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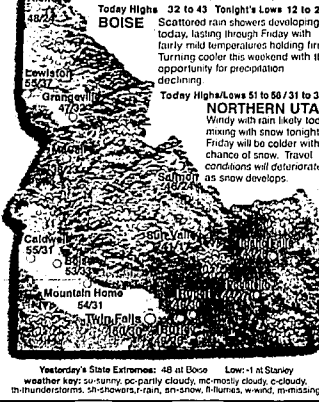
Today: Breezy with scattered rain showers developing. Highs near 50.
Tonight: A chance for rain. Rain mixed with snow possible.
Tomorrow: Another comfortable, yet dreary day. Rain possible. Highs near 46.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Gusty with rain and snow showers expected. Highs in the mid to upper 40s.
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Tomorrow: Cloudy with a slight chance of additional rain and snow shower development. Highs in the 40s.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Yesterday's Weather. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

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Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes monthly and yearly statistics for Twin Falls.

Table with 2 columns: Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes daily and monthly data.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists forecasts for various Idaho cities like Boise, Burley, and Pocatello.

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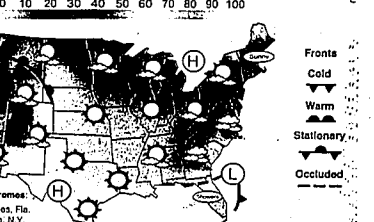
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gibson's 'Passion' draws crowds across U.S.

PLANO, Texas (AP) - The people streaming out of the movie theater looked as if they'd just attended a wake - and many said they felt as if they had.
'This is a little bit more brutal than you would think,' said a sobbing Kim Galbreath, 29, as she left a theater in this Dallas suburb. 'I mean, there were times when you felt like it was too much. But I dare anyone to not believe after watching it.'

bers were to be released Thursday. Directed, produced and co-written by Gibson, the film has received mixed reviews from critics. Some have praised Gibson's commitment to his subject. The Oscar-winning 'Braveheart' director says the movie is both an attempt to render the Gospels faithfully and a personal vision. Others see it as excessively bloody, obsessed with equality and unfair in its portrayal of Jesus.

Casinos agree to fine for rigging drawings

LAS VEGAS (AP) - A hotel-casino has agreed to pay \$1 million for rigging three contest drawings, including one in which it awarded a Mercedes-Benz sports utility vehicle to a computerized high roller who had lost a substantial amount of money gambling, regulators said.

Water

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Using a computerized water model, Dreher determined that Rangen's affected water right was short by 16,000 acre feet in 2003. 'That's enough water to cover as many acres with water 1 foot deep. In lieu of 16,000 feet of useable water, Dreher determined that shutting down wells developed after the 1952 date would result in an increase of 53,000 acre feet of water in the Hagerman Valley area. The computer model can determine which specific springs that water would come from.'

Trolley

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The Twin Falls mall already had altered a set of axes and wheels and searched for a historically correct rail. Surrounded by the railroad hangers, posters, hats and other memorabilia decorating his garage, he outlined the rest of his trolley plan: Get rid of two of the 10 windows on each side of the kit, to match the Twin Falls trolley's eight. Cut down a door from another kit and putty it in, rounding out the front of the car. Insert a solid strip above the windows to bear the lettering, 'Twin Falls Ry. Co.'

More centennial stories inside

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Business gathering with old-time theme - page E1

remain who witnessed the truth about the color question. After assembly, the display-only replica - not equipped to operate - will be dipped in brake fluid and scrubbed with a toothbrush to remove the varnish colors. Then Rodriguez will paint it with the air-brush and compressor stowed under his worktable. (For that, he needs temperatures warm enough to open the garage doors for ventilation. He's heartened that the weather seems to be turning spring-like.)

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CORRECTION
Carlin Inc. is entering 21st year in business
An article in Wednesday's newspaper gave incorrect information about the status of Carlin Inc./Carlin Custom Cutting. Carlin is continuing operations and is entering its 21st year in the slaughterhouse business. The Times-News regrets the error.

Troops step up hunt for bin Laden

'Renewed urgency' hits U.S. military

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. military said Wednesday that a "renewed sense of urgency" is firing the search for Osama bin Laden, even as it dismissed reports that the fugitive al-Qaida leader had been located near the Afghan-Pakistan border.

The new impetus comes amid plans to provide security to the rest of the regions outside the capital, Kabul, before national elections planned for June. President Hamid Karzai also suggested an unprecedented move that could promote peace, saying he would consider talks with a former Taliban leader

to promote reconciliation with less extreme elements of the former regime.

"The sands in their hour glass are running out," Lt. Col. Matthew Beavers, a spokesman for the U.S. military in Afghanistan, said of bin Laden and other fugitives. "We remain committed and reaffirm our effort to track these guys down and get 'em."

Still, Beavers played down speculation that American forces had closed in on bin Laden, saying that if coalition forces knew where he was, "we'd already have him."

The U.S. military is planning a new push to improve security across the troubled border regions and is rolling out a plan that involves delivering millions in badly needed reconstruction aid to remote areas where a bloody



Osama bin Laden

fugitives, Beavers told a news conference in Kabul. "Nothing is for certain but we remain unwavering in our commitment."

Beavers made no mention of audiotapes purportedly of bin Laden's top lieutenant, Ayman al-Zawahiri, that were broadcast Tuesday on Arabic TV stations,

taunting President Bush and threatening more attacks on the United States.

Tuesday that the al-Qaida leadership is seriously damaged, even though the group remains committed to attacking the United States.

"We are creating large and growing gaps in the al-Qaida hierarchy," Tenet told the Senate Intelligence Committee. "And, unquestionably, bringing these key operators to ground disrupted plots that would otherwise have killed Americans."

Tenet added that "al-Qaida central continues to lose operational safe havens, and bin Laden has gone deep underground. We are hunting him in some of the most unfriendly regions on Earth. We follow every lead."

9-11 commission urges Rice to testify publicly

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal commission reviewing the Sept. 11 attacks expressed disappointment Wednesday with national security adviser Condoleezza Rice for refusing to testify in public.

"Although we have met privately with Dr. Rice, we believe the nation would be well-served by the contribution she can make to public understanding of the intelligence and policy issues being examined by the commission," the 10-member panel said in a statement.

The bipartisan commission also urged President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney to talk to the full commission instead of just the chairman and vice chairman.

The commission plans meetings in March with Bush, Cheney, former President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore to discuss what they knew before the 2001 attacks. Clinton and Gore have agreed to meet with the full panel but have not said whether they will testify publicly.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Bush was still discussing the time and format of the meetings. Bush has said he did not think his public testimony was necessary.

Relatives of Sept. 11 victims say they are particularly interested in the testimony. They cited her May 2002 comments that the administration had no prior indication that terrorists were considering

suicide hijackings, even though reports later showed that intelligence officials had considered the possibility.

"I can't understand why these cleared officials, particularly the president and vice president, aren't willing to come before the American public and testify," said Kristie Breitveiser of New Jersey, whose husband, Ronald, died in the World Trade Center. "That raises a concern they're hiding something."

Rice met with the commission for four hours at the White House on Feb. 7. After the session, at least two commissioners, Democrats Richard Ben-Veniste and Timothy Roemer, said it would be useful to have Rice testify in public.

At the panel's next public hearing in late March, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Colin Powell are to testify, as well as their counterparts in the Clinton administration, William Cohen and Madeleine Albright. Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, also is to appear at that open session.



Condoleezza Rice

Greenspan urges Social Security cuts

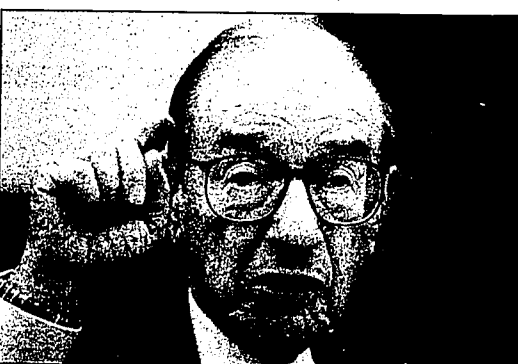
Red ink will widen as baby boomers become eligible

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan urged Congress on Wednesday to deal with the country's escalating budget deficit by cutting benefits for future Social Security retirees. Without action, he warned, long-term interest rates would rise, seriously harming the economy.

In testimony before the House Budget Committee, Greenspan said the current deficit situation, with a projected record red ink of \$521 billion this year, will worsen dramatically once the baby boom generation starts becoming eligible for Social Security benefits in just four years.

He said the prospect of the retirement of 77 million baby boomers will radically change the mix of people working and paying into the Social Security retirement fund and those drawing benefits from the fund.

"This dramatic demographic change is certain to place enormous demands on our nation's resources — demands we will almost surely be unable to meet unless action is taken," Greenspan said. "For a variety of reasons, that action is better taken as soon as possible."



Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan testifies Wednesday before the House Budget Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

President Bush said he had not seen Greenspan's comments, nor spoken to him, and declined to respond directly to a reporter's question about them.

Bush said that "my position on Social Security benefits is, those benefits should not be changed for people at or near retirement."

He renewed his call for personal

savings accounts for younger workers that he said "would make sure those younger workers receive benefits equal to or greater than that which is expected." And Bush repeated his promise to cut the deficit in half over five years.

While Greenspan urged urgency, Congress is unlikely to take up this controversial issue of cutting Social

Security benefits in an election year.

Greenspan, who turns 78 next week, said that the benefits now received by current retirees should not be touched but he suggested trimming benefits for future retirees and doing it soon enough so that they could begin making adjustments to their own finances to better prepare for retirement.

Census says NYC unbeatable when it comes to long commutes

WASHINGTON (AP) — When it comes to commuting times, no city tops the Big Apple.

The average New York City resident spends 38 minutes getting to work, nearly six minutes more than the typical Chicagoan, according to the Census Bureau. Philadelphia, Riverside, Calif., and Baltimore

rounded out the top five cities with 25:00 or more people.

The national average is 24-plus minutes, about two minutes more than in 1990.

Among states, New York was first, with a typical commuting time of 31 minutes, followed by Maryland, New Jersey, Illinois and California.

The New York metropolitan area has one of the most comprehensive and heavily used mass transit networks in the nation. City residents may take a little longer to get to work by subway than people who drive from their homes to suburban office parks.

"But what you lose in travel time,

you make up for by being able to read a newspaper," said New York City resident Gene Busanoff, a staff attorney for the New York Public Interest Research Group's Straphangers Campaign, an advocacy group for city subway and bus riders.

Survey indicates drop in Ecstasy use among teens

NEW YORK (AP) — Teenagers' use of Ecstasy dropped 25 percent over the past two years, a decrease that translates into an additional 770,000 teens rejecting the once-trendy drug, a study found.

The study, released Wednesday by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, also found that teen drug use overall had declined, especially involving marijuana, LSD and methamphetamine, researchers said.

According to the partnership's 16th annual survey, 9 percent of teens used Ecstasy in 2003, a significant decline from the 12 percent in 2001, when use of the drug hit its peak.

However, the decline does not mean the drug is no longer a problem, warned Steve Pasierb, presi-

dent and CEO of the partnership.

"Last year, 2 million teenagers in America had tried this drug," Pasierb said. "We can — and we must — kick Ecstasy while it's down, and kick it down further."

The study was conducted among 7,270 adolescents nationwide, with a margin of error of plus or minus 1.5 percentage points. Data was collected from questionnaires that students filled out anonymously from April through June of 2003.

It found 46 percent of teens reported trying any illegal drug in 2003, down from 51 percent in 1998. Methamphetamine use fell 33 percent over that period and LSD use among teenagers was down 42 percent, the survey found. Marijuana use fell from 42 percent to 39 percent, the report said.

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Gay rights groups will give Dems a pass

They refrain from making same-sex marriage a litmus test

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prominent gay rights groups are ready to issue an election-year pass to Democratic presidential front-runner John Kerry even though he opposes same-sex marriage, settling for less than they want in hopes of avoiding a constitutional amendment they fear.

"It's always disappointing when we find elected officials or candidates who do not support us 100 percent," said Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the Human Rights Campaign.

"But we understand that people are on a journey of becoming more understanding and more supportive of all that affects the gay and les-

bian community."

Democrats have aggressively courted gay voters and their campaign donations in recent years. Exit polls showed Al Gore got 75 percent of the votes cast by self-identified gays and lesbians in 2000, compared to 25 percent for Bush.

Both Kerry and his remaining major rival, Sen. John Edwards, called for a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages. At the same time, the two men were quick to reiterate their opposition to gay marriage—a view widely shared in the country, according to numerous polls.

Matt Foreman, executive direc-

tor of the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said he has heard little or no complaining from gay rights supporters about attempts by Kerry or Edwards to finess the same-sex marriage issue.

"The mortal danger that our community faces right now is not the battle to win the freedom to marry," Foreman said. "It's having the battle shut down by a constitutional amendment."

A separate constitutional debate is unfolding in Kerry's home state of Massachusetts, and it could yet pose problems for the presidential front-runner.

But for now, he and Edwards stress their support for civil unions

and other measures short of marriage that would extend additional benefits to gay and lesbian couples.

These are steps that the Human Rights Campaign officially dismisses as half measures. "In short, civil unions are not separate but equal, they are separate and unequal," the group says on its Web site.

"And our society has tried separate before. It just doesn't work," it adds, an apparent reference to the discredited "separate but equal" doctrine of the pre-civil rights era.

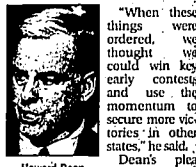
Even with only 25 percent backing, Bush gained an estimated 1 million votes from gays in 2000, although it's unclear what the impact would be on his re-election campaign if many of those supporters deserted him.

Boom to bust: Dean asks for more financial help

WASHINGTON (AP) — One-time presidential candidate Howard Dean, whose campaign fund went from boom to bust, is pleading with donors to open their pocketbooks one more time and help him retire at least \$100,000 in debt.

The Democrat who broke party records for a presidential candidate by raising \$41 million last year abandoned his bid last week after failing to win a single state. Back in Vermont, the former governor sent an e-mail appealing for cash to pay his campaign bills.

"Most of these expenses are small businessmen, printers who created brochures, yard signs and stationery, family restaurants who provided gallons of coffee and thousands of doughnuts for volunteers, and local merchants who provided buses, microphones and staging equipment," Dean wrote.



"When these things were ordered, we thought we could win key, early contests and use the momentum to secure more victories in other states," he said.

Dean's plea reflected how quickly his fortunes changed — politically and financially — in the presidential race.

The former front-runner set a Democratic fund-raising record in 2003, due in large part to a faithful core of small-dollar donors who gave through the Internet. Many made monthly donations or gave repeatedly in response to Web-blasts by the Dean team.

Soft money groups get OK from FEC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials have dismissed a complaint accusing party leaders and several partisan interest groups of conspiring to evade a ban on corporate and union election contributions.

"It is the second time the Federal Election Commission has rejected allegations that interest groups were formed by party leaders to continue collecting the big checks after a law barred the national party committees from collecting such 'soft money' themselves. The law, which took effect in November 2002, also broadly bans the use of soft money in federal elections.

In a vote taken earlier this month and announced Wednesday, the FEC decided there was no reason to believe the law was broken. It voted 5-1 to dismiss the matter, with only the Republican Commissioner Michael Toner opposing the move.

Those named in the inquiry included the Democratic Issues Agenda, Americans for a Republican Majority, the Democratic Senate Majority Fund, the PAC for a Democratic House, and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, among others.

Kerry considers plan obligating firms to warn of jobs going abroad

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Democratic front-runner John Kerry proposed Wednesday requiring a three-month warning before jobs are exported, a challenge to President Bush's policies and to rival John Edwards' efforts to attract American workers to his struggling campaign.

"I'm running for president so we can do what George Bush hasn't — rebuild our economy, restore fiscal responsibility, and put America back to work," Kerry said in a speech at the University of Toledo.

Although Kerry frequently tells audiences that no president can stop companies from leaving the country, the Massachusetts senator said he will require companies that ship jobs offshore to disclose their plans to the government.

"Companies will no longer be able to surprise their workers with a pink slip instead of a paycheck — they will be required to give workers three months notice if their jobs are being exported offshore," he said.

Kerry also picked up an endorsement from former astronaut and retired Sen. John Glenn, a venerable figure in Ohio politics who said he was making his first endorsement in a primary race.

Kerry campaigned in Ohio after



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., left, talks to steel workers Wednesday at a sheet metal coating factory in Cleveland, Ohio.

winning delegate elections Tuesday in Utah, Idaho and Hawaii, earning 18 wins in 20 contests and denying Edwards another opportunity to add to his single victory in the race for the nomination. Neither candidate campaigned in those states to focus on the 10-state Super Tuesday elections next week.

In Ohio, one of the Super Tuesday venues he hoped to win to

bring an end to the Edwards campaign, Kerry said 270,000 workers have lost their jobs during the Bush years. He was set to launch a new campaign ad in the Buckeye State and in New York, describing Bush's economic policy as "an astonishing failure" and promising to protect U.S. jobs. The commercial also is meant to soften criticism of Kerry's vote for a free-trade pact.

Pentagon reports sexual assaults decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sexual assaults in the military have been cut in half in recent years, the Pentagon said Wednesday, responding to criticism from lawmakers who say the Defense Department is not doing enough to address the issue.

No war comes without costs, but the costs should be borne out of conflict with the enemy, not by egregious violations by some of our own troops," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

David Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel, said new figures show the rate of sexual assaults against women in the military fell from 6 percent to 3 percent between 1995 and 2002.

"It's still too high, there's still a long way to go, but it's down substantially from where we were," Chu told the Senate Armed Services subcommittee.

He said the most progress needs

to be made in providing care to victims.

Pentagon officials said there have been 106 reports of sexual assault of troops deployed in the Middle East — including Iraq and Afghanistan — over the past 14 months.

In the Army, there have been 86 reported cases. Investigations have concluded in about half and 14 court-martials have been filed. Army Vice Chief of Staff, Gen. George Casey Jr. said investigations are harder to conduct when done in the midst of a military operation.

One of those cases involved Barbara Wharton's daughter. She was stationed with the Stryker Brigade outside Iraq last November when she was knocked unconscious by an unknown attacker after getting off guard duty in the early morning hours. Wharton's daughter awoke stripped, bound and gagged.

Doctors determined she was raped, but Wharton told the committee in a statement that minimal effort was taken to find her daughter's attacker. Her daughter was moved out of her unit, her requests to meet with a psychologist rejected and she eventually attempted suicide.

Wharton said her daughter was returned to the U.S., but felt "abandoned" by her commanders.

"Just because I came back with all four limbs intact, they're treating me like I'm faking," the daughter said, according to Wharton. "I feel like my chain of command betrayed me. I gave four years to that unit and I feel like it kicked me in the teeth when I was down."

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Court allows denial of religious scholarships

WASHINGTON (AP) — States don't have to underwrite the religious training of students planning careers in the ministry, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday, a departure from the court's trend of allowing more government support for religion.

"Indeed, majoring in devotional theology is akin to a religious calling," as well as an academic pursuit.

The 7-2 ruling was notable for its author, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, ordinarily a supporter of the idea that there is not a high wall between church and state.

The court majority parted company with the Bush administration, which had argued that the state of Washington engaged in religious discrimination when it yanked a scholarship from a young

divinity student five years ago.

Joshua Davey won the small merit scholarship but then lost it when he told officials at Northwest College in Kirkland, Wash., he planned to use the money to pursue a theology degree. He could have kept the Promise Scholarship had he planned to major in anything else.

"That a state would deal differently with religious education for the ministry than with education for other callings," is not evidence of hostility toward religion, Rehnquist wrote for himself and all

but the court's two most conservative members.

Instead, it is in keeping with the nation's long tradition of welcoming the free expression of religion while frowning on government endorsement of it, Rehnquist wrote.

Like 36 other states, Washington prohibits spending public funds on this kind of religious education. Bans on public funds for religious education, often known as Blaine amendments, date to the 19th century, when anti-Catholic sentiment ran high.



A police officer arrests suspected robbers in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Wednesday. Police arrested a dozen men suspected of robbing people at a barcade on the way to the city's airport.

U.S. helicopter crashes in Iraq; two pilots die

Witness says he saw a missile strike



A U.S. helicopter searches the area along the Euphrates River near the Iraqi town of Haditha during a search operation for an OH-58 Kiowa helicopter which crashed into the river Wednesday, killing two crew members.

BAHIGAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. military helicopter crashed into the Euphrates River on Wednesday, killing its two pilots. The craft was burning as it went down after an explosion, witnesses said, but the military said the cause of the crash was not known.

The U.S. military has lost 15 helicopters since the occupation began in May — mostly to hostile fire. Sixty-two Americans have died in the crashes.

The OH-58 Kiowa helicopter from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, based at Fort Carson, Colo., went down about 1:50 p.m. near Haditha, 120 miles northwest of the capital, and was lying on its side in the Euphrates. Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said. He said it was not immediately known whether mechanical failure or enemy fire caused the crash.

In Haditha, Emad Rasheed, 45, said two U.S. helicopters were flying over the area when a missile hit one of them. Kimmitt said the sec-

ond helicopter reported seeing no hostile fire.

Another witness, Saeed Hassan, 40, said the craft was on fire before it crashed.

"I was standing near the river bank when I heard an explosion and saw one of the helicopters fall into the river," said Ahmed Hamdan, a 35-year-old farmer. He and Hassan did not report seeing a missile.

The deaths brought to 547 the

number of American service members who have died since President Bush launched the Iraq war on March 20. Most of the deaths have occurred after Bush declared an end to active combat May 1.

While violence against U.S. forces continues, Iraqi insurgents have been focusing more deadly attacks on Iraqi police and security forces working with the Americans. Gunmen assassinated a deputy police chief in the northern city of

Mosul on Wednesday, and militants in the city of Kirkuk — where a suicide bombing this week killed eight policemen — littered police stations with leaflets warning of more attacks.

Meanwhile, in the Iraqi capital, two major ethnic groups — Kurds and Turkmen — pushed their causes as Iraqi officials struggle to draw up an interim constitution, a central pillar of U.S. plans for transferring power to an Iraqi government on June 30.

A Kurdish group presented a petition it said had 1.7 million signatures supporting a referendum on independence for Kurdish areas in northern Iraq. About 4,000 people held a rally demanding protections under the constitution for the Turkmen, who have expressed fears about Kurdish domination.

The constitution is due to be completed this week, but members of the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council are sharply divided over some of its most important points, including the makeup of the presidency and the shape of a Kurdish federal region.

Leader says he'll hold off on attacking capital

U.S. Marines escort foreigners out of Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — U.S. Marines escorted foreigners out of the country amid widespread looting Wednesday, but the rebel leader said the insurgents want to "give a chance to peace" and indicated his troops would hold off attacking the capital.

Pressure mounted for an international intervention and for President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to step down.

A U.N. Security Council meeting on Haiti was scheduled for Thursday. President Bush said the United States is encouraging the international community to provide a strong "security presence," and France said a peace force should be established immediately for deployment once a political agreement is reached.

Foreigners tried to flee the country some guarded by U.S. Marines, and looting erupted in the capital. Aristide supporters set dozens of flaming barricades that blocked roads throughout Port-au-Prince, and shots were shattering. Panic overtook the city though there was no sign of the rebels.

The rebels have overrun half of Haiti including its second-largest city, Cap-Haitien, where their leader, Guy Philippe, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that they were taking a wait-and-

see approach to proposals to send international peacekeepers.

"If they do not attack the Haitian people, we won't attack them," he said. "If they come to help us to remove Mr. Aristide, they will be welcome."

