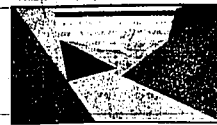


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TODAY'S FEATURING AMOUNTS

Downwinders speak

Some say money isn't as important as an apology

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — She looks every bit the part a spunky grandmother with her tightly curled hair and gold earrings that dangle with every move she makes. A white coat covers a camel- and black-colored print top. Irene Hoisington's mouth opens, but it's not the voice of a 71-year-old woman that comes out. Instead, as Hoisington's lips move, an electronically generated voice speaks as she holds a device to her throat.

"I was diagnosed with cancer of the larynx in 1986," Hoisington said. Born in 1942, Hoisington grew up in the Magic Valley during the years of the Nevada Test Site bombings. After her diagnosis, Hoisington, a mother of five, drove herself to Boise for radiation treatments. It would be two years before Hoisington felt like her old self again.

Nine years later, as she moved to Lewiston, a sore throat plagued Hoisington. She weighed only 90 pounds. Her larynx cancer returned. "The cancer was then in the esophagus," she said.

Surgery removed Hoisington's larynx "I breathe out of my nose," Hoisington explained.

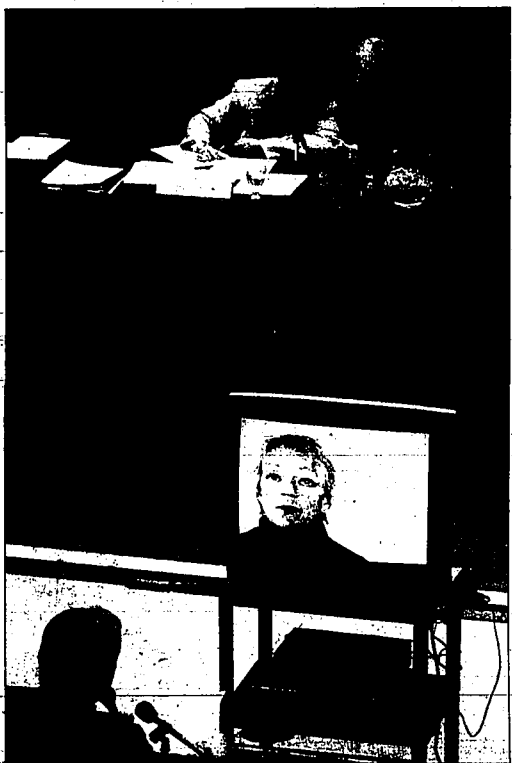
"She feels lucky," however, Hoisington can still smell really strong odors. She exudes that same spunkiness you notice when first glimpsing her.

"I try to keep a positive attitude," she said. Remaining positive has been difficult. In 1987, Hoisington lost a son to degenerative bone disease. Another son died just this year to bone cancer. Her sister, Hoisington said, is dying of lung cancer. "It's a pretty sad situation," she said. "It's been a rough road."

Don't look down. Don't look around. Certainly, don't blink your eyes.

Tears sting your eyes every few minutes; your nose runs involuntarily. The person behind the woman across the aisle puffs and mimes as each teardrop darts her face.

The stories never get old or boring. Each individual has a



A video tape of Jeannie Burkholtz, who grew up in Magic Valley, plays as Dr. Peter Rickards, bottom, reads her testimony to Dr. Isaf Al-Nabulsi, left, and Dr. Evan Doupis of the National Academy of Sciences Board. The testimony came during a public meeting of the National Research Council at Boise State's Taco Bell Arena Saturday.

unique tale to tell, a different way that the issue at hand affected his or her life.

On Saturday, mothers and daughters, brothers and sisters, old and young made their way to Boise State University. They walked with canes, wheelchairs and the help of others. They were on oxygen or in wheelchairs.

They sat in Bronco blue and orange chairs and patiently waited their turn to speak. They have been waiting a long time.

Citizens around the state of Idaho attended a meeting in order to provide testimony about how radioactive fallout from nuclear bomb testing conducted in Nevada during the 1950s and 1960s impacted



Diane Christensen-Gorbin, right, talks with her husband, Bob, during the meeting. Dilane and many of her family members have and are suffering from illnesses she says are a result of being downwinders.

Marines break tension with chariot race

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — For U.S. Marines awaiting orders to attack Iraq's rebel-held Fallujah, the bags are packed, trucks are loaded and letters have been sent home, leaving one final, pre-assault diversion: the "Ben-Hur."

Blowing off steam, hundreds of Marines took their cue from the 1959 Charlton Heston classic and gathered Saturday at a base near Fallujah for a slapstick chariot race featuring cobbled-together carts and confiscated Iraqi horses.

"These men are about to face the greatest personal and professional tests of their lifetimes," said Lt. Col. Willy Bull, commander of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines.

"We wanted to lighten things up, take the tension off what we're about to do," said the 32-year-old commander from Los Gatos, Calif., who dreamed up the "First Annual 'Ben-Hur' Memorial Chariot Race."

