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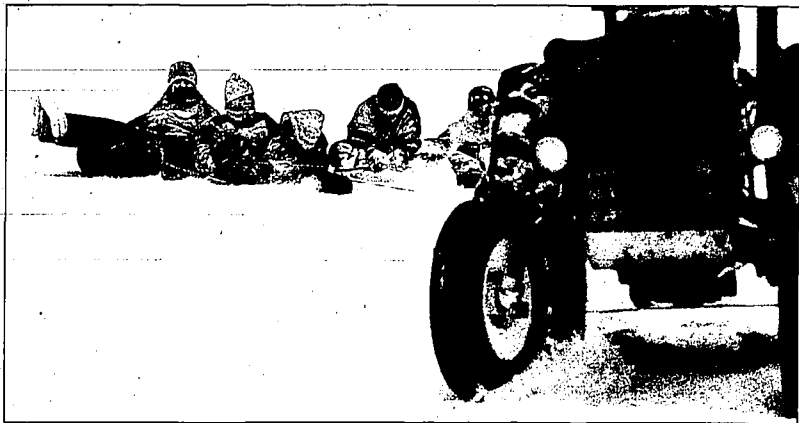
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IT'S SNOW BIG DEAL



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Students enjoy Twin Falls' first snow day in about three years

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Anne Ko's dream of a snow day for her three children attending Twin Falls schools came true Monday after about 10 inches of weekend snow clogged roadways.

The storm reversed the usual patterns, covering southern Magic Valley in snow and lightly dusting the northern parts.

Twin Falls students were used to snow-day envy because the district hadn't been closed for snow in about three years, Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said. There was no indication Monday night that school would be closed for a second day today, but he said no decision would be made until early this morning.

Allison Ko, 15, was able to sleep in Monday because her family found out about the snow day the night before. She spent the day building sled runs and rolling rock-hard snowballs to throw at her siblings and neighborhood children who gathered in her backyard.

Several boys from the neighborhood turned a jungle gym into a besieged castle with shouts of "Fire in the hole!" and "Hold the gates" as they pelted one another with snowballs.

Anne Ko and her family moved to Twin Falls from Seattle almost three years ago. In Washington, the schools would close even in the smallest storms.

"I think there is something magical about snow days," said Ko, who had written a tongue-in-cheek letter to *The Times-News* last week offering hot chocolate to road crews if they'd help make a snow day possible in Twin Falls.

She was happy her children could make some memories. Ko was philosophical as her children played. They don't need toys when they have snow, she said.

Tara Casparson has four children who all had the day off. At her house, they built an almost-igloo with everything but a full roof, and they also used a four-wheeler to pull sleds and snowboards over runs they built.

The College of Southern Idaho was closed Monday because of the weather. CSI tends to close



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Top, Nicole Bulcher, left, 17, along with her brother Marc, 11, friend Heather Jones, 16, Chris Bulcher, 13, and Eric Gillette, 14, enjoy their day off from school by sliding behind Mark Bulcher's 1966 Massey-Ferguson tractor Monday in Twin Falls. Many schools in the Magic Valley were closed Monday because of snow and icy road conditions. Above, Jacob Johnson, 8, reacts to being hit by a snowball Monday afternoon in Twin Falls.

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Slushy roads make travel difficult - B1

according to weather conditions and other school closures because it has many students with children, commuters and dual-credit students at local high schools, said Mike Mason, the college's director of finance. Mason said all the college's administrators communicate with one another and local school districts to decide to close.

"It's always kind of a judgment call," Mason said. The college hadn't had a snow day in a few years.

Wendell School District's snow day was its' third this year. Superintendent Larry Manly said the district's schedule could accommodate four more days off before it would have to lengthen the school year.

Most districts in the Magic Valley add extra days to their calendars to anticipate snow closures. The state requires that high school students be in classes for at least 990 hours each school year, but that includes 11 hours that could be used for snow days, Manly said. In fourth through eighth grade, that number drops to 900 required hours, and it's 810 for first through third grades.

Murrough classes were closed Monday when 5-foot-high drifts

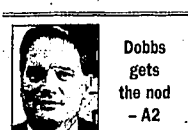
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Parents seek boundary change to enter Filer school

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A group of parents on the border between the Twin Falls and Filer school districts is ready for a full-blown boundary dispute after Monday's School Board meeting.

The border is at the half-mile between 2450 East and 2500 East. This area is about two miles from Filer High School, but lies within the Twin Falls district. Of the students in the affected area, 40 of 46 go to Filer schools, said Lonn Thaege, spokesman for the group of about six people who attended. Parents of some of those stu-



Dobbs gets the nod - A2

dents have approached the Filer School Board asking to join that district. If the Twin Falls School Board won't agree to a boundary change, the parents said they would take the issue to the State Board of Education for review and an eventual vote.

The area is already subject to

yearly inter-district agreements because Filer's buses have to drive into the Twin Falls district to safely turn around.

Twin Falls Operations Director John Miller said state funding for the students in that area who choose to attend in Filer goes to that district.

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Otter, Craig converse with Castro

Idaho congressmen discuss U.S.-Cuba ties with Cuban leader

By Lisa J. Adams
Associated Press Writer

HAVANA - President Fidel Castro signed baseballs, handed out cigars and flower bouquets, and discussed increased ties with the United States during a three-hour meeting Monday with two Republican congressmen who want to lift a ban on U.S. travel to Cuba.

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig and U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, both of Idaho, "are pushing very hard to lift the travel restrictions," said Craig

Castro accepted three bottles of red, white, and blush wines and a color photo book on Idaho from the delegation.

spokesman Mike Tracy, who attended the encounter with Castro at the Palace of the

Revolution. The 22 other members of the trade and cultural delegation were also present, Tracy said.

Both congressmen are strong supporters of reversing the law that prohibits U.S. citizens from traveling to Cuba. Coincidentally, their meeting with Castro took place Monday as President George W. Bush's administration announced it would freeze the bank accounts of companies controlled by the Cuban government or Cuban nationals that sell

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'It is amazing that he survived'

Searchers find lost engineer

By Brandon Fiala
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Warm clothes helped save an Inkom man's life. John Davis, 56, an Idaho Public Television engineer, snowshoed Friday to a transmission tower in the Coterrel Mountains in southeast Cassia County. Davis made equipment repairs, then spent the night in a building at the tower, according to an Idaho Public Television news release.

On Saturday, Davis tried to snowshoe back to his car, which he had left near Idaho Highway 77, but got lost during a snow-

Davis survived without food and water - braving snow and cold temperatures - until he was found Monday morning by members of the Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club.

"It is amazing to me that he survived," Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins said. "The weather

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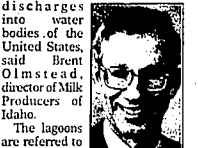
Dairymen resist state control of program

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Magic Valley dairymen were busily removing mountains of snow Monday that had piled up near their wastewater lagoons from the weekend winter snowstorm.

The reason? To comply with the Clean Water Act. They are making sure if there is a quick melt-down, they don't have illegal pollution discharges into water bodies of the United States, said Brent O'Leary, Director of Milk Producers of Idaho.

The lagoons are related to in environmental litigation as "point sources," the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Clean Water Act requires all industries to control discharges from their point sources.



Sen. Laird Noh

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Pedro Alvarez, chairman of Cuba's food import agency, Alimport, center, shakes hands with the Idaho Rep. Butch Otter and Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, right, after signing a contract in the American writer Ernest Hemingway's former home Saturday in Havana, Cuba. Craig and his delegation met with Cuba President Fidel Castro on Monday.

NATION/WORLD

Bush aides testify in leak probe

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - A federal grand jury has questioned one current and two former aides to President Bush, and investigators have interviewed several others, in an effort to discover who revealed the name of an undercover CIA officer to a newspaper columnist, sources involved in the case said Monday.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Monday that he talked to the grand jury on Friday, Mark Mallin, former counselor to Vice President Dick Cheney, testified Jan. 23, the sources said.

None of those interviewed is suspected by prosecutors of having exposed undercover CIA agents in the White House but they were questioned about White House public relations strategy, the sources said.

FBI agents have interviewed those and at least five other current and former Bush aides and have questioned about a dozen others about e-mails that the White House surrendered in October, along with stacks of call logs and calendars, the sources said.

Group: H.S. diploma has lost meaning

WASHINGTON (AP) - Once considered a springboard to success, the high school diploma now has little meaning in determining whether students are ready for college or work, a coalition of education groups contends.

Only comprehensive change, including more rigorous English and math requirements for all students, would restore the significance of a high school graduation, according to a newly two-year review by the American Diploma Project.

The organization is an alliance of three groups whose leaders include top education officials in the administrations of former

presidents Clinton and Reagan. Its report is based on comments from more than 300 educators and employers and an analysis of employment trends.

Project leaders, anticipating resistance to a stinging call for action, say they hope to spur gradual change among states. Lack of change, they say, will keep huge numbers of students heading for remedial college work or jobs for which they're unprepared.

"We haven't anticipated that the purpose-of high-school was to ensure every kid who graduated was ready to do college-level work. That is the big sea change that we're signaling here," said

Michael Cohen, the former Clinton adviser and current president of Achieve, a nonprofit dedicated to helping states raise academic standards.

"Whether as a parent, you think your kid is going to college or the workplace, those kids face the same rigorous demands, and they need to leave with the same core set of skills," he said.

That means all students should learn geometry, data-analysis, statistics and advanced algebra, the report says. They also should show strong written and oral communication skills, plus analytic and reasoning ability typically linked with honors courses, it says.

High court lets stay of execution stand

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The Supreme Court late Monday let stand an appeals court's stay for a man who hanged four people to death in 1983, denying California's request to let the execution proceed as planned.

The demand by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that evidence in the case get a fresh look after 18 years of appeals came just hours before Kevin Cooper was to be executed by lethal injection.

The Supreme Court later denied a request by the California state to reverse the appeals court decision.

The appeals court had granted a stay to consider whether DNA evi-

dence connecting Cooper to the crime should be retested amid repeated claims that he was framed by law enforcement.

"No person should be executed if there is doubt about his or her guilt and an easily available test will determine guilt or innocence," wrote the majority. They said a federal judge should reopen the case and order new tests on blond hair and a bloody shirt - tests which Cooper says will exonerate him.

"The public cannot afford a mistake. Neither can Cooper," added appellate court Judges Barry Silverman and Johnnie Rawlinson in a separate opinion.

They said the execution should be stayed, but only for as long as it takes to test the shirt for evidence of a preservative that would indicate that Cooper's blood was planted.

Cooper's attorney, Lanny Davis, cheered the appeals court ruling. "What this means is that for the very first time, one court and one neutral fact-finder can hear all of the evidence that the jury was not allowed to hear," Davis said. "This suggests not only that Kevin Cooper can be found innocent once and for all, but that there may be three murderers out there who need to be found and prosecuted."

Troops deactivate rockets aimed at city in N. Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq - U.S. and Iraqi forces deactivated several rockets on a road, primed for launch toward a city north of Baghdad.

The rockets were found on a road near Diyala University outside Baqouba, and were ready to be fired toward the city, a U.S. Army captain said on condition of anonymity. Baqouba is 35 miles south of the heavily contested, the so-called Sunni Triangle, the stronghold of insurgents from the former regime of Saddam Hussein.

Iraqi police arrested four people Sunday about 35 miles west of Kirkuk who were traveling in a car with maps identifying military and other targets. They also had a manual for making explosives, said Hadi Mohammed Mousafa, a civil administration official.

World in brief

Rescuers find woman alive beneath rubble in Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey - A critically injured 24-year-old woman was pulled out alive Monday after a week buried in the rubble of a collapsed apartment building - a dramatic rescue that came after teams heard her scraping her finger nails against shattered concrete and pleading, "Water, water."

Yasemin Yaprakci, covered in dust, was carried on a stretcher into an ambulance as relief workers applauded. The rescuers worked for four hours to free her feet, which were trapped under decaying bodies.

She was rushed by helicopter to a military hospital in Ankara where she was in critical condition, suffering from gangrene, internal bleeding and broken ribs.

Charity suspends food aid to millions in North Korea

BEIJING - The World Food Program has suspended rations to 6.5 million famished North Koreans in the middle of a bone-chilling winter because of depleted supplies.

"I assure you, the situation is serious," Masood Hyder, the coordinator for the Rome-based agency of the United Nations, said Monday.

A quarter of North Korea's population, which was receiving the rations, must survive on its own until the end of March, when emergency grain shipments from Russia and the United States arrive, Hyder said at a news conference.