Philippe estimated his rebel force had grown from a couple of hundred to 5,000 with new recruits and more ex-soldiers joining the 3-week-old popular uprising to oust Aristide, and said they were ready to fight.

Asked when they planned to move on Port-au-Prince, he said: "We're ready. We just want to give a chance to peace," indicating they would hold off. "We're ready to talk to anyone. The only one the country doesn't want is Mr. Aristide."

As the rebels plotted their moves, leaders of Haiti's political opposition rejected an international peace plan that diplomats had billed as a last chance for peace, and asked the international community to help ensure a "timely and orderly" departure of Aristide.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin urged the "immediate" establishment of an international civilian force.

"This international force would be responsible for guaranteeing the return to public order and supporting the international community's action on the ground," Villepin said. "It would come to the support of a government of national unity."

Martha Stewart defense rests after calling single witness

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart's lawyers rested their case Wednesday without putting the homemaking icon on the stand, calling a single witness during a defense that lasted less than an hour.

The judge excused jurors for the week and scheduled closing arguments for Monday and Tuesday, with deliberations to begin today.

The lone defense witness was Steven Pearl, a lawyer who testified about notes he took during a February 2002 interview in which the government claims Stewart told a series of lies about the day she sold her stock in ImClone Systems.

The session is an important part of the government's case, and the defense sought to use Pearl's testi-

mony to raise questions about what Stewart was asked during the questioning — her first interview with investigators.

One accusation is that Stewart falsely claimed she did not know whether there was a record that stockbroker Peter Bacanovic had left her a message on Dec. 27, 2001, the day she sold the ImClone stock.

But Pearl's scribbled notes show Stewart may have been responding instead to a question about what time Bacanovic called her that day.

Under cross-examination by prosecutors, Pearl admitted his notes were incomplete, and that there may have been a question about the message log that he did not write down.

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EDITORIAL

State doesn't belong in weight-loss business

You may want to put down that glazed doughnut while reading this editorial. And while you're at it, maybe try a few extra sit-ups. One member of the Idaho Legislature is aiming to cut the fat, and she isn't talking about the state budget.

Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, wants insurance companies to consider your love handles as a heavy-duty liability. Henbest is sponsoring two bills in the House Business Committee, targeting obesity and its impact on public health. Henbest works as a nurse practitioner when she's not serving in the Legislature. She says the state can do more to prevent the overeating and sedentary lifestyles that push huge health-care costs onto the public.

The legislation may have good intentions, but the logic of having the state stand between you and your hot fudge sundae is, so to speak, thin. One of Henbest's bills invites insurance companies to discount their rates by as much as 20 percent for clients who meet weight standards, or who follow a regular schedule of medical checkups. Another would require health insurers to push "morbidly obese" clients into weight-reduction plans. (Morbidly obese is defined as twice the ideal weight for a per-

son's frame, age, height and gender.) The legislation falters on two standards, as noted by Business Committee Chairman Max Black, R-Boise. For starters, tackling obesity is a problem for society at large - not the government.

Our view: Legislation that aims for Idahoans' waistlines would be a regulatory pain in the neck.

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

Second, forcing insurers to pay for weight-loss plans could push coverage costs even higher. And cutting premiums for thin people could require higher rates for other customers. In each case, ratepayers would pay for other people's lifestyle choices. This kind of economic decision should be left to the free market.

The obesity legislation is this year's second attempt by Idaho lawmakers to create a nanny state. The first was the push from Sen. Brent Hill, R-Rexburg, to outlaw smoking in public places - even though consumers already can choose to patronize the many establishments that voluntarily ban smoking. Maybe a safety law that requires double-knotted shoelaces is next.

Idahoans may not be the thinnest folks in the nation, but they probably recognize that too many maple bars aren't good for the body.

The physical rewards of eating right and exercising are self-evident. Idahoans don't want the state to be their fanny nanny.

A job for states, not judges

Once again, we have a needless, uncompromising, judicial decision on a contentious social issue, namely gay marriage. The consequences could well lead to the sort of polarized, either-or debate we've seen on abortion.

Late last year, Massachusetts' highest court discovered in that state's constitution an absolute right to gay marriage. Asked by the state legislature whether civil unions for gays would be an acceptable alternative, the court replied with a flat "no."

Moreover, it issued a declaration comparing the distinction between civil unions and marriage to the "separate but equal" doctrine, once used to rationalize racial segregation.

E. THOMAS McCLANAHAN

The basic mistake, as in abortion, is in defining the issue solely in terms of individual rights. Sure, individual rights matter. I think it's time to accept that gay relationships are legitimate - that the moment has come to grant them appropriate recognition and status. But the best way to do that is through civil unions, not marriage. The other day I was watching video footage of gays being married in San Francisco (in defiance of state law). The word "marriage" didn't fit, at least in my mind. I saw something else, something with its own validity, but something different from marriage, which is a union of a man and a woman.

Take that away, and you haven't merely extended a new right to gays, you've redefined society's primary social unit. You've fuzzed up the link between marriage, the perpetuation of the species and the original work of raising children. The long-term effects of such a change are not at all clear.

So the argument isn't merely about individual rights. It's about the future of our society, which has a stake in maintaining a special sta-



tus for marriage - even if the distinction is largely linguistic. As dissenting Judge Robert Cordy wrote in the Massachusetts case, marriage is an attempt to steer "acts of procreation and child-rearing into their most optimal settings." To state the obvious, no gay couple, by itself, can participate in perpetuating the human species. That's why dredging up the catchphrase "separate but equal" was such a stretch.

One way to proceed would be to let each state define marriage as it sees fit, not through the undemocratic process of court decisions but through the normal channels of politics, where policy changes are won through persuasion, debate and elections.

Under the federal Defense of Marriage Act, states currently decide for themselves whether to recognize civil unions or marriages licensed in other states. Over time, the social consequences of gay marriage should become apparent.

If those consequences are benign, most states would allow such unions.

Unfortunately, the absolutism of the Massachusetts judges - along with the San Francisco situation - may trigger a reaction precluding both gay marriage and civil unions in any state.

Under the Massachusetts court decision, gays can begin marrying legally in May - a matter of weeks. Eventually, one of those legally married Massachusetts couples will dispute a state's refusal to recognize the marriage, generating a lawsuit through which the Supreme Court could overturn the Defense of Marriage Act.

If that scenario plays out, then the enormously complex issue of gay marriage would have been decided almost entirely by judges.

This prospect is giving impetus to a constitutional amendment at the federal level, the text of which is thoroughly muddled on the sub-

ject of civil unions.

It is two sentences long: "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution or the constitution of any State, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

Some supporters say the amendment would permit civil unions, but I don't see it in the words. The words say unmarried couples can't have the "legal incidents" of "marital status."

Whatever this linguistic goo is trying to say, it's not something that belongs in the nation's basic law. Let the states, not the courts, continue to define the meaning of marriage.

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LETTER

Hospital staff came through for family

There has been a lot of negative publicity surrounding the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and wage-related issues lately. Due to recent events, I would like to ask everyone to stop worrying about how much Magic Valley Regional Medical Center staff members are paid and take time to show some appreciation for what they do.

My father passed away at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center a couple of weeks ago. He spent the last 21 hours of his life in a room on the second floor there. During that time, he was cared for by the most kind, caring and compassionate people I've ever known. The nursing staff, aides and respiratory therapists that assisted in his care were consistently attentive to his every need.

They did their best to make him comfortable while treating him with the utmost in kindness and respect. Not only were these wonderful people sensitive and responsive to my father's needs but they also went to great lengths to see to the

comfort of our family. They went out of their way to accommodate all of us so we could remain at his bedside. They showed the same caring and compassion for us as they did for him.

So to each and every one of you who assisted in the care of Everett Cadwell from Jan. 30-31, his family will forever be grateful for the excellent nursing care and, especially, for your kindness and compassion.

On behalf of his entire family,
SUSAN RIDDLE
Twin Falls

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Employers don't deserve all blame for job losses

I read Mr. Huber's letter in response to Mr. Wilson's with interest. It is correct that the unions are not by themselves the reason for the loss of U.S. jobs overseas. Although he prides himself on having researched the issues, he is wrong about the cause. Loss of jobs overseas has been escalating since 1995. During a good portion of that time, corporate profits have been flat or declined. Only recently have they begun to rise again.

No politician will level with you as to why we are losing jobs overseas because if they did, you wouldn't vote for them. We all need to look in the mirror. Corporations like Wal-Mart (the giant that we love to hate) have been giving us exactly what we want. We want \$17 dollar shoes that look like \$60 shoes. Wal-Mart tried, while Sam Walton was still alive, to only sell U.S.-made goods. What they found is that although we get a warm and fuzzy feeling by seeing the "Made in USA" label, we aren't willing to pay any extra for it. Incidentally, no one took Sam Walton seriously in the 1960s and 1970s. No one is laughing now. If we all stopped shopping there tomorrow, 1.2 million workers in the United States would be unemployed.

I am neither a Democrat or a Republican, but I grew up in a United States that had the world's highest standard of living. This was due to the corporations which the Democrats now blame for all our woes. The unions in the past helped to serve as checks and balances on the corporations. Keep in mind that corporations are just like unions. They are made up of

people and some are good and some are not. I was in the Retail Clerks International Association (RCIA Local 1092). The RCIA had more vice presidents than any corporation I have ever seen.

Let's stop blaming corporations, politicians and unions for giving us what we want. We can stop the export of jobs tomorrow. If we do, be prepared to pay substantially more for everything from tomatoes to tractors. If you think otherwise, you are fooling yourself.
DAVID C. LIESCH, PE, PMP
Boise

Editor's note: David Liesch is a professional engineer and certified project management professional.

Americans get snowed under by gay marriage

Yipped! A snow day, roads are closed, the drought is broken. We are dependent on God in all things.

In Boise, the misguided and malicious assault of the very roots of society, the essence of families and marriage, the very nature of law is to codify standards of morality, humbly seeking God's will. Not this bridge you shall not cross! Recently, a party-class regime crumbled from within. In a government that controlled everything, morality too was unjustly defined. The epitaph read: "Communism: 1917-1989" (an inscription on a small barbed wire-bedecked cross nestled among flowers in the heart of Pringess city square).

Maybe we in America suffer from an even more sinister form of communism? At heart, communism is about godlessness, independence from God. For Soviets, it was official. For us, its unofficial

policy. We often ignore God's will in the name of duplicitous compromise.

Here's a test: Which of the following American plagues is the result of our failure to do marriage God's way? Wholesome divorce; unwanted children; epidemic drug usage; overflowing jails; pornography; latchkey kids; widespread mental illness; rampant welfare; a train-wrecked Social Security system; proliferating nursing homes; abortion; national addictions to TV video games and the Internet; AIDS; under-educated kids. If you answered yes to all of the above, give yourself an "A."

So far, we have been rich enough (due to our addiction to cheap foreign oil) to just barely afford the interest payments on the increasing trillions of dollars a year in costs directly and indirectly associated with not cooperating with God's design criteria for family. We're rich enough to afford the terrible poverty of loneliness and isolation.

How can we know God's will and design? Maybe he likes gay marriages. Let's give them the benefit of the doubt - full extremum! Pretty soon, we'll get used to that stretch too, as if normal. Our American brand of communism is headed, increasingly more rapidly toward the same pit the Soviet brand fell into. Pride goes before a fall, and we're surely tempted by pride in our "noble American experiment" with radical freedom disguised as freedom. Like pornography, hard to define, but we know it when we see it. So, too, the snow job that is going on in the name of tolerance in Boise. Evil flourish when good men do nothing! It's time to amend our

Constitution, now! Thank God for snow days!

PHILAUTh Berger

State needs to protect public game herds

I read with dismay of the recent deaths of 47 antelope due to a train collision. As a veterinarian and sportsman, I feel that this loss of treasured big game animals, and their suffering, could have been prevented.

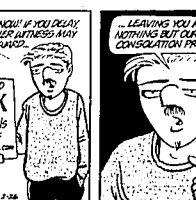
I am saddened that both our Fish and Game Department and the railroad seem to casually dismiss this (repeat) episode as inevitable. I feel otherwise. There is a pervasive conception that wildlife belongs to no one. This is false. The wildlife of Idaho belongs to the public. The antelope and deer that have been killed by trains this winter belong to you and me.

Let me make an analogy. Suppose that instead of wildlife, free-range cattle had been on the tracks and killed. I believe it is quite clear that the railroad would be found culpable for the loss. Allowing a private company to repeatedly destroy public property is unacceptable. Unless there is a deterrent to unacceptable behavior, that behavior will continue. If you or I had poached an antelope and been prosecuted, we would be charged with the trophy value of that animal. I ask our Fish and Game Department to discard its current fee-based policy and consult with trophy to seek damages for the trophy value of the animals that have been lost.
PAUL BIAGIOTTI, DVM
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By Garry Trudeau



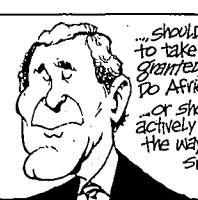
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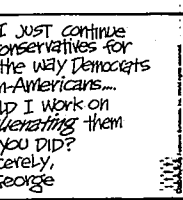
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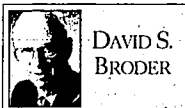
Dear Dad,



Early success falls apart for candidate Howard Dean

GREENVILLE, S.C. — It was a sober and subdued Howard Dean who showed up for the Democratic presidential debate here on Thursday night.

His defeats and a shake-up in the campaign's high command can have that effect on anyone — especially someone who expected to come sailing into the South as the favorite for the nomination.



DAVID S. BRODER

for the Democratic Party.

The defining difference of the Dean campaign was its combination of Joe Trippi, Dean's campaign manager until a few days ago, with the empowerment theories of Marshall Ganz, the Harvard sociologist who served as the organizational guru for Dean's effort.

It was Ganz who indoctrinated Karen Hicks, Dean's New Hampshire manager, and her counterparts in other states with the belief that decentralized — not just local, but neighborhood and home-based — voter contact was the tool that could win the nomination. The idea was to build from

the bottom up, using house parties hosted by the first wave of volunteers to involve a few more people in each small town or precinct. Then have them do the same thing with their friends — eventually assembling an army of committed Dean voters.

The candidate did his part by making empowerment the theme of his speeches. "I don't have the power to change Washington or change America," he would say. "You have the power."

Trippi's gift was to grasp that the Internet could be used to link these separate supporters to headquarters and, more importantly, to each other, so the energy of their individual efforts would be contagious.

It was an ingenious design, and anyone who visited Dean's headquarters in Des Moines or Manchester had to be impressed by two things: the hustle and activity of the volunteers and the sophistication of the computer

system that tracked their work, right down to the guest lists for every house party in the state.

It worked like a dream through 2003, and the small contributions came flowing in as more and more names went into the computers. But when the contest got real, when Dean's opponents began questioning his presidential credentials and when some of his misstatements fueled voters' doubts, this highly decentralized campaign structure faltered.

It had struck me that what Dean and Ganz and Trippi had created was really a contemporary version of the "O'Brien Manual," the organizing bible that Larry O'Brien wrote for John F. Kennedy's 1960 campaign. O'Brien used the model of Kennedy's Senate campaigns, where the women in his large family had to be impressed by their husbands, who then were asked to invite their friends to help out in the effort. "You just keep enlarging

the circle," O'Brien said, "and as soon as someone volunteers, you give her an assignment."

What I forgot — and I suspect the Dean folks did, as well — is that behind this seemingly spontaneous grass-roots effort was the wealth of Joseph P. Kennedy and the iron discipline of Robert F. Kennedy. His brother's campaign manager, When it was time to get tough in the Wisconsin and West Virginia primaries, the muscle was applied. In the wake of Iowa and New Hampshire, Dean has abandoned all pretense of a decentralized campaign. Trippi was demoted and resigned. Roy Neel, the long-time Al Gore aide who is now in charge, told The Washington Post that Trippi had "an extraordinary vision in organization and message," while "mine is more about helping bring discipline and focus

to an organization, particularly an organization that is under a great deal of stress right now."

One symptom of the indiscipline of the earlier regime was the reckless dissipation of the record \$41 million Dean raised during 2003, leaving him without TV money for Tuesday's seven-state primaries and caucuses.

Some may remember that on the day of the New Hampshire primary in 1980, Ronald Reagan fired John Sears as his campaign manager and brought in veteran Bill Casey (later the CIA chief) to replace him. Sears, like Trippi, had clashed with some members of the candidates' home state inner circle and had allowed spending to get out of control. So out he went.

The difference is that Reagan won New Hampshire. Dean was not that lucky.

St. Ben's new hospital will be welcomed

I support St. Benedict's plan to build a new hospital. I quit going to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center a few years ago because of overcharges and the essential services. Consequently, I also quit going to Twin Falls Doctors, except for Dr. Retmire. He is a very good doctor. I now go as far away as Hiley for any planned hospital services and Boise for my heart checkup.

BUD ANDREW
Shoshone

Decide for yourself about 'Passion' film

I want to publicly thank Bob Harris with the Century Cinemas in Burley for booking Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ," which started Feb. 25.

The entire globe is abuzz over this film. Most who have seen the preview are in awe of its world class Mel Gibson production quality. There are in our neighborhood that Gibson would dare breach such a subject. Ticket sales are soaring.

Whether a person has been held in capt attention for months over the production and promotion details as I have or you just want to figure out for yourself what the fuss is all about, you owe it to

yourself to be there and to experience what the most discussed figure in human history willingly endured for you and especially for me. Mel Gibson spares little detail in depicting the violence endured 2000 years ago because he wanted to be as historically accurate as possible. He is succeeded.

Why is the subject of Jesus still as white hot as it is so long ago? Don't let some Hollywood critic decide this one for you. I urge you to come and decide for yourself. No one who watches this film will remain the same.

You may even want to read the book.
KELLY WALTON
Burley

Custodial doesn't fairly describe ISDB

A certain term has surfaced in articles and editorials regarding the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. The readers of *The Times-News* are being told that ISDB has in the past operated under a "custodial" philosophy rather than an "educational" philosophy. I am not sure where this word came from but feel strongly that it is inappropriate.

Thirteen years ago, my husband and I were blessed by the birth of a very bright, very deaf child. Like most deaf children of that time, my daughter's deafness

was not discovered until she was over a year old. We wasted no time in learning sign language with the help and support of the ISDB Outreach staff and educating ourselves about all the ramifications of her deafness. As Mavis approached preschool age, we made the decision to move to this area so that she could attend ISDB as a day student. We were fully aware that schools for the deaf in general did not have the best of academic reputations, but we wanted her to have all of the social, linguistic and educational advantages of free communication with peers and teachers.

Mavis attended ISDB for 16 years, finally graduating in 1999. During her last four years, she attended Gooding High School part time with interpreter services and transportation provided by ISDB. We were vocal parents and frequently critical of the educational program at ISDB; there were educators with low expectations for academic achievement, classes that were watered down or did not cover the material they should have, and caring that sometimes crossed the line into overprotection and patronizing. There were also wonderful and creative teachers who truly did all they could to challenge Mavis and help her develop the basic skills she needed to succeed in both public high school and a main-

stream college setting.

I am not an apologist for ISDB, but in no way can the school be characterized as merely "custodial." Yes, the educational program at ISDB needs improvement. Deaf education all over the country needs improvement. But to imply that all of the many dedicated people who have spent their lives teaching at ISDB were just "baby sitters" is a slap in the face.

Mavis graduates this spring from California State University at Northridge with a double bachelor of arts in biology and biomedical physics. More Idahoans should have the benefit of such a "custodial" education.
LORNA IRWIN
Jerome

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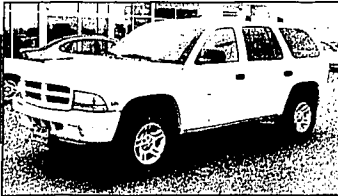
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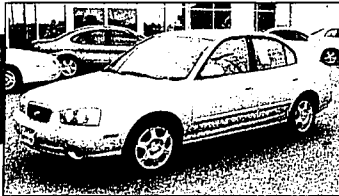
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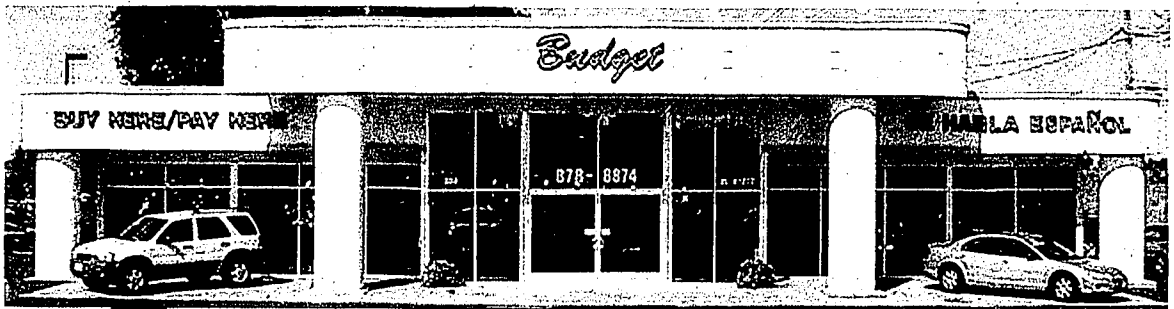
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SPORTS

Going off into the rough

Tiger survives a scare at Match Play Championship

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Tiger Woods never had the lead until it mattered Wednesday, making birdies on his final two holes to survive a scare from John Rollins in the Match Play Championship.

Facing a first-round elimination for the second time in three years, Woods twice made knee-knocking pars to stay in the game, pulled even with an 8-iron from 171 yards that plunked down 18 inches behind the cup on No. 17, then won the battle of wedges on the par-5 closing hole.

By the time Woods holed a 20-foot birdie putt for a 1-up victory, Rollins already had taken five shots.

"That was tough," Woods said. "I feel bad for the way he ended up."

Woods wasn't the only player who survived a thriller.

A record-tying six matches went extra holes, none more riveting than Darren Clarke holding an eagle chip from just short of the 18th green to square his match with Eduardo Romero. They each made par on the next six holes, and Clarke closed him out on the 25th hole when the Argentine made bogey.

Retief Goosen (No. 5) was the only top-10 seed to head for the airport Wednesday afternoon, blowing a 2-up lead and losing to John Huston on the 17th hole.

Davis Love III had to go 18 holes to hold off Brian Baird, but other top seeds — Vijay Singh, Masters champion Mike Weir, Phil Mickelson and Kenny Perry — had a much easier time advancing to the second round of the Accenture Match Play Championship.

For the longest time, it appeared as though Woods might not stick around.

Rollins, who got into the \$7 million World Golf Championship when three players withdrew, never trailed despite only making one birdie.

Woods had good looks at birdies on four straight holes, starting at No. 7, but missed them all. The longer the match went, the more confidence Rollins had.

Woods hooked his tee shot out-of-bounds on the 11th hole, and Rollins' birdied the par-3 12th for a 2-up lead.

Woods got it back with a par on the next hole, but had to scramble to stay in the match.

It all turned on the 17th.

Woods' towering 8-iron landed 18 inches behind the cup, hopped forward and spun back 2 feet from the hole. Rollins knew he had to make his 45-foot birdie, and ran it 10 feet by for a meaningless three-putt.

Woods figured to have a big advantage on the par-5 18th, but he blocked it 20 yards to the right.

"Tiger," he moaned to himself. "What's wrong with you?"

Rollins can't reach the green in two, and both had to chip out of the creek about 5 yards from each other. Woods went first, and hit a pedestrian wedge to 20 feet.