The Marine charioters,



U.S. Marines of the 1st Division, dressed as gladiators, stage a chariot race reminiscent of the Charlton Heston movie, "Ben Hur" — complete with confiscated horses at their base outside Fallujah, Iraq, on Saturday. wearing togas over their body armor, waved baseball bats done up as spiked maces and jumped into carts forged from cast-off vehicle parts. The makeshift chariots were pulled by Iraqi horses commandeered from looters in the area. Some 10,000 U.S. troops have

Dozens die in series of attacks across Iraq

Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Militants unleashed a series of car bomb attacks and ambushes in the city of Samarra and across central Iraq on Saturday, killing about 30 people, wounding nearly two dozen Americans and undercutting U.S. claims that rebel violence in the region had been brought under control.

In Samarra, attacks targeted police stations and a U.S.-Iraqi military convoy and occurred within minutes of one another, suggesting they may have been part of a coordinated assault. Most of the 29 dead and wounded were Iraqi police officers. No U.S. casualties were reported.

The dead included the local Iraqi National Guard commander, Abdul Raheq Shaker al-Garnali, hospital officials told The Associated Press.

An additional 40 people, including 17 police, were injured, the military said.

Elsewhere, 16 American soldiers were wounded Saturday when a suicide bomber using an Iraqi police car rammed their convoy in Hanadi, a major city in the volatile Sunni Triangle, AP reported.

Three other Americans were wounded when a car bomb exploded near the entrance to Baghdad International Airport. One Iraqi was killed and another injured, the U.S. military said. Three Iraqis were heavily damaged, witnesses said.

Two Marines were injured by a car bomb near a Fallujah checkpoint, and a U.S. soldier was wounded when a roadside "bomb" exploded south of Fallujah.

Long one of Iraq's most volatile cities, Samarra more recently had been hailed as a success story in the struggle to neutralize insurgents' control over key Sunni Triangle cities.

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Clockwork Orange, that most awkward of colors, comes of age. Monday

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Today: Sunny, cool and mostly foggy today into early Monday. A few snow showers possible late Monday into Tuesday.

BOISE

Today: Areas of night and morning fog today and Monday, otherwise cool and partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s.
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NORTHERN UTAH

Partly cloudy skies today into Monday. Snow showers possible late Monday through Tuesday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 65 at Hahaione, Low: 18 at Stanley.
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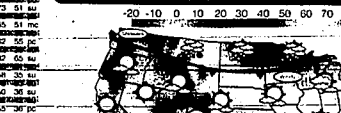
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST
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Meeting

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their lives.

Voices quivered and broke. Faces glistened with fresh tears.
Tonight: Some fog. Lows in the lower 30s.

Eighty-year olds and 20-year olds alike took the stand. Each only five minutes to make a panel of scientists feel the weight of years of burden.

Sitting behind the blue platform, her black top with pale pink polka dots, Nettie Bain paints a picture of her childhood in Emmett, where her family owned a dairy.

The scene is 1975. Bain says she and her sister hold hands while waiting the outcome of their mother's cervical cancer surgery. Ten years later, the two hold hands again as they learn of their mother's terminal breast cancer diagnosis.

"We are saying goodbye to my handsome, funny brother," she said. Four years later, Bain catches all over. Her doctor diagnoses her with thyroid and autoimmune disease.

"I am incurable," she said. "Who will take care of my husband and hold my sister's hand?"

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Douple do not make the final call, nor did they write the act. "Congress amends the act," Al-Nabulsi said. As the act stands currently, Idahoans aren't considered for compensation.

However, a 1997 study by the National Cancer Institute listed four counties in Idaho among the top-five counties in the country to receive massive doses of radiation. Residents and activists in Idaho have fought long and hard to be included in the act.

Members of the Idaho delegation and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne sent a letter to the National Academy of Sciences asking that Idahoans be considered for compensation.

"This is a day for Idahoans to put a face to the cold statistic of thyroid cancer," Kempthorne said. "People deserve to know what impacts government actions have on their health."

As each moment passes, Duple's Cheney's voice gets more powerful, louder and angrier. At home, her husband of more than 40 years sleeps 22 hours a day. Her husband, Cheney said, probably only has weeks to live.

Ron Cheney, a retire firefighter, grew up in Lincoln County during the 1950s and 1960s. He was diagnosed with kidney disease and multiple sclerosis in 1984. As the years progressed, Ron Cheney weakened, relying first on a cane and then on a walker to get around.

"As his physical health deteriorated, his emotional outlook did too," Cheney said. In April of this year, Ron Cheney learned he had non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. His wife doesn't care if Lincoln County is not one of four counties in Idaho — and, indeed, the country — considered the hardest hit by nuclear fallout.

Out of the 3,000 Lincoln County residents, Cheney said, week. Out of state rates daily and Sunday, \$7.00 per week, daily only \$5.00 per week, Saturday and Sunday only \$3.50 per week. Sales tax included in all above rates. A \$15.00 charge will be levied for all returned checks.

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the results," Miller said. Shirley took a peak at her doctor's chart. Her type of cancer proved fatal over 94 percent of the time. Miller held out hope.

"Little was I to know that five months later we'd bury her," he said. "The few months from Shirley's diagnosis to her death were terrible."

