

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy today and tonight, good chance of rain or snow, high 47, low 30.

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Feds target Burley cows

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

BURLEY — Seven cows at the Moo Mountain Milk Inc. dairy near Burley will be destroyed as part of the USDA's ongoing mad cow investigation, officials say. The cows will be killed this week, and their brain tissue will be sampled and tested for the disease, Idaho Department of Agriculture Deputy Director Mike Everett said Wednesday. Last week, it was determined

USDA will kill seven, test their brain tissues for mad cow disease

that three cows from the Canadian herd that produced the first known case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in the United States in Washington state were traced to the dairy near Burley. Eighty-one herd mates of the sick Washington cow were imported from Alberta,

Canada, to Washington state, where they were sold to dairies. One cow sold to the dairy near Burley had died and its carcass was sent to a rendering plant before the Washington case was discovered. The cow's case history showed no signs of BSE illness, State Veterinarian Clarence

Siroky said last week.

The other two cows were classified as under investigation by the USDA. In addition, 10 cows in the dairy near Burley that were not part of the original 81 from the Canadian herd were identified as "animals of interest." It was determined that five of the 10 "animals of interest" should be destroyed, Everett said.

The Moo Mountain Milk Inc. dairy was placed under a hold. Please see COWS, Page A4



David Kay testifies Wednesday at Capitol Hill.

Weapons chief calls for probe on intel

White House rejects outside investigation on pre-war analysis

By Walter Pincus and Dana Milbank The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The outgoing chief U.S. weapons inspector in Iraq said Wednesday that there should be an independent investigation into flawed intelligence about Saddam Hussein's weapons capability, fueling a partisan feud over the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

In testimony before the Senate Armed Services committee, the former inspector, David Kay, said it is "important to acknowledge failure." Responding to questioning from Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., he said: "I must say, my personal view, and it's purely personal, is that in this case you will finally determine that it is going to take an outside inquiry, both to do it and to give yourself and the American people the confidence that you have done it."

The testimony, in which Kay repeated his previous assertions that weapons stockpiles likely did not exist in Iraq, widened a rift between Democratic lawmakers and the White House and its GOP allies in Congress. The White House dismissed the notion of an outside investigation, saying that the U.S. inspectors in Iraq need more time and that the ouster of Saddam was justified regardless of the state of his weapons programs. And Democrats suggested that the problem went beyond failed intelligence to an administration that exaggerated the threat Saddam posed.

In an extraordinary five days since resigning as head of the Iraq Survey Group, Kay has provided a series of interviews and testimony that have returned the Iraq weapons issue to the center of the national debate. The White House said Kay's testimony was "not a surprise." Please see WMD, Page A4

ALMOST A MIRACLE



Smoky, Dwight Bell's 7-year-old horse, was lost near the headwaters of the Little Wood River north of Carey on Oct. 24. Crews from the Idaho National Guard and the Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue found Smoky and returned him to Bell Monday.

Rescue reunites T.F. man, lost horse

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dwight Bell's horse, Smoky, was wild enough to get lost during an October hunting trip near Carey, and wild enough to survive almost three months of cold and snow until he was rescued Monday. Dennis Baird of Carey found the horse while he was snowmobiling Jan. 18 with six friends northeast of Mormon Hill near the head of Buckhorn Canyon. They came down a hill at about 8,500 feet and into a meadow, then saw the gray mustang hid-

“ He’s a survivor, I’ll tell ya. ” — Dwight Bell, last saw Smoky in October

ing in the trees. The horse was trapped in a small area by 4 to 5 feet of snow and was living off the bark of trees. “He was struggling — he had a

few ribs showing — but he was getting by,” Baird said.

The snowmobilers tried to catch the horse, but he became skittish. They tried to have the horse follow them back on the snowmobile tracks, but the snow was too deep. Baird knew someone was looking for a horse on the mountain and got in touch with Bell through an outfitter.

Bell owns Bell's Family Books in Twin Falls and is retired. He spends most of his time caring for his wife, who has Alzheimer's disease. Bell took bales of hay to the horse twice to keep him alive

until he found a way to get him home.

Bell's son, Greg, made many calls trying to find a helicopter to transport the horse off the mountain. His first request to the Idaho National Guard was turned down, until the guard decided the rescue would be a good training exercise. At least 18 people from three states were involved in the rescue effort.

Rescuers dug a pit in the snow so the horse could be sedated and removed from solid ground. The Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue found the horse. Please see RESCUE, Page A4

Centennial leaders seek additional sponsor financing

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — This year, you'll be able to walk a new stretch of canyon-rim trail, enjoy canyon views from a brick-lined plaza and attend a host of centennial-themed events.

If the city's centennial organizers accomplish their aims, they will be able to make these things happen, the Twin Falls Centennial Commission still needs to fill gaps



Bricks and pics

See today's Centennial page, on C-8, for stories about:

- The Twin Falls Centennial Commission's sales of personalized bricks.
- A historical gallery displaying old Twin Falls photographs and other memorabilia.

in its million-dollar budget. So don't be surprised if your phone

rings. Nearly half of the commission's

budget depends on big chunks of money — mostly \$1,000 to \$50,000 each — from business or family sponsors, who in return get benefits such as event tickets, centennial memorabilia and name recognition on permanent projects. Many sponsors have already signed on.

But the commission still needs to raise \$150,000 in that fashion. Chairman Ken Edmunds said, Liked donors are lined up for

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House panel rejects ISAT as graduation requirement

By Julie Ponce Times-News writer

BOISE — Students might not have to pass the Idaho Standards Achievement Test to graduate from high school starting in 2006, after all.

The first chunk appeared Wednesday in the wall the State Board of Education has put up against educators' pleas to postpone the

2006 exit exam requirement.

A House education subcommittee voted 6-3 to reject two proposed rules put forth by the state board in November. That vote has the potential to snowball into a situation that would delay the implementation of the ISAT as a graduation requirement.

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Joel Wilson, left, a Spanish teacher at Jerome High School, helps Jose Castillo, a senior, with a project while Jose Lopez, far left, also a senior, studies during an after-school ISAT preparation class Wednesday.

ASAP/SMITH/The Times-News

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mixed precipitation likely with brisk winds. Highs in the 40s.
Tonight: Rain/snow mix changing over to snow. Lows in the upper 20s to near 30.
Tomorrow: Cooler with more showers. Highs in the mid to the upper 30s.

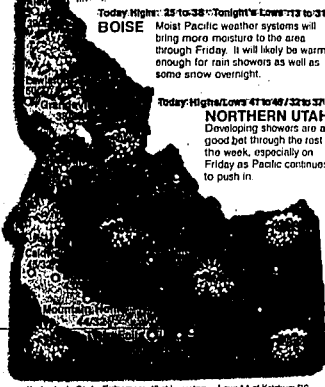
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Rain and/or snow showers, likely along with brisk winds at times. Highs in the 40s.
Tonight: Mixed precipitation likely switching over to snow. Lows in the 20s.

Tomorrow: Colder with snow showers. Highs in the 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
 Through the week the showers and snowpack will continue to be in position for plenty of snow shower activity. Snow showers are expected to be heavy at times.
BOISE Highs: 25 to 38° Tonight's Lows: 13 to 21°
 Most Pacific weather systems will bring more moisture to the area through Friday. It will likely be warm enough for rain showers as well as some snow overnight.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 40 at Lewiston Low: 14 at Ketchum R5 weather key: su=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, mc=mostly cloudy, c=cloudy, th=thunderstorms, sh=snow, r=rain, sn=snow, fl=furries, w=wind, m=missing

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Scattered showers	Mixed precipitation changing over to snow	Colder with showers	Chilly and mostly cloudy	Variable clouds, mostly dry	Cloudy with developing snow possible
High 47	Low 30	37/23	32/17	30/16	

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 47 Low: 33	Month to Date: 0.27"	Yesterday's Low: 65%	Today: 30.02	Today: Sunrise: 7:55 AM Sunset: 5:40 PM
Record High: 84 in 2003	Wettest Year to Date: 1.56"	Today's Forecast Low: 65%		Friday: Sunrise: 7:55 AM Sunset: 5:39 PM
Record Low: -54 in 1933	Wettest Year to Date: 1.56"	Today's Forecast High: 65%		Saturday: Sunrise: 7:56 AM Sunset: 5:37 PM
Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5pm yesterday				Sunday: Sunrise: 7:57 AM Sunset: 5:35 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Boise	42	24	40	22
Idaho Falls	40	22	38	20
Pocatello	38	20	36	18
Rupert	36	18	34	16
Shoshone	34	16	32	14
Twin Falls	32	14	30	12

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	32	18	30	16
Baltimore	30	16	28	14
Chicago	28	14	26	12
Denver	26	12	24	10
Los Angeles	24	10	22	8
New York	22	8	20	6

WORLD FORECAST

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
London	12	4	10	2
Paris	10	2	8	0
Tokyo	18	10	16	8
Sydney	22	14	20	12
Auckland	16	8	14	6

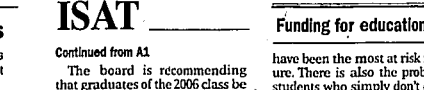
MOON PHASES

Jan. 20	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 20
First Moon	Full Moon	Last Qr.	New Moon

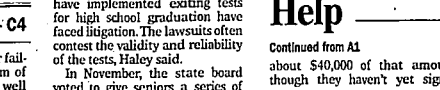
MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Today	Friday	Saturday
Moonrise: 12:10 PM Moonset: 1:50 AM	Moonrise: 12:10 PM Moonset: 2:33 AM	Moonrise: 12:50 PM Moonset: 3:05 AM

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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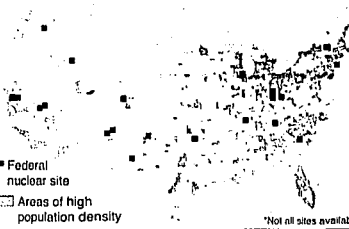


CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Calgary	18	4	16	2
Edmonton	16	2	14	0
Regina	14	0	12	-2
Winnipeg	12	-2	10	-4

Proposing to change nuke safety rules

An Energy Department proposal would allow nuclear contractors to write their own safety rules. Critics say it would weaken current standards that safeguard more than 100,000 workers.



SOURCES: Energy Department, Associated Press, AP

DOE considers waiving some nuke plant regs

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Bush administration is looking at waiving some current government safety requirements at federal nuclear facilities if contractors don't like them after Congress directed it to start fining contractors for violations. Critics contend that long-established government standards are more than 20 dozen Energy Department nuclear weapons plants and research labs could become unenforceable under the proposal. Energy Department officials say the intent is to give contractors more flexibility without compromising safety. Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., an author of the 2002 legislation ordering the fines, accused the

ISAT

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 The board is recommending that graduates of the 2006 class be required to pass the ISAT in order to get their diplomas, with some exceptions. But before the test is actually required of graduates, it has to become state law. Both houses of the Legislature have to reject the rules recommended by the board in order for one house rejects the rules, they will become state law. Two Magic Valley lawmakers on the subcommittee, Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, and Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, were part of the majority that rejected those rules. For the man in charge of testing in the Twin Falls School District, it was good news. "Very good," said Brett Gies, Twin Falls testing coordinator. He said the test simply isn't ready to become the standard by which students are awarded diplomas. "To tie it to a graduation requirement before it is a valid and reliable tool is wrong. I think it is educational injustice," Gies said. The rules were submitted to the House Education Committee first, a committee that is generally regarded as conservative and most likely to rubber stamp the state board's recommendations. The eight-member board is all Republican, with the exception of ex-officio member Marilyn Howard, superintendent of public instruction — the only Democrat elected to state office. The subcommittee's vote on the issue Wednesday is only a recommendation to the full House Education Committee, which all together has 18 members.

Valid and reliable?

The somewhat unexpected move came after a parade of educators and parents testified last week about how bad nuke safety has become in schools. Students who don't speak English and those who are learning disabled so far

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have been the most at risk for failure. There is also the problem of students who simply don't do well on tests. In a 2003 report from last spring, close to a third of the state's 10th-graders — and about two-thirds of minority students — didn't pass all three subjects of reading, language and math. "The concern of the school districts that I represent is about the validity and the reliability of the test," — Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls. In addition, many have joined Howard in saying the test itself has not yet been proven to be a valid and reliable tool. Those were Block's exact words when she explained why she voted to reject making ISAT a graduation requirement as early as 2006. "I'm not against the ISAT. The concern of the school districts that I represent is about the validity and the reliability of the test," said Block, a former kindergarten teacher. "My districts just want enough time to prove that." Bob Haley, a retired Meridian superintendent who works as a liaison between the state, Department of Education and the Legislature, said the move was exactly what the department wants. "It's not that we're against accountability," Haley said. "It's just a matter of the board delaying the test until there is an external evaluation that proves its validity and reliability. He predicted the state will likely wind up in court if the Legislature agrees with the state board because all other states that

Help

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 about \$40,000 of that amount, though they haven't yet signed contracts. That leaves \$110,000 to be raised from businesses, individuals and families. "We have a ton of people to contact. We haven't even scratched the surface, really," said the commission's Executive Director Bonnie Lenzam said. With the New Year's Eve centennial kickoff behind them and a "Blessing of the Water" event still three months away, centennial leaders are concentrating on those sponsorships and on another hole in the commission budget: sales of personalized bricks to adorn the planned plaza on the canyon rim. The commission counts on selling enough engraved bricks at \$50 or \$55 each to bring in \$150,000. But more than 90 percent of those high-end sales have yet to materialize. Commission members Wednesday tried to give the offer some urgency by imposing an April 1 deadline to buy bricks for prime placement in the plaza. Lenzam had suggested a deadline in early or mid-March. To make the million-dollar mark, the commission is also hoping for more revenue from sales of history books and centennial memorabilia; from the Idaho Department of Commerce; and from a finale event in May. One of the commission's first major expenses — for its New Year's Eve gala — was smaller than expected. Gala expenditures added up to \$25,150, Lenzam said. Ticket sales and other gala revenue totaled \$15,670. So the commission paid the \$9,480 difference. But that's less than the maximum its budget had permitted. Last fall, the Centennial Commission expected the gala to cost as little as \$55,000 and bring in no revenue, Lenzam said. But after it decided to sell tickets for admission, the commission reduced its gala budget to up to \$12,000 above expected revenue. The actual net cost of \$9,480 fell nicely within that budget. Because some folks bought family tickets and some got in for free, Lenzam and her helpers can't pinpoint exactly how many people spent the final night of 2003 at the centennial gala. But based on food consumed and on mall managers' estimates of parking use, they figure between 2,800 and 3,000 people attended the gala. "It turned out really well for all the worrying and fretting," Lenzam said.

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Rumsfeld OKs increase in size of Army

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, invoking emergency powers, has authorized the Army to grow temporarily by 30,000 troops above its congressionally approved limit of 482,000 to facilitate a restructuring of forces severely strained by operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and other missions elsewhere.

The increase, disclosed Wednesday in congressional testimony by Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army's chief of staff, surprised members of the House Armed



Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker

Services Committee, many of whom have been pressing for a larger Army.

Rumsfeld has resisted a permanent increase for months, arguing that a number of efficiency measures and restructuring moves could alleviate some of the stress on U.S. forces. But his approval of a tem-

porary rise - which does not require congressional action and which Schoomaker said would probably be needed for four years - appeared to acknowledge that some relief is needed.

Schoomaker said the increase would make possible his plans to restructure the Army by expanding the number of brigades and creating more agile, deployable forces. Money for the added troops, he said, would come from the \$87 billion emergency spending bill for Iraq and Afghanistan that passed in November.

An aide to Schoomaker said

after the hearing that the troop increase probably would be achieved through incentives to keep soldiers from leaving once their contracts expire and through "stop-loss" orders barring their exit.

Schoomaker also disclosed that he has ordered his staff to plan for how the Army, which is now replacing its forces in Iraq with an entire set of fresh units, would rotate another force of similar size into Iraq in 2005 - and again in 2006. But other Pentagon officials said any decisions on the size of future rotations are months away.

Secrecy of antidepressants for kids sparks questions

The Washington Post

Makers of popular antidepressants such as Paxil, Zoloft and Effexor have refused to disclose the details of most clinical trials involving depressed children, denying doctors and parents crucial evidence as they weigh fresh fears that such medicines may cause some children to become suicidal.

The companies say the studies are trade secrets. Researchers familiar with the unpublished data said the majority of secret trials show that children taking the medicines did not get any better than children taking dummy pills. Although the drug industry practice of suppressing data unfavorable to its products is legal, doctors and advocates say such secrecy distorts the scientific record.

"Conflicts of interest and the company control of the data have thrown out the scientific method," said Vera Hassner Sharav, a critic of the drugs and a patient's rights advocate. "If hundreds of trials don't work out, they don't publish them, they don't talk about them."

"We need a journal of negative

findings," agreed Darrel Regier, director of the American Psychiatric Association's division of research, who believes the drugs save children's lives. "The probability of those negative findings being published is far less than the chances of positive studies - even journals are not interested in negative studies."

Concerns over the safety of antidepressants among children have been heightened after a December warning by British regulators that the drugs may trigger suicidal thoughts and increase the rate of self-injury. An expert advisory panel of the Food and Drug Administration is scheduled to meet Monday to examine the issue, but the agency's full U.S. analysis of the data will likely not be completed until summer.

One industry executive, Philip Perera, a medical director at GlaxoSmithKline, said his preference was to publish all trials, but that negative studies could lead doctors to prematurely reject a medicine.

"If you start publishing negative data, will it be concluded by practitioners and others that the drug is ineffective?" he asked.

Iraq bombing casualties mount

Parties meet to plan for spring elections

By Edmund Sanders
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq - As civic and religious leaders debated whether Iraq is stable enough for elections this spring, U.S. military officials said that a 500-pound bomb - hidden inside a truck disguised as a Red Crescent ambulance - was used in a deadly suicide attack early Wednesday at a Baghdad hotel.

The blast at the Shaheen Hotel - reported by Iraqi government officials and Westerners - killed at least three people, according to U.S. officials. Iraqi police on the scene said four died. Local hospitals reported more than a dozen injuries.

South African government officials said Wednesday that one of its citizens was among the dead.

The bomb cast a pall over a previously scheduled "town hall" meeting elsewhere in Baghdad hosted by the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority to promote and explain its Nov. 15 agreement to turn over sovereignty to a new government this summer.

About 200 Iraqi political leaders, academics and clerics attended the forum, including Dr. Adnan Pachachi, current president of the U.S.-backed Iraqi Governing Council. Similar meetings are being held across the country to encourage Iraq's transition to a democratic society.

"Terrorists must stop targeting innocent civilians," said Governing Council spokesman Hamid Kifaei during the event.



Michele Bunda of Bremerton, Wash., becomes emotional Tuesday while speaking about her husband, Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Bunda, 29, who has been missing since Sunday in Iraq after his patrol boat capsized in the Tigris River near Mosul. Also missing from the boat are two Iraqi policemen and a translator. In addition, two pilots of a Kiowa helicopter from the 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment, based at Fort Drum, N.Y., are missing after their helicopter struck a cable while searching for the missing men from the boat.

"They cannot intimidate the Iraqis."

As has frequently happened in previous terrorist attacks, the hotel blast took the heaviest toll on Iraqi civilians.

Outside Ibn Al-Nafies hospital in Baghdad, a half dozen women dressed in black veils sobbed quietly as a wounded Iraqi guard - his face badly swollen and bandaged - was transferred to another facility for treatment.

"My nephew. What has happened?" cried one woman, holding the bloodied shirt of his uniform.

As investigators combed the area for clues, coalition officials forged ahead with the much-tout-

ed "town hall" session in which they encouraged an audience of Iraqi leaders - hand-picked by the CPA and GC - to debate democratic issues such as federalism and women's rights.

The meeting was closed to the public, in part for security reasons, officials said.

The United States is eager to build support for its plan to transfer authority by June 30 to a new Iraqi assembly selected through a series of caucuses nationwide, saying the country is not ready for direct elections. But leading Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Hussein Sistani wants Iraqis to vote for who will represent them in the new legislature.

U.S. will offer cyber warnings via e-mail

WASHINGTON (AP) - Aiming to increase Internet security, the government is now offering Americans free cyber alerts and computer advice from the Homeland Security Department.

Anyone who signs up with the new National Cyber Alert System will receive e-mails about major virus outbreaks and other Internet attacks as they occur, along with detailed instructions to help computer users protect themselves. Sign up at www.cert.gov.

The program represents an ambitious effort by the government to develop a trusted warning system that can help home users and technology experts.

The goal of improving the overall security of the Internet has been frustrated by increasingly complex software that can be difficult to secure and by hackers learning to launch sophisticated new attacks.

The announcement comes 11 months after such an Internet warning system was described in the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace, a series of proposals endorsed by the Bush administration and technology industry to improve online security.

The alerts will function independently from the Homeland Security Department's well known color-coded system, which reflects the national threat level.

Judge orders Exxon Mobil to pay \$6.75B for Alaska spill

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - A federal judge on Wednesday ordered Exxon Mobil Corp. to pay about \$6.75 billion to thousands of Alaskans affected by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

The ruling is latest of several damage awards in the case over the past decade - the result of successful appeals in federal court by Exxon. The company plans to appeal again.

Wednesday's ruling by U.S. District Judge Russell Holland ordered the Irving, Texas-based company to pay \$4.5 billion in punitive damages and about \$2.25 billion in interest.

The money is to go to 32,000 fishermen, Alaska Natives, landowners, small businesses and

cities affected by the 11 million-gallon spill in Prince William Sound.

"We have now closed the trial court doors for the last time in this litigation after 15 years," said David Oesting, lead attorney for those who sued. "We're definitely on track to the end of the entire dispute."

The judge had been ordered by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals court to reconsider the damages awarded in an earlier ruling in light of a U.S. Supreme Court decision last year about punitive damages.

"This ruling flies in the face of the guidelines set by the appeals court," company spokesman Tom Cirigliano said.

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Report clears Blair, chides BBC

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair won vindication Wednesday in the toughest political crisis of his career when a judge said the BBC was wrong to report the government "sexed up" intelligence to justify war in Iraq. The broadcaster's top official stepped down within hours.

The verdict was a major boost for Blair, who has been dogged for months by questions about arms adviser David Kelly's suicide, which injected personal tragedy into the highly charged debate over war.

It came a day after Blair eked

out a win in a hard-fought parliamentary vote to raise college tuition fees, turning a potentially disastrous week into a demonstration of political survival skills.

Lord Hutton, a senior judge appointed by Blair to investigate Kelly's suicide, said he was not authorized to rule on the justification for war, but said the BBC was "wrong to report officials knowingly put misleading claims in a September 2002 dossier summing up intelligence for the public. He called the charge "unfounded" and chastised BBC bosses for failing to scrutinize the story properly.

Rescue

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and Rescue Unit helped put the horse into a large sling, and he was carried off the mountain by one of two National Guard Blackhawk helicopters to a parking lot 28 miles north of Carey, where Bell was waiting with a trailer. Bell said his horse was thin and his hooves were worn down from pawing through the snow.

"I think he's going to be all right," Bell said. "He's a survivor, I'll tell you."

Bell adopted the horse, now a 7-year-old gelding, three years ago from the Bureau of Land Management. The horse was wild

and came from outside Delta, Utah.

The horse got loose Oct. 25 on a hunting trip. Two other horses got lost at the same time, but Bell was able to find them the next morning. Bell made two trips himself looking for the horse and told others to look for him. Two helicopters and one airplane trip contributed to the search in November and December.

"We thought he was probably dead," Bell said.

Bell said the rescue was "almost a miracle" because few people go to that remote location and the horse was there for so long.

Cows

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order that restricted movement of animals from the dairy and required any animal deaths to be reported to the state. The hold order was to be in effect until the origins of all the dairy cows were traced. The dairy is permitted for more than 5,000 cows.

The investigation of the dairy near Bartley is now complete and the USDA has lifted the hold on the dairy, Everett said. The seven cows have been separated from the rest of the animals at the facility.

Dairies will be compensated at market value for the animals killed as part of the USDA's investigation, Everett said.

More than 600 animals have been destroyed in the course of the investigation. There has been no sign of BSE in about 170 samples taken from those animals, Everett said.

Humans can develop a similar brain-wasting illness, a variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, from eating contaminated beef products. USDA officials said the parts most likely to carry infection — brain, spinal cord and lower intestine — were removed before the meat from the infected cow was cut and processed for human consumption. Those products have been banned altogether from the U.S. food supply, and other restrictions have been added to prevent them from inadvertently mixing with beef headed toward market.

Studies show dairy products do not contain or transmit BSE and that consumers can be assured that Idaho's dairy products are safe, the Idaho Department of Agriculture says.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

WMD

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House, caught off-guard by Kay's sweeping denunciation of the intelligence used to justify the war, has sought to postpone the issue by refusing to acknowledge in public any flaw in the intelligence or a conclusive failure to find weapons in Iraq, urging that more searching is necessary.

Privately, White House officials are now acknowledging that there is a gap between their pre-war claims about Iraq's weapons program and the findings, essentially accepting Kay's assessment. They have directed the ISG, under the new leadership of Charles Duelfer, to switch its emphasis from finding weapons to discovering how the weapons were disposed. And they plan a broad internal review of intelligence-gathering practices, scrutinizing the CIA and other U.S. intelligence services to determine what its structures, and methods must be used to prevent the same misjudgments from being made in other closed, totalitarian societies.

Some in the administration favor a frank public acknowledgment that the Iraq intelligence was wrong, but that is not yet the prevailing view. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice is scheduled to appear Thursday morning on news shows, where he is expected to continue calling for more time to search.

Both supporters and opponents of President Bush say this public strategy — delaying a judgment on the weapons while justifying the war on other grounds — is risky. By postponing a reckoning on the weapons, Bush is gambling that the news in Iraq will improve so that the American public is not concerned about the weapons, that a weapons discovery will be made, or that the ISG will not finish its work until after the November election. But Bush's strategy, they say, also allows the matter to linger as part of the presidential campaign and raises the possibility of the issue coming to a boil just before the election.

An aide to one of the Republican senators on the Armed Services committee said the White House strategy is to "just kick the can down the road." "The administration views the WMD issue as a liability only in the context of what the events

are on the ground in Iraq," the aide said. "If this situation improves in Iraq this question will be a dead letter." The aide said it was "unlikely" Duelfer would complete his report before the November elections.

Still, even some hawks who backed the administration in Iraq said it is not credible for the administration to deny that there was an intelligence failure. "I would acknowledge that it hasn't turned out, say we were surprised there were not active weapons of mass destruction deployments and that he wasn't as far along as we anticipated," said former Reagan arms control official Kenneth Adelman, who serves on a Pentagon advisory panel. By postponing judgment, "the harm is it keeps the story in the air for all too long."

Kay continued Wednesday to knock down many of the allegations that were central justifications for the war in Iraq. In an interview last week with National Public Radio, Vice President Dick Cheney said the discovery of two semi-trailers in Iraq were "conclusive evidence" that Saddam "did in fact have programs for weapons of mass destruction." But Kay said Wednesday that "the consensus opinion is that when you look at those two trailers, while they had capabilities in many areas, their actual intended use was not for the production of biological weapons."

In October, Kay said it would take another six to nine months to complete the search in Iraq, and he has in the past week said the work of the group is 85 percent complete. But White House press secretary Scott McClellan

said that was not necessarily the schedule under Duelfer.

McClellan dismissed the notion of an independent inquiry, saying the CIA is already investigating

its intelligence gathering. "Before we can draw firm conclusions, we need to let the Iraq Survey Group complete its work," he said.



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Kerry's voting record will draw attacks

Republicans point to liberal positions

By Craig Gordon
Newbury

MANCHESTER, N.H. — As Sen. John Kerry takes a second step toward the nomination, Republicans are wasting no time trying to define him as far more liberal than mainstream voters — and a look at Kerry's Senate voting record shows plenty of grist for that Republican line of attack.

Kerry is consistently rated one of the 10 most liberal senators — more liberal on economic issues than 95 percent of his colleagues in a National Journal magazine ranking based on 2002 votes. In some rankings, the Republicans delight in pointing out, Kerry is even to the left of liberal icon and fellow Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

Kerry's campaign dismisses such numerical rankings as misrepresentative, but a look at Kerry's four terms in the Senate shows that he has hewed closely to the liberal stances of his constituents in Massachusetts, with only occasional forays to more moderate positions, such as supporting balanced budget caps, welfare limits and school reform.

Kerry supported giving President Bush broad war powers last year, which put him outside his party's liberal base, but opposed the 1991 Persian Gulf War, a fact Republicans appear sure to seize on, particularly in the South, where Northeasterners such as Kerry have struggled to connect even with more moderate Democrats.

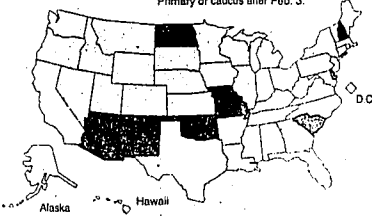
"In the short run, his record is not necessarily a hindrance, but in the long run, it may be a real problem," said Nathan Gonzales, politi-

2004 DEMOCRATIC ROUNDUP

Kerry takes New Hampshire

John Kerry easily defeated his Democratic opponents in the New Hampshire primary for his second straight win, improving his status as the front-runner in the race.

U.S. democratic delegates map



State	Kerry	Dean	Clark	Edwards	Others
New Hampshire (87%)	39%	26%	12%	12%	10%
Iowa (100%)	38%	18%	11%	32%	2%

(% of precincts reporting)

SOURCE: Associated Press AP

cal editor for the Rothenberg Political Report. "Once President Bush begins to focus his \$100 million-plus, the attacks will be out of touch, Massachusetts is not indicative of the rest of the country and he's not one of us."

Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie previewed that line of attack last week, saying Kerry was "out of sync" with mainstream voters.