The WFP has enough cereal remaining in its North Korea warehouses to give only a small daily ration to 100,000 of the nation's most vulnerable people.

"There will be, firstly, a real increase in suffering. Pregnant women will give birth to low-birth-weight babies, passing on an inheritance of hunger. Nurseries will cut back to two meals a day, (and some) have already done that," Hyder said.

- compiled from wire reports

Two soldiers die while disposing of explosives

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Two U.S. soldiers were killed and six wounded Monday during an explosion while troops were trying to dispose of explosives, a U.S. officer said.

The blast occurred near Sinjar near Mosul, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt told reporters. Kimmitt said the explosion appeared to have been an accident and not a result of hostile action.

Mosul is in the north of Iraq.

Uprising spreads in Haiti as death toll hits at least 40

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Anti-government rebels had taken control of at least 11 towns in western Haiti Monday, and the death toll in the violent uprising rose to at least 40, witnesses said.

In the strongest challenge yet to the authority of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, armed rebels began their assault Thursday in the Gonaives, Haiti's fourth-largest city, setting the police station on fire, driving police officers out of the town and sending government workers fleeing for safety.

The deaths were reported by the Associated Press, Red Cross official Raouil Elysee, rebel leaders Wenter Etienne and Jean-Yves Marcisse, and Haitian radio.

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Moscow mourns victims of subway blast

MOSCOW (AP) - Flags with black ribbons flew at half-staff over government buildings and TV stations canceled all entertainment programs Monday as Moscow mourned the victims of the deadliest attack on the city's subway.

The explosion, which President Vladimir Putin blamed on Chechen rebels, killed 39 people and wounded more than 100. It also heightened fear in the Russian capital, where some 8.5 million people rely on the metro system daily.

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Gun law draws fire in domestic violence cases

LEWISTON (AP) — Some prosecutors say a federal law is forcing them to deal domestic violence cases down to lesser charges.

Under the law, passed in 1996, anyone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of violence against a spouse or partner will forever lose the right to own a gun.

Nez Perce County Prosecutor Daniel Spickler said the federal law clashes with

Idaho's gun culture and leads many domestic violence defendants to hold out for lesser charges that would not invoke the ban. "A law that is perfectly appropriate for New York City or Los Angeles is probably not equally effective in Lewiston, Idaho," Spickler said.

To keep their names, people accused of domestic violence plead guilty to disturbing the peace. In return for the guilty plea,

prosecutors can force abusers into treatment.

Prosecutors make the deals because domestic violence cases are often tough to win at trial, Spickler said. If a fat-out dismissal is the only other option, the deal looks better than nothing.

Over the past five years, 121 of 698 of the county's misdemeanor domestic violence cases, or 17 percent, were reduced to

disturbing the peace. A host of obstacles stack up against prosecutors of domestic violence cases. A battered woman sometimes will lose her nerve, change her mind or lie when forced to testify in open court. There may be no witnesses to the abuse, and if the victim fought back, police may have arrived to find both victim and defendant throwing punches.

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EDITORIAL

Time to make a stand against stiff forest fees

Members of a U.S. Senate committee have an opportunity...

make their own case for access fees, rather than hang on the national parks' coattails.

Committee members also got a stark reminder about the excessive regulations under the fee demo program.

On Friday, the Interior Department authorized strict provisions and major penalties for BLM land users who don't comply with access fees.

Our view: Congress can start now in dismantling the excessive taxation of forest access fees.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Under the new rules which go into effect April 6, BLM land users without valid access passes may be subject to a maximum \$5,000 fine and six months in jail for non-compliance...

What's apparent with this tougher law is that more of the public is refusing to pay the fee. So the government is growing longer fangs.

Senate committee members should be miffed that an agency has gone around Congress to gain more enforcement power.

Idaho Sen. Larry Craig was leaning that way on Monday. "We aren't going to attach other fees to this bill," said Dan Whiting, a spokesman for Craig.

Whiting added that as chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, Craig wants to have hearings on the impact of forest fees.

"Clearly there's instances where the Forest Service didn't implement that program well, in the Sawtooths for example. He isn't interested in giving the Forest Service blanket authority to deny people access to public lands," Whiting said.

The Senate may be able to shoot down any effort to get that blanket authority this week. But those agencies will be back looking for it before long.

The best way to stop them is to end the fee demo program - and end it for good.

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Dems aim at Bush's flying past

The presidential campaign is already so nasty that the Democratic establishment is taking its cues from filmmaker Michael Moore.

It shows, sadly, that the Democrats believe their core supporters hate President Bush so much they don't care about the truth of accusations that impugn his character.

Moore's politics are so bizarre that even the politically correct Hollywood crowd booted him last year when he slammed Bush during the Academy Award ceremonies when he received an Oscar for his "Bowling for Columbine."

PETER A. BROWN

A few weeks ago Moore called the president a "deserter," making the unsupported charge that Bush did not complete his military service requirement in the Texas Air National Guard in 1972-73.

The allegation is an article of faith among those who still wrongfully believe Bush didn't fairly win the 2000 election. They don't seem to care that there is no proof the charge is true.

Bush has said he completed the missing and flying requirements, and his honorable discharge proves the Bush didn't fairly win the 2000 election.

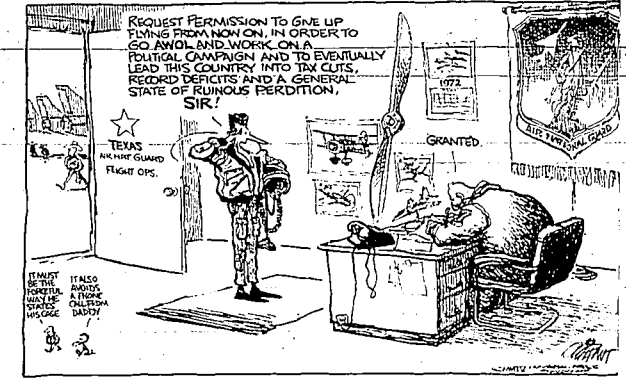
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The officer to whom Bush was to have reported for duty in 1972, retired Brig. Gen. William Tiffin, said he doesn't remember seeing Bush on the base.

But Tiffin concedes that he may not have been there during much of the time in question himself.

The lack of any new evidence to give their smear campaign legitimacy doesn't seem to have made a difference to the Democratic hierarchy this time.

In 2000, they insinuated that Bush wasn't smart enough to be president, but the public's approval of his performance after the 9/11 attacks made that a non-starter.



Democratic presidential wannabe Wesley Clark, the former general Moore has adapted as his candidate, refused to dissociate himself from Moore's remarks after the filmmaker made them at a Clark campaign rally.

When ABC's Peter Jennings, hardly a Bush supporter, suggested to Clark in a nationally televised debate that Moore's remarks were "a reckless charge not supported by the facts," Clark responded by defending Moore's right of free speech.

Hardly reflecting the good judgment that he brags his military background gives him, the general ducked the issue, telling Jennings that he didn't know enough to judge the matter.

Clark must realize that the charge of desertion during times of war such as Vietnam is so serious that the punishment could be death. His failure to dissociate himself from Moore's charge, despite the president's honorable discharge from the Guard, constitutes cowardice under political fire.

Not only is Clark's shuffle a sorry comment on his own ethics, it highlights the belief that pandering to Democratic voters by bashing Bush without regard to the truth will win points with the party faithful.

Clark, despite his Oklahoma primary-election victory, isn't going to be the Democratic nominee for president.

What is especially disconcerting

Bush has said he completed the meeting and flying requirements, and his honorable discharge proves the point. The loony left raised this issue during the 2000 presidential campaign, but it didn't get any political traction. Democratic nominee Al Gore declined to be associated with the charge, apparently believing that it was both erroneous and politically risky.

is the apparently orchestrated effort to keep the issue alive by front-runner John Kerry, whose primary victories have brought virtually the entire party establishment to his corner.

Democratic National Chairman Terry McAuliffe, who would not go to the bathroom these days without Kerry's assent, said that, although he thought "deserter" might not be the right word - AWOL (absent without leave) is more appropriate" to describe the president's behavior.

McAuliffe's allegation that "the facts are that George Bush didn't show up when he was supposed to in the National Guard" is almost as embarrassing as it is unsupported.

When asked about his view of these allegations, Kerry showed his well-honed political skills that allowed him at various times to portray himself as both a supporter and opponent of the war in Iraq.

Bush's military record is "a question that I think remains open," said Kerry. There is some irony that Kerry, who won a Silver Star for bravery as a naval officer in Vietnam, then tried to wince away by adding, "I don't even know what the facts are."

There are no new facts, only the same ones that were reviewed four years ago.

The only explanation is that the Democrats are desperate - so desperate that they're stooping to taking their marching orders from Michael Moore.

If Kerry and McAuliffe have new evidence, let's hear it. If not, they ought to shut up and get on to an issue that's not based on a lie.

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Wolves' recovery aids Yellowstone ecosystem

In response to Mr. Bond's letter, "Idaho's wolf recovery plan is long overdue" (Jan. 24), I would like to inquire as to where in context he found the figures on the Yellowstone elk herd populations. In his letter, he stated that the wolves in Yellowstone "had reduced the herds to less than half (19,000 to less than 9,000)."

According to the 2002 (most recent) Yellowstone Wolf Project Annual Report, the wolves killed 291 elk in the 2002 winter study. Winter is the time when wolves kill most frequently and only 291 elk were taken by all of the packs in Yellowstone. I find folly in Mr. Bond's accusation that the project has claimed more than 10,000 elk in the nine years since its institution. This computes to a rough average of 1,100 elk predations a year the Yellowstone alone. Tell me, if in the peak season, the wolves only kill 291 elk, where are they making up the other 800-plus kills? In the summer? I doubt it.

To me, 291 elk is a small price to pay to have the trophic cascade of the Greater Yellowstone Area back in check since its systematic decimation during the majority of the 20th century.

Since their reintroduction nine years ago, the wolves have helped the ecosystem of the Greater Yellowstone Area recover in more ways than can be expressed.

The Yellowstone area is now aesthetically, emotionally, naturally and, most importantly, historically more prairie than it has been since the early '50s. The populations of elk, although lower in number, are the healthiest they have been in years. I'm sure to the delight of the sportsmen and women of the area. The wolves don't kill healthy elk that people enjoy; it's too dangerous for them. They cull the populations of the old and sickly ungulates, leaving the remaining population (and therefore succeeding generations) with a much healthier and viable population.

Healthy elk populations aren't the only beneficiaries of this program. Beavers, eagles, coyotes, bears, willows, many species of grass... in short, the whole ecosystem is benefiting from the welcoming back of this magnificent keystone predator.

Mr. Bond also asks, "Where does the Federal Recovery Team get off letting their wolves kill our elk, deer and other wildlife?" How can you classify wolves their elk or ours? The wildlife, he is wolves or elk,

belongs to everyone. Nature is not esoteric.

PIERRE TUSOV
Twin Falls

Hospital should not be used for political ends

In response to your recent editorial arguing that Magic Valley Regional Medical Center should continue as a county-owned hospital, I would like to make the following points:

The hospital board, comprised of our brightest citizens, after a great deal of research and study, has overwhelmingly recommended that our operating convert to a tax-exempt operating structure. The vast majority of physicians and employees working at our hospital also support a switch to tax-exempt status.

The major impetus for recommendation of change of operating structure was very little, if anything, to do with this news paper but focuses on the ability of our hospital to provide the best medical services available and to compete in our own market place with private and other tax-exempt medical providers.

The health-care capital of our community should not be just another county asset to be treated as any other county asset by

three county commissioners. The most successful and best-run medical facilities in the United States operate as tax-exempt entities. Ample operating oversight is provided by a tax-exempt structure as may be seen by the reputation of and trust placed in these hospitals.

Our local physicians and medical professionals are charged with providing the very best care and services available, yet oddly, they report to three gentlemen with no medical service experience whatsoever.

The health-care assets of our community should be maximized for the benefit of our citizens and not traded or sold for political ends.

There are many compelling, well-considered reasons why the tax-exempt operating structure will provide the best use of our health-care resources going forward. If you have any doubt, please visit with your personal physician or other health-care providers who live and work in our community and who are dedicated to doing the best job they can under current limitations.

PETER F. TOFT
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Peter Toft is president of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation.)

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

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Judge sentences trio in terrorism case

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Three Muslim men from Portland who tried to lead a team to enter Afghanistan as Taliban foot soldiers, voiced profound regret for their actions, as a federal judge sentenced them to prison Monday.

