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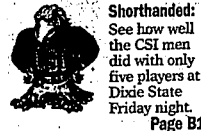
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Water negotiations near end

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

Salmon advocates file suit - A8

BOISE - Details in a settlement over virtually all of the water in the Snake River could be submitted to the state water judge in March.
Attorneys in negotiations over the Nez Perce Tribe's claim to water in the Snake River told 5th District Judge John Melanson on Friday that they plan to either present him in March with a settlement "term sheet" or news that five years of mediation have failed.
The Snake River Basin Adjudication court

convened at the Ada County Courthouse to provide an update on the confidential-Nez Perce negotiations. If ultimately successful, they will establish the next era of water policy in Idaho. But a confidentiality order so far has precluded the public from details.
The dispute involves virtually the entire Snake River, endangered salmon, hydropower, dams, irrigation, the river's health and the economies it sustains from Idaho's eastern to western borders.

"I wish I could tell you today that we're at the finish line, but I can't," Deputy Idaho Attorney General Clive Strong told the judge.
But a finish line could be in sight.
The parties hope to have the term sheet to participating parties, how the terms will be implemented, and a timeline for implementation, Strong said.
If the details aren't inked by then, the parties will report that mediation has been unsuccessful, Strong said.
If resolution is reached, it will head off an appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court and

resolve all of the Nez Perce Tribe's water rights claims.
Tribal claims are a major issue to be resolved through the SRBA, a gigantic water rights case involving 38 of the state's 44 counties. The nearly 20-year-old case is providing the state with a modern catalog of water rights and resolving a myriad of Idaho water law issues.
The tribe's appeal to the Idaho Supreme Court challenging a 1999 decision by former water judge Barry Wood has been on hold since then. Wood ruled that the tribe's 1855 treaty granting fishing rights did not amount

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TERRIFIC TURNAROUND



CORY MYERS/The Times-News

Walter Nichols performs crunches during an abdominal exercise class at the Twin Falls YMCA Friday. The YMCA has turned its finances around, converting a \$47,000 deficit into an \$8,000 surplus since director Karen Jachimowski took over eight months ago.

YMCA makes progress with new director

By Rebecca Maary
Times-News writer

Within six months, the YMCA not only made up that sum but added \$8,000 to its coffers.
"That's a \$50,000 turnaround," said Jachimowski, who came here from the St. Louis area looking for just such a challenge.
"It was purposeful that I looked for that - for a struggling Y," she said. Most people don't when seeking a new job, she added.
"I need room to grow," she said.
New programs, new plans and a

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Revitalized YMCA

Here are some changes in the past year at the Twin Falls YMCA:
• **Partnership for Youth - Raised \$37,000** in the second half of 2003. In 2002, the year's take was \$13,800.
• **New president of the board - Luree Welch**, longtime board member, was elected Jan. 1. She will replace Mick Hodges, whose term expired.

• **New committees - Board development/nominating; personnel/bylaws; marketing; membership/fund-raising; special events; finance.**
• **Talking tennis -** The city agreed to let the YMCA take over management of summer tennis programs. Programs will no longer be offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

ARRAIGNED

Pop star Michael Jackson leaves the Santa Maria Court after his arraignment on child molestation charges Friday in Santa Maria, Calif.
For more, see page A3.



U.S. will seek U.N.'s help in Iraq

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The United States plans to ask the United Nations on Monday to play an active role in virtually every aspect of the political transition in Iraq, from overseeing the selection of an Iraqi government and writing new laws to the transfer of power when the U.S. occupation ends on June 30, senior U.S. officials said Friday.
The Bush administration and the Iraqi Governing Council will appeal to the United Nations Monday in New York to dispatch a team of envoys to meet with Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani to convince him that holding fair elections is impossible in the limited time left, the

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officials said.
"We'd like to see the U.N. involved in everything - the whole political process. The issue now is, will they do this, and then how do they do this," said a senior State Department official.
The U.S. governor of Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, held a series of meetings in Washington Friday with President Bush and the senior foreign policy team to work on the proposals. Afterwards, Bremer told reporters that the United Nations has knows how to organize elec-

tions and has "a great deal of expertise it can bring to bear on the process of writing a constitution. All of these things I'm sure are going to be discussed during the course of the day Monday."
Although the Bush administration says it has long sought greater U.N. involvement, the decision to rely so heavily on the world body is a notable turnaround after a year of rocky relations when the United Nations was relegated to the margins of Iraq policy. The current transition plan, signed on Nov. 15 between the United States and the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council, mentions no role for the U.N.
The United States is now particularly

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Popeye the Sailor turns 75

By Susan Skiles Luke
Associated Press writer

CHESTER, Ill. - Before Popeye the Sailor, Olive Oyl and Wimpy were the stars of a beloved comic strip, they walked the streets of this little town where their creator grew up.
Popeye's real-life alter ego, according to locals, was Frank Flegel, a one-eyed, pipe-smoking man with a penchant for fistfights. Dora Paskel was unusually tall and thin and wore a bun at



Dora Paskel



J. William Schuchert

the nape of her neck. And theater owner J. William Schuchert so loved him that he could send his employees out between performances to buy them.
Popeye made his debut in the funny pages 75 years ago, walking onto Elzie Segar's "Thimble Theatre" comic strip on Jan. 17, 1929.
The colorful locals from Segar's hometown had evolved into a pipe-tooting, spinach-chomping hero, the "goil" he was always rushing to save from danger, and a man

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Ernie Schuchert, left, nephew to J. William Schuchert, the inspiration for Wimpy, a character from the Popeye comic strip, and Laurie Randall, right, co-owner of Spinach Can Collectibles and the Popeye Museum, pose inside the museum in downtown Chester, Ill., Wednesday.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with a light breeze. Highs near 32

Tonight: Mostly dry with patchy clouds. Lows near 17

Tomorrow: Cloudy with a slight chance of nighttime showers developing. Highs near 33

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy, mostly dry and chilly. Highs in the lower to middle 30s.

Tonight: Mostly dry with patchy clouds. Lows in the teens

Tomorrow: A cloudy and relatively dry day, chance showers showing up at night. Highs in the lower to middle 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Mostly dry and cool today. Cloudy on Sunday with a slight chance of light snow developing. Snow chances will linger through Monday and into Tuesday, but nothing significant is expected.

Today Highs: 17 to 23. Tonight Lows: 8 to 15

BOISE Week-end conditions will remain relatively dry. The sun will be hidden by developing clouds and fog on Sunday with cool temperatures expected each day. Areas of patchy fog possible.

NORTHERN UTAH

Foggy clouds and cool air over the mountains and into the weekend. Although no winter precipitation is anticipated, areas of dense fog could cause a few problems for travelers.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 32, Low 17).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists temperatures for Boise, Burley, Challis, etc.

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Almanac section including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. INDEX, and DayWeather logo.

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Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Monday. Lists forecasts for Boise, Bonanza Ferry, Burley, etc.

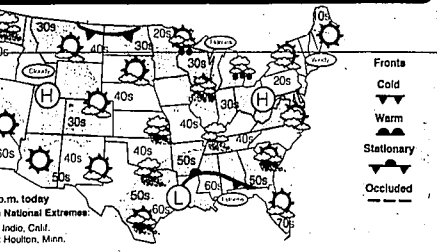
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Monday. Lists forecasts for Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, etc.

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Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Monday. Lists forecasts for City, High/Low for various international locations.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Water

Continued from A1. To a water right for the entire Snake River. But the tribe says the treaty is useless because river conditions have deteriorated salmon runs.

will not be made public until the term sheet is presented to the judge, he said. Idaho Supreme Court Justice Roger Burdick attended Friday's hearing. Burdick, the former SRBA judge, joined the Supreme Court over the summer but has continued to preside over the Nez Perce case.

Papers

Continued from A1. The newspapers and advertising sales staffs of each newspaper will be independent, and each publication will have a separate editorial voice. Lee doesn't control The Times-News' editorial positions from Iowa, and the Times-News will not dictate its new siblings' editorials from Twin Falls, Hartgen said.

News, a 22,800-circulation daily, it already includes TV Weekly, Magic Values Shopper, TV Weekly, Wheels For You, Southern Idaho Business and Dairy Monthly. Among The Times-News' subscribers are about 4,500 in Minnicassia. The Twin Falls-based newspaper will continue covering Minnicassia and Cassia counties as part of its comprehensive coverage of south-central Idaho, Hartgen said.

Circulation Daniel Walock, circulation director. Circulation phone lines are open between 7 and 10 a.m. only. If you do not receive your paper by 7 a.m., call the number for your area: Burley/Rupert, 677-4042; Twin Falls and other areas, 733-0931.

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Water

Idaho water users. The groups have been frustrated by exclusion from the secret Nez Perce talks, which if successful will establish public policy. Only parties claiming water rights through the SRBA legal team participate. Parties actively involved in the Nez Perce case include the tribe, the U.S. Department of Justice working on behalf of the tribe, the Native American Rights Fund, the state of Idaho, Idaho Power Co. Ranch Corp., Thompson's Creek Mining Co., and Idaho irrigation districts.

A few clues about the substance of the Nez Perce negotiations were revealed in general terms last year during a court session in Twin Falls. Mediators were grouped into five broad categories: the Snake River upstream of Milner, the Salmon and Clearwater drainages, the tribal community, forest practices, and general conditions.

ized properties, Lee is both acquiring and giving up quality publications staffers by talented people," Junck said in a statement. "However, as we have shown in other Lee markets, strategic groupings of regional publications can benefit readers, advertisers and stockholders alike. We're particularly excited about expanding our position in the growing southern Idaho and northern Nevada markets."

YMCA

Continued from A1. hard-working staff infused with new energy have remade the YMCA into a place of activity, from inside and out. "The board and the staff and I have been working very hard," Jachimowski said. "This is the first year in 10 years that I could find where we ended up with an \$8,000 surplus."

Tackling the tennis debt Despite the recent gains in fundraising, a sizable debt remains. Out of the \$360,000 debt, \$300,000 is from building new tennis courts, while \$60,000 is from new fitness center equipment and from two outstanding lines of credit, Jachimowski said. They're making inroads, however. In January, they raised \$30,000 in the tennis debt reduction program. Their goal is to raise \$150,000, or half the amount of the tennis court debt.

New kid in town Jachimowski "doesn't give idle compliments. So when she says Twin Falls gave her the warmest welcome of any town she has moved to, she offers proof to back it up. "When I pulled up to my house with a truckload of stuff, there

Upcoming events

- What's Fund-raising dinner, auction and raffle.
• When: 6 p.m. Jan. 30.
• Where: Turf Club, Twin Falls.
• Why: To raise money for youth programs at the YMCA.
• How much: \$30 individual, \$50 couple, \$20 child.
• Hosted by: Master of ceremonies

What lies ahead With a mind as active and energetic as Jachimowski's, it's certain a flurry of ideas will continue to rush out. In addition to the YMCA taking over management of the city tennis courts beginning this summer, there's a new focus on fitness for the young. The YMCA is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Twin Falls Parks and Recreation to target fifth- through eighth-graders.

Continued from A1. eager for new U.N. envoy to Iraq Lakhdar Brahimi to go to Baghdad, where U.S. officials hope he would become the chief broker to end the current political impasse with Iraq. The U.N. Security Council has named Brahimi to lead the mission. He would be a Persian Muslim.

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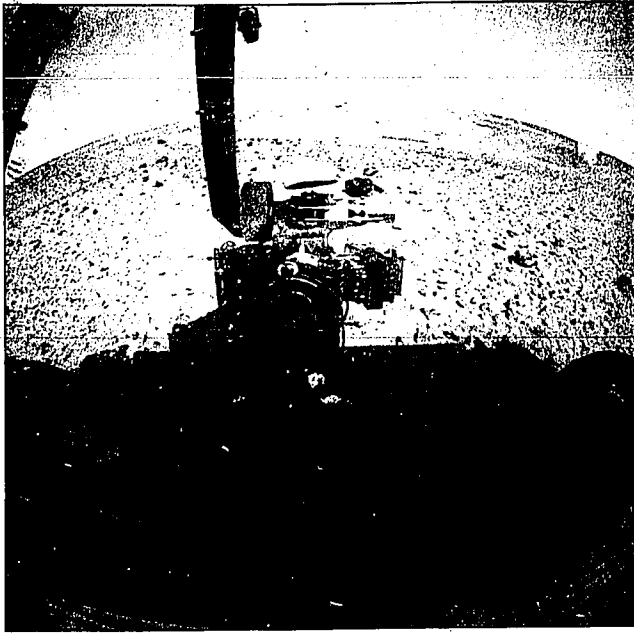
- Roger Burdick, Idaho Supreme Court Justice.
• For information: Call Lisa at 733-4384.
• What: Senior Day.
• When: Feb. 19, all day.
• Where: YMCA/City Pool.
• How much: Free for seniors.

Organized activities might make them change their habits. "Can we make an impact with just one time?" she asked. "No, but we're going to spark their interest." Younger children may be recipients of her energy as well. She and the board are hoping to implement a half-day preschool program, which would include programs for children with special needs.

lucator," said a senior U.S. official. Washington faces an uphill battle in persuading the U.N., U.S. officials concede, even though Secretary General Kofi Annan has essentially backed the American plan for choosing an interim Iraqi government through a system of caucuses instead of elections.

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This image taken by the front hazard-identification camera on the Mars Exploration Rover Spirit shows the rover's robotic arm in this image released Friday by NASA. The camera will help scientists analyze and understand martian rocks and soils by taking very high resolution, close-up images.

Rover looks closely at soil

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Spirit rover reached out to Mars on Friday, extending its robotic arm to snap a series of tight close-ups with a combination microscope and camera that reveal the rust-colored soil of the planet in unprecedented detail. The black-and-white images show a tiny area, 1.44 inches square, that includes clumps of fine particles that may be stuck together by the martian equivalent of Epsom salts. The images show features nearly as small as the diameter of a human hair. "This is the highest resolution by far we have ever seen Mars at,"

said Ken Herkenhoff, of the U.S. Geological Survey, and the lead scientist for the microscopic imager on Spirit. Several of the new images were taken by Spirit's fisheye, hazard-avoidance cameras that show the rover's robotic arm extended for the first time. The arm is about the same length as an adult human's arm, giving the rover broad reach to probe its immediate surroundings. Spirit turned its attention to the silty ground beneath its six aluminum wheels within a day of rolling onto the planet's surface on Thursday, 12 days after arriving

from Earth. Spirit should spend three more days parked beside its lander doing science work. Scientists picked a pebble-free area to begin characterizing the soil that dominates the immediate landscape. Spirit landed in a region that is rich in dirt with a few rocks. Tiny ring-shaped features appear in the microscopic images that may be evidence of minute amounts of water reacting with minerals in the martian soil, said John Grotzinger, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a member of the rover science team.

Dean, Gephardt pull negative ads

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Democratic presidential rivals Howard Dean and Dick Gephardt declared a truce in their air war Friday, pulling negative ads from Iowa television in the closing days of a remarkably tight caucus race. The shift came as the four-way contest, the closest since 1988, focused on the growing number of undecided voters suddenly choosing sides. Fence-sitters usually reject negative ads, thus Dean and Gephardt went positive.

Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts and John Edwards of North Carolina were drawing the most support from the last-minute shoppers, campaign posters and strategists said. After starting the week behind Dean and Gephardt, the two senators closed the gap in a race that is impossible to predict because the vagaries of the caucus system makes polling unreliable. The stakes are highest for Gephardt, who won the 1988 caucuses by four percentage points—a landslide in comparison to where the race stood Friday. A defeat would effectively end the Missouri lawmaker's 28-year political career, aides said. "I've always

Undecided voters gain spotlight in tight race

known this would be a close competition, a dead heat-type race, but I believe we're going to win," Gephardt told supporters in Fort Dodge in northern Iowa. Public polls showed his support slipping, and trouble signs loomed in internal campaign surveys. An official close to Dean's advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said their research showed Kerry leading, followed by Dean and Edwards — all within the margin of error — and Gephardt narrowly trailing. Those numbers don't bode well for Dean, but others statistics do: 3,500 volunteers knocking on doors, more than three times his closest rival, and about \$300,000

raised from Internet-savvy supporters. Friday, three times as much as any other day this week. "We're surging because our supporters believe our rivals are not just trying to stop Dean, they're trying to stop them," said spokeswoman Tricia Enright. Dean's supporters have a history of responding when his back is against the wall. The former Vermont governor has the money and organization to compete well beyond Iowa regardless of Monday's results, but a defeat would strip him of the front-runner status, raise questions about his long-term viability and embolden his rivals. Chief among them Kerry, whose campaign was at death's door when the year began. He shifted his resources to this caucus state after losing a big lead to Dean in New Hampshire. A strong finish or victory in Iowa might resuscitate Kerry's campaign there.

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Jackson shows up late, pleads innocent

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The Michael Jackson circus came to town Friday as the pop star showed up in court 21 minutes late to plead innocent to child molesting, got a scolding from the judge, and then danced on top his SUV in front of a cheering crowd. Later, he invited fans back to his Neverland Ranch for refreshments. Jackson's antics marked a bizarre start to a criminal case that could send the 45-year-old singer to prison for decades. "Mr. Jackson, you have started

out on the wrong foot here," Judge Rodney Melville said after the singer was tardy for his first court appearance in the case. "I want to advise you that I will not put up with that. It's an insult to the court." The hearing began with Jackson pleading not guilty to seven counts of molesting a child under 14 and two counts of giving the child an "intoxicating agent," reportedly wine. Jackson spoke softly but firmly as he entered his plea, and stared straight ahead and showed no emotion while the judge took up

various legal motions. The hearing ended in less than two hours while Jackson was on a restroom break. The judge, irritated, remarked that Jackson's exit had caused a disruption. About 1,500 people, including fans and media from around the world, swarmed outside the courthouse in a scene reminiscent of a concert. Vendors sold T-shirts, steaks and hot dogs. Many fans had come to the courthouse in chartered buses and cars in a "Caravan of Love" from Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

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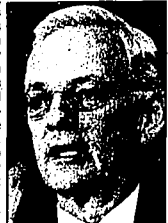
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Ex-Treasury chief says caution led to firing

O'Neill claims he argued against further tax cuts

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - For Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, the moment of truth had arrived. Seated in the Oval Office on Sept. 4, 2002, he looked President Bush in the eye and told him that another big tax cut could prove disastrous.



to address America's priorities, which are fighting the war on terrorism and promoting America's economic security," she said. "The budget reflects those priorities. In addition, it reflects spending restraint in other areas."

Not all administration observers agree with O'Neill's interpretation of events, and some question the book's accuracy.

Suskind, a former Wall Street Journal reporter and a winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1995, said the book was based on extensive interviews with O'Neill and other administration officials, as well as 19,000 government documents, including meeting minutes and transcripts. O'Neill proofread the manuscript before publication, and dialogue "was vetted by" Suskind said.

Former Bush economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey, a tax-cut advocate who lost his own job soon after O'Neill left, wrote in a Wall Street Journal column published Wednesday that O'Neill's descriptions of Bush and his economic policy "do not comport with my recollection or with the public record." The book, he said, "does a grave injustice to the president, to the truth, and to Mr. O'Neill himself."

After speaking his mind to Bush, O'Neill suspected his days were numbered. But it would be several more weeks before the tax cutters overpowered the budget hawks.

At one point, during a fractious meeting in the White House Roosevelt Room, even Bush seemed to have doubts about a tax package that would bestow most of its benefits on wealthy Americans.

"Didn't we already give them a break at the top?" Bush reportedly asked.

"Mr. President, remember the high earners are where the entrepreneurs are," Mitchell E. Daniels Jr., director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The president was persuaded. The White House assembled a plan that cut the tax on corporate dividends and accelerated rate reductions approved in 2001. Combined with the previous initiative, it set the government on a course that independent analysts now believe could add as much as \$5 trillion to the national debt over 10 years.

For O'Neill, the punch line arrived on Dec. 5, 2002, in the form of a phone call from Vice President Dick Cheney.

"Paul, the president has decided to make some changes in the economic team," Cheney said. "And you're part of the change."

Report: Bush will ask for permanent tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush will use next week's State of the Union address to try to revive a proposal that would allow younger workers to invest a portion of their Social Security taxes in the stock market, the White House said Friday.

His election-year agenda also calls for pressing Congress to make already-enacted tax cuts permanent, such as the elimination of inheritance taxes and reductions in capital gains taxes.

Bush is likely to renew his push for a new kind of tax-protected savings accounts that could be used for retirement, college, health care or other purposes.

Bush will address the nation in a televised speech before a joint session of Congress at 7 p.m. MST Tuesday, three years to the day after his inauguration and one day after the Iowa presidential caucuses.