On most social issues, Kerry has voted straight down the line with Democratic colleagues. Kerry voted against Bush's tax cuts, and now wants to repeal them for fami-

lies making more than \$200,000 a year, which Republicans say would be a tax increase. Kerry also opposed Bush's Medicare prescription drug bill, saying it's a boon to insurance and drug companies.

Kerry is staunchly pro-abortion rights, promising only Supreme Court justices who support that position. He also is anti-death penalty, but has supported it for some terrorist acts. He threatened to filibuster a bill to open Alaska wilderness to oil drilling.

In world affairs, he has shown a middle-of-the-road approach, supporting free-trade agreements. As



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., throws a football aboard his campaign plane Wednesday. Kerry, who won the N.H. primary on Tuesday, is scheduled to campaign in St. Louis.

he fights for those primary votes now, Kerry has sought to temper that position, saying he wants tougher worker and environmental protections as part of trade deals.

Kerry is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and worked on Vietnam POW issues with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Kerry argues that voters will tire quickly of attempts to demonize him as a "Northeastern liberal" because they will want to move past name-calling and "cultural warfare" to substantive answers to the nation's problems.

As for being attacked as a liberal, Kerry said, "If being that means I want decent schools for people in the South; if being that means I want health care for every single American, and I want a system that makes sense; if being that means I want to balance the budget and be responsible fiscally and not leave our children with debt ... I'll take that anywhere in the country."

Dean shakes up his staff

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Howard Dean shook up his presidential campaign Wednesday after absorbing back-to-back defeats, replacing his campaign manager with a longtime associate.

Vice President Al Gore to try to stabilize his faltering candidacy. "Governor Dean asked Roy Neel to join the campaign CEO and Joe Trippi resigned as campaign manager," said Dean campaign spokeswoman Tricia Enright.

Dean offered Trippi a spot on the payroll as a senior advisor, a source said, but he quit the campaign rather than accept the demotion.

Before leaving the campaign, Trippi thanked the staff, telling them how proud he was of their efforts.

Senate OKs legislation for pensions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate, acting with rare election-year concord, passed a bill Wednesday to reduce by \$96 billion the payments companies will have to make into their pension plans this year and next.

Sponsors said the measure, passed 86-9, will help preserve pension benefits for millions of workers by discouraging financially strapped companies from terminating plans as no longer affordable.

"Our pension plans are being battered by a perfect storm of declining interest rates, stock market declines and a weak economy," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. The bill, he said, "will help the hard-earned pensions of millions of Americans to weather this storm."

"The Senate must still work out differences with the House, which passed similar legislation late last year, and answer administration objections to a provision that would excuse airlines and steelmakers with chronic pension underfunding problems from \$16 billion in catch-up payments.

For thousands of companies, speed is crucial. They face huge increases in payments to their pension funds if the measure doesn't become law by April.

Unions have also lobbied for the legislation. Although the legislation will result in smaller payments to pension funds over the short run, it gives some financial breathing space to companies that might otherwise go bankrupt, lay off workers, freeze their pension plans or renege on the promised benefits.

Man convicted of killing girl goes free after 40 years

GRATERFORD, Pa. (AP) — A man who spent 40 years behind bars for the murder of a 12-year-old girl walked out of prison Wednesday, insisting he was innocent and offering condolences to the victim's family.

Standing in the snow in a new pair of shoes minutes after his release, Louis Mickens-Thomas, 75, said he never harmed Edith Connor, whose body was discovered in an alleyway behind his shop in 1964.

Mickens-Thomas has long maintained his innocence, claiming that fraud by a police crime lab led to his conviction.

Supporters convinced the late Democratic Gov. Robert Casey to commute his life sentence eight years ago, but the Philadelphia cobbler remained behind bars when two Republican successors refused to honor the clemency. As recently as last spring, parole officials argued that Mickens-Thomas remained an "unrepentant dangerous sexual offender."

A federal appeals court ruled Jan. 14 that state parole officials showed "vindictiveness" in refusing to consider parole, and ordered his release.

The decision enraged Connor's relatives, who believe Mickens-

Thomas is guilty and his genetic defects were behind the murder.

Members of her family did not return phone calls Wednesday. A spokesman, the radio talk show host Michael Smerconish, issued a statement saying the family was "devastated over" the knowledge that the man who murdered their 12-year-old angel has been permitted to walk free.

Speaking with reporters in a parking lot, Mickens-Thomas said he poses no threat to society. "I'm not a rapist, I'm not interested in little girls," Mickens-Thomas said. At his age, he said with a chuckle, "I'm not interested in women anymore."

Mickens-Thomas will be on parole for life and will live for an indefinite period at a prison system halfway house in Allentown.

In Mickens-Thomas' first trial, a lab technician testified that paint chips from the cobbler's shop and bridges from a shoe brush had been found on the girl's clothing. Mickens-Thomas was convicted, but later granted a new trial when the technician was revealed to have falsified her academic and professional credentials.

He was courted again after the lab's director testified that he, not the discredited technician, analyzed the particles.



Louis Mickens-Thomas

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EDITORIAL

Mad cow scare shouldn't hasten beef labeling laws

In the wake of America's first mad cow scare, calls are growing louder to get country-of-origin labels on all livestock that goes into the food supply.

But those beefed-up laws should proceed slowly. Country-of-origin labeling, or COOL, as it is known in the cattle industry and federal agencies, must be enforced correctly if it is to make American consumers safer.

Our view: Lawmakers are right to proceed slowly on country-of-origin labels for meat. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

in particular want COOL delayed.

As the law currently is written, COOL will not give meat consumers all the information they demand. The labeling requirements would apply only to products sold in grocery stores. Restaurants and institutional food service would be exempt.

It's worth emphasizing that labeling doesn't make food safer. Identifying the origin of a product may help consumers feel safer. But real food safety is assured by scientific testing that stops products from hitting the market before they ever get a label.

Allowing more urgency for labeling foreign beef is understandable. After all, it was a Canadian cow sold into Washington that led to the first documented U.S. case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy. That animal has also been linked as a herd mate to other cows sold into the U.S., including three cows at a Cassin County dairy. As a result, U.S. beef sales on the foreign market have suffered.

Congress first passed country-of-origin labeling in 2002, long before the mad cow scare. But a \$328 billion omnibus bill passed in Congress this month pushes implementation of COOL back to September 2006.

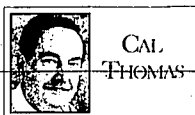
One reason is cost. Cattle processors, processors and retailers realize the expense of a record-keeping system would be immense. No single segment wants to shoulder that cost. (Of course, in the end, consumers will pay that expense.)

Effective enforcement is another reason beef producers



Trouble for Bush ... on the right

It would be difficult to find a more committed supporter of President Bush than Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind. Pence, who is in his second term, is a self-



Cal Thomas

described "Christian conservative Republican, in that order." He is the essence of the Bush base, which is why his Jan. 22 speech to the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) gathering in Washington ought to cause concern at the White House. After testifying to his pro-Bush (and pro-Republican) credentials, Pence suggested that the "ship of conservative government has gone off course."

Pence's indictment included this line: "... many who call themselves conservatives see government increasingly as the solution to every social ill and - let us be clear on this point - this is a historic departure from the limited government traditions of our party and millions of its most ardent supporters."

Congressional Republicans and the Bush administration apparently believe they can buy the votes of a number of groups - including the elderly (prescription drug benefits) and Hispanics (amnesty for illegal aliens) - but once a federal law or policy is in place it is more difficult to kill than a vampire.

In his speech to CPAC, Pence pointed to the Department of Education as one of many examples of government gone wild: "A decade ago, when I first ran for Congress, Republicans dreamed of eliminating the federal Department of Education and returning control of our schools to parents, communities and states. Ten years later (we get) the 'No Child Left Behind Act' ... our Reaganite beliefs that education

deficit, which is projected to hit a record \$477 billion this fiscal year, but might have vanished had Republicans not engaged in an orgy of spending.

One Heritage executive e-mailed me, "As a mom who is trying to teach my children about conservative values, the vision of our Founding Fathers and how faith in God - not the government - is our answer, how do I explain that federal spending has increased more under George Bush than it did under Bill Clinton? How do I tell them how important it is that we work to get Bush (re)elected and then explain that they will be (saddled) for the rest of their lives paying for huge government programs such as Medicare reform, that he championed?"

These good questions and criticisms are significant because they come from conservative friends of the president. As Pence said in his CPAC speech, "to ask such questions is not a sign of disloyalty, but of true loyalty to principle."

Are they listening at the White House? Perhaps they think they can dismiss conservatives with the familiar, "Where else can conservatives go?" They can "go" into inaction or they can stay home and not vote. It has happened before.

Ask President Bush No. 41, who raised taxes after promising he wouldn't. He later said it was a major mistake, but too late to win him reelection. In a close election people of principle can mean the difference between victory and defeat.

Cal Thomas is a nationally syndicated columnist and Fox News Channel commentator.

Keep cookin' American beef

The epidemic of bad news from mad cow disease in the United States makes me hope for a speedy recovery for the beef industry. Television, radio, Internet, newspaper and magazine stories keep scaring people, herding them away from eating beef.

If he were alive, not even famed actor Robert Mitchum with his "Beef! It's what's for dinner!" slogan would undo the stampeede that the negative news has caused. Keep in mind that we live in an era in which consumer product loyalty has the tensile strength of lint.

Lewis W. DiLuigi

Also, if a consumer maxim is: "What's in it for me?" and the media keep saying beef is a mad cow disease, it's constantly moving from birth, to green pastures, to slaughterhouses and finally to market before it lands on our tables. Also, what we eat comes from an interlocking global bazaar that searches for the most accommodating market for perishable products.

Any crimp in the consumption pipeline has widespread negative effects. For example, if the Asian ban on U.S. beef is yearlong it could cost Kansas 17,600 jobs, Eric Galt, University economist.

Countries blocking U.S. beef imports also could suffer because in addition to being the world's second largest beef exporter behind Australia, the United States is the planet's largest beef importer. U.S. consumers' demand for beef is unaffected by the mad cow scare then instead of importing beef, America may sell at home what it can't export.

But what's been missing from many of the news reports on mad cow disease is an explanation of what it is and what it does. Its official name is bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Scientists link its cause to the addition of meat and bone meal to what's fed to cattle. At its peak, nearly 1,000 U.S. cases of mad cow disease were confirmed in January 1993 in Great Britain.

Because of mad cow disease, the United States began banning in 1997 the use of brain and spinal cord tissue in cattle feed.

People eating beef made with mad cow could contract the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. It is a fatal brain disorder for which there is no cure.

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease is listed among the many questions that Community Blood Center examiners always ask people like me before they consider us safe to make a blood donation. About 10 percent to 15 percent of the people with it have inherited it because of a mutation.

A few cases occur although the victim has no known family history of Creutzfeldt-Jakob and an even smaller percentage happens because of an infection.

The bottom line that I draw from it is that one Holstein with mad cow disease shouldn't have generated the media hysteria and stampeede. Unless a herd of U.S. cattle turns up with the disease, I'm going to continue to enjoy hamburgers, liver, steak and other beef products.

Hope others do, too.

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Say 'adios' to Sen. Craig if he plugs amnesty bill

Don't know if you've noticed, but we have a senator from right here in Idaho who just recently let it be known that he is in support of this convoluted idea of opening our southern border because it is the humane thing to do. This should garner a pat on the back from Vincente Fox, Sen. Larry Craig's good friend (now). So we are to believe that it's all right for some to come over our southern border illegally and be given a warm welcome, job health care, education and citizen status for any of their young ones that are born in this country after mom finds a place to hid in 'til the birth just happens. The rest of Idaho's all-Republican congressional delegation is publicly opposed to this screwball idea.

Craig said that anyone who opposes this goofy plan is using "head-in-the-sand rhetoric of the 1930s." As one of the opposers, I just checked and found no sand in my hair, nose or ears. So much for Craig's senatorial thinking and expanding but then, evidently, he knows a lot about

"head in the sand."

Now you know what to do with your vote on the next election of this fellow - Sen. Larry Craig. And do not miss this opportunity to make your vote count for something you believe in, or in this case, something you are opposed to.

ROBERT A. JOHNSON
Hansen

Gay lifestyle goes against nature, results in AIDS

I would like to address "same-sex marriage" on a physical level to see if maybe we can come to an understanding.

When the homosexual was "coming out of the closet," the consensus was "they are not hurting anyone; leave them alone," but that didn't hold true - as we all know. Many people who did not participate in their lifestyle died of AIDS, a horrible death for which they still have not found a cure.

The human body is a wonderful working mechanism. Each part has a particular function. When used for a different purpose, there are painful physical prob-

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lems that develop. The homosexual is well aware of this and the AIDS factor, yet they continue to choose this as a way of life.

That is their choice - but they do not have the choice to tell me that this is quite normal when their own body proves them wrong.

HELEN DOHERTY
Twin Falls

Disclosure of home sales is about tax fairness

Your Jan. 6 editorial concerning proposed legislation from the Idaho Association of Counties requiring the disclosure of real estate sales prices may benefit from some additional facts and clarification.

First, your use of the term "guesstimation" concerning some assessed values is probably more accurate than many would care to admit. Comparable sales prices, the best evidence of value, are not made available to county assessors. This results in assessments that are less accurate than desirable. Full disclosure of sales prices is needed to prevent and avoid "guesstimation."

County assessors have a reasonable amount of success in obtaining sales data on low- and medium-priced properties and, accordingly, assessments are fairly accurate. High-end properties are a different matter.

Sales prices for the more valuable properties are not readily obtainable, and as a result, the high-end properties are likely under-assessed. When this happens, the tax from the high-end properties is shifted to the owners of low and medium properties.

This, of course, results in a disproportionate share of the property tax being paid by those who can least afford it. It's hard to believe that is what Idahoans want in their property tax system.

It should also be noted that pressure to enact a real estate sales price disclosure law has existed for many years, long before the burden of proof rules were changed. There is no cause and effect between the two issues, except that changing the rules of burden of proof only strengthens the need for disclosure of actual sales prices.

The requirement to disclose property tax sales prices exists, in

some form, in all states except Idaho and Texas. To suggest that the enactment of such a law in Idaho would have a "chilling effect" on property sales is simply not accurate - the real estate market is booming throughout the U.S. and nearly all the sales prices are subject to disclosure to county assessors.

We share your concern for privacy and safeguarding the information and believe the proposed legislation contains adequate safeguards to prevent improper use of the data. The data would be used for assessment purposes and for appeals resolution and would be made available to Realtors and licensed appraisers. The sales prices data would be protected from further disclosure by punitive fines.

We encourage you to contact your local assessor to discuss the actual impacts of our proposal and hope this clarification is useful to you.

DANIEL CHADWICK
Boise

(Editor's note: Daniel Chadwick is the executive director for the Idaho Association of Counties.)

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Some Democrats accuse Bush of dishonesty regarding Iraq war

To appreciate the Democrats' evolving case against the war in Iraq, there is no better place to look than Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's impassioned denunciation. The senator's case, laid out in a recent speech and an article in The Washington Post, is comprehensive and angry. It says the war may prove to be "one of the worst blunders in more than two centuries of American foreign policy." It accuses the Bush administration of being dishonest as well as wrong.

And, in what it does not contain, it points to a gap in the Democratic message that whoever emerges as presidential nominee eventually will have to fill.

Kennedy's most inflammatory accusations have to do with alleged political motivations for the war or its timing. If Karl Rove — that is, politics — drove Iraq policy, then President Bush would merit not only defeat, as Kennedy says, but impeachment. But much of the rest of Kennedy's indictment undercuts the idea of a politically motivated war. For, in his effort to show that the attacks of Sept. 11 were an excuse for war, the senator argues that much of the Bush administration had believed for years that Saddam Hussein had to go.

In 1998, as Kennedy says, many of the people who were to become the backbone of the Bush administration signed a letter urging action against the regime. And from the moment he took office, Kennedy maintains, Bush was decided on his goals. "The agenda was clear: Find a rationale to end Saddam's regime." In fact, the record is not so unambiguous; there was debate within the administration, and at first a policy of "smart sanctions" won out. But if Kennedy was right in his portrayal of the war as ideologically based and going back years, it would be hard to fit that into a portrayal of policy being driven by tactical political needs.

In other cases, the policy could be wrong, and Kennedy lays out several reasons why he thinks it is harmful: It has distracted the United States from the fight against al-Qaida and "made our people more vulnerable to attack." It has over-stretched and stressed the Army. It has cost too many lives and too many billions of dollars that should have been spent at home. It has frayed alliances. The administration's false pre-war claims about Saddam's weapons and ties to al-Qaida have damaged U.S. credibility. These assessments, most of which are shared to one degree or another by the leading Democratic presidential candidates, will and should be debated during the campaign. But there is one other brief sentence in Kennedy's indictment that deserves attention. "Regime change in Iraq did become the policy of the

FRED HIATT

Clinton administration," he notes, "but not by war." Yes, regime change was the policy of President Bill Clinton, and of most Democrats in Congress at that time; it was not just the obsession of right-wing ideologists. There was a bipartisan recognition that Saddam posed a unique danger to the United States, to Mideast stability and to the Iraqi people. If the dicta-

tor was not constrained, Clinton said in 1998, "he will then conclude that he can go right on and do more to rebuild an arsenal of devastating destruction. And some day, some way, I guarantee you he'll use the arsenal." It's true that Clinton's policy was "not by war," though with its no-fly zones and regular bombardments the United States was in a state of semi-war with Iraq throughout his presidency. It's also true that Clinton didn't know how to implement his stated policy of regime change — that Bush inherited a failing

strategy with regard to Iraq. Everything we have learned since Saddam's downfall confirms that sanctions, even more than war, were known, impoverished most Iraqis and isolated civil society while doing little to inhibit the regime's gangsterism. And, even if sanctions and inspections were effective in checking Saddam's rearming, they were unsustainable over time, eroding when Bush took over and temporarily strengthened by his credible threat to use force.

Some candidates now suggest

they would have removed Saddam, but in a better way: operating through the United Nations or a Mideast coalition. That would be ideal but quite possibly not achievable, even by a president more dedicated to alliances than Bush. U.N. members include the Saddam Hussein of the world, and as Clinton learned when he decided to rescue Kosovo, U.N. permission cannot always be secured even for the most righteous mission.

The purpose of recalling the earlier bipartisan consensus on

the threat posed by Saddam, and the failure to defuse it, is not to score some debating point. Whoever becomes president in this era may face a similar threat. The arguments against going to war in such a case — in any case — are powerful. But to be for regime change and against war can be only the beginning of the conversation. What Kennedy has laid out for the Democrats is a powerful critique, it is not set a policy.

Fred Hiatt is The Washington Post editorial page editor.

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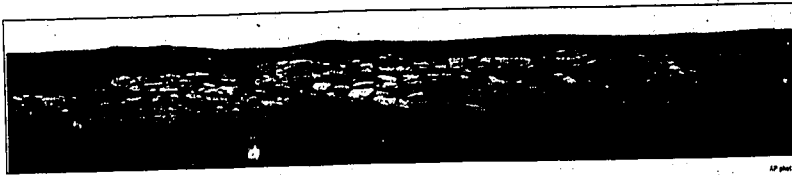
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This high-resolution image captured Wednesday by the Mars Exploration rover Opportunity highlights the puzzling rock outcropping that scientists are eagerly planning to investigate. These layered rocks measure only 4 inches tall and are thought to be either volcanic ash deposits or sediments carried by water or wind. Opportunity should be able to reconstruct the geologic events that created the fine layers with its complement of scientific instruments. The rover could roll off its lander early next week after its rear wheels and other additional functions are performed. On the other side of Mars, Opportunity's twin, Spirit, continued to recover. If things go well, Spirit could return to its science work early next week, a NASA official said.

Senators question cost of Bush's moon, Mars vision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Skeptical senators pulled NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe on Wednesday on whether President Bush's vision of returning astronauts to the Moon and exploring Mars is feasible in light of strained federal budgets.

projected to cost, said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-M.D. "Space flight is costly," said Dorgan. "I don't want to be a wise guy, but we've been promised the Moon before."

project, Bush plans to request a 5-year, \$1 billion increase in NASA's budget with an additional \$11 billion diverted from other NASA projects.

reorganization of the agency to focus efforts on the new goals, he said. The administration is proposing mothballing the space shuttle at the end of the decade, which would save NASA about \$4 billion a year, and quickly ending its obligations to the International Space Station, which costs about \$1.7 billion annually.

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Bob Hayes makes one last run at the NFL Hall of Fame.

The Times-News

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Section B

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

My peers don't have an opportunity to vote. They tell me: 'You an All-Star.'

Minnesota guard Sam Cassell about being snubbed for NBA All-Star honors in a story on Page B-4

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who was New England Patriots linebacker Roman Phifer named after?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school girls basketball
1A Magic Valley Conference District playoffs, Murtaugh
1A Northside Conference District playoffs, Carey
Regular season
Burley at Minico, 6 p.m.
Valley at Gooding, 6 p.m.
Wendell at Buhl, 6 p.m.
Century at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Jerome at Declo, 6 p.m.
Burley at Minico, 6 p.m.
High school boys basketball
Community School at Dietrich, 4 p.m.
Filer at Kimberly, 4:15 p.m.
High school wrestling
Gooding at Wendell, 5:30 p.m.
Declo at Wood River, 6 p.m.
Buhl at Jerome, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Winter Games events set in Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY - The Wells Fargo Winter Games of Idaho starts Saturday with figure skating in Sun Valley and elite ice hockey in Salmon. Seats for the figure skating competition at the Sun Valley Ice Arena are free. On Feb. 7, the Boulder Mountain Four event will be held followed by the Cross Country Ski Festival on Feb. 8. The winter events will be held at the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and the Galena Lodge. The Games conclude Feb. 29 in Boise.

T.F. Legion parents meeting set for Feb. 4

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls American Legion Baseball meeting for parents of players who are planning to try out for a team will take place at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4 in Room G-6 at Twin Falls High School. For more information, call Laird Stone at 733-2721.

Twin Falls Rapids tryouts this Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Tryouts for the Twin Falls Rapids competitive soccer club will be held at two locations this Saturday. This Saturday's tryouts will be held at the Buhl soccer complex from 10-11 a.m. and at Ascension Field in Twin Falls from 2-3 p.m. No previous soccer experience required. If weather prevents tryouts, coaches will still be on hand to register athletes. For more information, call Vince Gibson at 735-0176, men's coach Sasha Pavlovic, 733-9411, or club president Mink Goodman, 733-1659.

USTA plans local spring mixed league tennis

TWIN FALLS - The United States Tennis Association is forming a spring mixed league tennis program for the combined ratings of 5.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 players. Play for the first time, a combined 5.5 level for 2.5 and 3.0 players is now available for league play. For more information, call Lita Mallon at 735-9543.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Former Rams quarterback Roman Gabriel, who is from Phifer's home state of North Carolina.

Biting the bullet

Henin-Hardenne reaches Australian Open final

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia - Top-ranked Justin Henin-Hardenne advanced to her fourth Grand Slam final with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Fabiola Zuluaga at the Australian Open on Thursday.

Henin-Hardenne, winner of the French and U.S. Opens last season, reached her first final at Melbourne Park. She could wind up facing second-seeded Kim Clijsters in a third Belgian Grand Slam championship match.

Clijsters passed a morning fitness test on her injured left ankle and played No. 22 Patty Schnyder late Wednesday night MSTY in the other women's semifinal.

Clijsters hurt her herself at the Hopman Cup and was sidelined for two weeks before the Australian Open. She aggravated the injury in a quarterfinal victory over sixth-seeded Anastasia Myskina on Wednesday.

Henin-Hardenne made 25 unforced errors, including 15 in the second set, but said she played well on the big points against the 32nd-seeded Zuluaga.

"It was a good fight, long rallies. I played well on the important points and served well when I had to," she said. "I'm feeling good - I have won all my matches in two sets. I have a lot of motivation, and it's great to be in the final."

Wimbledon champion Roger Federer beat eighth-seeded David Nalbandian 7-5, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 and French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero eliminated Hicham Arazi 6-1, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5) in quarterfinals Wednesday, setting up a semifinal with the No. 1-ranked at stake.

The winner will advance to a final against the winner of Thursday's semifinal between defending champion Andre Agassi and Marat Safin.

Please see TENNIS, Page B2



Morocco's Hicham Arazi bites the ball in frustration during his quarterfinal match against Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, Wednesday.

Calling it quits



Rick Majerus

Utah's Majerus will resign at end of year

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - Rick Majerus, the demanding Utah coach known as much for his quick wit and love of food as his team's frequent NCAA tournament appearances, will resign at the end of the season for health reasons.

Majerus, 55, was flown to southern California for treatment by his cardiologist after suffering chest pains late Tuesday in Salt Lake City.

He was admitted to a Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, but his condition was not released Wednesday. Majerus is the second coach this week to take a leave due to health reasons. Louisville coach Rick Pitino took an indefinite leave Monday to determine the cause of the urologic-related pain.

Assistant Kerry Rupp will coach the team in the interim, though Majerus could return and finish out the season if his health allows.

"His legacy is very strong here," said athletic director Chris Hill. Please see QUILTS, Page B2

'Crazy Legs' Hirsch dies

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. - After a long touchdown run for Wisconsin in 1942, Elroy Hirsch was described as looking like a "demented duck," whose "crazy legs were gyrating in six different directions all at the same time."

From that day on, he was known as "Crazy Legs," who went on to become one of the NFL's most exciting players and earn a place in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

On Wednesday, Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch died of natural causes.

Hirsch died of natural causes at an assisted-living facility, according to Wisconsin assistant AD Steven Malchow. He earned his nickname for his running style as a halfback and receiver for the Chicago Rockets of the All-America Football Conference.

Hirsch became a key part of the Rams' revolutionary "three-end" offense in 1949. His best season was 1951, when he led the NFL with 66 catches, 1,495 yards receiving and 17 touchdowns.

In college, Hirsch starred at Wisconsin for one season, then completed his career at Michigan.

"There has never been a more loved and admired ambassador for Wisconsin sports than Elroy Hirsch," Wisconsin athletic director Pat Richter said.

"His charismatic and charming personality brought smiles to so many Badger fans. He loved life, loved people and loved the Badgers. His passing is a huge loss not only to his family but to this difficult time."

Hirsch's No. 40 is one of numbers retired at Wisconsin. In his one season with the Badgers in 1942, he rushed for 786 yards and Wisconsin went 8-1.

He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1968 and served as Wisconsin's athletic director from 1969-87.

NORTHSIDE TOURNAMENT

Panthers beat Mushers, 39-29

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News writer

CAREY - The Carey Lady Panthers rallied from an 11-1 first quarter deficit to earn a 39-29 win over Camas County in the first round of the Magic Valley Northside Tournament in Carey Wednesday.

The win sends the Panthers on to play Shoshone today in the second round at Carey High School. The Mushers will play the loser of Dietrich-Richfield at 6 p.m. Saturday in a loser-out game.

"We relish the shot (to play Shoshone)," Carey coach Hollis Pincok said. "The first game's always the toughest."

After scoring only one point in the first quarter, the Lady Panthers put together a 13-1 second quarter to take a two-point halftime lead.

"We had a real good run on them in the first quarter," Camas County coach Matt McLam said. "We had trouble getting any momentum in the second. Carey did a nice job getting themselves back into it."

Coach Pincok changed up the Panthers' defense in that second quarter to reduce the effect of the Camas County guards.

"We tried to do a different match-up with them to try to control their outside game and make them go in," Pincok said. "We had to get some energy with the team. I thought we were on a roll, but their emotions weren't there."

Games

Northside Tournament

Wednesday's results
Carey 39, Camas County 29
Richfield 54, Community School 34
Thursday's schedule
Shoshone vs. Dietrich, 8 p.m.
Shoshone vs. Carey, 7:30 p.m.

Panthers beat Mushers, advance in Northside Tourney

We had to change up and they responded."

Jessica Royal sparked the Panthers in the second half with four steals and her ball-handling on the fast break. Royal finished with eight points and six assists.

Whitney Peck led Carey with 12 points and Cheyanne Bingham added eight.

Grace Backstrom of Camas County led all scorers with 14 points, despite missing school this week due to illness. Nicole Bennett was also under the weather for the Mushers, coach McLam said.

"You could see it in their play," McLam said. "But they came out and played very hard. We knew we'd have a hard road against Carey anyway, I give them all the credit."

The Panthers move on to play Shoshone for the third time this season. The previous two games were each 20-point victories by the Lady Indians.

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Carey High School player Cheyanne Bingham, 10, shoots the ball while Camas High School defender Beth McLam, 32, watches during the fourth quarter of their Northside Conference girls basketball tournament game Wednesday in Carey.

Bobcats edge Minico

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Burley senior center Scott Randlewick drilled a fadeaway jumper that turned out to be the difference in Burley's Wednesday night road win over the Minico Spartans in overtime, 49-48.

That was the score with 17.7 seconds left in the game, when Minico was given one last chance to win the game. However, a swarming Bobcat defense answered the call, keeping the Spartans from lifting a shot before the buzzer sounded. For the Jack Bagley and the 4-8 Bobcats, the win is nothing short of huge.

"It was a great win for us," Bagley said. "To be able to beat Minico on their home court is a huge confidence builder for us."

Bobcat junior point guard Steve Elsensohn sent the game into overtime after he was fouled by Minico's Kody Bingham as time ran out in the fourth quarter. Alone on the court, with a packed Spartan Gymnasium crowd, roaring on all sides, Elsensohn converted 1-of-2 free throws to force overtime, the score tied at 45.

"I have a lot of faith in Steve," Bagley said. "He wanted to take the shot. He shot so well tonight, it was so loud that he couldn't hear my calls, but he did everything right."

Elsensohn finished with seven points, while senior guard Wes Hadden led all scorers with 18. Junior wing Anthony Curriel finished with 13, including two of Burley's seven 3-pointers.