Both of Miller's parents died of cancer. Two of his sisters have had thyroid removed. Three of his other siblings have suffered thyroid troubles.

"I don't know how the fallout was checked," Miller said. "If radiation was from the garden, then mom carried a lot of it."

Overwhelmingly, Idaho downwinders focused not on actual monetary compensation, but on government recognition. They asked for an apology of sorts from a government that knowingly exposed them to harmful radiation.

For most, compensation comes too little too late. It won't soothe the pain of the terminally ill. It won't bring back the dead. And, it won't repair the damage done to their bodies and lives.

However, in some case, compensation, or a governmental apology, may put the minds of Idaho downwinders to ease.

When Grace Jenkins walked to the podium at the downwinder hearing, you wouldn't guess she was a woman who second-guessed herself. Smiling dressed in a pale gray suit with a blood red turtleneck and a swanky walk, Jenkins is the picture of confidence.

"I do know that cancer walks in, makes what it wants and leaves you reeling," Jenkins said.

"There is that part of me that thinks I did something to cause this," Jenkins said.

Jenkins learned of her "this" in 1986 when she learned she had thyroid cancer and breast cancer. She hopes the government will admit that the only thing Jenkins did to cause her illness was to live in Payette County during the nuclear bomb testing.

"Cancer took away a part of my identity," Jenkins said. Her voice quivered. "This body that I could not see was a woman who I'd like to know to really know, that I didn't cause this," she continued.

Like Jenkins' own stride, cancer leaves an impression. "I do know that cancer walks in, makes what it wants and leaves you reeling," Jenkins said.

On Saturday, Marines who endure daily mortar and rocket fire packed unheated personal belongings into shipping crates, loaded up their Humvees and spoke of what they expected was the last mail pickup for some time.

Tension and anticipation ran high among the young Marines surrounding Fallujah, many of whom never tasted combat.

"We're ready to go. I want to go and kill people, so we can go home," said Lance Cpl. Joseph Bowman, 20, from North Zulch, Texas. "Kill them and go home, that's all we can do now."

But first, the Marines had a little fun with the horses. "Friends, Romans, Marines: lend me your ears for the rules: I believe the master of ceremonies — Capt. Jonathan Vaughn, 30, of Cleveland. "If all horses die before the finish line, whichever makes it the farthest, wins."

Vaughn's rule seemed prudent since some of the horses didn't look in prime racing shape, although none died. And the race didn't come off exactly as planned — one steed turned in his chariot early in the first race and tried to bite the Marine — who fended the horse off with a wooden trident, drawing loud cheers.

Instead of chariot-to-chariot races, the Marines held timed heats. Among the highlights for the assembled Marines: When the camp dog, Butch, limped onto the racecourse and grazed on the horses' droppings.

A weapons team did eventually prevail in the final heat. The horse ran straight over the finish line, scattering Marine by accident, and slamming Marine snout-first into sand-filled barriers. The horse was unhurt.

Allen said.

School officials also are looking at remodeling the shop building to accommodate some health or technology classes in addition to the welding and agriculture programs it already houses.

Allen said the smaller community will help teachers and students know each other better.

He said by having teachers share students he hopes to have more buy-in from teachers to help students prepare to pass the Idaho Standards Achievement Test, a state requirement for graduation.

"Twin Falls and Nampa were the only schools in the state to receive the grant, Allen said.

To be eligible, the school had to show a socioeconomic need, having a certain average income level in the community, more than 1,000 students and other benchmarks.

"Twin Falls got help from a company called Grant Labs to write the grant application."

The small learning communities are meant to be sustainable after the grant runs out, so they won't incur costs that are outside the normal cost of program upkeep, Allen said.

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NATION

Death leaves teen in role of provider

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — On Wednesday morning as most of the country was either reeling from the election or celebrating it, a slim, long-faced youth named Syed Shah sat in his family's darkened living room in front of a blue hard-shell American Tourister suitcase and contemplated what it means to be a man.

The suitcase was brimming with papers. "Work Permit," said one manila folder, in handwritten English and Urdu script. Beside it, photocopies of expired diplomatic visas were strewn across the pistachio-green carpet. He must figure out what to do with these documents so his family can keep working legally in the United States.

On a couch nearby, Shah's mother sat and cried. This was once her husband's responsibility, now it is her son's. Until a month and a half ago, Shah was a pretty-typical teenager. The oldest of eight children, he worked part time as a cashier, played soccer every night with his friends and was president of the cricket club he started at Alcantaria, Va.'s T.C. Williams High School after arriving from Pakistan with his family 2 and a half years ago.

But in September, three months after Shah's graduation and a month before his 20th birthday, his father, Mugharab Shah, 47, was killed after making a Pizza Hut delivery in Old Town, the victim of an apparent botched robbery. That was one of three jobs he worked to support his children, his wife and the twins she is due to deliver next month.

Two men were indicted Monday in the killing, and they could face the death penalty if convicted.

It was Mugharab who earned the money and set up the bank accounts. Now the three must take a crash course on all the father knew — including driving and caring for the family car.