Approaching a battle for reelection, Bush will highlight success in the fight against terrorism, most notably the capture of deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

He also will challenge Congress to address the rising costs of health care, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said. It will be a stay-the-course mes-



President Bush addresses Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Thursday in New Orleans.

sage at a time when his Democratic rivals are urging a change at the White House.

"He needs to make the case as best he can that people are better off and more secure than they were four years ago, and that maintaining the status quo is the

better course for the nation," said Phil Tronstine, the director of the Survey and Policy Research Institute at San Jose State University.

"He has to be political but deft. It can't sound like a political speech," said Tronstine, a former

communications director for ex-Gov. Gray Davis of California. "He's got to sound like he is a statesman and the leader of the nation, not a politician and the leader of his party."

A day after his speech, Bush will cross the country to emphasize his themes.

He will travel to Toledo, Ohio, and Phoenix on Wednesday, then visit Roswell, N.M., on Thursday before returning home.

Bush held his first speech rehearsal Friday and planned to go over his remarks during a weekend stay at Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland's Carolin Mountains.

"We're meeting our priorities at home and abroad," McClellan said. "But I expect the president will say that there is much that remains to be done to continue to make America more secure, more prosperous, and more hopeful."

The partisan atmosphere of the campaign year may diminish the chances of major action on Bush's initiatives, some of which have languished for years. But the administration hopes that last year's approval of sweeping changes in Medicare and the addition of a prescription drug benefit will clear the way for action on Bush's proposal to partially privatize Social Security.

U.S. Army investigates soldier in Iraqi civilian shooting incident

By Patrick J. McDonnell Los Angeles Times

TIKRIT, Iraq - Intisar Kadhum tried valiantly to shield her son Ahmed, cradling the 7-year-old in her arms as they rode in the rear seat of a taxi.

Her maternal instincts could not spare either from the fury of a machine gun unleashed on the Chevrolet Caprice as it navigated a stretch of highway on Jan. 3. Mother and son, along with the driver and another passenger, were killed, their sedan riddled with more than three dozen bullets.

Civilians die almost daily in Iraq at the hands of assorted gunmen and bombers, most of whom are seldom identified or caught. But in this case, evidence suggests that the shooting was committed by a U.S. soldier in a military convoy. The U.S. Army is investigating allegations that the soldier fired without provocation.

The incident has served to underscore the tensions on the well-trafficked routes of Iraq, which are lined with military convoys rumbling back and forth with troops and materiel. Convoys vary from two or three

Humvees to mile-long processions of assorted vehicles, including lumbering tanks and 28-wheel tractor trailers.

Passing the slow-moving convoys can be risky business. In a country where roadside ambushes and bomb attacks cause U.S. casualties virtually every day, soldiers are wary that approaching vehicles may be ferrying attackers - or suicide bombers.

Often, civilian drivers attempt to exchange hand motions or eye contact with U.S. personnel to ascertain a safe moment to pass. But a false move can mean death.

The shooting has inflamed passions in this troubled swath of the nation's Sunni Muslim heartland where resentment of U.S. forces is already high. U.S. military authorities say their investigation will thoroughly examine allegations by the victims' families, Iraqi police, and the sole survivor that a U.S. soldier fired indiscriminately at the taxi. "I don't think anyone's taking this as a wild accusation. Absolutely not," said Lt. Col. Daniel Williams, a military spokesman in Baghdad. "This has gone up to the highest level for us."

Privately, Army officials acknowledged that a U.S. gunner on a convoy probably was responsible for the shooting. "If there was evidence to the contrary, we would be promoting that evidence," noted one military officer familiar with the investigation. "If a U.S. soldier is found to have fired at the taxi, he or she could face disciplinary action for not reporting the shooting. The shooter could face more serious punishment if it is determined that the shots were fired in the absence of a threat. If the shooting is found to be unjustified, the victims' families could be entitled to monetary compensation. The U.S. military has doled out for less than \$2 million in compensation arising from more than 10,000 claims for property and personal losses in Iraq. The average payout for a loss of life was \$2,500, the Army said. Relatives of the dead say they want justice, not money."

"I would like to ask the Americans: What did my wife and my boy do to deserve this?" said Javad Kadhum, a burly truck driver, as he sat on his living room carpet among male visitors, his eyes sunken and red from days without sleep.

U.S. orders investigation of abuse reports

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The commander of U.S. forces in Iraq has ordered a criminal investigation into reports of abuse of prisoners at an unspecified coalition detention center, U.S. officials said Friday.

A military statement gave no indication about the scope of the reported abuse, saying simply that Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez ordered a probe "into reported incidents of detainee abuse at a coalition forces detention facility."

The release of specific information concerning the incidents could hinder the investigation, which is in its early stages, the statement said. "The investigation will be conducted in a thorough and professional manner," it added. "The coalition is committed to treating all persons under its control with dignity, respect and humanity."

In Washington, Lawrence D. Rita, spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, said it is a criminal investigation and that the reports of abuse were deemed "very serious and credible."

Rita declined to provide any details other than to say the alleged abuse happened at detention centers in Baghdad.

Deficit rises by \$20 billion

WASHINGTON - The government produced a deficit of \$128.7 billion for the first three months of the 2004 budget year, which was \$20 billion more than for the same period a year earlier, the Treasury Department reported Thursday.

For the budget year that began Oct. 1, spending totaled \$563.4 billion, compared with \$535.6 billion for the same period last year. Revenues came to almost \$440.8 billion, compared with \$427.3 billion.

The White House's budget chief has said the red ink could top \$500 billion in the current budget year, even as the economy strengthens.

Bush ignores Democrats, installs judge to court

WASHINGTON - In an election-year slap at filibustering Democrats, President Bush side-stepped Congress on Friday and installed Mississippi Judge Charles Pickering to the federal appeals court after a two-year battle filled with racial, religious and regional argument.

Bush elevated Pickering by recess appointment, simply putting him in office while Congress was out of session. Such appointments bypass confirmation, and will end at the next Congress takes office, in this case in January 2005.

Bush's action will re-ignite the battle between Republicans and Democrats over the direction of the federal courts, a fight already sure to be intense this year because of the presidential election.

Nation in brief

Democrats have accused Pickering of supporting segregation as a young man, and promoting anti-abortion and anti-voting rights views as a state lawmaker.

Republicans in turn have accused Democrats of being grossly biased against Bush's anti-abortion nominees. They also have accused the Democrats of being biased against Southerners.

Court says it will not block Texas redistricting plan

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court refused Friday to block a hard-fought Republican redistricting plan in Texas, that could cost Democrats as many as six seats in Congress.

The justices will announce later of this year whether they will consider an appeal from congressional Democrats and others who claim the map dilutes minority voting strength. In the meantime, they rejected an emergency appeal that sought to stop the state from using the new boundaries in this year's elections.

The districts were approved by the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature in a special session following months of partisan bickering, highlighted by two out-of-state walkouts by Democrats. The Texas Legislature approved the districts during a special session last fall. Democrats claimed a Republican "power grab" waged from Washington was behind the effort. - compiled from wire reports

Army plans to cut back units in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The U.S. Army will cut back on the number of garrisons in Baghdad and conduct fewer armed patrols after the 1st Armored Division takes control of the capital to a fresh Army division and pulls out after a year in the country.

It's all part of the U.S. strategy to turn over responsibility for security to Iraqis at a time when attacks against Americans are dwindling, said Brig. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, a deputy commander of the 1st Armored Division.

The incoming force, the Army's 1st Cavalry Division, will billet most of its forces outside Baghdad, closing 19 bases in the city as the 1st Armored returns to Germany in April, Scaparrotti said.

"We're inside the city in many operating bases looking out," Scaparrotti said in an interview with The Associated Press. "They will be more on the outside looking in."

The mellow occupation plan is contingent on a smooth handoff that includes hundreds of tasks, the mismanagement of any one of which could bring the troops storming back into Baghdad. They include maintaining good relations with a testy Shiite Muslim slum and introducing incoming troops to the network of Iraqi informers, Scaparrotti said.

The Fort Hood, Texas-based 1st Cavalry will also occupy a larger piece of territory around Baghdad, not just the inner city. The division will entrust central Baghdad, as much as possible, to the 10,000 Iraqi police who are expected to be ready when the 1st Cavalry arrives, Scaparrotti said.

SUFFERING LOSSES



An improvised explosive device explodes Friday in Baghdad as two U.S. soldiers take cover. The explosion killed one Iraqi boy and wounded three others as they played soccer along the busy street. The device exploded as the soldiers moved closer to inspect it.

Saudis discover al-Qaida-run training camps

RIYADHI, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Authorities have discovered al-Qaida-run camps in the Saudi desert that trained militants to carry out terror attacks, an Interior Ministry official said Thursday.

The statement was the first confirmation the al-Qaida terror network had infiltrated Saudi Arabia. The government previously acknowledged there could be al-Qaida training facilities in the kingdom, but gave no details. The camps were set up to train militants to use weapons and pre-

pare for terror operations, the official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. He did not specify the number of camps or say when they were found.

Two key militants killed in terror sweeps last year - Turki Nasser al-Dandani and Yossi Salih Fahd Al-Ayedi - commanded the camps, the official said. More leaders were being sought.

Al-Dandani and Al-Ayedi were on a list of 19 al-Qaida operatives wanted following the May 6 discovery of a weapons cache in Riyadh,

the Saudi capital. The group was said to take orders directly from Osama bin Laden and to be linked to the May 12 bombings in Riyadh that killed 26 people. When he was killed, Al-Ayedi was allegedly carrying a letter written by bin Laden.

"I am not surprised such camps were found, knowing the camps' nature and ideology of these people," said Khalid al-Maene, editor of the English daily Arab News. "If they go killing people, they must be somewhere they are trained to do it."

YOUR WEEKEND

Unreeling the world

- What: The Magic Valley Arts Council and the Lamphouse Theater will present the opening weekend of the 16th annual Foreign Film Festival.
- Where: Lamphouse Theater, 223 Fifth Ave. S., Twin Falls.
- When: Raul Marchand Sanchez's "12 Hours," a film from Puerto Rico, plays at 1:30 and 7:15 p.m. today at 4:45 p.m. on Sunday. Michael Winterbottom's "In This World," a British movie, will be shown at 4:45 p.m. today and 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$7.50 per film, are available at the door.

Honky-tonkin'

- What: Renegade will play Honker's Place in Twin Falls.
- Where: 121 Fourth Ave. S.
- When: Tonight, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- How much: There's a \$4 cover charge.



'Plaid' all over

- What: The Sun Valley Company will present Stuart Ross' nostalgic '50s musical, "Forever Plaid."
- Where: Boiler Room, Sun Valley Resort.
- When: Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning 622-2135. The show continues every Sunday through the end of March.

Saturn's mysteries

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

Through a lens darkly

- What: The Sun Valley Center for the Arts presents a multidisciplinary show, "Cowboys and Indians: the West as Muse in Contemporary Photography," featuring two different photo exhibitions in the center's gallery.
- Where: 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum.
- When: The gallery is open today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's also open Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- How much: It's free. The show is on display through March 12.

Bob's band

- What: The Bob Nora Band will play at The Oasis in Twin Falls.
- Where: 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd.
- When: Tonight, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
- How much: There's no cover charge.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak **
Upper Snake Basin	106%	55%
Salmon Falls	118%	59%
Salmon	97%	49%
Oakley	113%	58%
Big Wood	106%	55%
Little Wood	121%	60%
Hennys Fork/Teton	120%	62%
Big Lost	112%	55%
Little Lost	92%	47%
	Avg. of Jan. 10	

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

Cameron blasts Ag Department

The Associated Press

BOISE — The chairman of the Senate Finance Committee lashed out at state Agriculture Department officials on Friday for their handling of the financial arrangements for a mid-2000 national conference.

"I'm concerned, if not angry, about the appearance," Republican Dean Cameron of Rupert told Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi.

It was only the latest time Takasugi has been questioned about the joint conference of the National Association of State



Sen. Dean Cameron

Departments of Agriculture and the North American Agricultural Marketing Officials association. The department raised about \$78,000 from private sources and wound up with \$6,500 left when the event was over. The national associations typically allow the sponsoring state to dispose of any leftover cash as it sees fit.

Takasugi said he was unaware of any requirement to run the cash through a state account or any guidelines for disposition of the balance. But he told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee that much tighter fiscal controls for such events are now in place and were used on a recent national event the department sponsored.

He also emphasized time and again that nothing illegal occurred, and auditor Tom Haddock confirmed that, saying that the attorney general had been consulted about the situation and decided not to pursue it.

The state has since developed a policy for such events, and it is in the final stages of review. Most aggravating to the legislators appeared to be the disposition of the \$6,500, which Takasugi said was spent on employee appreciation, including alcoholic beverages for some meet-



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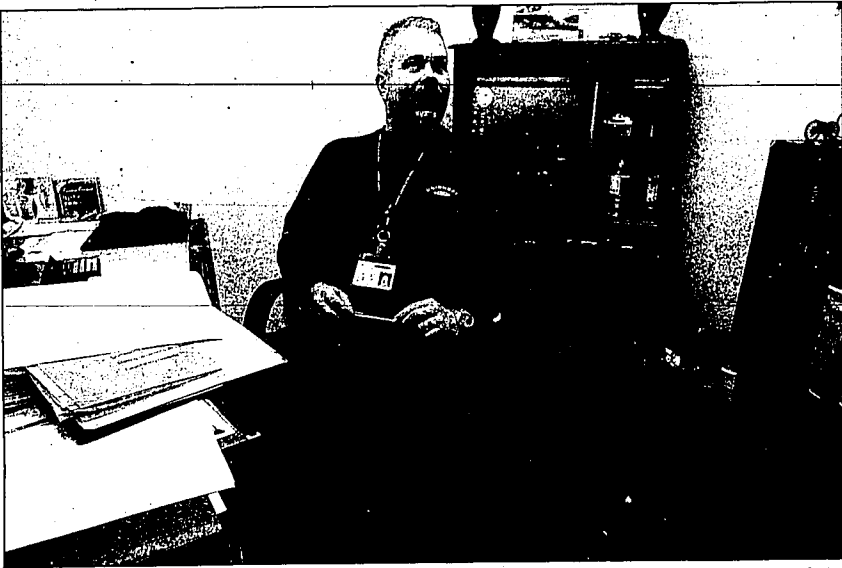
ings, training and other items including silverware for the department luncheon.

Cameron pointed to checks made out for \$100 each to at least two department employees and appeared unsatisfied with Takasugi's suggestion that the checks were reimbursements.

Even if it isn't state money, it certainly isn't the personal money of individuals in the department," Cameron said.

But Takasugi continued to defend the handling of the matter and told Cameron that he has no intention of asking for the return of any money.

READY TO RUN JEROME



Twin Falls Sheriff's Department Capt. Dan Hall, who has been hired as Jerome's new police chief, talks with a co-worker while preparing training material for his successor Friday.

Hall plans to work on integrity, morale

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Staff searched all over the United States for their new city police chief and found him just across the river in Twin Falls County.

Dan Hall, a captain with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, will formally be hired as Jerome's new police chief at the City Council meeting Tuesday.

"We interviewed candidates from as far away as Oregon, California and New Mexico and found the best one for the job was right in our own back yard," said Jerome Councilman Jerry

Crozier, who was a member of the selection committee that chose Hall.

Hall's first day on the job will be Feb. 2. He will supervise between 20 and 30 full-time employees including reserve staff. His starting salary will be at \$51,800, City Administrator Travis Rothweiler said.

"Morale in the police department has been low for some time and (Hall) will be a refreshing change," said Councilwoman Marjorie Schmidt. "He will bring the police department to a higher level. I am looking forward to seeing him take the ball and run with it."

Twin Falls County Sheriff

Wayne Tausley said he first met Hall when Tausley was just starting his law enforcement career with the city of Bull in the mid-1970s. Hall, a teenager at the time, joined the Explorer Cadets, a youth group with the Bull City Police Department.

Tausley said he hates to lose Hall and called him "one of my war horses."

"(He's) well-trained in every aspect of county law enforcement," Tausley said. "Jerome is getting a dependable, stable, talented and well-rounded man."

Hall graduated from Bull High School in 1980, joined the army for a four-year hitch, then was hired by the Twin Falls

County Sheriff's Department, where he will have been for exactly 19 years, 11 months and 15 days when he takes the reins of the Jerome City Police Department.

During his first few weeks on the job, Hall said he plans to get acquainted with his crew, city staff and other police agencies in town. He will be assessing relationships among the police department members, the city and the community at large.

Hall said his goal is to create a model police department where integrity is a strong value.

"The trust has to be there between the officers and the

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Northern hawk owl delights Sun Valley bird watchers

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — It's a rare bird — not the skiing — that is luring some people to Sun Valley this winter.

"People have been coming from as far away as Portland since Poo Wright-Pulliam and Kathleen Cameron identified a northern hawk owl sitting atop a pine tree in Elkhorn last week."

"And other bird enthusiasts were requesting information on lodging and transportation for this weekend."

"It was a thrill to see it. As soon as I laid eyes on that owl, I knew it was an owl I had never seen before," said Cameron, a Hailey resident who has sighted 387 different birds for her life list.

There have been 16 recorded sightings of the owl in Idaho — most of them on the Canada-Idaho border, according to Larry Barnes, a Wood River High School biology

teacher.

Pulliam, an accomplished wildlife artist from Hailey who leads bird watching tours

for the Environmental Resources Center, said it was a fluke that she spotted the owl. She was supposed to have been working that day, painting a window for The Elephant's Perch. But she bagged out because of a bad headache.

Instead, she and her husband were taking the scenic route back home from the Sun Valley Post Office through Elkhorn when she noticed several small birds mobbing a larger one outside the corner house on Highlands Drive.

Without her binoculars and bird book in hand, she couldn't identify the bird on the spot. So she did the next best thing: She returned to the post office, where she grabbed a phone book and called every

bird book she could find.

"I had never seen before."

" — Kathleen Cameron, avid bird-watcher

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bird book she could find.

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A northern hawk owl perched on a tree in Sun Valley's Elkhorn Village earlier this month. This species of owl is rarely seen south of Canada.

Seinfeld takes on Boise

BOISE — Comedian Jerry Seinfeld will do two performances at the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University on March 12.

The shows are scheduled for 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Tickets, which went on sale Friday morning, are \$46.50, \$61.50 and \$77, and can be reserved by phoning Select-A-Seat at (208) 426-1494 or online at www.select-a-seat.com. The only Select-A-Seat outlet in south-central Idaho is Albertson's in Twin Falls.

T.F. police offer free 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. in the City Hall conference room.

For more information, call Detective Scott Smith at 735-7216 or Sgt. Dan McAtee at 735-7223.

Recreation district holds monthly meeting

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will hold its monthly board meeting at 7 a.m. Monday in the conference room at the recreation center.

A goal-setting workshop will follow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Jerome Country Club on Golf Course Road.

The public is invited.

— compiled from staff reports

WANTED

In the Magic Valley

Name: Jeremy Todd Larson

Age: 23.

Description: 6-foot, 160 pounds, blond hair, green eyes.

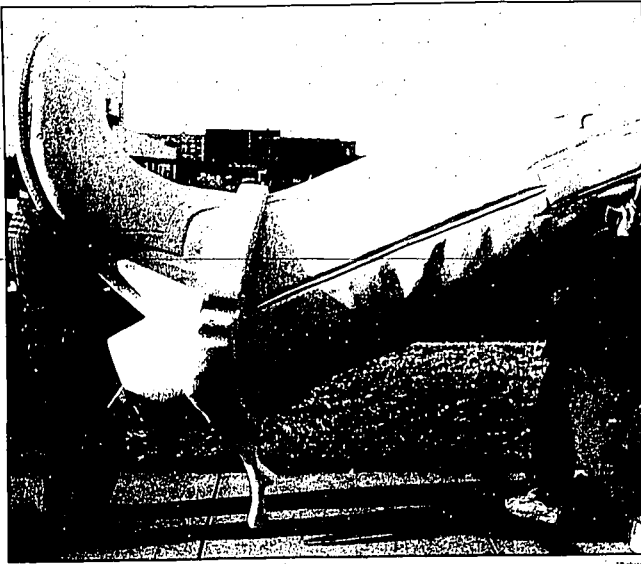
Wanted for: Failure to appear for a hearing on Jan. 12.

Original charge: Felony possession of a controlled substance.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Larson's whereabouts to call 736-4100 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5337, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

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GETTING THE BOOT



Harvey Deselms, left, and Charlie Spencer move an 8-foot-tall fiberglass boot into Deselms Fine Art and Custom Framing Thursday in Cheyenne, Wyo. The large white-painted boot will be painted by local artists and placed around Cheyenne later this year. Proceeds from the project will benefit the Cheyenne Depot Museum Foundation.