Minico's (5-10) Charlton Coats finished with 17 points before fouling out, while senior guard Travis Noble hit three deep 3-pointers for nine points. While disappointed, Spartan coach Mike Graefe didn't fault his players' effort.

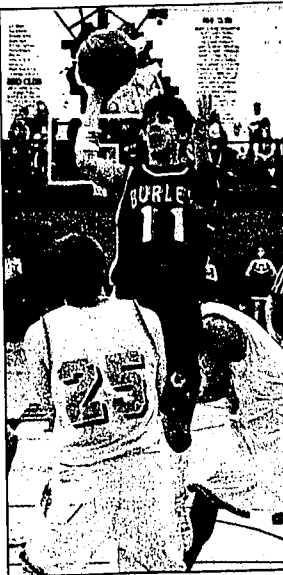
"We played hard, but we did some things we don't normally do," Graefe said. "We couldn't inbound the ball and just had too many turnovers."

Those turnovers were key, as numerous Spartan passes found their way out of bounds, even under minimal pressure from Burley.

"We did just enough to lose the game," Graefe said. "It was uncharacteristic of us."

The Spartans must now try to bounce back as they start a string of four straight Region Four/Five-Six games at Pocatello High School on Saturday. For Burley, the big win is just what the team needs going into their tough matchup at Twin Falls on Friday.

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Burley's Anthony Curriel charges into Minico's Michael Konrad in the Bobcats' 49-48 overtime win over the Spartans. Curriel was charged with an offensive foul this play. He finished with 13 points.

ERIC LARSEN/The Times-News

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Buhl Knights of Columbus plans shoot Saturday

BUILH—All boys and girls ages 10-14 can compete at the local level for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Buhl Middle School.

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O'Leary boosters gather in early February

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Chicago will vote on Wigley landmark status

CHICAGO — Wigley Field is close to landmark status after a Chicago City Council committee unanimously approved a plan that would declare the ballpark a landmark but still allow some renovations.

The stadium opened in April 1914.

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The Cubs are not wholeheartedly in support of the ordinance, but "they are not opposing it," Tunney said.

The Cubs and the city have been negotiating for nearly three years on the landmark designation.

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SPORTS

PANTHERS VS. PATRIOTS



2002 season set up 2003 Super Bowl runs

HOUSTON (AP) — By failing last season, the New England Patriots set themselves up for success this year.

By improving last season, the Carolina Panthers built the framework for their surprising Super Bowl run.

Perhaps more than anything, those two elements provided the impetus and the drive for the two teams who will face each other in Sunday's Super Bowl.

The Patriots followed their 2001 championship season by not even getting into the playoffs—going 9-7, a monument to underachievement, according to quarterback Tom Brady.

"There are a lot of things that have to happen to win a whole bunch of these games and to get back to the Super Bowl," he said Wednesday. "But last year, we didn't have a better team than we had two years ago."

Brady shook his head at the memory. He believed last year's Patriots were as capable of winning a title as the previous team that upset the St. Louis Rams for the championship.

Last year's struggles, however, forced the entire organization to take a closer look at itself, and bring in a strong defensive leader, safety Rodney Harrison.

"We didn't play well enough, but we didn't give up," he said.

didn't coach well enough, all the way around," coach Bill Belichick said. "A lot of it was the same players, the same division, similar schedules, but we just didn't play well enough offensively, defensively, special teams... We tried to address some of those things in the offseason and I think some of them have improved this year."

Among the problems that were fixed were getting more balance into the offense and far more production out of the secondary on defense. They were fixed so well, in fact, that Brady and Harrison became two of the NFL's top play-makers this season.

That doesn't mean the Patriots are simply trying to recapture the past.

The squad Brady led here is not much different than the '01 championship team, though it is prob-



The New England Patriots practice at the Houston Texans' indoor practice facility, also known as the bubble, in Houston Wednesday. The Patriots will face the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl XXXVIII on Sunday in Houston.

bly deeper at receiver, a little younger on defense, and has the key addition of Harrison.

The Panthers definitely didn't want to go back to anything resembling 2001, when they were the league's worst team, winning their opener and then losing 15 in a row.

Instead, according to his players, it took just a few months. By the end of the '02 schedule, the Panthers were 7-9, winning four of their last five games. In the finale, they won 16-6 at New Orleans, which was playing for a playoff berth.

Even an outsider — Jake Delhomme, then a backup quarterback with the Saints — noticed things coming together in Carolina.

"The next thing was they must have some pretty good character guys in that locker room because too many guys would have packed it in and had their trucks running for that last game, waiting to go home."

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Off and running: Utah State's best start in school history

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — The best start in Utah State history keeps getting better.

After winning 12 straight, the Aggies are 15-1 and are approaching the school record for consecutive wins, as well as their first national ranking since the 1970s. Not a lot of people know it, but that's fine with the Aggies' so far.

"It's good to be the quiet guy sometimes," forward Spencer Nelson said. "I think it was positive that the limelight wasn't completely on us in December. It's shifted a little bit on us now."

The state school lurked away in the mountains about 80 miles north of Salt Lake City traditionally lives in the college of Brigham Young, but this season USU is getting the most recognition.

The Aggies haven't been in the Associated Press media poll since finishing ranked 16th in 1970. They haven't cracked the Top 25 this season, but are getting closer each week as they continue to win. USU received 51 points in this week's poll, 43 short of No. 25 Oklahoma.

The last time USU was ranked in a national poll was when the Aggies were No. 17 in the UPI poll at the end of the 1977-78 season.

"That's a long time ago," Nelson said. The Aggies open a four-game homestand Thursday night against UC Irvine. Four more wins may get USU enough notice to break into the poll. But the Aggies also know that a loss will keep them out, probably for the rest of the season.

"Everything has been pretty steady. But of course, people are going to get on your bandwagon when you're winning," leading scorer Candice Butler said. Butler is a former College of Southern Idaho standout.

rebounding (6.5). But the defending Big West tournament champions are 7-0 already in league play and eclipsed the best school start — 11-1 in 1934-'35 and '38-'39 — two weeks ago.

Coach Steve Morrill, in his sixth season at USU, said he's been riding the Aggies all season about staying focused.

"I'm probably going to accuse every team I have of being soft early because I want them to know that if you're soft, you've got no chance," Morrill said. "We have such nice kids that I was even more concerned about it this year."

USU's only loss of the season came Dec. 31 at Utah, where the Utes prevailed 56-45. Against BYU, the Aggies blew a 26-point halftime lead at home but won 76-74 on Nelson's shot in the lane with 1.2 seconds remaining Dec. 23.

The Aggies are shooting 52.6 percent from the field and outrebounding their opponents by 8.7 boards per game. USU is also holding opponents to fewer than 57 points.

But playing in the Big West, where games are played in the Mountain or Pacific time zones and rarely on national television, makes it tough to get noticed.

Nelson remains concerned about the Aggies, although his team seems to have been listening to him. The Aggies lost Nelson, who is second in scoring (11.6) and leads USU in rebounding (7.7), last week when he broke his nose by taking an elbow in practice.

Sophomore Nate Harris took Nelson's spot and earned Big West player of the week honors by 8.7 points per game. USU is also holding opponents to fewer than 57 points.



Utah State's Nate Harris practices free throws Tuesday in Logan, Utah. The team's best start in school history keeps getting better. After winning 12 straight, the Aggies are 15-1.

Nelson was fitted for a protective mask, which he'll wear for the rest of the season. He hopes by the time the NCAA tournament begins, he can go without it — provided the Aggies get a bid for the fourth time in five years.

"They aren't counting on it yet. "March could be fun for us. But March won't be if January and February aren't," Nelson said. "The best start in school history can turn into a 500 season quickly."



Sam Cassell

Owners know when to get out of the way

Team presidents Kraft and Richardson propel their teams to the Super Bowl

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — With the AFC championship game looming, Patriots owner Robert Kraft brought quarterback Tom Brady an enticing invitation: The first lady would like him to be her guest at President Bush's State of the Union address.

But, Kraft fibbed playfully, only if New England won. "I think Mr. Kraft was (using) a play to get me to win that one," Brady said this week as he prepared to play the Carolina Panthers in the Super Bowl. "He told me afterward whether it was win or lose, I was going."

Kraft will do anything for an edge these days as his Patriots prepare for their second Super Bowl in three years — their third since he bought the team and kept it from moving to St. Louis. It's the same reason he gave up a bundle of draft picks to hire coach Bill Belichick, and why he is the envy of Patriots in the NFL. He built the team that built a \$325 million stadium in that city.

"If Bob Kraft wouldn't have shown up, that would not be a good situation for that part of the country," said the Panthers' Jerry Richardson, who not only owns the Super Bowl but is a friend of Kraft's. "Bob Kraft loves NFL football, and he loves the Patriots. We're similar in that regard."

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Richardson took his \$3,500 winner's share from the 1959 NFL championship and bought a Hardee's franchise, squirting the mustard and ketchup himself on hamburgers he sold for 15 cents.

He built more franchises until he was a millionaire hundreds of times over.

When the chance came to get an NFL franchise for his native North Carolina, Richardson made the deal and began building it from scratch.

Although he is ultimately responsible for every aspect of the organization, Richardson also knows where his authority ends.

He was visibly proud of the fact that the team released starting offensive tackle Chris Terry last season after he became the first player to be arrested for failing to appear in court on a misdemeanor charge of assaulting his wife.

In that, he is also similar to Kraft. The Patriots renounced the rights to fifth-round draft pick Christian Peter in 1996 after discovering that he had been charged with sexual assault while at Nebraska.

"The most important thing is that we have high character people representing this organization," Kraft said. "That was the one thing I had said to Bill when he joined us: He could have full control of personnel, but ... the team carries our family name, and if something bad happens, people think of our family name."

"And if we needed people like that to win the football game, I was going to be out of the business."

To be fair, hands-on owners have had their successes, too. But neither Kraft nor Richardson would have it any other way.

Cassell makes case for All-Star game

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Sam Cassell has spent his career putting the ball in the hands of big scorers whose gaudy stats earned them All-Star appearances.

Hakeem Olajuwon, Clyde Drexler, Glenn Robinson and Ray Allen all were beneficiaries of Cassell's play at point guard during stints with Houston and Milwaukee.

Now, with the Minnesota Timberwolves, Cassell's 11-season wait for an invitation to the All-Star game might finally be over.

Kevin Garnett is putting up double-doubles at his regular clip. Latrell Sprewell added a spark. But it's Cassell's leadership and stats that might be most instrumental to Minnesota entering Tuesday with the NBA's best record (31-12).

He's also been fantastic in the clutch, shooting 55.2 percent in the fourth quarter over the last 30 games.

"All you have to do is follow his stats," Garnett said. "He's been doing it in Houston, in the finals, in Milwaukee, wherever he's been."

For his career, Cassell's averages are more than 16 points and six assists in 705 games. He's been to the conference finals three times and won two NBA championship rings with the Rockets in the 1990s.

"I always thought Sam was an All-Star-caliber player," said former Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich, whose lobbying made Cassell the 24th pick in the 1993 draft. "He wanted the big plays."

And Cassell is not afraid to take them.

"I don't mind missing the big shots," Cassell said. "I don't mind you guys crowding around and killing me... Cause I'm going to tell you I'm going to take it again the next night."

Besides his scoring, Cassell also brings a swagger to the backcourt. The 6-foot-3 guard doesn't hesitate to drive the lane against big men, and he loves taking trash.

He's never been shy around the referees either. His sarcastic grin after a whistle is as much a part of his game as his soft, mid-range jumper.

When he bought the franchise in 1994, it was a bad team in a bad stadium with two valuable assets: coach Bill Parcells and quarterback Drew Bledsoe. He admits that he paid too much for the team because, as a longtime fan with season tickets, he couldn't bear the thought of the Patriots leaving the city.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Fatal crash near T.F. claims Firth woman

TWIN FALLS - An accident at the intersection of U.S. Highway 93 and Interstate 84 took the life of a Firth woman Wednesday, according to a news release issued by Idaho State Police.

Jackie Broadhead, 52, was driving a 2001 Honda CRV around 1115 a.m.

She exited off the interstate, turning south on Highway 93 when the light turned green.

Melba McClure, 63, of Twin Falls, was going northbound in a 1999 GMC pickup.

She failed to stop at the red light, the release said. The truck McClure was driving hit the Honda on its driver's side.

Although both drivers were wearing their seat belts the impact of the crash caused Broadhead to be thrown from the car. She died at the scene, according to police.

McClure was transported to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Her condition was not immediately available Wednesday night. Police said alcohol and weather were not factors in the crash.

Heat lamp blamed for barn fire that killed five calves

TWIN FALLS - Fire officials believe a heat lamp was to blame for a fire that tore through Molly Marcell's calf barn Tuesday.

The structure, located at 2600 E. 3300 N., suffered significant damage, said Chief Rod Davis of the Salmon Tract Rural Fire Department.

Hay, straw and other feed were stored inside, along with five calves, he said.

The calves perished, he said, but there were no human injuries.

The fire, which started around 7:15 a.m., was confined to one structure.

Eight volunteer firefighters were on scene, Davis said.

They were assisted by members of the Twin Falls Fire Department. Fire officials do not suspect foul play.

They have completed their assessment and have turned the case over to insurance investigators.

INEEL holds meeting in Spanish tonight on cleanup

TWIN FALLS - The U.S. Department of Energy will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight for Spanish speakers who want to learn more about a proposal that would reduce the level of soil cleanup required at the nuclear laboratory near Idaho Falls.

The Snake River Alliance asked the department to hold a meeting offering Spanish translation for the Magic Valley's Spanish-speaking population. The Energy Department ultimately agreed to do so.

A meeting was held Tuesday in Twin Falls in English only. About 30 people attended and a number said that they wanted to know how reducing soil cleanup would ultimately affect the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer that supplies water to the Snake River in the Magic Valley.

Some of the aquifer contamination at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory resulted from contaminants leaching through the soil to the aquifer.

The meeting will be held at the College of Southern Idaho in room 256 of the Taylor Building. More information is available online at <http://cleanup.inel.gov/energydef/aml.cfm>.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	3-wk. peak
Upper Snake Basin	96%	57%
Salmon Falls	109%	88%
Salmon	64%	83%
Oakley	103%	63%
Big Wood	93%	57%
Little Wood	105%	61%
Henry's Fork/Teton	112%	67%
Big Lost	99%	58%
Little Lost	89%	49%

As of Jan. 28
A comparison of basin snowpack on a day with a 30-year average.
An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire area, which results in a more accurate picture of snow.

Court rejects drug, assault appeals

The Times-News

BOISE - Two Magic Valley men serving lengthy prison sentences on unrelated drug and assault convictions lost their appeals before the Idaho Court of Appeals Wednesday.

In both cases, the court rejected arguments that jurors had been instructed improperly by 5th District judges who presided over their trials.

The court rejected the appeal of Roberto Cuevas-Hernandez of Buhl, who is serving a 16- to 60-year term on four separate felony convictions of methamphetamine and cocaine trafficking in Twin Falls County. Also denied was the appeal of Mitchell Larry Broadhead of

Twin Falls, who was sentenced to a total of 15 years in prison for attempting to run over three boys with his vehicle in Gooding County in 2002.

Cuevas-Hernandez, 49, was convicted in connection with the purchase of cocaine and methamphetamine from a confidential informant in April 2002. District Judge Nathan Higer presided over the trial. Cuevas-Hernandez disputed the instruction to jurors about what constituted drug delivery, arguing that there was no direct transfer of the drugs by him to the informant.

A package containing cocaine and methamphetamine was left on the floor of a truck the informant was using.

As subsequent search of Cuevas-Hernandez's house found bags of cocaine and methamphetamine.

The appeals court found that the jury was instructed properly and that the evidence was sufficient to produce a conviction.

"This evidence supports an inference that Cuevas-Hernandez supplied the drugs and thereby indirectly and constructively transferred the drugs to the informant and undercover officer in violation of the law," the appeals judges wrote.

In the case of Broadhead, his attorneys argued that jurors were not properly instructed by District Judge Barry Wood about what is required to produce a conviction of aggravated assault.

According to the ruling, Broadhead, 51, was driving his vehicle in a field near a school trying to catch his dog. The dog ran to some boys, who detained the dog.

Broadhead then threatened to break the boys' legs and began driving his vehicle at a high rate of speed directly at the boys. Before hitting them, however, Broadhead's vehicle became high-centered on a rock.

Broadhead argued that there wasn't enough evidence to show he intended to harm the boys. The appeals court disagreed.

"The evidence indicates Broadhead first threatened the victims with physical harm and then drove his vehicle directly at them, falling to hit them

because he high-centered on a rock," the judges wrote. "From this evidence, the jury could have reasonably inferred Broadhead intentionally drove his vehicle in a manner calculated to cause a violent injury to the boys."

The court also rejected the argument that Broadhead's sentence was excessive, noting that he previously served 10 years in Arizona for attempted child molestation and had two previous drunken driving convictions.

In the second of those convictions, in 2001 in Lincoln County, he had a blood-alcohol content of .29 percent - more than three times the legal limit.

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THE SHOVELER



'Oops! That wasn't ice,' said Darlan Edwards, 9, as his shovel slipped over a crack in the concrete of the driveway to his family's Twin Falls home Wednesday. More soggy conditions are expected today, with high temperatures in the mid-40s and a 50 percent chance of precipitation.

P&Z delays decision on waste from Glanbia

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - A decision on whether to allow Glanbia Foods, Inc. to apply untreated wastewater to 530 acres known as the Wolfe property has been delayed by the Gooding Planning and Zoning Commission.

Acting P&Z Chairman Shirley Tschann told Glanbia representatives at a hearing earlier this week that two conditions will have to be met before the commission makes a decision on the company's application for a special-use permit.

First, an agreement has to be reached between the cheese company and neighbors of the property, who have filed lawsuits against Glanbia. Second, the commission wants Glanbia to obtain an interim permit from the Department of Environmental Quality.

John Lanigan, Glanbia's Gooding facility manager, told the commission Monday that mediation has been taking place with the neighbors who filed lawsuits against the company.

"And we do have an agreement in principle," Lanigan said. Glanbia is requesting the special-use permit to apply the wastewater on the Wolfe property until the company finishes constructing a \$10 million pretreatment plant. Lanigan said Glanbia is committed to having the plant up and running by next August.

The region's largest cheese-maker already disposes of its wastewater by irrigating more than 900 acres of farmland. The crops, such as alfalfa, are not grown for human consumption. Until mediation talks, many neighbors had been opposing Glanbia's efforts to expand its wastewater site onto the Wolfe property for

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Vandals shatter peace in T.F. neighborhood

By Rebecca Mayoy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - "Old Blue," a 1977 Chevy truck, is the joy of Brian Allen. His father gave it to him on his 16th birthday, and Allen has lovingly taken care of it since.

Unfortunately, vandals have also taken notice of the truck.

Many Poplar Avenue residents awoke Monday morning to the sight of broken glass in the street. Seven vehicles on the Allen's block were targeted the night before, said Brian's wife, Donna.

"I was driving my husband to work early that morning, and I saw the truck across the street had the windows broken out," she recalled. "I thought I better go back and look at Old Blue."

The tinting in the windows had

held the shattered glass in place, but the pellet gun holes on the side window were visible.

More than 30 reports of broken windows were filed with the Twin Falls Police Department by Tuesday morning, coming from all over town. Five more came in by Wednesday afternoon, but some victims called in to report that their property had been damaged after they realized the scope of the problem, Detective Scott Smith said.

Donna Allen grew up in the Poplar Avenue house, but she wonders if escalating trouble may eventually drive them away.

"It's an awesome neighborhood," she said. "I've lived here my whole life. But we're thinking of moving."

Vandals have broken into their truck four times in nine months,

she said, stealing \$2,000 worth of CDs and \$1,200 in stereo equipment. None of the theft or damage was covered by insurance.

Once, Donna's car was struck with bright lime green paintballs. The price of repairing property hit by vandalism is a source of frustration, but the worry about potential bodily harm is much higher.

"My son's window is right here, and if they missed the truck, it could have hit his window," she said.

Because all the vehicles on her block that were hit were parked on the street, she said, she and her husband are thinking of getting Old Blue out of harm's way, tucking it away behind the house.

"We're thinking of taking the pine tree down and putting a garage in," she said.

The Allens heard some noise the night of the incidents, but nothing that indicated trouble.

"Brian thought he heard something that night," Donna said. "It sounded like someone ran over a chunk of ice."

Brian works as a diesel technician at John Deere and is able to fix the window himself, she said. The cost for the material, however, may run \$125.

Despite the small savings in labor, the Allens are hoping police will make a break in the case.

"I'm hanging," she said, "because this is getting old."

Officers were still looking for additional information Wednesday to solve the crimes.

"We're asking the public to call in with information," Smith said. "Our biggest resource is people noticing suspicious activity."

Hispanic parents can still take classes despite ending of Even Start program

By Brandon Fiala
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Although the region's Even Start program was recently shut down, educators say Hispanic parents can still learn English or earn general equivalency diplomas.

Even Start was a program geared at children from low-income families. In Minidoka County, many participants were Hispanic and some of their parents didn't speak English. Parts of the Even Start program were aimed at parents, too.

The program was shut down Sept. 30 after a dispute between the Minidoka County School District and the Idaho Department of Education. The school district no longer receives federal money to run the program.

However, the program's demise isn't stopping people from taking

classes, said Marian Steel, director of adult basic education at the College of Southern Idaho.

CSI offers adult basic education classes such as English as a second language and general equivalency diploma classes.

"We were always in adult basic education and we took our classes to Burley to collaborate with Even Start," Steel said. "The Even Start project is over, but we're still there."

The biggest drawback of Even Start's demise is the lack of child care. Minidoka County School District Superintendent Nick Hallett said. Even Start allowed parents to attend classes while their children were being watched.

"I've heard a great deal of complaints from parents," he said. "It can be very inconvenient for them not to have it. Some now bring their children to class with them - and that's not ideal."

However, limited child care is available through the school district and Idaho Migrant Council, Steel said.

"I don't believe it has been a barrier," she said. "There are still many options."

For example, adult education classes are offered in both Rupert and Burley, with staggered times so working parents can attend.

The classes are free, as were CSI received state and federal money which pays for the classes. People who are interested in enrolling in any of the classes should call the CSI Mini-Cassia Center at 678-0229 for a skills assessment test.

Classes are held at Big Valley Elementary School in Rupert, using Even Start equipment, Hallett said.

There hasn't been any decline

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Neighbors balk at tours of Hemingway's home

The Associated Press

KETCHUM - zoning officials have delayed action on a proposal to conduct public tours of the former home of famed writer Ernest Hemingway after neighbors complained.

Hemingway bought the Ketchum property in 1959 and made it his permanent home until he committed suicide in 1961.

The nonprofit Idaho Hemingway House Foundation would like to use the 16-acre property as a nature preserve and venue for public tours and writing workshops.

Hemingway's widow, Mary, bequeathed the property to The Nature Conservancy, with a stipulation that the site be maintained as a "wildlife preserve."

Last year, the foundation struck an agreement with the conservancy to lease and manage the property located off a private road in a quiet neighborhood.

The foundation wants to conduct public tours up to three times per day, five days per week, spokesman Wilson McElhinny said. The tours would be limited to 15 people per outing, transported to the site by van.

The foundation also is considering developing a library of work relating to Hemingway's life in the house, conducting writing workshops and possibly allowing a student writer to live on the property. The house would be restored to its 1961 condition.

City planning director Harold Madsen's office has received 13 letters opposing the plan, including seven letters from the neighbors.

"This is not a Hemingway issue," said neighbor Jonathan Nealey, who owns the private road access to Hemingway's "This is a land-rights issue."

The zoning commissioners will continue their review of the application on March 8.

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Merril L. Lewis - Arco

Merril L. Lewis, 84, of Arco, died at his home surrounded by family on Jan. 24, 2004.

He was born Aug. 28, 1919, at Pineville, Mo. to Jake and Laura Ellen Whitaker Lewis. He attended school in Pineville and worked on the family farm. In his early years he moved to Twin Falls, Idaho.

At the age of 21 he enlisted in the United States Navy just after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was stationed in the Philippines and Canary Islands. After the war, he worked for Stauffer Manufacturing as a tractor mechanic in Twin Falls, Idaho. He met and married the love of his life, Irene Boehm, on March 1, 1947, 57 years ago, and they were blessed with three daughters.

They moved to Arco, Idaho, in 1950. He went to work for the INEL as a rigger until his retirement in 1982. He enjoyed making



and cattle ranching for his son-in-law, Jack Jensen, for the next 15 years, after he retired from the site. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping with his family and loved

working with wood and building crafts with his wife.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Irene, of Arco; three daughters, Diana (Jack) Jensen of Moore, Idaho; Laurel (Max) Berry of Motalla, Ore.; and Sherry (Lonnice) Secrist of Arco, Idaho; one sister, Anna Mae Schoeter of Twin Falls, Idaho; and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, three sisters, and a son, Merrill Lewis.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at the Arco Baptist Community Church in Arco. The family will meet with friends Thursday evening from 7 to 8:30 at Simpson Mabel Memorial Chapel, 153 East River Ave., Arco, and for one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in the Hillcrest cemetery in Arco.

Gilbert Kerner - Shoshone

Gilbert Kerner, 77, a resident of Shoshone, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at his home.

Gilbert was born on May 20, 1926, in Gregory, S.D., the son of Clark and Eva Kerner. He was raised his first 11 years in South Dakota. In 1947 he moved with his family to a farm north of Shoshone where he worked alongside his family. He married Mary E. Gao on Sept. 8, 1949, in Gooding at the Methodist Church. They took over her family's farm. Gilbert and Mary farmed and milked their dairy cattle side by side until 1988. After selling the farm Gilbert and Mary moved into Shoshone.

Throughout his life he served several positions in the Magic and Pomona Grange. Gilbert also served as chairman of the North Shoshone fire district. His family, children and grandchildren were very important to Gilbert and gave him lots of joy and love. He loved children and always had time to play with his young grandchildren



and later his great-grandchildren. Gilbert is survived by his son, Dale, and his wife, Melody Kerner of Wendell; his daughter, Donna, and her husband, Lynn Hansen of Arco; three brothers, Bill, Lawrence and Carl Kerner; Bill, sisters, Melitia Jewell, Irene Jeske, Alvina Colter, and Alma Varin; four

grandchildren, Jennifer Kerner Vahsholtz, Jamie Kerner, Joseph Hansen and Lu Ann Hansen; four great-grandchildren, McKenley and Mary Elizabeth Kerner Merritt, Bailey and Briston Kerner Vahsholtz.

Gilbert was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his parents; three brothers, Oscar, John and Milton; four sisters, Erna, Olga, Viola and Erma.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at the Gooding United Methodist Church with Reverend William Lineberry officiating. Interment will take place at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family members and friends may call from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel and from 10 a.m. until service time on Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions may be to the Shoshone United Methodist Church in celebration of his life.

Walter G. Nickel - Filer

Walter G. Nickel, 71, of Filer, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, of a heart attack.

He was born Dec. 25, 1932, in Novosidlo, Poland, to Paul and Anna Nickel, the oldest child of seven. He came to the U.S. in 1950, settling in Twin Falls. He was working for Jerry Siren when he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. He became a naturalized citizen of the U.S. while he was in Seoul, Korea.

Walt married Carol Jackson on July 26, 1957, in Wendell, Idaho. After the war he returned to Twin Falls, working for Ed Howa at the Arctic Circle. He later went on to buy his own Arctic Circle in Salem, Ore., and Marysville, Wash. He sold the stores and moved to Kearney, Neb., and Beatrice, Neb., where he bought a Bonanza Steak House. Walt eventually purchased



four buffets in Nebraska and Arkansas. In 1985, they moved back to Twin Falls where he purchased the Curry Country Store. Walt decided

to retire and sold the store to his brother, Dan, but never enjoyed retirement so he went to work for Cactus Petes and the Horseshoe for the last 12 years.

Walt is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter, Jammy of Columbia, Mo.; son, Jeff (Brandee) Nickel of Twin Falls; five grandsons; one sister, Gertrude (George) Holfetz of Magna, Utah; and two brothers, Dan (Sheree) Nickel of Twin Falls and Ed (Sherry) Nickel of Omaha, Neb.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by The Park." Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Military rites will be given by the Magic Valley Area Veterans and Auxiliary. A viewing will be held on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the mortuary.

Violet A. Gathings - Payette

Violet A. Gathings went peacefully to be with the Lord on Tuesday evening, Jan. 27, 2004, surrounded by her loved ones.

Violet Kennedy was born June 13, 1920, at home in the country near Des-Arc, Ark. She, along with her brother and sister, were orphaned as children and were raised by their grandmother. As a teenager, Violet and her sister went to Oregon to live with an aunt and uncle. In 1946, she met James P. Gathings in Payette, Idaho, and they were married on Sept. 12, 1949, in Elko, Nev. He was the love of her life for 54 years, and they shared a rare and beautiful closeness.

Mama (Violet) had a beauty shop in her home for 25 years. She



was a loving, giving Mama, always ready with a cheerful smile, always

filled with love, hope, and often fun and laughter. She had many friends and thought always of everyone except herself.

Surviving Violet is her loving husband of 54 years, James P. Gathings; daughter and son-in-law, Jamey C. and John Prusada.

Her parents, her brother and her sister preceded her in death.

A funeral service for Violet will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2004 at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, with Pastor Jim Tubbs officiating. Interment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. Memorials may be sent to the First Christian Church Building Fund, 601 Shoshone Ave. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Mary Adelia Arnold Trader - Camas

Mary Adelia Arnold Trader, 96, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Adelia was born on Jan. 17, 1908, at Corral, Idaho, the daughter of Cas and Mollie Bell Arnold. Her father was a Camas prairie pioneer, having homesteaded there in 1894. Adelia has been a life-long resident of the prairie. She started her first grade of school at Hill City in 1914, the first year that there was a school in Hill City. She attended the eighth grade there, then attended a high school in Mountain Home and Fairfield. She graduated from Fairfield High School in 1926.