Rollins blinked.



Above, Tiger Woods points right after pushing his drive into the right rough on the eighth hole during his first round match against John Rollins at the World Golf Championships Accenture Match Play Championship Wednesday in Carlsbad, Calif.



Left, Woods sags in disbelief as his short iron second shot to the first hole flies over the green during his opening round match against John Rollins. Woods bogied the hole and fell one down.

Trying to hit behind the flag and have it spin back to the cup, it sailed too far and took one hop into the bunker. Rollins removed his cap and stared in disbelief, and it only got worse.

He tried to hit a perfect bunker shot, because the green sloped away from him, and left it in the rough. He kicked the sand, then slammed the wedge into the side of his foot to shake sand loose from his spikes.

Rollins missed the chip, and already had his hat off to congratulate Woods before his birdie putt fell.

It was the only birdie putt Woods made all day — an 8-foot eagle on No. 3 and the 2-foot birdie on No. 17 were conceded.

Lucky to still be around, Woods next faces Trevor Immelman of South Africa, a winner over Shikgeki Maruyama.

Pistons past the Chicago Bulls 107-88 Wednesday night.

Chauncey Billups had 14 points and Ben Wallace had a three-point play and eight rebounds for the Pistons, who have beaten the Bulls eight straight times.

Chicago has lost three straight and five of seven and is tied with Orlando for the fewest wins in the NBA — 16.

Detroit closed the second quarter with a 13-3 run for a 51-43 lead. Ben Wallace had a three-point play and Corliss Williamson hit a jumper as time expired in the quarter.

Tayshaun Prince, trying to convert a three-point play, missed the free throw, but Eddy Curry was talking with an official and forgot to block out, allowing Rashied Wallace an easy putback to extend Detroit's lead to 60-50 with 9:19 left in the third quarter.

Detroit extended its lead on Rashied Wallace's alley-oop dunk from Prince to make it 92-74 with 8:00 left in the game. It also sent Bulls chv-airman Jerry Reinsdorf, who was in attendance, out of his suite.

Prince had 13 points and six rebounds for Detroit, which had six players in double figures. Elden Campbell added 10.

Billups had 12 first-half points for Detroit. Curry scored 12 in the half for Chicago and finished with 19 points after fouling out with 8:43 left.

Kirk Hinrich had 14 points and Jerome Williams and Antonio Davis both had 13 for Chicago.

Washington a four-point lead with 3:25 left. After Toronto's Donyell Marshall made a hook shot to cut the lead to one with 58 seconds left, Brown missed a 7-foot jump shot.

Toronto's Roger Mason missed a reverse layup with 15 seconds left before Jerry Stackhouse made one of two free throws to give Washington a 76-74 lead. Toronto's Janero Pargo, signed badly with a 3-point shot at the buzzer.

Warriors 99, Grizzlies 92

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Speedy Chaston scored a career-high 28 points and handed out six assists as Golden State snapped Memphis' five-game winning streak.

It was a sloppy game with 29 turnovers and 62 fouls — 31 on each team. Four players fouled out, and Memphis coach Hubie Brown was ejected for two of the eight technical fouls that were called.

The Warriors pulled away in the fourth, a period in which the Grizzlies have played well this season — particularly at home.

Claxton, who had been struggling with a sprained right thumb, shot only 6-of-18 from the field but was 16-of-18 from the line. James Posey led Memphis with 25 points and 10 rebounds.

Pistons 107, Bulls 88

CHICAGO — Richard Hamilton scored 21 points and Rashied Wallace added 15 points and seven rebounds to lead the Detroit

was in Florida.

In a statement, the team said: "We believe in due process, and Jamal will have his day in court. From there we have two sides to every story. From what we know of the charges, these seem out of character for the Jamal we know."

The NFL declined to comment.

Lewis was the fifth pick overall in the 2000 draft, and signed that July with the Ravens.

Last year, he became the fifth player in NFL history to rush for more than 2,000 yards. His 2,066 yards fell short of Eric Dickerson's record of 2,105 yards in the final game.

GUARDING THE NET



Florida Panthers goaltender Roberto Luongo sprawls as he protects the net while the puck rebounds during the second period against the Boston Bruins in Boston Monday. Luongo made 38 saves for his fifth shutout of the season leading the Panthers to a 2-0 victory over the Bruins.

Panthers' Luongo records second shutout in a row

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Juri Kolnik had two goals and an assist, and Roberto Luongo made 38 saves for his second consecutive shutout to help the Florida Panthers beat Toronto 4-0 Wednesday night.

It was the sixth shutout of the season for Luongo, who beat Boston 2-0 Monday night. Luongo came in leading the NHL in saves and ranked second with a .934 save percentage.

Matt Cullen had a goal and an assist for the Panthers, unbeaten in their last five (3-0-2). Florida moved within seven points of the idle New York Islanders for eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

the right circle with 3:50 left. Stephen Robidas added a short-handed goal and an assist for the Blackhawks, who are averaging four goals over their last six games. Rick Nash has a career-high three assists for Columbus.

Hurricanes 2, Capitals 1

WASHINGTON — Erik Cole and Jeff O'Neill had goals in the Hurricanes' first win in six games against the Capitals this season. It gave them points in five straight games.

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Devils 8, Sabres 2

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Martin Brodeur became the first NHL goaltender to win 30 games in nine straight seasons, and the Devils made it easy for him. The Devils had their highest-scoring game since October 2000.

Brodeur (30-17-10) had to make only 20 saves in moving ahead of recently retired Patrick Roy for consecutive 30-win seasons.

The Devils won their third straight and moved within four points of first-place Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division. New Jersey has played two fewer games.

The eight goals were their most since beating Montreal 8-4 on Oct. 6, 2000. Their previous high this season was seven against the Rangers last Saturday.

Lightning 4, Thrashers 2

ATLANTA — Vincent Lecavalier sneaked behind the Atlanta defense with 1:24 remaining for his second goal. Tampa Bay won at Philips Arena for the first time in eight games.

Brad Richards scored early in the third period. Cory Stillman added an empty-net goal and Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 23 shots.

The Lightning improved to 11-2-0-3 in their last 16 road games. Tampa Bay has lost in regulation just twice in 24 games overall.

Atlanta fell to 5-18-3-1 since beating the Lightning 3-1 on Dec. 26. The Thrashers had an eight-game losing streak in Tampa Bay in the Southeast Division after that game, but now trail the Lightning by 22 points. In that same time span, Tampa Bay is 19-5-2-4.

Infamous

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refused all requests for interviews since issuing an apology in October, has no plans to attend.

"He issued a final statement, and that's pretty much the last thing he intended to say about it," said family friend Frank Murtha. "His whole intention was to return to his normal life."

The hall will get VIP treatment in its last hours, from a farewell trip to Wrigley and a last night on public display in a hotel suite to a final "inner" of prime steak and lobster and even a massage.

Then comes the final reckoning. Among thousands of fan suggestions for the act, having NASA put the ball into orbit,

dropping it off the Sears Tower and having Chicago native Bill Murray in "Ghostbusters" gear obliterate it.

DePonte promises only that "it will be destroyed in a way that there is a mess."

Practicing for the big moment, Lanier has tortured baseballs in various ways, concluding that "they're harder than you'd expect to blow up."

As for Alou, he is tired of the whole business. "I don't care about the ball," the ballplayer said. "That wasn't the reason why we lost." He added: "I should put my glove on eBay. The glove that was supposed to catch the ball."

Timberwolves snip Nets' win streak

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Troy Hudson flipped the shots of Sam Cassell just fine, helping end the New Jersey Nets' winning streak at 14 games.

Hudson, making his first start of the season in place of the injured Cassell, scored a season-high 29 points as Minnesota beat New Jersey 91-68 on Wednesday night.

Hudson, the Nets' coach Lawrence Frank's first loss.

Hudson, the streaky shooter who has been hampered all season by a sprained ankle, erased any hope for Franks' 14th consecutive win with 12 fourth-quarter points. Hudson and Fred Hoiberg scored Minnesota's first 20 points of the quarter, and the Wolves used a 15-0 run to open a 75-58 lead.

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Hornets 99, Clippers 93

NEW ORLEANS — Baron Davis' 26 points and nine assists led the New Orleans Hornets out of a two-game losing skid.

Jamaal Magloire had 21 points and 14 rebounds, including a jump hook off an offensive rebound to give New Orleans a 91-85 lead with

just under two minutes left. Jamal Mashburn scored 20 for the Hornets, while BJ Brown hit a pair of late jumpers and grabbed a key rebound with 28 seconds remaining as part of his 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Elton Brand led Los Angeles with 19 points, while reserve Chris Wilcox had 18.

Bucks 106, Celtics 104

BOSTON — Walter McCarty's 3-pointer was waved off at the buzzer, the referees ruling it came too late as the Boston Celtics lost their seventh win in a row.

Michael Redd scored 26 points and Desmond Mason added 21 for Milwaukee, which won back-to-back road games for the second time this season. Boston has dropped 13 of 14.

After the Celtics took a 101-100 lead on a three-point play by Mark Blount, Milwaukee responded with baskets by Keith Van Horn, Damon Jones and Redd to take a 106-101 lead.

Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 21 points before fouling out with 2:49 remaining. Blount clipped in 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Wizards 76, Raptors 74

TORONTO — Gilbert Arenas scored all seven of his points in the final five minutes and Kwame Brown had 16 points as the Washington Wizards ended a five-game losing streak.

Arenas, who had just one assist, scored seven straight points to give

Charges

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"The cooperating source told Lewis that he/she was willing to sell the narcotics to Lewis' associates for a price that Lewis can tax," meaning the price could be marked up for a profit. Mosley said in the affidavit, "Lewis responded 'Yeah,' the agent said."

Hours after the call, Lewis and the friend, Angelo Jackson, met with the informant at an Atlanta restaurant, the affidavit said. Lewis said Lewis was at the restaurant, but not for the reason alleged in the indictment.

Jackson was also indicted and arrested Wednesday. He faces the same counts and a third for attempt to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine.

Lewis wasn't at the gas station. His attorney, however, said Lewis was at the restaurant, but not for the reason alleged in the indictment.

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Ravens spokesman Chad Steube said the indictment came as a surprise to the team. "We had no clue," he said, adding that Lewis

Redskins' Gibbs plans to focus on defense

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Mark Brunell and Clinton Portis are just the start. Joe Gibbs wants more defense, too, so look for another Washington Redskins signing frenzy when free agency starts next week. "We've got everything laid out," coach Gibbs said Wednesday. "We pretty much know what we're going to do. I know the first two moves everybody's been talking about have been on offense, but we've got a whole plan laid out on defense. We know exactly what the numbers are and who the players are going to try and get."

The Redskins, perennially the NFL's busiest offseason team, have been at it again this year. Owner Dan Snyder has hired Gibbs, worked out a trade and a new contract for

Jacksonville quarterback Brunell, and is close to completing a deal that will send cornerback Champ Bailey to Denver for running back Portis.

The Redskins and Broncos have agreed in principle to the Bailey-Portis trade, with the Redskins throwing in a second-round draft pick, but the deal isn't a sure thing until Bailey and the Broncos reach agreement on a new contract. No trade can officially be completed until the offseason trade and free agency period begins next Wednesday.

"It's hard for us to really say this is done, that is done, because some of the stuff is still up in the air," Gibbs said.

Last year, the Redskins landed nine players in the first four days of

free agency—starting when Snyder's plane picked up a player just after midnight on the first day—and Gibbs said he'd like to have a similar run this time.

"I hope," Gibbs said. "Hopefully we're going to acquire a lot of problems in free agency."

Free agency is critical for the Redskins: this year because the Brunell and Portis trades would leave the team with just two selections—in the first and fifth rounds—in April's draft. Gibbs said he was uncomfortable giving away the picks.

"It's a good draft," Gibbs said. "But in each one of those situations, you're trying to evaluate what would be best for the team."

Adding Brunell and Portis to a

lineup that includes receiver Laveranese Coles and a solid offensive line should add up to a lot of points for Gibbs' offense, but the departure of four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Bailey opens another hole on defense.

The Redskins need to overhaul their defensive line and will need a new starting linebacker to replace Jessie Armstead, who was one of four salary cap cuts Tuesday.

Armstead, defensive end Bruce Smith, defensive tackle Lionel Dalton and punter Bryant Barker were released to give the team some financial leeway to pursue free agents. Gibbs said he hoped to avoid more cuts in the coming week by renegotiating the contracts of some of his current players.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

First sophomore, Williams, will enter NFL draft

LOS ANGELES — Mike Williams is passing up a possible shot at the Heisman Trophy for the NFL.

The USC receiver became the first sophomore to opt for the NFL draft since the Maurice Clarett court ruling, when he announced his decision Wednesday.

Williams, a 6-foot-5, 230-pound, leaves with two years of eligibility remaining for the defending national champion Trojans.

Williams is expected to be selected high in the first round of April's draft rather than competing for the Heisman Trophy as a top player for the Trojans.

Williams, an All-American who turned 20 last month, said after USC beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl that he planned to stay in school.

Then came the Clarett ruling.

Nuggets among various free-agent suitors when the season ends

The Nuggets are expected to make a run at Bryant during free agency this summer. Bryant said Wednesday he would listen.

Bryant last played here Jan. 7 — his first game in Denver since being charged with sexually assaulting a woman at a Colorado resort last summer. He was accused during pre-game introductions and every time he touched the ball.

Nuggets general manager Kiki Vandeweghe has urged fans to use their energy cheering for the Nuggets instead of directing negative comments toward Bryant.

Chief confident about security of U.S. athletes

ATHENS, Greece — Most U.S. athletes will stay at the Olympic Village in August, and a top American official is confident they will be safe.

About 650 American athletes will take part in the games. Asked whether the NBA players will also live at the village, U.S. Olympic Committee chief Bill Mirman replied: "Yes, at this time."

If so, that's news to members of the Dream Team, who say they have been told they will be staying on the Queen Mary 2 in the Athens port of Piraeus during the games. USOC officials said earlier any move to a cruise ship would be because of logistical considerations, not security issues.

Venus Williams wins, Capriati loses in Dubai

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Venus Williams' return from injury was a success. Jennifer Capriati's was not.

Williams beat Alicia Molik 6-3, 6-4 Wednesday to reach the Dubai Open quarterfinals, while Capriati lost to Eleni Daniilidou 6-7, 6-2.

In their action, top-ranked Justine Henin-Hardenne eliminated wild-card entrant Selima Star of Tunisia 6-1, 7-5, and Svetlana Kuznetsov defeated Anna Barna of Germany 6-6, 6-3. Kuznetsov will face Williams next.

Williams was playing her first competitive match in three weeks after a right leg injury.

It was Daniilidou's first victory in four matches against Capriati.

In other matches, fourth-seeded Anastasia Myskina defeated Mariya Sela 6-1, 6-4, fifth-seeded Ai Sugiyama beat Nicole Pietrangeli 6-2, 6-2, and eighth-seeded Conchita Martinez overpowered Patricia Elena Camerin 6-2, 6-2.

Sather quits as Rangers coach, remains president

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — The losing, the chants and the lack of effort from the New York Rangers convinced Glen Sather to quit as coach but remain president.

Sather stepped down Wednesday as coach of the Rangers, staying on as president and general manager, signaling that more changes lie ahead as the March 9 trading deadline nears.

Brady has procedure on throwing shoulder

FOXBORO, Mass. — Two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady underwent a minor procedure on his throwing shoulder.

Brady, who led the New England Patriots to title-game wins over Carolina this year and St. Louis last year, said "lingering soreness in his throwing shoulder." A statement from the team released Wednesday said his prognosis was excellent but did not elaborate.

Strawberry resigns player development post

TAMPA, Fla. — Darryl Strawberry resigned as a player development instructor with the New York Yankees on Wednesday to spend more time with his young sons and his wife.

The eight-time All-Star, who has overcome a drug addiction, prison term and cancer, was hired last November. He was going to work with the major league club but was asked to resign and with minor leaguers the rest of the year.

Two Duke players among Rupp player finalists

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Duke guards Chris Duhon and J.J. Redick were among 16 finalists for the Adolph F. Rupp Trophy for college basketball player of the year.

Duhon and Redick were joined by North Carolina State's Julius Hodge to give the Atlantic Coast Conference three finalists.

Big Ten officials will use instant replay for football

DETROIT — Instant replay will be a part of Big Ten football games this season.

The NCAA championship and competition board has approved the Big Ten's proposal to use instant replay — on an experimental basis — for conference games in 2004.

The Big Ten opponents who play televised games in Big Ten stadiums would have the option to play with replay. The experimental system would use only those plays provided by the television camera network. Not all Big Ten games are televised.

Playing would consider

DENVER — Despite the harsh reception he received during his last game in Denver, Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant said he would consider

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT
New Jersey	19	16	0
New York	22	14	0
Philadelphia	22	13	1
Charlotte	22	13	1
Orlando	22	13	1
Washington	22	13	1
Atlanta	22	13	1
Indiana	22	13	1
New Orleans	22	13	1
Memphis	22	13	1
Chicago	22	13	1
San Antonio	22	13	1
Dallas	22	13	1
Houston	22	13	1
Phoenix	22	13	1
Utah	22	13	1

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Phoenix	22	13	1
San Diego	22	13	1
Los Angeles	22	13	1
Portland	22	13	1
Seattle	22	13	1
Los Angeles	22	13	1
Phoenix	22	13	1

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- Kings at Lakers, TNT, 8:30 p.m.
- Orlando at California, FSX, 8:30 p.m.
- San Diego at Gonzaga, ESPN2, 9 p.m.

Boxing

- Thursday Night at the Fights, SHO, 9 p.m.

Hockey

- Blues at Avalanche, ESPN, 6 p.m.

Area ski report

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Platoon 20, Bulls 88

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Tigers' platoon of pitchers dominated the Chicago Cubs in a 20-8 rout Wednesday night at Comerica Park.

The Tigers' rotation of pitchers, including ace Justin Verlander, pitched a dominant game, allowing only one run in the first inning and striking out 14 batters.

Verlander pitched 5 1/3 innings, allowing one run on two hits and striking out seven batters. He was joined by other pitchers in the rotation, including Armando Galarraga and Armando Rodriguez.

The Cubs' offense was completely shut down, with only one run scored in the first inning. The Cubs' pitcher, Ryan Dempster, was pulled after one inning.

Boxing

Thursday Night at the Fights, SHO, 9 p.m.

Boxing highlights from the event, including fights between various world-class fighters.

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College Basketball Scores

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Washington	22	13	1
Atlanta	22	13	1
Indiana	22	13	1
New Orleans	22	13	1
Memphis	22	13	1
Chicago	22	13	1
San Antonio	22	13	1
Dallas	22	13	1
Houston	22	13	1
Phoenix	22	13	1
Utah	22	13	1

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT
Washington	22	13	1
Golden State	22	13	1
San Antonio	22	13	1
Phoenix	22	13	1
San Diego	22	13	1
Los Angeles	22	13	1
Portland	22	13	1
Seattle	22	13	1
Los Angeles	22	13	1
Phoenix	22	13	1

College Basketball Scores

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT
New Jersey	19	16	0
New York	22	14	0
Philadelphia	22	13	1
Charlotte	22	13	1
Orlando	22	13	1
Washington	22	13	1
Atlanta	22	13	1
Indiana	22	13	1
New Orleans	22	13	1
Memphis	22	13	1
Chicago	22	13	1
San Antonio	22	13	1
Dallas	22	13	1
Houston	22	13	1
Phoenix	22	13	1
Utah	22	13	1

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT
Washington	22	13	1
Golden State	22	13	1
San Antonio	22	13	1
Phoenix	22	13	1
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Los Angeles	22	13	1
Portland	22	13	1
Seattle	22	13	1
Los Angeles	22	13	1
Phoenix	22	13	1

Accenture Match Play Championship

ATLANTA (AP) — The Accenture Match Play Championship concluded Wednesday with a dramatic finish.

The tournament, which featured some of the world's top golfers, was won by a player who defeated a strong field in a sudden-death playoff.

The winner, who had been in contention throughout the tournament, secured the victory with a clutch performance in the final round.

Baseball

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT
New Jersey	19	16	0
New York	22	14	0
Philadelphia	22	13	1
Charlotte	22	13	1
Orlando	22	13	1
Washington	22	13	1
Atlanta	22	13	1
Indiana	22	13	1
New Orleans	22	13	1
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT
Washington	22	13	1
Golden State	22	13	1
San Antonio	22	13	1
Phoenix	22	13	1
San Diego	22	13	1
Los Angeles	22	13	1
Portland	22	13	1
Seattle	22	13	1
Los Angeles	22	13	1
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Baseball

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New Jersey	19	16	0
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VARSITY

Jerome girls capture state championship

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

NAMPA — How sweet it is. The Jerome Lady Tigers separated themselves from the runnerup 4A team in Idaho by 24 points in their state championship game against Valley.

Twenty-four points. That's twelve buckets, three touchdowns and a field goal in football, or a darn good word score in Scrabble.

State championships are supposed to be decided by buzzer-beating baskets, not 24-point blowouts. But what else can you expect from a Lady Tiger team that finished 25-0, including five decisive victories over 5A teams.

The favored Lady Tigers entered the championship game against

Valley with bigger hype, a bigger crowd, even a bigger pep band. They played a bigger game, turning an 11-6 first-quarter lead into a 23-11 halftime score before running away in the second half.

In the state championship game, Jerome coach Michelle Skyles ran plays so reserves Megan Marshall and Krista Kulm could score in their final varsity game. Both plays worked against Valley's reserves. Jerome proved that it is the best 4A girls basketball team in Idaho — not by a hair — but by a mile.

In fact, the only notes heard during Jerome's state championship win came when the girls belted out Queen's "We are the champions" in the locker room after the game. But a few off-key notes still sound sweet when accompanied by the joy that senior



post Vanessa West and her lady Tiger teammates shared after the win.

"We came out and decided we weren't going to let it go," West said. "It's sweet, it's a dream."

While stars like West, Alisa Hope, and Whitney Clark will take their

basketball merits to the collegiate ranks, the Lady Tiger stars won this state championship by creating their own personal highlight reels, but with team basketball.

"These girls have given up so much individual glory for the glory of the team," Skyles said.

These are the glory days, Jerome. Soak them in.

Luc Martin posted six points and 10 rebounds. Junior Mitch Smith scored 13 points, while twin brother Mike tallied six points and eight assists. Sophomore post Brett Vriesman finished with 11 points.

Area boys basketball standings

Regular season final

Class 5A				
Region Four-Five-Six				
Conf	W	L	All	
Pocatello	7	4	10	9
Idaho Falls	6	4	10	8
Twin Falls	5	5	11	7
Stuyvesant	5	5	11	7
Highland (Poc.)	4	6	6	15
Minico	3	7	8	12

Class 4A				
Great Basin				
Conf	W	L	All	
Century	3	0	12	5
Burley	2	2	5	13
Jerome	0	3	3	16

Class 3A				
Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference				
Conf	W	L	All	
Declo	9	1	15	3
Kimberly	8	2	11	7
Wood River	5	5	8	11
Castletown	4	6	6	13
Buhl	3	7	4	14
Gooding	1	9	4	16

Class 2A				
Canyon Conference				
Conf	W	L	All	
Wendell	4	0	20	0
Valley	2	2	13	6
Glenns Ferry	0	4	8	11

Class 1A				
Magic Valley Conference				
Conf	W	L	All	
Raft River	14	0	18	0
Hagerman	11	3	14	6
Hansen	10	4	11	6
Magic Valley				
Christian	7	7	9	10
Martinsburg	6	8	7	13
Castleford	4	8	6	13
Oakley	2	12	2	13
Lighthouse				
Christian	0	14	0	15

Northside Conference				
Conf	W	L	All	
Carey	12	0	17	1
Community				
School	10	2	15	3
Shoshone	6	6	7	12
Dietrich	5	7	9	11
Comas County	5	7	8	11
Richland	4	7	13	17
Bliss	0	12	1	17

Independent				
Conf	W	L	All	
Twin Falls Christian	5	14		

JV Schedule

Conf	W	L	All	
ISDB	2	10		

Grapplers

Continued from B1

"He has steadily improved on an upward slope all year," Debestani said. "His mind is there and I'm looking forward to seeing him wrestle his best matches."