Poll finds voters back gas tax hike

BOISE (AP) — A new survey finds strong support for a penny increase in the state gasoline tax at a time when construction and repair money is falling behind demands of the road.

But the poll conducted last month for the American Automobile Association found no support for using any vehicle taxes for non-road purposes or for raising license or registration fees to finance public transportation.

There was also opposition to the experiment for heavier trucks on southern Idaho highways but support for expanding the mandatory car restraint law to children up to 6 years old and 60 pounds in weight. It now applies only to those up to 4 years old and 40 pounds.

"For voters, there's an apparent disconnect when it comes to using vehicle taxes for non-road purposes," AAA Idaho President Jim Manion said. "Idaho's constitutional requirement to use gas taxes and registration fees on our roads makes sense to Idahoans because of the direct user-payer benefit."

The poll, released Friday, was conducted for AAA by Moore Information of Portland. The company contacted 403 registered voters in 40 of Idaho's 44 counties on Dec. 18, 19 and 20. The margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Sixty-three percent of those surveyed said they supported a penny increase in the fuel tax, which would generate about \$9 million a year for use by state and local highway departments.

The fuel tax is currently 25 cents a gallon, last increased in the mid-1990s, and state and local officials have spent more than a year reviewing ways to begin eating into the backlog of road projects the state has.

Kimberly sets tentative 2004-05 school calendar

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — School will begin next year on Aug. 23 and end either May 26 or 27, the School Board has determined.

During a review of the first draft of the Kimberly school calendar for 2004-05 Thursday, the School Board also tentatively set Aug. 24 as a half-day session for fair day and scheduled Christmas vacation for either Dec. 21 or 22. School will resume Jan. 4.

The dates for spring break remain undecided but will probably occur during the third week of March.

The School Board is trying to establish enough required days and still be able to end school by Memorial Day. Area schools have tried to keep their schedules similar so students throughout the region will have the same vacation time. But Superintendent John Garner noted that no matter what, the final calendar won't please everyone.

Garner also presented the School Board a proposed budget for 2004-05 but said the final numbers cannot be determined until the state sorts out its funding issues.

Other School Board business included:

- Lunch praise — As a requirement of National School Lunch Program regulations, the State Department of Education's Child Nutrition Division made a recent visit to the lunch department. State officials said Food Service Director Jill Thompson and her staff were doing an excellent job in seeing that the students were served nutritious and ample servings in an appealing manner.

- A complete assessment of the review will be sent to Thompson at a later date.

- Graduation requirements — The first reading of the 2005 graduation requirements was approved.

- The policy retains Kimberly's high standards and the Idaho Standards and Achievement Test requirement per the state board's direction. It also provides options for students who do not pass the ISAT.

- Principal honored — The School Board honored Middle School principal Judy Watson with a cake and gift. She was given a medical leave of absence for the remainder of the school year.

Forest Service chief says agency will review fire death report

BOISE (AP) — Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth said Friday his staff will take another look at an agency report into the 2003 deaths of two Idaho firefighters, which had much of its important information blacked out.

"My objective is to be as transparent as we can," Bosworth told a luncheon by the Idaho Environmental Forum in Boise. "I've asked the folks in my office to take another look."

Jeff Allen, 24, of Salmon, and Shane Heath, 22, Melba, died fighting the 5,614-acre Cramer fire in the Salmon-Challis National Forest last July 22.

The two Boise State University students were members of the Indianola Helitack Crew. After rappelling from a helicopter, they were clearing a landing zone when the blaze overran them.

The 80-page report from the Forest Service had all of the names of people involved and some blocks of text edited out by federal Freedom of Information Act officials, who cited privacy concerns.

Regional Forester Jack Troyer had asked Bosworth to reconsider

the "redactions," or blacked-out areas, to see if any information could be restored. The redactions make it nearly impossible to tell who made decisions leading up to the deaths.

The report did blame fire managers for mistakes that led to the deaths. The two firefighters called at least twice for a helicopter to pull them off the ridge. When one was finally sent, it was too smoky to spot the two.

Allen family spokesman Fred Snook said the relatives believe the report on the investigation was adequate.

"It confirms what the family believed all along," Snook said. "Shane and Jeff did nothing wrong. They simply followed instructions."

Snook, Jeff's uncle, said the basic synopsis of the report concluded there were errors made by Forest Service personnel, and that they contributed to the accident.

"It's a big step the Forest Service admitted fault," Snook said. He said Allen's family hopes more safety precautions are taken in the future.

SERVICES

Mitchell "Mike" Armenta of Jerome, funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 2nd Ave. E., Jerome.

service at 11 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Malta Ward Chapel;

friends may call from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

William Linn Watt of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. today at the Buhl United Methodist Church.

Susan Lorraine Lavortu
BUHL — Susan Lorraine Lavortu, 50, of Buhl died Jan. 15, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Calif., died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, in Lancaster, Calif. Arrangements will be made by Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Murlet Evelyn Pettibone Jaencher of Twin Falls, a celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The family will greet friends from 10 a.m. until the service at the funeral chapel.

Leonard Milton Condit
LANCASTER, Calif. — Leonard Milton Condit, 90, of Lancaster,

Louise Winnett
BURLEY — Eva Louise Winnett, 68, of Burley, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at her home. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Ellis John Powers of Malta,

OBITUARIES

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Florence A. Smith - Bothell, Wash.

Florence A. Smith of Bothell, Wash., died Jan. 14, 2004, in her home at Bushell Park Manor. She was born in Jerome, Idaho, July 4, 1915, to Kenneth and Frances J. Annett. She was reared and attended schools in the Magic Valley area, graduating from Jerome High School in 1933. She was a member of the Catholic Women's League at St. Paul Parish in Nampa. She was also a member of St. Bernadette's Circle and later joined St. Ann's Circle. She was a pink lady for a few years at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa and a volunteer at RSVP.

1935 where they raised their four children. She was a member of the Catholic Women's League at St. Jerome Church. They moved to Casa Grande, Ariz., in 1964, and returned to Nampa, Idaho, in 1967. She was a member of the Catholic Women's League at St. Paul Parish in Nampa. She was also a member of St. Bernadette's Circle and later joined St. Ann's Circle. She was a pink lady for a few years at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa and a volunteer at RSVP.

Rockwell, March 1996.

She is survived by her children, Patricia R. Smith of Bothell, Wash., Trudy A. Bell of Laguna Niguel, Calif., Kay F. Bennett (Mark) of Coppell, Texas, and G. Paul Smith Jr. (Gayle) of Priest River, Idaho; a niece, seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Private family committal, Jerome Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Hospice program at Evergreen Medical Center, Kirkland, Washington, 98034. Please sign an online memorial at www.bothellfh.com.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband, March 27, 1985, and by her sister, Margurite

Aden Theodore 'Ted' Sturgill - Kimberly

Aden Theodore "Ted" Sturgill, 99, passed away at home on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004.

Ted was born Dec. 9, 1904, in Greenup County, Ky. Ted was the second of four children born to James Monroe and Polly Burris Sturgill. Ted first came to the Magic Valley in 1918 to farm with his father in Wendell. He moved to Pocatello to work for the railroad and then to Utah to work in the Bingham Copper Mines. Ted met married Cora Hartvigsen on April 2, 1925. Ted and his family moved back to the Magic Valley in 1929 so he could pursue his first love, farming. Eventually, Ted was farming, raising sheep and running cattle in the Magic Valley.



Ted loved to hunt and fish with his wife and friends as well as spend time with his family. Ted is survived by his loving wife, Helga, of Kimberly; one sister, Olive Walker of Green Valley Ariz.; one daughter, Lois Willis of Hansen; one son, Eugene (Beverly) Sturgill of Twin Falls; 10 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren.



Sturgill, a granddaughter-in-law, Marcia Willis; and one grandson, Corey Sturgill, preceded him in death.

After Cora Sturgill died in 1952, Ted continued to farm on his own until he met Helga Pseudorfer at the Land Bank in 1963. They were married on Oct. 1, 1963. Ted and Helga started farming together while Ted ran cattle. Helga raised sheep. Ted and Helga continued to farm until 1989 when Ted retired at the age of 85.

His first wife, Cora Sturgill; two brothers, Leon and Ray Sturgill; one sister, Cora Gladys

The service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 19, 2004 at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. The family will greet friends prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the funeral home.

Know the score? Read The Times-News sports pages to see how your favorite team is doing.

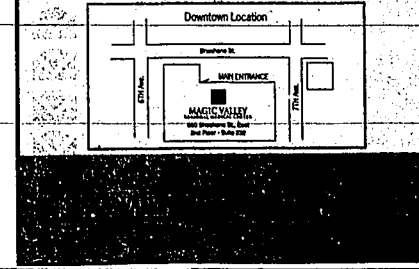
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BALANCING ACT



Bill Hotchkins rolls around Corvallis, Ore., Friday afternoon, performing tricks and riding around on his two unicycles. "I always have a spare if I get a flat," Hotchkins joked. He usually can be seen riding one unicycle and pedaling the other with his arms. The dual unicycle craze began this summer when he bought a new unicycle and had to figure out how to get both home.

Cassia P&Z might relax restrictions

Planners have only denied two permits since 1999

By Rosa Marie Parsons
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - The Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission has denied just two permits since it was established in 1999, a clear indication the board isn't against economic development, one board member says.

At Thursday's planning commission meeting, board member Clayne Zollinger Jr. and others talked about how their work is done.

Commission member Vaughn Cook said the word "hearing" seems to scare people. He said the planning commission is blamed for preventing development even though "we are supportive of development."

Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray pointed out that many people from other counties have been surprised at how well hearings go in Cassia County.

The application process was discussed as commission members decided to recommend changes to the county's zoning ordinances regarding confined animal feeding operations.

"We are supportive of development."

Vaughn Cook, commission member

Commission members plan an amendment that would allow CAFOs in certain areas of the county without conditional use permits. The existing zoning ordinance requires conditional use permits for all CAFOs and a hearing is required before any conditional use permit can be granted.

McMurray said some ventures experience problems when they attempt to attract outside investors because they see applying for a conditional use permit as a risk. Investors want to see areas designated where certain activities are permitted.

"What you do is establish performance standards," McMurray said. "You'll get the permit if you meet the performance standards."

Zollinger said amending the zoning ordinance to designate areas where confined animal feeding operations are permitted without conditional use require-

ments could be a win-win situation. It would give dairies and other animal operations assurance that their activities can continue without interference. At the same time, people who want to live in the country without the possibility of an animal operation locating nearby, would have some assurances that wouldn't happen without exceptions being made to the ordinance.

Commissioner Bruce Beck recommended members of the planning commission look over the areas where they live and come to the Feb. 5 meeting prepared to suggest specific locations where confined animal feeding operations could be permitted.

McMurray said it may be necessary to allow residences to be built in CAFO zones, to provide housing for employees of those operations.

Also Thursday, the commission members approved a conditional use permit for Carla Bowcut. She wants to convert a residence at 89 West 700 South into a wedding and reception center.

Neighbor Kelly Searle said he doesn't oppose the project but he wants the record to show that a confined animal feeding operation already exists nearby.

Bowcut will be required to sign an agricultural nuisance waiver as a condition for her permit to locate the center in a prime agricultural zone.

Woman gets probation for killing baby

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A Sandpoint woman has been placed on five years probation for smothering her infant son.

Kely Nakaji was released from custody by 1st District Judge John Luster despite incidents at the county jail this week that suggested disciplinary problems.

Luster labeled as troubling Nakaji's resistance to a search refusal to wear a red jail jumpsuit to court.

But he said the 37-year-old woman had been evaluated as a good candidate for probation by state prison officials during her five months at the women's prison in Pocatello.

"I think you have a lot of work to do to put this unfortunate event behind you," Luster told Nakaji during Thursday's hearing.

He said she has only completed the first step on what he suggested would be a long road.

Nakaji pleaded guilty last spring to voluntary manslaughter in the Aug. 30, 2002, death of 4-month-old Dallan Yoshio Furtwangler while the two were staying at a Coeur d'Alene women's shelter.

Nakaji told investigators she did not want the infant's father, Devin Furtwangler, to gain custody of the child because he was abusive.

Furtwangler has denied an abusive behavior and has never been charged with it.

Prosecutors believe Nakaji overdosed on the anti-anxiety drug, Xanax, smothered Dallan with a pillow and then slashed her wrists with a steak knife.

Last August, Luster sentenced her to four to 12 years in prison but gave her a chance for probation instead if she successfully completed the short-term boot-camp program.

Prosecutors contended the problems this week on Nakaji's return to the Kootenai County Jail suggested she may refuse to comply with all conditions of her probation.

But Public Defender John Adams maintained that there have been problems between the jail and Nakaji from the very beginning of the case.

In late 2002, jail officials temporarily denied her visits from a clergyman.

Adams pointed out that Nakaji's behavior at the Pocatello prison was nearly perfect.

In five months, he said, she had only two minor infractions - running to reach a telephone and loitering in a bathroom.

He labeled as telling that she was hit with infractions within hours of returning to the jail.

Caldwell college's finances begin to mend

CALDWELL (AP) - Albertson College of Idaho's dire financial state has improved in the last year despite a reduced budget.

The private liberal arts college's budget this year is about \$15.1 million, \$4 million less than in 02-03.

In the last couple of years, to make ends meet, the college laid off three dozen employees and eliminated its laptop computer program for incoming freshmen.

But Albertson has posted a higher number of returning students than administrators had expected,

with a retention rate of 78 percent. That is up from 71 percent the previous year.

However, overall enrollment on campus is still down, falling from 853 to 833 in the last year.

While the lower number may be a response to the budget problems, spokeswoman Beth Zborowski said the decline may also simply reflect trends nationwide.

Many private colleges across the country face financial hardships these days.

The Caldwell school's financial

headaches began in August 2002, when it determined its cash flow projections for the previous year were off by \$4 million.

Former University of Idaho President Robert Hoover was named president of Albertson in June, little more than two months after he resigned at Idaho.

He replaced Kevin Learned, who struggled through the deficit.

The shortfall was linked largely to a drop in the school's endowment, much of which is invested in the troubled stock market.

Owl

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birdster she could think of to drop what they were doing and come check out the owl.

"Turned out there was no hurry. Like many two-legged mammals in the Sun Valley area, the owl appears to have made Elkhorn a second home for the winter.

It has been spotted in the past week chasing mice near the Elkhorn swimming pool, perched at the entryway to what once was Elkhorn Village and on top of a pine tree in the residential area of Highlands Drive.

Known formally as the Surmjiga ulula, the owl is normally found in the deep forests of Alaska, Canada, Russia and Asia.

It's rarely seen south of Canada. It resembles a falcon, with a yellow bill and yellow eyes and a white face bordered by black trim. It has an unusually long tail for an owl and pointed wings, which contribute to its hawklike appearance when it flies.

The northern hawk owl is 14 to 18 inches long with a wingspan of 33 inches. It weighs about 12 ounces. Occasionally, it makes a small whistle-like "uhululululu."

The bird also is diurnal - active chiefly in the daytime - making bird watchers' job easier.

"He has a fabulous pattern on its head - a contrast of white black and gray," Cameron said.

"He's just absolutely stunning," Pulliam added. "He looks at you with big yellow eyes that pierce right through you. And people have been getting wonderful pictures of him."

A few days ago, a hawk bander from Burley trapped and banded the owl as it was swooping in for a mouse.

The banding upset a few birders but didn't appear to affect the owl, which immediately resumed its chase for the mouse.

The bird seems to ignore the birders who have gathered to gawk through binoculars and spotting scopes, Barnes said.

"That may be because it hasn't had much contact with people," Cameron said. "Its predators normally come from the sky, not the ground, in the form of eagles and hawks."

The sighting of the northern hawk owl was the third discovery of rare birds in Idaho that Pulliam has made.

During the Christmas holidays in 1996, she discovered a much rarer Siberian accretor that attracted birders from all over the world.

And a few days before discov-

ering the northern hawk owl, she found a rusty blackbird at Hayspur Hatchery near Silver Creek Nature Preserve. Such birds have only been sighted 19 times in Idaho, according to Barnes.

"I didn't think it would ever happen to me again, but I seem to have a pretty good streak going," Pulliam said. "I turned 50 last year on 3-3-03 and had just gone through my life list, which totaled 333 for the year, so I figured I needed another bird to get into the new year. This was quite a way to start the new year - with two first-time sightings."

At first Pulliam thought the owl might have been blown off course by the back-to-back snowstorms that blanketed the Wood River Valley over the holidays. That was believed to have been the case with the Russian accretor, which she spotted following two storms.

But an Elkhorn pool employee said someone pointed the owl out to her as early as Dec. 4, a sighting which would scuttles the holiday storm theory.

According to Barnes, the owl will probably remain here as long as the mice hold out.

Weathering damage closes areas of schools

GRANGEVILLE (AP) - High school gyms and cafeterias at Grangeville and Kootenai will be vacated as early as this year because of the danger that any snow buildup on the roofs could cause them to collapse, Superintendent Wayne Davis said Thursday.

Students at Grangeville High School held their evening activities Thursday night at the gym at Grangeville Elementary and Middle School instead of at their own school because of the problem.

Recent inspections by the state department of building and safety and other engineers revealed that most of the 20 beams at

Grangeville High School have dry rot up to five feet from the base of the wooden arches.

Cleavertown Valley High School at Kootenai has the same problem, but not as many beams there are rotted.

The schools, along with a similar model at Riggs, were built in 1958. The gyms and cafeterias are a Quonset hut design with wooden arches that extend beyond the exterior walls of the buildings.

Classroom wings were built in a more traditional style and are not supported by wooden arches. Davis said the buildings themselves are solid, but the outside arches have been vulnerable to weathering.

At Riggs that problem was eliminated by building covers over the arches that protect them from the elements.

They detected problems in 1975 and placed metal sleeves at the base of the arches. In 2000, the school district hired an engineer to evaluate the safety of the buildings. Board members were told at that time that the beams would not hold up much longer.

Grangeville High School has been notified that it must correct the problem by the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year or it will not be able to use the gym and cafeteria.

Chief

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community," Hall said.

Concerning his supervisory style, Hall said he is "big on collaboration and teamwork" between the city, the community and other law enforcement agencies in the area. "I like to be around cops," Hall quipped.

Schmidt, a member of the selection committee that hired Hall, said he came across as concise and professional.

"He will be a good fit for the city," Schmidt said. "He was approachable, friendly, open, honest and sincere. He is not just a nice guy but he is a nice guy who can make the tough decisions if he has to. He seems like he will be firm and fair."

Hall said his last day on the job in Twin Falls will be the Jan. 30. He said he will miss the people he works with now but looks forward to the challenge of having his own department.

"I'd reached the point in my career where I needed to make a change," Hall said.

Tousley said it's a challenge to retain officers with the sheriff's department because city police departments in the area pay wages that are up to 30 percent higher.

"It is a great career move

for Hall," Tousley said. "I am happy for him. But wages have to be a factor."

In Twin Falls the entry level wage for sheriff's deputies is around \$2,200. The starting wage for the Twin Falls City Police Department is \$2,400 to \$2,500 a month. The disparity grows as officers climb the career ladder, Tousley said.

"When Hall takes this new job he will be making more than I do," said Tousley, who earns a \$48,000 annual salary.

The city of Jerome has been without a police chief since Bill Reid resigned on Aug. 22 after a six-week suspension with pay. Neither the City Council nor Reid has been willing to discuss the reasons for his departure.

"I'm sure the police department will be happy to finally have an official chief on staff," Mayor Charles Cornell said.

Hall's wife, Diane, works in the Twin Falls County Indigent Office as a pharmaceutical clerk. The Halls have two sons: a 17-year-old high school junior and a 15-year-old ninth grader. The family plans to move to Jerome possibly in the spring or summer after the two sons finish out the school year with their classmates, Hall said.

'Just the facts' on Jerome's new police chief

Dan Hall brings a wide range of policing experience to Jerome. He started with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department in 1984 as a jailer, was a patrolman for eight years and a patrol commander for four years. In 1997, Hall was promoted to captain of law enforcement, patrol and investigations. In 2001, Hall took a one-year leave of absence because he was called to active duty with the Idaho Air National Guard after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Once back on duty with the sheriff's department, Hall was promoted captain of administrative services and special operations. Hall was a member of the Idaho Army National Guard and Air National Guard for 20 years. He retired from the guard in December 2002.

Hall has a certificate of applied science in law enforcement and an associate's degree from CSI. In June, Hall will receive a bachelor's degree in management and organizational leadership from George Fox University. Hall has basic, intermediate and advanced law enforcement certificates from the Idaho Police Officers Standards and Training Academy, and supervisor and management certificates from POST. In 1999, Hall graduated from the Northwestern University Traffic Institute School of Police, Staff and Command.