Adelia married Everett "Pete" Trader on Feb. 8, 1928, in Twin Falls. They had one son, LeRoy, and they spent their entire married life on the prairie, farming and raising cattle. Since semi-retiring they spent the winters at their home in Gooding.

Adelia was an active member in the community. She worked on the



election board for over 40 years. She was a member of many organizations, including the Ruth and Naomi at the church, a member of the Camas Club and the home demonstration club. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Hailey for over 30 years, a 50-plus-year member of Rebekah Lodge No. 58 of Fairfield and a

member of the First Christian Church in Gooding. Adelia also helped with the polo and cancer drives for many years.

She spent many hours writing the annals of the people, the life and times of the Camas prairie. Adelia was a good wife and mother. She was a good neighbor and friend and will be missed by many.

Adelia is survived by her son, LeRoy, and his wife, Ellen Trader, of Gooding; her granddaughter, Julie, and her husband, Jim Wolfe, of Gooding; and two great-grandchildren, Kyria and Brandon Wolfe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett "Pete" Trader, in 2002; and one grandson, Jeffrey, in 1976.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family members and friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

M.J. Gordon 'Jay' - Bellingham, Wash./Burley

After a valiant battle with a long-term illness, Jay returned home to his Father in Heaven on Jan. 26, 2004, with his family and loved ones by his side.

Jay was born in Bellingham, Wash., on Oct. 22, 1916. He lived the beginning of his life there and in other cities throughout Washington. He later lived in Oregon with his wife and family, Jay and Darla C. May were married in Burley, Idaho, on March 2, 1957. After joining the LDS Church, they later had their marriage solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on April 1, 1963.

Ever seeking a challenge led Jay to a 25-year career as a longshoreman on Portland's beautiful waterfront. Throughout his life he was accomplished at many professions and dabbled in entrepreneurial endeavors and financial undertakings.

During WWII, Jay served in the Washington State Guard, where he instructed future soldiers in small arms marksmanship.

In the years before his passing, Jay was an active and productive member in many civic and volunteer organizations including local PTAs, Elks and Kiwanis clubs. He organized many fund-raising events for worthy charities and foundations. He also was a loyal and long-time member of his longshoreman's union local 8, tutoring math to children at local public schools brought him great joy and fulfillment.

Jay was a man full of life who participated in numerous activities throughout his life. Professional motorcycle racing, hunting and



other outdoor sporting events were a large part of who he was, and during NASCAR season he never missed a race. He adored fine dining and traveling. He and his wife and family shared many adventures and saw wonderful sights and took many long exotic trips.

After moving from Oregon to Idaho, Jay developed a new love, horseback riding. He shared many long rides with his dear friend who he loved and admired very much. Golf was his sport of choice and he never complained about a day on the course when he claimed to have "gotten his money's worth."

As a faithful and active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jay was always grateful to those who shared their testimonies of the gospel and directed him by their friendship and example. He treasured attending the temple with his beloved eternal companion and his willing to serve in any capacity that was

requested of him.

He is loved and admired by all who knew him and will be dearly missed. Any who came in contact with him awed at his ability to draw them into his heart. He had a beautiful smile and loving heart and warmed many with his kind, gentle and tender countenance.

He was predeceased by his parents, one brother, two sisters and two grandsons.

The most precious gifts Jay leaves behind are his devoted wife, Darla, and his seven children, Jay Gordon Jr. and his wife Sharon; Don Gordon; Linda Kingbury-Riding; his husband Tom; Jack Gordon; Doug Gordon and his wife Iris; Brenda Cottle and her husband Brett; and Brian Gordon.

Another great blessing in his life were his 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

We as a family are grateful for Dad's example of integrity, honor and enduring to the end. He was great man, a dear friend and a loving husband and father. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Perpetual Education Fund or Missionary Fund.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at the Fella First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 160 West 400 South, Burley. Officiating will be Bishop Alfred E. Barrs. Friends and loved ones may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 12 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Marvin Eugene Pierson - Gooding

Marvin Eugene Pierson, age 75, of Gooding, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at his home after a long illness.

He was born in Lennaph, Okla., on Nov. 18, 1928, the son of Clyde and Edna Hanson Pierson. When he was 6 years old the family moved to Gooding where he was raised and graduated from Gooding High School.

Marvin began his life-long work in the construction business at Boise Payette Lumber Company in Gooding, followed by 23 years at Volco Builders Supply in Jerome. He founded Pierson Construction Inc., a family business, operating throughout the Magic Valley.

Marvin was an avid hunter and fisherman. His favorite time of the year was during the fall when opening day was the highlight of the year for the select few that would come and hunt the farm. In 1952, he married Marg



Faulkner and together they established Pierson Farms where they raised their four children. Mary Pierson died in 1980. In 1981, he was active in Lincoln Lodge No. 59 in Gooding, Rotary Club, Gooding Country Club, Gooding United Methodist Church and a past

member of several other organizations.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marg Pierson; daughter, Nancy (John) Etchart; sons, Pat (Mary) Pierson, Tim (Cathy) Pierson and Ed (Billie) Pierson; all of Gooding; eight grandchildren, Ryan and Travis Etchart, Sarah and Megan Pierson, Corri and Kylie Pierson, Kash Wilson and Jed Pierson; brother, Gilbert Pierson; and a host of friends.

Marv was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Francis. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at the Gooding United Methodist Church. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding. For those who desire, contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of the Gooding Country Club.

SERVICES

Charles Villines "Bubbles" of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Melvin Ordean Ward of Rigby, service at 1 p.m. today in the Lorenzo Ward Chapel. The family will meet with friends from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the Lorenzo Ward Chapel.

Edward D. Coltrin of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Star First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 100 South 200 West, Burley. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. today, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Rose Louise Kyle Fry of Webers Falls, Okla., memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Earle Quigley of Bountiful, Utah, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the LDS Third Ward Chapel, 1001 Fair St. Friends

may call from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. or Friday at Farmer Funeral Home and from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. before the service at the church.

John Francis Chittock of Burley, memorial service Saturday in Mountain, Ore., at the home of Don Capon.

Russell George Bennett of Iowa Falls, Iowa, memorial service at 4

DEATH NOTICES

Cecelia Hill Ortega

MERIDIAN - Cecelia Hill Ortega, 84, of Meridian died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at the SunBridge Center of Meridian with family by her side. Arrangements will be made by Meridian's Chapel of the Chimes, 105 E. Carlton Ave., corner of Carlton St. and Main St.

Manuel A. Cortez

JACKPOT, NEV. - Manuel A. Cortez, 23, of Jackpot, Nev., died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at his home

in Jackpot. Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Elmer Auferheide

FILER - Elmer Auferheide, 91, of Filer died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at Mt. View Care Center in Kimberly. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church in Clover. Viewing will be held on Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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Utah deals setback to 'Parker Jensen bill'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A bill to give parents near-absolute power over life-and-death medical decisions for their children died Wednesday at the Utah Capitol.

The first so-called Parker Jensen bill to come up for a vote died 4-4 at a Senate human-services committee, killing the measure for now.

The defeat raised doubts for other populist bills inspired by last summer's emotional saga involving the Jensen family's refusal to seek chemotherapy for their now 13-year-old boy, who was diagnosed with a rare form

of cancer.

"I think parental rights has taken a knife, principally by the hand of the attorney general's office," an attorney Sen. David Thomas, R-South Weber, said after the hearing. "The Parker Jensen case is just one of a long line of cases. We receive a lot of complaints" about state intervention in families, he said.

Senate President Al Mansell said he would have preferred to see the measure go before the full Senate for debate, and he predicted it wasn't the end of it. "Some of these things are like the phoenix: they keep coming

back," he said.

The Senate bill was opposed by the attorney general's office, the state Division of Child and Family Services, an association of prosecutors and the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice.

Senate Bill 90 would have given "competent" parents the presumptive right to decide whether to give or withhold medical treatment for their children.

Competency was defined as "a parent who is a conscientious care giver," but Paul Boyden, director of the Statewide Association of Prosecutors, said

that language could be exploited by "a conscientious sadistic" or "conscientious sociopath."

Parker Jensen's parents, who feared chemotherapy would stunt the 12-year-old boy's growth and leave him sterile, successfully fought the state's efforts to gain custody and force chemotherapy on the boy.

The parents ultimately pleaded guilty to custodial interference for avoiding court orders by fleeing to Idaho last summer with the boy.

The pleas settled charges of kidnapping, which were dropped.

Officials blame slick roads for 12 slideoffs

GOODING—Twelve car crashes were reported within a one-hour period Wednesday morning, according to a Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center dispatch supervisor.

There were no serious injuries in that period.

Most of the accidents and slideoffs that occurred between 7 and 8 a.m. were in Gooding and Jerome counties on county roads.

Heavier traffic on the interstate helped keep that road less icy.

Around the valley

after the rape of his sister in 1989. Today, his "Can I Kiss You?" program has been modified for use in public schools, colleges, universities, businesses and caregivers. According to newspaper articles found on his Web site, he delivers a common sense, direct presentation that includes a mixture of discussion and humor.

Domitz's wife will give a presentation to area caregivers, counselors, CSI residence advisors and educators at 1 p.m. in Room 117 of the Shields Building.

The second presentation will be a free public lecture at 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts auditorium; a question and answer session will follow. Students and area families are encouraged to attend.

Domitz's appearance is sponsored by CSI Student Activities.

For more information, visit Domitz's Web site at www.camkissyou.com.

O'leary hosts anniversary celebration, open house

TWIN FALLS—O'leary Junior High School will be the site of an open house Friday to celebrate its 25th anniversary at the current location, 2155 Elizabeth Blvd. The ceremony begins at 2 p.m.

With help from the community and from former students and staff, the celebration will include a slide show of the school's history and a large display of memorabilia.

Principal Bill Brudette said the afternoon program will take place in the auditorium, and will feature special remarks from past administrators Carl Snow, Duke Wiseman and Wiley Dubbs.

The "Planning Agenda" also includes a presentation to honor teachers Maria DeBoard, Teresa Hernandez, Ace Marcellus, Nick Baumer, and Mynde Bolton for 25 years of dedication and service.

The school's jazz band, under the direction of Dennis Bortz, will provide the background music, and entertainment includes a performance by the OJHS cheerleaders and dance team.

For more information, please contact coordinator Beata Davis at 733-4713 or Bill Brudette at 733-2155.

Red Cross helps Rupert family whose home burned

RUPERT—The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho is assisting a Rupert family whose home was damaged by a Tuesday night fire.

Fernando and Angelica Lopez and their 7-month-old son were at home when the fire started at about 10:30 p.m., according to a press release from the Red Cross. No one was injured in the fire in a house on B Street.

The fire appears to have originated in a ceiling fan in the living room.

The Lopes didn't lose their belongings, but they can't live in the house, the press release said. The Red Cross has provided the family money to rent another house for a month.

Patricia Lindholm of the Red Cross pointed out that one of the Rupert firemen who responded to the call — Gabriel Montoya — is Angelica Lopez's brother.

Author of 'May I Kiss You?' gives presentations today

TWIN FALLS—Mike Domitz, author of "May I Kiss You? A Candid Look at Dating, Communication, Respect and Sexual Assault," will give two presentations today at the College of Southern Idaho.

Domitz became focused on the issue of sexual assault awareness

Twin Falls Republicans host Lincoln Day banquet Feb. 17

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls County Lincoln Day Banquet, sponsored by the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee, will be held Feb. 17 at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.

Social time begins at 6 p.m., and a prime rib dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each.

Guests invited to speak include Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, and Reps. Al Simpson and C.L. "Becky" Oster.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP and purchase tickets by Feb. 10 by calling Mike Mathews, Republican Central Committee chairman, at 735-0712, or one of the co-chairmen of the Lincoln Day Banquet, Kristina Gloseg at 736-4075 or Jennifer Gose-Eells at 735-4100.

Kimberly puts on rabies clinic; owners must renew dog tags

KIMBERLY—A rabies clinic will be held Feb. 7 in the Kimberly City Hall garage, located at 132 Main St.

Veterinarians Jerry Jackson and David Clark will provide vaccinations for a \$7.50 fee. Shots will be given from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Flu shots only.

Kimberly dog licenses expire Jan. 3, and dog owners are required to get their tags renewed. They can be picked up at the city office during office hours for a \$5 fee.

Military support group meets Saturday at Jerome Library

JEROME—The Magic Valley Military Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E.

The group meets every few weeks to share ideas, support one another and meet others that have loved ones in the military. Anyone who wants to know more or just wants to talk to others who understand is welcome.

For more information, call Sharla at 536-6159 or Sharon at 536-6111.

— compiled from staff reports

Excommunicated FLDS member faces eviction

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The excommunicated member of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who spoke out against the polygamist sect's leader has been told to leave his home, he said Wednesday.

Ross Chatwin, 35, was given notice Tuesday to vacate his residence in Colorado City, Ariz., by a trustee of the FLDS' United Effort Plan, which owns most of the homes in town.

Chatwin has five days to give up the home before eviction proceedings begin, according to the notice.

"I'm not going to leave,"

Chatwin said. "Otherwise I'll undo all the good I did in the first place."

Another ousted church member, Richard Holm, is trying to restore his legal right to the home he says he built in the community.

Holm, the brother of Rodney Holm, who was convicted last year for bigamy and unlawful sex with a minor, was told to leave last November. His two wives and seven children were then reassigned to his younger brother, Edson.

Holm 51 has retained attorney David Levitt, who successfully prosecuted convicted poly-

gamist Tom Green in 2001.

The moves by Holm and Chatwin are among the most brazen yet against sect leader Warren Jeffs, who recently tried to solidify his power in the twin polygamist towns of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City by kicking more than 20 men out of the church.

Jeffs, anti-polygamist advocates say, rules the community as a dictator, discouraging dissent and prohibiting his followers from communicating with outsiders.

The towns are considered the center of American polygamy, where men are taught they must have at least three wives to

ascend to heaven.

Women are routinely forced into poly marriages — a practice based by the constitutions of both Utah and Arizona.

A message left with Jeffs' lawyer, R. Scott Berry, was not returned.

In a rare show of defiance last week, Chatwin held a news conference in which he compared Jeffs to Adolf Hitler and urged those being kicked out by Jeffs to stand their ground.

"FLDS attorney Rod Parker has said Chatwin was excommunicated for soliciting bribes without the consent of Jeffs.

Kimberly alters car-towing system

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY—The City Council voted this week to go back to a system where cars are towed by rotation instead of by contract.

Last year, car towing was performed by a local company that successfully bid on a contract. The company towed abandoned cars and those left by drivers who were

arrested for driving under the influence.

Since that contract has run out, the city of Kimberly will return to a system where dispatchers use a list to determine which towing company is next in line for the next tow.

In other business, Councilman Tom Coombs reported the purchase of a back-up generator for the water system has proved to be

beyond the city's budget at the present time. It is still to early to see if there is any grant money available for such a purchase, he said.

Council members also discussed activities for this summer and the next concerning Kimberly's centennial celebration. It was suggested any celebrations be at the same time as the Good Neighbor Day celebration.

Trustees close two I.F. schools

IDAHO FALLS (AP)—Citing declining enrollment and limited budgets, school trustees have closed two elementary schools.

Trustees voted Tuesday to close the district's oldest elementary school, Emerson, and its smallest elementary school, Osgood.

The 4-1 vote came after five months of hearings and discussions of how to meet an expected \$1 million budget shortfall next year. Some parents were in tears after the vote, while others were grateful their schools would not have to cut teachers to keep Osgood and Emerson open.

"We've heard the same arguments for eight or 10 years — don't move my kid, move someone else's kid," trustee Jerry Wisom said. "We can talk about closing different schools, but we'll just hear the same thing from different people."

Enrollment in the district has been sliding for years, and Wisom said the trend will likely continue.

District 91 with lowered state funding, which is based on the number of students.

Closing the two schools — the first the district has shut since O.E. Bell Junior High School in the early 1980s — is expected to save about \$670,000.

Only Sharon Pardy voted against the closures.

She said the district should instead cut teachers, increase class sizes or redirect students to balance class sizes.

"I believe in small schools," she said.

But the other trustees said the option of cutting about 14 teachers at an average of \$50,000 per teacher, was unacceptable.

Jury gives life sentence to murderer

LOGAN, Utah (AP)—Cody Lynn Nielsen will be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the slaying of 15-year-old Trisha Autry of Hyrum.

The decision was handed up late Wednesday by the Logan jury that last week found Nielsen guilty of capital homicide and other offenses.

The other sentences the jury could have imposed on the murderer charge were execution or life in prison with parole possible.

Nielsen will be sentenced on Feb. 9.

The jury's decision came after two days of testimony in the penalty phase of the trial.

The start of testimony was delayed Tuesday when Nielsen's father suffered chest pains and was taken by ambulance to a hospital.

Autry's mother, JoAnn, and her brother, Aram, testified Tuesday afternoon. The mother told how her daughter loved playing in the rain, writing poetry and short stories and singing.

"Trisha dreamed of attending the Juillard School of Music and sharing her musical talents and abilities with the world," she said. "But her song was cut off in mid-melody."

The girl had been missing for nearly a year before pieces of her remains were unearthed. A May 2001 at 1949 where he played school in 1949 where he played American Legion Baseball. He entered the Navy and served after graduation and then served until 1956, where he achieved the rank of ES. Ralph married his wife, Karen Nelson, of Pocatello, in 1957 and later graduated from Idaho State University in 1958, where he graduated with a degree in busi-

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more than a year. The opposition was based on odor and permit violations at Glanbia's existing farm.

Attorney Tom Arkoski spoke on behalf of his clients Ben Gnesa and 5th District Judge Barry Wood, who are participants in a lawsuit against Glanbia.

"As part of our agreement in principle, we support the special-use application," Arkoski told the Planning and Zoning Commission.

A few details have yet to be worked out, Arkoski noted, but he said he fully expects a settlement to be reached. Arkoski commended Lanigan for his part in bringing the parties together and praising concerns through the mediation process. The attorney also praised Glanbia's commitment to build the pretreatment plant.

"We haven't signed yet because some of our particular positions have changed and we're still working out some details," Arkoski said.

Arkoski also asked the P&Z commission to tie the application

to the final agreement and an amended permit from DEQ to land apply the wastewater.

Two residents living near the plant, Randy Hansen and John Arkoski, spoke against the application Monday.

Hansen said his concerns stemmed from a previous experience with odor issues and his fear that well water could be contaminated by the next application.

John Arkoski, who lives directly across from the plant, said he wasn't necessarily opposed to the application and did commend Glanbia for finally addressing the problem with the pretreatment remedy.

His concern, however, was that he wasn't sure all the neighbors surrounding the plant were being treated fairly, whether dealing with buffer zones or varies irrigation systems.

"I just ask you that everybody be treated the same," he said.

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ties. Last year the grant called for a 20 percent match, and the budget was pared down to \$138,000 for the Minidoka County program.

Steel said there are no longer any Even Start programs operating in the Magic Valley.

The program was shut down after Education Department officials claimed the school district wanted to end it and failed to meet some requirements. However, Hallett said the district wanted to continue the program, and was able to meet most of the requirements.

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Broadhead also pleaded guilty to drunken driving in connection with the assault incident. A blood test showed he had a blood-alcohol content of 30 percent — nearly four times the legal limit — when he tried to run over the boys, the court said.

Broadhead also argued that the conviction should be overturned because an alternate juror in the trial was improperly allowed to participate in deliberations for up to 30 minutes before the judge realized the mistake.

But the appeals court said the

alternate juror was likely only there for about five minutes, and it took another 50 minutes for the jury to reach its verdict.

"We conclude the length of deliberations anew assures that the ultimate verdict was borne from proper jury deliberations," the judges wrote.

OBITUARIES

Ralph R. Hall - Pocatello

Ralph R. Hall, formerly of Rexburg, Idaho, returned to his Heavenly Father Sunday morning, Jan. 25, 2004, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer and pneumonia.

He was born to Arthur W. Hall and Gladys R. Hall on May 8, 1931.

Raised in Pocatello, Idaho, Ralph graduated from Pocatello High School in 1949 where he played basketball, softball and American Legion Baseball. He entered the Navy and served after graduation and then served until 1956, where he achieved the rank of ES. Ralph married his wife, Karen Nelson, of Pocatello, in 1957 and later graduated from Idaho State University in 1958, where he graduated with a degree in busi-

ness and a minor in sociology.

Ralph also played golf for his alma mater. After graduation, Ralph managed the Karen Lanes and the Tough Guy Lanes in Pocatello. He and Karen left Pocatello and operated the Grub Stake Market in Island Park from 1973 to 1976. They moved to Rexburg, Idaho, in 1976, and owned and operated K & R Lanes until 1997. Ralph was associated with the Idaho State Bowling Proprietors Association for 20 years. After retiring, Ralph Damas Dog Foundation and attempted to establish the first no-kill animal shelter in Rexburg, Idaho. Ralph and Karen had recently moved to Post Falls, Idaho,

to be near their grandchildren.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter, Lisa Hall of Moses Lake, Wash.; son, Brad Hall of Twin Falls, Idaho; and brother, Curtis Hall of Pocatello; grandchildren, Melissa Hall of Cheney, Wash., Jennifer and William Hall of Moses Lake, Wash., Danielle, Kelli and Samantha Hall of Twin Falls, Idaho; and Tia Dawn Cross of Boise, Idaho. Ralph also leaves two great-granddaughters, whom he absolutely adored, Aubree and Emma Denstad.

He was preceded in passing by his parents; sister, Evelyn Isham; and grandson, Ayden Hall.

The family asks that any donations be sent to Damas Dog Foundation.

Robert G. Knight - Twin Falls

Robert G. Knight, 83, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at Twin Falls Care Center.

He was born Oct. 6, 1920, in Westtown, S.D., the son of William and Mary Miller Knight. Bob attended the University of South Dakota. He met Charlotte Jepson in Pierre, S.D., and they were later married in Rapid City, S.D., on June 20, 1942. They moved to Idaho in 1945.

Bob was an employee at Bell Telephone for 37 years and a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. Bob was a member of the United Methodist Church. He enjoyed golfing, camping, fishing and RVing with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Charlotte; three children, Barb (Claude) Brist, Eugene, Ore.; Vickie (Duane) Martin of Meridian, and Mary McBride of Newburg, Ore.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

His parents and one brother preceded him in death.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" with Pastor Greg Lindsey officiating. A private burial will take place at Jerome Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at the mortuary. The family suggests that memorials be given to the donor's favorite charity.



IDAHO

College presidents seek affordable education

BOISE (AP) - Less than 24 hours after student fees for the coming school year were raised more than \$250, Idaho's college presidents urged lawmakers to recommit the state to affordable higher education despite economic stress.



...You have incredible competitive pressures for money. But some, however, some way someone has got to stop this disincentive.

Kustra was even more blunt when he told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee that the sniping and antagonism among the colleges is the worst he has ever seen and is undermining quality education in the state.

"It's deeper, it's sillier, and it's has to go away," said Kustra, who spent 18 years in Illinois politics and came to Boise State last summer after being president at Eastern Kentucky University.

arriving in Idaho and called on them to do the same.

The presidents presented a united front before the House-State panel in calling for more than the bare-bones \$5.3 million increase Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is recommending in state support for their schools.

The governor is recommending a 2 percent pay raise, something the schools agree will help after two years of frozen salaries, but they indicated even more "would have a powerful impact on the attitudes, contributions, commitments of the people we rely on to provide higher education."

Backers make changes to gambling initiative

BOISE (AP) - Proponents of allowing electronic gambling machines at small race tracks around the state have modified their initiative to reduce the amount of tracks eligible.

The changes did not address the criticism of Attorney General Lawrence Wasden that the "initiative cannot be used to essentially overturn the state's constitutional ban on slot machines.

It relies on the definition of electronic gambling machines used in the voter-approved 2002 initiative making those machines legal in tribal casinos, but Wasden said the 2002 law is not applicable of the reservation.

Wasden is to provide the ballot title for the initiative, a mandatory step that is not open to his discretion, within a week. Initiative backers will then have until May 1 to collect the signatures of 40,772 registered voters to put the proposition on the November ballot.

The attempt to expand gambling beyond the reservation is given little chance of success. But those backing the proposition, including Bridge Capital Group, a Las Vegas investment banker, maintain that change is needed to keep the racing industry competitive with lotteries, tribal casinos and other gambling enterprises.

Bridge Capital Group has been involved in similar efforts in Maine, New York and Louisiana.

The original proposition excluded Les Bois. The revised initiative excludes four of the state's nine tracks. It restricts racinos to tracks with live racing in counties with under 20,000 people. That eliminates facilities in Bannock, Bingham and Bonneville counties in staunchly conservative eastern Idaho and the state's largest track, Les Bois, in Boise.

It would apply only to the tracks in Emmet, Rupert, Burley, Jerome and Malad.

The new version also changes the way tax collected from the machines would be distributed. It increases the racing industry's share from 25 percent to 35 percent. It cuts from 25 percent to 10 percent subsidies for senior citizens' prescription drugs and from 15 percent to 10 percent funding for college scholarships.

A new beneficiary is also added - the indigent health care funds of counties with participating tracks. They would get 10 percent of the tax.

Details of the drug subsidy and scholarship programs had not been worked out.

There has been no estimate on the amount of money that could be generated by racinos in Idaho. Recent estimates put the profit at over \$15 million a year from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's casino in Worley, the most lucrative of the five tribal casinos in Idaho.

Board sets student fees at Idaho universities

BOISE (AP) - The state Board of Education on Tuesday approved a range of student fees at the four schools, settling in some cases between what school administrators sought and what students thought reasonable.

The decision also followed a statement from the university presidents that the ongoing-funding pinch for their schools is turning them into "farm teams" for competing institutions in other states to lure away professors with higher pay.

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Marilyn Howard, Idaho Board of Education

third or less of their total operating budgets. "I need the assurance that students are going to feel they're part of the process," said board member Marilyn Howard, the state schools superintendent. "I worry if the University of Idaho is trying to bail itself out on the backs of a generation of students there."

The board approved an 8.5 percent increase for student fees at Idaho, although it could mean a loss of about \$200,000 in revenue for the school.

Boise State University student fees will rise 8.27 percent or \$269, and Idaho State by 7.3 percent or \$252. The students and administrators at those schools were in agreement on those increases.

The board settled on an 8.5 percent hike for Lewis-Clark, rather than the students' request for 7.5 percent and administrators' call for 9.98 percent. Eastern Idaho Technical College will see a 6 percent increase.

Earlier Tuesday, the university presidents cited an article in Academic magazine that higher education nationwide was 7 percent in the 2001-02 academic year and 3 percent in the 2002-03 year.

"Regrettably, in Idaho, for both years you know, the amount was zero," Boise State President Bob Kustra said. "Idaho was lagging in this competitive arena before the recent budget problems, and now has lost more ground during these trying times."

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Completes for Wednesday Confirmed by Senate

Don McKeown, Director, to the State Parks and Recreation Board; Cameron Wheeler, Director, to the Fish and Game Commission.

Introduced in House

H104 (Business) - Revises the limit on license fees for all categories of manufactured home dealers.

H105 (Business) - Establishes the Idaho Electric Safety Code Act governing electrical safety, moving safety standards from electrical code and building codes.

H106 (Business) - Terminates certain rules regarding boiler agents without an employer.

H107 (Business) - Revises the responsibility for issuing an order to stop work and fees.

H108 (Business) - Revises criminal liability for owners and employees of child day care centers.

H109 (Business) - Clarifies two agencies' handling time, cost and agency fees must be accompanied and closely supervised by an adult when hunting.

H110 (Health and Welfare) - Defines "dehiscence" and sets rules for prescriptions for the use of the machine.

H111 (Health and Welfare) - Allows highway district commissioners to be elected by voters.

H112 (Health and Welfare) - Establishes new legislative initiative program and increases fee and fine by the state.

H113 (Health and Welfare) - Revises the fee for a health officer's report.

H114 (Health and Welfare) - Revises the fee for a health officer's report.

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H135 (Health and Welfare) - Revises the fee for a health officer's report.

Tax committee will hear proposal on Idaho constitutional amendment

BOISE (AP) - The first of two expected amendments to the Idaho Constitution cleared its first hurdle Wednesday as the House Tax Committee agreed to consider a proposal that would require two-thirds approval of the Legislature to pass any sales, income or corporate tax increases.

The measure is being sponsored by Republican Reps. Ken Roberts of Donnelly and Janice McGeachin of Idaho Falls, but carries the weight of House Speaker Bruce Newcomb and other GOP floor leaders as co-sponsors.

The roll call vote to bring the amendment to the committee for consideration was 12-5.

Republicans Hilde Kellogg and Tim Ridinger joined Democrats Shirley Ringo, Elmer Martinez and Margaret Henbest against it.

Democrat Chuck Cuddly joined the majority of Republicans in favor of the bill, but signaled he would likely vote against it later. Two Republicans were absent from the vote.

The bill itself is short - only one page long. It simply adds a new section to the Constitution, requiring the two-thirds majority to increase the rate of sales and use tax, state individual income tax and state corporate or franchise tax. It does not require the same two-thirds majority to decrease the tax rate.

"This proposal is all about controlling the growth of government," Roberts said as he presented the legislation to the committee.

Ridinger, a trucking business owner and a Republican from

Blaine County, asked why other government tariffs were not included.

"Why not cover all other taxes and fees, such as the gas tax and occupational license fees?" he asked.

Roberts responded that he believes the state needs more flexibility to change lesser taxes, such as beer and wine.

Democrat Shirley Ringo of Moscow said she normally votes to consider all incoming legislation, "but this is one horse we shouldn't let out of the gate."

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Introduced in Senate

S1219 (Business) - Empowers \$1.2 million appropriation for the Department of Public Instruction for the current fiscal year.