Minico will send 14 wrestlers to the tournament, including four ranked grapplers. Coach Brad Cooper is sending his youngest team ever to state.

"Only good can come out of the state tournament when you see this young Cooper said. "If we can improve our seeds, we'll feel like we've had a good tournament."

No Spartan wrestler is ranked higher than fourth, with Kevin Kilian and Casey Johnson at that spot in their class, while Josh Clapper and Shawn Kunzler are fifth at their weight.

Jerome will send a whopping 22 wrestlers to the state tournament, including five ranked grapplers. Ryan Musgrave and Cody Carpenter are ranked second at 171 and 189 pounds, respectively. Carpenter is 24-2 on the season, his only losses coming to Twin Falls' Scott.

The Tigers have been a dominant force all year and are now ranked sixth in the state as a team. "They've just worked hard," Jerome coach Des Case said. "They've paid the price and they're starting to reap the benefits."

The Tigers are well-prepared for a deep run at state's.

"You don't get here by being a slouch or anything," Case said. "Hopefully we can rise to the level of intensity because it's different than anything else these kids will experience."

Also hoping to rise to the occasion will be 12 Burley wrestlers, including top-ranked 215-pounder, Cole Jones. While Jones missed early-season matches with injuries, he has come on strong by taking the Red Hound tournament championship, along with a District Four title. Returning state qualifiers Jason and Josh Brunk, Kyle Bowers, and Eric Floyd will all look to place this year.

Gunning for medals: Small schools' best wrestlers converge on Holt Arena

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Headed to Pocatello and looking for someone to root for during the 2004 Idaho state wrestling tournament? Try one of the 70 3A-1A area wrestlers that will make the trip, all hoping to climb to the top of the podium.

From Altes to Zollinger, Declo to Wendell, the Magic Valley will be well represented with some of the state's best wrestlers participating. Out of those 70 wrestlers, 22 are ranked in the top six in their division and weight class.

The Kimberly Bulldogs are coming off another District Four championship and will place nine wrestlers in state competition. Freshman Chris Moody would have been the tenth, but suffered a broken hand at the district tournament.

"He was one that we were expecting good things from," Bulldogs coach Troy Palmer said.

"But he'll be there watching from the sidelines." Moody and the Bulldogs fans will have plenty to root for with four wrestlers ranked in the top six in the state. They are two pairs of brothers, Sunny and Joey Silva, along with Nick and Trevor Mulberry. All are underclassmen, and Nick Mulberry is a freshman.

I was hoping that we'd keep Nick a secret for a little while longer," Palmer said.

Sunny Silva at 119 pounds is the odds-on favorite to make a run at the championship. He dropped only two matches this season, both to Trinity Perkins of Spring Creek, Nev.

As a team, the Bulldogs have set high goals and accomplished them all year. They wanted to go undefeated in regular season duals.

Done.

They wanted to win their district championship.

Done.

And now, they are hoping to finish in the top five in team points at the state tournament.

The Buhl Indians will send six wrestlers to the tournament, including top-ranked Will Eggs at 171 pounds and second-ranked R.C. Sisson at 152 pounds. Both are seniors who are hoping to end their high school wrestling careers on high notes.

"This is it for them," Buhl coach Stacy Wilson said. "All those rankings don't mean anything unless you finish this tournament on top."

Wilson expects the tournament to be an eye-opener for the younger Buhl wrestlers making the trip, including sophomore John Altes.

Declo's Hornets have five wrestlers at state, while Golden Zolinger, Trevor Dutschak, and Trinity Osterhout are all ranked in their weight classes. Declo is still young and without any seniors.

The Wood River Wolverines will bring 12 wrestlers to state, including third-ranked 103-pounder Murdock Miller and 145-pound brother Ducey. Both are district champions.

Gooding will send eight wrestlers, including three ranked grapplers, Lance Gillette, Cody Rogers, and C.J. Toone.

In the 2A-1A ranks, 26 area grapplers will make the trip from Wendell, Oakley, Valley, Raft River, and Glenns Ferry. Raft River will send three third-ranked wrestlers, Brody Erickson, Brodie Hutchison, and Eric Loeck. Wendell will send 10 wrestlers including district champions Zach Beckler and Tyler Thurgers. They Rogers of Valley and Harley Thomas of Oakley round out the 2A-1A ranked wrestlers who will make the trip to Holt Arena.

Wilson summed up the meaning of a state tournament win from his position in Buhl's weight room.

"It's not like a team sport, it's you. You're the one who earns it now. Your name goes up on the wrestling wall and it will be there forever."

If area wrestlers have their way, it's time to ready the paint bucket and brush. There might be some new names to write on those walls.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING RANKINGS

Class 5A	
Team	1-5
103 pounds	1. G. Emerson, Idaho Falls; 2. J. Lujan, S. Kunda; 3. M. Hal, Eagle; 4. S. Staberson; 5. A. Adams, Jerome
119 pounds	1. S. Smith, Centennial; 2. R. Rupp, Pocatello; 3. C. Thurber, Centennial; 4. M. Windsor, Idaho Falls; 5. N. Johnson, Mountain View; 6. B. Curtis, Valley
145 pounds	1. P. Gentry, Emmett; 2. P. Gentry, Emmett; 3. A. Wilkie, Kuna; 4. C. Cook, Century; 5. D. Masterson, Mountain Home; 6. C. Kooly, Ripley
171 pounds	1. W. Wiles, Mountain Home; 2. B. Ocho, Mountain Home; 3. J. Thompson, Ripley; 4. B. Bolton, Hazzard; 5. A. Wilson, Sandpoint; 6. R. Wain, Kuna
215 pounds	1. K. Wilson, Valley; 2. T. Terrell, Kuna; 3. J. J. Anderson, Mountain Home; 4. J. Sidway, Hazzard; 5. P. Papp, Kuna; 6. G. Spauld, Sandpoint
285 pounds	1. J. Gardner, Hazzard; 2. B. Ramsey, Mountain Home; 3. V. Vance, Hazzard; 4. D. Stanger, Valley; 5. D. Papp, Kuna; 6. G. Spauld, Sandpoint
353 pounds	1. J. Walston, Sandpoint; 2. B. Sychta, Emmett; 3. B. Chaney, Century; 4. J. M. Ornduff, Mountain Home; 5. G. Walle, Mountain Home; 6. N. Gans, Burley
429 pounds	1. K. Kroe, Valley; 2. C. Hatway, Mountain Home; 3. H. Housley, Hazzard; 4. B. Wink, Hazzard; 5. B. Schmalz, Kuna; 6. D. Black, Post Falls
500 pounds	1. N. Tronek, Kuna; 2. R. Gonzalez, Blackfoot; 3. J. Wink, Ripley; 4. D. Wink, Post Falls; 5. T. Simpson, Emmett; 6. D. Fisher, Kuna

Class 4A	
Team	1-5
103 pounds	1. R. Hyde, Valley; 2. M. Sans, Madison; 3. L. Thompson, Ripley; 4. M. Turso, Emmett; 5. K. Anderson, Mountain Home; 6. A. Vela, Jerome
145 pounds	1. K. Chaney, Valley; 2. J. Williams, Blackfoot; 3. R. C. Jones, Burley; 4. B. Shaw, Jerome; 5. P. Peterson, Emmett; 6. E. Prestagard, Post Falls
171 pounds	1. L. Fast, Sandpoint; 2. R. M. Musgrave, Jerome; 3. A. Owen, Blackfoot; 4. C. Norman, Hazzard; 5. K. Spauld, Mountain Home; 6. S. Duck, Caldwell
215 pounds	1. S. Marzla, Kuna; 2. C. Carpenter, Jerome; 3. J. Beck, Post Falls; 4. A. Saby, Burley; 5. B. Norman, Hazzard; 6. B. Monka, Burley
285 pounds	1. J. C. Jones, Burley; 2. A. Shaw, Post Falls; 3. R. Vaj, Jerome; 4. T. Patterson, Jerome; 5. S. Morava, Burley; 6. J. Richardson, Bonanza
353 pounds	1. B. Wilson, Blackfoot; 2. D. Clayton, Kuna; 3. R. Hines, Post Falls; 4. A. Rodriguez, Jerome; 5. C. Carter, Sandpoint; 6. M. Burke, Ripley

Class 3A	
Team	1-5
103 pounds	1. J. Tolman, Marsh Valley; 2. J. Camp, American Falls; 3. M. Malar, Wood River; 4. J. Martin, Post Falls; 5. D. Ziegler, Declo; 6. D. Jones, Post Falls
145 pounds	1. J. Strat, Marsh Valley; 2. J.R. Marzax, Frutkin; 3. B. Palenik, Lakeland; 4. P. White, Weyer; 5. M. Arvin, Kellogg; 6. J. Wright, Marsh Valley
171 pounds	1. S. Ryan, Kimberly; 2. P. Bago, Sugar-Salem; 3. R. Brown, Snake River; 4. D. Hayes, Bonanza; 5. T. Oesch, Preston; 6. P. Park, St. Maries
215 pounds	1. S. Ryan, Kimberly; 2. P. Bago, Sugar-Salem; 3. R. Brown, Snake River; 4. D. Hayes, Bonanza; 5. T. Oesch, Preston; 6. P. Park, St. Maries
285 pounds	1. S. Ryan, Kimberly; 2. P. Bago, Sugar-Salem; 3. R. Brown, Snake River; 4. D. Hayes, Bonanza; 5. T. Oesch, Preston; 6. P. Park, St. Maries

Class 2A	
Team	1-5
103 pounds	1. N. Clayton, Twin Falls; 2. J. Jones, Garden Grove; 3. M. W. Muller; 4. R. Ray, Madras; 5. J. Peck, Aberdeen; 6. K. Knal, Madras
145 pounds	1. K. Enab, Madras; 2. L. Frim, Madras; 3. C. Gannon, North Fremont; 4. J. Spatorio, Orofino; 5. C. Wierba, Orofino
171 pounds	1. T. Charlier, Orofino; 2. J. Spatorio, Orofino; 3. C. Wierba, Orofino; 4. J. Spatorio, Orofino; 5. C. Wierba, Orofino
215 pounds	1. T. Charlier, Orofino; 2. J. Spatorio, Orofino; 3. C. Wierba, Orofino; 4. J. Spatorio, Orofino; 5. C. Wierba, Orofino

Parry's Power Guide

Idaho High School Boys Basketball Rankings

Week of Feb. 28		Class 5A		Class 4A		Class 3A		Class 2A		Class 1A	
Team	Rating	Team	Rating	Team	Rating	Team	Rating	Team	Rating	Team	Rating
1. Centennial	97.1	1. Preston	81.6	1. Wendell	77.4	1. Carey	48.8	32. Camas County	26.1		
2. Bora	96.8	2. Snake River	75.7	2. Malad	66.6	2. Mackey	45.4	33. Highland	22.2		
3. Mountain View	96.5	3. Lakeland	72.3	3. Ririe	65.7	3. Genesee	44.2	34. Logos	22.0		
4. Lewiston	93.2	4. Declo	69.8	4. Potlatch	62.3	4. Troy	44.1	35. Idaho City	21.8		
5. Eagle	91.6	5. Marsh Valley	68.8	5. Grangerville	61.0	5. Shoban	41.6	36. Greenleaf Friends	20.0		
6. Capital	88.9	6. Middleton	68.4	6. Valley	60.1	6. Hagerman	40.1	37. Oakley	19.6		
7. Idaho Falls	85.3	7. Shelley	65.2	7. Vailir	58.2	7. Cole Valley Christian	40.0	38. Clark County	18.6		
8. Pocatello	85.0	8. American Falls	63.4	8. Birch	58.2	8. Community School	39.9	39. Rimrock	18.6		
9. Pocastelle	84.6	9. South Fremont	63.2	9. Lapwai	58.1	9. North Fremont	39.9	40. Cambridge	15.1		
10. Timberline	84.2	10. Sugar-Salem	62.8	10. West Side	57.9	10. Clark Fork	39.7	41. Timberline	14.1		
11. Shyview	83.5	11. Kimberly	62.8	11. Homedale	56.6	11. Orofino	39.7	42. Bliss	13.1		
12. Coeur d'Alene	83.3	12. Bear Lake	61.4	12. Soda Springs	56.4	12. Nezerpe	39.7	43. Twin Falls Christian	11.3		
13. Highland	82.5	13. Fullerton	61.3	13. New Plymouth	56.2	13. Roth River	39.6	44. Wilder	11.3		
14. Meridian	80.5	14. Bonanza	60.4	14. Malba	56.0	14. Garden Valley	10.5	45. Garden Valley	10.5		
15. Nampa	79.4	15. Priest River	59.2	15. Nampa Christian	54.7	15. Meadows Bend	39.2	46. Mendore	2.5		
16. Skyline	79.1	16. Sugar-Salem	58.8	16. Butte County	54.7	16. Lakeshore	37.0	47. Falls Christian	0.2		
17. Boise	77.1	17. Kimberly	58.2	17. Kamiah	47.9	17. Council	36.7	48. Falls Christian	0.2		
18. Lake City	76.7	18. Fullerton	57.2	18. Glens Ferry	47.9	18. Mullan	36.2	49. Lighthouse Christian	-3.8		
19. Minico	76.4	19. Fullerton	56.1	19. Glens Ferry	45.8	19. Clark Fork	35.5	50. Salmon River	-6.9		
		20. Bonanza	51.0	20. West Jefferson	40.9	20. Notus	34.2	51. Meadows Valley	-9.3		
		21. Wood River	50.6	21. Challis	40.7	21. Horseshoe Bend	32.1				
		22. Salmon	50.2	22. Parma	37.5	22. Kootenai	31.2				
				23. Aberdeen	36.5	23. Cascade	30.9				
				24. Wallaco	35.6	24. North Gem	30.6				
				25. McCall/Donnelly	30.9	25. Kendrick	30.6				
				26. North Fremont	28.1	26. Sun State	29.7				
				27. Orofino	25.4	27. Valley Christian	28.7				
				28. Clearwater Valley	19.9	28. Dietrich	27.8				
						29. Richfield	27.3				
						30. Murtaugh	27.1				
						31. Caldwell	26.8				

Last week's record: 89-26 77.4
Year to date record: 976-332 74.6 percent

AROUND THE VALLEY

Kimberly receives inquiry on 40 acres

KIMBERLY—The City Council has received an inquiry about 40 acres of city-owned property on the canyon rim. The property was discussed during the Kimberly City Council meeting Tuesday, but neither the name of the interested party nor a definite purchase offer was divulged.

The 40 acres are one time used as the city dump many years ago. Since that time the land has been cleared. In other business, Fire Chief Burl Duncan reported that the two area fire departments had responded to 13 incidents in January. The Rock Creek Rural Fire Protection District answered calls to three motor vehicle accidents, three power line incidents and a trailer fire. The city of Kimberly's calls included an investigation, a structure fire and a law enforcement agency assist. A downed power line and an investigation occurred in the Hansen area. The City Council also voted to hold a budget hearing Aug. 24.

Sun Valley arts center plays host to film series

SUN VALLEY—The Sun Valley Center for the Arts announced the winners of its U Pick 'em Western Film Series and will screen the three winning films beginning today in the center's gallery, 191 Fifth Street E.

As a part of the center's current project, "Cowboys and Indians," which explores the myth and music of the West, the U Pick 'em Western Film Series draws attention to how perception of the West has been influenced by Hollywood.

Winning films were chosen by the community. "High Noon," directed by Fred Zinneman and starring Gary Cooper that first hit screens in 1952, will be shown today; the 1974 Mel Brooks comedy "Blazing Saddles" will be shown on March 4, and "Little Big Man," a 1970 film by Arthur Penn, will be shown March 11.

All films start at 7 p.m. Bring popcorn, cold beverages and a camp chair. Admission is free. For more information, call (208) 726-9491.

Shoshone legislator will host talk for public

BELLEUE—A Legislative Roundup event will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Glenn's Grocery on Main Street. Rep. Tim Riddinger, R-Shoshone, will discuss the current legislative session with constituents. Complimentary sandwiches, brownies and punch will be served. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Dale Everson at 788-3776.

Taking a leap on Sunday? Please let reporter know

TWIN FALLS—Is Feb. 29 a special day for you? If so, the newspaper wants to know. Sunday is Leap Year Day, the extra day in February that only comes every four years. It is a traditional day for women to propose marriage to men.

The Times-News is planning a story about Leap Year. If you were born on Leap Year Day, or are planning to do something special such as skydiving or leaping into matrimony, please call reporter Karin Kowalski at 735-3231, or e-mail her at kkwalski@magicvalley.com. —compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake Basin	92%	71%
Salmon Falls	109%	77%
Salmon	95%	73%
Okay	112%	91%
Big Wood	95%	75%
Little Wood	102%	80%
Henry's Fork/Teton	107%	83%
Little Lost	102%	76%
Little Lost	88%	63%

As of Feb. 25

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

Grand jury indicts man on murder

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—A grand jury returned an indictment late Wednesday afternoon against Jody Randall Olley Carr, charging him with first-degree murder in connection with the death of Sheri Brookshier, according to Grant Loeb, Twin Falls County prosecuting attorney. Brookshier, 31, was found dead in a field south of Filer on Feb. 5. She had last been seen at approximately 1 a.m. on Jan. 31 at the Clover Klub Lounge in Twin Falls. The indictment states that Carr

willfully and with malice of forethought killed Brookshier by hitting her with a car and intentionally leaving her in a remote location in winter conditions, from which she died of her injuries and exposure to the elements. Results of an autopsy performed by a forensic pathologist in Boise showed that Brookshier's death resulted from a combination of two things: blunt trauma from being hit by a car and exposure, Loeb said. Carr admitted to police that he had run over Brookshier with his white Ford Bronco, according to an affidavit written by Detective Scott Smith of the Twin



Jody Randall Olley Carr

Falls Police Department. Carr, 31, of Filer, had been arraigned on second-degree murder charges Feb. 17 after he was arrested in Yucapita, Calif., and transferred to Idaho. The affidavit says that Brookshier and a friend had gone to the Clover Klub Lounge to celebrate Brookshier's upcoming 32nd birthday. There, Brookshier began talking to a man, later identified as

Jody Carr.

"The affidavit doesn't reveal details of what led up to the incident, but the suspect reportedly told authorities that he ran over Brookshier twice that night in the field, then went home. The next morning, he told officials, he went back to the scene to see if there was evidence from the previous night, according to the affidavit.

He told police that he ran over Brookshier again with his vehicle because he was afraid she might be suffering. Carr will be arraigned in 5th District Court, possibly on Monday.

At that time he can enter a plea. If he remains silent, the court will enter a plea of innocent for him. Carr is being represented by a public defender and is being housed in the Twin Falls County jail.

The maximum penalty for first-degree murder is death or life in prison. Loeb has not yet announced whether he will seek the death penalty.

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BACK ON THE LINKS



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Todd Jones of Twin Falls enjoys a round of golf at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Wednesday afternoon. The golf course has reopened after being closed for most of the winter. Jones was the only member of his golf party who agreed to be photographed; the others said they would be in trouble if they were seen playing golf on a weekday.

Lawmakers push hunting and fishing amendment

By Julia Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE—To hear some Republicans talk, you might think hunting and fishing is on the verge of being outlawed in Idaho.

In order to make sure that never happens, Council Republican Cleve Edmundson introduced into the House Resource and Environmental Affairs Committee a bill to add a protection of hunting, fishing and trapping into the state constitution.

And the most powerful legislator in the House, Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, showed up to back it.

"Primarily this is a first step to try to gain control of the hunting and fishing in Idaho," Newcomb said. "This will assure our heirs will have the opportunity to hunt and fish in Idaho."

The proposal follows a growing trend throughout the nation. Six states have begun the amendment process, the National Conference of State Legislatures said. Eleven states have already recognized citizens' rights to hunt, fish or trap, mostly through constitutional changes approved in the past few years. No one is tracking states, such as Idaho, that might be contemplating legislation.

Idaho lawmakers tried similar legislation two years ago, Edmundson said. The bill presented on Wednesday is better than the original proposal because Edmundson pulled in the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and concerned groups such as water users and property rights

groups, he said. Newcomb said he is planning three steps. The second will be to make sure any out-of-state groups can't come in with an initiative, Newcomb said.

That initiative would have banned bear hunting and spring hunting. Sixty percent of Idaho voters rejected it. Newcomb wants the amendment to include a stipulation that in regard to hunting and fishing initiatives, either 60 percent or 68.2 percent of voters would have to approve it.

The third step will be to introduce into Idaho schools education focused on returning to hunting, fishing and trapping as a desirable pastime, Newcomb said.

"We don't want to focus just on conservation in our schools," Newcomb said. Edmundson said the amendment would protect Idaho from anti-hunting groups that want to see an end to hunting everywhere. "Every election year, even out here in the West, there are attempts to ban some form of hunting, fishing or trapping," Edmundson said, referring to neighboring states.

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Arson suspect appears in court

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Police say a Kimberly man admitted that he helped set fire to a building last month, getting methamphetamine as payment for doing so from a friend.

Jeffery Don Williams, 19, was arraigned in 5th District Magistrate Court Wednesday on one count of arson in the first degree, a felony. The charge is a result of a Jan. 31 house fire at 181 Filer Ave.

Capt. Brian Cunningham of the Twin Falls Fire Department determined that the fire was suspicious due to the apparent area of origin—the living room, in the center of the building—and the lack of an obvious ignition source there, according to an affidavit written by Bill Handley, an officer with the Twin Falls Police Department.

Cunningham also noticed that there was a broken pane of glass in a window beside a door. The break was large enough to allow an arm to pass through and was close to the deadbolt lock, the affidavit said.

The residence sustained smoke damage in the living room and burns on the floors, walls,

ceiling and roof. The exterior was mostly unharmed.

Investigators found insulation smelted on the floor in the living room and smelled a flammable liquid emanating from the burned heap. Cardboard pieces nearby also smelled of something like gas. Burn patterns on a foam pad appeared as if liquid was poured on it, according to the affidavit.

Williams was questioned at the Twin Falls County Jail, where he was being held on an unrelated charge, the affidavit said. In talking with police, the suspect admitted that he helped start the fire in the residence, the affidavit said.

He told them that he and a friend entered the house in the early morning, at which time they poured gas on insulation in the living room.

The two men drove away as flames erupted from the building's windows, the affidavit said. The men then met with their friend to receive a partial payment of methamphetamine.

The friend opted to burn down the building rather than carrying out an order from its owners to have it demolished. Williams' preliminary hearing has been scheduled for March 5. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Superintendent: Schools might drop electives to meet mandates

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Students might have to sacrifice some elective classes if the Twin Falls School District is going to meet the demands of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, Superintendent Wiley Dobbs told the Twin Falls Rotary Club Wednesday. "I am in favor of No Child Left Behind," Dobbs said. "Yes, there are issues. Yes, it needs to be tweaked."