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Bus-less boomtown continues to grow

Fast-growing Bend grapples with public transportation problems

By Julie Silverman
Associated Press writer

BEND, Ore. — The trappings of growth are everywhere in Bend, the resort and retirement Mecca in Central Oregon, as the region's population in the 1990s and will probably double again by 2010.

There are construction sites in every direction, and a gleaming new mall anchors the outskirts of town. There's a new Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course and a clutch of expensive homes designed for refugees from Seattle and Silicon Valley. And the long-cherished "rush minute" is steadily changing into a full-blown rush hour.

But Bend's transformation from ski-hum backwater to metro area has come without the arrival of a public transit system, an expensive, hard-to-fix reality that planners say could have a significant impact on the area's future growth.

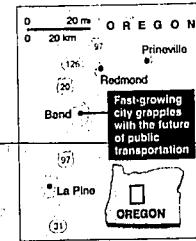
Already, with a population of about 62,000, Bend is among the largest and some of the fastest growing cities in the western United States. It has a traditional city bus system, with scheduled stops and fixed routes.

Researchers at the American Public Transportation Association in Washington, D.C. could find that among similarly sized western cities, only Casper, Wyo., and Bismarck, N.D. also lacked bus systems; both communities are in the process of buying fleets and starting up routes.

Other western cities that also absorbed a deluge of retirees and outdoors-lovers in the booming 1990s are far ahead of Bend when



Dial-A-Ride customers Dolly Lancaster, left, Dolly Luff, second from left, and June Slaughaupt, right, are joined Wednesday by Bend Transportation Manager Wanda Gray, in back of bus, as they are transported to their homes in Bend, Ore.



SOURCES: ESRI; Associated Press

it comes to public transportation. For example, in St. George, Utah, which grew from about 30,000 to 50,000 people in the 1990s, the

year-old city bus system makes 60 stops, on three separate routes.

Even far smaller ski resort towns like Aspen, Colo., and Jackson, Wyo., have public buses, with routes that stretch for miles in order to pick up the waitresses, teachers and police officers that serve their towns but can't afford to live there.

By contrast, in Bend there is no public transit between the city and satellite communities like Redmond, Prineville and LaPine, home to many of the relatively low-paid workers who staff Bend's restaurants and resorts, but can't afford the town's rising home prices.

In Bend, public transportation advocates are up against a steadfast car culture fueled by the influx of Californians, plus a wealthy pop-

ulation that would be unlikely to ride the bus even if one existed.

"If they are getting around town in their Lexus, they are not too concerned about the next bus stop," said Brian Shetterly, the town's principal planner.

That dims the chances of a "yes" vote for the new taxes that would fund a transit system, city planners said. Oregonians last voted for a new transit district about 15 years ago, in Medford, and have by and large voted against new taxes since.

Wanda Gray, Bend's transportation operations manager, said a \$2 million for upfront investments, and about \$2 million per year to operate. That's a lot to swallow for a city that's already strapped trying to pay for local police, fire and

road maintenance. Plus, under federal regulations the city would still have to pay for separate special transportation for seniors and the disabled.

That's left planners searching for creative solutions, the latest of which is a plan to join forces with the Bend-LaPine school district, and make better use of the school buses that sit idle while students are in class.

A pilot program could be in place by fall of 2005, but there are still plenty of details to sort out, assuming that adults would not want to cram onto traditional yellow school buses; could the money be found to purchase new ones? What about federal regulations that govern how school districts can spend funds earmarked for transportation? And could students be absorbed into the plan, without parents kicking up a big fuss in front of the school board?

In the meantime, Bend has made do by expanding its Dial-A-Ride shuttle, available in most places in the general public. With 24 hours notice, a city shuttle van will arrive at your door, and take you wherever you want to go, for just \$1.25.

Door-to-door service sounds good, but the system has its limitations, said passengers who miss the spontaneity of being able to walk out the door and hop on the bus whenever the mood strikes them.

Still, planners in Bend say it is just a matter of time before the growing city must bite the bullet and invest in a full-scale public transportation system. The question is how long the inevitable will take.

"The big thing is money," said Rick Root, the city's transportation planner. "People think improving this is important. But where is the money?"

Idaho group threatens suit over water pollution level

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Conservation League has threatened to sue if the Army Corps of Engineers does not stop pumping water from levee ponds at Lewiston into the Clearwater River.

The group said the ponds contain contaminated water and some of them may hold chemicals dangerous to human health.

Of particular concern, said program director Justin Hayes at Boise, is the East Levee Pond near the Podatch Corp. mill that has been shown to have detectable levels of dioxin. The chemical has been identified as a health risk to humans when found at sufficient levels.

"There is no amount of exposure that should be accepted," said Hayes. "It is one of the most dangerous substances on the planet and it is a very powerful carcinogen."

Its detection is sometimes associated with the bleaching process used by many pulp and paper mills and also occurs as a byproduct of combustion.

Dioxin was found in the East Levee Pond near the mill site in the low parts per trillion in 1994, 1998 and 1999, according to the corps study on proposed dredging in the Snake and Clearwater rivers.

Hudson Mann of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality said the levels appear to be extremely low and Mark MacIntyre, a spokesman from the EPA at Seattle, said dioxin in the parts per trillion range is not uncommon.

Salmon advocate coalition files suit over Snake River analysis

BOISE (AP) — A coalition of salmon advocates on Friday kept their promise to file a federal lawsuit over the effect of upper Snake River reservoirs on the migrating fish.

The suit in U.S. District Court in Portland involves 22 U.S. Bureau of Reclamation irrigation projects upstream of Hells Canyon Dam. The suit was filed by Idaho Rivers United, National Wildlife Federation, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association and Institute for Fisheries Resources.

It asks the court to declare illegal a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries analysis on the effects of those dams on endangered salmon

and steelhead, and develop a plan to restore those fish.

"If the court grants what we've requested, the federal agencies will need to develop an adequate and comprehensive recovery for Snake River salmon and steelhead," Idaho Rivers Executive Director Bill Sedivy said.

"Operation of the bureau's upper Snake projects has a profound impact on the survival of Snake River salmon, and even affects fish downstream in the Columbia," Sedivy said. "It makes sense to look closely at the effects these projects, as well as how they are operated in conjunction with other federal projects on these rivers."

Friday's filing is the first lawsuit

in an ongoing feud between the salmon advocates and the Coalition for Idaho Water, which includes irrigators, associations of Idaho cities and counties, and the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, the state's largest business lobby.

Both sides took part in negotiations with U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo last fall to avoid a court fight. But both later filed notices they would sue.

The water coalition contends water from the upper Snake has little effect on the velocity and temperature of the flows through the lower Snake dams, and warns grabbing that storage water for fish runs could dry up 2 million acres of farmland in eastern Idaho.

Utah town air quality hits seven-year low

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Particulate pollution in Logan on Thursday was the worst anywhere in the nation on an ordinary day in the seven years it has been measured.

Richard R. Long, director of air and radiation programs for the Environmental Protection Agency's regional office in Denver, said the

only PM-2.5 readings higher than Logan's came from severe wildfires in Montana.

The Bear River Health Department and the state Air Quality Division issued advisories that the air quality in Logan, a city of 43,000 about 70 miles north of Salt Lake City, was classified as "very unhealthy."

The air quality in Utah, Davis and Salt Lake counties, also suffering under inversions, was classified as "unhealthy," one level better than Logan's.

"Sensitive people with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should remain indoors and keep activity levels low," according to the advisory for Cache County.

Idaho State suspends cheerleading program

POCATELLO (AP) — An internal spat over personnel and personalities may be the cause of a temporary suspension of Idaho State University's cheerleading program.

"We have some cheerleaders and coaches who are a little upset," University Relations Director Libby Howe said Friday afternoon. "There are allegations that the program is not safe."

The allegations appear to center on the resignation of former cheerleading coach Amber Harris, who has participated in the program as a student and has coached since the 2002 school year.

Howe said Harris tried to with-

draw her resignation but was not required.

Howe said Spirit Squad director and head Bengal Dance Squad coach Hilary Hofmaier took charge of the cheerleading program following Harris' resignation.

She said some of the cheerleaders on the 16-member coed squad are claiming Harris' departure leaves them without any certified personnel to drill the team in potentially dangerous aerobic displays.

"If there really is a safety issue, we need to carefully look at that," Howe said.

Hofmaier, a full-time employee of the university, refused to com-

ment specifically about the allegations.

"The university wants to bring an independent person to do an investigation," Hofmaier said.

Howe offered a slightly closer glimpse of the issue. When asked whether the real problem may be more about personality differences, Howe said, "It very well could be."

University President Richard Bowen is aware of the situation, Howe said.

The program suspension is indefinite, the university said. Participants in the cheerleading program will not lose scholarships or assistance during the suspension.

Popeye

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with a paunch to prove his passion for burgers.

In honor of the 75th anniversary, New York's Empire State Building will shine its lights spinach-green this weekend.

A 3-D animated movie will air before Christmas on Fox. And Chester, population 5,200, will hold its annual picnic for Popeye fans after Labor Day.

All for a character who humbly declares: "I yam what I yam" — and who got his start when Segar cast his eyes around his hometown about 60 miles from St. Louis.

Locals say they don't know if Segar ever acknowledged his inspiration, but they attribute that to his death nine years after just seems obvious that Popeye, Wimpy and Olive Oyl get their start in Chester — especially when you look at pictures of Fiegel's jutting chin, wiry frame and ever-present pipe.

"This is the folklore of Chester and you've got to listen to it," said Laurie Randall, who runs a

Popeye museum in town.

Ernie Schuchert, 75, has spent his entire life in Chester, and remembers finding Fiegel kind of creepy when he would pass the one-eyed man on his way to school.

"He'd sit on a stoop outside his house, which was really dilapidated," Schuchert said. "I don't know that he ever knew he was Popeye."

Fiegel was a little guy like Popeye, Schuchert said, but with out the dash of sweetness in his swagger. He would often get into fights at Wiebusch's tavern, and he didn't lose many.

Schuchert's great-great-uncle, J. William Schuchert, hired Segar to run the lights in his Chester Opera House, a job that helped Segar pay for a correspondence course in drawing.

The elder Schuchert would send Segar — and the other boys who worked for him around the corner to Wiebusch's — to buy hamburgers between performances, Schuchert said. Like Wimpy, he was on the roly-poly side.

Dora Paskel looked like the character she inspired, but was otherwise unlike the daffy-yet-devoted Olive Oyl.

Children would watch her long, shadowy figure behind the counter at the general store she owned, but they would seldom go in, Schuchert said. And she would seldom come out. "We were kind of scared of her," he said.

Segar did not visit Chester much after he left in the early 1920s. By the time he died in 1938, Popeye was appearing in more than 500 newspapers.

The opera house now holds the Spinach Can Collectibles store and the Popeye Museum.

"He's an American icon," said Randall, who runs both. "He stands for being who you are and standing up for the little guy."

Paskel, Schuchert and Fiegel all died in the 1940s and early 50s.

"These were just our friends and family," said Ernie Schuchert. "We're just happy the rest of the world knows them, too."

"Brides" 2004

Brides 2004, an expanded section of Family Life will publish Sunday, February 1st. Brides will feature local and national information about weddings. Included will be information about bridal showers, local weddings of interest, where to locate your wedding, new dresses for 2004, hair and beauty tips, what's new for wedding gifts, what to plan for food or refreshments, and much more. This edition is also handed out to all couples who bring in their engagement announcement throughout the year!

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Spiritual leader of the Palestinian militant group Hamas, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, attends Friday prayers at a mosque in Gaza City. Israel is set to resume targeted killings of top Hamas militants and leveled a blunt warning to the group's elderly spiritual leader that he tops the list of those to be hunted and put to death. The threat comes after a Palestinian suicide attacker blew herself up this week at a crossing point between Israel and the Gaza Strip, killing four Israelis.



Volunteers' coffee draws Iranian attention

By Kim Barker
Chicago Tribune

BAM, Iran — The rumor spread quickly: For the best coffee in Iran, head for the Alabama tent.

The 20 men from Alabama Disaster Relief, most in their 60s and 70s and retired, did not come to Iran to bring coffee. They came to feed the survivors of a devastating earthquake in Bam; to cook meals and deliver them to people's tents.

They brought 14 pounds of Maxwell House coffee halfway around the world to tide themselves over during their stay. But then they found themselves surrounded by relief workers laboring 24 hours a day and clamoring for more caffeine.

So the Alabamians put out some coffee. Even Iranians started asking for coffee instead of their customary tea, although they put in lots of powdered creamer and sugar.

Those who had tried the coffee were unequivocal. Those who had not were jealous.

"I have tried it, yes," said Abdolaziz Vahdati of the Islamic Relief Organization. "It is delicious and good."

The Alabama men found the situation strange. They had helped out with flood and hurricane relief in Alabama. They had helped in Honduras and in Puerto Rico. They normally were known for their good food, for their ability to adapt their cooking to local tastes. In Venezuela, the locals even gave

Quake toll climbs

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The death toll from the massive earthquake that leveled the city of Bam has risen to more than 41,000, a senior official said Friday. The final toll from the Dec. 26 earthquake may reach 45,000, said Mohammad Mohammadi Golpeyegani, a close aide to Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, quoted by the Islamic Republic News Agency.

them coffee. But in Iran, tea is the national drink. Even when coffee is avail-

able, most often it's instant. "I made a lot of that coffee," said David Mulkey after hearing what people had said about his brew. "That's good to know." The tent scene has been a cultural exchange: The Iranians got Maxwell House. The Alabamians learned to cook rice differently, drier, with the help of local volunteers. With the leftovers and some raisins, they made themselves rice pudding. They cooked eggplant, beans, mushrooms and lentils, following the advice of locals.

Hamas founder rejects warning

Vows attacks against 'occupier' Israel will continue

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hamas founder Ahmed Yassin brushed off warnings by a top Israeli official that he is "marked for death" and, in a defiant appearance Friday at a Gaza City mosque, said his Islamic militant group will continue to attack Israelis.

The exchange of threats following a deadly Hamas bombing this week further spoiled chances for a cease-fire, the starting point for a U.S.-backed peace plan.

Israeli security officials said targeted killings of senior Hamas members would likely resume after Wednesday's bombing killed four Israeli border guards at the Erez crossing between Gaza and Israel. Pinpointed Israeli strikes against Palestinian militants have triggered revenge bombings in the past.

Deputy Defense Minister Zeev Boim initially told Israel Army radio that Yassin would be targeted — the first time an Israeli official was so specific.

"Sheik Yassin is marked for death, and he should hide himself deep underground where he won't know the difference between day and night. And we will find him in the tunnels, and we will eliminate him," Boim told Israel Army Radio.

But Boim later said high-level Defense Ministry discussions on a response to the Erez bombing did not include a specific decision to kill Yassin.

Security officials said killing Yassin would require approval from Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. "We never comment on specific cases," said Sharon adviser Ranan Gissin.

In the summer, Israel unleashed several airstrikes against leading Hamas figures, killing one but missing three others — including Yassin, who escaped the bombing of a Gaza City building in September with minor injuries. The 69-year-old Hamas founder is a quadriplegic from a childhood sporting accident.

In more than three years of fighting, Israel has killed more than 140 suspected militants in targeted attacks but refrained from going after top Palestinian leaders. It has threatened to "remove" Yasser Arafat, suggesting it would either exile or kill him but has refrained from doing either, in part because of U.S. opposition.

An Israeli strike against Yassin would likely provoke bloody Hamas attacks and boost support for the group. Arafat's main political rival, said Palestinian legislator Hanan Ashrawi. "If they tar-

get Hamas leaders, I don't think anybody can control the (Hamas) military wing," she said.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher reiterated U.S. policy against targeted assassinations and "criticized Hamas and other groups for violent acts that make peacemaking more elusive.

The European Union also spoke out against any plan to kill Yassin as counterproductive to peace efforts.

Israeli security officials said Yassin personally approved Wednesday's bombing and issued a religious ruling allowing women to carry out such attacks. Hamas recruited a 22-year-old woman for the Erez attack, a first for the fundamentalist group.

Appearing at a Gaza City mosque for Friday noon prayers,

part of his weekly routine, Yassin denied he was involved in planning attacks. However, he said "Israel will pay for its crimes" and that Hamas would continue resisting occupation, a phrase that generally refers to bombing and shootings against Israelis in the West Bank and Gaza.

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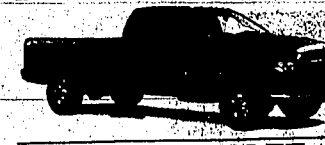
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Coming Sunday

The latest reports from the NFL playoffs.

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SPORTSQUOTE

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They should be out of breath as much as they used the whistle.

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— Utah's Raja Bell, on the combined 67 fouls called in a 97-85 win over Miami

TRIVIA

QUESTION: How did Willie Mays get to be called the Say Hey Kid?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College basketball
Women, CSI at Dixie State, 5:30 p.m.
Men, CSI at Dixie State, 7:30 p.m.
High school girls basketball
Glenns Ferry at Duck Valley, 1 p.m.
Wood River at Hillcrest, 2:30 p.m.
Valley at Filer, 6 p.m.
Wendell at Castleford, 6 p.m.
Bonnevillie at Burley, 6 p.m.
High school wrestling
Kimberly, Wreling at American Falls Invitational, 9 a.m.
Minico at Elko invitational, 9 a.m.
Buhl at Spring Creek Invitational, 9 a.m.
Declo, Gooding, Glenns Ferry at Wendell Tournament, 9 a.m.
High school boys basketball
Blackfoot at Jerome, 5 p.m.
Valley at Aberdeen, 6 p.m.
Minico at Burley, 6 p.m.
Buhl at Gooding, 6 p.m.
Richfield at Ketchum, 7:30 p.m.
Youth swimming
Iglou Pentathlon, YMCA City Pool, Twin Falls, 10 a.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI volleyball offers monthly clinics
TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho assistant volleyball coach Jing Hughley will offer a volleyball clinic February through May for players ages 14-18.
Hughley, a former Chinese junior national team setter and player and the University of Louisville, will hold a practice once a week to train setters, middle blockers and outside hitters. Players will still have time to practice with their club teams. No matches will be scheduled but the clinic participants will scrimmage against the CSI volleyball team once a month.
The cost is \$50 a month (payments due first week of each month) or \$190 for all four months. The February payment is due Jan. 25.
Enrollment is limited to first 20 applicants. Registration forms are available at the CSI gymnasium office. For more information, call Hughley at 732-6492 or 308-0202.

Iglou Pentathlon swim meet set for today
TWIN FALLS - The Iglou Pentathlon swim meet will be held starting at 10 a.m. today at the YMCA City Pool in Twin Falls. About 200 swimmers are expected to compete in five events apiece with many attempting to qualify for regionals.

Legion baseball meeting takes place Monday
TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls American Legion Baseball informational meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 in Room C-6 at Twin Falls High School.
Any interested parents and players are invited. For more information, call Laird Stone at 733-2721.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Whenever Mays would forget someone's name, he'd say, "Uh, say hey?"

Jerome survives scare

Minico stays close for three quarters

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

RUPERT - For three quarters, the Jerome Lady Tigers' perfect season teetered on the brink of disaster during Friday night's non-conference game at Minico. In the end though, Jerome left Minico High School with a 43-26 victory.

For Jerome coach Michelle Skyles, leaving Minidoka County with a win is a big relief.

"I had a bad feeling coming in tonight that something was going to go wrong or they were going to do something that we wouldn't respond well to," said Skyles.

The Lady Spartans had a game plan to slow the pace and used their physical play to grind the now-15-0 Lady Tiger offense to a near-stand still. Jerome was forced out of its comfort zone and into a slow-paced half-court attack against the Spartan defense.

The Spartans (5-11) hung in the game through three quarters, cutting the lead down to 20-18 with 4:16 left in the third quarter.

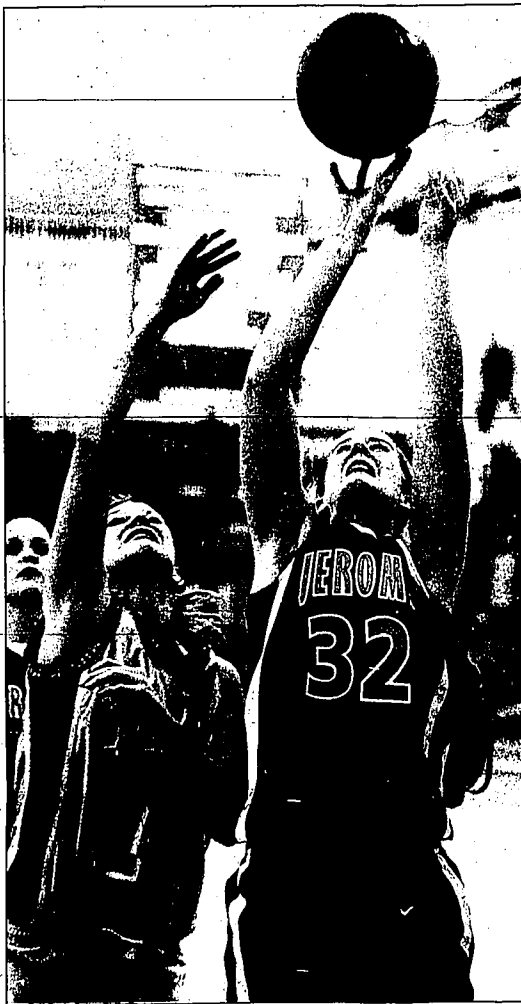
Spartan coach Clint Straatman's girls gave Jerome some of the stiffest competition the Lady Tigers have seen all year.