On top of that, there is rent: \$1,350 a month for the three-bedroom Alexandria apartment. And the medical bills that will arrive for the twins' birth. Like many new immigrants, Mugharab Shah did not have life insurance. Pizza Hut paid the funeral expenses, including shipping his body back to Pakistan, and the family said the company has promised to pay \$800 a month in workers' compensation for the next two years. It has also started a fund for donations to the family.

To Shah, the contrast between his life before and his life now is stark. He still plans to start classes at Northern Virginia Community College in January, because that is what his father wanted. But when asked if he ever sees his soccer mates or goes out on weekends, he laughed. "I have to be a father," he said. "I feel like, my father used to do it, now I have to do it."



Palestinian schoolchildren pass by a painting of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat as they walk in the main road between Rafah and Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, on Saturday.

Arafat's death will pose problems

Major foreign-policy change could loom on the horizon for Bush administration

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — The grave illness of Yasser Arafat has confronted the Bush administration with a major foreign-policy challenge, as his advisers prepare to face a volatile region that may soon be without a longtime leader often at odds with the United States.

Fresh from his electoral success, President Bush also faces renewed pressure from some close allies frustrated by a lack of progress. In congratulating Bush last week, British Prime Minister Tony Blair urged the president to pursue Middle East peace "with the same energy" that he put into addressing Afghanistan and Iraq during his first term.

While Bush administration officials have long yearned for a different Palestinian partner, the departure of the Palestinian icon — viewed as a father to Palestinians and their aspirations — could imperil chances of renewing the peace process. Many in Washington fear there could be chaos or a long deadlock brought on by Palestinian political infighting.

"I think everybody in the world wants the administration to do something constructive," said Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "And the administration is not averse to doing that, but the opportunities are somewhat limited."

The situation is so delicate — and Palestinians are already so angered by what they see as U.S. inaction — that U.S. officials are reluctant to speak even privately about their plans for the period following Arafat's departure.

Those willing to talk say their options will be dictated by events beyond their control. "What the U.S. would be able to do in terms of advancing the peace process is dependent upon what happens within the Palestinian Authority, and how those changes are viewed by the Israelis," a State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Friday.

The official also said there was "lots of thinking" in the administration about the Middle East after Arafat, "but certainly there is no clear plan that says, 'This is what we're doing.'"

Palestinians will feel "remarkably weakened as a consequence of Arafat leaving the scene," said Jon Alterman, director of the Middle East program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. They would be in no mood to bargain in a "time of ultimate weakness."

One Arab diplomat agreed, saying Arafat's departure would bring a "period of turmoil."

"If the Americans and Israelis, for one reason or another, decide to give assurances to the Palestinians that there is a new era, and a new clean slate, then probably the Palestinians would reunite more quickly to get the best benefits they can," the Arab diplomat said.

"But if they do not react in this manner, then you would find an extremely volatile situation."

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It was amazing to see how much the community came together to be part of such a fun night.

We would also like to thank the Twin Falls Police Department and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department who did a fantastic job rerouting traffic so everyone could get in quickly and safely.

It was such a blessing to see all of the creative costumes and smiling faces at Harvest Festival this year, and we hope to see all of you again next year!

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Bush upholds rejection of greenhouse gas limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is holding fast to his rejection of mandatory curbs on greenhouse gases that are blamed for global warming, despite a fresh report from 300 scientists in the United States and seven other nations that shows Arctic temperatures are rising.



President Bush

This week, a four-year study of the Arctic will document that the region is warming rapidly, affecting global climate. Scientists project that industrial gases such as carbon dioxide will make the Arctic warmer still, which would raise the level of the seas and make the earth hotter. The world's atmosphere now includes about 380 parts per million of carbon dioxide, compared with 280 parts per million in 1800, according to scientists.

Former President Vladimir Putin signed the Kyoto international climate treaty last week, which puts it into effect early next year without U.S. participation. The treaty requires industrial nations to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases below 1990 levels. "President Bush strongly opposes any treaty or policy that would cause the loss of a single American job, let alone the nearly 5 million jobs Kyoto would have cost," said James Connaughton, chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Headed into his second term, Bush continues to believe he "made—the right—leadership choice" by repudiating the U.N.-sponsored pact negotiated in 1997 in Kyoto, Japan, Connaughton said.

Former President Clinton's vice president, Al Gore, negotiated the treaty for the United States and had a major role in its final form. "Kyoto was a bad treaty for the United States," said Mike Leavitt, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Leavitt added in an interview Friday that climate change is not an issue the administration dismisses. "I know that it is of importance to the president that we continue to make progress," he said. So far, Bush's policy has amounted to spending a few billion dollars each year on research.

percent while Russian greenhouse-gases decreased 38.5 percent, partly because of shrinkage in its industrial base after the collapse of the Soviet Union, according to the latest U.N. figures.