He described the challenges the district will face if it is going to make the federal requirements that every child reach grade-level proficiency in reading and math by the year 2014. "It is very underfunded at the national level," Dobbs said. "It's putting a strain on our state."

The district's two junior high schools each need an additional math teacher to help students



Wiley Dobbs

master algebra," Dobbs said. If the district has to choose between federal mandates to improve math and reading, and continuing elective programs, some electives may go.

"We might have to scrape some things off the plate," Dobbs said, even though he did not like the idea.

He said he supports the use of the Idaho Standards Achievement Test. Once the kinks are worked out, it will become a valuable assessment tool and graduation test. "I believe accountability breeds motivation," Dobbs said. Dobbs outlined his vision for the future of the district. He

emphasized having teams of teachers that work with the same students and share common planning time. The district will continue to use testing data to monitor student progress and work to make sure the curriculum matches up with state standards and assessments.

"These are high-stakes tests," Dobbs said, and he wants students to do as well as they can.

Dobbs mentioned the increasing graduation requirements at the high school and the district's efforts to reduce the dropout rate. Dobbs emphasized that the school needs a community effort to prevent dropouts, because although Tom Owens is the district's dropout specialist, he can't do it alone.

Dobbs said he also wants an active parent organization at each school in the district. He added that to the crowds that already support the district's athletic teams.

Hansen announces run for Noh's seat

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—With his wife, teenage daughter and several supporters at his side, former legislator Randy Hansen of Twin Falls announced in his candidacy Wednesday for the District 24 state Senate seat.

The seat is held by Sen. Laird Noh, who surprised many people in announcing that he would retire this year.

"I was going to help him get elected," Hansen said. Instead, after consulting with his family, he decided to make a run for the seat himself.

Noh is a valuable asset with his experience in water rights issues and his years as head of the Senate Resource and Environment Affairs Committee, Hansen said. He hopes to be able to call on the senator from time to time for advice. Hansen also said he could build

on Noh's legacy, providing another perspective.

"I have a different background," Hansen said. "I bring a whole different strength, the business side."

If elected, he said he would not support an extension of the state's temporary penny tax.

"I have a plan to reduce our services without hurting people," he said. "We can do it without hurting education or health and welfare."

He declined to mention specifics, only saying "Sometimes you have to tighten your belt to do it."

When word got out about his Please see RUNNING, Page C3



Randy Hansen

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OBITUARIES

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Jesse Gerald Nicholson - Filer

Jesse Gerald Nicholson, 87, a resident of Filer, lost his fight with leukemia and answered his Lord's call on Friday, Feb. 26, 2004, at 11:19 p.m. at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Gerald was born April 1, 1916, southeast of Filer, Idaho. He was the oldest of four children born to Lesse Warner and Anna Ivan (McGill) Nicholson.

In 1919 his family moved to the northside via a ferry on the Snake River above Shoshone Falls where he was raised on a ranch in the Sugar Loaf area east of Jerome.

He attended grade school at the Sugar Loaf School and Jerome, graduating from Jerome High School in 1935.

After graduation Gerald worked in the Magic Valley area in various jobs tied to the agricultural industry.

In 1941 he married Ruth Genter and they moved back to the family ranch working with his father, Gerald and Ruth had two sons, Gary and Don.

In 1954 Gerald moved his family to Jerome and worked for several years as an equipment operator and foreman in the road construction industry assisting on many of the projects in the Intermountain west.

During his years in the Jerome area he was a member of the Sugar Loaf Grange, Jerome Moose Lodge and the Jerome Rod and Gun Club.

After several years of roadwork Gerald had a career change so he could be closer to his family. Gerald became a carpenter working for Valco in Jerome.

Gerald's wife died in 1958 and he was faced with the challenge of being a single parent.

In 1962 Gerald married Freda (Linz-Garrison) of Twin Falls and his new blended family gave him two daughters, Hazel and Susan.

The family lived in Jerome and Gerald continued his work in the construction industry.

Gerald's love for Stanley Basin began as a young adult when he and his brothers frequently hunted and fished in the area and his love for the area grew even more after he was able to live there.

In 1964 Gerald and Freda purchased property and lived in the Sawtooth Valley south of Stanley where Gerald continued his contractor's work in the Stanley area during the summer and in the Twin Falls area in the winter.

During the late 1960s, before the creation of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Gerald



of BLM ground was obtained for use by the city where a portion of the property is the site for the Stanley Elementary School and the Sawtooth Chapel. The chapel is used by several denominations serving the community and visitors to the area.

Gerald donated many hours of personal time laying out the chapel and coordinating its construction.

In 1978 after being trained in the art of lapidary and jewelry making, he took over operation of the Gem Shop while he and his wife continued operating the laundromat.

Gerald and Freda sold the business and building in 1994 and purchased property in the Filer area starting their retirement.

In 1996 Gerald joined the Filer Senior Haven Senior Center and served on the board as a member and as president.

In 1998 Gerald answered a call in his life and became a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, which included services on Sunday and Monday Senior Bible Study that became his passion.

Gerald enjoyed his family, his church and the view from the front porch of their house. Interests included fishing, hunting, carpentry, mental work, vehicle repair and maintenance.

He is survived by his wife, Freda of Filer; sons, Gary (Laura) of Tacoma, Wash., and Don (Margy) of Boise; daughters, Hazel Schulte of Twin Falls and Susan (Brent) Stastny of Murtaugh; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; his brother, Delmer (Adele) Nicholson of Boise and Yuma, Ariz.; sister-in-law, Martha Nicholson of Polson, Mont.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Molly Freeman; and his brother, Dwight Nicholson.

Gerald's funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, Idaho, followed by interment at the Filer Cemetery and a celebration of life with family and friends at Peace Lutheran Church.

Pastor Gary Benedix will be officiating. Services are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund.

Mary B. Kamp - Rupert

Mary B. Kamp, a 72-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Feb. 23, 2004, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Mary was born Dec. 14, 1931, in Chippewa Falls, Wis., the daughter of Leo and Kathleen Wilbur. She married Donald J. Kamp on Feb. 19, 1966.

She graduated from nursing school in 1953 and worked 40 years in nursing, retiring from Minidoka Memorial Hospital. She belonged to the Catholic Church and enjoyed helping people.

Mary is survived by her husband, Donald; stepchild, Jerry

Kamp; grandchildren, Cheri Stamey, J.J. Kamp and Denny Kamp; great-great-grandchildren, Patrick Stamey, Matthew Stamey, Austin Stamey and Sylvia Kamp; brother, Dave; and sisters, Jeanne, Virginia and Bonnie.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel with Father Gabriel Vargas officiating. Friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at the mortuary.

The family would like to thank the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Staff for the care of Mary.



Delphia E. Ling - Rupert

Delphia E. Ling, a 92-year-old Rupert resident, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2004, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility.

She was born Aug. 6, 1911, in Hawkins County, Tenn., the daughter of Clay and Nancy Ring.

In 1912 her family moved to Rupert, Idaho, where she attended school and was a member of the United Methodist Church. She married Mervin V. Ling on Oct. 26, 1929, in Jerome, Idaho.

During their marriage they lived in Chico and Williams, Calif., then returned to Rupert in 1944, where they continued to reside, except for three years in Weiser, Idaho.



Rollhelser of Pocatello, Idaho, Roger (Judy) Ling of Rupert, Idaho, and Linda (Dave) Duke of Eagle Creek, Ore.; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four brothers, Walter C. Rogers, Wayne L. (Dorothy) Rogers, Clyde H. (Carole) Rogers and Glen (Anna Mae) Rogers.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., with the Rev. Keith B. Weiss officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Russmusen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the United Methodist Church of Rupert or Minidoka Chapter of the American Cancer Society, in care of Russmusen Funeral Home, Burley.

OBITUARY

Norman Eugene Arrington - Twin Falls



Norman Eugene Arrington, 68, of Twin Falls peacefully returned to the loving arms of his father in Heaven, Monday, Feb. 23, 2004.

Norman was born Nov. 30, 1935, in Twin Falls, the son of H. Glenn and Annie Lorette Tuttle Arrington.

He was raised in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School. Norman joined the U.S. Navy serving from 1954-1958 and from 1958-1962 he served in the reserves. He married his high school sweetheart, Helen Gault, on March 29, 1956, in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Norman worked for 13 years as an electronics technician and 32 years as an electrician. He was a life member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serving in many capacities such as Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Elders Quorum President, Ward Secretary, Military Service Group leader and Home Teacher. The position he held the dearest was that of husband, father and grandfather.

Norman was a jack-of-all-trades always building something for his

children and grandchildren. He will be remembered for his big bear hugs and big smiles.

Norman is survived by his wife, Helen of Twin Falls; his children, Tamara (Dan) Hennis of Oasis, Idaho, Nathan (Sheryl) Arrington of San Diego, Calif., Heather (Lynn) Sorensen of Lehi, Utah, Lisa (Terrell) Kolbe of American Fork, Utah, Shannon (Craig) Campbell of Salt Lake City, Utah, Marissa (Lynn) Smith of Utah

Lake City, Utah, Norman (Angela) Arrington of West Valley City, Utah, Bethany Butler of Boise, Kristin, (Jorge) Bracamontes of West Valley City, Utah, Celeste Arrington of Twin Falls, Nicholas (Rebecca) Arrington of Twin Falls, Aida (Loren) Cochran of Hurricane, Utah, and Penny Peterson of Toxas; 33 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter; three brothers, Howard (Janell) Arrington of Twin Falls, Alden Arrington of Ogden, Utah, and Lee (Lorraine) Arrington of New York; and two sisters, Elsie (Francis) Egbert and Gilda Garrison both of Twin Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and three sisters.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the Twin Falls LDS Stake Center, 421-Murray, St. in Twin Falls with Bishop Loren Warner officiating.

A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Saturday at the church. Burial will follow the service at Sunset Memorial Park. We love you, Dad.

SERVICES

Florence V. 'Deanne' Moore, 78, of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Robert Wesley Bartlett of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 11 a.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

William E. 'Bill' Maas of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

Ignacio 'Nacho' Silva, 45, of Twin Falls, memorial service at 4 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Fred Turner of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Immaculate Conception Church, 1631 Poplar, Buhl. (Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.)

Florence M. Nielson of Wendell; service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell United Methodist Church (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

Eugene Arthur Gary of Kimberly memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Gordon S. Connell SHOSHONE - Gordon S. Connell, age 63, of Shoshone, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at Oregon Health Science University in Portland, Ore. Arrangements will be made by Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

Barbara Sabala TWIN FALLS - Barbara Sabala, 61, of Twin Falls, died late Tuesday evening Feb. 24, 2004, at her home in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Idaho diocese stays mum on abuse specifics

By Denise Turner Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Diocese of Boise has declined to release specific information about the 21 credible allegations of child sexual abuse made against 12 Catholic priests in Idaho between 1950 and 2002.

"We do not give names or regions unless that has already been made public through other means," said Bobbi Dominick, the diocese's assistance coordinator who deals with matters of sexual misconduct. "This is also for the victim."

An Associated Press story that ran in Saturday's Times-News reported information that the diocese has agreed to release: Boise Bishop Michael Driscoll announced in the Feb. 20 edition of the Idaho Catholic Register that none of the accused priests remain in ministry in any capacity. He also wrote, "Of the 21 incidents reported, two occurred in the 1950s, two in the 1960s, 11 in the 1970s and five in the 1980s. The last known incident took place in 1996."

The diocese will not release more specific dates.

"We consider this information the same as any personnel matter," said Colette Cowman, communications director for the Boise diocese, on Tuesday.

In his commentary, Driscoll said, "We regret that any child or young person was ever abused by someone working in the name of the church."

Five of the 12 Idaho priests were diocesan priests, six were priests from other dioceses or religious order priests who came to the state for a limited period of time, and one was a seminarian who was ordained in another diocese before the allegations surfaced, he explained.

"Of the five diocesan priests who were involved, three are

"We need to make sure we have a clear picture of the problem in the U.S. Catholic Church."

- Michael Driscoll, Boise bishop

deceased," he wrote. "Of the two living diocesan priests, one priest is 10 years retired, lives in another state, has agreed to never again exercise his priestly role in public and has committed himself to a life of prayer and penance."

He said the fifth diocesan priest resigned more than 10 years ago, left the priesthood and moved to another state.

In March 2002, The Times-News asked Driscoll to comment on any sex-abuse allegations involving Idaho priests.

He replied, "I've only been here three years, but I don't know of anything in the last 15 years."

On Tuesday, when asked to comment on his statement in view of the incidents in the 1980s and in 1996, he reiterated that he was not then aware of any incidents within the 15-year time frame.

"I told you the truth as far as I knew it," he said.

Driscoll's piece in the Catholic newspaper was a preview of a scheduled Friday national release of a report on sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy.

"Even though there is a risk of further associating the Catholic priesthood with the sexual abuse of minors, my brother bishops and I made the decision to ask the National Review Board to commission this study by the John Jay

College of Criminal Justice, New York City," he wrote. "We need to make sure we have a clear picture of the problem in the U.S. Catholic Church."

On Tuesday, Dominick said the Boise diocese is reporting any allegations it is able to substantiate, in cooperation with the broader church plan.

She said there was one other allegation in Idaho within the 52-year time frame that the diocese was unable to substantiate.

Through the years, the diocese has taken a number of steps to strengthen its response to child sexual abuse, Driscoll wrote.

He cited background checking, thorough training for all those involved in ministry and the establishment of clear standards of conduct and accountability.

In addition, the diocese has expanded its Review Board for Sexual Misconduct and continues to adopt a zero-tolerance approach to sexual abuse.

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Judge denies request to move trial

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

JURLEY—A request to move to another county a trial involving a former school administrator and the Minidoka County School District was denied Tuesday by 5th District Judge Monte Carlson.

Carlson issued his ruling from the bench after hearing lengthy comments from the attorneys representing Nancy and Robert Kunaui. In November 2002 the Kunaui sued the school district, Superintendent Dick Hallert, five School Board members, some school employees and other people. Some defendants have since been dismissed from the litigation. The Kunaui are seeking redress for breach of Nancy Kunaui's contract with the school district, among other issues addressed in their court complaint.

Carlson assured the attorneys he would do his best to give the Kunaui a fair trial. "I'm not convinced at this point I should move this trial," the judge said. "That may change."

The trial has been scheduled for Oct. 18. Two weeks have been blocked on the court calendar for the proceedings.

Richard Worst and Stephanie Fasset, the Kunaui's attorneys, requested a change of venue for the trial, citing five reasons the Kunaui couldn't receive a fair trial in Minidoka County.

Those reasons are that five of the defendants—the School Board members—are elected officials, the county itself is a defendant, the

school district attorney is now the county prosecuting attorney, the Kunaui are prominent business owners and there's been extensive pretrial publicity.

The request for a change of venue was opposed by the Jason Murray, the school district's attorney and by Skip Carter, the attorney representing Gall Palomarez.

Elected officials

Referring to the School Board members, Fasset wrote that because people elected the board members, "the potential jury pool will have preconceived notions as to their abilities, especially if they voted to elect certain members." Jurors might give special consideration to specific board members if the juror had voted for that board member, she argued.

School Board members are "influential and prominent members of the community," Fasset wrote. That prominence "will result in an impartial trial."

Jason Murray, Anderson, Julian and Huff, the firm representing the school district, countered in his memorandum that the judge can provide instructions to the jury to address such concerns.

And, Murray said, if jurors didn't vote for a School Board member or don't like some board members, they could be inclined to give less credence to that board member's testimony.

Murray argued that Worst and Fasset relied too much on what could occur without knowing what

will occur in a trial on all their points.

Government entity

Because one of the named defendants is Minidoka County, Worst said it's possible that jury members might worry that awarding the Kunaui a large settlement could mean their taxes would go up.

Fasset wrote that the county has insurance to cover any verdict and taxes wouldn't be affected, but that could still be a concern of jurors.

Judge Carlson asked Worst how that could be any different than a recent civil trial in Twin Falls County, in which Worst's law firm was involved. Carlson referred to a trial in which the jury ordered Idaho Power to pay \$17.7 million in damages to the owners of dairy who claimed their cattle were harmed by Idaho Power's soil vantage.

Carlson, who presided over that case, pointed out that jurors were told their electric rates could increase if Idaho Power lost the lawsuit, but they still ruled in favor of the dairy.

School attorney

Worst and Fasset said the presence in the courtroom of Jason Walker, who is the school district attorney and the Minidoka County prosecuting attorney, would influence a Minidoka County jury and prejudice their clients.

Walker has advised school officials regarding the lawsuit, but the school district is represented in this

case by the law firm of Anderson, Julian and Huff.

If Walker is a witness in the trial, Fasset wrote, "It is possible that jurors may give his testimony more weight because of his high office."

Walker's presence could possibly "sway a jury," Worst said.

Kunaui's prominence

Both Nancy and Robert Kunaui have lived in Mini-Cassia all their lives and they and their families own several businesses in the community, Fasset and Worst said. Because of their extensive business holdings a jury might award the Kunaui a smaller verdict, they argued.

The likelihood of a "largely blue collar jury" in Minidoka County would make it difficult for jurors to award Nancy Kunaui a large sum of money, Worst said.

Judge Carlson countered that the flip-side of that argument is because Nancy Kunaui is well-known, jurors might look more favorably upon her.

Murray questioned what proof of the Kunaui's prominence had been offered by affidavits. "Those affidavits don't establish the prominence element," but instead simply state that they are "affiliated with or have some other ownership interest in several farms in the area," Murray wrote.

Again, he said, the argument relies on "a mere likelihood" that a jury could be swayed, "but no proof that those prejudices actually exist was offered."

Two waive hearings in counterfeit case

Magic Valley in brief

RUPERT—Two more people charged in connection with a Minidoka County counterfeiting operation waived their preliminary hearings in Magistrate Court Wednesday.

Kathy Easton, 42, of Rupert and Woody Ashley, 37, of Lyburn waived their preliminary hearings and were bound over to District Court, Deputy Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Nicole Cannon said.

Easton is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit forgery and one count of conspiracy to possess counterfeit apparatus.

Ashley is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit forgery, one count of conspiracy to possess counterfeit apparatus, one count of forgery and one count of possession of counterfeit apparatus.

Preliminary hearings for Tammy Kelly and Trevor Paul, who are also charged in the incident, were continued until March 3. A second defendant, Patty Gibson, 42, of Rupert, also has a preliminary hearing scheduled for March 3.

Wally Schultz and Steve Easton earlier waived their preliminary hearings.

DEQ seeks public comment on wastewater limits

TWIN FALLS—The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on a proposal that spells out how wastewater recycling limits should be handled when wastewater permits are issued by the department. Food processing industries and

municipalities sometimes dispose of wastewater by spreading it across fields, a process called land application.

Application limits set by the DEQ suggest that the project groundwater is calculating the amount of waste that can safely be applied to the soil.

Public comment on the proposal will be accepted through 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 23. The proposal is available for review online at www.deq.state.idaho.gov. Select the "News and Notices" section and find the link to the wastewater proposal under the Feb. 23 heading.

For more information or to comment contact: Rebecca Meyer, Water Quality Division, DEQ State Office, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, 83706. Contact him by phone at (208) 373-0502 or by e-mail at mumason@deq.state.idaho.gov.

Military support group will meet in Jerome Public Library

JEROME—The Magic Valley Military Support Group will meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 28 at the Jerome Public Library.

Anyone who has family or friends in the military, serving in Iraq or other areas, and would like to meet and talk with others who understand what it's like to have loved ones in the military is welcome.

For more information, call Shirah at 535-6158 or by e-mail at shirah@mvmls.com. Compiled from staff reports

Democrats say caucus turnout illustrates comeback

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE—A record turnout for Idaho's county caucuses capped a week that has party leaders confident that Democrats are rebounding from their all-but-irrelevant status in state politics.

Almost 4,900 people took part in presidential nominating caucuses across the state, more than twice the number four years ago.

In Twin Falls County, the 148 participants were more than three times the turnout of 47 people in 2000. In all of south-central Idaho, including the Democratic stronghold of Blaine County, a total of 604 people took part.

"We're coming back," state Chairwoman Carolyn Boyce said during Tuesday night's largest caucus in Boise, which drew more than 1,000 people.

She gave the credit to Republican President George Bush, whose national approval rating sunk to 53 percent last week, according to a new poll by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. That was 19 points below his rating in April and the lowest in his presidency.

"Bush said he was a quitter, and that's the one thing he's been right about," Boyce said. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry added Idaho to his growing list of primary season victories, claiming 54 percent of the caucus vote. It was his 18th win in 20 contests.

Supporters invested a significant amount of money in Idaho despite the 16 national nominating delegates at stake this week. With a second home in Ketchum, Kerry did not want to be embarrassed in an almost-home state and won in all but two counties.

"There's something going on, and you're a part of it," former national committee chairman John Edwards told the huge crowd at Boise State University on Tuesday.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, Kerry's remaining rival for the nomination, finished a distant second with 22 percent, winning only Gem County and tying Kerry in Boise County.

He mounted no serious campaign and canceled his appearance last Saturday at the state party's annual banquet—an event his backers had hoped would give him a boost against the front-runner.

Instead, the party attracted former Vice President Al Gore, the winner of the 2000 caucuses who combined humor with partisanship to energize a sellout crowd of over 750 apparently ready to capitalize on a recent string of electoral victories.

There were years in the 1990s when attracting a couple of hundred to the dinner was seen as a success.

But since 2001, the party has picked up the mayor's offices in Pocatello and Boise and nearly doubled its seats in the Legislature.

Even former Gov. Cecil Andrus, whose tenure in the late 1980s and early 1990s saw his party's last resurgence, abandoned his usual skepticism about the future.

"This time there seems to be more to it," he said. "When we had a Democrat in the White House it hurt us. Now the Republicans have that problem."

The party has no illusions about delivering Idaho to Kerry in November. The state has not given its four electoral votes to a Democrat since Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

But leaders believe he will provide a more positive influence from the top of the ticket than either Gore and his strong environmental stands in 2000 or Bill Clinton with his personal problems in 1996.

The Democratic slide in Idaho was clearly at full speed in 1996, and the party hit its electoral low in 2000.

"We do intend to make a difference," Boyce said. "We are ready to take on the election of 2004."

Democratic caucus results

Unofficial returns from Idaho by county in Tuesday's Democratic presidential caucuses:

County	Dean	Edwards	Kerry	Kucinich
Twin Falls	40	34	174	0
Jerome	0	4	4	0
Blaine	22	41	79	0
Minidoka	0	8	31	0
Cassia	0	0	17	0
Gooding	0	0	31	0
Linosy	0	0	18	0
Elmore	0	0	27	4
Ada	236	347	648	72
Adams	0	7	19	5
Bannock	38	87	259	0
Bear Lake	0	0	21	0
Caribou	0	6	24	0
Bingham	0	7	40	0
Boise	0	6	6	0
Bonner	51	41	122	48
Benewah	0	50	55	0
Boundary	0	14	25	16
Butte	0	4	17	0
Canyon	47	51	122	0
Chamberlain	0	0	7	0
Clearwater	0	21	30	0
Ouster	0	0	24	0
Fremont	0	3	4	0
Idaho	0	19	47	0
Idaho	0	43	51	0
Jefferson	0	0	17	0
Kootenai	90	104	219	0
Latah	4	74	178	88
Lemhi	0	9	12	0
Lewis	1	1	10	0
Madison	1	15	45	0
Nevada	0	34	84	0
Owyhee	0	0	15	0
Payette	1	0	17	0
Power	0	5	20	0
Shoshone	0	3	33	0
Teton	0	17	18	0
Valley	0	9	19	17
Washington	0	15	33	1
Totals	545	1,098	2,665	270

Filer City Council considers ordinance to annex 65 acres

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

FILER—City Council members are considering an ordinance to annex 65 acres owned by Ron and Janie Plerce.