The Palestinian-born Maher "Mike" Hawash, 39, a former Intel software engineer received seven years in prison, while the Bilal brothers - Ahmed, 25, and Muhammad, 23 - were sentenced to 10 and eight years, respectively. The sentencing caps a saga that began shortly after Sept. 11 when the three, inflamed by what they described as the unfair targeting of Afghanistan by U.S. forces, created a volunteer militia, known as Kathib Al-Mawr, or "The Squad of Death."



Maher Hawash Ahmed Bilal Muhammad Bilal

Along with three other Portland residents, they traveled to western China and tried to enter Afghanistan, but were turned away at the border.

The group became known as the "Portland Seven," after the FBI uncovered their actions and arrested them, along with one of their wives, in October 2002. All three of those sentenced

Monday were given reduced terms because of their cooperation with authorities - especially Hawash, who offered information which helped prosecutors tag 18-year sentences on two other members of the cell. "I do not blame anybody else except myself," Hawash said in court. "It's something-I have done that was completely out of my character."

Behind him, a row of his former Intel co-workers, many of whom had once stood on the steps of the federal courthouse proclaiming his innocence, wiped away tears.

Found

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wasn't pretty at all. Fortunately the temperatures were above freezing, but it was still chilly."

Davis was found suffering from dehydration but didn't appear to have frostbite, Higness said. Davis was taken by ambulance to Cassia Regional Medical Center, then was scheduled to be taken to a Pocatello hospital Monday. Davis survived his ordeal because he was wearing warm clothes and was in good shape, Higness said.

"He was very well dressed for winter," he said.

Panorama Ski Area to the west of the Coaterels reported 16 inches of new snow over the weekend. The ski area reported nearly 6 feet of new snow in the past seven days and blowing and drifting snow over the weekend.

The search for Davis started Saturday afternoon following a report of a vehicle sitting off the highway, according to a Cassia County Sheriff's Department news release. A sheriff's deputy checked the car and learned it was registered to Public Broadcasting Service.

The search by the sheriff's department, the Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue and Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club lasted into the night Saturday.

Davis had a cell phone with him, but its battery was running low, Higness said. However, Davis did make several phone calls to his wife in Inkom and the sheriff's department.

On Sunday, more people joined the search, which lasted throughout the night, according to the release. That night, the Pocatello Sheriff's Department got a 911 call from Davis, but searchers were unable to pinpoint his location.

It wasn't until about 10:30 a.m. Monday that Davis was found. A couple of snowmobilers got stuck, and their engines stalled, Higness said. The snowmobilers then heard a call for help and saw a man on a ridge above them waving his arms.

Rescuers then called for assistance using radios, Higness said.

Hospital

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services and visits, will only pay \$4,600 for pneumonia.

Sharon Fischer, the hospital's director of quality resources and risk management, presented a Patient Safety Board report. Among other things, the report examined errors in administration of the diabetes drug insulin. She said there were three insulin errors during December, but none resulted in harm to a patient.

The report also looked at patient falls, some of which resulted in abrasions but none that resulted in broken bones, Fischer said. The hospital is now putting stars on the doors of patients at risk for falling so the staff can keep an extra close eye on them.

Another thing the hospital is tracking closely, and trying to improve on, is identification bracelets.

"We're not getting a bracelet on every patient," Fischer said.

Also Monday, the board discussed the next board retreat. The board decided to hold a half-day retreat beginning at 2 p.m. March 5 at a location to be named later.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Peter Morrill, Idaho Public TV general manager, said he visited Davis in the hospital Monday.

"We are very grateful for the great support provided by the Cassia County Sheriff's Department and the massive multi-agency and volunteer search and rescue effort," Morrill said. "We are thankful and thrilled they were successful and that he has been found. (Davis) was in good spirits when I visited him this afternoon at the hospital."

In a debriefing Monday afternoon at the sheriff's department, Davis' wife, Ann Davis, thanked all the people involved in the search for her husband. More than 100 people helped in the search, Higness said.

Morrill thanked Jim Higness, Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue, Raft River Rural Electric, Albion Telephone Company, All Wireless Company, Albion Fire Department, Malta Fire Department, Malta Ambulance Service, Idaho Transportation Department, and Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club.

LDS temple will stand on 'Rexburg Hill'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Mormon church has selected a hill overlooking its Brigham Young-Idaho campus as the new site for a temple.

The temple will stand prominently on "Rexburg Hill" to the south of campus. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

day Saints said Monday. A groundbreaking date has not yet been determined.

The church already has two temples in the state. The Idaho Falls temple was dedicated in 1945, and the Boise temple in 1984.



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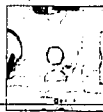
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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

District offers tours of Hailey youth center

HAILEY - The Blaine County Recreation District is offering a series of 45-minute tours of the Community Campus and The Hub, the new youth center scheduled to open this spring. Both are located in the old Wood River High School.

Tours are scheduled for 12:15 to 1 p.m. today, Feb. 17 and March 3, 7 and 24. Space is limited to 12 people per group.

"We want people to have a chance to see what we are doing here and to tell them about the ways we need community help to serve our young people," said Mary Austin Crofts, executive director of the recreation district.

Participants on the tour will be able to see the youth center taking shape with a computer lab and small stage for performances and dances. The 2,500-square-foot area is designed for youth in sixth through 12th grades.

In order to complete The Hub and related facilities, the district is seeking donations of such things as clay bricks and mats for bases for baseball and softball, adjustable-height baskets at the gym, jackets and vests for a courtesy patrol, supplies for art classes, magazine and newspaper subscriptions, office supplies and furniture, and Macintosh computers.

Anyone interested in a tour or who can help with the district's needs is asked to contact Susie Wentmore, community services director, at 888-2117 or swentmore@berd.org.

For more information, call 788-2117 or visit the web site at www.berd.org.

Mini-Cassia Democrats caucus later this month

PAUL - Delegates to represent Mini-Cassia at the Idaho State Democratic Convention are to be selected at a Feb. 24 caucus.

The caucus begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Paul fire hall. It's open to the public. Any qualified voter in Cassia or Minidoka counties, who is registered as a Democrat, may participate in the delegate selection process.

For more information, contact Joey Bryant at jbrant@pm.org or 679-7793.

CSI computer classes start Friday in Burley

BURLEY - Two computer classes begin Friday at the College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center.

Each class runs for four weeks from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday nights.

A Microsoft Excel class taught by Chris Clark focuses on spreadsheets. Students will also be taught shortcuts and how to use Excel as a database for address lists and graphs. The class costs \$40.

A digital imaging class will focus on loading photographs into a computer and editing those photos. Cindy Henry teaches the class. The cost is \$40.

To register by telephone or for more information, call the CSI Mini-Cassia Center at 678-1400.

Tell us how you met the love of your life

Do you have a great story about how you met the love of your life? Share it with us.

The Times-News is preparing a Valentine's Day article about how couples met. If you'd like to tell us your story, call Steve Crump at 735-3223 or email him at scrump@magvalley.com.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	98%	66%
Hemrys Fork/Teton	112%	76%
Big Lost	96%	61%
Little Lost	87%	55%
Salmon	96%	64%
Big Wood	90%	65%
Little Wood	98%	65%
Salmon Falls	118%	62%
Oakley Basin	119%	64%

As of Feb. 9.

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

Man says he ran over woman

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A forensic pathologist in Boise Monday performed a preliminary examination on the body of a Twin Falls woman found last Thursday, but authorities were not releasing any information from it.

An affidavit filed in 5th District Court in Twin Falls, Monday, says that during questioning last week by authorities, a suspect

being held in California admitted he had run over Sheri Brookshier with his vehicle, a white Ford Bronco.

Brookshier, 31, of Twin Falls was last seen Jan. 31 at 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. Her body was found in a field south of Filer Thursday.

Final autopsy results are pending microscopic and chemical

analysis, said Grant Loebbs, Twin Falls County prosecutor. Those results may be released in the next day or two, he said.

Jody Randall Oakley Carr, 31, of Filer was taken into custody Wednesday in California for unspecified warrants issued in California and Idaho, according to the affidavit written by Detective Scott Smith of the Twin Falls

Police Department. On Friday, Carr was charged with one count of second-degree murder, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison; Loebbs said.

"We're still analyzing the evidence," Loebbs said Monday, adding that a second-degree murder charge could be changed to first-degree murder if evidence warrants it. First-degree murder

requires premeditation.

Carr was still being held Monday in San Bernardino County, Calif., on \$1 million bond. He could waive extradition and be brought back to Idaho, or he could demand an extradition hearing.

"The overwhelming majority of people waive that process," Loebbs said.

The affidavit says that

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SEEKING FEDERAL HELP



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Water flows into the Snake River near Auger Falls Monday. Twin Falls City Council members hope to create a public park, wildlife refuge and natural water treatment system at the site with the help of federal dollars.

City pins hopes on lobbying group

Agency would assist officials in garnering money by funds for a variety of area projects

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The needs of Twin Falls might soon be brought to Washington, D.C. doorstep.

The City Council voted unanimously Monday to hire the Gallatin Group, which counts former Idaho Gov. Cecil D. Andrus as a consultant, to help acquire federal money for city projects.

The lobbying group will work to secure federal funding for such projects as Auger Falls, the canyon rim trail system and the south well field recharge project to dilute arsenic in drinking water.

The Auger Falls project would use treated wastewater to create wetlands in the Snake River Canyon, and the area would be opened to the public for use as a park. The project's total estimated cost is between \$4 million and \$5 million.

The city could also use federal

Other council business

Board of Appeals. The board, composed of city and county officials, voted unanimously to uphold the previous two decisions, which included the condition that approval be subject to the engineering department's technical review.

Canyon Trail Subdivision - Another subdivision got the nod from council members. Canyon Trail's phase three will move ahead after the council's 7-0 vote.

The development included 51 residential lots, with an average size of 6,950 square feet.

connect the College of Southern Idaho to the Snake River Canyon and extend the trail from the end-point east of the Perrine Bridge to Shoshone Falls.

Only a third of the city's \$2,400 monthly cost to retain the services of the Gallatin Group will come from property tax revenues, city officials said.

Because many of the projects

deal with water and water treatment, City Manager Tom Courtney proposed that one-third of the cost be taken from each of those funds, which are supported by water and sewer fees paid by city residents. The final third will be taken out of the city's contingency fund.

"We're always looking for non-property-tax sources of revenue," Councilman Lance Cлов said.

The condition was voted in as part of the agreement.

The Gallatin Group's total fee for service is \$7,200 a month, which will be divided up among the city, CSI and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Each entity's share is \$2,400 per month.

The contract is for one year. It can be canceled, however, with 30 days' notice.

Councilman Dennis Magphan added a wish to the list: building a pedestrian overpass at College Drive and Blue Lakes Boulevard.

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Scott Beede.
Age: 22.
Description: 5-foot-8, 135 pounds, black hair, blue eyes.
Wanted on: Probation violation.
Original charge: Felony burglary.
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Beede's whereabouts to call 736-1100 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.



Lawmaker decries proposed tax amendment

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - The House tax panel on Monday made a second attempt at raising the threshold required to increase taxes, but some key Republicans expressed reservations.

Rep. Leon Smith, a Twin Falls moderate who sits on the tax panel, said such a move would hamstring state government just as in neighboring Oregon



or Colorado. Economies may head temporarily south, but government still has to run. And voters will always turn down attempts to

raise enough money through taxes to pay for government services, Smith said.

"People are against taxes, and I understand that," Smith said. "But until you get up here and see the structure of how everything works, you don't realize you can't function without taxes. OK, schools take 70 percent of the budget. Do we want to cut that out? What if we

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Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls

Rep. Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly

Fish farmers go after vandalism enforcement

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - If a bill passed by the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee Monday becomes law, people caught vandalizing fish

farms could go to prison for up to 20 years.

Fed up with losing big money, fish producers from the Hagerman Valley testified Monday that they need specific legislation that targets the vandals

causing the problems.

Leo Ray is a Hagerman-area fish farmer who said he lost 250,000 pounds of fish with a market value of \$300,000 last year. No one was apprehended, though he claimed law enforce-

ment did not pursue the case vigorously. Sheriff's officers, prosecuting attorneys and judges need laws that specifically address the problem so they can put together strong cases in order to get stiff

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magicvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

Simon Macias Campos - Filer

Simon Macias Campos, 35, of Filer, Idaho, died on Feb. 7, 2004. He was born in La Venta de Mochitillo, Jalisco, Mexico, on June 23, 1968. Simon was employed by the Rite-Aid Drug Store in Filer, Idaho. He enjoyed music, dancing and giving a helping hand whenever someone needed it. He loved children. Simon always greeted you with a smile.