Global warming is a recurring theme in Bush's terms in office. In March 2001, Bush broke his campaign promise to regulate carbon emissions and withdrew the United States from the Kyoto treaty, which seeks to slow global warming by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Gore signed the treaty in 1997, but it never was ratified by the Republican-controlled Senate. Bush said it also should have included developing countries such as China and India, which are major polluters. Achieving the treaty's target will be difficult without participation by the United States, which accounted for 35 percent of the industrialized nations' carbon-dioxide emissions in 1990. Russia accounted for 17 percent.

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White House director of postwar policy for Iraq will soon step down

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House's director of postwar policy for Iraq, who was instrumental in helping to set up an interim government to lead that country until elections can be held, is stepping down. Robert Blackwill, a former ambassador to India, has overseen Iraq strategy at the National Security Council since mid-2003. He decided "some time ago" to depart government service after the presidential election, a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Saturday.



Robert Blackwill

Blackwill's departure was first reported Saturday in The Washington Post. It was the second report in two days of a ranking official's decision to leave the Bush administration's national security establishment.

Blackwill's absence will shorten the list of people reputed to be in the running to replace Condoleezza Rice as President Bush's national security adviser. Rice has told associates she will not stay in the post in the second Bush term and has talked about returning to academic life in California. She was a former provost at Stanford University and was a political science professor when Bush hired her.

Blackwill, whose formal title is coordinator for strategic planning on the NSC, spent months shipping in and out of Baghdad to put a U.S. stamp on a caretaker government in Iraq. The career diplomat was on the short list to become ambassador to Iraq in the spring, but Bush instead chose John Negroponte, former ambassador to the United Nations.

The White House would not comment about any impact of his departure on preparations for the Iraqi elections, scheduled in January, less than three months from now.

Blackwill worked at the National Security Council in the first Bush presidency. After advising the current president during the 2000 campaign, he spent nearly two years as ambassador in New Delhi.

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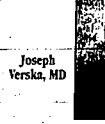
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Voters sketch very different pictures of U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation is emerging from the 2004 presidential election with two very different portraits of itself sketched by two very different halves of its population.

George Bush's voters go to church more often than John Kerry's and are more likely to oppose gay marriage and abortion. They are more likely to own guns and to feel better-off financially than they did four years ago.

Sure, they are concerned about terrorism. But they are more concerned about "moral values."

Most think things are going well for the United States in Iraq, and that the war has made America more secure.

Voters who supported the Democratic nominee, by contrast, are more worried about the economy. They view "moral values" and terrorism as lesser concerns. They go to church, but less frequently. Few see any improvement in their financial situation over the past four years.

They gave their votes to the Massachusetts senator because they thought he represented hope for change. They are far more worried about events in Iraq and the job situation at home. Almost half feel angry at the administration.

The profiles of Bush and Kerry voters are drawn in part from Associated Press exit polls of voters as they left polling places. But they also take into account voters' harder-to-capture feelings about the country's direction and the men who fought so hard to lead it for the next four years.

If Bush's voters were more likely to be frequent churchgoers, Kerry's were more likely to be worried about pocketbook issues such as the cost of health care. They make less money and are twice as likely to have lost a job in the past four years.

It all adds up to two different mindsets, reinforcing the idea of a schism in the political landscape.

Bush's victory left Emma Starr, a writer from New York, feeling devastated and more than a bit disconnected from the other half of America.

"We should have two distinct nations," she said after getting word of Kerry's concession as she left a Brooklyn food co-op. "Why should we be forced to live together under the rule of an evil dictator?"

For every voter like Starr, there was at least one like Cliff Barneman, a psychologist from Little Egg Harbor Township in New Jersey. He voted for Bush as a "man of his word" who had strong values.



Kelly Burke plays with her son, Avery, 3, in their back yard, on Wednesday, in Portland, Ore. Like many housewives, Burke relies on her spouse's employer for her own health insurance. But because Burke is a lesbian, it was only this spring after Multnomah County momentarily flung open the door to gay marriage, that she became a legal "spouse" — and was one of a handful of married gays and lesbians who began receiving comprehensive medical insurance through their partner's employer.

Bush victory puts gay rights advocates on the defensive

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gay and lesbian advocates have been doing some soul-searching since President Bush's election victory, wondering if same-sex wedding marches through San Francisco and Massachusetts tipped the scales to Republicans promising to restore traditional values.

Exit polling showed "moral values" were at the top of voters' concerns, especially in the 11 states where voters banned same-sex marriage — ballot amendments inspired by the parade of weddings.

"I think it hurt," said Rep. Barney Frank, an openly gay Democrat from Massachusetts, the state that set off the firestorm last November when its high court ruled that gay couples have the right to wed.

Frank is among many political observers who credit the anti-gay marriage amendments with giving the president's conservative base a reason to go to the polls in crucial battleground states like Ohio.

It gives them a position to rally around," said Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., who once served as San Francisco's mayor. "That whole issue has been too much, too fast, too soon. People aren't ready for it."

Crunching the numbers, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force denies that gay marriage alone boosted turnout among evangelical Christians in Oregon, Ohio and Michigan, the three swing states where constitutional amendments were on the ballot. Bush voters also were

motivated by the president's stands on abstinence-only sex education and a ban on late term abortions, said Matthew Foreman, the group's executive director.