The Plerces have asked the city to annex the property, located one-quarter mile south of U.S. Highway 30 on Stevens Avenue, so they can create a 180-home subdivision. The Filer City Council may make a decision as early as March 2 during

the final reading of the ordinance.

If the proposal is adopted, the Plerces can then bring a preliminary subdivision plat before the council. After the plat is submitted to the city, all surrounding property owners will be notified of a hearing on the proposed subdivision.

The Plerces originally sought a special-use permit last year to build a subdivision of one-acre lots.

"However, neighbors turned out for the hearing and expressed con-

cerns about whether groundwater would be affected by the 60-plus domestic wells and septic systems that would have had to be installed.

In place of installing so many private systems, the City Council was asked if the subdivision could be connected to city services. Council members said that with the new water system going on line it could handle the additional homes if the property was annexed.

Instead of the originally planned

one-acre lots, the subdivision has been redesigned at the minimum city lot size of 8,000 square feet.

One neighbor of the proposed subdivision, Tom Ruby, has asked the City Council to consider a gradual increase of the subdivision's lot size so that it blends better with surrounding homes built on one- and two-acre lots. Ruby has said he is not opposed to the property's annexation but opposes its revised configuration.

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In California, for example, Edmundson said anti-hunting groups succeeded in securing a ban on cougar hunting. Since then the population has exploded.

"Today more troublesome cougars are killed by conservation officers on a yearly basis than were harvested by hunters," he said. "And just about a month ago, a young man was killed by a cougar."

"In Washington trapping has been outlawed, and some unintended consequences have surfaced," he said.

"I talked to some Washington legislators in December, and they are working hard to overturn the ban because now it is illegal to trap a mouse in your house," Edmundson said.

Edmundson said he believes the introduction of wolves into Idaho fits into the anti-hunting movement because wolves have devas-

tated elk herds in the state, resulting in fewer elk to hunt.

The bill passed the committee unanimously with even one of the Legislature's most liberal Democrats, Ken Robison of Boise, saying he favored the concept. Yet Robison also questioned the necessity for such an amendment.

"In all these years I've been here, I have never known any Idaho person who wants to ban hunting and fishing," the nine-term Democrat said.

The next move for the amendment is the House floor, where two-thirds of the representatives will have to approve it. If it passes the Senate before the end of the session, then it will be on the November ballot. Only a simple majority of the electorate has to approve it.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

Keeping the guns aimed

Republican Clete Edmundson of Council, with the backing of House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, says the pro-hunting and fishing amendment is good for Idaho because:

- It's explicit in stating that the state must manage its wildlife.
- It protects the management tools of hunting, fishing and trapping for the people.
- It provides for management of wildlife, especially predators.
- It stops anti-hunting groups from banning hunting and trapping in Idaho.
- It is proactive legislation intended to avoid any future problems.
- It is being considered in many other states and parts of Canada.
- It is part of the constitutions of eight states including Montana, North Dakota and Wisconsin.
- It supports the more than 338,000 Idaho residents who buy annual licenses to hunt and fish and about 180,000 non-residents buy hunting/fishing licenses annually.
- It supports the sales of licenses, generating about \$30 million per year.
- It helps contributions to the Idaho economy by those who hunt, fish, trap to the tune of over \$1.6 billion per year.

Source: Rep. Clete Edmundson, R-Council

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intention to run, he said, he started getting phone calls and checks from supporters right away.

"After we said the (ear) disclaimer to Lidia, we couldn't go anywhere without someone saying, 'Are you going to get back in the Legislature?'"

To finance his campaign, he said he will accept political action committee money, but only from certain sources.

"I've been known to turn back money," he said, adding that most of his funds have come from individual donors.

One of his areas of expertise is budgets, and he acknowledged his continuing interest in that area.

"Having served on JFAC (Joint Finance Appropriations Committee), I have a good view of what goes on there," he said.

Hansen was elected to the state House in 1998, beating Democrat Tim Todd.

He initially filed for re-election in 2000, but withdrew one business day after the deadline when he accepted the position of bishop in the LDS Church. He was replaced on the ballot by George Swan.

"Four years ago when we removed our name from the seat, it was one of the worst days of my life," he said. "It was tough day ... when I withdrew my name."

After working on identity theft legislation, employer liability laws and reworking the way government budgeted deeds in the state of Idaho, he decided to focus on other aspects of his life.

"To walk away from that was really hard," he said. "But that doesn't mean that because we left, we left politics altogether."

Now, his obligations have changed. All but one of his children has left the house, he sold the car dealerships, and in one year, his commitment to the church as a bishop will be complete.

"And my wife thinks I need a job," he said.

Rep. Leon Smith of Twin Falls and former Twin Falls Mayor Gale Kleinop also are considering bids to replace Noh. "It was tough," Noh said he would not endorse a potential replacement.

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LETTERS OF THANKS

Public TV station offers thanks for engineer's rescue

Idaho Public Television wishes to express appreciation for the community's assistance in rescuing our field engineer, JD Davis.

We would like to publicly thank everyone involved, including: Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins, Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue, Raft River Rural Electric, Albion Telephone Co., All Wireless Co., Raft River Fire Department, Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center, Albion Fire Department, Malheur Fire and Ambulance Service, Power County Sheriff's Office, Idaho State University Department of Public Safety, Declo Quick Response Unit, Idaho Transportation Department and Mount Harrison Snowmobile Club.

Thanks also to the Civil Air Patrol, Idaho Air National Guard, Aviation Group and Air Force Rescue Center. Special thanks to the community and local residents. Idaho is a state of incredible people who truly care about each other. Your gifts of time and resources exemplify why we all live and work in Idaho. Your kindness in assisting in this effort will always be remembered.

CHRISTINE E. GRAYSON
Station Manager, Development Director
Idaho Public Television, KISU
Pocatello

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
- Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.

For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 238. To express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Classified department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

Bank offers donation to help Filner Rose Society

Bank generously donates to help society with irrigation system.

The Filner Rose Society would like to thank the Filner Branch of US Bank for its generous donation to help finance an irrigation system for the Memorial Rose Garden, located on the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Twin Falls.

With their help, the irrigation system is scheduled to go in this spring.

A special thank you to MaryAnn Stokesberry and Sandy Madden of US Bank for their help.

SHARI HART
Filner Rose Society
Filer

Local Girl Scouts team-up to help kids

Scouts set goal of selling more than 500 boxes of cookies for camp

TWIN FALLS - The Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley and Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council have teamed up to help young people in the Twin Falls area.

This year marks the first year of Troop 227, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club. Through the leadership of Veronica Rodriguez and Kalen Wright, the troop of 15 girls has taken off with a bang, reported Girl Scout organizers.

The new troop and other troops are now busy with Girl Scout cookie season. Troop 227 has set a goal of selling 500 boxes and already doubled this goal.

The Girl Scout cookie program runs through March 14 with booth sales around the community beginning Friday. Girls will be selling cookies at several locations, including Magic Valley Mall, Kmart, Fred Meyer, Hastings and Blockbuster Friday through Sunday, March 5-7 and March 13-14.

The cookie program helps Girl Scouts reach their goals, earning the revenue they need to go to camp, learn a skill, do a community service project or plan for something even bigger and better, the Girl Scout organizers said.



The Boys & Girls Club and Girl Scouts have teamed up. Girls from Troop 227 show the Scout cookies on sale on sale. They are, from left, back row: leader Kalen Wright, Marina Flores, Sonia Garcia, Marai Padron and leader Veronica Rodriguez; middle row: Katie Hitesman, Kyle Flucas, Vanessa Martinez, Elka Trevino and Cynthia Marin; front row: Asla Dasturp, Jaol Padron and Sara Wells.

STUDENTS SHOW QUILTS

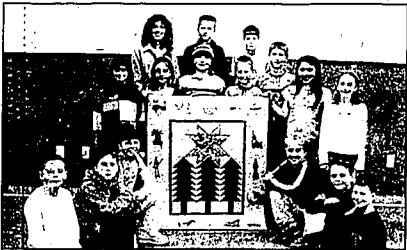


Photo courtesy of KRISTI PATTON

Canyonside Christian School fourth-graders with teacher Josie Gott show an Idaho History quilt, which displays 26 state symbols colored by the students. The school's annual auction and fund-raising dinner will be held March 5 at the Twin Falls Reform Church. The dinner will be provided by the Outback Steakhouse at 6:30 p.m. and the auction will begin at 7 p.m. Each class is sponsoring a homemade quilt to be auctioned during the evening. The quilts are on display at the school at 80 E. 100 S., Jerome. For more information or to purchase dinner or raffle tickets, call 324-3444.

College of Southern Idaho offers classes and training

HAILLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Blaine Center is offering no-credit courses ranging from physics to computers.

For more information, call John Dawson at 788-2332 or stop in at 1050 Fox Acres Road.

"Overview of Modern Physics" will discuss key ideas in physics from the 20th century, including the relativity theory, quantum physics and chaos theory. Participants will pick one topic to discuss in more depth, exploring it from several different perspectives. The cost is \$25. The course meets

from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Blaine Center.

"Introduction to Window" introduces the fundamentals of the Windows environment to those students new to personal computers. Topics include the PC environment, screen layout and customizing the desktop, the start menu and icons to execute programs and using Help, Taskbar, WordPad, Paint and the Recycle Bin and others. The cost is \$107.50. The course meets from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 9-23 at the Blaine Center and can be taken for one credit.

"Introduction to Word" participants will gain hands-on training to create letters, business documents, newsletters and presentation materials learn to create and edit documents that include multiple fonts, headers, footers, and embedded tables; and become proficient with the spell checker, outline and other tools. The cost is \$107.50. The course meets from 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 9-23 at the Blaine Center and can be taken for one credit.

"Lewis and Clark Expedition 1804-1806" - Ralph Harris presents insights into the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Harris has been studying the expedition journals since the 1980s with excursions to various expedition locations in the Rocky Mountain region, as well as trips to the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. He has recreated a detailed replica of the 1st Infantry captain's uniform of Meriwether Lewis that will be a part of the presentation. The cost is \$10. The course meets from 7-8:30 p.m. March 11 at the Blaine Center.

University of Idaho student government includes local residents

The following Associated Students of University (ASU) of Idaho students now seats in the student government at the University of Idaho in Moscow for this semester:

Senators: Melina Norquillo of

Burley, Vedran Skoro of Twin Falls. Other already-seated senators include Elizabeth Bento of Gooding.

The ASU is the student government of UI undergraduate students, and will celebrate its 100th

year of operation this month. Fifteen elected senators are assigned to living groups, including off-campus students and colleges.

These students, along with the ASU president and vice president, are student liaisons to university

administration. As the official voice of the student body, the ASU creates policy to benefit students and manages student fees that support ASU boards, student program and events.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MV Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners.

Feb. 12: first, Renee Bulcher and Riley Burton; second, Harold Bulcher and Betty Grant; third, Peggy Hackley and Sue Skinner; and fifth, B. Steve Hale and Betty Sabo.

Feb. 14: first, Harold Bulcher and Riley Burton; second, Jessy Astorquia and Ruby Grimes; third, Wilma Driscoll and Jessie Lingnaw; and fourth, Marilyn Botkin and Doris Finney.

Feb. 16: tied for first and second, Dick and Carmen Kovan with Steve Hale and Sam Smutny.

Feb. 17: first, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfeiffer; second, Emma Lou Andrews and Yveta Roberts; tied for third and fourth, Bonnie Aspiarie and Mary Ann Siegel with Betty Grant and Ruby Grimes; and fifth, Carmen Kovan and Norma Prestidge.

Feb. 18 for north/south: first, Renee Bulcher and Peggy Hackley; second, Linda Fie and Edna Pierson; and third, Al and Frances Anglin. East/west: first, Wilma Driscoll and Ruth Kahan; second, Ruby Grimes and Doris Watts; and third, Jan Fitzhugh and Polly Mulliner.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served.

For more information or a partnership, call 324-2000.

Bliss Flower, Garden Club to meet on Wednesday

BLISS - The Bliss Flower and Garden club will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Lorna Bard's home with co-host Marys Thompson. Yellow books will be ready and dishes will be collected.

Officers for 2004 are President Layna Moore; Vice President Amanda Brandt; Secretary Ruby Jenkins; and Treasurer and Courtesy Committee, Margery

Stroud. There will be a demonstration on floral arrangements.

Burley Scout will receive Eagle Scout award Sunday

BURLEY - Jacob Delmer Byington, son of Dennis and Usula Byington of Burley, will receive his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave. Burley. Jacob has completed 27 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he built a wooden shelf organizer for the King Fine Arts Center, which will be used by technical crews, performers and more. The project took 50 hours to complete and he was assisted by seven Scouts and leaders. He is a member of Troop 110 sponsored by the Burley LDS 8th Ward. His leader is his father, Dennis Byington.

Jacob, 14, is in the ninth-grade at Burley Junior High School, where he plays basketball and football. He has a red belt in taekwon do and assists the Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation with lighting, set construction, concessions and acting.

Jacob Byington



Jacob Byington

Marriage classes are to be offered in Burley

BURLEY - "Married and Loving It" is a program designed to emphasize the positive aspects of marriage giving couples tools to build a strong relationship.

The free sessions will be offered from 7-9 p.m. March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1 at the Cassia County Extension Office, 1013 W. 16th St. Burley. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required before Tuesday by calling 878-9461.

The classes will cover new communication skills, ways to let finances build the relationship, decision-making and in-law relationships and principles for making

marriage work. It will also provide opportunities for couples to interact with other couples that have similar experiences.

This workshop is being offered by the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System.

Paul resident celebrates 80th birthday on Sunday

PAUL - Jim Bacon of Paul will be honored at an open house for his 80th birthday from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the West Western Burley Inn, 800 N. Overland Ave., Burley.

The event is hosted by his family and they request no gifts.

Gary Schorzman speaks on Mindoka County history

PAUL - "In the Beginning...Centennial Moments with Mr. Gary Schorzman" will be presented from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St., Paul.

A luncheon of soup, salad and dessert will be served followed by "The History of Mindoka County and its People: 1834-1904." This is the first in a four-part series.

Free-will donations will be accepted and proceeds go to the Ministerial Association.

For more information, call 436-3982.

Kimberly Public Library keeps talking about books

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W., will continue the Kimberly-Hansen "Let's Talk About It" 2004 reading program.

The series is titled, "Tough Paradise: The Literature of Idaho and the Intermountain West." On March 11, "Honey In The Horn" by I.L. Davis, tells of Oregon pioneers with realistic, colorful detail and tough humor,

describing the individuality and isolation of frontiers.

On March 25, "Lochsa Road" by Kim R. Stafford, describes Stafford's journey alone over Lolo Pass, through Montana and into Wyoming and Idaho.

The free book talks will be held at 7:30 p.m. The reading program is part of a statewide project sponsored by Idaho State Library and funded by Idaho Humanities Council and US Bankcorp.

For more information, call the Kimberly Public Library at 423-4556 or e-mail kimlib@safe-link.net or the Hansen Community Library at 423-4122 or e-mail hanlib@cablenet.net.

Twin Falls South Central Stamp Club meets Monday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls South Central Idaho Stamp Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Office of Referral and Information Services, 451 Second Ave. W.

All stamp collectors are invited to attend meetings on the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call 326-5696.

Viewers can share views of 'The Passion of the Christ'

Viewers of "The Passion of the Christ" can submit their opinion on Mel Gibson's controversial film. The Times-News will print responses or excerpts from them in a future issue. Viewers need to include their name, address, phone number and, if willing, their religious affiliation, if any.

Respond to Denise Turner, religion editor, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548; or e-mail denise@magievale.com; or fax (208) 734-5538.

For more information, call (208) 733-0931, Ext. 243.

Filer Library keeps talking about books

FILER - The Filer Public Library, 219 Main St., will continue its "Let's Talk About It" reading program.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday readers will talk about "The Stone Angel" by Margaret Laurence. The book is available for checkout during library hours.

First Choice Hospice Assistance holds benefit

TWIN FALLS - First Choice Hospice Assistance of Twin Falls will sponsor its third annual benefit variety show at 7 p.m. March 6 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium in Twin Falls.

Dale Metzger of KTFI radio will host. Entertainment include Johnny U, country recording artists; award-winning clown act, Little Pat and Tooz! Top Hat Dancers; Elite Dance Force; Sheri Mauldin Studios; Sonny and Cher, John and Louanne Lesser; Lauren Almond, soloist; Sites Bro; Mark Milni, pianist and composer; Give & Take barbershop; First Choice Concerto, Mike Severson and Tracy Armstrong; Bart Husb, singer; Heather Fultz, who will sign to music; Brother Shelby, harpist; and the U.S. Army Reserve 101st Quartermaster, colors.

Tickets, which are \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and children age 12 and under, are available at the Christian Book Store, Everybody's Business, Cops Office Building, Bart Husb, singer, Sugar Bakers, First Choice Hospice office and Home Health Professionals office. Proceeds provide financial help terminally ill patients who cannot afford care.

Hollistic health class addresses mineral balance

TWIN FALLS - Bob White, a board-certified alternative medical practitioner, will explore basic principles of holistic health, Arvigo Longer and Heather will explore the nature of body systems and how they can be strengthened and discuss non-chemical food supplements and vitamins.

The cost is \$48. The class will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday in

the College of Southern Idaho Taylor Building, room 256.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290.

Store offers essence of wine tasting class

TWIN FALLS - Jamie Martin, former owner and wine maker at Rose Creek Winery and Vineyards in Hagerman, will teach a wine tasting course from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Rudy's, 147 Main Ave. W.

In "Educate Your Palate - A Wine Tasting," wine tasters will be able to identify different types of aromas in a glass of wine. Participants will learn to match aromas of common essences such as mint, black pepper and cinnamon with wines.

The cost is \$25. For more information, call 733-5477.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge club has announced its Feb. 21 winners.

North/south: first, Jodi Faulkner and Susan Faulkner; second, Howard and Mary Tucker; and third, Lucy Gustafson and Beverly Reed.

East/west: first, Beverly Burns and Bev Clark; second, William Simonsen and Lonnie Burns; and third, Cecil and Ganna Davidson.

Over-all: first, Jodi Faulkner and Susan Faulkner; second, Howard and Mary Tucker; third, Beverly Burns and Bev Clark; fourth, Lucy Gustafson and Bev Reed; and fifth, Lonnie Burns and Bill Simonsen.

This was the first club championship game of the year. The public is invited to attend the competitions at 1 p.m. every Friday at City Hall, 308 5th Ave. W.

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Deep in the jungle

Deep in the jungles of Central America and the Yucatan lay the remains of a lost ancient civilization. In the early 1800s the modern world had no knowledge of the civilized activity in this part of the world. Fanciful tales of lost stone



BUENAS VISTAS
Karla Barnes

cities, huge temples and beautiful palaces moldering in the midst of remote jungles were beginning to circulate from documents left behind by Spanish Conquistadors.

John Lloyd Stephens, a young American explorer, turned up and heard the stories on his travels around the world and decided to search for these fabled ruins.

Stephens convinced the world-renowned English artist and architect, Frederick Catherwood, to accompany him on his quest. From this point, the names of Stephens and Catherwood would become linked as one.

In 1839, Stephens and Catherwood set sail for Belize City. From there they journeyed on to Guatemala and then to Honduras where they hired Indian guides and mules to help them locate the ancient ruins that lay sleeping in the jungles. The expedition was grueling. The Indian guides hacked through the jungles and forests with machetes, creating trails for the explorers. The group endured torrential rains and miles of thick, deep mud, until finally they reached the lost city of Copan.



A panoramic view of the Palenque ruins in Chiapas, Mexico. This was one site first explored by John Lloyd Stephens and Frederick Catherwood. Photo courtesy of KARLA BARNES

The pair could not believe their eyes as they approached the desolate city. Beautiful sculptures and buildings were shrouded by vegetation, yet the explorers were ecstatic. They had finally found proof that the people who occupied this area were not savages.

Stephens gave special attention to each detail in his journals. While Catherwood set up his "camera lucida" (a reflective copying device) and began sketching all that surrounded him.

After searching Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, the trav-

elers set out for Mexico. In April, 1840, they arrived in the city of Palenque, located within the state of Chiapas. Here, Stephens and Catherwood found glyphs similar to those they documented at Copan and were thrilled to find evidence of a link between the two sites.

But the elements were taking their toll. Catherwood eventually collapsed from malaria.

The young discoverers pressed on to Uxmal and Merida before returning home to New York. In 1841, Stephens and Catherwood published their first book,

"Incidents of Travel in Central America, Chiapas and Yucatan." The response was phenomenal. They printed 10 editions in three months.

Stephens and Catherwood returned to the Yucatan in 1842 and documented several other sites. After six months, Catherwood again began to suffer from sickness. It was time once again to return to New York. They printed another book in 1843 titled, "Incidents of Travel in the Yucatan."

Their lives then took different directions. Stephens went on to

build a railroad across the Isthmus of Panama and died of Malaria in 1852 at the age of 47. Catherwood became a civil

engineer and died at sea while crossing the Atlantic in 1854.

The duo made an important contribution to archaeology. Their discoveries have left an indelible print in the hearts and minds of those who strive to understand the profound world of the ancient Maya.

Karla Barnes is a Burley resident and she and her husband are frequent visitors to Mexico.

Former president who led Mexico through boom to bust dies

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press writer

MEXICO CITY — Former President Jose Lopez Portillo, who governed Mexico through an oil-driven boom to a debt-induced bust, died of complications from pneumonia, He was 83.

Lopez Portillo, who led the country from 1976 to 1982, died Feb. 17 at a Mexico City hospital, according to family members and medical officials.

"He died at peace with himself, with his family and with his conscience," his son, Jose Ramon Lopez Portillo, said.

Tall, balding and blustery, Lopez Portillo often referred to himself as the last of the country's presidents who remained loyal to the "true ideals" of the bloody 1910-20 revolution, promising to bring prosperity for all, especially to the millions of Mexicans struggling on the edge of poverty.

He succeeded for a while. Success in while Mexico was wallowing in its worst economic

recession since World War II. Lopez Portillo seized on an oil boom to bring the country unprecedented prosperity. But it was followed by such a huge bust that the economy worse off than before.

In his last state-of-the-nation address to Congress, he wropt, apologizing that he had not done much for Mexico's legions of poor. By then, the bottom had fallen out of the world crude oil market, Mexico's principal source of income.

As a result, the peso had to be sharply devalued three times, the country fell deeply into debt and the economy became a shambles. Born in Mexico City, Lopez Portillo was the eldest son of two children. His parents, a soldier and bureaucrat, had difficulty making ends meet.

After working as a professor of political science at the National Autonomous University, he joined the long-ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party and climbed through the ranks.



He was serving as treasury secretary when President Luis Echeverria tapped him as his successor, assuring his election.

But Lopez Portillo had no political experience when he took office. He also inherited some nasty problems from Echeverria, his one-time friend who struggled to put down leftist guerrilla out-

breaks and resorted to inflationary policies to try improve living standards.

The state petroleum monopoly Pemex had discovered big oil deposits offshore in the Gulf of Mexico that were twice Alaska's North Slope — doubling the nation's reserves — just before Lopez Portillo was elected.

He concentrated on developing petroleum production, quickly turning Mexico into the world's fourth-richest oil nation at a time when the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries cartel was squeezing top dollar out of the United States and other big industrialized countries, creating a huge shortage.