S1220 (Business) - Clarifies responsibilities in certain assigned real estate brokerage relationships.

S1221 (Commerce and Human Resources) - Clarifies responsibilities in certain designated real estate brokerage relationships.

S1222 (Commerce and Human Resources) - Revises penalties for certain violations of real estate agents and brokers to be used only for education of the public.

S1223 (Business) - Revises the fee for a health officer's report.

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S1233 (Business) - Revises the fee for a health officer's report.

S1234 (Business) - Revises the fee for a health officer's report.

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S1238 (Business) - Revises the fee for a health officer's report.

S1239 (Business) - Revises the fee for a health officer's report.

S1240 (Business) - Revises the fee for a health officer's report.

S1241 (Business) - Revises the fee for a health officer's report.

'Right-to-work' opposition group posts large contributions

BOISE (AP) - The group pushing to repeal Idaho's so-called "Right-to-Work" laws has posted a hefty campaign contributions report.

The organization, Citizens to Repeal Right To Work, collected \$27,373 last year, including a \$10,000 donation from the Washington and Northern Idaho District Council of Laborers. Union locals provided most of the remainder.

Almost 41,000 signatures are needed to get the repeal listed on the November ballot. Campaign chairwoman Barbara Harris of Coeur d'Alene said she did not know how many had been collected.

ed. The signatures must be filed with the Secretary of State's office by April 30.

Harris said the campaign is not using paid signature gatherers, and the campaign finance expenditure reports reflect that.

But she said a bill sponsored by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, the most powerful business lobby in the state, could work against them.

The bill would require the signatures to be from at least 6 percent of the voters in 20 of the state's 35 legislative districts.

"Why can't they leave it alone? It's hard enough as it is," Harris said.

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TWIN FALLS - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Driving under the influence sentencing

Matthew Evan Kelly, 27, 114 Eighth Ave. S., Buhl, driving under the influence, second offense, amended to driving under the influence, pleaded guilty \$1,000 fine, \$75 court costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for six months driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation fee; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or be where they are present, submit to alcohol/drug testing; prosecutor, William R. Hoffeldt; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Burchard.

Misdemeanor arraignments

Paul Thomas Hockwell, 21, 1166 Lava Ave., Twin Falls, burglary, felony, amended to petit theft; pleaded guilty \$500 fine, \$250 court costs; 180 days in jail with 85 suspended, credit for 95 days served; 12 months probation; prosecutor, David J. Burchard; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Burchard.

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

Misdemeanor arraignments

Nicholas J. Bell, 21, driving without privileges, preferred conference Feb. 9; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenstein.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Shik L. Hall-Clair, 19, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenstein.

felony sentencing

James Travis Gardner, 27, P.O. Box 483, Kimberly, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty \$633.50 court costs, uncollectible 90 days in jail; prosecutor, William R. Hoffeldt; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Burchard.

Felony sentencing

John J. Henke, 24, 1735 Camarillo Way, Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, pleaded guilty, six years probation; have some determination of the court; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Burchard.

Felony dismissals

Daniel Louis Pappasack, 20, 1800 N. Cole Road, Jerome, aggravated battery, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenstein.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Calvin Lavonne Emery, 26, use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenstein.

Misdemeanor acquittals

Belva A. Gutierrez, 19, battery amended to disturbing the peace; judgment withheld for 30 days; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borenstein.

Misdemeanor withheld judgments

Brian William Cantrell, 26, burglary; sentenced 24; District Judge John R. Butler.

Felony arraignments

William Hildebrandt vs. Judge Beatz and Julio Montenegro, Seeking \$1,244.34; attorney fee of \$600; Plaintiff alleges that defendant

juvenile arraignments

Maquel Mendoza, 15, 894 N. 1200 E., Buhl, one count burglary, and one count grand theft; public defender appointed; preferred hearing Jan. 25; Magistrate Judge Charles P. Burchard.

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court intimidating a witness, dismissed by court; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

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drug paraphernalia, dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge John Van.

Civil filings

Letter David's son Elinor Seeking judgment against the defendant for damages in an amount to be proven at trial, attorney fees and costs, other court costs, print and printer; Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for damages to his vehicle as a result of an automobile accident. Plaintiff demands jury trial.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Joshua Graves, Seeking establishment of paternity, birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father, \$175 monthly support plus 75 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$475 for costs of birth, \$300 attorney fees and costs.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Justin Clark, Seeking establishment of paternity, birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father, \$270 monthly support plus 75 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$214 for costs of birth, \$300 attorney fees and costs.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Nicholas Howard, Seeking establishment of paternity, birth certificate changed to reflect defendant as father, \$175 monthly support plus 75 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$214 for support for a one year period, \$300 attorney fees and costs.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Jacob J. Reed, Seeking establishment of paternity, 70 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$572 for medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$214 for costs of birth, \$300 attorney fees and costs.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Curly Lane, Seeking establishment of paternity, 70 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$214 for costs of birth, \$300 attorney fees and costs.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Wendell Terry, Seeking establishment of paternity, 70 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$214 attorney fees and costs.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services vs. Craig McGee, Seeking establishment of paternity, 70 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance, provide medical insurance, \$214 attorney fees and costs.

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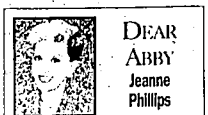
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Readers give advice to waiting woman

DEAR ABBY: I sympathize with "Waiting in Wisconsin," whose boyfriend promised her an engagement ring three years ago. Six months ago, I broke up with my boyfriend. We had lived together for four years and everyone assumed we would marry. I needed to take the next step in our relationship. We discussed it, and he told me he was not ready and might not be for several more years. If then, I agonized about it for several months. Then one day, I envisioned myself five years down the road in the same situation - together but no closer to marriage. I broke down and cried.



DEAR ABBY: Jeannie Phillips

Your advice to "Waiting" was absolutely right. She should move on and waste no more time. I am now in a relationship that is more satisfying than I ever thought possible. Leaving that previous relationship was the hardest thing I ever had to do, but the best decision I've ever made because I listened to my heart.

- DID THE RIGHT THING, SANTA CLARA, CALIF.

is time. I'm pleased you didn't waste as many more than you did. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: For three years, the man I thought would be the father of my children talked about marriage. He would call me every day and I'd be overjoyed. Then he'd say, "We'll do it after ()!" (He had a million excuses.)

The last straw was when he served in Iraq. We were rocky before he left. I stood by him and cried and waited for him to return home. The day he left Iraq, he called to say he had already asked his best friend to be our best man, and we'd be engaged before his discharge from the Army - in two months' time.

Well, he got back. He got his discharge and moved to Texas - and I decided I'd had enough. Instead of getting my ring finger, he got another one.

I have never been happier. Please tell "Waiting" that the sooner she lets this loser go, the sooner

she'll find a real man.

- NO MORE DRAMA IN GEORGIA

DEAR NO MORE DRAMA: They say a gesture is worth a thousand words. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: That woman should not wait another day with My girlfriend was with her childhood sweetheart for 15 years. Each year, he would raise the income level he felt he needed before getting married. In the process, he diminished her self-esteem to the point that she felt no one would want her. She finally had enough and threw him out.

Within two weeks, he had another "sweetie" sleeping over, and six months later he married the girl.

- LIFE'S TOO SHORT

Upon reflection, I think part of the reason I needed the commitment was that I wasn't sure of his love for me. I also believe that he wasn't ready to get married because he wasn't convinced that our relationship was the best for

DEAR D.T.R.T.: Making the decision to move on isn't easy. Sometimes admitting to ourselves that what we want may not be what the good Lord has planned for us can be painful. However, the most precious commodity we have

many clothes. No more, usually, than they could put into a free-standing wardrobe.

Q. Highest tides in the Atlantic are in the Bay of Fundy-between southern Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Where are the highest in the Pacific?

A. Kachenak Bay, Kenai Peninsula, Alaska.

No full-time baby-sitter should forget that "Alma Mater" is Latin for "foster mother."

Queen Agave joined the ancient Greek vine cult of Bacchus, drank herself into an insane stupor, and helped murder her own children. Headlines imply this sort of thing

is now. Incidentally the agave plant was named after Queen Agave. It's from the agave plant that we get tequila.

Q. Don't slot machines take in half a casino's profits?

A. Almost. From more than 40 percent of the gross. Average.

Q. Why did telephone companies give up those old-timey phone booths with seats and doors for the new open-air stand-up models?

A. Cost. Too many thieves, vandals and weirdos tore up the coin boxes, broke out the glass, and committed indecencies therein, making the booths impossible to clean and expensive to replace.

Female snake fights off males by the hundreds

Consider the female red-sided garter snake. When she crawls out of her winter den, she's met by about 100 male red-sided garter snakes. They've missed her. They love her. They want her. In a moment, they all wind up in a writhing vibrating "mating ball" with her somewhere in the middle. How she gets rid of all but one is not explained in our Love and War man's lower-order files, but she does.

Q. When does your hair start growing?

A. About six months before you're born.

If half the people in the United



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L.M. Boyd

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Leo: Consider changes in career

IF JANUARY 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are self-driven but also spiritually directed; you have a higher duty to your world. You are highly inspirational to those around you, but at times you yourself become discouraged and negative.

With your larger vision, you seldom subscribe to conventional wisdom. Deeply intuitive and sensitive to others, you are able to see right into the heart of anything. You love to be in a stable relationship.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraline Saunders

Emotions run deep today, and you have the ability to understand feelings from a very broad and universal perspective. You may want to check in with yourself to make sure your own emotions are truly genuine.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): You feel a strong desire to get your financial act together today. Signs are excellent that you could make progress in this regard; it could even be a good day to ask for a raise.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): During the day today, you find yourself wanting to pin you down, in your own mind, just who you are in the world in relation to everyone else. Don't just judge your self-esteem on career dreams that may not manifest; be sure to understand your inner value.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The seeking or attainment of spiritual clarity is of great importance to you today, and you're especially sensitive and tender. The time is becoming ripe for getting serious about financial situations, even for signing a contract.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's an important day to help others achieve their dreams. Don't be afraid to step out of the spotlight and let others assume control. Travel could yield a new love for single Cancerians.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Today you find yourself wondering if you're on the right path in your career. It's important to you to feel that you are. If you're not going in the right direction, you may want to consider changes. Go slowly, though, in taking irrevocable action.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you're restricting your own ability to take in more of the world, now is the time to shake free of those self-imposed limitations. Great strides can be made in learning, and it's also a good day to get away from it all if possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may feel a need to get your plans to a significant other. The destiny of the relationship should become clear. By Saturday, you'll be able to communicate your feelings with great success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stars are easing up, but wait one more day to initiate new things. This is a day to be deeply in touch with the lessons you are learning regarding duties and obligations. Dedication and service help both self and society.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stars are improving today, and you may feel as if a huge weight has lifted. You are brought into contact with your need to accept attention and (yes!) even perhaps adulation. Also, you're asked by the universe to learn how to relax and have fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your feelings about home, family and roots are being brought to the fore-front. You have something to learn in this area. What is it? Things begin to improve as challenging stars shift.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): How you deal with siblings, neighbors and those you see every day is in the process of evolution. You may also have some realizations regarding your communication skills. Look for needed improvements in these areas.

Crystal applauds friend Murray

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) - A month before returning as host of the Academy Awards, Billy Crystal said he was thrilled that his friend Bill Murray earned a best actor nomination.

"I'm so happy for him," Crystal said. "It's really stretched out in the last three or four years."

Murray was nominated for playing a washed-up actor in Tokyo in "Lost in Translation." The role earned him a Golden Globe Award on Sunday.

Crystal was in Sarasota for a screening of his daughter Lindsay's documentary "My Uncle Bernie," about his charismatic uncle, Bernhard Crystal. The film will air on HBO this summer.

The 55-year-old comedian said he's eager to host the show again after a three-year break, but said he still gets nervous.

"It's a tough room," he said with a grin.

Crystal also smiled when asked whether he'd be dressed as a hobbit, a jockey or a sea captain in the style of some of the best-picture nominees. "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," "Seabiscuit" and "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World."

"We've been working on possible ideas since November," he told the Sarasota Herald-Tribune. "It's tough, because the Oscars are a month earlier this year."

Grown-ups will like 'Mystic River'

NEW YORK (AP) - "Mystic River" is the best movie for grown-ups and "School of Rock" is the best movie for moviegoers who refuse to grow up in AARP. The Magazine's third annual film awards.

The "Best Movies for Grownups Awards" were created to encourage filmmakers to expand their vision and make more movies that resonate with the growing age-50-and-older audience, the magazine said Tuesday.

Bill Murray, the 53-year-old star of "Lost in Translation," and Diane Keaton, the 58-year-old star of "Something's Gotta Give," were picked as best actor and actress age 50 and over.

The winners, selected by the magazine's editorial staff, will receive La Chaise d'Or - The Golden Chair - a whimsical trophy in the shape of a lounge chair.

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Agency urges slaughter of poultry

Indonesia balks at effort to stem bird-flu's spread

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—The World Health Organization insisted Wednesday the mass slaughter of infected poultry is key to controlling the outbreak of bird flu sweeping Asia, but Indonesia said it does not intend to order its farmers to kill their birds.

Two sisters in Vietnam became the latest human fatalities, bringing the death toll to 10. Health ministers from across Asia held an emergency meeting in Bangkok on Wednesday to consider how to stop the disease, but did not reach a consensus on destroying their livestock.

Tens of millions of chickens and ducks have died in Asia — from the disease or in government-ordered slaughters aimed at containing it. Indonesia has not officially reported bird flu cases to the World Health Organization, but announced Sunday it was combating the virus. The head of the country's agricultural quarantine agency, Budi Tri Akoso, said Wednesday that slaughtering infected birds would be left to the discretion of farmers. The Indonesian government is considering a vaccination campaign for poultry.

Pakistan: Contacts supplied Iran with nukes

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The founder of Pakistan's nuclear weapons program and a top aide had black market contacts that supplied sensitive technology to Iran and Libya, Pakistani intelligence officials told The Associated Press Wednesday.

Dr. Abdul Qader Khan, long known as a national hero in Pakistan, and Dr. Mohammed Farooq, former director-general of the Khan Research Laboratories, also have failed to account for funds in their personal bank accounts, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Both men deny they helped Iran and Libya, the officials said, as an investigation into nuclear technology trade nears an end.

"These are the two people who find links and contacts with those who have been supplying many things to those countries who wanted to become nuclear power," one official said.

Another official said Khan had been shown documents and other material and had denied his contacts with dealers who worked for him in the past, but he denied he had profited or played any role in supplying technology to either Iran or Libya.

"He says he is the victim of an international conspiracy," the official said.

Gen. Mirza Aslam Beg, Pakistan's army chief of staff from 1988-91, told AP in an interview Wednesday that Pakistan's program to develop a nuclear bomb had relied on black market suppliers, and Pakistani scientists may have shared their contacts with Iran and Libya.

He complained, however, that the investigation is treating top scientists like Khan as criminals, while they should be respected for providing the country's nuclear deterrent against rival India.

"These scientists who are being questioned today, the only crime you can say they committed was to tell the Iranian friends or the Libyan friends 'Go to such and such a place and the item is on sale. Buy it from them,'" Beg told AP.

Asked what should happen to scientists who were found to have shared "underworld" contacts, Beg said: "Nothing. They have committed no crime."

Beg acknowledged that some Pakistani scientists may have accrued personal wealth, but they had not misused state funds.

Pakistan began its investigation into its nuclear program and possible proliferation to Iran in late November after admissions were made by Tehran to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. nuclear watchdog based in Vienna, Austria. Allegations also have surfaced that Pakistani technology spread to Libya and North Korea.

ful addition to slaughter. China said it intends to kill all livestock birds within a two-mile radius of infected sites and quarantine poultry within a 1.5-mile radius of the stricken farms.

"All countries will adopt the best way to end the spread of this virus as soon as possible. Each country will have to find its own way to end this problem," Thai Foreign Minister Surakiat Sathirathai said.

Dr. Shigeru Omi, WHO regional director for the Western Pacific, said there are three major strategies that must be implemented if Asia is to stop bird flu: Slaughter and quarantine, better surveillance, and protection for workers destroying the infected birds.

Bird flu has nipped through poultry farms in at least 10 Asian countries. Two sisters in Vietnam became the latest victims on Wednesday, bringing the confirmed human death toll to eight in Vietnam and two in Thailand.



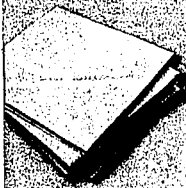
Indonesian men remove the feathers off of chickens with bird flu before selling them Wednesday in Kediri, about 350 miles east of Jakarta, Indonesia.



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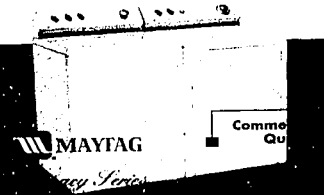
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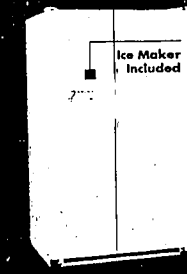
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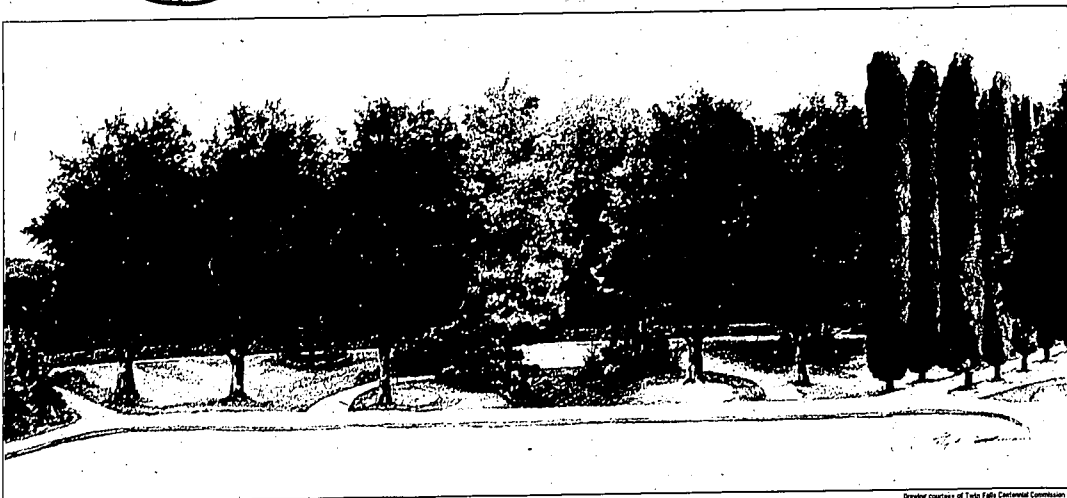
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Drawing courtesy of Twin Falls Centennial Commission

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission hired artist Ralph Lehman to paint this watercolor view of how a future art plaza might look after trees mature. The commission will build the plaza this spring on the Snake River Canyon rim, just west of the Perrine Bridge's south end, to showcase Lehman's bronze statue of I.B. Perrine and tie into the city's canyon-rim trails. Planners envision visitors seeing a peek of canyon through the grown trees; then the full canyon vista will open up as visitors walk through the plaza.

Historical gallery extends run

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The vacant Magic Valley Mall space near J.C. Penney could sit empty while mall managers seek a new tenant. Instead, it's a window to the city's past.

To add a history emphasis to the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's New Year's Eve gala, downtown leaders assembled a gallery in the vacant mall space to showcase old photos of Twin Falls and peddle the commission's fund-raising merchandise.

But even if you missed the gala, you haven't missed the gallery.

The display was a hit on New Year's Eve, so organizers staffed it for a few more weeks. Now, mall managers have invited the Historic Old Towne business improvement district to use the space essentially rent-free through the end of March, organizer Karla Williams said.

Williams is executive director of Historic Old Towne Twin Falls.

The centennial Commission on Wednesday voted to accept Magic Valley Mall's proposal for a 51-percent lease of the space the gallery occupies.

The historical gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week, staffed by Historic Old Towne employees, the nonprofit Experience Works' employees and volunteers from both the Twin Falls senior center and the local chamber of commerce, Williams said.

Admission is free. But there's lots of centennial stuff for sale: commemorative coins, personalized bricks, history, key chains, lapel pins, temporary tattoos, mugs, posters, calendars and items of centennial clothing.

On weekdays, the gallery averages 30-50 visitors per day, Williams said. But on weekends, at any given time, 20 people of all ages are likely to be there.

Visitors to the gallery see pictures of Twin Falls' downtown area - the original townsite - from every decade of the past century, Williams said. The images start in the early 1900s, with views such as downtown's main central intersection at Main and Shoshone.

"We have been changing some of the pictures, as time goes on," Williams said. "We keep finding these wonderful pictures."

Also on display are two centennial-themed quilts donated to the city by Ralph Lehman, a print of artist local quilter's painting of old-time Main Avenue, and a huge sagebrush decorated to look like the city's 1904 Christmas "tree." (The latter might not last until the end of March, Williams said, because it's drying out.)

But don't expect to find Lehman's bronze statue or I.B. Perrine in the gallery at the mall. It's now on display in the lobby of The Times-News, at 132 Third St. W.

The Times-News is a top-level sponsor of the Centennial Commission's activities. And the biggest chunk of the statue's funding was a \$30,000 grant from the newspaper's former owner Howard Publications, through the Howard Charitable Foundation.

The Centennial Commission's Terry McCurdy said the Perrine statue will be in the newspaper's lobby "for the foreseeable future." The commission plans to install the statue at its permanent canyon-rim spot in time for a May 29 unveiling of the plaza and sculpture. If other major centennial sponsors request a turn displaying the statue, McCurdy said, Perrine might make more stops around town before then.

For love of the trail

Canyon-rim walkers buy bricks to boost centennial projects

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Bert Mason and her boss can't get enough of the canyon.

Both women are walkers, and the trail stretching along the Snake River Canyon rim is a source of delightful views. And a bit of civic pride.

"I don't get there very often, but I love it. It's a beautiful view," Mason said. So Mason, a Murtaugh woman who's the charge nurse at Heritage Retirement Center in Twin Falls, and Cathy Lynch, administrator at Heritage and its counterpart Woodstone center, each bought up a bit of the canyon rim's future.

At \$50 or \$55 a pop, Mason bought nine engraved bricks that will become part of a new public art plaza near the south end of the Perrine Bridge. Lynch bought 20.

Their purchases will help the Twin Falls Centennial Commission stage events during the city's centennial year, celebrate local history, build that plaza on the canyon rim and complete another section of trail with great views of the gorge.

The latter project is one that Mason is anxious to see completed. "There's a lot of beauty that people miss because they can't get there to see it," she said. Most of the bricks, Mason bought were Christmas gifts for relatives who live in Magic Valley. She figured the bricks - unlike so many short-lived Christmas presents - "would be nice for years to come."

To buy a brick

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission needs help funding 2004 activities and legacy projects, and the public can help by buying commemorative centennial bricks.

Each 4-by-8-inch brick front will be engraved as the buyer wishes - within the commission's guidelines of taste. Bricks will be placed around the I.B. Perrine bronze sculpture to be erected in a new plaza next to the visitors center at the south end of the Perrine Bridge.

The commission says it can't promise a specific location in the plaza, nor date of installation, for your brick.

• **Cost:** The bricks cost \$50 for one or two engraved lines, or \$55 for three lines.

• **What they look like:** A filler material in the engraved letters provides contrast and protects the engraving.

• **How to buy them:** Go to www.twinfallscentennial.com online and download an order form. Then send the completed form to the address on the form. Or call the Twin Falls centennial office at 735-0800.

• **Deadline:** The commission on Wednesday set a brick-buying deadline of April 1 for personalized bricks that will be placed in the area of the plaza nearest the statue. The commission might sell bricks after that date, too, for other locations that it hasn't yet named.

• **Put the ribbon on this:** With each brick you order, you'll receive an "official certificate of recognition," the commission promises. So if the brick is a gift, you'll have something to wrap and present.

"I think everybody really liked them," Mason said.

When the Centennial Commission builds its plaza this year, Mason's own name will be on display, too - on a brick that was a gift from Lynch. "It's kind of a nice feeling that maybe some contribution, in some way, went to it from me," Mason said.

About five of the 20 bricks Lynch bought went to family members for Christmas. Recipients were pleased.

"My parents cried," Lynch said.

The other 15 were engraved with the names of longtime employees, their length of service at the retirement centers and

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the name of the buildings (either Heritage or Woodstone) they work in.

"They loved it. I got several 'thank you' notes from them saying this was very special," Lynch said.

The Centennial Commission hopes to make \$150,000 in sales through its brick program. Chairman Ken Edmunds estimates the commission has sold just under 10 percent of that goal, and brick marketing is a priority.

The commission's budget also



COURTESY/ The Times-News

Bert Mason, Lynch, and Cathy Lynch enjoy the snow-covered canyon rim trail in Twin Falls Tuesday. The Twin Falls Centennial Commission is selling bricks that will be used in a new plaza on the canyon rim where a bronze I.B. Perrine statue will be installed. Lynch has purchased 20 bricks, while Mason has bought nine. Both women say they might buy more.

depends on hefty business sponsorships worth thousands of dollars. But the bricks give anyone with \$50 a chance to pitch in.

Executive Director Bonnie Lezamis said the Centennial Commission offered each local service club this deal: Sell 500 centennial bricks and get the club's name blazoned on a bench on the canyon-rim trail.

So the Blue Lakes Rotary Club put Lynch in charge of selling bricks. As Lynch was making her pitch for bricks as great gifts, the message clicked in her own mind, she said.

Among Lynch's purchases was a brick for herself and her husband. And because she's also a longtime employee of the retire-

ment centers, she bought one for herself through the company.

"So I've got two. I can wipe my feet on my name twice," Lynch said.

People will use the canyon-rim trail for years to come, she said, and she looks forward to the new trail addition.


"I love walking, and I think the community is working on something to make itself better, and I'm looking forward to being part of the centennial project," Lynch said.

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Hose cart brigade

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It's about 'soul'

The backcountry beckons to snowboarders, skiers

Jason Kauffman
Times-News correspondent

Dropping headlong into the pristine fastness of a snowbound alpine basin is as close to nirvana as many of us will ever achieve in a lifetime. Carving that first turn through a powder-filled meadow while under the watchful stare of a peak's northern face is pure ecstasy.

For the dedicated backcountry skier or boarder, the acceptance of this solitary pursuit is much less about accruing maximum descents and more about achieving a high quality experience. The backcountry is not about endless lines at the ski lifts, combat skiing, or après-ski. Backcountry skiing is about the romance of earning your turns, the beauty of alpenglow-tinged mountain-scapes, and the enjoyment of a high altitude lunch with close friends.

In a word, backcountry is about soul.

I enter into the backcountry for all these reasons, as well as for the fact that I am a somewhat jealous skier. Not in a bad sense, however. While I too enjoy those lift-served days on the hill, more often than not I like my lines unfettered and far from masses.

Destination backcountry

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that southern Idaho is blessed with an abundance of outdoor opportunities, even now in that most bitter of seasons. Blindly place your finger anywhere on a map of Idaho and you're assured of the close proximity of excellent winter recreation amidst stunning mountain scenery.

The names of these mountain ranges are steeped in Idaho lore and signify an abundance of worthy ski lines. To the north rise the pinnacled heights of the Sawtooths, Boulders, White Clouds and more. To the east the incomparable Teton and Centennial range. And to the south the list includes the Palisades backcountry, Portneuf Range, and the Jarbidge highlands. This is just a start; the inventory is endless.

No need to purchase your lift ticket here. All backcountry skiing requires is a smidge of determination and a dash of imagination.

This year's abundance of above average snowfall has given backcountry skiers and boarders in this part of the Rockies relatively easy access to their own private winter playground. Because of consecutive years of below average snowpacks this abrupt change surely sent a collective sigh of relief across the ranks of Idahoans who possess a love for wild snow.

Becoming avalanche savvy

Entering into the backcountry is not without its host of inevitables, though. Of utmost concern to the backcountry enthusiast is the ever-present danger presented by avalanches.

Avalanche aware individuals take into account many factors when assessing the likelihood of an avalanche risk. These factors include recent weather patterns, such as extended warm or cold spells, and high wind activity. Other factors to watch include the



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Travis Armstrong of Boise, looks across the Boise National Forest near Lowman and the hills that reach into the Sawtooths.



Michael Lauber, right, and Travis Armstrong, left, watch as Pat Benson snowboards through a backcountry pass.



Michael Lauber digs a snow pit through some heavy banks in the Boise National Forest.

Backcountry bits

► Scattered liberally across southern Idaho are a host of likely spots to make your backcountry turns. They include these relatively accessible locations:

• Galena Pass

Perhaps the most famous backcountry spot in all of Idaho. And for good reason. Perks: Highway accessed terrain, excellent snow, and long open lines.

Directions: Travel north of Ketchum on Highway 75 until you reach the pass. Parking spots are located near the summit on Highway 75.

• Teton Pass

The granddaddy of them all. This giant of a backcountry area attracts skiers and boarders from all over. Teton Pass is what backcountry dreams are made of.

Perks: A powder lovers dream come true, huge descents, and all accessible from the highway.

Directions: From Victor Idaho take Highway 33 east until it becomes Highway 22 in Wyoming. Drive east on Highway 22 and park at the summit. From here the opportunities are endless.

• Sawtooth Mountains

Opportunities for great powder and limited crowds abound in the Sawtooths.

Perks: Beauty, solitude, and endless lines are there for the taking along the Sawtooth front near Stanley.

Directions: Drive approximately 60 miles north of Ketchum on Highway 75 to Stanley. Information can be found at the Sawtooth Ranger station near Stanley.

- Jason Kauffman

type of terrain features your party is traveling through and the degree of slope angle.