"It's sickening and fascinating that when one in five voters said 'moral values' was the most important issue for them, pundits immediately equated that with gay marriage alone," Foreman said. "To pin all of this on 'the gays' is wrong."

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the nation's largest gay and lesbian political action committee, noted that voters in several states Bush won, including Idaho and North Carolina, elected the first openly gay candidates to their state legislatures. In Oregon, where an amendment banning gay marriage was passed, voters sent an openly gay judge to the Oregon Supreme Court.

"To scapegoat people for having the audacity to ask for equality is outrageous," said Geoffrey Kors, executive director of Equality California, the state's largest gay rights lobbying group.

Frank believes San Francisco's 4,000 same-sex weddings, which were later found to violate state law, were more damaging than Massachusetts' court-sanctioned nuptials.

"Obviously, we paid some price for what we did in Massachusetts," Frank said. "I'm willing to pay a price for a real gain. I wasn't willing to pay a price for a lot of people that didn't accomplish anything."

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom won't entertain the notion that his sanctioning of gay marriage is to blame if anyone wants a scapegoat for John Kerry's loss, he said, they'd be better off looking to Osama bin Laden's latest taped missive to the American people.

Kors of Equality California, blames Democrats for failing to campaign with its own definition of moral values.

"There was never any attempt to counter the minority, right-wing religious morality that Bush was preaching with morality about equality and being in a country that welcomes and embraces diversity and is based on freedom of religion and freedom of beliefs," Kors said.

Activists struggled to put the best face possible on the outcome by stressing that San Francisco and Massachusetts put a human face on same-sex marriage, and built support for granting gays and lesbians other legal rights short of matrimony.

But outside these liberal bastions, they also noted that the matter is a lot less clear-cut.

"It is a legitimate question to examine whether some of the tactics that we have used have played a role in promoting a bigger backlash," said Lori Jean, executive director of the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center.

GOP tightens its iron grip on Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tuesday's election turned Texas Democrats' political landscape from bleak to barren.

A new redistricting map pushed through by Republicans helped the GOP gain a 21-11 advantage over Democrats in the state's congressional delegation, up from the current 16-16 split and the first GOP majority since Reconstruction.

The new map forced five Democratic incumbents into tough re-election battles, and only U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards survived.

The Republican gains solidified the dominance of the party, which had already held all statewide elected offices and both chambers of the Legislature in President Bush's home state. Bush won Texas with 61 percent of the vote, better than the 59 percent he garnered in 2000 when he was governor.

"How Republican is the state of Texas? How many calories are there in a Krispy Kreme doughnut? The number is big," said Chuck McDonald, a political analyst and consultant who once worked for former Democratic Gov. Ann Richards.

Democrats — once the dominant party in Texas — may not be truly competitive in state elec-

tions again until 2010, McDonald predicted. Party faithful are clinging to what they see as the few bright spots.

They seized on the possibility that an ongoing vote count in Houston may result in the defeat of Talmadge Heflin, the Republican appropriations chairman in the Texas House of Representatives. A defeat of the powerful Heflin by Democratic businessman Hubert Vo would be a trophy for Democrats and allow them to gain a seat in the House.

Vote counting in the Heflin-Vo race lasted into the weekend because some mail-in ballots had yet to be tallied. The count was to resume Sunday.

Democrats in the spring cleared their ranks of state legislators they deemed too cozy with Republican Texas House Speaker Bob Craddick.

Some congressional Democrats leaving in January are seen as possible candidates for statewide office — particularly moderate to conservative Democrats such as retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Turner and defeated U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm. Both were edged out when the Legislature drew new districts last year in the move pushed by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

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Museum observes theater chain centennial Smithsonian historian Nathan Reingold dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Elvis Presley was once fired as an usher at a Loews movie theater for punching out another usher, the story goes. By the time he returned years later, his face graced the silver screen.



Barbra Streisand is believed to have seen her first movies at a Loews theater in Brooklyn.

And in recent years, actor Matt Damon was a Loews usher.

Those are some of the tales living up the centennial of one of the world's oldest movie theater chains, started by Marcus Loew, born to poor Jewish immigrants on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

On Nov. 14, 1904, he co-founded the company that opened the first theaters in Cincinnati and New York, and now runs 198 theaters with 2,193 screens in the United States, Mexico, Spain and South Korea.

On Wednesday, the American Museum of the Moving Image in Queens is launching its celebration of the Loews centennial with an exhibit. And Manhattan's Jewish Museum is hosting a panel including actor Elliot Gould in a New York discussion of movies and media, inspired by its exhibit last year titled "Entertaining America: Jews, Movies, and Broadcasting."

"Jews were persecuted minority and they were pushed to accomplish in order to survive," says Gould, 66, a native New Yorker whose grandparents were Jewish immigrants.

"With God directing — or

Elvis Presley stands with an unidentified man at a Loews movie theater in Memphis, Tenn., in this undated photo. Presley was once fired as an usher at a Loews theater for punching out another usher.

maybe Marcus Loew — Jews in America developed a culture, whether it was in movies, writing, law or science," says Gould, speaking by telephone from his Los Angeles home.