"That's a moral victory for us," Straatman said. "We did everything we wanted to do, we took them out of their game, and we played well."

Minico's fortunes would change in the fourth quarter though, as the Lady Tigers shut down the Spartans, holding Minico scoreless until Kabree Dayton hit a free-throw with 2:30 left to play. By the time sophomore guard Laura Bodensteiner came in to score five of Minico's six fourth-quarter points, it was too late. The Lady Tigers finally looked like themselves, pushing the tempo on their way to a 15-point quarter.

"Our kids were able to respond in the second half, play some defense, and do what they had to do," Skyles said.
Senior guard Whitney Clark led Jerome with 14 points, while post Elisa Hope helped out with

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ERIC LARSEN/Photo.com

Lady Tiger senior Megan Marshall, 32, reaches for a rebound over Lady Spartan junior Amanda Ottman during Jerome's 43-26 win over Minico Friday night.

Down to five

Shorthanded Eagles succumb to Dixie, 48-36

The Times-News

ST. GEORGE, Utah - The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team played with just five players for almost the entire game but came up short, 48-36, on the road at Dixie State College after four Golden Eagles were suspended prior to the game Friday night.



CSI (12-6 overall, 7-6 Scenic West Athletic Conference) was without Yusuf Baker, Jason McGriff, Dante Sawyer and Jason McKinney, who were suspended for the game due to a violation of team rules. Schaefer Jackson, Mohamed Kone, Dani Haziz and Bruno Claudino each played 40 minutes, with Abduoulaye Ndiaye playing 38. Aking Filting played just two minutes due to a high ankle bruise.

CSI head coach Gib Arnold was uncertain as to whether the four suspended players would be in action for tonight's game against the Rebels.

"I was as proud as I've ever been of a team," Arnold told KLIIX Radio about the way his squad played. "They played with total heart and did everything we asked them to do."

CSI kept it close most the way, trailing just 31-28 at halftime and 37-32 with 4:30 remaining after Kone's basket down low. But Coric Riggs hit a 3-pointer for league-leading Dixie State (15-4, 9-4) shortly after to give the Rebels a 40-32 edge, their largest of the game up to that point.

Vincent Griger scored 17 points for the Rebels to lead all scorers. Riggs finished with 12 and Jason Petrimouk added nine.
Haziz scored 13 points to lead the Eagles, doing most of his damage at the free throw line, where he was 7-of-8. Ndiaye chipped in with eight points and eight rebounds while Claudino finished with seven points and 11 rebounds.

The Eagles actually led by as many as five points twice in the first half, the second time at 14-9 after Kone scored in the lane with 11:30 remaining. The Rebels then closed the half on a 14-6 run, capped off with Petrimouk's jump shot.

Women

The Eagles made a steal of a Camille Gardner with less than 10 seconds remaining to allow CSI to hang on for a 57-54 victory.

The win keeps CSI (15-4 overall, 11-2 SWAC) in first place in the conference and put Dixie State (12-7, 8-5) a full three games behind the Eagles in the league standings. The Eagles now have a two-game lead over the College of Eastern Utah, 9-4 (SWAC) after Snow College defeated CEU Friday night.
CSI built a 10-point lead at 57.

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Patriots prepare for Manning

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Bill Belichick had just wrapped up the regular season with the NFL's best record and turned his single-minded sights to the playoffs when he was hit with a question that, for once, caught him off-guard.

"Do you have any New Year's resolutions?" he was asked, 36 hours before the end of 2003.

"We still have a couple of days on that, right?" the New England Patriots coach told chuckling reporters before gathering his thoughts and breaking them up with: "Probably the same as last year, to be as helpful as I possibly can to the media."

It's hard to tell which was more comical: The idea that Belichick would extend himself for the press, or the notion that he had interrupted his fanatical game-planning to think about something

AFC Championship Game

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



that might not have to do with football.
"His preparation is second to none," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said Friday. "Sometimes we come in on Wednesday morning to get the game plan and it doesn't even look like our playbook. We say, 'OK, we've got a whole bunch of new things to learn.'"

Belichick's scheming could face its biggest test of the season Sunday when Peyton Manning brings the Indianapolis Colts to Foxboro for the AFC Championship game. Manning has played two virtually perfect

QB McNabb looks to dodge Panthers' rush

By Barry Willner
Associated Press writer

off games, and his ability to read and counter defenses is a big reason why.
Colts coach Tony Danzy trusts Manning to call the plays at the line of scrimmage or change the game plan when he gets there. Of course, sometimes Manning is just pretending to change the play when he makes a series of audibles that are nothing but a decoy.

"You can only disguise them so long," New England defensive end Willie McGinest said. "He is going to call what he is going to call anyway. The thing is, whatever it

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NFC Championship Game

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

PHILADELPHIA - Eight times, Donovan McNabb went down against the Green Bay Packers.
Another such sack fest could mean yet another N. F. C. championship game flap for the Philadelphia Eagles.
One week after the Eagles overcame their inability to protect

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Young Wie comes up one shot short

The Associated Press

HONOLULU - This is one time a 14-year-old girl dreads having the weekend off.

Michelle Wie battled to the very end Friday, making two birdies on her final three holes for a 2-under 68 that left her one shot short of making the cut in the Sony Open.

"I cannot believe it," Wie said, exasperated that her even-par 140 wasn't enough to play on the weekend.

Maybe another time - like, soon. The youngest player in the PGA Tour record books, Wie posted the lowest score ever by a female competing against the men. Se Ri Pak had a 3-under 69 last year in the third round of the SBS Super Tournament on the

Fourteen-year-old fails to make cut in Sony Open

Korean PGA Tour, where she tied for 10th.

That was as low as Wie could have gone. She saved par on nearly half her holes, and two of her birdies Friday at Waialae Country Club were from at least 50 feet.

Still, it left a strong field at the Sony Open in awe.

"It's pretty incredible," former Sony Open winner Jerry Kelly said. "She's opening the door."

She tied for 79th, and finished ahead of 49 other players who make a

living on the PGA Tour.

Steve Allan of Australia shot an 8-under 62, and at 129 held a one-stroke lead over Harrison Frazar (63) going into a weekend that won't have nearly the crowd or the excitement.

Defending champion Ernie Els (64) was another stroke back at 9-under 121.

He spent the afternoon in his hotel room watching Wie, with whom he played a practice round Tuesday.

Craig Bowden shot 64 playing with Wie, a round only his wife will remember.

Wie returns to the ninth grade at nearby Punahou School, but she left, quite an impression - not only with her 68, but the strong finishing kick.

Michelle Wie reacts after almost hitting the ball out of the bunker for a birdie on the ninth hole of Waialae Country Club Friday during the second round of the Sony Open in Honolulu.



AP Photo

SPORTS

Bruins rally falls short against Skyline

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Lady Bruins rallied from six points down late in the fourth quarter...

Hannell Heidebreich scored 17 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and had five steals to lead the Bruins in the loss.

Amy Bratvold held Ashley Baldwin of Skyline in check through the game, Shephard said.

Twin Falls (10.5, 5.3) hosts Idaho Falls Tuesday.

Local sports

Declu 60, Gooding 53
GOODING — Declu used a push in the fourth quarter to overcome a gutsy effort by Gooding in a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference matchup.

Oakley 39, Murtagh 28
OAKLEY — Valerie Bekke scored 11 points and teammate Jenna Peterson added 10 as the Oakley Hornets pulled away in the fourth quarter for a Magic Valley Conference win over Oakley.

Oakley (11-3 overall, 10-1 Magic Valley) overcame 1-of-8 shooting in the first quarter.

Oakley hosts Lighthouse Christian on Tuesday.

Boys basketball

Hansen 51, Castleford 32

HANSEN — The Hansen Lady Huskies held their home court Friday by beating Castleford 51-32.

Hagerman 60, Lighthouse Christian 34

HAGERMAN — Hagerman started slow but recovered quickly to defeat Lighthouse Christian 60-34 in Southside Conference girls basketball action.

Wendell 78, Kimberly 41

KIMBERLY — Wendell got off to a quick start and never let up as they remained undefeated with a 78-41 rout of Kimberly in non-conference boys basketball.

Shoshone 59, Carey 38

CAREY — Shoshone took over with about 2:30 left in the first half and cruised to a 59-38 Magic Valley Northside win Friday.

Declo 60, Gooding 53

GOODING — Declu used a push in the fourth quarter to overcome a gutsy effort by Gooding in a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference matchup.

Gooding outscored the Hornets 19-4 in the third quarter to claim a 39-35 lead after the third quarter.

Declu responded to jump ahead 52-51 with about one minute remaining.

Valley 50, Filer 46

HAZELTON — Valley jumped out to a 21-11 lead and held on after a Filer rally to pull out a 50-46 nonconference win Friday night.

Vikings standout Michael Grant scored 25 points before fouling out with 1:30 left.

Waldcats beat Bobcats

FILER — The Filers boys bowling squad beat Burley Friday 9-4 at Cedar Lanes in Filer.

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Wrestling Area teams in the hunt at Wendell Tournament

WENDELL — Gooding and a combined Raft River/Oakley team scored in the hunt, but have some ground to make up heading into the second day of the Magic Valley Classic wrestling tournament in Wendell.

Late Thursday Boys basketball Jerome 55, Buhl 52

JEROME — Down by nine points in the final quarter, the Tigers turned up the heat as they rallied to defeat the Buhl Indians 55-52 in boys non-conference basketball action Thursday night.

Jerome Jerome both down Bishop Kelly

JEROME — Kimberly's midweight wrestlers came up with three pins late to take out a 40-36 dual meet win over Bishop Kelly Friday night.

Wilkens wins opener

New York (AP) — Lenny Wilkens turned Stephen Marbury loose and enjoyed a laugher in his first game as coach of the New York Knicks.



Lenny Wilkens, who was named New York Knicks head coach Thursday, reacts during his first game against the Seattle SuperSonics, Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Marbury had 17 assists before going to the bench for good with nine minutes remaining in a 108-88 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics on Friday night.

Keith Van Horn scored 30 points for New York in just 28 minutes and Allan Houston added 18 in a game that turned into a blowout before halftime.

Pistons 98, Wizards 77

DETROIT — Detroit won its 11th straight game, routing Washington behind Richard Hamilton's 17 points.

Chauncey Billups added 12 points and 10 assists for the Pistons, who haven't won in 11 in a row since the 1990-91 season.

Pacers 89, Spurs 79

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller scored 28 points, including seven 3-pointers, to lead Indiana over San Antonio.

Jarome O'Neal overcame foul trouble and scored 12 of his 20 points in the final quarter, when the Pacers took control.

Magic 124, Celtics 118, OT

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady had 42 points, Drew Gooden scored a career-high 32 and Orlando made its first four shots in overtime to beat Boston.

McGrady had his fourth 40-point outing of the season. He opened the extra period with a 3-point shot, but he shot 0-for-2.

Suns 104, Warriors 93

PHOENIX — Joe Johnson scored a season-high 26 points on 12-of-16 shooting — most of them from the outside — and the Phoenix Suns beat the Golden State Warriors 104-93 on Friday night.

Hurricanes 4, Thrashers 3, OT

ATLANTA — Jeff O'Neill broke out of a season-long slump with his second career hat trick, and the Carolina Hurricanes rallied for a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Friday night.

Primeau return lifts Flyers out of winless streak

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Keith Primeau scored an early goal in his return to Philadelphia's lineup, leading the Flyers to a 4-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Friday night.

Primeau, out since breaking his thumb in the last win Jan. 2, helped the Flyers snap a season-long winless streak (0-4-1-1).

Nash, the NHL's leading goal scorer with 27, took a pass from Darryl Sykes at center ice, skated in alone and chipped a shot over Roman Chechmeck's shoulder with two minutes left.

Red Wings 3, Coyotes 3, OT

DETROIT — Steve Yzerman became the seventh NHL player to reach 1,700 points and Henrik Zetterberg scored with 1:44 left in regulation to give the Detroit Red Wings a 3-3 tie with the Phoenix Coyotes on Friday night.

Yzerman assisted on Kris Draper's goal that tied it at 1-1 early in the second period. The Detroit captain has 672 goals and 1,288 assists in 1,117 regular-season games, all with the Red Wings.

Blue Jackets 3, Kings 2, OT

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Jerome

Continued from B1 eight points and three assists. While Jerome's normally up-tempo attack was slowed, Skylies was pleased with the way her team handled the pressure, especially late in the game.

Jerome

Tuesday, as Jerome travels to Century and Minico faces Highland. The Lady Spartan junior varsity team beat the javaye Lady Tigers, 38-36.

CSI

47—the largest margin-of-the game, on Delicia Jermin's offensive rebound and putback with 3:28 remaining. But the Eagles failed to score the rest of the way, allowing Dixie to pull to within 57-54 on a 3-pointer by Charmaine Puda with 56 seconds remaining.

CSI

CSI head coach Randy Rogers told 1450 AM Radio. "But we made enough."

in her foot. Sidney Orndorff also returned to the rotation after missing last week's games with a flu-like symptoms.

Jerome improved to 3-3 on the season, using good performances from the younger wrestlers such as Mike Cummins and Buddy Green.

Control of the game swayed back and forth in the first half. The lead changed hands 12 times in the first 20 minutes and the score was tied four times.

Both teams head for Pocatello Tuesday, as Jerome travels to Century and Minico faces Highland. The Lady Spartan junior varsity team beat the javaye Lady Tigers, 38-36.

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs table showing scores for AFC Division 1, AFC Division 2, AFC Division 3, AFC Division 4, NFC Division 1, NFC Division 2, NFC Division 3, and NFC Division 4.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Auto Racing

Dakar Rally, SPEED, 8:30 p.m. Iowa at Illinois, ESPN, 10 a.m. Wake Forest at Duke or Missouri at Oklahoma, ABC, 11 a.m.

Basketball

Wake Forest at Duke or Missouri at Oklahoma, ABC, 11 a.m. Saint Joseph's at Xavier, ESPN, noon Austin Peay at Morehead St., ESPN2, noon

Football

Hula Bowl, ESPN2, 6 p.m. European PGA-Tour-South African Airways Open, third round, TGC, 7 a.m.

Golf

PGA Tour, Sony Open, third round, ESPN, 5 p.m. PGA Tour of Australasia, New Zealand Open, final round, TGC, 10 p.m.

Area ski report

Big Bear Basin - Full lift had good snow... 10:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Breckenridge - Full lift had good snow... 10:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pomerelle hosts slope style competition today

ALBANY — The Pomerelle Mountain Resort will host a slope style competition today. Competition is open to all ages, with trophies and medallions given to the top three places in each division.

assistants Ronnie Cottrell and Ivy Williams, contends the NCAA ignored violations at Tennessee in exchange for Fulmer's help in the case against Alabama

The documents, obtained by Tennessee in exchange for Fulmer's help in the case against Alabama, show that Ronnie Cottrell and Ivy Williams, Fulmer's assistants, were involved in a cover-up of NCAA violations.

Housley retires after 21 NHL seasons

ST. MARY'S POINT, Minn. — Phil Housley, the highest-scoring American-born player in NHL history, retired Friday after failing to sign with a team this season.

Milwaukee Brewers are up for sale, team says

MILWAUKEE — The Brewers will start the process of selling the team, which has been controlled by Bud Selig and his family since it moved to Milwaukee in 1970.

Cubs agree to \$9.75M deal with pitcher Wood

CHICAGO — Kerry Wood agreed to a \$9.75 million, one-year deal Friday, buying the two sides more time to work out a long-term contract.

Rangers agree to \$2 million deal with Cordero

ARLINGTON, Texas — Right-hander Francisco Cordero agreed Friday to a \$2 million, one-year contract with the Texas Rangers.

Heatley joins teammates for first time since wreck

ATLANTA — Thrashers star Dany Heatley was back on the ice with his teammates, moving effortlessly through a 45-minute practice Monday.

Source: Tigers offer Pudge \$40-million contract

DETROIT — Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez has been offered a \$40 million, four-year contract by the Detroit Tigers, a baseball source told The Associated Press on Friday.

Attorney: Fulmer gave NCAA damaging claims

MEMPHIS — Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer's attorney said on Friday that Fulmer gave the NCAA damaging information about Alabama to get Fulmer reinstated as Alabama's coach.

Jersey Glambi to contract

LOS ANGELES — Free agent Jeremy Glambi signed a contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday and was invited to spring training.

NFL Playoffs

NFL Playoffs table showing scores for AFC Division 1, AFC Division 2, AFC Division 3, AFC Division 4, NFC Division 1, NFC Division 2, NFC Division 3, and NFC Division 4.

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK — The updated NFL injury report lists several players who are expected to miss significant portions of the season.

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Devils vs Flyers game summary: Devils 2, Flyers 1.

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SPORTS

Lindros: Smacking and scoring AGAIN

Center discovers new life in the Big Apple

NEW YORK (AP) — The boos that rained down on Eric Lindros last season at Madison Square Garden have been silenced.

Now, when the New York Rangers forward streaks down the ice, a crescendo builds in anticipation of a jarring hit, a scoring chance, or what has occurred lately — both.

"For the past month, Eric's been our best player," said coach and general manager Glen Sather, who traded for Lindros 2.5 years ago.

Rangers fans are seeing the Lindros they loved to hate when he terrorized the NHL as a young, brash, healthy star in a Philadelphia Flyers uniform.

"It's a trickle-down effect," linemate Matthew Barnaby said. "When he's playing like that, he gets everybody fired up."

Lindros has broken out for the first time in years. He is again rushing from end to end, barrel-reeling into corners and smacking opponents who dare get in his way. All while keeping his head up — a critical style change to protect himself.

He is planting his big body in front of the net, and tipping shots past goalies who can't possibly see around him or move him.

"I am just so happy to see Eric playing well," captain Mark Messier said. "He loves to play well, he loves to play well, he loves to be a factor."

"When he plays like that, he's really our emotional leader, and everyone's been riding his coattails for the last couple of weeks."

Lindros has four goals and seven assists the past 12 games, and recorded points in eight. He ranks fourth on the Rangers with 27 points.

"We've just got to keep moving along," said Lindros, who had two goals and an assist in this week's home-and-home sweep of the Islanders.

Rangers fans grew to despise Lindros even more in his first two seasons in New York, because it seemed the player that was acquired wasn't the same one who was an MVP and led the Flyers to the Stanley Cup finals.

This No. 88 was a shell of his former self.

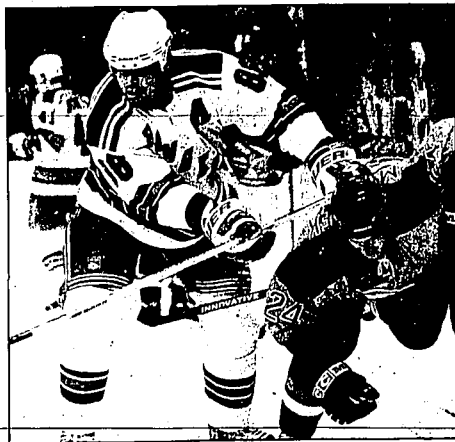
"And while it was hard to blame Lindros, many fans found it a way."

Lindros was always a freight train on skates, but his powerful 6-foot-5 frame just couldn't take the punishment it gave out and absorbed.

"He's skating, he's nearly impossible to stop," Barnaby said. "There's not many guys who want to get hit by a guy who is 250."

But Lindros broke down from top to bottom. The most serious injuries were at the top, and they nearly cost him his career.

He sustained concussion after concussion. By the time they totaled seven, signs pointed to retirement. His recovery from the last and most



New York Rangers' Eric Lindros, left, checks New York Islanders Radek Martinek, of the Czech Republic, during the first period Saturday at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y.

serious head injury, coupled with a bitter feud with Flyers general manager Bob Clarke, led to a one-year absence from the game and paved the way for the trade in the summer of 2001.

It is just now, a month before his 31st birthday, that Lindros rediscovered his true style.