On a recent trip into the backcountry of the Boise National Forest, myself and four other snowboarders employed the tried-and-true methods of both the Shovel Shear test and the Rutschblock test. These tests allowed us to make an informed decision concerning the stability

of the areas snowpack. Obviously, a subject as thoroughly complex as avalanche safety is much too vast for the scope of any article. Becoming avalanche aware is up to the individual. Having the right gear is one step in that process. A properly outfitted backcountry skier brings an avalanche beacon, snow shovel, and snow probe, among other safety gear.

The most important thing you can do to further your own safety is to take an avalanche safety course.

In these classes, experts in the field of avalanche science will go over a wide range of aspects crucial to backcountry safety. Check with your local outdoor retailer for avalanche classes.

Calling avalanche hotlines is another way to increase your knowledge before going into the field. The Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center is a great place to start. They can be reached at www.avalanche.org/~svavcu/, or by calling (208) 788-1200 ext. 8027. For the western Wyoming call (307) 733-2664.

OUTDOORS

T.F. rec extends registration for ski package

The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department has extended registration for the four-Sunday ski snowboard package to Pomerelle Ski Area due to closure of the ski area for extreme weather conditions on Jan. 25.

The new dates for the package will be Feb. 8, Feb. 22, March 7 and March 14. The package includes a one-hour ski/snowboard lesson and lift tickets for all four Sundays. Cost is \$50 and rental equipment is available from Pomerelle for \$10 to \$15 extra.

This package does not include transportation, which is available directly from the Northside Bus Company for \$8. Children ages 7 to 11 must be accompanied by an adult; children 12 and over may travel alone.

Registration deadline is Feb. 3. Register at 136 Maxwell Ave. or call 736-2265 for more information.

Outdoor news in brief

Ducks Unlimited will hold couples banquet Saturday

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

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

Clear Lake Country Club will host fly-fishing Derby

Clear Lake Country Club will host its Fourth Annual Fly-fishing Derby on Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event includes an all-you-

can eat breakfast at 8 a.m., a fishing pass and tickets for door prizes. The grand prize is a 94 Loomis C13 fly rod custom made by Tim Crist.

Other prizes will include second- and third-place grand prizes; Clear Lake fishing passes, Clear Lake Country Club golf passes and special prizes for all tagged fish caught.

Cost is \$25. Register by calling 543-4849 before Feb. 15. The event is open to the first 100 anglers.

CSI offers non-credit goose calling class on Mondays

TWIN FALLS—The Community Education Center at CSI will offer non-credit class "Goose Calling 101" from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Mondays, Feb. 9 through March 8. The class will meet in Desert 112 on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Students will learn to imitate such goose calls as goosey clucks, attention-grabbing honks and

lonesome calls. They will also learn when and what to blow, decoy placement and care and maintenance of their call.

The five-session class will be taught by four-time Idaho State Ducking Calling Champion Mike Plein. He represented Idaho at the World Championships this November in Stuttgart, Ark., and is employed by Sportsmen's Warehouse.

Class size is limited to 20 or so students are encouraged to register early.

Cost of the class is \$50. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Lewis and Clark Trader plans gun show at fairgrounds

Lewis and Clark Trader will be hosting a Gun Show from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 7 and 8 at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$5. Selections of guns will be available to buy, sell or trade.

—compiled from staff reports

Twin Falls hosts Cabin Fever Day on Saturday

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Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will host its 4th Annual Cabin Fever Day this Saturday at various locations in Twin Falls, for children and families who are anxious to get out of the house and enjoy some activities.

Local sponsors and the Parks and Rec have teamed up to offer a day of "open house" activities. This is your opportunity to try a new activity or participate in an old favorite — free of charge. Please note the times and sessions available. Class sizes may be limited. Participation will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Swimming: YMCA and the City Pool will have an open swim at no cost from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pool is open from 1 to 5 p.m. with non-admission fee.

Kayaking: The CSI Outdoor Program will be at the YMCA/City Pool to introduce kayaking basics. Open for ages 10 and up from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Dive Magic: Learn-the-basics of scuba diving. The necessary equipment from the pros at Dive Magic at the YMCA/City Pool. A parent's signature is required for children. Open from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for ages 8 and up.

Snacking healthy: Youth will learn to make healthy snack choices from the Twin Falls Country Art. Learn about food nutrients and healthy bodies. For kids in grades K to 6; 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 999 Frontier Road.

Falls Ave. Fitness Unlimited: Play racquetball, or try a cycle or aerobics class in a clean healthy environment. Open House at 798 Falls Ave. from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Art Classes: Kids can join the fun at Carol Conover's Art Class, at 347 Sunrise Blvd. N. Stop in for a mini-adventure in creativity. Open to all ages and levels of ability, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Dance Classes: Creative Movement is for ages 4 to 7 from 10 to 10:45 a.m. A workshop designed to get creative movements flowing. We will use props to encourage body actions enhanced with music.

Jazz for Kids is a workshop for fast-paced dancers. Learn jazz and hip-hop movements for a fun, energetic dance. For ages 8 and up, from 11 a.m. to noon. All classes to be held at the Dance Center, at 434 Main Ave. S.

Success Martial Arts: Quality role models will help your child

develop skills to last a lifetime. Confidence, self-control and safety are all encouraged during safe, active, supervised fun. Session 1: 10 a.m. for ages 5 to 7; Session 2: 11 a.m. for ages 8 to 10; at 1300 Kimberly Road.

Curves for Women: Try a 30-minute workout with hydraulic machines. Stop in for a free figure analysis and develop a workout plan. A great program for working moms. Located behind Arctic Circle; open house hours are 9 a.m. to noon.

Twin Falls Creative Arts Center: Karol Fothergill leads a class in drawing animals using special techniques. Learn how to draw using the right side of your brain. Class size limited to 15 per class. For grades K through 6, from 10 to 11 a.m. and 11 to noon; 249 Main Ave. W.

Petsmart's Yappy Hour: Bring the whole family, including the dog for "Yappy Hour" for a time of play and socialization. Get answers to your training problems during the training session. Dogs participating need proof of current vaccination. Puppies under 5 mos. — 10 a.m. Dogs 5 mos. and over — 1:30 p.m. Ask the trainer — 5:30 p.m.

Magic Valley Bow Hunters: Test your bow skills on a variety of indoor range targets underneath the Ballroom Building. Compound bows will be available to try. For all ages, from 9 to 11 a.m.; 205 Sheshone St. N.

Twin Falls Fitness Center: Try free racquetball (one hour limit), soak in the heated pool or spa, work in the weight room or on cardiovascular equipment. For ages 16 and up, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; 1881 Pole Line Road East.

Boys and Girls Club: Have fun trying something new, indoor soccer, ping pong instruction and other activities; 999 Frontier Road. Ping pong, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Soccer, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arts/crafts, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Paintball Ink: Challenge actual live opponents in a game of capture the flag at this indoor course. Recommended attire is plenty of padded, old clothes, light gloves and a hat. The paintball gun, course and goggles are provided, while paintballs are \$5 for 100. Liability form must be signed. Ages 10 and up from noon to 2 p.m.; on Highway 50 in Kimberly.

For information on more activities, call the Parks and Rec at 736-2265.

Fishing guide will speak at banquet

The Times-News

The Magic Valley Fly Fishers will hold their 35th Annual Banquet and Membership Drive on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Turf Club in Twin Falls. Cost is \$35 for a single ticket, and \$70 per couple.

Raffle ticket packages will also be available. A \$50 single ticket includes 25 raffle tickets, and a \$100 couple ticket includes 50 raffle tickets. The prize includes a prime rib or chicken oscar dinner, a one-year membership to Magic Valley Fly Fishers and a chance to win the grand door prize.

The event will be highlighted by the feature presentation "A Yellowstone Sampler" by Bob Jacklin. Jacklin is the longest standing outfitter and guide in West

Yellowstone, and has been in the guide service since 1969. He is a world champion caster who guides out of his shop during the season and travels nationwide for presentations in fishing and casting.

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

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

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



Bob Jacklin will speak at the Magic Valley Fly Fishers annual banquet

New system aims to distribute permits more fairly

Question: "I was really angry with your Department over how the unclaimed permits were distributed last fall. Some vendors made applicant lists while others did it on a first-come-first-served basis. I read recently the Commission decided to do it differently next fall, please explain the new system."

Answer: Last fall's fiasco really created some hard feelings between sportsmen and vendors. The department's intent was to make leftover and unclaimed controlled hunt permits available to the general public over the course of vendors and Fish and Game offices on a first-come-first-served basis.

At Fish and Game regional offices applicants were taken on a first-come-first-served basis. However, the department does not dictate general operations at license vendors. Decisions on crowd control and implementation of the leftover permit sales

was a business decision left up to the vendors.

Some vendors allowed applicants to line up at the store and input applications on a truly first-come-first served basis. Unfortunately other vendors choose to begin a list at the store several days before the leftover sales were allowed, then input applications based on the order of the list.

This fall the commission has adopted a more fair way of distributing all big game controlled hunt permits. Controlled hunt permits drawn by applicants in the first drawing must be pur-

chased by Aug. 1.

All leftover permits and controlled hunt permits not purchased by Aug. 1 will be combined for a second controlled hunt drawing. The second controlled application period will run from Aug. 5 through Aug. 15. Applicants can apply for this second drawing at any vendor. The second drawing will occur Aug. 20. Any leftover controlled hunt permits not distributed after the second drawing will go on sale over the counter on a first-come-first-served basis Aug. 25 at any vendor.

As you can see, August will be a very busy month for vendors and the department trying to distribute leftover and unclaimed controlled hunt permits. Sportsmen are urged not to wait until the last day to submit their applications. Out of fairness to all sportsmen deadlines will be strictly adhered to.

The controlled hunt drawings

for trophy species permits will occur in a similar fashion. The nonresident quotas will not apply for these leftover drawings.

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ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

PERCH ON ICE

Nevada reservoir is an ice angler's dream

By Roger Phillips
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE (AP) — It would be easy to mistake Nevada's Wild Horse Reservoir for a large, snow-covered meadow. It is crisscrossed with snowmobile tracks, and the broad-shouldered, 10,400-foot Mount McAfee looms in the background.

The only things that give away the presence of the reservoir are small, sporadic groups of anglers huddled on the ice with their fishing poles and ice augers.

They sit ready with fishing rods aimed at small holes in the ice. When they detect a subtle jiggle of their rod tips, they rear back and the ice suddenly betches a fat perch or rainbow trout.

The scene is part fishing and part social gathering. It's rare to see an angler alone on the ice. Small groups gather, some with spurtan outfits consisting of a bucket, auger, fishing rod, while others are fully equipped with ATVs, tents, heaters and coolers full of food and beer.

Wild Horse, located in northeastern Nevada near the Idaho border, has become a hot spot for ice fishing. It usually starts in December and lasts into late March, depending on weather.

The 1,200-acre reservoir — 3,000 acres when it's full — contains a variety of gamefish, including smallmouth bass, channel catfish, hybrid striped bass, and others.

But in winter, perch are the marquee attraction. "In the western states, it's becoming known as a perch fish-

ery," said Dennis Dunn, owner of Dunn's Wildhorse Resort.

Dunn frequently sees Idaho anglers making the trek across the border to take advantage of the perch fishing.

"The Idaho fishermen are definitely perch fishermen," he said.

No surprise, Nevada anglers like it, too.

Bert Durance and his family drove from Lovelock, Nev., to the reservoir and back nearly 450 miles round trip in a single day — to catch perch.

"I've heard about it for years," Durance said. "We haven't been fishing for a while, and we've wanted to come up here for a long time."

Durance and his wife, Carolyn, along with Jim Hawkins and Gina Lico, had a fine mess of perch and trout spread across the ice. He sneered at the trout.

"I wouldn't even come here if it was just trout," he said.

He prefers the perch because, "they about 10-times better to eat than the trout," he said.

Perch are a favorite for ice anglers because they run in large schools, they're usually easy to catch, and there are no bag limits or size restrictions.

Part of the attraction to Wild Horse is its user-friendliness. The Nevada Division of State Parks keeps the road into the reservoir so well plowed that passenger cars can easily drive to one of the parking areas, and sometimes they can drive practically to the water's edge.

"Passenger cars can almost always get to the first parking lot, after that they're on their own,"

park supervisor Andrew Bass said.

There are outhouses at the park, but they are about a half mile from the fishing area.

From the parking lots, it's a short walk out on the ice and where the fishing begins.

In the dead of winter, temperatures at the reservoir regularly dip into the negatives, but snow and afternoon sun can create some panic-inducing slush puddles.

Fortunately, the frigid temperatures have made a foot-thick layer of ice that easily supports groups of anglers. But the slush puddles are a reminder to always be vigilant and take nothing for granted when it comes to ice fishing.

On a recent Saturday, nearly every angler on the ice was catching fish, which is pretty typical for the reservoir.

"In general, right off the park seems to be about the best ice fishing," Bass said.

When perch fishing gets hot, "pulling a hundred perch out of here is not uncommon," he said.

Dunn recommends anglers use size 8 white or chartreuse crappie jigs tipped with mealworm, night-crawlers, corn or shrimp.

Many anglers also use small metal jigs, such as Swedish pimples, tipped with bait. Bobbers and jigs with bait are also a popular choice.

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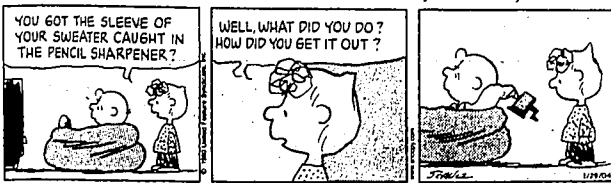
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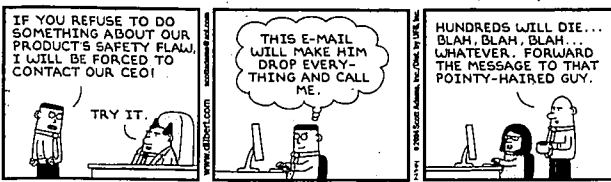
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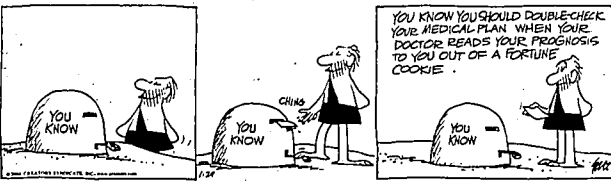
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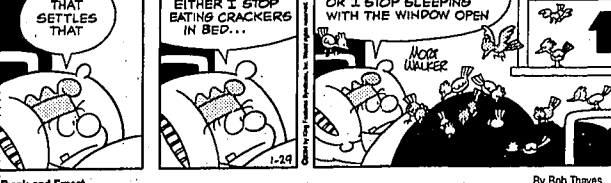
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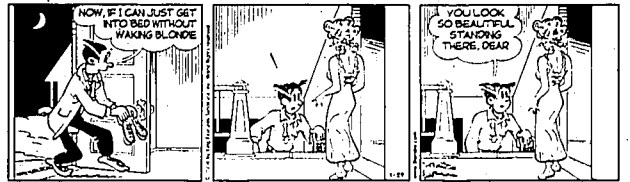
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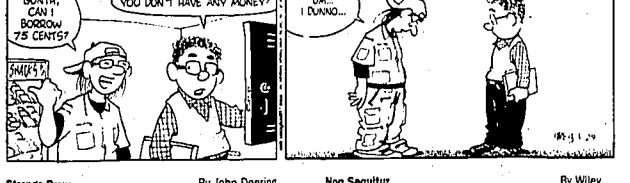
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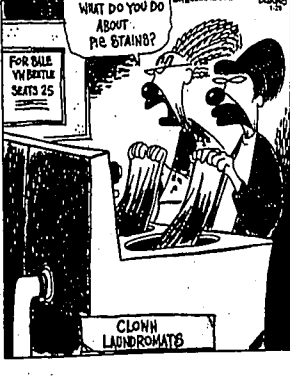
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OUTDOORS



Gonnelve Bookwater pauses her snowshoe hike to take in the view along the Gin Flat Trail Jan. 13 in Yosemite National Park, Calif.

Yosemite offers quiet beauty in winter

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Snow brings stillness to the Yosemite backcountry. It's a solitude not easily found during the high-season summer when some 600,000 visitors a month descend on Yosemite's 1,200 square miles of protected wilderness in the central Sierra Nevada.

Winter attracts just a fraction of those tourists, about 100,000 a month, mostly to Yosemite Valley for views of waterfalls, El Capitan, one of the world's largest granite monoliths, and the towering Half Dome.

Many hikers hang up their gear come the first snow, when Yosemite National Park's backcountry gets socked in by up to 8 feet of the white stuff. Park roads close intermittently and most marked summer trails disappear beneath drifts... other than a man.

But it's also a time when the park is quieter, more serene, even surreal, especially at night, when a bright moon ignites the snowy landscape with a white glow.

For the most part, backcountry access above 5,000 feet is limited to cross-country skiers and snowshoers. In many places, a hiker wearing just boots would sink to the snow up to the knees, making even a simple half-mile walk in the woods nearly impossible.

We strapped on our snowshoes at Crane Flat, where the plowing of Tioga Road ends. The road provides vehicle access across the park's high-country in summer, but typically closes to auto traffic because of avalanche danger from mid-November to mid-May.

It's been closed as early as October due to severe weather. In 1995, after Barry Hance, a park maintenance employee, was killed in an avalanche while plowing the route in preparation for reopening, the road remained closed through July.

The National Park Service may manage Yosemite, but Mother Nature is clearly in charge.

A 3.5-mile snowshoe trek up Tioga Road atop several feet of snow through forests of red fir, lodgepole pines, and the occasional Jeffrey pine with its sweet-scented bark, brought us to Gin Flat, a sub-alpine meadow at about 7,000 feet.



Associated Press reporter Brian Skoloff snowshoes past a meadow along the Gin Flat Trail Jan. 13 in Yosemite National Park, Calif.

We covered about 1,000 feet of elevation gain during the hike below a snowy ridge through a thick forest until reaching the flat, giving way to a view of snow-topped Mount Clark, some 20 miles to the southeast, rising 11,522 feet into the sky.

Legend has it, Gin Flat got its name after a barrel of gin rolled off a horse-drawn wagon. A group of shepherds later found it and spent an evening unexpectedly imbibing the sweet, clear liquor.

We pitched camp at about 4 p.m. after three hours of trudging through snow that seemed to swallow our snowshoes at times in about a foot of powder.

The trail is considered a difficult route, but our party — two men and two women ages 26 to 45, ranging from novices to experienced hikers, tackled it with just a little sweat.

I prefer snowshoeing to cross-country skiing simply for the access it affords. While skiing, you can move 10 times faster than snowshoes on flat ground or a declining grade, but it requires constant effort to climb.

With snowshoes strapped to the feet like giant metal-clawed spatulas, a snow hiker can venture up steep grades and rocky terrain that would leave a cross-country skier at the bottom of the hill.

Snowshoeing is simple for the most part — it's just like hiking, depending on the conditions, although a deep powdery snow can make for a grueling trudge.

Bigger snowshoes allow a hiker to float better on the snowy surface, but they can also be more cumbersome to maneuver than smaller models.

At camp, sunset lit up the eastern sky with a pinkish hue cast against the dark mountains in the distance. Night fell with the rise of Venus in the western sky, a giant glowing ball dominating the darkness, followed by the tiny red speck of Mars up above.

By 8 p.m., our camp became a planetarium, the sky illuminated with millions of tiny stars bunched together in constellations, only a few of which we could name.

Snow camping beckons a different breed of outdoor enthusiast. "Temperatures dropped into the low 20s and a brisk wind howled through the tree tops with this mild winter night. But the sky seems clearer in winter, the air crisper and seemingly easier to breathe than in the hot summer months.

Snow camping is not as challenging as it sounds — a simple plastic tarp laid between the tent and snowy ground keeps things dry.

"I haven't camped since I was a Boy Scout," remarked my 45-year-old friend as the four of us bunched together in a tent for an evening of stargazing and whiskey-sipping, capped with a round of cigars, before making another venture out into the cold.

By 11 p.m., the starry skyscape

gave way to the rising moon, bright enough to read by, and setting aglow the white wilderness.

A few more days in the mountains would have been ideal but this was a quick two-day trip. Our 3-mile hike back down to the trailhead was much less strenuous, tackled in about two hours.

On our way down, hawks circled in the sky. Their prey can be sparse this time of year, but Park Ranger Deb Schweizer explained that another world of life exists in what's called the subnivean space, which forms between the ground and the underside of the snowpack. That's where gophers and moles eke out a subsistence on plant roots and seeds.

It's brilliant from a survival standpoint because you have the snow as a level of protection from predators," Schweizer said. "But predators have also evolved to take advantage of the situation."

Birds of prey including the great gray owl, which can be as tall as 3 feet, can dive down through thick snowpack to snag their prey. So can coyotes, Schweizer said.

"Lots of people talk about it being winter and it being dead, but there's a lot that lives out there this time of year," Schweizer said.

Some of the park's estimated 350 to 500 black bears could be seen this time of year tramping through the snow — and mountain lions, too — though, for better or worse, we saw neither.

Hunter education class registration starts soon

The Times-News

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

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

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

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

- Feb. 23 — Farmer's Insurance Office, at 130 Broadway Avenue North, in Buhl
- Feb. 23-24 — Boy Scout Service

Center, at 2988 Falls Avenue East, in Twin Falls

- Feb. 23-24 — Cassia County Sheriff's Office, 129 East Fourth Street, in Burley
- Feb. 24-25 — ISDB Campus (Round Building), 202 Fourteenth Avenue East, in Gooding

- Feb. 25 — Filer Middle School, 299 Highway 30, in Filer
- Feb. 25-26 — Blaine County Sheriff's Office, 201 First Avenue South, in Otley

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

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

For more information, call 324-4359.



Nancy Duffy is shown with her first bull elk, shot in November in central Idaho.

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The Times-News welcomes announcements and other news from outdoor clubs.

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Your best shot

Did you bag a big buck this year? Did you reel in a whopper?

If you have a snapshot, The Times-News would like to publish it as part of our new "Trophies" feature. We welcome readers' photos of hunting, fishing or other outdoor scenes.

Address your photo to "Outdoors Editor." Then mail it to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83301; or e-mail it to twines@mtc.com; or bring it to our Burley or Twin Falls office. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

Share your adventure

Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? If so, The Times-News would like to print it as part of our new "Calls From The Wild" series.

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Snowshoeing offers more cold-weather adventure

LEWISTON (AP) — Snowshoeing has evolved from a pragmatic means of winter transportation into a sport that celebrates simplicity.

Its appeal, according to an outdoor educator, is almost anyone can do it. Plus, strapping on a pair of snowshoes and making tracks through powder can wrest people from their natural tendency to avoid exercise in the winter.

"Anything that gets you out is great," says Mike Beiser, director of the University of Idaho Outdoor Program. "They are very simple and easy."

In the 1970s, retailers of outdoor equipment marketed cross-country skiing by saying it's as easy as walking. Beiser acknowledges Nordic skiing can be easy, but he says some basic skills are needed to make it enjoyable.

He thinks many people purchased cross-country skis, found them more difficult to use than they were led to believe and left them in garages and closets to collect dust.

"Snowshoes are truly what they were selling cross-country

skis as."

Snowshoeing is more comparable with walking, but it wasn't always that way. The shoes that are designed to keep hikers floating on top of deep snow rather than post-holing to their knees, were once made with wooden frames and rawhide lattice. There were different designs, but they were generally long and wide.

They allowed trappers, woodsmen and others to move through the snow, but the shape and size made wearers waddle as much as they walked.

In recent years, makers of snowshoes have turned to modern materials and the shoes have shrunk in length, width and weight.

"The biggest evolution was when the material shifted from hand-crafted products to modern aluminum and plastic," says Beiser. "Now these new designs allow you to maintain a natural gait or a natural walk without swinging your legs from one side to another."

Add a pair of ski poles and snowshoeing is an easy and sta-

ble way to move through the snow, he says. It's also an excellent form of exercise.

Snowshoes continue to come in several different designs, including small, light ones for running. The running snowshoes typically have sophisticated bindings.

Many snowshoes come with a built-in crampon on the toe to prevent slipping on steep slopes and

icy conditions. They are used not only by people looking to hike in the winter, but by mountain climbers and snowboarders who want to go in the backcountry.

A typical pair costs about \$100, although snowshoes can be found for less or for quite a lot more.

Those interested in snowshoeing can try them before they buy. Several retailers rent snowshoes.

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HAILEY - Horizon Air is trying to bring a new breed of snow-birders to Sun Valley by offering airfare specials for Los Angeles to Hailey and Oakland, Calif.-to-Hailey bookings made seven days or less before travel.

The special airfares are available online only, at www.horizonair.com. The one-way fare between Sun Valley and either Oakland or Los Angeles is \$149 - for nonstops only - available through March 28.

Countrywide hits 121 percent earnings jump

CALABASAS, Calif. - Countrywide Financial Corp., whose home-loan subsidiary has a retail office in Twin Falls, said fourth-quarter earnings skyrocketed 121 percent as the company's broad portfolio of businesses helped offset a cooling in the refinancing market.

The company also reported that full-year earnings had nearly tripled as interest rates, which were below 6 percent for most of the year, fueled a record number of refinancings for the mortgage industry and enticed buyers into the residential real estate market.

Countrywide also set a number of financial records during the year. In the year's final three months, Calabasas-based Countrywide earned \$563.7 million, equal to \$2.74 a share, up from earnings of \$254.9 million, \$1.45 per share, for the similar period a year ago. The per-share earnings in the fourth quarter were the second highest ever.

Revenues totaled \$2.11 billion versus \$1.4 billion in the final quarter of 2002.

Purchase volume increased an annual 33 percent during the quarter and helped offset a decline in refinancing activity.

For all of 2003, Countrywide earned a record \$2.37 billion, a 182 percent increase over net earnings of \$841.8 million the year before. On a per-share basis, Countrywide earned \$12.47 in 2003, up 156 percent from \$4.87 a share in the prior year. Countrywide grew by 87 percent to \$8.45 billion.

FCC defends its phone, Internet regulations

WASHINGTON - The Federal Communications Commission was back in court Wednesday with challengers who say its rules for telephone and Internet services unfairly restrict competition and give states too much regulatory power.

The government requires regional phone companies to lease portions of their local networks to competitors at wholesale rates. The companies - BellSouth Corp., SBC Communications, Verizon Communications and Qwest Communications - say that allows others to use their networks at artificial low prices. Meanwhile, competitors are challenging rules that allow the regional companies to keep their high-speed fiber optic lines off limits to Internet rivals.

The companies are challenging the FCC rules for a third time.

Qwest provides local phone service to much of Magic Valley.

Money tip: Develop your own credit history

NEW YORK - In a marriage, it makes sense for most people to merge their finances.

There is, however, at least one important exception, say Marshall and Henderson, authors of *Money* magazine's "Credit Watch." Both partners should take steps to build independent credit histories.

A simple way to do this is for each spouse to maintain a credit card in their own name.

A sudden divorce or divorce can leave a spouse cut off from lines of credit that are especially acute because the period after death or divorce is a precisely when people need credit most.

To prevent this, keep a card in your own name, Loebe and January advise. It does not need to be your primary credit card, but be sure to use it regularly to establish payment history. Over several years, you will build up a healthy credit history that you can use to draw upon funds if you need to.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Idaho offers online tax filing

Qualified taxpayers can file return at no charge

The Associated Press

BOISE - The State of Idaho has partnered with national tax preparation software companies to provide free electronic income tax return filing for qualifying taxpayers.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said the service will give a majority of Idaho taxpayers free, easy way to prepare and file their income tax returns online.

About 60 percent of filers will qualify, he said.

One of the companies, TaxSlayer American Edge, offers free tax preparation software and free electronic filing for taxpayers who make under \$30,000 per year and for all military personnel.

The other company, Intuit, offers free tax preparation and electronic filing for those who claim the Earned Income Tax Credit or who during 2003 were primary taxpayers either age 22 or younger or age 62 or older. Intuit also offers free filing to people who in 2003 served in active military duty with a W-2.

Taxpayers can find a list of software companies who offer electronic filing for a fee and additional details about the free filing at www2.state.id.us/tax.

The service is offered through the Free File Alliance, a public-private partnership agreement between 10 states, the Internal Revenue Service and software companies in the tax preparation industry.

Delta expands service

Airline challenges
JetBlue in New York

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines is pumping \$300 million into an expansion of its service at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport and, as a result, putting more competitive pressure on JetBlue Airways.

Delta, the nation's third-largest carrier, said Wednesday New York will have a major focus of its growth plans, although executives played down the impact the move would have on its rivalry with JetBlue, a fast-growing low-cost airline.

Atlanta-based Delta said the expansion plan for New York had been in the works three years ago but was put aside after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Besides, Delta executives insisted the move was primarily aimed at increasing its share of international business travelers, not domestic leisure travelers, JetBlue's main target audience.

Still, investors responded to the potential threat to JetBlue, pouncing on its Nasdaq Stock Market-traded shares, which were down 7 percent Wednesday afternoon.

The announcement by Delta, which launched its own discount carrier, Song, last year, comes as JetBlue plans to expand its service to JFK to 250 flights a day.

JetBlue spokesman Gareth Edmondson-Jones said that ultimately competition is good for everybody. He said, however, the company has no plans to look over its shoulder.

Paperwork problems

Groundbreaking
won't take place,
but construction
will still go on

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The groundbreaking ceremony for California-based Hydro Fitting Manufacturing Corp.'s new Twin Falls plant will not take place Friday as planned. But lack of an official ceremony won't delay construction of the 30,000-square-foot building, local business development officials said Wednesday.

Local business leaders - along

with Hydro Fitting owners Seth and Johanne Schwartz, Idaho Department of Labor director Roger Madsen and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne - had agreed to break ground for the building Friday afternoon, said Jan Rogers, executive director of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization.