Loew, born in 1870, started hawking oranges and newspapers at the age of 6, sleeping in the streets to be first when cus-

tomers awoke.

He turned penny arcades in Cincinnati and New York into America's first movie theaters, and quickly became a theater mogul. But he never forgot his childhood struggles, building one new theater on the site of his childhood tenement, which he had torn down.

By the 1920s, Loew-run theater waterfront spectacles with ballerinas, singers and vaudeville performers, plus newsreels — before the organ-orchestra-accompanied silent film. He engineered a series of business mergers that resulted in the creation of the MGM studios, headed by Louis B. Mayer.

"Without Marcus Loew," said film historian Ross Melnick, "MGM would never have been formed, and films like 'Singin' in the Rain' and 'The Wizard of Oz' might never have been made."

The centennial display at the Moving Image museum tracks the evolution of movie houses through archival film footage of premieres, vintage photos and other objects from film history.

In one Elvis photo, "The King" returns to the Loews State Theatre in Memphis where he worked as an usher in 1952.

According to theater lore, he was "fired" after five weeks on the job. He apparently punched a fellow usher who, prompted by jealousy, had told the manager Elvis was getting free candy from a young woman at the concession stand — who was fond of the handsome singer.

Having watched America's love affair with the movies over the decades, Gould said the biggest change is that "the popcorn costs more."

But for one day, Tuesday, Loews is rolling back popcorn prices nationwide — to \$1 for a medium size.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Nathan Reingold, a senior historian emeritus at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History, died Oct. 30 at his home in Bethesda, Md. He was 77 and died of a stroke and aspiration pneumonia.

Reingold was mentor to a generation of historians of science, as well as the author or editor of six books, five volumes of "The Papers of Joseph Henry" and dozens of essays. He was instrumental in helping to transform the history of American science from an intellectual backwater to a major area of historical research.

His two most notable books were "Science in Nineteenth-Century America: A Documentary History," published in 1964, and "Science in America: A Documentary History, 1900-1939," co-authored with Ida H. Reingold and published in 1981.

Many of his essays became required reading for students of the history of American science. They ranged in subject areas from the relationship between science and technology in 19th-century America to Hollywood's depiction of the atomic bomb. He long was interested in comparative scientific traditions in the United States, Europe and elsewhere.

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Retailer databases limit some shopper returns

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Darlene Salerno considers herself a loyal customer of the Express clothing chain, shelling out roughly \$2,000 for its trendy outfits each year for the past decade. On a recent shopping trip, she bought a tank top, a button-down shirt and some khaki pants, but realized when she got home that she had similar items in her closet. So a few days later she took them back to the store. She presented the items, the receipt and waited for her money. Instead, the saleswoman

handed her a slip of paper that said "RETURN DECLINED" and told her to call the toll-free number at the bottom for more information. She phoned and was informed her account showed "excessive" returns.

As the holiday shopping season gets into full swing, a number of major retailers — including KB Toys and Sports Authority, according to store personnel — are rolling out electronic systems that weigh the number of returns and exchanges a person has made, the dollar value of the items, and the dates of the transactions to

decide whether a consumer should be granted another. The systems are designed to catch shoplifters and those who "wardrobe" wearing clothes and then returning them for a full refund.

But Salerno, a receptionist at a Manhattan financial firm, said she falls under neither category. She returns things often because she buys things often. She said she feels she has done nothing wrong — the clothes were never worn and the tags were still attached — but that she was treated like a criminal.

"I'm embarrassed to go into the store," said Salerno, 26. "I love my clothes, but I'm afraid to shop there now."

As more personal information is collected into databases, computers have been handed increasing power to make decisions about our everyday lives. The technological systems aim to solve costly and important business problems, but the proliferation of these "electronic blacklists" has alarmed consumer and privacy advocacy groups who say many databases have incomplete, incorrect or misleading information.

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Hugh Smallidge, 6, salutes the members of the Onate High School Navy Junior ROTC as they walk down Main Street in Las Cruces, N.M., on Saturday, during the Veterans Day Parade.

PREDICTING GLOBAL-WARMING

Art, science or neither?

The Baltimore Sun

Global warming is widely feared for its long-term effects on the planet. But concerns that it's affecting our weather today remain controversial. Some scientists believe warming was a factor in this year's hurricane season, which saw four major storms hit Florida and cause a record \$25 billion in damage. The four hurricanes were the most to strike a single state in the same year since 1886. "Four hurricanes in a five-week period could be a harbinger of things to come," said Dr. Paul Epstein, associate director of the Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard Medical School.

Epstein is among a group of scientists from Harvard and the National Center for Atmospheric Research — a consortium of 68 universities, funded by government and private grants — who argue that a rise in global sea temperatures — is putting more moisture into the air, increasing the chances not only for more intense hurricanes, but also for more rainfall and severe storms throughout the year.

And they say this is just the beginning. Warming, they contend, is an underlying factor contributing to droughts in the Midwest, heat waves in Europe and typhoons in Japan.

"There's a very consistent story here," said James J. McCarthy, a professor of biological oceanography at Harvard and a climate change expert. "On every continent, it is evident there are impacts."