COMING OF AGE

Quinceanera ceremony marks womanhood for Hispanic teens

By Sandra Okamoto
Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBUS, Ga. — It seems every culture has a coming-of-age ceremony for young people. In the Hispanic world, the most important day for young girls is her quinceanera, or the ceremony when she turns quince años — 15 years old.

Last month, Rosy Cruz, floated down the aisle wearing a white Lourdes Catholic Church vesting a pale yellow gown embroidered with white flowers.

Traditionally, seven boys and seven girls attend the new 15-year-old. But Rosy was escorted by six young men, or chambelanes, clad in pale yellow tuxedos.

Her sister Elizabeth, 16, had her quinceanera in 2002. Her colors were pink and white. On Rosy's big day, Elizabeth handed small ceramic, yellow hat-shaped pins to guests.

So is there a male equivalent to the quinceanera?

No, said family friend Jose Gonzalez. "The boys are introduced in different ways," he said. "This is a real macho culture."

In earlier times, a quinceanera helped prepare young girls to become brides, he said.

As the church ceremony started, Father Robert A. Girardeau followed Elizabeth, who acted in the role of an altar server, carrying the cross. Rosy, parents Hector and Rosa Cruz, and the escorts came in after them.

In the front of the church, the party separated, with the women on one side and the men on the other. Rosy went to the altar as Father Girardeau conducted the ceremony in Spanish.

The priest blessed Rosy and asked if she was going to live her life as a Christian.

Both sets of godparents or padrinos, Mary and Jesse Tovar and Rayna and Alberto Zucos, stood with Rosy's parents.

Rosy wore a custom-made dress from Mexico. She had found it in a catalog.

A quinceanera is often a financial hardship for a family, said Quinones, an auditor who works at Alltel.

turns 15, they can start saving money early. And that's what the Cruzes did to be able to throw two quinceaneras in two years.

Quinones said. "The quinceanera party arrived in a limousine. Limo driver Raymond Thomas said it was his first quinceanera."

"I thought I was doing a wedding," he said. "This is definitely a first for me."

After going to a family friend's house, Rosy, her family and guests went to the Itimo Latino Ballroom, owned by Jose and Diego Ricci. Diego Ricci said he did six or seven quinceaneras in 2002.

"Basically, they are all the same," he said. "From country to country, some of the ceremonies are different."

Rosy was perfectly calm in the church, but she said she got nervous when she woke up that morning.

"This is one time only," she said through an interpreter. "It is something very special because it was a gift from my parents."

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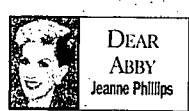
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Woman prays for her minister's love

DEAR ABBY: I have a serious crush on the minister at church, and I suspect he has similar feelings for me. He is divorced and seems a little shy. Is there some code of ethics that a minister must follow about dating parishioners? I'm a Methodist. Please tell me what to do - I'm crazy about him. - CRAZY FOR THE REVEREND



DEAR ABBY: I have been married 25 years. I'm in my early 40s and have three adorable children and a good life. My problem is I cannot get my previous boyfriend out of my system. I long to see him and when I do - even a glimpse of him - I feel the way I did when we were together years ago. I get nervous and things get jittery. I look for him wherever I go and dream of him often. It is always the same dream: we are getting married. I have a good husband who doesn't drink or become abusive. We go to church, have a new house, two nice vehicles and just about everything I could want. Do I need counseling or do you think I still love him? I will always love him, I guess, even though I talked with him several years ago and he is completely different from when we dated. Do I need counseling or is this normal? - WONDERING IN WISCONSIN

Libya reverses course on Pan Am bombing stance

WASHINGTON - Libya on Wednesday reversed its prime minister and confirmed that it was responsible for blowing up Pan Am flight 103 in 1988 and killing 270 people. The statement by the fanatical news agency could put back on track a plan by the Bush administration to let Americans travel to Libya. The statement, which appeared on Libya's web site, said Libya had helped bring two suspects to justice and accept responsibility for the actions of its officials. Referring to the prime minister's statement that Libya had not acknowledged responsibility in a letter to the United Nations, the Libyan news agency said "recent developments" were "confronting or casting doubt on these positions are inaccurate and regrettable". The White House and State Department withheld an immediate judgment of the new Libyan statement. Colin Powell, in a telecast to the Arab world, called the prime minister's remarks "a bit of a disconcert" and said that once Libya issued a clarification, the Bush administration would announce a lifting of the 23-year ban on Americans traveling to Libya.

World in Brief

Salvage crews attempt to raise sunken battleship MONTPELIER. A salvage team used a floating crane to raise a key piece of a sunken German battleship Wednesday, lifting a 27-ton part of the command tower after weeks of failed attempts. Retired Navy Capt. Alberto Brada, a logistics planner for the salvage operation, told The Associated Press the team recovered its first significant part of the Admiral Graf Spee, once a symbol of German naval might in the early days of World War II. "We've got it," he said of the large chunk of the command tower that once held sophisticated range-finding equipment for the warship's 11-inch guns. The vessel - considered one of the most sophisticated of its time - proved the South Atlantic, sinking as many as nine allied merchant ships before warships from Britain and New Zealand crippled it in a December 1939 naval engagement. Scuttled by its captain, the Graf Spee remained for decades in waters less than 25 feet deep only miles outside the port of Montevideo.

Cancer: Focus on money

IF FEBRUARY 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you have come face to face with your own shortcomings and you maintain strict and rigid control. You are the captain of your fate. If you feel alone or isolated... the helm, know that you are a responsible person who is most capable and that help will be on its way to relieve you in a few short months. Rewards come to those who wait. ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): There is a lot of drive and enthusiasm to launch projects that have been on hold - and much more luck than usual. Lights have now turned green and you may now trust that you'll have sound judgment. The ominous aura may catch fire over the next few days. TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You are more understanding and philosophical now. It is safe to take some risks with love or money today and tomorrow. New acquaintances may enter your life. You may be inspired to make some impulsive moves that will turn out just peachy. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you can't have what you want, the next few days are the best to close that deal or ask that charming new acquaintance out on a date. Things that are supposed to run smoothly will. Sometimes we have to accept what is not before we get a yes. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus has shifted quickly to making some serious money and grabbing career opportunities. The time has come to forge ahead without fear. Take actions for the future and think positive thoughts. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Restrictions have lifted, and you can push your agenda - so make your wish the sun shines. Love and money always go hand in hand, and today is a good day to take a gamble on something you are passionate about. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Luck is on your side today, and you can make activities into high gear that have been waiting for the right moment. Full steam ahead for

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finances and romance over the next few days. Remember that charity begins at home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The sparkle is back in your life as the dreary cloud of doom and gloom has lifted. Fancinate moos and alluring glances are in the stars as romance is back on the agenda. It's an all-or-nothing time; you can't play coy but must make your desires known. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Now is the day to put in motion plans for the future; partners may be awaiting your cooperation. You have accurate judgment regarding money; your sensuality may be at a peak the next two days, and you'll be on the prowl for love. Go for it! SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Finally, the stars have shifted into more agreeable alignments and your zest and vitality can be appreciated. Be aggressive. Push for love, money and anything else you wish. The luck of the draw is in your hands for a few days. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As the mood shifts today, you will find it easier to put plans into active motion that will concretely benefit you and yours. Act on creative inspirations and feel free to be generous. It is always more blessed to give than to receive. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your sudden impulses may be directly on target today, and you might take the right turn at the correct moment to ensure a more profitable future. Be confident. A few romantic whispers today can lead to a passionate night tomorrow. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Act on your intuitions and have faith in the universe to provide. Today is a great day to make new starts, put plans in motion and manipulate money for your own uses. Acts of kindness will be appreciated.

Chronic morning depression is glandular, psychiatrist claims

What time of day do you get depressed, if depressed you ever get? The deep downers that chronically come up every day in the morning is probably glandular in origin. That's the claim of a Miami psychiatrist. She says the biotechs are working feverishly to come forth with better pills for that kind. The American divorce rate in this century has been four times as high as the British, three times as high as the French. "Crow is defined also as a triumphant boast." If a person moved something with an iron lever that couldn't be moved without it, that person might utter such a triumphant boast. From that came the name of the "crowbar."

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ant repellents. According to an Ohio University psychologist, your best chances of having an annual income of \$1 million or more - please wait - will arrive when you're between 80 and 89 years old. Ecuador is pretty close in size to Nevada. "Huras" comes from an old French word meaning "to set a dog on," according to our Language man. The tomato is a closer cousin to the potato than is the sweet potato. Women in Mensa were subjects of a sex survey. You know about Mensa. Its members have high IQs. The poll showed a majority of romantic encounters tend to make them more intelligent. A third of the lava that has flowed out of this planet's innards in the last five centuries has done so in and around Iceland. So say the geologists. Q. What animal has eyeballs almost as big as billiard balls? A. Ostrich. Your eyes and mine take up about 5 percent of our skulls. Birds' eyes take up 50 percent.

County star goes to bat to raise money for children's charity

SURPRISE, Ariz. - Garth Brooks gets his hits in country music, not in baseball. "The guys have told me not to quit my baseball," Brooks said Tuesday. The first day of spring training with the Kansas City Royals. The 42-year-old country star was invited to the Royals' camp to raise awareness for his Teammates for Kids foundation, which he founded in 1999. He previously attended spring training with the San Diego Padres in 1998 and 1999 and the New York Mets in 2000. He's 1-for-39 in exhibition games, his lone hit a single off Mike Sotkka of the Chicago White Sox in 1999. "It really wasn't a hit," Brooks said Tuesday. "It was a bleeder that had eyes on it." Brooks learned quickly that pitchers aren't going to throw a batting practice fastball down the middle when he's at the plate. "None of these guys want to give up a hit to me," he said. "The first pitch I saw with the Padres was 90 miles per hour. On the second pitch, I started swinging when the catcher

threw the ball back to the pitcher." Brooks said his foundations have raised more than \$40 million for children's charities. Nicole Kidman prepares for movie at United Nations UNITED NATIONS - Nicole Kidman slipped into the interpreters booth at the U.N. Security Council to prepare for her next movie role. In March, Kidman and co-star Sean Penn began filming "The Interpreter," a thriller about a U.N. translator who overhears a conversation that could cost her her life. The United Nations has appeared in numerous movies but Hollywood had been unsuccessful in getting permission to film inside until director Sydney Pollack asked U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan last month. - Compiled from wire reports LAMPHOUSE THEATRE 223 5th Ave. S.T.F. 736-8600 In America Today 4:30-7:00-9:15 The Fear In the Freezer Today 4:30-7:00-9:15

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Magic Valley scrapbooks

For more than a century, land and water have shaped the lives and livelihoods of the Magic Valley family you see in these photographs.

These selections from George Lemmon's albums show something of his family's relationship with the Snake River, its canyon, and the surrounding southern Idaho landscape.

—Virginia S. Hutchins

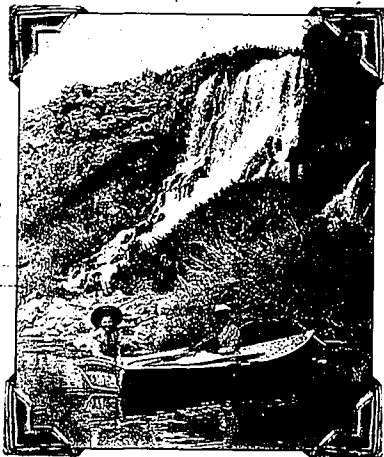


Mary F. Berry and her daughter Gertrude Berry row just below Bridal Veil Falls in the Thousand Springs area, in about 1889. Mary was the great-aunt of Hagerman resident George Lemmon, who says his father used this boat to set lines for sturgeon in the Snake River, using eel as bait. His dad also used to row across the river in this boat to reach his job, which was packing gravel for a gold miner, Lemmon said.

Photos courtesy of George Lemmon of Hagerman



Teacher Laura Worster, in the front passenger's seat, takes an outing with friends in Hagerman in about 1918. "I think that was a bunch of schoolteachers that she taught with," said Worster's son, George Lemmon of Hagerman. In those days, Guy Lemmon was courting Worster, and the Ford Model T pictured is his. The car later met with an accident as Guy crossed the Malad canyon at Tuttle. As Guy drove up off a little bridge, the Ford's engine stalled. He got out to crank, and the car rolled backwards into the canyon. The fall knocked off the car's top, which is missing in later pictures.



Left: Mary F. Berry, right, and her daughter Gertrude Berry, left, boat on the Snake River in the Thousand Springs area in approximately 1889.

Right: Roy Vader, at right, and a Basque shepherd pose in about 1925 at a sheep camp, probably at Smiley Creek. George Lemmon of Hagerman remembers the shepherd only as "Tony." He worked his life for Roy," he works Lemmon, who was water-master for a Hagerman-area water district for 40 years. Vader was a cousin of Lemmon's father.



George Lemmon of Hagerman, as a child, enjoys a mid-1920s outing on Galena Summit with his parents, Guy and Laura Lemmon, at right, and four Vader relatives, at left. Outings in those days were part recreation and part business — tending sheep camps. The Vader family, which built Smiley Creek Lodge, and the Lemmons grazed sheep on the national forest reserve north of Galena Summit, George Lemmon says.



Guy Henry Lemmon, left, and his grandfather, George Vader, pose in 1918 at Lemmon's home in Hagerman. Lemmon bought the place at age 25 and spent the rest of his life there. In fact, the Hagerman property has been in the family for a century, says Lemmon's son, George Lemmon. Guy planted the maple tree shown here. When he bought the cabin and ranch, the only ground cleared was a path from the door leading out to shoot rabbits. "Rabbits was quite a problem in those days," George says. Vader is also important to the Hagerman area; he homesteaded the site that later became a federal fish hatchery.

Share old photos

To submit privately owned historical photographs for "Magic Valley scrapbooks," please bring them to The Times-News' office in Twin Falls.

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- When: We'll accept historical photos between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.
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A GLIMPSE BACK



Tracing *old* salmon *runs*

A quiet journey down the Snake River leads to a path of personal reflection and archaeological discoveries

By Mike Cothran
Times-News correspondent

Standing on the edge of the empty channel, I tried to imagine what the Snake River might have looked like in other times. Before the arrival of the white man, this place served as an important spot for several Native American cultures.

Drawn primarily by salmon returning from the ocean, Indians spent considerable time on the edge of these rocks, harvesting protein. Closing my eyes, I attempted to see the water, fish and people.

The ancient fishery is found on the stretch of the Snake River aptly named Upper Salmon Falls.

It is one of the many features of the Hagerman valley, a region rich in historical and geological treasures. The most well known, of course, are the fossil beds and the Oregon Trail. The valley is one of those places blessed by a combination of geology, climate and geography that produced all sorts of wonders.

Part of Upper Salmon Falls was flooded by a dam that begins Idaho Power's hydroelectric project. Much of the two historic channels still can be viewed below the dam, however, and Idaho Power provides access on foot in several spots. One of these access areas is on the north side of the old steel Owsley Bridge. This bridge is yet another piece of the area's history, built in 1920-21. Now listed on the Register of Historical Places, the bridge was built as part of the "Idaho Pacific Highway."

A dirt road leads hikers downstream from the parking area near the bridge. The road ends at the dam and, with no formal trail or specific destination, one can simply wander. The mostly dry river channel below the dam begins with little fanfare but soon cuts through the basalt bedrock. The abrupt change in landscape easily draws a person over for a closer look. Narrow crevices that can be easily hopped across widen quickly and drop down dramatically.

Low water offers another route at the head of these cracks in the stone. The adventuresome seeker can wade or find enough exposed rocks to provide access to the far side of the channel. This area, known as the upper Dohman Island, offers many treats. But remaining on the north side, if the island is inaccessible, has its own rewards.

The drainage is the remnant of the battle of water vs. rock. The force of the water over the eons has carved all sorts of figures into the volcanic flows. Much of the material has been worn smooth and sculpted with an array of curves and rounded bowls. And in some places, the erosion has been severe enough that holes have been gouged completely through the stone.

Rocks above the historic high-water mark have been influenced by water. Boulders that originated elsewhere, but happened to get in the way of the Bonneville Flood, litter upper terraces. Worn round by their journey, they look like marbles haphazardly tossed by a child.

The Upper Salmon Falls provides all sorts of delights from a scenic and geological standpoint. But the "ancient ones" keep returning to my mind. I can only imagine the construction of scaffolding, ladders and baskets used to provide optimal vantage points and means to direct and capture the salmon. I can only begin to visualize their harpoons and spears, along with the proper techniques needed for a successful catch. But these attempts to look backward, combined with the knowledge that other cultures were here in these surroundings is quite enough.



Photo courtesy of Mike Cothran



Eroded formations remain below the dam at Upper Salmon Falls.



The north channel of the Snake River at Upper Salmon Falls.

Above: Water follows the chasm of Upper Salmon Falls that has been cut deeply over the ages.
Top, Left: This widened river pool could have been a site of an ancient salmon fishery.



In some places, basalt river rock has been eroded enough to gouge holes completely through.

OUTDOORS

Sawtooth Festival has many activities

The Sawtooth Ski and Snowshoe Festival will offer a weekend of cross-country ski fun in the Sawtooth Valley and Stanley Basin. March 6 and 7. The Sawtooth Ski Club will host two days of fun and fund-raising activities and other activities are open to the public.

Saturday, March 6 activities begin at Park Creek Ski Trails located seven miles west of Stanley. Activities begin at 11:30 a.m. with a ski and snowshoe "pacer run" where participants ski or snowshoe around a short course with five locations where one card is drawn at each location.

The participant with the best hand wins a new pair of snowshoes from Jerry's Country Store and Snowshoes Mountain Sports. Suggested donation is \$10. A chili feed will follow from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. along with a demonstration on snow shelter and igloo building. For information call 774-3623.

Sunday evening activities will be at Stanley Elementary School above town in Stanley, and will include a silent auction from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with bluegrass music by Dave Muscavage and friends. At 8 p.m. there will be a Full-on Ski and Snowshoe Tour around Stanley City Park. Ice skating by moonlight is also available at the park. Hot chocolate will be available after the tour.

Sunday's events are centered around the Alturas Ski Trail about 17 miles south of Stanley. Free activities include a wildlife smoking workshop for skiers and snowshoers to be held at 11 a.m. and skating and classic skiing clinics schedule for 1 p.m. Karen's legendary soup, break and cookies will be served from 12 to 2 p.m. on the hilltop, not far from the highway. Check the parking lot kiosk for directions to all events. For information about Sunday events, call 774-3487.

Contact the Sawtooth Ski Club at 774-2264 or 774-3487 for information about the festival or cross-country skiing in the Sawtooth area.

Back Country Horsemen plans annual convention

CACHE PEAK chapter of Back Country Horsemen is planning the annual state convention of the Idaho Back Country Horsemen at the Burley Inn, March 12 and 13.

The board of directors meeting takes place all day Friday and the agenda will cover the meeting. The agenda will include reviewing and voting on the state bylaws, educational and informative presentations, a silent auction, photo contest, raffle, dinner and live entertainment. Post entertainers in the evening.

On Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, vendors will be set up to offer their wares to convention attendees.

Registration is \$45 and may be done by contacting Cache Peak

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vice president Lorraine Genzmer at 436-3490 or by e-mail at mlid-granny@pm.com. Vendors who want to set up a booth may contact Lorraine or Earl White at 678-4099. There is no fee for a table, but vendors are asked to donate an item for the live auction. They should set up by noon on Friday and be there Saturday at 9 a.m. and finish by 5 p.m.

Anyone wishing to donate an item for the auction or make a cash donation is requested to contact a member of the Cache Peak BC11 or the officers above.

Withers Memorial bass derby on for Feb. 29

HAGERMAN - The Idaho Bass Hunters will hold their second annual Cache Withers Memorial Bass Derby on February 29 at Lower Salmon Falls boat ramp in Hagerman.

Blas-t-off time is at safe light. A Big-Fish-of-the-Day trophy will be given to the winner of the measure-and-release competition, and a potluck lunch will follow the event.

The price is a \$10-minimum donation, per person. Proceeds will benefit the Duhl High School Scholarship Fund. For more information, please contact Don Perkins at 908-7658.

Third annual Snow Box Derby to take place March 6

Mark your calendars; the Third Annual Snow Box Derby is set for March 6, with the Blaine County Recreation District and Rotarun Ski Club hosting this fun family event at Rotarun Ski area west of Hailley.

The derby provides the chance for families to get away from the TV or computer and breath fresh air and meet new people while participating in some healthy competition. This year's event is sure to offer more of the same.

Everyone can participate in the Snow Box Derby. All you need is a cardboard box, an adventurous spirit and a helmet.

CSI plans outdoor winter camping trip March 6-7

If you enjoy backpacking in the summer, then you should definitely check out a winter camping trip hosted by the College of Southern Idaho Outdoors Program, on March 6 and 7.

This overnight trip is an excellent introduction to the world of winter camping. You will learn all the skills necessary to winter camp, including how to build a shelter, staying warm, cooking in the winter, packing and much more.

A pre-trip meeting is to be held March 4 in the Outdoor Program office at 6 p.m. The fee is \$25 with a \$5 return. For information call the Outdoor Program at 732-6697.

State works with railroad to save game

Question: "What is the Department doing to reduce or prevent train kills like the ones that killed all the deer and antelope this winter near Dietrich?"

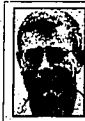
Answer: The short answer is we continue to try to work with the railroad company to reduce the collisions. Like most things, the "devil is in the details."

First understand the Union Pacific is in business to make money transporting freight across the country. There are an estimated 50 trains per day that travel that stretch of track. If you slow each train down from its normal speed of about 65 mph to 40 mph you begin impacting the bottom line of the company. For most freight haulers "time is money."

Secondly, trains don't slow down. They don't slow down for people or automobiles at crossings either. They're certainly not going to slow down for big game animals on the track. There are no laws that require them to make accommodations for wildlife. A quick review of the railroad history shows they were the champions "killing the west."

Society and government have given them broad authority to develop and operate the rail system.

Thirdly, we need to keep the sig-



ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

nificance of these train collisions in perspective. My Shoshone conservation officer tallied 129 deer and antelope killed along the tracks so far this winter. These tracks have been in place for over a hundred years. For years we've seen trains kill deer and antelope in this area when we get winter storms that dump good amounts of snow in the Magic Valley.

One hundred twenty-nine animals may seem like a large number, but around the region this winter I would estimate we killed many more along the highways by automobiles. During the winter of '92-'93 nearly 400 deer were killed along a twenty-five mile stretch of I-84 alone.

Please don't misunderstand what I'm saying. I'm not discounting the value to Idahoans of the animals lost. I'm trying to put this into perspective for newcomers. The train kills are not new but we lose a lot more animals to car and

trucks collisions than trains. It's an unfortunate reality.

The railroad tracks bisect a normal winter migration of deer and antelope to lower elevations to escape snow. The tracks are kept relatively clear of snow by the frequent train passage and track maintenance. The track bed is composed of dark rock and quickly melts off after a few sunny days. Grain, sugar beets, and potatoes that fall off the train during the fall are a food attraction. It's pretty obvious why the animals are on the tracks.

So what can be done? We've already worked with a local farmer to remove a haystack in the area attracting animals. So far the railroad has declined to slow the train. Fencing is cost prohibitive and would only hold animals in the deep snow preventing movement to lower elevations. Overpasses or underpasses, where they've been tried are also expensive and have not been successful.