He is survived by his mother, Eusebia C. Brito, and stepfather, Elizandro F. Brito, of Twin Falls, Idaho; a daughter, Nancy Macias Gonzalez, of Mexico; two brothers, Eze-

quiel Campos (Maria), of Mexico, and Alejandro Campos (Gabriela), of Mexico; a sister, Lizette Campos, of Jerome, Idaho; his loving partner, Modesta Sackett, of Filer, Idaho; and many other family members and friends.

Simon was preceded in death by his grandmother, Emilia Sandoval; and his father, Rosalio Macias Diaz.

A Celebration of his Life will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at the Community Bible Church in Filer, Idaho, with Pastor Ken Hippel officiating. Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhai.



Golda Gertrude Grove - Twin Falls

Golda Gertrude Grove, 90, of Twin Falls, formerly of Orville, Calif., passed away Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at her home.

Golda was born March 28, 1913, in Raisin City, Calif. She grew up and attended schools, graduating from San Bernardino High School in San Bernardino, Calif. As a young girl, she met James Carrington Grove and they were married in Tijuana, Mexico, in 1945. He was her loving and devoted husband, until his death in 1982. Golda was a devotee of crossword puzzles, "Wheel of Fortune," "Jeopardy" and the news. Every day she would record the weather faithfully, for her husband. She had kept a journal from the time of her childhood and carried it faithfully into her adult life.

Surviving Golda are her children, Allen Lockwood, of Twin Falls and Diane Alice Poot, of Orville, Calif.; one daughter, Bonnie Catalano, of Orville; her very best friend, Aunt Roly Merced; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She held all of her grandchildren near, but she was closest to Monty Poot, of Orville, Calif.; Rufus Lockwood, of Twin Falls; and Mary Lockwood, of Boise, Idaho.

At her request, no services are being held. Cremation and private interment are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral



Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

"To Remember Me..."

The day will come when my body will lie upon a white sheet neatly tucked under four corners of a hospital mattress located in a hospital busily occupied with the living and the dying.

At a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that for all practical purposes, my life has stopped. When that happens, do not attempt to insert artificial, life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my deathbed.

Let it be called my Bed of Life, and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives. Give my sight to a man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman. Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain. Give my blood to a teenager who was pulled from the wreckage of his car so that he might live to see his grandchildren play. Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week. Take my bones, every nerve and muscle in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that someday, a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her window. Burn what is left of me and scatter my ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

If you must, bury something. Let it be my faults, my weaknesses, and all prejudice against my fellow man. Give my sins to the devil; give my soul to God.

If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

Author Robert N. Tost

Aileen Bedingfield Taylor

Aileen Bedingfield Taylor, 84, passed away on Nov. 29, 2003, at Waco, Texas.

She was born at Joseph, Ore., in 1919. Aileen received her teaching training at Albion Normal School. While teaching and raising her family, she continued her education. Aileen went to Twin Falls to take a teaching position. She married George E. (Bud) Taylor in 1941. She taught at Harrison Elementary until she retired.

Always active, she volunteered at the Twin Falls Public Library. A sports enthusiast, she could be seen cheering on baseball players at Harmon Park near her home or watching basketball. Aileen was one of the original "Over 60 and fit" gang.

She enjoyed concerts in the park, bible studies, classes at CSI and getting together with friends.



She was widowed in 1982. To family and friends she gave of herself endlessly and cheerfully. Her

teaching legacy remains in the community and she was always there for others. Aileen's generous and giving spirit touched all who knew her, making her sorely missed. We know she joins her husband, Bud, her sisters, and her parents.

She is survived by her son, Jon Taylor, of Waco, Texas; and her daughter, Sylvia Leeper, of Nampa, Idaho; her five grandchildren, Jasmine and Jason Taylor, of Waco, and Kevin, Kendra and David Leeper, of Nampa; and one great-grandson, Ryan; plus her nieces and nephew.

At her request services were not planned. It is suggested that donations be made to the Twin Falls Public Library where she spent many years helping others among the books and people, especially children. She dearly loved.

Avid Onita Lovass Wasko - Kimberly

Avis Onita Lovass Wasko, 73, of Kimberly, died peacefully at home on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, after suffering from emphysema for the past 12 years.

Avis was born March 7, 1930, in Woodsville, Wis., to Gunder I. and Olga (Hanson) Lovass. The family moved to Idaho in 1937. She graduated from Nampa High School in 1947. Avis married Theodore Gregory Wasko Sr. on Nov. 9, 1957, in Nampa, Idaho.

Avis was a beloved homemaker and mother. She was devoted to her faith and prominent in Junior ICW wives and ICWV. Her other interests included hunting, camping, fishing, traveling, bowling and family history. She was a talented seamstress who enjoyed plastic canvas and needle craft. Avis was also a den mother, loved going to her son's baseball games. She was an avid bowler, serving as an officer and national delegate and secretary for the Twin Falls Women's Bowling League for many years.

Surviving Avis is her loving husband of 46 years, Ted Wasko Sr.; sons, Ted (Alyce) Wasko Jr., Tony (Shannon) Wasko, all of Kimberly; daughters, Debbie (Milt) Wasko,



Cochrane, of Blackfoot, Idaho, and Susan (Steve) Wasko Spafford, of Meridian, Idaho; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her brother, Darryl Lovass.

Her parents and three siblings preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at St. Edward's the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls with Father Koelsch officiating. Interment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls.

A Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, and friends may call from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that all memorials be sent to St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Donna Kathleen Whitney Lloyd

On Dec. 22, 1946, Donna was born to Edward "Fred" and Ruth Whitney in Twin Falls, Idaho, and passed away on Feb. 8, 2004, after a courageous battle against cancer.

She attended school in Twin Falls and graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1963. She spent her childhood in Browning, Mont., where she worked for Great Northern Railroad. After moving back to Idaho Falls she met and married Michael Lloyd on Aug. 8, 1969. Her next job was with the Bonneville County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher, secretary and deputy sheriff.

After seven years she returned home to Twin Falls, to be near her aging parents, and worked at Universal Frozen Foods before later joining the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department as dispatcher and TAC officer. She loved the outdoors, going fishing, working in her garden and preserving the fruits of her labor and making beautiful crocheted afghans.

She is survived by her husband; son, Daniel; stepson, Marty Mock (June), of Idaho Falls; sisters, Betty Halls, of Idaho Falls and Sharon Wilson (Tom), of Eagle, Idaho;

brother, Dale Whitney (Pat), of Boise, Idaho; mother-in-law, Bernice Lloyd, of Idaho Falls; three grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Association, P.O. Box 146, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0146, or your favorite charity.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004 at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Richard O. 'Dick' Garvin - Burley

Richard O. "Dick" Garvin, 81, of Burley, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2004. He was born April 10, 1922, at Lewisville, Idaho, the son of Afion S. and Etta Hansen Garvin. He attended Pocatello High School, leaving two years in truck and graduating in 1940. He continued his education in four universities, Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia; Duke University in Durham, N. C.; the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N. C.; and the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, graduating with a bachelor's of arts degree in industrial relations in 1949.

He was a member of the track team at Duke University and the basketball team at the University of North Carolina. North Carolina won the Southern Conference Championship and was rated number eight in the nation.

Dick was in the Marine Corps for 19 years, serving in World War II and the Korean Conflict, being honorably discharged in 1952 as a captain. While stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, he

played basketball for the base team that was rated number one in the nation east of the Mississippi. He also served for eight years in the Idaho National Guard, retiring from the military with 27 years of active duty and reserve time.

He went to work for Idaho Bank and Trust Co., in Pocatello in 1957, and retired after 27 years as a senior vice president. While with I.B. & T.-Co., he worked in Burley, American Falls, Paul and Blackfoot. He was in several organizations including past exalted ruler of the B.P.O.E. 1384, past president of the Chamber of Commerce in American Falls, was a member of the Rotary Club in Burley, American Falls and Blackfoot. He was a past president of the Exchange Club in Burley and was also a member of the Lion's Club in American Falls.

He married Evelyn C. "Mickey" Baker in Pocatello, on Aug. 7, 1947. He had two daughters, Jona Lee and Carol Joy.

Jona Lee (David) Winder lives in American Falls, Idaho, and Carol

Joy (Don) Merz lives in Montpelier, Idaho. He also has four grandchildren, Matthew (Sheila) Anderson, of Greeley, Colo.; Amanda K. (Ross) Freckleton, of Pocatello, Idaho; Adam (Sharon) Anderson, of American Falls; and Alicia Jean Merz, of Montpelier; three step-grandchildren, David, Cherie and Dana; and two great-grandchildren, Logan Freckleton and Ethan Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his dear wife, Mickey, who died on March 10, 2003.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with the Rev. Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home and on Thursday before the funeral.



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Genevieve Hildebrand - Burley



Genevieve Hildebrand, 85, a resident of Burley died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at Highland Estates where she resided.
Genevieve was born on March 24, 1919, in Illinois. Genevieve was the daughter of Goldie Ann and George Ray Johnson. She married Robert G. Hildebrand on Oct. 2, 1944, in Los Angeles, Calif., where Robert "Bob" was stationed. They made their home in New Jersey.
Genevieve is survived by two sisters, Charlotte June Banner, of Heyburn and Helen Faught, of Ontario, Ore.; a brother-in-law, Williams Hildebrand, of New Jersey; sister-in-law, Jane Weir, of Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.
She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert "Bob" Hildebrand; her parents, Goldie and Ray Johnson; and three brothers, Jim Johnson, Bud Johnson and Roy Johnson.
Genevieve was loved and will be missed by all.

A viewing was held at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 3, 2004, at White Mortuary. Graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park. The Rev. Robert Van Nest will be officiating.

Cleve Henry Boss (Bud) - Wendell

C. H. Boss (Bud), 82, passed away Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center.
Bud was born March 7, 1921, in Jerome, Idaho, to Cleve and Hattie Boss. He graduated from Buhl High School and joined the National Guard in 1939. In 1944 he served two years for the U.S. Army in Japan and Philippines.
He married Ferol McClure on March 8, 1941, in Paso Robles, Calif. They lived in Buhl and Twin Falls where Bud managed the Sweeney grocery store until they purchased the Westpoint Service in Wendell in 1960. Bud and Ferol ran the store and bar until 1991 when they finally retired. During that time they met and made a lot of friends.
He loved to go camping, hunting and fishing with family and friends and you always had a warm campfire to greet you. Bud was a member of the American Legion.

Bud is survived by his wife, Ferol, of 62 years; two sons, Rod Boss and Rick (Betty) Boss, all of Wendell; two daughters, Vickie (Ken) Dugger, of Wendell, and Valerie (Gary) Dewep, of Hagerman; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his only sister, Ruby Gillespie Youngs, of Washington; a daughter-in-law, Pat Boss, of Wendell; and a great-grandson, David Collins, of Montana.
We all loved him and will miss him. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the charity of your choice.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at 2 p.m. at Demary's Wendell Chapel, with the Rev. Michael Holloman officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demary Funeral Service.

Idaho A.G. approves campaign contributions for Kempthorne

BOISE (AP) - Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said Monday the eight contributions made to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's re-election campaign that exceeded the \$5,000 prescribed campaign finance law limit were legal.

In a nonbinding opinion, Wasden said the changes made in the finance reporting law in 1997 clearly intended to create a situation where donors could exceed the general campaign limits in the case of incumbents.

Secretary of State Ben Yursa said that he will propose legislation this session to close what he sees as a loophole allowing unlimited contributions to finance general expenses of holding an office.

Under the 1997 amendments, eight contributors gave the Kempthorne campaign money last year that pushed their total financial support for his second term over the \$5,000 limit for the general election. The eight combined for \$23,000 in 2003 on top of the money they contributed during the actual campaign the previous year.

Both Yursa and Kempthorne campaign treasurer Larry Jeffries

asked for Wasden's interpretation. Jeffries maintained the law allowed the contributions since they support the expenses of holding office, not getting elected to it.

Jeffries, a Boise certified public accountant, pointed out the provision on the 2003 campaign finance report because Kempthorne had previously said he would not seek a third term in 2006, eliminating any need to generate cash for another campaign.