"He probably feels a lot more comfortable," Sather said. "He's handling the puck well. He had a great off-summer and worked at it. His attitude is good and he's trying to be the leader on our hockey club that we thought he would be."

It's not just concussions that Lindros must guard against. He's also battled injuries ranging from damaged knees to a collapsed lung.

Lindros' tone-down game, that debuted in New York, allowed him to play a career-high 81 of 82 games last season but also produced career lows in 19 goals and 53 points.

When the Rangers closed their home schedule by presenting their game-worn jerseys to fans, those watching the end of the sixth straight season without a playoff appearance unclashed their venom.

Boos and insults poured from those who wished Lindros would never don that sweater

again. It was much more fun for them to hate Lindros when he was an opponent rather than a symbol of the failures of the Rangers, the club with the NHL's highest payroll.

This season began with trade rumors involving such names as Curtis Joseph and Jaromir Jagr coming to New York for the disappointing Lindros. But he stayed.

He scored a goal in his fourth and fifth games, but was forced to miss seven games when he injured his chest. He returned for three more games and had four assists, including three in one game. But then he caught a stick in the eye and sat out four more.

In December, Sather wasn't happy with Lindros' play so he dropped him to the fourth line. After restoring him to the top trio, Sather grew frustrated when Lindros took a penalty in a loss at Toronto, and said Lindros had a problem with him.

But Lindros only expressed surprise, not complaints. From then on, he's been on a rampage, although he doesn't see a difference in himself.

"I've felt good all year," he said. Eric Lindros really has changed.

Soccer and sexier

International league president urges more revealing uniforms for women

LONDON (AP) — Here's a fashion tip sure to make female soccer players uncomfortable: The sport's chief suggests they slip into something a little tighter on the field.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter said women should consider wearing more revealing uniforms, such as skimpier shorts, to bring more attention to the game. At least one top player called the advice "ridiculous" and "irresponsible."

Blatter said women's soccer needs different sponsors from the men's game and should try to attract fashion and cosmetics companies by featuring "more feminine uniforms."

"Tighter shorts, for example," Blatter told the Swiss newspaper SonntagsBlick. "In volleyball the women also wear other uniforms."

Blatter said women are playing football today. Excuse me for saying that.

Brandi Chastain created the signature moment at the 1999 Women's World Cup when she removed her shirt to reveal a sports bra, celebrating her winning kick in the U.S. victory over China in the title game.

She said Blatter should direct his energy to develop the game.

"Anyone who thinks that a uniform will draw people to the game is severely off base," Chastain said. "The game of football itself is what brings people to the stadium, not what the players are wearing. He should continue to focus on the development of the women's game rather than trying to sexualize it."

Jubie Foudy, co-captain of the U.S. national team, suggested other ways Blatter could improve women's soccer.

"Instead of talking about tight shorts, FIFA should be focusing on increasing its support for the women's game by instituting another world championship for youth women, pushing federations around the world to support their women's programs, or giving prize money to teams in the Women's World Cup," she said.

"We'll start wearing tighter shorts when their starts doing press conferences in his bathing suit."

The suggestion by Blatter raised an issue that has confronted

women's sports — particularly tennis and golf — for some time. Do the players need to draw on their sex appeal to make their game more appealing to a mostly male audience, or should their athletic achievements stand on their own?

England goalkeeper Pauline Cope called Blatter's advice "typical of a bloke."

"To say we should play football in hot pants is plain ridiculous," she said. "It's completely irresponsible for a man in a powerful position to make comments like this."

FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren said Friday that Blatter never mentioned the word "hot pants."

"The remarks were by no means meant to be offensive — not at all," Herren said. "Whatever he said, it was more a general remark. Let's take a look at that. But it's not the ultimate recipe to salvage the women's game because he went on to say women's football has established itself and it has a future."

Swiss captain Evelyn Zimmermann and Norwegian players Lise Klavness and Solveig Gulbrandsen also spurned Blatter's fashion tip.

"You can't compare us with volleyball players and, apart from everything else, those shorts are uncomfortable," Zimmermann said.

Klavness said soccer is about sport, not sex.

"If the crowd only wants to come and watch models then they should go and buy a copy of Playboy," she said.

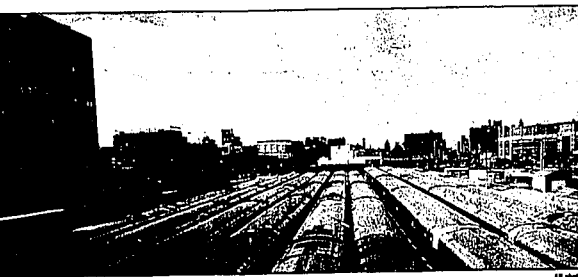
Added Gulbrandsen: "If I wanted to wear a bikini, I would have chosen to play beach volleyball."

Marianne Spaey, manager of the London team Fulham Ladies, said Blatter's comments should be taken seriously because of his position, but some of her players were amused.



Sepp Blatter

Brooklyn in the house



Trains sit at the Long Island Railroad yard at the intersection of Flatbush and Atlantic avenues near downtown Brooklyn in New York, Thursday. A New York City real estate developer plans to build a 20,000-seat arena over the rail yard if his purchase of the New Jersey Nets and a \$2.5 billion development plan are approved.

Hopes, fears loom as Nets face move to new borough

By Michael Weissenstein
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Ask any Brooklynite over 50 when the borough's golden age ended and the answer rarely varies: "When Dem Burns filed Ebbets Field."

The Dodgers' 1957 departure robbed Brooklyn of pro sports and, in many residents' minds, split the borough's history. On one side of the divide lie idyllic days of stickball, trolley cars and summers on Coney Island. On the other, years of urban blight, street crime and racial strife.

But the still-wounded spirits from Canarsie to Crown Heights lifted a faint smile this week at the sound of two words: Brooklyn Nets.

The possibility that developer Bruce Ratner will buy the New Jersey Nets and move them to a new arena near downtown Brooklyn is a chest-swelling shot of civic pride for a borough that long lived in the shadow of Manhattan, many Brooklynites said.

"God is good," said Michael Shapiro, author of "The Last Good Season: Brooklyn, the Dodgers, and Their Final Pennant Race Together." Forty-seven years after that season, he said: "It's redemption."

"I grew up believing that had the Dodgers never left Brooklyn, everything would have been better," said Shapiro, a native of Midwood.

But for many who would be the team's neighbors — and for the hundreds who would be displaced by the new arena — Brooklyn Nets has an ugly sound.

There are dozens of artists' lofts in old industrial buildings on the wind-swept stretch of railyards and multilane thoroughfares where Ratner wants to build a 19,000-seat arena at the heart of a \$2.5 billion residential and commercial complex designed by Frank Gehry.

New York power broker Robert Moses turned down a pitch by Dodgers owner Walter O'Malley to build a stadium on the same site in the 1950s.

"If things had gone right, there would be a snow-covered, domed stadium on the corner of Flatbush and Atlantic avenues, and this April the Brooklyn Dodgers would be returning there to play," Shapiro said.

But today's neighbors want none of it; in the gentrifying neighborhood of Prospect Heights that borders the site, residents are organizing petitions and hanging protest signs from windows.

Ratner wants neighborhood residents to voluntarily leave their apartments in exchange for generous offers of real estate, cash or both, a spokesman said Friday.

If there are holdouts, Ratner

would use the government power of eminent domain to condemn the homes. The railyards are owned by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, a state agency controlled by Gov. George Pataki, who supports the project.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg and many other city officials also back the plan, although the area's city councilwoman and state senator have come out against it.

It represents the kind of bulk and saturation that is going to destroy the character of the neighborhood," state Sen. Velmanette Montgomery said.

To her constituents in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn's heyday is already here, revived by the artists and young professionals who moved in and turned dilapidated warehouses and factory space into vibrant blocks of flower shops, bagel cafes and Middle Eastern restaurants.

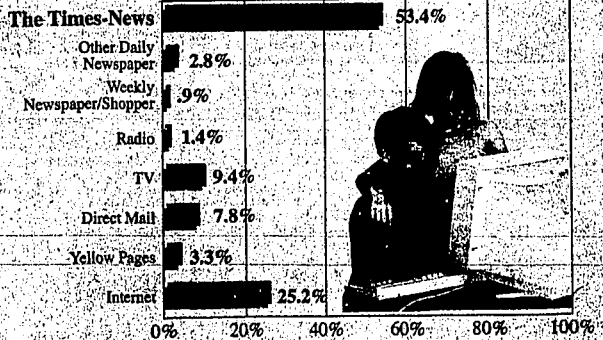
Opponents say the arena complex will displace at least 864 people. The Ratner spokesman said 146 homes would be affected.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Used-auto sales drop
Sales of used automobiles by dealers in the Magic Valley dropped 2.0 percent from 2002 to 2003. Here's the breakdown. County had no sales either year, and Lincoln County had none in 2002.)

County	Cars	Trucks	Total
Blaine	232	596	828
Cassia	1,553	1,275	2,828
Gooding	174	156	330
Jerome	1,112	705	1,817
Lincoln	2	1	3
Minidoka	368	388	756
Twin Falls	5,904	5,499	11,403
TOTAL	9,345	8,660	18,005

County	Cars	Trucks	Total
Blaine	212	543	755
Cassia	1,184	1,141	2,325
Gooding	186	145	331
Jerome	862	628	1,490
Minidoka	637	795	1,432
Twin Falls	5,561	6,276	11,837
TOTAL	8,642	9,729	18,371

Here's a little recent history: Used automobile sales by dealers in the Magic Valley rose 5 percent from 2000 to 2001, and crept up 0.5 percent from 2001 to 2002.

Source: Idaho Automobile Dealers Association

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Gymnastics business will hold open house

BURLEY — Snake River Gymnastics, formerly Gymnasia, will hold a grand-opening open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at its new location, 130 S. 100 W. in Burley, south of Boise Cascade.

The business was previously at 350 W. 100 N. in Rupert. The phone number is 678-0143.

'Snake River Gymnastics offers a variety of classes for all ages and skill levels including parent and tot (walking to age 3), tiny tot, gymnastics, tumbling and trampolines, cheerleading/acrobatics and more. The business is also available for birthday parties.

IDACORP directors declare dividend

TWIN FALLS — Directors of IDACORP declared a common stock dividend of 30 cents per share, payable March 1 to holders of record at the close of business Feb. 5.

Directors of subsidiary Idaho Power Co. declared quarterly dividend on 4 percent preferred stock of \$1 per share, payable May 3 to holders of record at the close of business April 15.

They also declared dividend on 7.68 percent serial preferred stock, first series, \$100 par value, of \$1.92 per share, payable May 17 to holders of record on April 20.

They also declared dividend on 7.97 percent serial preferred stock, without par value, of \$1.76750 per share, payable May 20 to holders of record on April 26.

Home Depot raises predictions for 2004

ATLANTA — The Home Depot said Friday it will spend \$3.7 billion in 2004 to modernize its stores, upgrade technology and open 175 new stores — down from the 200 openings in each of the past three years. It also raised its estimate of earnings growth for fiscal 2003.

Home Depot, the world's largest home improvement retailer, said it plans to branch out, and improve efforts such as at-home services, tool rental centers and the company Web site, chief executive Bob Nardelli as the company revealed its plans and earnings expectations for the next year.

Home Depot said its 2003 earnings per share would rise 17 percent to 19 percent, compared with a previous estimate of 15 percent to 17 percent growth. The 2003 fiscal year ends Feb. 1.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call expect Home Depot to post a profit of \$1.82 a share for 2003, which would be a 14 percent increase over 2002's profit of \$1.56.

In 2004, Home Depot — which has a store in Twin Falls — expects full-year earnings per share to grow between 7 percent and 11 percent. The company said it expects to deliver sales growth of between 9 percent and 12 percent in 2004.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Take steps to improve financial health

The Baltimore Sun

A perennial New Year's resolution is to get finances in shape.

But finances — which include taxes, credit cards, estate planning and investing — can be overwhelming. It's not surprising that financial resolve often quickly falls to the wayside, along with popular resolutions to exercise and lose weight.

That doesn't have to be the case. "You don't have to do it all at once," advised Harold Evensky, a financial planner in Coral Gables, Fla.

You can start with small steps, Evensky said. "Any beginning is a good beginning," he said.

So, here are a dozen simple financial steps — one for each month — that experts say can put you in better financial shape by year-end:

Don't take it on all at once, says expert

• **January:** You acquire a 401(k), a couple of individual retirement accounts and some individual stocks and mutual funds, and pretty soon your portfolio is stuffed with all sorts of things.

"No one knows what they've got," said Mari Adam, a financial planner in Boca Raton, Fla.

Take this month to look at your holdings, and figure your asset allocation, or what percentage of your portfolio is in stocks, bonds and cash, Adam suggested. If you've never done this, you may find that your allocation is too aggressive or too conservative to meet your goals, and needs adjusting.

Those more ambitious can dig deeper and look at their funds' holdings to see if they have too much in a single sector or investing

style, Adam said.

An easy way to do that is through Morningstar's online portfolio analyzer, available for free from T. Rowe Price Associates at www.troweprice.com.

• **February:** The limit on how much can be salved away in a 401(k) goes up this year by \$1,000 to \$13,000. Workers 50 and older can contribute an extra \$3,000, for a total of \$16,000.

Check with your employer to make sure you have increased your contributions, experts said. If the new limits seem too steep, try increasing your contributions by 1 percentage point, said Don Blandin, president of the American Savings Education Council.

And, of course, if you're not participating

in your employer's plan, sign up.

• **March:** With the tax deadline nearing, it's a good time to organize your financial records. "Everybody has messy files," said J. Michael Martin, a financial planner in Columbia, Md.

How long do you keep tax records? The Internal Revenue Service generally audits returns within three years of filing, although it can go back further if there's a suspicion of fraud or under-reported income, Martin said. "Keep" things seven years and you should be home free," Martin said.

• **April:** Boost retirement savings. You have until April 15 to make a contribution to an IRA for 2003.

• **May:** If you get hefty tax refunds year after year, it's time to adjust your Form W-4, which determines the amount of money

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Cash-strapped schools turn to marketing deals

The Associated Press

In California's Scotts Valley, the local school district faces the prospect of slashing \$900,000 from a \$15 million budget next year. So the district hired a marketing firm to find companies willing to sponsor a new swim center or theater at the local high school.

In return, according to school board member Allison Niday, companies will get plaques to advertise their help, or mentions in school newspapers.

Similar deals are being made across the country at all levels of education as money-strapped schools increasingly turn to companies for financial support.

"First and foremost, our schools are struggling," the National School Boards Association's Dan Fuller said. "Many districts are engaged in this (commercialism) because of the dire straits they're in. This presents a real opportunity and a trend that will continue and possibly grow."

As a result, corporate advertisements are cropping up on everything from high school scoreboards to the sides of school buses. At Pepperdine University in a Texas school, earning that school district millions of dollars.

And soft drinks are being sold under contract in many schools.

In Seattle, the school district — its budget so tight that nearly 200 staffers had to be cut — has concluded an exclusive deal with Coca-Cola Co. for vending machines in middle and high schools. The five-year contract, worth more than \$1.5 million for the district, helps fund field trips, yearbooks, school newspapers and extracurricular activities.

Colleges and universities — and even New York City itself — have also been signing on with corporations.

The University of Vermont is getting \$4.3 million over 10 years from Coca-Cola in exchange for giving the company the right to provide all the soft drinks, bottled water, packaged juices and sports drinks sold in vending machines and campus dining rooms.

Just a few months ago, the makers of Snapple won exclusive rights to sell their bottled water and fruit juices in vending machines on all city property in New York, including schools. Snapple will pay the city \$106 million and spend \$60 million more to market and promote the city over the five-year contract. The city's public school system is the nation's largest, with 1,200 schools and 1.1 million students.

Critics say such deals erode the schools' long-held ability to insulate children from marketing and promote a climate where children are being asked to pay for education one soda at a time. And the sale of soft drinks in school, they argue, may add to the roughly 15 percent of children and teens that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calls overweight.

"It's really a bargain with the devil because what these districts essentially are doing is selling their students' health," said Alex Molnar, head of the Arizona State University's Commercialism in Education Research Unit, which studies corporate involvement in schools.

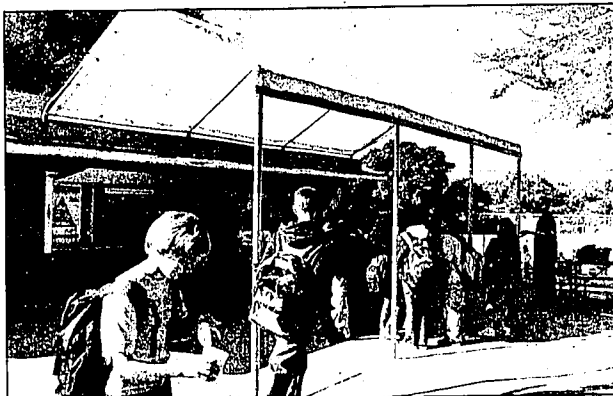
Niday, mother of two children, in the fourth and eighth grades, said "going to corporate sponsorship is a little sad." But she insists her 2,700-student district in Scotts Valley has few other options after the community already rallied to raise \$400,000 to mitigate additional cuts this school year, sparing some library aides, program supervisors and counselors.

The district so far has partnered with a construction company that will provide \$14,000 and improvements at Scotts Valley's middle school, and a roofing firm that will give \$5,000 and gardening boxes to several schools.

"The state funding process is broken, and to sit back and wait for it to be fixed is to do nothing



Lisa Wilmoth, a first grade teacher at Vine Hill School, left, and Michele Turmino hang a sign advertising the need for financial assistance on a classroom window Dec. 16 at Scotts Valley Middle School in Scotts Valley, Calif.



Children get their lunch Dec. 16 at a makeshift cafeteria at Scotts Valley Middle School.

for our children," Niday said. "We have to look at different mechanisms for our funding."

During the 1990s, the number of exclusive corporation-school marketing deals jumped 13-fold while the number of sponsored educational materials supplied by big business or trade groups grew 18-fold, according to a 2000 study by Molnar's group.

Meanwhile, the General Accounting Office in 2000 reported that just 19 states then had laws and regulations governing commercial activities in public schools.

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Potlatch Corp. marks 100 years in business

The Associated Press

LEWISTON — When Frederick Weyerhaeuser died in 1914, his wealth rivaled the Rockefellers. Yet another lumber titan, few people knew his name.

The Weyerhaeusers have always been quiet about their wealth, says Keith Petersen, author of the book "Company Town: Potlatch, Idaho and the Potlatch Lumber Co."

In the early 1900s Weyerhaeuser, his relatives and friends founded three lumber

companies in the West. One is the company based in Tacoma with the family name. Another is Boise Cascade. The third, and the one the Weyerhaeusers believed would prosper most, Petersen said, was at Potlatch, Idaho.

Weyerhaeuser got his start logging in the Great Lakes region, but that was before sustainable logging practices, Petersen said. When those supplies were exhausted he began looking for new resources.

Idaho's forests harbored the

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Company cuts jobs in Lewiston, Las Vegas

The Associated Press

LEWISTON — About 50 local Potlatch Corp. workers in consumer products are losing their jobs, as well as 20 people in the company's Nevada operations.

Consumer products include paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissue and paper napkins.

The decision to cut back is part of Potlatch's plan to control costs in a competitive market by streamlining production and expanding marketing, said Michael Sullivan, spokesman for the Spokane, Wash.-based company.

"It isn't that we're selling less, necessarily, but the prices we are

getting for the product are less than we want them to be and less than they have been," Sullivan said.

"We anticipate this isn't a long-term problem. This is kind of a normal cycle that the industry goes through."

Still, Potlatch has no intention of rehiring workers when conditions improve, Sullivan said.

Eight administrative jobs will be cut in Lewiston. The other losses are at the company's Las Vegas operations, which include a new \$66 million paper towel plant and a plant that cuts large paper rolls into products.

The changes are not a sign that Potlatch is moving away

from consumer products or that the role Lewiston plays in the company is diminishing, Sullivan said.

With the reductions, the company will have about 1,940 employees in Lewiston, including 560 in consumer products.

Last year, hourly employees in consumer products and pulp and paperboard there took 3 percent wage cuts for about 19 months of a four-year agreement. Some lost vacation time.

At the time of the negotiations, Potlatch had finished two losing years and was heading to a third. Potlatch has turned profits in the two most recent quarters, and its stock price is rising.

MONEY

Dow hits 22-month high

NEW YORK (AP) - The Dow Jones industrial average reached its highest level since mid-2002 Friday as investors greeted strong earnings from General Electric Co. and the technology sector. The market's major indexes were all up for a seventh week in a row. GE's earnings helped reassure investors skittish following Intel Corp.'s disappointing revenue projections earlier this week.

