wasn't willing to compromise himself for that hit. "Otherwise, I would be spitting on my life." Costner said he refuses to cut the heart and soul out of movies. "I'm not a fearful person, and Hollywood operates on fear," he said. "I would be afraid in Vietnam, on the beaches of Normandy, and I'd be afraid in Iraq. But I'm not going to be afraid to bring you an original piece of entertainment that I thought was worth fighting for."

Researchers find duck-billed platypus loves electricity, batteries



It was in 1986 researchers found out the duck-billed platypus shows a large interest in live batteries but no interest at all in dead ones. Clearly, the beast tracks electrical fields. It has a million nerve fibers from its bill to its brain. The great Greek named Selen achieved fame by prescribing landmark laws for ancient Athens.

Among them was the decree that a public brothel must be run by the locals. With one price for all visitors. Adelle penguins are bioluminescent. When full of fish, to make room for more, they do what bulemies do. Observed that exes Patricia Strange: "If you don't have someone in your life, you don't have a life."

It was President William Howard Taft who in 1910 reported that cocaine posed America's all-time most serious drug problem. Item 688C in our Love and War man's file has to be credited to Anonymous: "A woman marries hoping it will change, but he doesn't. A man marries hoping she won't change, but she does."

"Total liberty is total solitude," wrote that exes Madame Darious. "The moment you become attached to another human being, animal, or even to an object, you lose a little of your liberty." Do you still insist raccoons wash their food before they eat it? How do you to answer the expert who says they don't, they moisten it?

Because they have no salivary glands. "All the troubles of man come from his not knowing how to sit still," said that French philosopher, Blaise Pascal. Q. What makes a laughing hyena "laugh"? A. Whatever excites it. Danger. Sex. Presence of prey.

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Case No. CV-03-3079 SUMMONS - TXCOLLECT, INC., Plaintiff, vs. CHRIS J. EVANS, Defendant. NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SEED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF IN THE COURT AND YOU MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW. You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons upon you. If you fail to so respond, the Court may enter judgment against you as a defendant by the Plaintiff(s) in the Complaint. A copy of the Complaint is attached with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed with the court and other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response must be accompanied with Rule (10)(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include: 1. The title and number of this case. 2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim. 3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney. 4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney as designated above. 5. The nature of this action is collection of a debt. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court. DATED this 8th day of July, 2003. 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Before you look at the 52-card diagram, you might care to focus solely on the West cards. On today's deal from the 1998 Cap Gemini Invitational Pairs tournament, all eight Souths opened three spades. All the Norths raised to game, and all seven of the eight tables East doubled for takeout (the exception coming where East bid four no-trump for takeout and maneuvered his partner to five clubs, down two undoubled).

Of the seven times that East doubled, on every occasion West passed - reasonable enough, looking at two almost certain trump tricks. But what would you lead?

At six of the seven tables West led a heart. That allowed declarer to get rid of his losing club and to ruff his diamond loser in dummy in due course. Thus North-South scored 710.

Time permitting, I might ask the unsuccessful leaders what the rush was, given their trump holding, but as it is I suppress it. I'll settle for the action of Geir Helgemo, who led a club at trick one. He must have been surprised to find it earned his team 13 IMPs.

Still and all, I think the best opening lead on the deal is the spade ace. That gives you the chance to shift to whatever seems appropriate given the sight of the dummy. On a very bad day you might lose your chance at a third trump trick. But remember that though the opening leader may be blind, he does not have to lead!

NORTH ♠ 10 7 3 A ♠ K Q 10 7 4 ♠ K ♠ 10 9 7

WEST ♠ A Q 5 ♠ J 5 ♠ 10 8 5 3 ♠ K 6 4 3

SOUTH ♠ K J 9 8 6 4 2 ♠ Q J 9 ♠ 2 ♠ 2

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 3♠ Pass 4♠ Dbl. All pass

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ A Q 5 ♠ J 5 ♠ 10 8 5 3 ♠ K 6 4 3

1NT Pass 2♥ Pass

ANSWER: Raise to three hearts. This is an auction where your partner frequently has a little in reserve, as it could be a giant misfit hand from his perspective, so you have enough to invite game. Since a heart contract looks better than no-trump - i.e., your minor could split disaster - raise hearts and let partner retreat to no-trump if appropriate.

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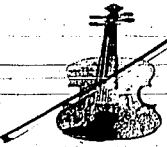
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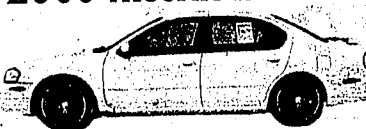
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