The 2002 campaign, however, carried a \$190,000 debt into 2003. It paid off just \$40,000 of it last year. At the same time the campaign reported new bills from consultants for \$48,500.
The campaign opened 2004 with only \$21,000 in the bank and debts of \$159,000. Virginia political consultant MPIC Agency was due more than half that money for work during the campaign, but the campaign's other creditors also included former Chief of Staff Phil Reberger for \$1,500 and former campaign manager Jason Lehost for \$5,000.
The governor raised only \$75,000 last year, and backers said he netted about \$40,000 from a Jan. 31

fund-raising dinner in conjunction with the annual Governor's Ball.
The contributions over the limit for the 2002 election cannot be used to retire the election debt, but they can finance other activities in Kempthorne's office.
While about \$40,000 of the cash the campaign raised last year paid off debt, another \$30,000 financed other expenses including a number involving Kempthorne's chairmanship of the National Governors Association.
In a letter to Wasden, Jeffries cited the 1997 law that allows in addition to contributions to the political campaign "any other amounts contributed to an individual for the purpose of supporting his activities as a holder of any state, county, city, school district or other public office."
There was no indication in the law that those contributions are subject to any limit.
Jeffries said the state provision was taken from the federal campaign finance law that provides for creation of so-called office accounts to defray official expenses of carrying out the responsibilities of an office.

Rupert man faces charge in shooting

By Shelley Aldenow
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A Rupert man remained at the Mini-Cassia Animal Justice Center Monday evening in lieu of posting a \$10,000 bond on a charge of attempted murder.

Adrian Tinoco Cisneros, 21, was arrested early Monday morning by officers from the Rupert Police Department on suspicion that he shot Adam Velasquez-Gil around 8 p.m. Sunday at a Rupert apartment building.

Velasquez-Gil, 36, was found lying on the floor of an apartment at 205 E. Fifth St., Rupert Police Detective Juan Martinez said. He had been shot twice in the chest. Police officers found a .45-caliber handgun in a garbage can in the kitchen which they believe was used to shoot Velasquez-Gil.
The two men lived in the same apartment building, Martinez said.

Other people were in the apartment at the time of the shooting, Martinez said, and they called police to report the incident.
Velasquez-Gil was taken to Minidoka Memorial Hospital and then taken by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. He was listed in serious condition Monday evening.
Tinoco Cisneros was arrested after police received a call at 12:23 a.m. Monday from a woman who said he was outside her house in Rupert. The woman was identified by police as his girlfriend, but her name was not released.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW



A dove rests Wednesday on a powerline in downtown Farmington, N.M., silhouetted in front of a nearly-full moon.

DEATH NOTICES

Darrell Parker
CASTLEFORD - Darrell Parker, 87, of Castleford, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Bobby Whitlock
TWIN FALLS - Bobby Whitlock, 64, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center.
Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," Twin Falls.

Ross M. Randle
IDAHO FALLS - Ross M. Randle, 88, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls.
Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Sheri Ranae Johnson-Brookshier
TWIN FALLS - Sheri Ranae Johnson-Brookshier, 31, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004.
A service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at the Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Dr., Twin Falls.

Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

R. Douglas Neville
TWIN FALLS - R. Douglas Neville, 79, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, Calif.
Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

John Terry
LOGAN, Utah - John Terry, a 82-year-old former Paul resident, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, in Logan, Utah.
A service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary-Burley Chapel with Bishop Kirk Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the service on Friday.

William Bill Newcomb
RUPERT - William Bill Newcomb, an 81-year-old Rupert resident, died Feb. 9, 2004, at his home.
Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Vandals

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sentences, Ray said.
The bill he and other industry members want would make it unlawful "for any person to transfer, damage, vandalize, poison or attempt to do those things in posted commercial aquaculture operations. Someone who allowed another to do those things could also be found guilty. In addition to a 200-year sentence, the punishment could include a fine of up to \$10,000.
"I sit just as vulnerable today as I was a year ago," Ray said. "I think this legislation will put pressure on the sheriffs and the prosecutors."

But Gooding County Sheriff Shawn Cough had a different take on the proposed legislation. To begin with, he said the bill would not make it any easier to capture

a suspect. In addition, he said the state already has a law on the books called "intentional injury to property" that addresses vandalism to fish farms. If a good case is proven, a vandal can be prosecuted for a felony under that law, Gough pointed out.
"The only difference is in the punishment," Gough said. Instead of up to one year in jail and up to \$1,000 fine, the legislation targeted at aquaculture has stiffer penalties.

"Why don't they just add a degree to malicious intent?" Gough suggested. "This is like remaining bank robbery for something else."

As for putting pressure on law enforcement and the judiciary, Gough said the Ray case is still an active case but that so far there hasn't been enough evidence for his department to pin the crime

on someone. And the proposed legislation won't help him gather more evidence, Gough said.

Senators studying the bill said they supported the concept but that the bill needed language to address a person's intentions when involved in aquaculture vandalism. For example, if someone unwittingly put chewing gum in a pond that had an expensive fish that ate the gum and died, the culprit shouldn't be sent to jail, they said.

Sen. Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls, made a motion for the bill to be amended to address that problem and then sent to the Senate floor to be voted on. With the exception of Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, everyone approved the motion. Darrington, who spearheaded the bill, said nothing was wrong with the wording in the original form.

Taxes

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cut down on law enforcement and corrections and the judiciary? Then you open everything up to more crime, and that's how it goes with everything."

The proposed constitutional amendment was introduced by Republican Rep. Ken Roberts of Donnelly, a member of an increasingly vigorous conservative voice that appears to carry greater sway this year over more moderate GOP members.
Roberts' amendment replaces one introduced last month that would have required a two-thirds majority of the House and Senate to approve any state sales, income or corporate tax increase.
His new amendment includes all of the provisions in the first bill, but adds that the Legislature also get supermajority approval before lifting any of the current sales tax exemptions or exclusions.
Like the first draft, the proposed change would also require statewide voter approval before

for any tax increase or the repeal of any exemption.
"It doesn't say you can't raise the rates. It raises the threshold you need to raise taxes," Roberts told committee-members as he introduced the bill.

The legislation was accepted for consideration on a voice vote, but three Republicans - Smith and Reps. Debbig Field of Boise and Hilda Kellogg of Post Falls - initially voted against its introduction.
"I have this looming vision of 2003 in my eyes," Field said, referring to the record-long session last year in which the House battled Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the Senate over revenue. Facing vetoes from the governor, the House gave way to a 1-cent sales tax increase to raise enough money to balance the state budget.
"I didn't want to raise taxes, but I don't want to be faced with waiting to get out of here," Field added.
Smith called the measure an "invitation to gridlock. If we'd had

this in place last year, we would still be here."

Eastern Idaho conservative Dell Raybould voted to consider the bill, but he also reserved his right to vote against it later. His concern is that if taxes and exemptions are nearly impossible to increase, the Legislature will have a tendency to raise funds in other areas.

"I'm hoping for an extended hearing on this. I want to know how it affects departments raising fees and licenses," Raybould said.
Roberts' proposal would change the state constitution. As such, a two-thirds approval of the Legislature and ratification by a majority of the voters in the November election would be required before it could pass.
Smith said he wasn't sure if it will pass on the House floor if it gets that far. If it does, Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, a noted fiscal conservative, said he wouldn't be in favor of it.
"That's one of the most dangerous bills floating around," Stevenson said.

Developer will preserve Anasazi site

WASHINGTON CITY, Utah - Developers here are making room for another few families.

Ence Homes is seeking permission to develop property between 300 and 500 East and 250 and 300 South, but found out someone had already lived there.
It turns out the Anasazi used part of the site many centuries ago.

Some residents feared the archaeological find would be bulldozed. The developer instead has slated open space for the majority of the area where archaeological sites were found and planned to allow for other major sites by making slight adjustments to plots.

Korey Kinder, Ence Homes project development manager, said most sites would sit protected by a 40-foot open space area, which was already planned because it is land near a fault line in the property.
Additional sites would be included in open area by making cuts into what would have been odd-shaped property lines.

Roads

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afternoon.
Snow plows from the Idaho Transportation Department were busy Monday, said Lyle Gaskill, the department's maintenance coordinator.

"We've had the manpower to do it, although it's taxing," he said.
Gaskill said snow removal costs have been higher than normal. In December, winter maintenance costs including snow removal were 127 percent of average.

"We're basically a little high," he said.

Besides costing money, the snow caused numerous accidents and slide-offs, including a Sunday collision between a snow plow and a tractor-trailer.
Bradford Regley, 27, of Ogden, Utah, was driving a semi at about 12:01 p.m. Sunday westbound on Interstate 84 at milepost 182 when a Transportation Department pickup truck driven by Jose Galvan, 48, of Twin Falls, merged onto the interstate in front of him, according to an Idaho State Police news release.

Galvan then dropped his plow, causing the pickup to cover Regley's windshield, according to the release. Regley apparently lost control of the truck and hit the right rear of the snowplow, crossed over the median, struck an embankment and rolled on its side.
The interstate was closed from 12:15 to 2:50 p.m. to remove the semi, the release said.
No serious injuries were reported in the crash.

Woman

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Brookshier and friend had gone to the Kløver Klub Lounge to celebrate her upcoming 32nd birthday. After a few drinks, Brookshier became "filtrations," according to her friend, and began talking to a man, later identified as Jody Carr. When Brookshier's friend came back from the bathroom, Brookshier and the man were gone, the affidavit says.
The affidavit doesn't indicate what led to the incident, but the suspect reportedly told authorities that he ran over Brookshier with his vehicle twice that night, then returned to his home. The next morning, he told officials, after he went back to the location to check if there was evidence at the scene, he ran over Brookshier again with

his vehicle because he feared she might be suing.
He provided information on the body's whereabouts to police, the affidavit says.
The affidavit says that Brookshier's friend told officers that Carr had started a new job at Sawtooth Enterprises in Twin Falls. Officers interviewed Carr's boss, who told them Carr began work on Jan. 20.
On Monday morning, Feb. 2, Carr left a message on the man's voice mail, telling him of a family emergency and that he had to go to California.
A friend of Carr said when Sunday, the affidavit says, at which time the suspect, acting "paranoid," told his friend that he had stabbed somebody in the throat.

Software energizes digital lifestyle

Apple's new product advances the concept of simplicity.

By Mathew Fordahl
Associated Press writer

A lot of high-tech companies strive to be the hub of a digital lifestyle, but unless they're pushing an expensive Media Center PC they mostly leave it to consumers to figure out how to make their products work with others.

Macintosh computer owners don't face that headache.

Apple Computer Inc.'s updated iLife '04 suite of five programs lets you organize photos, play and buy songs, edit movies, burn DVDs and, now, create music. The programs all work well together and the suite costs just \$49, unless you're buying a new Mac. Then it's free.

And except for iTunes, these programs don't do Windows.

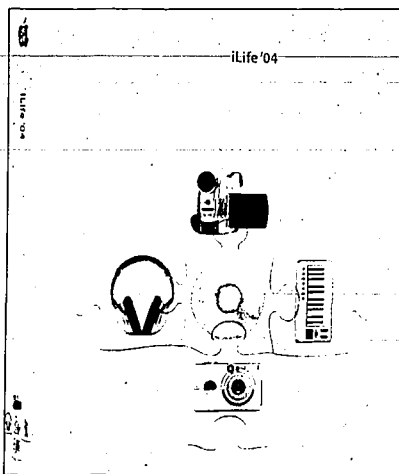
For me, the suite would be a bargain even at twice the price.

Its newest addition is an additive music-creation program. Called GarageBand, it is simple enough for those of us who've never touched a keyboard or strummed a guitar yet advanced enough to appeal to a polished practitioner.

How easy is it to make music? Beginners can start by creating a melody with one of 50 instruments, mixing it with "tracks" of 1,000 prerecorded "loops" and adding one of 200 special effects. It doesn't matter if the beat is off — the program can fix it. If it's too short, it can be stretched to fill the space.

A \$99 addition called the GarageBand Jam Pack makes available more instruments, loops and effects.

More talented users can plug in a microphone, keyboard or other instruments, mix them together with the loops, just like what happens in a professional recording studio. The number of tracks available depends on



This is an updated photo of Apple Computer Inc.'s updated iLife '04 programs, which allow the user to organize photos, play and buy songs, edit movies, burn DVDs and, now, create music.

the computer's power.

The interface is elegant and intuitive. It's a shame my forte seems to be appreciating music rather than creating it.

I started my opus by clicking up a melody on an on-screen keyboard. GarageBand recorded every painful note. To juice it up, I added some Hollywood strings, guitar loops, drums and a throbbing bass line.

Then played the tune, but each instrument played to a different beat. With a few clicks, the problem was fixed.

I sounded like something Igor Stravinsky would have written for the soundtrack of a bad '70s movie. My wife cringed. The cat started out of the room. The baby started crying, but he's always doing that. At least my music has impact.