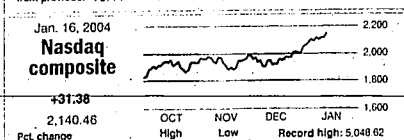
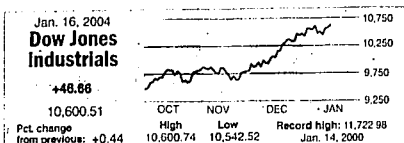
The key thing here is that you're starting to see some aggressive buying coming back into the market," said Jim Raphaelian, head of institutional trading at Charles Schwab. "There's more than one buyer for any stock being sold, and there are both institutional and retail buyers. And that's because earnings are showing us that fundamentals are sound."

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 46.66, or 0.4 percent, at 10,600.51, a new 52-week high. It was the index's highest since its peak in March 19, 2002, when it finished at 10,635.30.

The Nasdaq finished up 31.38, or 1.5 percent, at 2,140.46, eclipsing the previous 2.5-year high reached Monday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed up 7.78, or 0.7 percent, at 1,136.33.

For the week, the Dow was up 1.4 percent, the Nasdaq gained 2.6 percent and the S&P 500 rose 1.6 percent. GE, a Dow component, posted fourth-quarter profits 47 percent higher than a year ago, boosted by increased industrial demand. GE closed up \$1.95 at \$33.35, a new 52-week high.

"These early earnings reports show signs of a broad economic recovery," said Subodh Kumar, chief investment strategist for CIBC World Markets. "However, unlike the first three through



quarters, where the markets responded strongly, the expectations of the earnings are already built into the market prices, so we will see more price fluctuation on individual reports."

Home Depot Inc. raised its year-end profit forecast by 2 cents per share, although it predicted slightly slower growth in 2004. The stock closed down 49 cents at \$34.90.

International Business Machines Corp. again drove the market after Smith Barney upgraded the stock and the computer giant awarded a \$250-million contract to provide Nokia with desktop computers and ongoing services. IBM climbed \$1.30 to \$95.33, just short of its year high.

Juniper Networks Inc. jumped \$7.00, or 31 percent, to close at \$29.93 after the network equipment maker posted strong fourth-quarter gains Thursday, beating analysts' estimates by 2 cents, and resumed its rocky recovery in the year. SC Group Securities and Merrill Lynch upgraded the

company Friday. Abbott Laboratories Inc. was down \$7.00 at \$43.25 after announcing its earnings. While the pharmaceutical firm met estimates for the fourth quarter, it said first-quarter and full 2004 earnings will fall short of expectations.

Consumer confidence rose to its highest level in three years in mid-January, according to the University of Michigan's index. In addition, businesses boosted their inventories by a modest 0.3 percent in November, a sign of wary confidence in the economic rebound. However, the government announced industrial production was up only 0.1 percent in December, well short of the 0.5 percent expected by Wall Street and the 1 percent growth posted in November.

Once again, the mixed data left Wall Street without any strong indicators to gauge the speed of the recovery, which could cause the investor nervousness in the weeks ahead.

Industrial production slows in December

WASHINGTON (AP) - Industrial production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose by only 0.1 percent in December, marking a slowdown after a sizable ramp up in activity the month before.

The increase reported by the Federal Reserve Friday came after big industry production jumped by 1 percent in November, even stronger than previously estimated. November's performance marked the biggest gain in four years.

Economists were expecting industrial production to cool off a bit in December given November's brisk activity. Analysts were calling for a 0.5 percent increase. Still, with

December's gain, it marked the fourth straight month that industrial production expanded.

Earlier this week, the Fed, in a more forward-looking survey of business and consumer confidence, found the economy was gaining momentum as the new year began. The Fed reported growing signs that the nation's battered manufacturing sector was beginning to pull out of its steep nosedive.

In Friday's report, production at factories - the biggest chunk of industrial activity tracked by the Fed - rose by a modest 0.3 percent in December, down from a 1-percent gain the previous month. Output at mines was flat, following a 0.6 percent increase in November. Production at utili-

ties sank by 1.4 percent, craning the same-sized gain the month before.

"When you put all the data together it shows that a moderate manufacturing recovery is still alive and continuing," said Clifford Waldman, economist at the Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI, a research group.

On Wall Street, stocks rose. The Dow Jones industrial gained 26 points and the Nasdaq was up 18 points in morning trading.

Separately, America's businesses - keeping a close eye on the economy's pulse - boosted their stockpiles by a modest 0.3 percent in November, a sign that companies are getting the rebound will be lasting.

Potlatch

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greatest remaining stands of white pine in the country. The wood was considered to make the best quality lumber and had buoyancy that helped float the logs down streams in the days before highways.

The arrival of the Weyerhaeusers in the state was possibly as significant as the discovery of gold, Petersen said. Once Weyerhaeuser made the decision to come West, other owners of large lumber mills followed suit.

Smaller lumber mills often couldn't compete with the giants in their backyards, who had capital to develop specialized products, Petersen said.

Potlatch, for example, made big names that came with great lumber and plans, Petersen said. Many still stand today. "There was not much room for little guys once the Weyerhaeusers came out," he

said. "There were a lot of small mills that went belly up really fast."

But by Weyerhaeuser's death, the prospects for the mills in Potlatch already had dimmed, Petersen said. The region where the white pines grew had few streams suitable for log drives.

To transport logs, Potlatch had to build an expensive network of railroads. Manufacturers also created the forests of the West Coast had many of the same qualities of white pine. When the Panama Canal opened in 1914, it was less expensive to ship Idaho lumber to the East Coast rather than move it by rail.

In spite of the initial setbacks, Potlatch has survived 100 years, introducing new products and phasing out old ones. Its history

dates back to the founding of Potlatch, which functioned as a company town until the 1950s.

It was one of the largest, longest-surviving company towns in the West, Petersen said. Today, Potlatch is divided into Idaho's biggest employer in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley.

The Lewiston site alone employs about 2,000 workers. Potlatch also operates in Minnesota, Arkansas and Las Vegas, where it is constructing a new paper towel mill.

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Health

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September: Review estate documents to see if they're up to date, said Thomas Gryzmala, a financial planner in Virginia.

July: Got credit card? Look for new credit card rate so you can pay off balances faster, said Gert Detweiler, author of 'The Ultimate Credit Handbook.'

Do not: Then look for a card that offers rewards. Generally, if annual charges are less than \$10,000, look for a card that offers perks with no annual fee, Detweiler said.

When you charge more than that, it may be worth the annual fee to earn frequent flyer miles, she said.

August: Review property and casualty coverage, which includes car, homeowner's and umbrella policies.

When your homeowner's policy provides replacement coverage, you can easily be underinsured if housing and labor costs have skyrocketed in your area or you've done extensive remodeling, experts said.

Save on premiums by increasing deductibles on auto policies. Drivers usually don't make small claims anyway because they push up premiums, experts said.

Schools

The NSBA, representing about 15,000 school boards nationwide, believes lawmakers shouldn't meddle in what should be a local issue, Fuller said. That feeling was echoed by the National Soft Drink Association's Sean McBride, who said school boards and parents should decide what kind of food policy they have for each school.

The deals can be lucrative for companies. Coca-Cola has contracts with at least 6,000 public schools districts.

At least 99 percent of high schools, nearly 75 percent of middle-schools and 43 percent of elementary schools have vending machines or snack shops, according to the CDC.

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Winning is the only thing

A football coach at a major university calls his players together—
COACH: Boys, it's time we had a serious discussion about the rules. I'm not talking about how we play the game on the field, but what goes on

between games and after practices. You've heard all about mistakes by players and coaches. Kansas State University quarterback Eli Roberson was accused of sexual assault prior to this month's Fiesta Bowl. And that's just a short list. So

I'm handing out my newly revised book of rules so you'll be up to speed when the new season rolls around.

Then I nag you about the use of illegal drugs and the misuse of alcohol will not be tolerated." If you'll look below that rule under the heading "Penalties," you'll see: "A violation means a player will be subject to drug testing for the remainder of his career at the school and possible suspension."

"Guys, this is serious stuff. You have to just say no." But I don't want you to think that I'm not a forgiving coach, or that this institution isn't sympathetic. That's why suspension will be for a shorter period of time for those of you who have run or passed for more than 100 yards in the previous season or who have bench-pressed at least 250 pounds. Certain freshmen will be excluded. I'll talk with you individually.

Look at page 5: "No sexual activity with females when we're on the field. If you are a second- or third-string player, you will not get to play during the next game. First-stringers will have to sit out a full quarter. Pay attention to the footnote: "Excepted from this punishment are quarterbacks and running backs. They will have to run extra laps during the next practice. The number will be determined by the coach."

Now some of you may be thinking: "But coach, it isn't fair to punish some players more than others." Well, life is unfair. The rules in the workplace are unfair. My salary is unfair. The fact is that some people are given different treatment because of their income, influence or contributions to the right people. That's just the way it is, boys.

So, what should you do if, God forbid, you violate any of the rules in this book? If you get caught and you're a first-string player, deny publicly that you did anything wrong. However, if it can be shown that you probably broke a rule — they have the goods on you — be contrite, but speak boldly: "I am truly sorry. I've let down my team, my family and the university. I promise that such behavior will never happen again." Or something like that.

I will, of course, speak contritely myself. I'll note how upset I am about what you've done but stress that this matter will be handled within "the family." My statement will buy us some time to gauge public reaction and university support. If reactions are extremely negative, I may have to impose some additional punishment. Running laps probably won't satisfy at that point. You may be asked to do some community service that shows your willingness to "pay the price" for your mistake. This will require little, if any, sacrifice on your part, but be prepared to do it without complaining.

If you abide by these rules and follow the rehabilitation plan I've outlined, you can expect to resume your career in sports with minimal damage. Depending on your skill level, you should still be a candidate for the NFL draft.

I see a hand. What's your question?
PLAYER: Coach, wouldn't it be simpler to say, "Here are the rules. If you violate them, you will either be suspended from the next game or, drop out from the program."

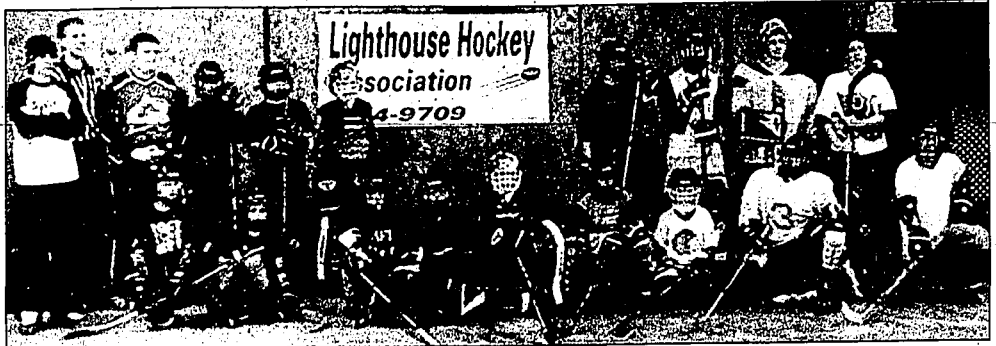
COACH: Thanks, son. That's an interesting suggestion. But you have to remember why you're here. It's been drilled in your head from the day you started playing football: I've even tacked it on the wall. Over there. Let's all say it together: "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing."

That's as simple as I can make it. You're all dismissed.

Oh, and don't forget to play by the rules.

Tom Schaefer writes about religion and ethics for the Wichita Eagle.

Shooting the PUCK...



Top, 2003 Roller hockey players for Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Jerome participated in devotional sessions before practices and games. Above, Robert Ryder aligned up with the North Valley Hockey Association last year and played defense on a team named 'Lightning.'

and spreading the word

North Valley - A Christ-centered hockey ministry

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Lighthouse Christian Fellowship is looking for a few good young people — to play some roller hockey.

The church's North Valley Hockey Association is open to all youth between the ages of 6 and 16, of any religious affiliation. Pastor Brian Nickens describes the hockey program, in its second season, as a "Christ-centered sports ministry," an outreach activity of his church.

A devotional and prayer precede each practice and game, he explained, and the program is viewed as a way to recruit youth who might not otherwise have access to worship.

This year, practices will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every other Monday, Feb. 2 to April 5, at the

Messersmith (blue) building at Jerome County Fairgrounds. Games are scheduled on alternate weeks — same time, same place — when the Lighthouse teams play each other.

There also will be tournaments and awards ceremonies in April and May. In July and August, Wal Mart challenge games will be held in the Wal Mart parking lot. The teams still play each other, but the games are held during store advertising campaigns, before a larger audience.

Last year, the hockey association had enough players to form two teams — "Lightning" and "Fans." Nickens expects most of the players to sign up again, and hopes to have enough new players to create more 10-player teams. All kids who show up for try-outs will play on a team, he said.

The coaches and referees are volunteers.

Registering to play

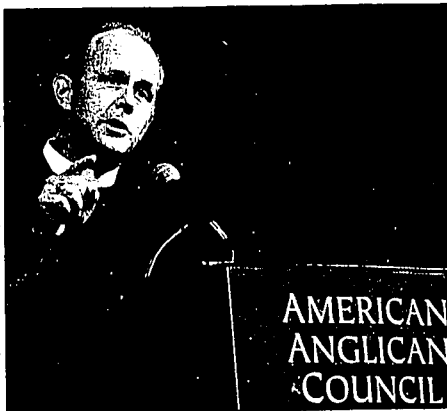
Sign up to play for the North Valley Hockey Association at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship of Jerome, 900 N. Lincoln, or call 644-9709 or 324-8444. Registration is \$35. Required gear — inline skates, hockey sticks, shin pads, elbow pads, hockey gloves, hockey helmet with face mask — costs around \$100 at Big 5 Sporting Goods in Twin Falls, or at www.hockeyjnt.com.

Robert Ryder played for Lightning last year. Though his team did not win all of its games, he said, he had a lot of fun learning to play hockey and competing against the Fans.

Nickens said he thinks the parents had as much fun as the kids, watching from the sidelines.

THE BATTLE OVER HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Rev. David H. Roseberry, rector of Christ Church Episcopal in Plano, Texas, addressed thousands attending the American Anglican Council convention on Oct. 7 in Dallas. Roseberry has become a national leader in the conservative revolt against the Episcopal Church's consecration of an openly gay bishop in New Hampshire.



Priest becomes 'unlikely leader' in conservatives' fight against gay Bishop

By Bobby Ross Jr.
The Associated Press

PLANO, Texas — The Rev. Canon David Roseberry has built the congregation he started with 13 members back in 1985 into the Episcopal church that boasts the largest attendance in the nation. His success with the flourishing Christ Church Episcopal — which draws 2,200 worshippers each weekend to this Dallas suburb — has helped make him a national leader in the conservative revolt against his denomination's consecration of an openly gay bishop.

"I feel like a very unlikely leader for all of this," said the 48-year-old rector. Yet his church will welcome a constituting convention of the Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes next week — a meeting that will put Roseberry, once again, in the thick of the debate over homosexuality within his denomination.

The convention's aim will be to produce some sort of church-wide, 3-church arrangement, so that Episcopal conservatives — estimated by opponents as roughly 15 percent of the denomination's 2.3 million members — can work together directly. The network's relationship to the Episcopal Church's national structure is still emerging.

Bishops, clergy and lay delegates from as many as a dozen conservative dioceses plan to develop an organizational charter and a theological platform during the two-day session, which starts Monday.

Roseberry's high-profile role doesn't surprise the Rev. Alden Hathaway, a former Pittsburgh bishop who became the priest's mentor two decades ago. "He's a natural leader," said Hathaway, who first met Roseberry in the early 1980s when the recent seminary graduate was divorced and out of sorts, unsure what he believed.

Hathaway challenged him to "take a giant leap of faith and trust the Scriptures." Roseberry said emphasis on the Bible as the error-free word of God was a new concept for him and changed his approach to ministry.

His vision of a Bible-believing church plays heavily in his opposition to the Episcopal General Convention's approval last August of the Rev. Gene Robinson as New Hampshire bishop. Robinson has lived openly with his male partner for 14 years.

"There are fewer subjects about which the Bible is more clear than homosexuality," Roseberry said. In October, his church hosted a meeting of 2,700 Episcopal traditionalists. Roseberry moderated. See page PRIEST, Page B11

Causing furor:

Bishop's ban on communion for some politicians results in outrage



Raymond Burke

By Juliet Williams
Associated Press writer

MILWAUKEE — A Roman Catholic bishop who waded into politics with a decree that lawmakers who support abortion rights can no longer receive Holy Communion has ignited a debate over the separation of church and state.

Bishop Raymond Burke of La Crosse cited Vatican doctrine, canon law and teachings by the U.S. bishops in an announcement telling diocesan priests to withhold communion from such lawmakers until they "publicly renounce" their support of abortion rights. "This is about as stark a decree to come down against Catholic politicians as we've seen in recent history," said Barry W. Lynn, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. "The problem with it is that elected officials have to represent people of all faiths and none, and not adhere to one religious demand like the bishop's."

Pope John Paul II appointed Burke, 55, archbishop of St. Louis in December. Burke signed the decree in November, when he still had the authority to do so, but it was not made public until Thursday. Burke is to be installed in St. Louis on Jan. 26 — raising concerns among some of his opponents that he may issue the same decree there.

The Vatican and U.S. Bishops have for years urged Catholic legislators to consider their faith when they vote, and a task force of bishops is weighing whether to recommend sanctions for Catholic

politicians who support policies contrary to church teachings.

In November, Burke wrote letters to at least three Catholic lawmakers, telling them they risked being forbidden from taking the Sacrament by continuing to vote for measures he termed anti-life, including abortion and euthanasia.

Democratic U.S. Rep. David Obey, said Friday that he respects the sacred oath he took to uphold the U.S. Constitution. Obey said Burke can instruct him on faith and morals in his private life, but should use "persuasion, not dictation" to affect his political votes. He said Burke had "crossed the line into unacceptable territory."

Burke has also come under criticism from some Catholic scholars. Dan Maguire, a professor of

theology at the University of Milwaukee, called Burke a "fanatic" who has embarrassed the Catholic Church by using bullying tactics.

He is not a theologian — and he is making terrible mistakes that have been addressed in theology in the past," Maguire said. "He's making a fool of himself, and the politicians are absolutely within their Catholic rights to ignore him."

Pro-Life Wisconsin hailed Burke's decree as a moral victory against abortion, saying it would help the group hold all Christian politicians and voters responsible for upholding "natural and moral law."

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin spokeswoman Lisa Boyce said politicians are the servants of the public, not religious groups.

"This is a much more weighty tactic than any special interest group could get away with," she said.

RELIGION

Read religious fiction as a skeptic

Looking for a good page-turner in the new year? Theological thrillers have been hot sellers at bookstores.

These novels tend to weave together views on Christianity with some mystery or conflict that must be resolved. But how reliable is the theology in these works of fiction, and should we care?

"The Da Vinci Code" has been on the best-seller list for more than nine months and counting. It certainly ranks as a compelling yarn, as the story moves along at a good pace and includes assorted interesting plot twists. But it also is a starkly anti-Christian book, featuring a heavy dose of radical feminism.

According to key characters in "The Da Vinci Code," the Bible was edited purely for reasons of politics and power, and the divinity of Jesus Christ was a fabrication. For good measure, supposedly married and had children with Mary Magdalene. Author Dan Brown essentially presents Christianity as a fraud.

At the other end of the spectrum is the "Left Behind" series of novels written by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, with the 11th installment in this best-selling series — "Armageddon: The Cosmic Battle of the Ages," being the newest. The books focus on the fantastic adventures and travails of a group of individuals during the end times.

In contrast to "The Da Vinci Code," the "Left Behind" books are written from a pro-Christian point of view. But the end times theology presented in these novels is not what has been understood by traditional Christianity over the centuries.

For example, the notion, as laid out by LaHaye and Jenkins, that there will be a secret "rapture" whereby true believers suddenly will disappear, followed by a seven-year tribulation, is not found in Holy Scripture. Also, the "Left Behind" focus on picking out particular events as signs of the coming end of the world is a dubious proposition. For the most part, such ideas spring from the Book of Revelation, which utilizes symbolic language. After all, Jesus declared: "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24: 36, 42).

Some readers might argue that the religion in such books doesn't

RAYMOND J. KEATING

matter. Fiction is entertainment. But authors also use fiction to communicate certain world views, which sometimes can have enormous influence on readers. It's pretty clear that Brown and LaHaye and Jenkins seek to sway people as well.

Author Paul J. Maier offers an interesting contrast to these disparate examples of religious-based fiction. He is a professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University and a vice president in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. His new novel — "More Than a Skeleton" — amounts to a direct challenge to "Left Behind." The book combines a gripping, fascinating tale with sound, traditional Christian theology.