The site, at the intersection of 3200 East and a future segment of Highland Avenue East, is part of the new Magic Valley Business Park.

But not all of the pieces are in place to put the ceremonial shovels in the dirt on Friday.

"We're still in the process of paperwork - working out the details of construction," Rogers said. "Everything just didn't get pulled together in time."

While the sale of the business park property to Hydro Fitting is nearing completion, the city of

Twin Falls must approve the developer's agreement that allows construction to begin, said Dave McAlindin, the city's director of economic development, that measure is on the Feb. 2 Twin Falls City Council meeting agenda.

The groundbreaking will not be rescheduled, Rogers said, as it would be nearly impossible to coordinate another ceremony. Business is booming right now for Hydro Fitting's California facility, making it difficult for the Schwartzs, to travel from California to Twin Falls often, she said.

Construction of the new facility is slated to begin in February, and operations are scheduled to begin in July.

Times-News business writer
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State holds property

The Times-News

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

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

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

Unclaimed
Property
Halley,
Shoshone &
Twin Falls

sation benefits and the like.

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

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

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- Ernestina R. Ambroz
- William C. Coughlin
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- Wood River Explorers

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- Daniel Robin
- Shoshone Technology
- Faruq Tari
- Dennis Tripp
- Bernice West
- Weston Plaza Hotel
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What to do:

- See your name on Idaho's unclaimed property owners list? To claim your share, do one of these:
 - Call 1-800-972-7650, Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627.
 - Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.
 - Send e-mail to boand@idontax.state.id.us.
 - Log on to www2.state.id.us/tax and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and a link to other states' unclaimed-property listings.

Discovering the solution



Trader Daniel Burke and clerk, shout orders in the Eurodollar futures pit at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Wednesday after the Federal Reserve left a main short-term interest unchanged at 1 percent. The rates were lowered to its current level in June and haven't changed since then.

Fed holds key short-term rate steady at 45-year low

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Federal Reserve, not wanting to upset the economic recovery, held a main short-term interest rate at a 45-year low Wednesday.

Wrapping up a two-day meeting - the first regularly scheduled session of the year - Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues left the federal funds rate unchanged at 1 percent. The funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, is the Fed's primary tool for influencing the economy. The Fed lowered the funds rate to its current 1 percent level in June, and the rate hasn't budged since then.

However, the Fed used some new language in its statement Wednesday, saying "with inflation quite low... the committee believes that it can be patient in removing its policy accommodation."

That's different wording from previous state-

ments when the Fed said that it had leeway to keep short-term rates low for a "considerable period" - a phrase that it had been using since August.

Stocks plunge

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The Fed said that since its last meeting in December, economic reports suggest that the economy is "expanding briskly." It added that "although new hiring remains subdued, other indicators suggest an improvement in the labor market."

The Fed's decision to leave the funds rate alone means commercial banks' prime lending rate for many short-term consumer and business loans remains at 4 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades.

An environment of super-low short-term borrowing costs may give consumers and businesses an incentive to spend and invest more, boosting economic growth.

Sears pares its benefits program

Knight Ridder News Service

CHICAGO - Sears, Roebuck and Co. is cutting compensation and benefit programs, announcing plans to reduce bonuses, curtail stock option grants and phase out pension plans for younger staffers.

The changes are the latest sign that Sears is adjusting its business model to better compete against low-cost operators such as Wal-Mart, Target and Home Depot, all of which are making big inroads into Sears' franchise. All four companies have Magic Valley stores.

Sears hasn't closed a year with a sales gain since 2000.

"In the world of retailing, there are very few competitors with pension plans and retiree medical benefits," said Greg Lee, senior vice president for human resources. "That puts Sears at a disadvantage."

Lee declined to say how much Sears will save over time on any of the new personnel initiatives.

Last week Sears divvied up plans to introduce many as 270 information technology jobs, one of the latest moves by Sears Chief Executive Alan Lacy to adjust to the new retail landscape.

He's also testing a new retail concept called Sears Grand, a Wal-Mart-reminiscent big box that sells everything from appliances and auto parts to greeting cards and vitamins.

The company, however, did have good news for its 135,000 hourly workers. About 20 percent will receive raises. "In some areas, current pay rates are below competitive levels for hourly associates," Sears said. Pay decisions will be made on a market-by-market basis.

Other elements of Sears' compensation and benefits overhaul include:

- Shifting more workers from a pension plan into a 401(k) plan. Most retailers are moving from pension plans to 401(k) plans, Sears says. Sears' previous 401(k) plan offers a 3.5 percent company match; the new plan offers 5.5 percent.

- Current workers age 40 and over may stay in the pension plan or move to the new 401(k) plan.

- All other workers will be shifted to the new 401(k) plan beginning in 2005.
- Employees kept pension benefits already earned.
- Eliminating stock options for

most salaried workers. Starting in 2005, stock option grants will be limited to directors and vice presidents.

- Reducing bonuses for senior executives and most salaried workers. Bonuses "will be reduced to industry average levels and standardized as a percentage of base pay," said Sears, which has 17,000 stock workers. Affected workers will receive a transition payment to offset the difference in the new bonus.

- Eligible workers under age 40 will have access to medical insurance at Sears' group rates upon retirement, but they must pay for it themselves. For workers 40 and older, Sears will continue to subsidize retiree medical insurance coverage, but the subsidy will be capped at 2004 levels.

- Current retirees won't be affected by the changes.

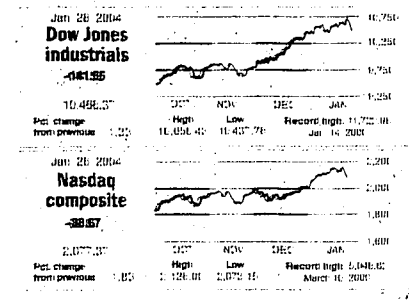
"These are smart and necessary moves to make the company more competitive with other retailers," one former executive said. "It's also smart to start with these rather than broad-based reductions."

Sears also is reviewing its corporate structure, which it has said could lead to a third round of layoffs in as many years.

MONEY

Stocks take plunge on Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell sharply Wednesday as the Federal Reserve's shifting stance on interest rates... Dow Jones industrial average... Nasdaq composite...



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New rules require telemarketers to identify themselves on Caller ID

WASHINGTON (AP) — Starting today, if you have Caller ID you'll know when a telemarketer is trying to reach you... That's when Federal Trade Commission regulations kick in requiring telemarketers to identify themselves... Such calls had shown up on Caller ID as "out of area"...

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Trial revolves around Stewart's knowledge

By Jeff Brown Knight-Ridder News Service

The issue isn't so much what Martha Stewart knew and when she knew it. The real question in the criminal trial that started Tuesday is what did she THINK about what she knew?

By the time the trial over, we may have a pretty good idea, depending on what she says. Said in a key phone conversation between Stewart and her brokerage firm that may be the subject of testimony as early as Thursday.

But maybe not. If that conversation was ambiguous, or there's a dispute over what she said, jurors may have to decide what a person of Stewart's background was LIKELY to have thought. That will be a tough decision.

If all this seems confusing, welcome to the shadowy world of insider-trading rules. Volumes can be said about this in laypeople's terms it boils down to this: It's illegal to base a decision to buy or sell a security, such as a stock, on information that is not available to other investors.

Stewart, the uber-homemaker, is on trial in New York on charges of insider trading. She allegedly reached Stewart while her jet was refueling in Texas and told her the Waksal family was selling all its shares. Stewart then ordered her shares sold, the prosecution says.

Sam Waksal and Stewart, who had dated in the past, had a phone conversation Stewart had with her broker's assistant, Douglas Faneuil, who was scheduled to testify for the prosecution.

In opening statements Wednesday a prosecutor described it as Stewart while her jet was refueling in Texas and told her the Waksal family was selling all its shares. Stewart then ordered her shares sold, the prosecution says.

Stewart's lawyer said she was getting nonpublic information, that she was relying on inside information, that she was getting nonpublic information, that she was relying on inside information.

What about those inside information? It is not enough that the information be disclosed to a few Wall Street analysts - who are likely to tell only their own customers. Or, to be considered public, does it have to be spread more widely - through press releases, news conferences, filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission or other avenue to which any ordinary person has access?

What about an outsider who gets inside information second-

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MUTUAL FUNDS

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TV program features local dog and owner - COMMUNITY EVENTS

HANSEN - A Twin Falls woman and her dog will be featured on a National Geographic Channel program. The program, featuring Connie Sharkey of Twin Falls, her dog Buddy, and the Hansen Community Library, will be aired at 4 p.m. Friday, 7:30 a.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Feb. 6 on the channel. On Sept. 16, 2003, an independent film crew from Montreal, Quebec, visited the Hansen Community Library to film segments for a program entitled "Dogs With Jobs."

Education Assistance Dogs, where children who are learning to read can read to dogs. Sometimes, children who are learning to read become stressed, nervous and self-conscious and worry about making mistakes. The therapy dogs foster feelings of safety and acceptance, provide comfort, reinforce learning, encourage positive social behavior, decrease loneliness and enhance self-esteem, which helps the child look forward to reading instead of focusing on their own inadequacies and dreading the idea, the library reported. Other benefits include "turning off" anxiety, anger and depression; increasing the positive expectations of both the child and others; and promoting the love of books. Sharkey and Buddy also had participated in the library's summer reading program, together with Debbie Morton and her black Labrador, Dakota, to introduce the children to therapy assistance dogs.



Connie Sharkey of Twin Falls and her dog, Buddy, will be featured on an upcoming National Geographic Channel program.

Want to help?

Intermountain Therapy Animals seeks volunteer teams to work with children to promote the love of reading as a lifelong skill and pleasure. Intermountain Therapy Animals is a nonprofit organization specializing in providing animal-assisted therapy in the areas of physical, occupational, speech and psychotherapy, as well as special education. Anyone interested can call Connie Sharkey at 733-2133 or Intermountain Therapy Animals at 1-877-485-1121.

Family thanks Wendell Fire department for party help

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for everyone that helped us with our dad's 80th birthday open house celebration. A very special thank you to the Wendell Fire Department for allowing us to come in and take over the station plus clean up for us and to the Branded Iron Restaurant in Wendell that gave us wonderful service and put on an excellent meal for our large group after the party. BOB AND RACHAEL BITTNER and RUTH AND MARK BITTNER Caldwell

Book store kindness extends to Boys and Girls Clubs

Over the holidays and until its closure, Walden Books asked customers to purchase gift certificates to be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. Through its efforts and generosity of customers, I was able to purchase new books for child reading time, games for the game room, books on cooking, magic and scientific experiments for our daily programming and two new dictionaries, a world book and facts, and all of our prizes for our end-of-the-year academic awards ceremony.

O'Leary Cheerleaders offer cheer camp for kids



The O'Leary Junior High ninth-grade cheerleaders are from left to right; back row: Delora Edmunds, Clara Johansen and Allie Stephens; center: Hanna Pappas and Veronica Fairbanks; front: Ashley Vaughn, Ashlee Whitlides, Allie Greaves, Ashley Kehn and Kelsey Clark. TWIN FALLS - The O'Leary Junior High School ninth-grade cheerleaders will hold a cheer-leader camp for children from kindergarten to sixth grade. The camp will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. on Saturday in the O'Leary gym, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd. Participants will learn to cheer, dance and chant, and, on Feb. 3, they will perform during half-time. The camp can only have 50 participants, but if there is enough

demand a new camp will be set up. The cost is \$20, which includes two pom poms and a T-shirt. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Parents should send their name, child's name, child's shirt size and full amount to Kaylyn Hamblin, O'Leary Junior High, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls, ID 83301. For more information, call Veronica Fairbanks at 212-1510.

Safe Harbor finds friends in supporters over the year

Safe Harbor had a wonderful first year! Many needs were met because of the generosity of numerous supporters throughout the Magic Valley area. The following are some of those supporters: Glanbia Foods Inc., Ace Printing, Arctic Circle, First Christian Church Women, Clover Lutheran Women, John A. Coleman Child, Costco, Dick's Pharmacy, Farm Irrigation, Gem State Paper, Gem State Realty, Golden Cone Inc. (d/b/a Dairy Queen), Great Harvest, Barry K. Hamilton, Idaho Delta Epsilon, Kurt's Pharmacy, Little Red Hen, Magic Valley International, Meser Machine Shop Inc., Mustard Seed, Nielsen & Co. (a real estate developer), O'Leary Bible Club, Petersen Brothers Construction, Rock Creek Community Church, S&G Produce, Simpler Times, Sinclair & Co., Siren Insurance, J.D. Sparks, Jeff Stoker (attorney), Solo Cup, Western Refrigeration Contractors and U.S. Cellular. On behalf of Safe Harbor, an emergency assistance organization, I thank each individual and organization who helped us in 2003. PHYLLIS BERG Safe Harbor President Twin Falls

CSI offers computer courses online

TWIN FALLS - Anyone with a computer, Internet access and a desire to take college level classes is invited to look into the online courses offered this semester by the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. CSI Instructional Technology Center Director Ediz Szanto will teach several of the classes that she describes as short, intensive courses. "Blackboard" (COMP P199 C28W) is a popular online course management system that allows students to use discussion forums, virtual classroom, assessments and other online learning tools, the college reported. It will run from Feb. 16-27 and is one credit. "Online Learning Environments" (EDUC 265 C01W) is designed for those who would like to learn to be successful online students, as well as for those who would like to become online facilitators. The three-credit course runs from Feb. 23 to May 13.

Benefit concert draws good crowd, entertainers

I would like to say thanks to all the people who showed up in support of "The Singing Janitors" benefit concert for Darren Woodward. This event was to raise money to help out Darren and his family with medical expenses from his accident last summer. There was slightly over 100 people who attended, and to show their support for Darren, donated \$802 to the cause. Thank you to those who were so generous in their donations. I would also like to thank all the performers who made the night what it was, including Spartan Dance Force, Reflections, Definition Dance, East Minico sixth, seventh- and eighth-grade choir and One Accord. A special thanks to Caroline Davis, Coleen Davis and Alice Schenk for their help. And also thanks to the following: Minico High School, stage and light crews, Lee Family Broadcasting, area churches, KMYT and The Times-News. Thanks again and God bless. THOM STIMPSON The Singing Janitor Paul

Kimberly senior center serves up pork chop meal

KIMBERLY - The February pork chop dinner, hosted by the Kimberly Ageless Senior Citizens, will be served from noon until 2 p.m. Sunday at the center at 310 Main St. N. The pork chop meal will cost \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. Everyone is invited.

M.V. Humane Society holds People for Pets meeting

TWIN FALLS - The public meeting of the Magic Valley Humane Society Inc. People for Pets, will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 736-2299.

Golden Years Senior Center plans two trips for 2004

SHOSHONE - The Golden Years Senior Center has two trips planned for 2004. The first trip, a combination cruise/fan trip, is to Alaska on June 14-24. The second trip is a New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C. trip on Nov. 15-20. Participants do not have to be seniors. If interested in either trip, call the senior center at 886-2369 or Virginia Churchman at 886-2128.

American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers

BURLEY - The American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program is building a local network of volunteer drivers to provide cancer patients with transportation to and from their treatments. Transportation is provided according to the needs and available resources in the community. Anyone who would like to volunteer as a driver should contact the American Cancer Society recruiting volunteers in the Minicassia area to ensure that all cancer patients have transportation when they need it, organizers say. Anyone who has a car and would be available once a month or once a week is asked to volunteer. For more information or to get involved, call Patricia Lindholm at 733-6464 or visit the office, 1139 Falls Ave. E. Suite B, Twin Falls.

Improvement Night at the Cosmic Jolt, 120 Broadway Ave. S, Buhl.

Actors will present games of improv for the audience. Admission is free. The International Thespian Troup: 6053 also will have its thespian induction ceremony the same night. All past and present Thespians are invited to attend.

Scout troops hold annual pancake supper in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Cub Scout Pack 65, Boy Scout Troop 65 and Girl Scout Troop 640 will have their 31st annual pancake supper from 4-8 p.m. March 6 at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls. The supper includes all-you-can-eat buttermilk pancakes, scrambled eggs, link sausages, hash browns, coffee and punch. The cost for single tickets is \$4.25; family tickets is \$12.

Red Cross seeks volunteers to be junior club members

TWIN FALLS - The South Central District Office of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers, ages 12-21, who are interested in becoming Red Cross Junior Club members. Members will be involved in community service projects, fundraising and learning disaster preparation, prevention and response.

Jerome Recreation District announces new leadership

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District board members elected new leaders on Jan. 19 for the January 2004 to December 2004 term. Bryan Craig is president; Lorri Prescott, vice president; and Dave Parrish, secretary/treasurer. Dave Davis served as president from January 2003 to December 2003.

U of I Extension offers diabetes education program

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho Extension office will offer a diabetes education program, "The Healthy Diabetes Plate," from 6-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 3-24 at the Twin Falls County Office building, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls. The class will teach people how to successfully manage diabetes through healthy eating habits. Family and consumer sciences extension educators, Rhea Lanting and Cammie Jayo, will be the instructors with Gretchen Manker assisting. The cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. The cost includes materials, food, supplies used in the four classes and a cookbook. For more information or reservations, call 734-9590 or email rhlanting@uidaho.edu.

Connie Smith will host Mary Time Club Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Mary Time Club's next meeting will be Tuesday at the home of Connie Smith. Co-hostess will be Dorothy Stroud. Roll call is "Pet Peeves." The club met Jan. 6 at the home of Betty Siffer. Eleven members were present and thanked their secret pal for cards. Roll call for the meeting was show and tell, and the white elephant was won by Connie Smith.

Rupert committee seeks Fourth of July parade theme

RUPERT - The Rupert Fourth of July Committee is seeking a theme for the 2004 parade. Ideas should be mailed to: Rupert Fourth of July Committee, P.O. Box 344, Rupert, ID 83350. Ideas should be received by Feb. 20. For more information, call Roberta at 436-4751.

Mal family appears on national talk show today

BURLEY - Janet Kramer-Mai, her husband, Eric, and their children, Taylor, Colby and Brady, will appear on "Living It Up! with Jack and Ali," a nationally-televised daytime talk show, at 11 a.m. today on station KIDK Pocatello-Idaho Falls. The Mai family live in Trenton, Ga. Eric Mai is the son of Renee and Bill Mai of Burley. Janet is a cancer survivor and will be honored on the show for her commitment and outstanding contribution to cancer patients and to her job as women's breast cancer educator at Erlanger Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Buhl High School drama presents 'Improv Night'

BUHL - The Buhl High School

Gooding Middle School announces second quarter honor roll students

GOODING - Gooding Middle School announced its second quarter honor roll students. Sixth grade: Timothy Arkoshov, Deedra Bauman, Joshua Baller, Justin Dalton, Derek Gerratt, Samantha Gonzalez, Jessica Hernandez, Justin Jaker, Devin McCool, Kayla Rodriguez, Benjamin Uecker, Jeffrey Wolfe, Austin Ratensh, Amanda Beman, Kyle Bryant, Ramoneda Eilly, Bernery Mamant, Kelsey Norrl, Talen Turner, Jeffrey Wagner, Brittany Whit, Jesus Alvarez, Adrian Bernal, Nicolas Legarreta, Shelby Boney, Kristin Siew, Stephanie Stockland, David VanKloek, Allison Hight, Danielle Ervin, Ross Gonzalez, Kyle Lemm, Danielle Pickens, Katherine Pullin, Mackenzie Stevens, Leonardo Leija, Jose Campa, Amie Coyne, Juan Galas, A. Beck Stewart, Colton Summers, Matthew Tracholt, Joshua Fitzgerald, Alex Garcia, Shaina Ortega, Miguel Valde, Kayla Baker, Austin Callerton, Mackey Eggenfeldt, Glenn Gill, Tiffany Avila, Brianna Qualls, Kody Schlemmer, Shailey Tinsley, Cody Young, Francisco Garcia, Hattie Dennis, Weylon Eder, Lynette Gill, Denzell Lopez, Kristy Brenwood, Tommy Shobe, Amberly Trivedige. Seventh grade: Chance Amundson, Christina Anderson, Kendra Cockerham, Colton Knopp, Mikaela Kovis, Jessica McLean, Lena Nielsen, Justin Parke, Chloesee Qualls, Jared Hutchinson, Alan Wilton, Renee Howells, Jessica Thauberth, Halley Byrne, Cy Zenes, Katie Hobley, Renee Wolfe, Alma Cabrera, Katie Griffin, Crystal McLean, Jasper Peterson, Ethan Brown, Rosario Hurtado, Tyler Rex, Marissa Taylor, April Ortega, Eric Chaney, Zulema Suarez, Miguel Sanchez, Christopher Balcer, Brian Barbra, Rezonee Durfee, Evan Turner, Olivia Bloomerita, Jordan Braga, Elizabeth Gerlach, Rolanda Gutierrez, Lindsay Hill, Benjamin Jones, Madi Jessop, Kristy Kolben, Jeremy Kyle, Sandra Magana. Eighth grade: Jacob Bow, Blair Gerratt, Mattie Jensen, Vanessa Jolley, Jeremy Koyse, Melissa Ledwood, Alisa Reed, Haidee Shubert, Zachary Childs, Megan Pierce, Chayanna Robinson, Matt Arkoshov, Kimberley Beahm, Camille Hight, Karley Barham, Logan Scott, Justis Panoza, Heather Bern, Eric Hernandez, Mauro Byrne, David Bauman, Jessica Burnett, Brenna Gonzalez,

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Ek Balam: A place to stir your soul

A trip to the Mayan ruins in the Yucatan Peninsula is an experience sure to stir your soul. Once you've stepped back in time, you may not return to civilization quite the same.

One of the most remarkable ruins to explore on the Yucatan Peninsula is Ek Balam. Also known in the Mayan world as Jaguar Star or Black Jaguar, Ek Balam is located 11 miles north of Valladolid, just two hours west of Cancun.

Opened to the public in 2000, Ek Balam offers a superb representation of Mayan art and architecture. The ruins are unique in the fact that they represent many different architectural styles, including those from eastern and western Yucatan, Puuc and Rio Bec.

With its earliest beginnings, Ek Balam has been dated back to 100 B.C., though its time of splendor was from 700 to 1000 A.D. For hundreds of years, Ek Balam sat silently under the jungle canopy until French explorer, Desire Charnay, discovered this ancient city in 1886.

In 1994, the National Institute of Anthropology and History began extensive excavations and restoration under the direction of Leticia Vargas de la Pena and Victor R. Castillo Borges.

The findings at Ek Balam have been phenomenal. Today, the ruins are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with an entry fee of under \$3. Entrance to all ruins in Mexico is free on Sunday.

Upon arriving at this amazing ancient city, we were greeted by a heady aroma of orchids. It had just rained and that perfume filled the air from the flowers that grow wild on the branches of tall trees in the jungles and rain forests of Mexico.

At first glance, we were captivated by the size and beauty of Ek Balam. We entered the plazas through a ceremonial Korbel arch and immediately noticed many unusual structures.

An oval pyramid has been unearthed here as well as a set of twin pyramids. There are also, two large stelae (decorated standing stones that commemorate historical or religious events), a ball court, several



Terry Barnes on the steps of the Acropolis at Ek Balam.



BUENAS VISTAS
Karla Barnes

other low lying structures and the enormous Acropolis.

The Acropolis is the largest restored building at the site and one of the largest pyramids ever excavated in the Yucatan.

It measures 517-feet long, 200-feet wide and 96-feet tall. That makes it taller than the largest pyramids at Chichen Itza and Uxmal.

This pyramid has six levels where the hierarchy of Ek Balam once lived and were entombed. It is elegantly decorated with many exquisite frescos and friezes.

The stucco friezes here are some of the most beautiful in the Mayan World. A unique feature on the front of the Acropolis is a set of huge "monster-like" jaws. This feature represents a passageway to the underworld.



The 'monster-like' jaws on the Acropolis, which is one of the largest pyramids ever excavated in the Yucatan.

Thatched roofs protect this fabulous structure from deterioration.

A climb to the top of the Acropolis will give you a bird's eye

view of the entire city of Ek Balam. On a clear day you can see Coba, another ancient Mayan City, 30 miles away.

Ek Balam is a special place that is yet to be discovered by huge tour-groups.

It is a jewel in the jungles of the Yucatan and a great stop on your next trip to Mexico.

Karla Barnes is a Borley resident. She and her husband are frequent visitors to Mexico.

Candidates' strive to reach Hispanic voters

By Mary Beth Sheridan
The Washington Post

Howard Dean was outraged. Worse, he was outraged in Spanish. Eyebrows arching, finger jabbing the air, voice dripping with contempt, he stirred his Latino audience by attacking President Bush for what he'd done to *nosotros* *ingresos*.

That is, to "us incomes." Bush and the gaggle of Democrats seeking to unseat him are pursuing Hispanic voters as never before. In debates and TV ads, in one-on-one chats and in town hall meetings, the Democratic hopefuls have shown a remarkable — some might say reckless — tendency to go bilingual.

This strategy isn't without its hazards. In his speech last year to the Latino audience in Phoenix, Ariz., for example, Dean confused "our" (*nuestros*) with "us" (*nosotros*). If only he were the only one. Latinos are now the nation's largest minority, a prize for any politician. And they make up a significant part of the population in two states — New Mexico and Arizona — holding early primaries, on Feb. 3. Small wonder, then, that the Democrats kicked off their presidential candidates' debates in Albuquerque, N.M., last September with questions in Spanish and English. A similar bilingual event occurred in Phoenix.

U.S. leaders have long had a tenuous relationship with foreign languages. President John Kennedy declared himself a jelly doughnut in his "Ich bin ein Berliner" speech (rather than a Berlin resident, or Berliner, without the "ein"). Former House Speaker Jim Wright, on a trip to Mexico, once tried to say he was embarrassed, "*Estoy embarazado*," he declared, unwittingly

revealing that he was pregnant.

Fortunately that dark era is over. The current crop of Democratic candidates features a cosmopolitan, multilingual lot. Jake Kerry, the Massachusetts senator: He speaks Italian, French and some Spanish. Retired Gen. Wesley Clark speaks French and learned Spanish while heading the U.S. Southern Command. He also admits to conversing in Russian "with the help of vodka."

Not everyone sees the fractured Spanish as comical. Some Latinos interpret it as a sign of respect for their growing political clout.

"When I was growing up, that (Spanish-speaking) was frowned upon," said Gene Henley, deputy director of the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque. "So the fact that many of the candidates have an understanding and appreciation for Hispanic culture and language is, I think, outstanding."

At the White House, Bush offers "*bienvenidos*" to foreign dignitaries and talks about his *familia*. He speaks Spanish to dignitaries, to his staff and to the press corps.

Bush isn't fluent, veering often into English when his Spanish runs dry. But he hasn't made a major faux pas as other politicians have. A few years ago, then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich released a statement marking the holiday of Cinco de Mayo in which he translated his title as "Hablador."

But *hablador* isn't "speaker," at least not the kind the Republican congressman had in mind. The authoritative New Revised Webster's Spanish and English Dictionary defines an *hablado* as "an impudent prattler, a trifling talker, a gabbler, a prattler, a chattering fellow."

Magazine features Hispanic Heritage Fiesta car show

By Levi Apsleya
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Photos of the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta car show will be featured in Street Customs magazine in February.

The magazine, based in Whittier, Calif., will publish photos taken at the car show held on Aug. 10, 2003, as part of 14th annual Hispanic event, El Dia en El Valle (A Day in the Valley) at Twin Falls City Park.

Monica Solis of Twin Falls, car show organizer, brought in a magazine representative last year to Twin Falls to cover the event for the national magazine that covers lowrider shows across the nation. She says she hoped that this will show people around the nation

that people in Idaho own and work on lowrider cars.

Sixty trophies were given out during the fiesta event, which included several categories ranging from lowrider bicycles to cars and trucks. Almost 100 vehicles entered the show, and about 25 to 30 vehicles entered the sound-off competition, which tested the volume of car stereo systems.

Solis has begun preparations for this year's show in August. Her husband, Cesar Solis, will be checking into trophies for the winners. They hope to get 150 entries this year and add more categories to attract a variety of people.

For more information on the Street Customs magazine publication, check out its Web site at www.streetcustoms.com.

STRIVING TO WIN



America's soccer player, Jesus Hernandez, right, heads the ball as Puma's Jose Lopez challenges at the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City Jan. 18 during their Mexican first division game. America tied the Pumas, 2-1.

L.A. plans edition of Spanish paper

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles edition of the Spanish-language daily Hoy will be launched in March, Tribune Co. said. The announcement came on the heels of a recent report that the parent companies of La Opinion, the dominant Spanish-language daily in Los Angeles, and El Diario/La Prensa, a New York newspaper published in Spanish, would join forces.

Tribune already publishes editions of Hoy in Chicago and New York. The 5-year-old newspaper, with total circulation of 94,000, is the second-largest Spanish-language newspaper in the country after La Opinion. Tribune also owns the Los Angeles Times.

"Hoy will bring news and information to Los Angeles Hispanics with a focus on their local communities, and also provide them with news from their native countries," said Luis Soto, publisher of Hoy.

Gomez brothers fuse dual cultures

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — At first, Sergio and Francisco Gomez don't object to the idea of posing for photos on the streets of their old neighborhood, in the mixed black and Latino area near the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Growing up, the Gomez brothers were not just conscious of black culture. Like the children of many Mexican immigrants who have settled in the predominantly black neighborhoods of South Los Angeles, the boys had come to adopt the style and music of their new neighbors and classmates.

The Gomez brothers have caused a minor sensation with their new album, "Proyecto Akvid." Released in June on Unkivision Records, part of the media family that includes the leading Spanish-language television network in the United States, the album has stayed in the national Latin top 20 for six months.

Akvid's success has now traveled back across the border, taking the duo on tour earlier this year to major cities such as Guadalajara, not far from the town of Jiquilpan, Michoacan, where the brothers were born.