But what to do with the masterpiece?

Thanks to iLife interoperability, I exported the song to iTunes, where I could listen to it, burn it to a CD or even transfer it to my unsuspecting wife's iPod player.

I also could have used it as a soundtrack to a home movie slideshow or DVD through other components of the iLife package.

GarageBand isn't the only change in iLife '04. In fact, all but iTunes have received significant upgrades. (iTunes remains a free download for Macs and PCs.)

The photo organization software, iPhoto '04, can now handle more than 25,000 digital photos without bogging down, according to Apple. I scurried through my modest collection of 700 pictures without noticing a performance degradation.

Going wireless? Make sure you hit all buttons

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Computers Q & A

Q. I took your advice and bought a wireless keyboard and mouse in the hopes that I could tidy up my home computing environment. I took the keyboard and mouse from the box and also the little receiver that one plugs into the ports on the back of the computer for those input devices. I am certain I did everything I needed to do, and yet the new keyboard and the mouse flat out will not work. Should I ship them back to Microsoft and get a refund?

A. We both learned a lesson on this one, Mr. G. I started out asking you if you had pressed the little buttons needed to sync the signals between the receiver and the two gadgets and you said you had done that as directed.

So I explained how one can force Windows to reload any piece of hardware after an installation goes bad and how this often fixes minor things such as this one.

We went through right-clicking on the My Computer icon and picking Hardware and then Device Manager to find the drivers for each and every component on a PC. You did this and eliminated the keyboard and mouse using the Remove command, thus forcing the computer to repeat the installation process for peripheral gear. Again, nada. I suggested that it was time to return the box to Bill Gates.

Then you started looking at the mouse, keyboard and receiver again and discovered that there is a button on the receiver as well as buttons on both the mouse and keyboard. One must hit the button on the receiver and then the one on the keyboard to tune it. Then the one must repeat the process for the mouse so they can talk to each other. When you told me you had used the buttons I neglected to ask if you hit all three buttons. In fact, you had only hit the single button on the receiver. The keyboard and mouse worked great when you discovered this on your own.

Computer columnists can learn something from lawyers, as my problem illustrates. Columnists

and defense lawyers should never ask a question unless they know the answer. Clarence Darrow told me, judging a witness who testified that his client had bitten off a plaintiff's ear.

"Did you see him bite the ear?" thundered Darrow.

"No!"

"Then how can you spit there and say my client did this?"

"Because I saw him spit it out!"

Quoth,

Q. I have two address books, one on my Palm 500 and the other on Netscape on my PC. Since I do not want to continue to duplicate my entries, can you give me advice on if there are programs that could allow for communication between those two disparate systems?

—Marco V. Galante@aol.com

A. The post-holiday hangover season is an excellent time to help folks whose gifts included Palm, Mr. G., so here goes:

Years ago the makers of the so-called Mozilla software that lies at the heart of the Netscape Communicator Web browser created a program called an AB conduit that lets one use the Netscape e-mail address book instead of the software that comes with the Palm personal digital assistant.

Click on Start and then Programs and find Netscape Communicator in the list that pops up. Select Netscape Communicator, and you should find a number of items besides the browser. One of these, Palm Tools, sets things up so that when you put the HotSync button on a Palm's cradle it will use the Netscape address book.

A lot of folks never see the additional details and the sync software that Netscape is installed because they make Netscape the default browser and always run it from the desktop. The Launch Pad next to the Start button in Windows.

Added details and the sync software can be found through this address maintained by Mozilla: www.mozilla.org/quality/maintenance/bugs/buffy.mn-palmsync.html.

Super Bowl stunt scores on the Web

By Frank Barnako
Knight Ridder News Service

The Super Bowl halftime show starring Janet Jackson provoked as many searches on the Internet as the Sept. 11 terror attacks, according to Terra Lycos.

Arnold Schatz, who monitors the most popular searches at Lycos.com, said Janet Jackson and the half-time festivities received 60 times as many searches as the Paris Hilton tapes and 80 times as many searches as for Britney Spears.

"Although it is very difficult to compare searches for the two events, it looks like the Super Bowl halftime show was the equal of Sept. 11 when it comes to Internet attention," he said. "That is, to put it bluntly, mind-blowing."

The controversy appears to have been a boon for Jackson's personal popularity. Yahoo.com's daily measure of searches, the Buzz Index (<http://buzz.yahoo.com>), showed almost 20 percent of all hunts on its site have been for Jackson.

Washington Post begins asking for personal data

The new chief of WashingtonPost.com has given the green light to requiring Internet users to give up more personal information. Caroline Little, chief executive of WashingtonPostNewsweek Interactive, said asking visitors for their job title, industry and company name are tidbits advertisers have requested.

HDTV prices should start to decline soon

By Doug Bedell
The Dallas Morning News

For most consumers, high-definition television has produced only high anxiety.

Entering this year, price tags on basic large-format home theater monitors are hovering at \$3,000 or more, and prospects for owning that stunning plasma, LCD or DLP screen may seem as dim as the picture on that old black-and-white.

Chin up, videophiles. At this month's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, signs emerged that prices will slide rapidly by year-end. Competition has kicked up as Dell, Gateway and other computer companies turn their attention to digital displays.

Intel, the world's largest microchip maker, joined the movement in Las Vegas. The company's leader said Intel will aggressively develop chips for big-screen, high-def televisions based on the Liquid Crystal on Silicon, or LCoS, technology.

Some observers scoffed at Intel as being overly optimistic, but the company says it expects to bring 50-inch high-definition sets, priced at less than \$1,800, to the marketplace by next year.

Other economic forces are at work. Chinese and Southeast Asian factories are boosting production of flat panels for LCD and plasma units, potentially depressing prices. Samsung opened CES by unveiling a 57-inch LCD set. Previously, manufacturing issues had limited LCD televisions to 46 inches, diagonally, leaving the

large display market to plasma alone. That should also force down prices.

The battle of technologies also will push makers to add features to give their sets the edge over rivals. That trend appeared all across the 1.4 million square feet of CES exhibits.

Epson, for example, showed up with a pair of LCD projection sets that also house memory card slots, a printer and a CD-rewritable drive. The configuration permits users to archive photos to CD simply by punching commands on the remote control. No computer necessary. Epson's 47-inch model will sell for about \$3,499; a 57-inch model is \$3,999. Both will ship in March, the company said.

Philips introduced an add-on technology dubbed "Ambilight." Basically, it is a set of lights positioned behind its flat-screen models that change colors in sync with the dominant color on the screen.

An ocean on screen triggers a soft blue glow. A raging fire changes the glow to red. Philips calls the effect "surround sound for your eyes."

Other digital televisions sported Wi-Fi connections and DVD players. And Sharp introduced what it is calling the world's first line of LCD TVs, with built-in TiVo-like digital video recording features and two PC-card slots. The slots let users record TV programming onto a portable hard drive or wirelessly connect to a home computer network. The 15- and 20-inch models, with suggested prices of \$1,399 and \$1,899 respectively, will be available later this year.

Take a break - Please see page C4.

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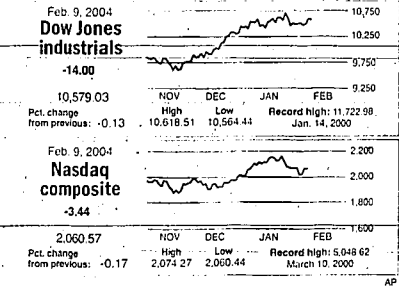
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MARKETS

Wind

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we're going to pay for it." He isn't alone. More than 130 ranchers leased anywhere from two acres to 3,000 acres to the utility district, receiving a scant \$2.34 per acre, per year.

Since 2001, the utility has been moving 22 anemometers ranging in height from 10 meters to 50 meters around those properties to prospect for wind. Jerry Kyle, systems engineer for the utility, declined to identify the most promising sites in the region, laughingly evading the question.

If the wind blew at 30 miles per hour nonstop all year, wind turbines would reach their maximum output. But because it doesn't blow that hard all year, most wind farms are in the 30 percent capacity range, Kyle said. The utility needs to install about 24 megawatts of capacity out of a wind farm

in order to proceed with the project. "What we've found out is we're not world class," Kyle said with a laugh. "Texas, Iowa - they get up in the 40s. They have a lot of ground."

The utility hates to advertise its electric rates from its primary source of energy, Wells Dam on the Columbia River. At 2.2 cents per kilowatt, it is far less than the 4 cents per kilowatt a wind farm might provide, Kyle said.

All but utilities need to begin expanding their portfolios, and renewable energy might allow them to diversify. "The financial benefit with long-term leases and lower property taxes, is significant," he said.

Besides, the technology is getting better for mediocre wind. "It might not be feasible now. It might be later. We've already had this data, we've stepped ahead," he said.

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BEANS

Yellow Beans: 100 lbs. 100.00, 100 lbs. 100.00. White Beans: 100 lbs. 100.00, 100 lbs. 100.00.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Batches: 30,000 lbs. 40.00, 40,000 lbs. 40.00.

POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) - Major potato markets FOB shipping points. Russets: 50 lbs. 1.50, 100 lbs. 3.00.

GRAINS

Wheat: 100 lbs. 1.50, 100 lbs. 1.50. Corn: 100 lbs. 1.00, 100 lbs. 1.00. Soybean: 100 lbs. 1.00, 100 lbs. 1.00.

SUGAR

NEW YORK (AP) - Sugar futures trading on the New York Board of Trade. Cane: 100 lbs. 1.00, 100 lbs. 1.00.

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Give new life to old neckties

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from the lady asking how to recycle her late husband's neckties. My daughter is a 16-year-old junior student who teaches Sunday school and volunteers at our children's hospital. She wears them as belts.

-PROUD MOM, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

DEAR PROUD MOM: Your daughter is an original-thinker. When I printed that letter, I had no idea there were so many uses for old neckties. Hundreds of suggestions poured in! Read on for a sample.

"I have a friend who made her prom dress completely out of men's ties she bought from Goodwill. They were sewn together vertically. It was really pretty."

-JOY IN IRVINE, CALIF.

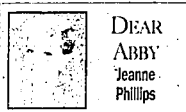
"She should use them to make a quilted Christmas tree. It will become a family heirloom."

-GINI M. OSKOSKI, WIS.

"Discarded neckties can be used to make pot holders, table runners, table linens, pocket-books, tote bags and more."

-HENNIE C. SPARTANBURG, S.C.

"She should cut the wide ends 18 inches to 20 inches long and sew them together at the long edges to make a colorful apron. The tapers will give it a nice flair, and the ends can be used for the



DEAR ABBY: Jeanne Phillips

stocking made for my 6-month-old daughter when her grandfather died. A very special cousin made it from some of his ties for her first Christmas. It's a family treasure."

-SHARON IN NEWBERRY PARK, CALIF.

"Here's an idea: With that many ties, she's bound to have a picture of Grandpa wearing some of them. Why not mount a picture of Grandpa wearing the tie in a frame along with the tie? It would make a wonderful keepsake."

-DAYNA IN LONGVIEW, TEXAS

"I use my husband's cast-off ties to make cases for my jewelry. Working with the wide ends, I cut them in 3-inch, 4-inch and 5-inch lengths and stitch them to form pouches. Then I fold the triangle ends like the flap on an envelope and put a snap on the other side. Voilà!"

-ANNA MARIA S., SILVER SPRING, MD.

DEAR ANNA MARIA AND THE HUNDREDS OF WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO WROTE TO OFFER IDEAS: The dear lady who wrote asking if ideas is sure to be overwhelmed with your clever uses for ties. (I certainly was.) And she isn't handy with a needle and thread, she can sell them on eBay or donate them to a thrift shop, a homeless shelter or college theater department.

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Count your doors; it's tax time again

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Wasn't any tax on future doors. And that movable clothes cabinet called an armoire was furniture. So says an historical society researcher.

Among chimpanzees, the female of the species tends to grow bald at an earlier age than the male.

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Birthday today? You're bursting with energy, but need to ease off sometimes

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willing to chase your dreams. Other people bring fresh insight and inspire you, but their needs may at times require your attention and distract you from your goals.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You would rather be relaxing in front of the TV, but there is just too much to do this week and everyone seems to want you to handle it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Other people may not seem to appreciate your imagination and ideas over the next few days, but you are inspired and somewhat romantic anyway. Don't let their pessimism get you down.