Maier told me that he was bothered by "the lack of reliability in current religious/theological fiction." He noted that while millions of readers of books like "The Da Vinci Code" and the "Left Behind" series "realize that the story itself is fiction (they) assume that the background and context of that story faithfully reflect what is factual."

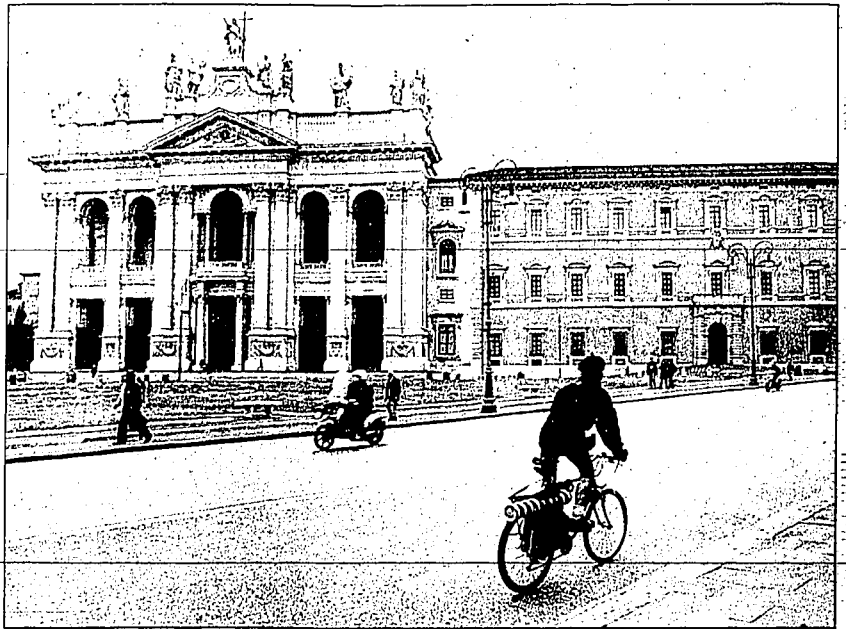
He added: "Precisely here is where the 'Left Behind' series and 'The Da Vinci Code' fail miserably." For example, Maier estimated that "much less than 5 percent of world Christianity share" (the particular end times views put forth by LaHaye and Jenkins). And as for "The Da Vinci Code," he says, "it's a page-turner, but it's absolutely riddled with errors when it comes to how Christianity and the church are portrayed."

Maier relayed how he views his responsibility as a novelist: "Even in my historical novel ... I never contradict known historical fact, in both my contemporary novel, in the same applies. Don't ever misrepresent the milieu in which your characters move through the plot."

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VIVA ROMA



The Lateran Palace, right, adjoins the Basilica of St. John in the Lateran in Rome and was the official residence of the popes until the 14th century.

Church grants public access to Lateran Palace

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press writer

ROME — When you think of Christianity and Rome, the Vatican is what springs to mind — the home of popes and the colonnaded square that welcomes visitors into the massive, marbled St. Peter's Basilica at its core.

But the first organized church in Rome was actually built across the Tiber River in the fourth century by the Emperor Constantine at St. John Lateran, today the basilica for the city of Rome. Along with its adjoining buildings, St. John was the official residence of the popes until the papacy moved to Avignon at the start of the 1300s.

So it's fitting that St. John's Lateran Palace, a branch of the Vatican Museums next to the basilica, is home to the Vatican Historic Museum, which was recently made more accessible to the public.

"This place lets us understand the extraordinary importance of the history of the papacy, the reason for which Dante would later say

that 'Lateran is above all earthly things,'" said Monsignor Pietro Amato, who runs the museum.

During a recent tour, Amato explained the 16th-century palace's origins. Oddly, while the site was home to popes until the 14th century, the current palace has never been a papal residence. After the return from Avignon in 1377, popes lived at the Vatican or in other church properties around Rome. Pope Sixtus V, pontiff from 1585-1590, had the Lateran Palace built because he felt that St. John needed an adjoining episcopate, or household for the papal court. He had 12,000 square yards of frescoed galleries and salons built over seven months to serve as the papal apartments. But no pope wound up living in the new palace because, at the time, it was located outside Rome's city walls and was considered too small to house the papal court.

As a result, the Lateran Palace has had many other lives over the years: a hospital, a home for destitute men and women, museums housing various papal collections, the Vatican's mission-

ary museum, its ethnological museum, and now, it's historic museum.

There are thrones that pope-used-to sit on, propped up on the shoulders of men to be better seen by the public — essentially human precursors to today's "popemobile," which Pope John Paul II uses to get around. There's also the desk, the treaty and the room where the 1929 Lateran Treaty was signed between Benito Mussolini and Cardinal Pietro Gasparri in which the Holy See and Italy recognized each other as sovereign entities. The treaty ended decades of antagonism in which the popes refused to recognize the newly unified Italy and called themselves "prisoners" inside the Vatican walls.

But the real value of the museum is in the history of its location at St. John Lateran, the oldest basilica in Rome whose Latin inscription describes it as the "mother and head" of all the churches of the world.

"St. Peter's doesn't have such strong titles," Amato said.

Rap CD proves positive

By Dean Owens
The Wichita Eagle

John Reuben, "Professional Rapper" (Gotee)

It's the third release for Ohio-based rapper John Reuben, and I warn you: Be ready to move when you pop "Professional Rapper" in the CD player.

Fun, positive, relevant lyrics, mixed with cool beats and fluid background accents, make Reuben's music fun to kick loud.

The disc jumps out with "Move," heavy with bass and filled with groove. Track two, "I Haven't Been Myself," tones down the beat but stays lively because of Adrie, ne Liesching's airy background vocals.

Benjamin Gate, singer of the Benjam Gate, which is now defunct. Dance-ability revisits on track three, "This Life is Short." The cut has an anthemic chorus: "This life is short/Don't waste it/This life is what you make it."

Spanish-sounding horns and an ultra-cool breakdown of hand claps and snaps make it unique. The fun continues through tracks four and five, but a turn in six with the dark-sounding "Freedom To Feel" reveals an honest confession about the struggles of being in the spotlight. It's a cool break from the dance tracks.

The standout song is the in-studio-sounding "I Have No Opinion." The lyrics speak of our perpetual arguments regarding religion, politics and culture, and how there will be no end to the discussion.

I loved the lines: "You see me and you/we didn't create the truth/Without the grace of God/Out there, it's just construed/And at best, just a good attempt/Heck, it wasn't until I surrendered my opinion that life made sense."

He's great to see live, and this CD is worth the purchase. Check him out at www.johreuben.com.

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Section C



Members of the Snake River Corvette Club gather gifts they purchased to donate to area foster children.

Snake River Corvette Club donates gifts

TWIN FALLS - The spirit of Christmas was alive and well thanks to the Snake River Corvette Club and sponsors that raised money to buy more than 200 gifts for foster care children in southern Idaho.

The club began 10 years ago by three local Corvette owners and their spouses. The club annually holds a car show in Jackpot, Nev., with dozens of Corvettes and participants from all the Northwest states.

The main funds for the Christmas project come from the Border Run show. Other donors include Target, Kurt's Pharmacy and the Magic Valley Early Iron Car Club, club members reported. The gifts ranged from dolls to bicycles and telescopes.

The Corvette Club also donated to Crimestoppers. The project was organized by Rick Otto. Officers include Larry Utley,

Have a Corvette?

The Snake River Corvette Club will meet at 7 p.m. today at the Idaho Health and Welfare Building, 601 - Pole Line Road in Twin Falls. Join members for dinner before the meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Montana Steak House, off of Pole Line Road. For more information, call Larry Utley at 733-9655 or Mike Duffy at 326-5658.

president; Mike Duffy, vice president; Donna Duffy, secretary; and Jeanie Ruffing, treasurer. This year's Corvettes show, Border Run 2004, will be held June 11-13 at Cactus Petes in Jackpot, and more than 60 cars are expected to be displayed.

For more information on the club and a complete list of sponsors, check the club's Web site at www.srccorvettes.freeusers.com.

'Let's Talk about It' focuses on Idaho, western books

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Public Library is hosting the Kimberly-Hansen "Let's Talk About It" Reading program for 2004.

The series, "Tough Paradise: the Literature of Idaho and the Intermountain West," begins at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., and continues every other Thursday for five sessions, ending March 25. Books are available for checkout at both libraries, and the out of city fee is waived for this program.

The schedule of books is as follows:

Jan. 29 - "Myths of Idaho Indians" by Edward E. Walker Jr. collects, in prose narrative form, stories of the Kalispel, Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce, Shoshone and northern Paiute tribes.

Feb. 12 - "Buffalo Coat" by Carol Ryrke Brink is a novelized

Other dolgs at the Kimberly Public Library

The Kimberly Public Library reports a variety of activities, thanks to volunteers. The After School Reading program is under way. For the last three years, Sarah Sargent, a student at Kimberly High School, has organized the program. Emily and Danielle Molisee have assisted. They read with and provide activities for children. While school is in session, the program is held at the library from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays. The summer reading program is also quite popular, library representatives report. Average attendance is 50 to

60 children each week. The program is held each Thursday in June. The children receive book logs and are encouraged to develop the habit of reading every day.

A host of volunteers make this program possible, library representatives said. Volunteers read and conduct activities with the children. The Kimberly Library Foundation is in the process of making available a DVD and video of the history of Kimberly. This is the same presentation completed for the 25th anniversary. The videos will be offered to raise funds for the library. Library Director Helen McCord also gives library tours to school children and other groups.

account of events in Moscow, Idaho, around the turn of the century.

Feb. 26 - "Sheep May Safely Graze" by Louis Atreberg is a notification account of the work of one

third-generation Idaho sheep ranching family.

March 11 - "Honey In The Horn" by H. L. Davis tells of the lives of Oregon Pioneers. With realistic and colorful detail and

rough humor, the book describes the individuality and essential isolation of frontier men and women.

March 25 - "Lochs Road" by Kim R. Stafford describes her journey alone over Lolo Pass, through Montana, and into Wyoming and Idaho.

This series is part of a statewide Idaho Let's Talk About It project sponsored by the Idaho State Library with funding by Idaho Humanities Council and the U. S. Bankcorp. A speaker arranged by the State Library leads a discussion of the books.

Anyone interested should contact the Kimberly Public Library at 423-4556 or kimbilib@safe-link.net or the Hansen Community Library, 120 Maple W., at 423-4122 or hanlib@cableone.net for more information.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 738-2122, ext. 320.

RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

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

Call Edith at 736-2122, ext. 320 or Kitty at 878-0725.

Firewood - A family is in need of firewood. Call Linda at the Jerome Head Start at 324-2385.

Treadmill - A treadmill in good

condition is needed. Call Jay at the Shoshone Head Start at 886-7784.

Upholsterer - Volunteers needed to upholster a set of chairs. For information about this project,

call Flo Slatter at 735-0121.

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

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

Sunnyside 4-H Club holds organizational meeting

CASTLEFORD - An organizational meeting of the Sunnyside Beef and Dairy 4-H Club will start at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Red Barrel on Main Street in Castleford.

Old and new members are encouraged to attend. Club activities and projects for the year will be discussed. For more information, call Annette Busby at 543-4555 or Rick Rodgers at 537-6681.

Mini-Cassia center offers dog seminar

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center is offering a dog seminar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 31 at the center, 1600 Parke Ave. Pre-registration is \$15 per person or \$25-per-couple-and-must-be received by Jan. 28. Registration at the door will be held from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and is \$20 per person and \$30 per couple. Lunch and drinks will be provided. Virginia Hansen will cover a variety of subjects, including reading-a dog's body language and the variety of ways dogs can compete. The afternoon will include an obstacle course and showmanship. Dogs do not need to be formally trained, but must be under control and leash trained. Participants must bring their dog, a crate or kennel,

water dish, favorite treats, and their favorite retrieval item, if their dog retrieves.

For more information or to register with a credit card, call 678-1400.

Rock Creek Brew Master's announcement meeting, classes

KIMBERLY - The Rock Creek Brew Master's Club will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Wert's Brew Annex in Kimberly. Bring finger foods to share, and a wine making kit will be demonstrated.

Participants are encouraged to sign up for two College of Southern Idaho courses, "Brewing for Beginners" starting Jan. 29; and "All Grain Brewing for the Advanced Brewer" starting Feb. 5. The cost is \$35 for the two classes, and class size is limited. For more information on the classes, call 733-9554. For more information about the Rock Creek Brew Master's Club, call 423-6274.

CSI offers German classes beginning this month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer zero-credit German classes. "Beginning German" will meet from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays, Jan. 26 through Jan. 10 in the Shields building, room 105 on the CSI campus. "Intermediate German" students will meet from 8-10 p.m.

The cost is \$65 per person for either class.

"Beginning German" is designed to help adults learn the language without the pressure of a grade.

"Intermediate German" is a continued study of the language with stress on verb tenses and higher-level conversations and language uses.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Snakes on display at Hagerman park

HAGERMAN - Nick Peterson will be available from 2-3 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the Billingsley Creek State Park on Highway 30 in Hagerman with his collection of snakes. Peterson, with the Herrert Center, will answer questions about the reptiles and allow participants to handle the snakes.

People of all ages are invited, but children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. For more information, call 837-4793, Ext. 5224.

Gooding hospital offers class, glucose monitor

GOODING - The Gooding

County Memorial Hospital will hold a free "Know Your Nutrition," a meal planning for diabetes control class, from 10-11:30 a.m. on Jan. 31 at the College of Southern Idaho Building, 202 14th Ave. E. The class will include information on how to plan meals for diabetes control, and participants will receive a free home glucose monitor.

Call ahead to reserve a seat by Jan. 27 at 934-4433, Ext. 148.

CSI offers sessions on Russian art, dance, cinema

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering a three-part enrichment series, "East Meets West... Ephemeral Russian Art," from 7-9 p.m. in the Shields building, room 203 on the CSI campus.

The cost is \$90 for all three sessions or \$35 each, and the instructor is Svetlana Schuckert.

In "Russian Music," students will listen to Russian folk, love songs, rock songs, ballads and classical music from artists Glazunov, Tchaikovsky, Sviridov, Prokofiev, Stravinsky and Shostakovich. The session will meet Tuesdays, Jan. 27 through Feb. 17.

"Russian Ballet" will teach about Russian dancers, including Anna Pavlova and Mikhail Baryshnikov. The class will meet

Tuesdays, Feb. 24 through March 16.

In "Russian Cinema," students will discover how Russia has a long tradition of filmmaking with many world-class films to its credit and learn about the lives and works of many of film directors, including Eisenstein, Chukhrai, Tarcofsky and Mikhailov.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Snake River Elks announces events

JEROME - The Snake River Elks Lodge announced its calendar of events.

It will host a free taco bar starting at 5 p.m. on Jan. 21; a Super Bowl party on Feb. 1, complete with food and games; and a Sweet Heart Ball on Feb. 13. Purchasing tickets in advance of the dance is encouraged. The lodge's regular weeknight events including bingo starting at 7:20 p.m. on Mondays, pool leagues at 7 p.m. on Fridays and pinocchle beginning at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

The club also hosts dances beginning at 8 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month. Everyone is welcome to these events. These events will take place at 412 E. 200 S. next to the 93 Golf Club on Highway 93. For more information, call 324-0200.

4-H club seeks teens for teen association

LINCOLN - The Lincoln County 4-H club needs teens-age 14 to help get a Teen Association started in Lincoln County. For more information or if interested, call Kristy at the Extension Office at 886-2406 or stop by at 115 West A in Shoshone.

CSI holds Mini Golden Eagle cheer, dance clinic

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will hold its Mini Golden Eagle Cheer and Dance Clinic from 9 a.m. to noon on Jan. 24 in the CSI Gymnasium.

Children from kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to attend. The cost is \$20. The fee includes pom-poms and a game pass for the participant to Saturday night's game against North Idaho. The participants will perform at half-time of the women's game, which begins at 6 p.m. The CSI men will follow at 8 p.m.

Registration forms will be delivered to the Twin Falls elementary schools and are available at the CSI gym. Participants can register the day of the clinic at 8:30 a.m. but will not be guaranteed pom-poms unless they have pre-registered. For more information, call Cathy Trotter at 732-6472.

MUSIC CLUB



The Burley Music Club will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the King Fine Arts Little Theatre and conference room inside the Burley High School, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley. Featured guests, Debra Barlow, Debra Jones and Cindy Tuckett, accompanied by Sue Barlow, will perform a variety of American music. Refreshments will be served. Call Audrey Patterson Hobson, program chairman, at 878-5482 or any club member for more information. Monthly meetings are held every third Monday of the month. Meeting places will vary. The public is invited to attend in addition to club members.

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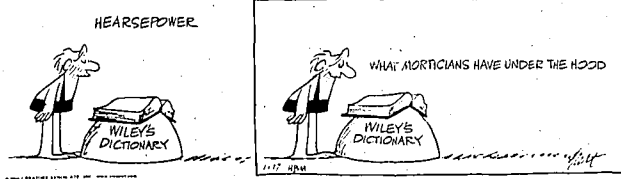
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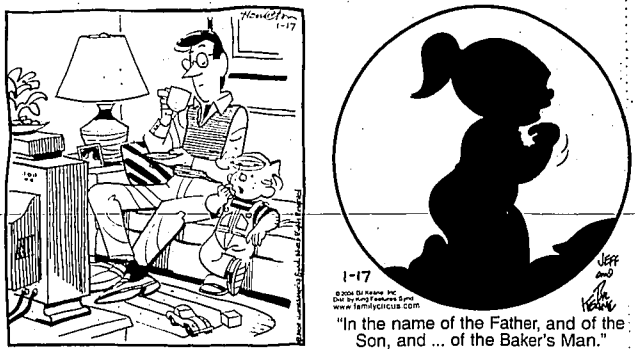
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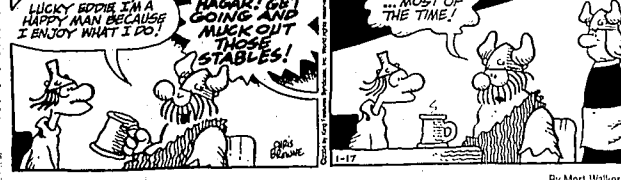
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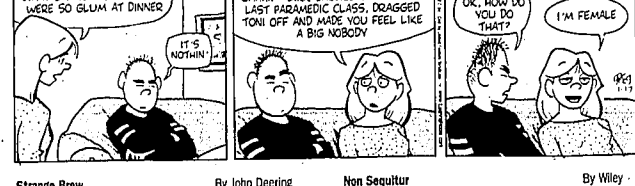
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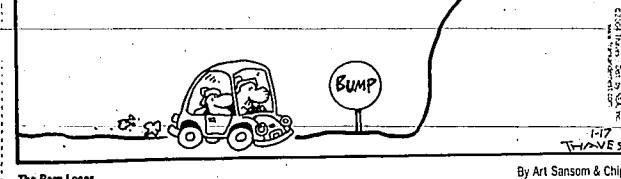
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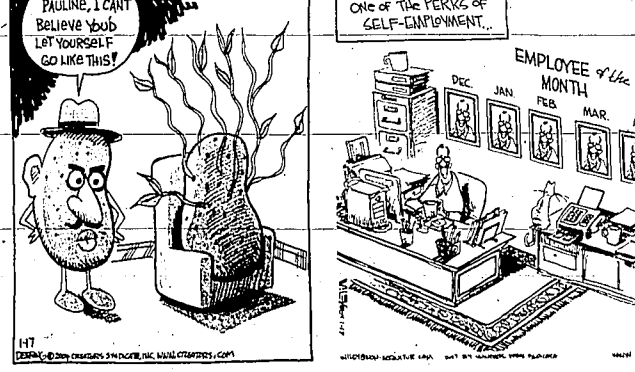
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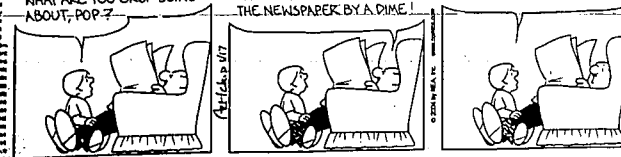


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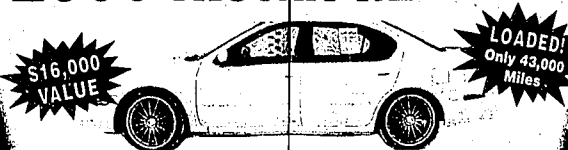
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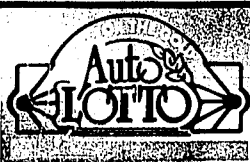
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