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COMMUNITY

Wood River releases honor roll

HAILLEY - Wood River Middle School announced its first trimester honor roll.

Honor roll

Fourth grade Alexander Abel, Seth Allen, Bryan Ancona, Kaye Anderson, Glafira Anguiano, Lucia Ayala, Carly Ballantyne, Jason Barbeck, Tessa Barron, Quinn Baser, Heidi Berg, Carmen Brashers, Chelsea Brodie, Taryn Bryson, Alexandra Butler, Ross Clifford, Shannon Cohen, Kristen Cole, Chessey Collette, Christopher Coupe, Amanda Cramer, Emily Daniels, Jonathan Diem, Pamela Doan, Marissa Dreyer, Peter Driscoll, Zachary Engkrak, Scott Fairfax, Connor Fairman, Katie Fieguth, Karl Fostvedt, Thomas France, Jeffrey Gaekke, Kaitlin Gammon, Carter Gannon, Martha Gil, Luiza Gomez, Ryan Gorham, Curtis Gorringer, Ainsley Gourlay, Hannah Gove, Natalie Hague, Caitlin Hand, Cody Hasskell, Chelsea Herten, Lisa Horn, Jessica Humbach, Tyler Israel, Erik Johnson, Ryan Jones, Amanda Karst, Cliona Karterman, Daniel Kramer, David Kunkel, Jared Lauritsen, Caitlin Lee, Benjamin Leopold, Charlie Lowellen, Tess Lindberg, Connor, Victoria Linderman, Kelly Lipton, Lindsey Lopez, Cameron Manna, Patrick McMahon, Connor McNamara, Dani Milner, Moore, Samantha Moldenhauer, Lauren Morgenthaler, Robert Morkus, Arielle Mullenos, McKenna Murphy, Kendra Olson, Dakota Orchard, Maria Ortiz, Jamina Osornio, Clarissa Parker, Lauren Parrish, Ross Parsons, Patrick Patterson, Nathan Payne, Kaelie Pellegrini, Rafael Pena, Axel Peterson, Scott Pike, Neil Player, Katherine Prentice, Katie Quest, Natalie Rangel, Cameron Rendish, Edgar Rona, Joshua Rubenstein, Erica Ruiz, Geoffrey Ruppert, Allison Rust, Terrell Sampson, Hunter Scarborough, David Seaman, Aji Segen, Kaylie Sheffles, Nima Shierpa, Kaiti Skabille, Emma Sliko, Kathryn Smith, Lika Smith, Sydney Spiller, Paul Stevens, Amy Stoll, Danielle Stone, Yuhndi Struthers, Austin Stunt, Ben Syms, Bradley Thomas, Brian Toun, Kysal Tracy, Kurt Wagner, Hannah Ward, Kyle Ward, Gina Weisbaum, Lacey Werley and Cody Wheeler.

Seventh grade

Kylie Anderson, Piper Andrews, Devan Annan, Thomas Atkinson, Kassy Ayala, Tenny Babcock, Kaylie Baker, Beatriz Barriga, Rosalie Bauer, Rachel Bear, Mark Beck, Connor Benson, Robin Black, Julia Bowman, Sloan Brundin, Morgan Brunkers, Bryan Bray, Michael Bruster, Amy Buchanan, Sean Buncie, Jasmine Campbell, Makayla Chappell, Adriana Castillo, Grant Chandler, Faith Cohen, Angela Coleman, Samuel Coleworth, Madeleine Cordovano, Hanna Curran, Madison Deffe, Elizabeth Diavala, Bradley Duhic, Chelsea Dougherty, Cache Doinnie, Lisa Dye, Laura Elgee, Samantha Engli, John Engelhardt, Amie Evans, Oscar Fajardo, Christopher Falone, Cecilia Farley, Nicole Fisher, Madeline Flade, Jacob Freshing, Alison Frund, Spencer Fullmer, Alexandra Funk, Matthew Galloway, Tanya Greenwood, Shelby Gubins, Hanna Gustafson, Stephanie Guzman, Rune Haavik, Nathan Hall, Courtney Hamiton, Megan Hayes, Vanessa Hendricks, Alexander Henning, Hunter Herrel, Dixie Hoy, Bailey Ireland, Clayton Jensen, Travis Job, Samantha Johnson, Haley Johnson, Cassidy Jones, Pavan Kalidindi, Nick Kavanagh, Chrissa King, Alisha Koepflin, Alexandria Korobkin, Sylvie Krakow, Carter Laird, Chelsea Laschek, Emily Larson, Lindsey Laschek, Gregory LeBlanc, Kenna Libke, Rosulha Loera, Meghan Lusk, Marcela Madrigal, Ali Marichic, John Martin, Vladimir Martynko, Rachel McGinnis, Misha McConigal, Peter Minford, Molly Mollinaux, Sierra Money, Jordan Niedrich, Sophie Norworthy, Connor Olsen, Bergen Palmer, Alec Palmer, Tyler Peters, Tori Pfeaffic, Cody Phelps, Morgan Pike, Moria Price, Junior Ramirez, Megan Reidy, Rudolph Rheinschild, Taylor Ristello, Dakota Robbitt, Hannah - Rudolph, Travis Schwarzbach, Brooke Selisch, Zachary Sjoberg, Stephanie Snaan, Scott Smith, Alicia Sowersby, William Spiller, Khayman Stauffer, Crockett Stearns, Chelsea Stevens, Emily Stevens, Britton Stevenson, Danna Sundlin, Samantha Taft, Hanna Thacker, Stephanie Turner, Laura Vargas, Alyssa Ward, Rusty Williams, Miranda Williams, Kelly Willows-Munro and Richard Zavallos.

Gregory Wakefield, Hayden Waller, Bethany Watkins, Shawna Watters, Cody Yates, Kurt Yates and Erin Yida.

Sixth grade

Kevin Abbott, Max Abel, William Adhott, Elena Almquist, Spencer Bailey, Wing Tai Barrymore, Dillon Begley, Ross Bird, Austin Bourret, Nick Bowen, Sierra Brand, Melanie Bray, Colter Brockman, Benjamin Broderick, Joshua Brown, Wyatt Bunge, Eric Burbank, John Burbridge, Megan Carey, Chase Caillings, Jacob Christiansen, Christopher Clark, Taylor Coiner, Michael Coirra, Julie Colvin, Sara Cooley, Karissa Cooney, John Croty, Austin Cruz, Madeleine Currie, Trevor Davidson, Keni Davis, Tyler Davis, Paul Davis, Ryan Dean, Elizabeth Dion, Dakota Dyer, Maxwell Durtshi, James Elering, Gene Fairbrother, Mathew Farley, Jill Feldhaus, Jordan Floe, Maggie Marie Floe, Everett Ford, Rishi Forgeon, Matthias Fostved, Brendan Freund, Ryan Gaeddert, Monica Gareau, Brian Gelskey, Cody Gibson, Claudia Gil, Nicole Gillette, Diana Guardado, Carly Gustafson, Jacqueline Guzman, James Hague, Ashley Hayes, Zachary Herbert Benjamin Herren, Ashley Hestenes, Nina Hirren, Jonathan Hobbs, Deborah Horn, Maria Ho-Rodriguez, Nicolas Howard, Juana Hurtado, Lily Jensen, Colton Johnson, Jake Kaiser, Andre Keys, Audrey Kirk, Sara Koonec, Alexandra Kuntz, Troy Lakey, Tye Lampi, Haley Liberty, Alexandra Lindbloom, Juan Martinez, Jeffrey Maxwell, Chance McCroskey, Robert Mollinaux, Sierra Money, Jordan Niedrich, Sophie Norworthy, Connor Olsen, Bergen Palmer, Alec Palmer, Tyler Peters, Tori Pfeaffic, Cody Phelps, Morgan Pike, Moria Price, Junior Ramirez, Megan Reidy, Rudolph Rheinschild, Taylor Ristello, Dakota Robbitt, Hannah - Rudolph, Travis Schwarzbach, Brooke Selisch, Zachary Sjoberg, Stephanie Snaan, Scott Smith, Alicia Sowersby, William Spiller, Khayman Stauffer, Crockett Stearns, Chelsea Stevens, Emily Stevens, Britton Stevenson, Danna Sundlin, Samantha Taft, Hanna Thacker, Stephanie Turner, Laura Vargas, Alyssa Ward, Rusty Williams, Miranda Williams, Kelly Willows-Munro and Richard Zavallos.

Wendell elementary honor roll

WENDELL - Wendell Elementary School announced its first trimester honor roll and other recognition of students.

Honor Roll

Fourth grade Sarah Cox, Dakota Crocker, Justice Eurs, David Henderson, Spencer Johnston, Katherine Madrud, Austin Peck, Garrett Webb, Dineka Ringling, Nick Mendez, Adriana Martinez, Trevor Bonnes, Adriana Jacobson, Alberto Lopez, Victorio Allen, Monica Alvarez, Felisha Arzvedo, Cody Bunn, Alexis Camargo, Megan Fields, Gabi Huante, Rhet Kelley, Emily Kuka, Trentian Lesly, Martha Madera, Tyler Martin, Schuyler Nebeker, Robyn Smith, Chelsea Torruquet, Lily Valadez, Iselda Valera, Jaime Cordero, Antonio Aguilar, Maria Alvarez, Thadeus Eudave, Hector Garcia, Gabriela Ibarra, Ricky Jimenez, Caitlyn Johnson, Shawn Johnson, Tracie King, Devarah Lara, Jose Lopez, Micaela Revels and Karen Tenorio.

Perfect attendance

Fourth grade Austin Peck, Clara Macias, Desiny Bora, Austin Clark, Martin Diaz, Chris Dorman, Adriana Martinez, Savannah Cahala, Cayden Chavez, Dineka Ringling, Victoria Allen, Felisha Arzvedo, Alexis Camargo, Gabi Huante, Schuyler Nebeker, Chelsea Torruquet, Shawn Johnson, Tracie King, Devarah Lara and Hector Garcia.

Third grade

Wendy Arringa, Holden Connell, Tanner DeWitt, Megan Sousa, Jose Velmas, Josh Egbert, Alfredo Diaz, Katie Taylor, Valarie Jimenez, Alejandra Ruiz Avalos, Romina Ceron, Maricela Diaz, Stacy Hayes, Nisha Jimenez, Amy Olsen, Rosio Valmiera, Jorge Valmiera, Shawnee Hurrar, Marion Mosen, Raudel Miramontes and Maria Velmas.

Second grade

Gabriela Lizarraga, Michelle Lander, Megan Rollins, Dylon Scheer, Ana Bonita, Yesica Pulido, Abby Suar, Jennifer Smith, Leah Stodder, Jackson Theberge, Valentin Tobias, Lauryn Wert, Hatty Zapata, Luis Beltran, Steven Bernabe, Ashley Cahala, Carrie Clary, Lupita Diaz, Nikki Harbaugh, Sharrah

First grade

Angie Villagomez, Fernando

Miramontes, Edith Lugo, Alicia Alvarado, Maggie Jimenez, Luis Martinez, Edgar Rodriguez, Selby Valera, Zack Wanmaker, Jerge Elgan, Timberly Gurdzhyants, Jaime Hernandez, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Luis Belfran, Carlene Gomez, Lizarraga, Salvador Medina, Clinton Newlen, Daisy Orallo, Rynane Royce, Joshua Orazo, Carlos Chavez, Lydia Kuka, Angel Pulido, Jackson Theberge, Lauryn Wert and Hatty Zapata.

Kindergarten

Julia Villagomez and Breanna Jacobson.

G.R.I.P. (Grade Reward Improvement Plan)

First grade

Armando Chabez, Emiliano Contreras, Julian Duffy, Michael Hatfield, Edith Lugo, Emily Menator, Fernando Miramontes, Whitney Newland, Alyssa Pearson, Estrella Pina, Luis Ramirez, Sabrina Robbins, Nicky Salazar, Jacqueline Sanchez, Rubi Sanchez-Martinez, Maria Sandoval, Schiler Stevens, Mayra Tovar, Taylor Truscott, Yasmyn Virona, Angie Villagomez, Ana Alvarado, Miguel Alvarado, Derek Carter, Karann Fregulia, Dora Garcia, Gilberto Hernandez, Magdalena Jimenez, Cecilio Mejia, Ashley Lezotte, Tristan Leary, Luis Martinez, Lorena Perez, Allen Reismsa, Yarit Rodriguez, Lynzee Schaeffer, Jorge Valera, Richard Vasquez, Zachary Wanmaker, Dustin Ault, Chance Beck, Ana Bonita, Jasmine Bridwell, Megan Cecilia, Brandon Drown, Shelby Eljan, Marcus Ferreira, Alonzo Gonzalez, Timberly Gurdzhyants, Samuel Hansen, Jaime Hernandez, Lynne Hester, Deisi Lara, Jose Macias, Marcos Ramirez, Luis Robles, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Miranda Tovar, Angela Walker, Kirstin Weit, Joshua Allen, Maria Bonavert, Logan Bowers, Kelsie Chapman, Christopher Chertoff, David DeBartolo, Savannah Fleming, Jade Haga, Christian Jacobson, Michael Johnson, Kassity Kelley, Madisen Kelsey, Lydia Kuka, Courtney McCrae, Brandon Medina, Michael Miller, Yesica Pulido, Abby Suar, Jennifer Smith, Leah Stodder, Jackson Theberge, Valentin Tobias, Lauryn Wert, Hatty Zapata, Luis Beltran, Steven Bernabe, Ashley Cahala, Carrie Clary, Lupita Diaz, Nikki Harbaugh, Sharrah

Hestrom, Christofer Housh-Haas, Ana Jimenez, Manuel Lizarraga, Jackie McDonald, Medina Slavador, Christina Murphy, Clinton Newland, Dany Orozco, Calvillo, Jill Prince, Rynane Royce, David Tinoco and Jose Villacain.

Second grade

Martin Alvarez, Jordan Chapman, Marlen Coronado, Aspen Dimond, Jessica Howell, Luis Hurtado, Shylae Banks, Kaligh Keisley, Gabriela Lizarraga, Dyst Lopez, Jorge Lopez, Eric Mendolia, Daniela Nuno, Johnathan Pereira, Michelle Ponce, Megan Rollins, Mylone Scheer, Taylor Shetter, Thompson, Nikki Bowers, Andrea Calderon, Nikki Calderon, Keila Cordeiro, Yesica Coronado, Jorge Ferreira, Samuel Henderson, Lizbeth Martinez, Joshua Messer, Shayly Peck, Erik Rysler, Erna Schaeffer, Cammy Sipes, Charlie Wanmaker, Cynthia Allen, Andrea Bonnes, Cody Cahala, Jun Cano, Jaxon Evers, Taylor Gorrage, Isiah Holloman, Alex Nebeker, Chase Nebeker, Jann Rochia, Lacey Slade, Alex Swainston, Nicole Hennes, Tanner Beck, Derek Rivera, Alexis McCray, Luis Villagomez, Chad Copenbarger, Drew Ault, Khrystyna Cortes, Dana Tenorio, Saha Haddaway-Hass, Evelyn Vargas, Ashleigh Olsen.

Third grade

Abdel Arreola, Adolfo Contreras, Anne Anderson, Jessica Kelly, Joshua Ebert, Ana Carolina Lara, Megan Benton, Megan Sousa, Michelle Calderon, Morgan Swainston, Quinten Locke, Wendy Merrill, Tanner DeWitt, Wifely Arriga, Holding Connell, Elvia Aguilar, Kaiti Taylor, Ashley Suar, Roxanna Belmas, Luke Bunn, Sean Campbell, Jose Cano, Ramira Ceron, Marco Contreras, Jared Emery, Abner Gonzalez, Bryon Hope, Nesti McCormell, Alex Taylor, Katie Taylor, Ashley Suar, Tyler - VonHolland, - Alejandro Avalos, Valarie Jimenez, Jazmine Aguilar, Jessica Brasli, Bobby Carlson, Taylor Curtis, Alfredo Diaz, Stacy Hayes, Jessica Hurtado, Nisha Jimenez, Amy Olsen, Rosio Valmiera, Jorge Valmiera, Shawnee Hurrar, Marion Mosen, Raudel Miramontes and Maria Velmas.

MAGIC VALLEY logo

The Times-News 733-0931 Extension 2 Twin Falls 1-800-658-3889, Ext. 2 677-4042 Burley

LEGALS 50 Buhl Rural Fire Protection District within 20 business days after service of this Summons upon you. If you fail to so respond, the Court may enter judgment against you as a defendant by the Plaintiff(s) in the Complaint. A copy of the Complaint is so served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice of representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, any motions, objections, or other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response to the Complaint in accordance with Rule 10(e)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall be filed in the County of Blaine, Idaho. To determine whether you must pay a filing fee in this case. Continued on next page.

GENERAL FUND Fund Balance \$365,512 Revenues To Date 12-31-03 \$110,767 Expenditures To Date 12-31-03 \$193,607 Fund Balance \$262,588 Percentage Revenues to Budget 9.2% Percentage Expenditures to Budget 16.1%

PROPRIETARY FUNDS Fund Balance \$1,007,290 Revenues To Date 12-31-03 \$143,988 Expenditures To Date 12-31-03 \$142,868 Fund Balance \$1,008,281 Percentage Revenues to Budget 15.0% Percentage Expenditures to Budget 14.9%

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT Twin Falls County is seeking proposals for financing the acquisition of real property located at 950 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO. Case No. CV-03-3079 SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT, Plaintiff, vs. CHRIS J. EVANS, Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PARTY (S). THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY: TO: Chris J. Evans

GLORIA PAWSON Last known address: PO Box 623, Kimberly, Idaho 83341 Contents of storage shed: Baby items, 2 school shoes, lawn chairs, dresser, lamp, chair, etc.

MELISSA PERKINS Last known address: 907 East Circle 24, Kimberly, Idaho 83341 Contents of storage shed: Couch, bed set, 2 dressers, hope chest, overstuffed chair, etc.

BUHL RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SURPLUS PROPERTY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Buhl Rural Fire Protection District will accept sealed bids for the above described surplus property.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction... NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... The following described property will be sold at public auction...

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property... NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property...

PUBLISH: January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 19th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc....

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property... NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property...

PUBLISH: January 29, February 5, 12 and 19, 2004

LEGALS

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Continued from previous page... with the West line of said Lot 19 a distance of 225 feet... NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... On the 18th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time)...

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property... NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property...

PUBLISH: January 29, February 5, 12 and 19, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 11th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc....

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property... NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property...

PUBLISH: January 22, 29, February 5 and 12, 2004

LEGALS

RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 24th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:15 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc....

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property... RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... On the 24th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:15 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time)...

PUBLISH: January 22, 29 and February 5, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 6th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:30 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc....

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property... NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... On the 6th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:30 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time)...

PUBLISH: January 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 2004

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

WE, ELIZABETH I. COPP and KEVIN MICHAEL COPP, nor liable for, and we, the undersigned, do hereby give notice of the debts of the following individuals and/or companies...

On May 5, 2004, at the hour of 12:00 P.M. of said day, in the lobby of First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES S. JUST, Esq. (Recorder) and the Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for in full of money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit: That part of Lot 3 in Block 2 of MURTAUGH SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Volume 2 of Plats, page 19, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 3...

PUBLISH: January 29, February 5, 12 and 19, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 20th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc....

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property... NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE... On the 20th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time)...

PUBLISH: January 29, February 5, 12 and 19, 2004

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Mortgage Funding Services; Gratus Prologis; The First American Title Company; Bolina Property, LLC; Title Awesome Home; Published 01/16/04

On the 18th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc....

PUBLISH: January 29, February 5, 12 and 19, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Idaho Office of Highway Safety announces the availability of grant funds for the first program...

On the 18th day of May, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc....

PUBLISH: January 29, February 5, 12 and 19, 2004

FOUND AND LOST

FOUND Black Lab female, approx. 2 year old, missing in Fior or Sun St, black collar, very nice. Now at Human Society 298-738-2299.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the office of Twin Falls Title & Escrow, 905 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 04/27/2004 at 11:30 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 04/09/2001 as Instrument Number 2001-006157, and executed by JASON LINN PERRON, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to STEWART TITLE OF BOISE INC., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho: LOT 10 IN BLOCK 1 OF SOUTH 93 HEIGHTS P.U.D., TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 17 OF PLATS, PAGE 15.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 3036 ANDREA LANE, FILER, IDAHO 83328, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust.

The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 08/01/2003 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.875% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$77,973.59, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs and any other amount advanced to protect and secure, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said real property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

Dated December 17, 2003 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is STEWART TITLE OF BOISE INC. 9196 West Emerald, Suite 100 Boise, ID 83704 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 for information Stewart Title of Boise, Inc. Successor Trustee By: Linda D. Irwin, Trust Officer PUBLISH: January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the office of Twin Falls Title & Escrow, 905 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 04/27/2004 at 11:30 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 11/30/1999 as Instrument Number 1999-021256, and executed by ROW VERGINE AND SHARON VERGINE, as Grantor(s), in favor of NEW FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, to STEWART TITLE OF BOISE INC., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho: LOT 9 IN BLOCK 6 OF KINGSFATE SUBDIVISION NO. 2, TWIN FALLS IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 10 OF PLATS, PAGE 16.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 2292 FOREST VALLE DRIVE, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property.

Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust.

The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 06/01/2003 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 8.000% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$104,501.93, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs and any other amount advanced to protect and secure, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said real property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

Dated December 30, 2003 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is STEWART TITLE OF BOISE INC. 9196 West Emerald, Suite 100 Boise, ID 83704 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 for information Stewart Title of Boise, Inc. Successor Trustee By: Bev Peterson, Sr. Trust Officer PUBLISH: January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2004

NOTICE OF HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

SUBJECT: Proposed use of Federal Health and Human Services Block Grant. Availability of Plan for Public Review.

ACTION: The purpose of this hearing is to receive comment on the proposed use of funds during Federal Services Block Grant being reviewed will be to: Community Services Block Grant.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 60-109 Idaho Code, the Trustee is hereby giving notice that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will conduct a public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: A Legislative and Public Hearing concerning the proposed plan will be held on Monday February 2, 2004 at 10:15 a.m. in Room 328 of the State Capitol Building, Boise, Idaho.

The hearing site will be accessible to the physically disabled. Arrangements for persons with hearing impairments and braille or taped information for persons with visual impairments can be provided. For arrangements, contact Luanne Dittman at (208) 334-5509.

AVAILABILITY OF PLANS: Plans for this block grant are available for public review at: The Department of Health and Welfare Central Office located at 208 N. Myrtle Building, 9th Floor, 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the proposed use of these funds. The deadline for written comment is February 17, 2004. Forms for this purpose may be obtained from the Central Office, 450 West State Street, 9th Floor, Boise, Idaho. Comments should be submitted in person or by mail. A comment card is presented at the above-noted public hearing. For more information, contact Luanne Dittman at (208) 334-5509, Department of Health and Welfare, 450 West State Street, 9th Floor, Boise, Idaho 83720-5450.

DATED This 15th day of January, 2004.

DAVE Butler, Deputy Director

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Department of Health and Welfare

450 West State Street, 9th Floor

Boise, Idaho 83720-5450

PUBLISH: January 28, 29 and 30, 2004

CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

FIRST QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 OF FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

Table with 4 columns: GENERAL FUND, Expenditures, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 1,219,820 (10.69%), 2,462,691 (24.25%), 457,748 (24.16%)

Table with 4 columns: STREET FUND, Receipts, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 2,920,439 (24.24%), 378,909 (19.69%), 145,069 (24.31%)

Table with 4 columns: STREET LIGHT FUND, Receipts, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 289,892 (7.94%), 115,439 (3.95%), 289,425 (15.85%)

Table with 4 columns: LIBRARY FUND, Receipts, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 270,631 (25.19%), 166,011 (25.34%), 82,404 (21.51%)

Table with 4 columns: AIRPORT FUND, Receipts, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 115,082 (15.16%), 79,690 (24.16%), 52,400 (20.22%)

Table with 4 columns: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, Expenditures, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 541,171 (21.29%), 0 (---), 15,385 (4.41%)

Table with 4 columns: LIBRARY BOND FUND, Expenditures, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 1,253,162 (47.02%), 0 (---), 1,253,162 (47.02%)

Table with 4 columns: HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION, Receipts, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 5,091 (---), 0 (---), 0 (---)

Table with 4 columns: AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION FUND, Receipts, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 49,738 (3.92%), 0 (---), 0 (---)

Table with 4 columns: WATERWORKS FUND, Expenditures, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 1,094,428 (27.12%), 267,160 (21.55%), 490,626 (25.30%)

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Table with 4 columns: SANITATION FUND, Receipts, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 400,373 (24.95%), 27,799 (25.70%), 203,486 (15.47%)

Table with 4 columns: GOLF FUND, Receipts, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 31,627 (8.59%), 42,037 (24.83%), 24,023 (16.07%)

Table with 4 columns: POOL FUND, Expenditures, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 20,608 (21.68%), 0 (---), 0 (---)

Table with 4 columns: DIRKES/SHOSHONE FALLS FUND, Receipts, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 0 (0.00%), 2,261 (3.90%), 4,425 (8.56%)

Table with 4 columns: INSURANCE FUND, Receipts, Personal Services, Other Services. Values: 3,977 (2.08%), 145,915 (48.08%), 145,915 (48.08%)

Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed supporting records of the above financial statements.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of January, 2004.

At/Twin Falls, Idaho I, Patricia E. Lohmann, Notary Public Residing in Kimberly, Idaho

PUBLISH: January 29, 2004

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the office of Twin Falls Title & Escrow, 905 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 04/27/2004 at 11:30 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 12/29/2000 as Instrument Number 2000-020246, and executed by JODY BAKER, as Grantor(s), in favor of D.L. EVANS BANK, as Beneficiary, to STEWART TITLE OF BOISE INC., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho: LOT 7 AND 8, EXCEPT THE EAST 30 FEET THEREOF, IN BLOCK 1 OF THE HANSEN TOWNSHIP, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 93, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, IDAHO, SUBJECT TO EASEMENT TO VACATED FIRST STREET EAST.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 225 1ST STREET EAST, HANSEN, ID 83334 is sometimes associated with said real property.

Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust.

The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 08/01/2003 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter, plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 8.250% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$49,320.25, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's fees and costs and any other amount advanced to protect and secure, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said real property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

Dated December 23, 2003 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is STEWART TITLE OF BOISE INC. 9196 West Emerald, Suite 100 Boise, ID 83704 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 for information Stewart Title of Boise, Inc. Successor Trustee By: Linda D. Irwin, Trust Officer PUBLISH: January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2004

MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT BALANCE SHEETS OCTOBER 31, 2003 and 2002

ASSETS - October 31, 2003

Table with 4 columns: Operating Funds, Ranch Fund, Total, Current Assets. Values: \$ 4,079, \$ 10,530, \$ 14,609

LIABILITIES & EQUITY - October 31, 2003

Table with 4 columns: Liabilities, Equity, Total Liabilities and Equity. Values: \$ 16,442, \$ 2,727, \$ 19,169

MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues and Expenses - MAO Operation Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2003 and 2002

Table with 4 columns: Revenues, Expenses, Excess Revenues or (Expenses). Values: \$ 426,323, \$ 426,323, \$ 35,748

County of Twin Falls

I, Julie Conrad, Treasurer of the Milner Irrigation District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the District covering a period of one year, and that it represents the best of my knowledge, information and belief the financial condition of said District at the close of the fiscal year October 31, 2003.

I, Julie Conrad, Treasurer ATTEST Scott Breeding, Director Randy Brown, Director Greg Stevens, Director DATED January 8, 2004

PUBLISH: January 22 and 29, 2004

FOUND Lab. cream color

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FOUND gsm bag with doxys. On freeway between Bliss and Twin Falls. Call 208-734-9335.

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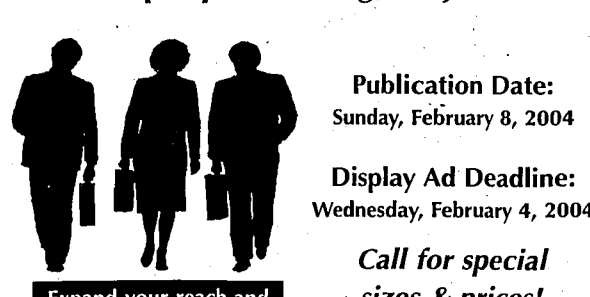
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Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Hobby Wolff

"Reading is equivalent to thinking with someone else's head instead of with one's own."

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The jury is still out on whether good bridge players are born, or made. But it is undeniably the case that book-reading will sometimes help the average player recognize a class of problems, and that in turn will help him solve a problem that he might otherwise get wrong at the table.

Today's deal is just such an elegant declarer-play problem. North-South had a good auction to the spade slam and West led the heart king. Declarer followed a line that I imagine most people would regard as instinctive when he ruffed in dummy and cashed the spade ace, then ruffed a second heart. He cashed dummy's club ace and came back to hand with a club ruff, drew a second round of trumps, finding the bad news, and now tried to run the diamonds to pitch his heart loser. If East had three diamonds and three spades, declarer would have been home, but alas for South, East could ruff the second diamond, and the defenders still had one heart to cash.

It was wrong for declarer to pin everything on a 2-2 trump break. The "trumping solution" is far from obvious. What South should have done was to duck the first round of trumps. The most effective defense now is a second heart, but declarer ruffs in the dummy, crosses to hand via the club ruff, and can draw the rest of the trumps before cashing all his minor-suit winners to pitch his heart loser.

Bridge score table with columns for NORTH, SOUTH, WEST, EAST and various card counts.

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: West

The bidding table showing South, West, North, East bids.

Opening lead: Heart king

HAND WITH THE ACES

Bridge score table for the hand with the aces.

South holds: A K Q 10 6, 9 8 6, A 3 2, K Q 10 2

ANSWER: Reopen with a double rather than selling out passively to two spades.

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