ANCER (June 21-July 22): Home and family matters seem to be going along quite nicely. However, in the next several days, you might feel a little low for no apparent reason and may not put your best foot forward because you are looking for love, skip the next several days and concentrate on work instead. This week isn't the time to

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SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): All work and no play makes Jack a cranky boy, and this intense work week may be one in which you need to schedule some personal time for physical activity.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is tempting to take advantage of situations at hand, but sometimes that just isn't the right thing to do. Money may be burning a hole in

your pocket, but you should wait until this week is over to spend it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You could be obsessed with business or with a special someone. Power and success have definitely been in your mind this week, but for the next few days you will need to exert extra courtesy and tact to avoid confrontations and stressful situations with important people.

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High school girls basketball tournament action heats up.

MORNING LINE
SPORTSQUOTE

I haven't seen that energetic flavor from us in a while.

—Tors guard Allen Iverson, after Philadelphia beat the Los Angeles Lakers, 96-73 last week

TRIVIA
QUESTION:

Andy Roddick set the record for the fastest serve Friday, hitting one 150 mph in a Davis Cup match against Stefan Koubek of Austria. He had shared the record with another player. Who was the other player?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school girls basketball
5A Region Four-Five-Six
Twin Falls at Skyline, 7 p.m.
Minico at Highland, 7:30 p.m.
4A District IV and V
Century at Jerome, championship, 7 p.m.
3A Sawtooth Central at Wood River High School
Buhl vs. Gooding, 5:30 p.m.
Wood River vs. Declo, championship, 7 p.m.
High school wrestling
Jerome at Mountain Home, 6:30 p.m.
Kimberly at Declo, 6 p.m.
High school boys basketball
Wendell at Glens Ferry, 4:15 p.m.
M.V. Christian at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Valley, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Lighthouse Christian at Hansen, 6 p.m.
Murtaugh at Castleford, 6 p.m.
Richfield at Camas County, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Gooding plans lasagna fund-raiser

GOODING - There will be a fundraising dinner from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Gooding High School multi-use room prior to the boys basketball game. The cost is \$5 single and \$20 for a family. The money goes toward state tournament expenses for the Senators wrestling team.

Twin Falls High School changes game time

IDAHO FALLS - The tip off for the Twin Falls High School girls basketball Region Four-Five-Six championship is 7 tonight, not 7:30 p.m. as previously scheduled.

League reschedules girls hoops playoffs

HAILEY - The Class 3A girls basketball Sawtooth Conference championship game was rescheduled from Monday to tonight at 7:30 p.m., following a loss-out game between Gooding and Buhl at 5:30.

Registration for Parents Night Out due Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho volleyball program will host Parents Night Out, a children's all-night slumber party at the Golden Eagles gym starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The form and payment are due Thursday.

Pickup is 9 a.m. the next morning. Call Ben Stroud at 732-6478 or Jing Hughtley at 732-6492 to obtain a registration form.

Children in grades 1-6 are eligible with some exceptions considered. The cost is \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional child per family. The fee includes free admission to that night's CSI basketball games, pizza from Papa John's, movies and games. The chaperones are the CSI volleyball team members. Children need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and pajamas.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Greg Rusedski. Rusedski hit a 149-mpg serve at Indian Wells in 1998.

Holding STEADY

Sophomore Green proves solid for Carey

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

CAREY - Carey sophomore Todd Green doesn't have bad games. Sure, the 6-foot-2 forward has had poor shooting nights, including a 1-for-7 night against Bliss, but you have to look deeper than Green's 12 point per game scoring average for his true worth to be revealed.

In that Bliss game, Green finished with only two points, but he pulled down six rebounds, blocked two shots and tallied four steals. When asked to score against Camas County, Green posted a career-high 23 points. When Carey needed rebounds, Green responded, grabbing 11 against Dietrich while also blocking four shots. Every time Green takes the floor, he ends up doing something to help the Panthers win.

Green's steadiness is surprising, especially considering the early nerves he and fellow sophomore starter Tyler Cook have gone through during their first varsity season.

"I remember when we first started we were real nervous," Green said.

However, Green has taken the step up to varsity in stride, focusing on his love for the game rather than the pressure of the situation.

"We just go out and shoot, have fun, don't worry about the pressure," Green said. "Usually when I get my first basket or get a rebound the pressure is off."

While Green himself may not feel the pressure, the pressure is definitely surrounding the top-ranked Panthers, who are looking to win their third straight 1A

RISING STARS

District 4 championship and secure a spot in the state tournament. With only six players suiting up for each game, Green's contribution has been huge for a team that everyone is looking to knock off.

"A lot of teams would like to knock off No. 1, especially Carey," Green said. "Everybody loves to beat Carey. Everybody loves us."

But beating Carey would be a lot less special if senior scoring leader Ty Simmons didn't have Green and Cook's help this season.

"Before this year people were kind of joking that I'd have to average 30 points per game," Simmons said. "These young guys have stepped up, and thank heaven I haven't had to do that."

Off the court, Green turns to video games to get him through the Magic Valley's long winter months. He has two younger sisters, which may be part of the reason he's so cool under pressure.

"It's fun, until you get ratted on and get in trouble," Green said. "With two younger sisters, you eventually get ratted on."

It's a good thing Green is used to it, because Northside Conference coaches are starting to rat Green out. They're letting the cat out of the bag, telling everyone that this kid can play.



Carey sophomore Todd Green fights to get a shot off over a Shoshone defender this past Friday night in Shoshone. Green is averaging 42 points per game in his first varsity season for the Panthers to help relieve the scoring burden placed on senior standout Ty Simmons.

SHAKEN UP
Knicks and Nets both maintain winning streaks

Ruthlessness is a prized virtue in pro sports. New York Knicks president Isiah Thomas came in with that attitude, still imparting it, hinting of more trades to come, and telling his star guard, Stephen Marbury, to start "stepping on people's necks when you've got them down."

STEVE WILSTEIN

Call Thomas graceless or even cruel for the way he treated former coach Don Chaney before firing him - letting him dangle for days and poking fun about his fate in a game of "20 Questions" on "Late Night With David Letterman."

But never overlook the ambition that has always driven Thomas. Knicks fans couldn't care less about what's behind his smile as long as their team keeps winning.

The Knicks have won five straight games, their longest winning streak in nearly three years, and have gone from irrelevant to exciting. Thomas arrived on Dec. 22, the team is in second place in its division, only two games under .500, and is solidly in the playoff hunt.

There's finally a buzz about the Knicks again in New York.

"I stopped wearing my Knicks cap because I was embarrassed about the way they were playing," Carl Levine, a lifelong Knicks fan in New York, said. "Now they're winning and I'll take my Knicks cap out of the closet."

Like many Knicks fans, Levine "took a hiatus" during the regime of former team president Scott Layden.

"They may have been nice guys, but the team stunk and they did a horrible job with the talent they put on the court," the 54-year-old Levine said. "Thomas had to be ruthless. Now they have a winning team and they're exciting to

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Staying alive

Minico pounces on Pocatello, 41-25

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

RUPERT - A lot can happen in 14 minutes of a District Four-Five-Six girls basketball tournament game.

Or, in the case of Pocatello High School's Lady Indians, 14 minutes can be the most exciting stretch of nothing imaginable.

Down 8-7 after the first quarter of Monday night's loser-out home game, the Minico Lady Spartan defense clamped down on the Pocatello attack, holding the Lady Indians scoreless for a 14-minute span.

Pocatello didn't score a point in the second quarter and didn't see its next shot sink until senior guard Lacey Pearson sank two free throws with 2:03 remaining in the third quarter.

"We wanted them to play our game. They like to slow it down, but we wouldn't let them," Minico coach Clint Stratman said. "Our defense has been the key to our last couple games."

By the time Pearson sank those freebies, the Lady Spartans owned a 26-10 lead they would not relinquish.

"They're playing together," Stratman said. "There's no T here. They're playing as a team and it shows."

Led by junior guard Meghan Boettcher's 12-point performance, the steady Lady Spartan offense found enough open shots to complement their solid defensive effort.

"We peaked at our right time. Everything is coming together," Boettcher

said. "It felt really good to show them that we were better."

Junior post Amber Warth came off the bench to provide a spark for Minico, scoring six points and pulling down timely offensive rebounds, something the entire Minico front line did well Monday night.

"Oh boy," Stratman said. "I hope that continues. We're a good rebounding team and that will have to continue tomorrow night against Highland."

Pocatello was led by Pearson's 11 points, while sophomore Jessica Steele added eight in the losing effort. The two guards were the only Lady Indians to score until sophomore guard Ali Zikrath sank a fourth-quarter 3-pointer.

While Monday night marks the end of Pocatello's season, Boettcher and the rest of Stratman's Lady Spartans are moving on. Minico will travel to Pocatello tonight to take on Highland at 7:30 p.m.

"They're youthful, so we'll hope to take advantage of that," Stratman said. "We're playing a lot better than we did when we played them before."

Minico's confidence is high, as the girls have come together to play their best basketball of the season at tournament time.



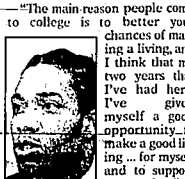
Minico Junior Amber Warth shoots over Pocatello defender Jessica Steele while Lady Spartans Kelsie Arlitt and Kabree Dayton look on. Warth scored six points to help Minico past Pocatello 41-25.

Going pro: Pitt's Fitzgerald says he is headed for the NFL draft

By Charles Sheehan Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH - Larry Fitzgerald finally made the decision everyone expected: to enter the NFL draft. The Heisman Trophy runner-up said Monday that he would forgo his collegiate career - at Pittsburgh - to turn professional. His announcement came four days after he was declared eligible for the draft.

Fitzgerald, who will turn 21 in August, is projected to go early in the draft. Though the receiver played just two seasons with the Panthers, that was enough time for him to break several school and NCAA records.



Larry Fitzgerald

midway through his senior year in 2001 and transferred to Valley Forge (Pa.) Military Academy to boost his grades for college.

"The NFL cleared the way for Fitzgerald to enter the April draft because he is three years past his senior year of high school.

The league's decision on Fitzgerald came on the same day a federal judge ruled running back Maurice Clarett could also turn pro despite playing only one season at Ohio State.

In that ruling Thursday, the judge said NFL rules regarding its draft violate federal antitrust laws. The ruling overturned the league's rule barring players from being eligible for the draft before

they were out of high school for three years.

The 20-year-old Fitzgerald was dominating last season. He finished a close second to Oklahoma quarterback Jason White in voting for the Heisman Trophy, nearly becoming the first sophomore to win the award.

He was the most proficient receiver in Pittsburgh history and set three NCAA records, including most consecutive games with a touchdown catch (18), most touchdown catches for a freshman-sophomore (34) and most yards receiving by a sophomore (1,672), besting Randy Moss' 1997 sophomore year. He tied the record for

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U.S. soccer may miss Olympic cut

By John Rice Associated Press writer

GUADALAJARA, Mexico - Already missing the U.S. baseball team, the Athens Olympics would be without the men's soccer squad, too, unless the Americans win Mexico's match.

The crowd will be overwhelmingly anti-American when the United States tries to secure its sixth straight Olympic men's soccer berth.

"We're going to hear the bad words and everything, but you know, we're looking forward to it," midfielder DaMarcus Beasley said Monday. "I don't know about the other guys but it's fun playing in front of fans who are always against you. When you win, it's always a sweeter victory."

On Nov. 7, the Mexican baseball team beat the Americans 2-1 in a qualifier, eliminating the defending gold medal champions.

London Donovan, Beasley and Bobby Canon - all national team starters - head the American team in the qualifier, limited to players under 23. The Mexicans are still angry over the 2002 World Cup, where the U.S. national team upset them to advance to the quarterfinals.

Donovan, who scored the second goal against Mexico in the 2-0 World Cup win in South Korea, said the local fans "hate us."

"Sometimes wish I didn't know Spanish," he added. "But I think everybody understands what they are saying."

Almost 60,000 fans were expected at Jalisco Stadium, home to two of Mexico's top soccer clubs.

U.S. coach Glenn Myernick predicted a high-scoring game.

"We've scored more goals in the tournament than anyone else; we've scored 10 goals," he said. "I think Mexico's strength is in the attack... So I don't see it as being a close game."

The last time the American men's soccer team missed the Olympics was 1980, when the entire United States delegation boycotted the Moscow Games.

SPORTS

Glenns Ferry advances

Team now heads to district title game with win over Wendell

The Times-News

WENDELL — Glenns Ferry outscored Wendell by a combined 24 points in the second and third quarters on the way to a 50-11 lopsided victory Monday night in Class 2A Canyon Conference tournament play.