Feeding is a holy debated proposal. Feeding or baiting animals away from the tracks may work but its negative side affects far outweigh its benefits. The side affects include concentrating animals, disease outbreaks, decimation of habitat at the feed site, it would

require continuous maintenance and clearing snow, and the feed, manpower, and equipment are very costly. It's a no stopping option, once it starts it must be continued until green up and animals leave.

During years when it might work, snow depths make the logistics of getting bait in sufficient quantities to where it's needed nearly impossible. It would require dozers to keep snow clear and over snow equipment transport men, materials, and feed.

Unfortunately that leaves us with few options. A point to ponder is the human impact on our environment and its affect on our fish and wildlife resources. The Department frequently provides input to road construction and human development because of its impact on wildlife. In nearly every case the human dimension rules.

Our wildlife resources are lucky these winters only come along once or twice every 5 to 8 years.

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Study: Fawns do well through the winter

BOISE (AP) - A continuing study of fawn mortality indicates relatively few losses this winter.

Idaho Fish and Game Department biologists radio-collared 250 mule deer fawns last fall in 10 units across southern Idaho. Large-scale monitoring helps biologists predict deer population trends and is a tool in researching the causes of fawn mortality.

Fawns are vulnerable to the rigors of winter survival, but malnutrition has been identified as the cause of death in only three cases this winter.

Malnutrition from all causes to date amounted to 12 percent, an lower rate than biologists expected.

Of the 250 fawns collared last fall, lions took four and coyotes killed 12, while other causes - collisions

with vehicles, falls from cliffs and other incidents - accounted for 11 deaths.

Mortality hit 42 percent in the group targeted in the Centennial Flat area in central Idaho.

Regional Supervisor Jim Lukens said fawns in that area have lower weight going into winter than in other parts of the state.

In its first week of February, no losses had been found in the Hells Canyon study area.

Extended winter conditions could create a higher mortality rate in fawns as the young deer gradually lose more of the body fat they carry into the cold months. An early, abundant greening would strengthen the youngest segment of deer populations, biologists said.

Biologist confirms sighting of wolverine

The Associated Press

Riding on the back of a snowmobile in Hueron County with coyote hunters who earlier reported spotting a wolverine, Arnie Karr snapped pictures of the animal as it ran out of the woods and across a field.

Tuesday's encounter by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist, officials say marks the state's first confirmed sighting of the forest predator in the wild since reports by fur traders dating to the late 1700s and early 1800s.

"I just had a very clear view of it," Karr said. "The markings were very clear. There's just no question."

While a thrill for Karr and other wildlife officials, the sighting near the Thumb community of Uby creates a mystery: How did the wolverine get there?

"It's up there with having a caribou or a polar bear turn up in the Thumb," DNR spokesman Brad Wurfel said Wednesday. "It's unprecedented."

It remains a question whether the animals have called Michigan home since the 19th century, even though the state has the unofficial Wolverine nickname and University of Michigan's athletic program uses the moniker.

Raymond Rustem, supervisor of the national heritage unit in the DNR's Wildlife Division, said the

wolverine in Hueron County is far from what would be considered its nearest natural home of northern Canada. He said it could have traveled to the state, been released or escaped from captivity.

"It's a total surprise," Rustem said. "What it means, who knows? When you take a look at the wolverine, there's always been this debate about whether wolverines ever were a part of Michigan's recent past. Some evidence shows that, some says no."

Fur trading records suggest that the wolverine lived in Michigan, Rustem said. Some wolverine bones also have been found at archaeological sites, but Rustem said it is uncertain whether those animals were native to the state.

The wolverine, which grows to about 25 pounds and more than three feet in length, once ranged across the northern United States and throughout the West but now is mostly limited to Montana, Idaho and Alaska, where the animal depends on wilderness and roadless areas for survival. There have been sightings in a few other states.

The wolverine - a member of the weasel family that is ferocious enough to fight off bears and wolves - was on Michigan's endangered species list until the late 1990s, when it and some other animals that weren't expected to return were removed from the list, Rustem said.

MINI-CASSIA BASSERS



The Mini-Cassia Bassers named their new officers for 2004 at a recent banquet. Pictured from left, Mike Anderson, president; Jeff Huber, vice president and tournament director; Dave Vorburg, secretary/treasurer; and Phil Mai, public relations. Jeff Huber was also awarded Angler of the Year for 2003 at the annual banquet, and Dave Vorburg was named 2003 Sportsman of the Year.



Several awards were presented at the Mini-Cassia Bassers banquet. From left are Guy Weech, big fish; Jeff Huber and Phil Williams, first place team; Hector Hinojosa and Jack Brooks, second place team; and Pat Callen and Ron Hafner (not pictured), third place team.

Magic Valley scrapbooks:

Family's old photo collection shows close tie with land and water.
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Where: BLM horse corral, south of Boise on Pleasant Valley Road (4 miles south of the junction with Gowen Road).

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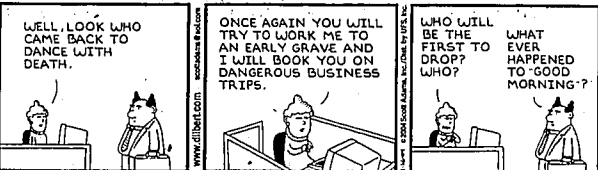
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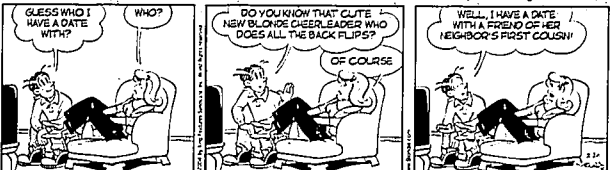
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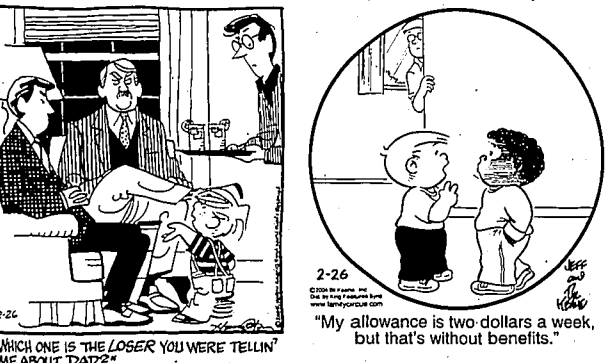


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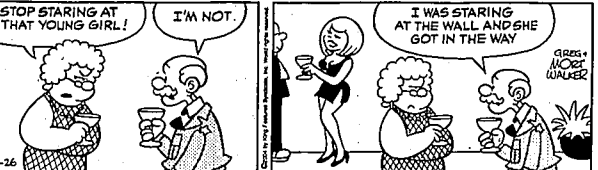
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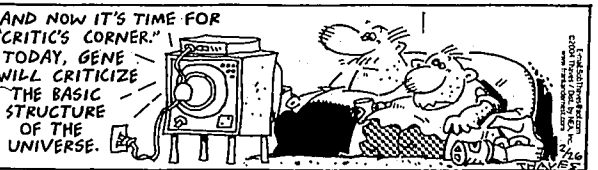
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EXPLORING YELLOWSTONE IN ITS PUREST FORM: Wintertime

By Steve Hendrix The Washington Post

The snows of Yellowstone National Park are just as reliable as Old Faithful and, by some people, just as eagerly attended. Every year, they return to toss a fine white cover over these craggy valleys, lodgepole forests and steaming thermal fields. For outdoor aficionados, this is the preferred Yellowstone, the serene, muffled, dramatically yellowed winter of winter. For those in the know, single light air is something to be embraced, not

endured. The cold is just a blood-racing, check-pitching companion to a day of skiing through cathedral forests or snowshoeing up to a mountain-goat's view of the geysers. And nothing refines your taste for a little something hot around the lodge fire more than a few hours in the chill of the Northern Rockies.

Yellowstone's brief winter season is a longstanding ritual for many, particularly snowmobilers and wildlife-watchers, two groups of Yellowstone lovers who have not always loved each other. But this year, the snows are

falling on a remarkably shifted scene. In a sharp reversal, the number of wolves in Yellowstone is climbing steadily as snowmobiles have declined. The wolves, methodically and purposefully extinguished in the park in the 1920s, were reintroduced in 1995 and have thrived beyond all expectations. Snowmobiles, meanwhile, which grew so popular that some 69,000 came into the park last winter, are suddenly themselves flirting with extinction in Yellowstone. A federal judge—trying to sort out a tangle of environmental lawsuits

and conflicting regulations—slashed daily snowmobile admissions to fewer than 500 a day for this winter and put them on a course to being banned entirely. Two weeks ago, another judge upped the number of snowmobiles to almost 800 a day and ordered the Park Service to draft new rules for next winter. And the legal ping-pong continues. It's an exchange of fortunes that has some cheering, others wailing and everyone uncertain. But all agree that the winter experience in Yellowstone—whether wildlife-watching along

the northern edge or cross-country skiing around the Old Faithful Snow Lodge—has gotten quieter. "For people from all over the world, standing here and not hearing one single sound of human activity is very profound," says George Bumann, an instructor from the Yellowstone Association Institute, a sort of outdoors community college that uses the national park as its classroom. We're on a ridge above Elk Creek in the northern park. Except for the sigh of the distant river and the occasional screech

of a bald eagle we can just see wheeling against the dawn sky, the stillness is absolute. "We had folks change careers after taking one of these classes." At this time of the year, Bumann and the institute spend a lot of time shepherding people along this stretch of the park. Visitors—like me and Dan Knotts, a friend from Wilmington, Del.—spend a few nights at one or both of the two Yellowstone lodges open in winter and a few days with a naturalist scouting for wildlife, especially wolves.

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WHERE TO STAY: Unless you are the hardiest core of cold-weather campers, you'll want to stay in one of the two Yellowstone lodges open in winter. The 100-room Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, just inside the park's northern entrance, is a roomy but utilitarian base for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and wildlife-watching in the Lamar Valley...

WHAT TO DO: The wolf watching is, unbelievably, so easy and reliable you can do it yourself. Starting at Mammoth Hot Springs, just drive the northeast entrance road (the park's only paved road) on any given morning and look for the cloths of people gathered with binoculars. They are watching wolves—and bison and elk and bald eagles and the other wildlife that is surprisingly abundant in the winter.

For a more curated experience, the Yellowstone Association Institute (307-344-2293, www.yellowstoneassociation.org) runs field seminars and guided courses through the winter (and warm seasons as well). Field seminars last from one to four days and topics include wolf and wildlife-watching with a biologist, winter ecology, photography and drawing. Rates average \$70 a day for instruction. Lodging and meals are additional.

You can stay at one of the park lodges, in nearby Gardiner or at the spectacularly situated Buffalo Ranch in the Lamar Valley, where you sleep in rustic cabins and cook your own meals in the common kitchen (\$25 a night, per person).

For a cushier experience, the Institute offers a range of "Lodging and Learning" courses based at the lodges. Classes include cross-country ski tours of the thermal areas, snowshoeing and family outings. The two- to five-day packages typically include instruction, room, breakfast, lunch, ski and snowshoe rental and park transportation. Rates range from \$115 to \$285 a day, cover occupancy, (Lodging and Learning programs can be booked through the hotel reservation line, 307-344-5666.)

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Worker fees torn between boss, friend

Having to honor something the boss tells you in confidence about a friend can make for a first-class workplace dilemma.

Question: "My boss sometimes tells me in confidence about how badly he thinks of a fellow employee. How do I handle it? He's a strong manager and hinted about wanting to get rid of him."

The employee is my friend. I haven't told my friend what I hear from the boss, but I wonder whether I should. I have to continue to listen to my friend being badmouthed by the boss. Is the boss being unprofessional? And what, if anything, should I say to my friend?

Answer: John Boatright, executive director of the Society for Business Ethics and a professor of business ethics at Loyola University in Chicago, said that since it does not appear that the boss in this instance has any business reason for telling this worker about his assessment of the manager's performance, he is acting unprofessionally.

"He's conveying information for no reason," Boatright said of the boss. "It's venting. He's expressing his frustration."

Boatright said that "it's always possible that the boss expects (the information) to be passed on," but if that is the case, then the boss ought to say, "We have a problem with your friend and want you to do something."

Better yet, the boss "ought to



ON THE JOB Kenneth Bredeleier

address the shortcomings with the manager in a straightforward way and not through an intermediary.

Despite the employee's feeling that his boss is acting unprofessionally, Boatright said, he heard the complaints about his friend in confidence and is duty-bound to honor the employee's confidence. Boatright acknowledged that possessing such confidential information "can put a worker in a terrible bind," but added, "I'm quite sure the boss would be upset if the employee conveyed the information. Normally a boss should expect any information given in confidence would remain that way."

"He said, 'Whether I have received (the information) or not, without him being given the authority to pass it on, he does not have the right to do so. I think loyalty to the company trumps friendship,'" the writer of Kenneth Bredeleier's column said.

The confidence on the company's behalf is stronger than the loyalty to a friend, "something akin to a lawyer's duty to protect the confidentiality of information that clients tell him."

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Stocks end higher after five days of selling

NEW YORK (AP) — A small rally halted Wall Street's five-day losing streak Wednesday, but a lack of market-moving news and high volume meant there was little conviction behind the gains. Tech stocks, which bore the brunt of the market's recent selling, regained the most ground.

Even with Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan restating his bullish economic outlook on Capitol Hill, many investors seemed to be holding back until next week's job and payroll reports, which are expected to give a clearer picture of the economic recovery.

Only bargain-hunters and a handful of institutional buyers seemed to find the advance, analysts said.

"It's a very mild rally at this point," said Brian Pears, head equity trader at Victory Capital Management. "Everybody understood that the market got ahead of itself, which is why we had the selling. But today, it's more of an absence of selling rather than a lot of buying driving things."

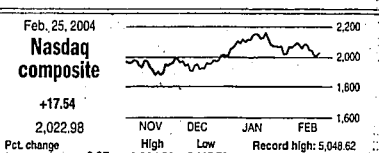
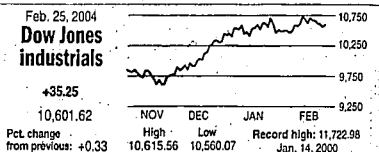
Investments, February is historically one of the weakest months of the year, and the last week of the month is the weakest week. There's not a lot of driving things right now.

Stocks managed the advance despite some disappointment over the National Association of Realtors' report that existing home sales fell 5.2 percent in January to 6.04 million from 6.37 million in December. Analysts had been expecting 6.25 million homes sold for the month.

There was better news about mortgages. According to the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, consumers are still responding to historically low interest rates. The association's mortgage application index rose 2.1 percent for the week, while its refinancing index climbed 1.9

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Percent. New mortgages and refinancing are considered barometers of economic growth, as consumers feel comfortable enough to take on more debt and, in the case of refinancing, have more money to put back into the economy.

"We've had good news, but that won't necessarily translate into market gains anymore," said Stuart Freeman, chief strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons. "It's a double-edged sword, because at this point, the better the economy gets, the more likely we'll start to see higher interest rates."

Lucent Technologies Inc. and Cisco Systems Inc. unveiled a new Internet-based method for handling mobile phone calls, which could make mobile calls average in cost 90 percent. In Europe, Britain's FTSE 100 closed up 0.2 percent, France's CAC-40 gained 0.5 percent for the session and Germany's DAX index closed 0.1 percent higher.

High-end retailer Tiffany & Co. posted a 24 percent rise in profits for the latest quarter and gave a bright outlook for 2004. Tiffany surged \$2.36 to \$39.48.

Yahoo! Inc. lost 42 cents to \$43.34 after Goldman Sachs released a bullish research report on the stock, rating it "outperform" rating. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies gained 7.17, or 1.2 percent, to 579.01.

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LONDON (AP) - You got a cheap airline ticket, what else do you want? Ryanair, Europe's most successful budget airline, is testing the Spartan spirit of its passengers and extending the frontiers of cost-cutting.

It recently announced it will dispense with the plane's window blinds, reclining seats, Velcro-anchored headrest covers and the seat pockets where customers normally find a safety notice and fire magazines. The required safety notice will be stitched to the back of each seat.

Ryanair also said it may charge for checked-in luggage, and is switching to leather upholstery because it lasts longer and is easier to clean.

BEANS

Table with columns: Values, Beans. Lists various bean prices and changes.

CHEESE

Table with columns: Values, Cheese. Lists various cheese prices and changes.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table with columns: Values, Metals/Currency. Lists various metal and currency prices.

GRAINS

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POTATOES

Table with columns: Values, Potatoes. Lists various potato prices and changes.

SUGAR

Table with columns: Values, Sugar. Lists various sugar prices and changes.

No matter what carrier you choose, many of the cabin features are set by regulations covering seat belts, environmental control systems, lighting and air.

Chamber

Legislation that would create a scholarship for students who vow to remain drug- and alcohol-free. The scholarship, known as Promise C, would grant \$1,000 for college to high school students willing to sign a pledge and submit to random drug testing.

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SOYBEAN

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Earnings

Continued from E1. The Chesapeake, Va.-based company, which is preparing to open a Twin Falls store - earned \$78.8 million, or 69 cents per share, for the quarter ended Jan. 31, up from \$61.6 million in the same period last year.

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Dollar Tree Stores

Dollar Tree Stores Inc.'s fourth-quarter earnings topped analyst expectations by more than 10 percent. Sales at comparable stores - those open at least a year - improved each month last quarter over the previous year, company officials said.

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Fossil Fuels

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table with columns: Name, Ball Chg, Inception, Assets, etc. Lists various mutual funds and their performance.

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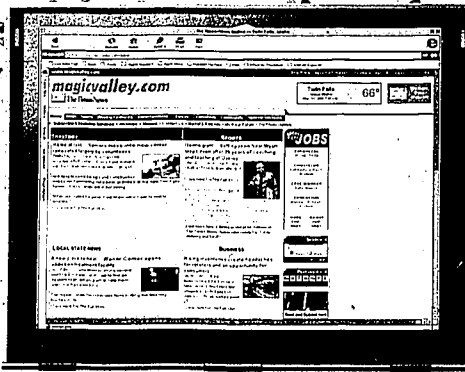
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. 03-90-374 & C90-4043

NOTICE OF HEARING In the Matter of the Estate of LAUREN A. MARSHALL

Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that:

The Trustee has filed a Petition with the above-entitled case for approval of the annual accounting and fees. The hearing is set for Thursday, the 25th of March, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the above-entitled case in the County Courthouse in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho. All persons having claims against the estate are to appear at the hearing said Court for hearing said Petition. Only ten (10) minutes have been allocated by the Court for this hearing. Anyone wishing to contest the proceeding must provide the Court and all interested parties with 48 hours' prior written notice of their intent to produce evidence and cross-examine witnesses. In the event that the matter before the Court is going to be contested, the hearing shall be rescheduled on a future date when the Court calendar will allow sufficient time for all parties to be heard.

DATED this 5th day of February, 2004.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 13th day of January, 2004.
 /s/Carol Cox
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 /s/Bonnie Young
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. 15-3-801)

In the Matter of the Estate of KATHLEEN RUTHERFORD. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed co-personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Case No. 039585

On June 30, 2004, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day at the lobby of Trustee, 163 Fourth Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation as Trustee will accept bids for the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit: Lots 5 and 6, Block 129, TWIN FALLS TOWNSITE, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the final and amended plat thereof recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 7, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Sometimes known as: 343 Third Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust from LILIA PUENTE, a single woman, to TitleFact, Inc., Trustee, and Anita Lara, also known as Anita L. Lara, a widow, Beneficiary, dated March 1, 1991, recorded March 1, 1991, as Instrument No. 982679, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

NOTE: The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1206(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.

Default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay: (a) Accumulated delinquency in payments of \$214.93 per month, for the months of May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December 2003 and January and February, 2004, and all subsequent months is \$2,149.30. The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$7,010.79, plus 12% interest and procedure costs. (b) All of 2000, 2001, 2002 and the first one-half of 2003 taxes, which are delinquent in the amount of \$1,518.16, plus penalty and interest. Receipts No. 6814, 9101, 6705 and 6953.

DATED this 19th day of February, 2004.

TITLEFACT, INC.
 /s/R. Todd Blass, Vice President

PUBLISH: February 26, March 4, 11 and 18, 2004

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and BURTON W. MILLS, Director. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Brian S. Herby is the personal representative of the above-named decedent...

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WITHIN 20 DAYS, READ THE INFORMATION BELOW. TO: Dora R. Schutte, 2200 W. 23rd North, Filer, Idaho 83328

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2) If your response is an answer to the complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.

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Idaho. Gregory H. Lowry Executive Vice President. PUBLISH: February 26, 27 and March 1, 2004

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NOTICE OF HEARING. Notice is hereby given to the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, March 15, April 5, and April 20, 2004, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock P.M. in the City Council Room, 305 Third Avenue East, P.O. Box 119, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request to amend the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance...

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LEGALS

FOUND rabbit, white with black eyes, On West Ave. E. Jerome, 208-644-9139

TWIN FALLS COUNTY JOINT REPORT 4th QUARTER 10/01/2003 THROUGH 12/31/2003

Table with columns: Fund Description, Beginning Balance, Revenue, Received, Warrants, Paid By, Ending Balance. Lists various municipal funds and their financial data.

State of Idaho, Twin Falls County. I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is correct and true for 10/01/2003 through 12/31/2003

LEGALS

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FOUND. Lost Husky, adult male, grey and white, wearing blue collar with tags. Tags have a red and black address and phone number. Lost on 600 South, Jerome, Call 208-324-7923 via Jorgo.

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FOUND. Lost Retriever, female, bobbed tail, orange & black, 3/2001, E 1 mile, 3574 N, 2000 E 1 mile, Highway 74, 733-2192

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703 HORSES & TACK
AUCTION Saddles & Tack Mon. March 1st, 7PM Doors open at six pm Twin Falls Saddlery of Texas has commissioned me to liquidate over \$250,000 worth of New Tack and Saddles at Public Auction. This Auction has over 200 New Saddles and 100's of tack items. If you are in need of a new saddle or some tack or need to re-stock your store then don't miss this Auction at: Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs 1357 Blue Lakes North Vm Seal. Auctioneer: Phone: 406-259-4730 <http://www.360saddles.com> Terms: Cash, Credit Cards, ATM, and check with proper identification. This year will be our best Use Classified: 733-0931.

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SHEPHERDS German, 100 lbs. puppies. \$400 each. Call 733-4893.

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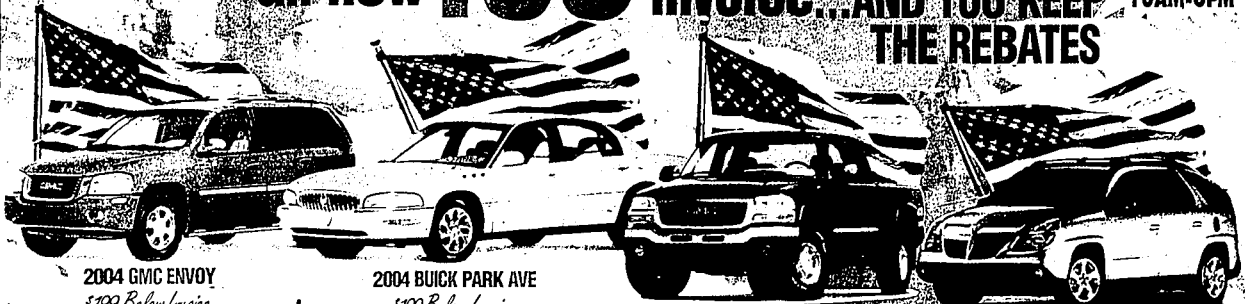


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