Glenns Ferry now travels to Hazelton to face Valley at 7 p.m. Thursday for the district championship.

Wendell (8-12 overall) jumped out to a 19-7 lead after the first quarter, but then scored just five total points in the second and third frames.

"We just didn't have anything offensively in the second and third quarters," Wendell coach Ryan Pope said. "We fought back in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough."

Glenns Ferry used the free throw line to its advantage, connecting on 19 of 28 attempts. Wendell made just 3 of 12.

Jessica Simmons scored 17 points to lead Glenns Ferry. Jaymie Goodbody also tallied 17 for Wendell.

"The big difference was at the free throw line," Pope said. "Glenns Ferry got there a lot and took advantage of it."

4A Great Basin Conference
Century 60, Burley 32

POCAHELLO — Paige Knudson scored 21 points as Century ended Burley's season with a 60-32 Class 4A Great Basin Conference tournament win.

Century, which defeated Burley in the first round of the tournament, took a 16-0 lead after the first quarter and led 31-9 at halftime.

A fourth quarter rally

Hawks set it up late in game to beat Mavs

ATLANTA (AP) — Stephen Jackson had 11 of his career-high 30 points during an early fourth-quarter rally, helping the Atlanta Hawks beat the Dallas Mavericks 102-96 Monday night.

The Hawks improved to 8-7 over their first 15 games, including three victories in four games. The first of those was over the Minnesota Timberwolves, another top team from the Western Conference.

Atlanta beat Dallas for the first time since Jan. 14, 1998.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 27 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta, and Jason Terry had 14 points and nine assists.

Michael Finley scored 24 for the Mavericks.

Cavaliers 97, Celtics 89

CLEVELAND — Rookie LeBron James scored 24 points and the Cavaliers made sure they didn't give Ricky Davis anything more to say.

James played the final 10:19 with a strained left calf muscle, but hit a crucial 3-pointer and grabbed a big rebound down the stretch as the Cavs snapped a three-game losing streak.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 19 points and 16 rebounds as Cleveland also broke an 13-game slide against the Celtics.

Hawks get Wallace, ship Abdur-Rahim to Portland

ATLANTA — The Portland Trail Blazers traded volatile forward Rashad Wallace and reserve Wesley Person to the Atlanta Hawks late Monday night for

Shaken

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watch. I really don't care about what he's a net guy or not. New Yorkers like him because we like winning."

Madison Square Garden shook with chants of "Fire Cheney" before Thomas ever arrived. And it shook with chants of "Fire Layden," going back to the NBA draft.

Since replacing Layden, Thomas charged up the city by bringing in the immensely popular, Brooklyn-born Marbury, who playing as if he should be on the All-Star team. Penny Hardaway arrived with Marbury from Phoenix and is fitting right in. Larry Hughes took over for Cheney and has given the Knicks the confidence they've been lacking.

Across the Hudson River, in the netherworld occupied by the New Jersey Nets, general manager Rod Thorn had to make a tough decision of his own when he saw his team slipping away. Should he

Local sports

Kandice Dalton led Burley with eight points. Linsey Aho and Jessica Byington each added seven.

Century plays at Jerome tonight at 7 p.m. for the District IV championship and an automatic trip to the state tournament.

1A Magic Valley Conference
Second-place game
Oakley 41, Raft River 21

MURTAUGH — Oakley pulled away for second place in the Magic Valley Conference girls basketball tournament with a 41-21 win over Raft River Monday night in a game rescheduled due to the recent snow.

The win assured Oakley of a trip to state Feb. 18-21 in Boise.

The loss sends Raft River into a state play-in game for the 1A District IV No. 5 seed at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday against Richfield.

Oakley will play District 6 at 6 p.m. for the No. 3 seed while Shoshone and Hansen will battle for the top seed out of District IV at about 7:30 p.m. All the games are at Murtaugh High School.

Hagerman defeated Oakley 27-22 for the junior varsity championship.

Boys basketball
Raft River 59, Murtaugh 53

MURTAUGH — Raft River outscored Murtaugh 21-7 in the third quarter to take control of the Magic Valley Conference boys basketball game, a 59-53 road win Monday in a game rescheduled twice due to recent snow.

Alex Nelson scored 18 while C.J. Tuckett added 15 to pace the Trojans.

Ridger Ward scored 25 and Lex Howard 13 to lead Murtaugh (7-9, 6-6), which plays at Castleford Tuesday.

Richfield 55, Twin Falls Christian 47

TWIN FALLS — Richfield broke open what was a tie game with 1:30 remaining to claim a 55-47 win over the Twin Falls Christian Academy.

Richfield made 12 of its 14 free throw attempts in the game, and sent their charity tosses down the stretch.

"[Richfield] made a couple of baskets and got a four-point lead late," Twin Falls Christian coach Brent Walker explained. "We had to slow the clock down by fouling, and to their credit they made their free throws."

Tate Exon scored 15 points to pace Richfield. Twin Falls Christian (5-14 overall) was led by Jacob Miller with 21 points and Blake Roemer with 20.

Hagerman will now head to the three-day Northwest Christian Schools tournament in Pasco, Wash., which begins Monday.

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Ridger Ward scored 25 and Lex Howard 13 to lead Murtaugh (7-9, 6-6), which plays at Castleford Tuesday.

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On the comeback trail:

Gardner faces another challenge in quest for Olympics

By Michael Marot
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Rulon Gardner believes he has the chance to become America's best amateur wrestler, and the U.S. Olympic Committee picked him as its Sportsman of the Year. He even became a favorite on the talk-show circuit.

In February 2002, just months after winning the world championship, Gardner's life changed again. A snowmobile accident in a Wyoming ravine left him stranded for the night in subzero temperatures. His toes, wet from trying to pry his snowmobile from a river, were frozen solid for 12 hours and he believed he might die.

Gardner, known for his unbending will and ability to outlast opponents, fought back. "I saw God and Jesus, they were ready to take me home," he said. "But I was like 'Not yet, and I still had seven hours to go.'"

By the time he was rescued, Gardner's body temperature had dropped to 88 degrees. His feet had to be dipped into 104-degree water for four to five minutes before they started retaining heat. The middle toe on his right foot was amputated because of frostbite.

Doctors at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center warned Gardner he might never walk

again. But the Afonj, Wyo., native set out to prove them wrong.

Gardner returned to the mat last year as a different wrestler. New weight limits forced him to cut 22 pounds. He struggled with his balance because of the missing toe and the most dominant super heavyweight in the world was suddenly beatable.

At the 2003 national championships, it appeared Gardner's comeback would end. Training partner Cory Farkas defeated Gardner 4-2, and Gardner finished third.

But at the U.S. team trials in May, he avenged his loss to Farkas with a 3-1 overtime win, then beat Byers twice in less than an hour to reclaim his status as America's premier wrestler.

His biggest obstacle is still to come, though.

To earn the one spot on the U.S. Olympic Team, Gardner must again fend off Farkas and Byers at the Olympic trials in Indianapolis in May. Those close to Gardner believe the man who took down Karelin can again stand on top of the world.

"He's just a very determined individual," national coach Steve Praser said. "He's got his mind set on winning another Olympic gold medal, which would be phenomenal."

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most games catching a touchdown pass in a season (12).

In 2003, Fitzgerald caught 87 passes and led all NCAA receivers with 1,595 yards in 12 regular-season games. He had 22 touchdown catches, at least one in each of Pitt's regular-season games. He had five catches for 77 yards in Pitt's loss to Virginia in the Continental Tire Bowl.

He played in all 13 games as a

freshman and became a starter in his third game. In 2002, he had 69 receptions for 1,065 yards, easily surpassing Antonio Bryant, who caught a then-record 51 passes for 844 yards as a freshman in 1999.

Fitzgerald finished 128 votes behind White in the race for the Heisman. He did win the Biletnikoff Trophy, awarded to college football's top receiver, last season and the Walter Camp Award as the nation's

Fitzgerald

best player.

Fitzgerald told Pittsburgh coach Walt Harris that he was going pro Thursday, when the NFL ruled him eligible.

"We have been blessed to be around such a special person and outstanding athlete in Larry Fitzgerald," Harris said. "Not only was he an unbelievable receiver, but he also set a great example of how players should respect the game."



Rulon Gardner takes a breather during a match against Drenail Byers in the championship round of the U.S. Wrestling World Team Trials in Indianapolis, June 22, 2003.

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Rowland died at University Hospital in Cincinnati, hospital spokeswoman Pam Scott said. The tragic fall occurred Wednesday when Rowland was unseated after his mount, World Trade, broke a front leg and collapsed...

Torchetti takes over as Florida Panthers' coach MIAMI - Rick Dudley gave up his job as Florida Panthers' coach Monday to focus on his duties as general manager. Assistant John Torchetti will coach the team the rest of the season.

Notre Dame drops No. 5 UConn men SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Chris Thomas scored 22 of his season-high 31 points in the second half and Chris Quinn added 16 points, leading Notre Dame to an 80-74 victory over No. 5 Connecticut on Monday night.

Tennis player Rusedski appears at hearing MONTREAL - Tennis player Greg Rusedski appeared before an independent ad-judging panel Monday in a bid to avoid a suspension for a positive drug test.

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Former BSU star Moodle advances in Stabel Open SAN JOSE, Calif. - South African golfer Wesley Moodle advanced to the second round of the Stabel Open, beating Todd Martin 64, 74-71 on Monday.

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Bryant has stitches removed from finger MIAMI - Kobe Bryant had stitches removed from his right index finger Monday, but sat out most of practice and is expected to miss his seventh straight game when the Lakers play the Heat.

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Seattle signs LHP Ron Villone for bullpen SEATTLE - The Seattle Mariners signed left-handed reliever Ron Villone on Monday to a one-year contract.

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Flyers acquire goalie Sean Burke, too forwards GLENDALE, Ariz. - The Philadelphia Flyers acquired Sean Burke and two forwards from the Phoenix Coyotes on Monday for promising young center Mike Conner.

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Cubs expect approval of more night games CHICAGO - Night games at Wrigley Field would increase this season by one hour, but need 2.81 games bought to be approved by Chicago officials this week.

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Injured jockey Michael Rowland dies FLORENCE, Ky. - Michael Rowland died Monday of complications from injuries sustained in a spill at Turfway Park last week. He was 41.

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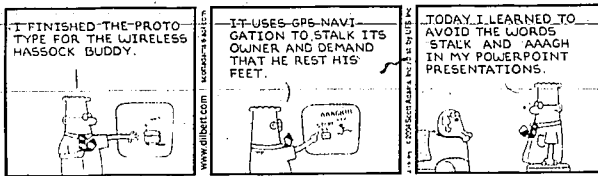
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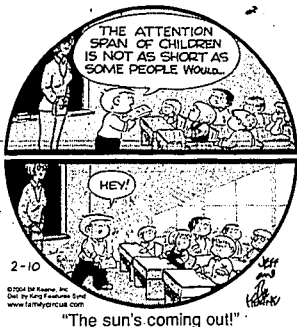
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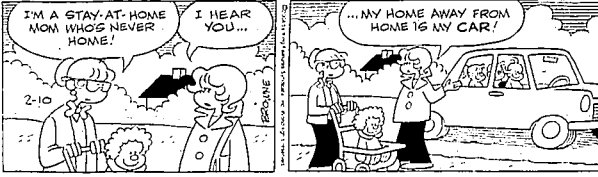
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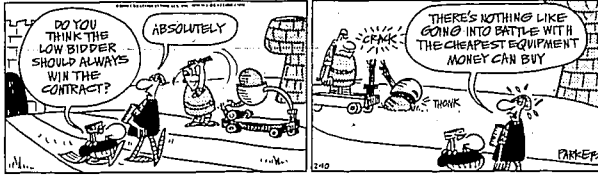
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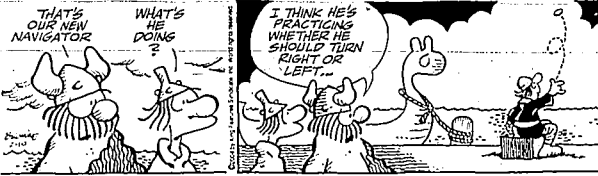
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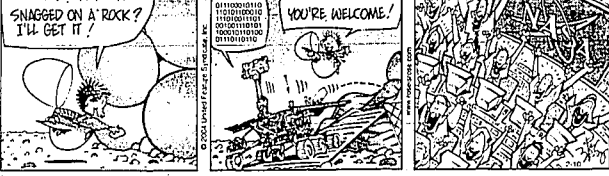
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