Other scientists dispute that gloomy appraisal. "You can never attribute a single season, or even several seasons, to something like global warming," said Gerry Bell, a meteorologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center.

Bell and other NOAA scientists say it's wrong to blame warming for an increase in the number of

severity of recent storms. "There's no long-term trend in hurricanes that can be traced to warming," said Christopher Landsea, a meteorologist with NOAA's hurricane research division in Miami. "This is a natural cycle, driven by the ocean and the atmosphere both."

Bell said that blaming global warming for recent storms is overlooking the obvious.

"It's like if you see someone take a blowtorch to a house and the house burns down, then arguing that it was the summer heat that caused the fire and overlooking the blowtorch," Bell said. "We don't need to be looking for some amorphous signal that may or may not be there."

The storms that swept through Florida this year are part of a natural weather cycle — one that alternates between calm and stormy periods every few decades, according to Landsea and Bell. Such natural climate variability has been occurring

since the last Ice Age. Known as the Atlantic multi-decadal signal, it causes an increase in storm activity and can be linked to a variety of forces, including ocean temperatures and the amount of rainfall in Africa and the Amazon basin.

"We don't understand what the causes are for this multi-decadal signal, but they're what we expect," Bell said.

One of the most active hurricane periods, they note, occurred in the 1880s and 1890s, before the industrial revolution gave rise to exhaust and smoke-stack emissions widely blamed for global warming.

"In terms of hurricanes, warming wasn't a factor back then, and yet it was probably the worst period we know of," Landsea said.

In the current hurricane activity began in 1995 when ocean temperatures in the tropical Atlantic climbed at least 1 degree Fahrenheit above normal. Monsoons also dumped heavier than aver-

age rains in West Africa, and the Amazon basin became drier. Since then, the number of major storms out of the tropics has doubled.

From 1970 to 1995, there was a stretch of relative calm, with few hurricanes, Bell and Landsea said.

The current cycle of increased storm activity each fall could last another 30 years, Bell said, but another extended period of relative calm will follow, he said.

Even so, both sides agree that the planet is warming up and that the long-term consequences could be serious.

Since scientists began recording temperature rises in the 1800s, the 10 warmest years on record have all occurred since 1990, according to federal records. The International Panel on Climate Change, a group representing scientists from 120 countries, concluded three years ago that the 20th century was probably the warmest in the past 1,000 years.

Jury convicts Illinois man for possessing explosive materials

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — A man who amassed explosives and made a list of public figures who were "marked to die" because of their liberal and antigun stances was convicted Friday in federal court.

A federal jury found 20-year-old Michael Breit guilty of illegally receiving explosives and illegally receiving explosive materials with intent to kill, injure, intimidate, breach or damage property.

Breit was charged in April after he accidentally fired an AK-47 assault rifle in his apartment in Rockford, about 80 miles northwest of Chicago.

Police searching his apartment found weapons and incriminating notes, includ-

ing a list of public figures with their names "marked" next to their words. Breit held told investigators "marked" meant "marked to die" for liberal or antigun views.

Police also found an essay in which Breit allegedly outlined a plan to kill 1,500 people at a Democratic presidential caucus.

Defense attorney Dan Cain called Breit's writings "the product of fantasy and day-dream" and said Breit had no intention to make bombs or use them.

"We did our best, and we hoped for a better result," Cain said.

Breit could face up to 10 years in prison at his sentencing Feb. 3.

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Marksman take part in competition

FORT BENNING, Ga. (AP) — Cpl. Eugenio Mendoza, a young veteran of the Iraq war, had to carry his buddy for 50 yards, scale an 8-foot wall and crawl through a water-logged tunnel at the 4th International Sniper Competition, where the Army's challenges are designed to simulate combat scenarios in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"It's good stuff we never thought about," said Mendoza, 27, a sniper with the Army's 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. "We're definitely going back and use what we've learned in these events."

Military snipers are skilled marksmen who are trained to kill key enemy targets — usually with one shot over distances that would be considered impossible for regular soldiers armed with M-16 rifles.

Sponsored by the sniper school, the five-day competition that ended Friday is designed to test the marksmen's ability to fire at targets up to 800 meters away, to stalk and conceal themselves, to fire from a variety of positions after strenuous physical exertion and to quickly pick out a villain holding hostages and then deliver a lethal shot.

The competitors included 18 Army and Air Force teams from as far away as Alaska and two teams from the Canadian Army. Staff Sgt. Larry Davis, sergeant in charge of the competition,

said the military is putting more emphasis on snipers.

"The leaders realize that we're the eyes and ears for them. A sniper team is like the perfect smart bomb," Davis said. "We're out front and, based on a command decision, we can take out the threat. And we're not flying a \$30 million airplane."

"All these are based on scenarios that are going on," said Sgt. 1st Class Frank Velez of the Army's Sniper School at Fort Benning. "This is not just about winning a trophy. It's about the knowledge. The end result is doing your job."

On Friday, the snipers had to carry a "wounded" buddy, clamber over the fence, roll a large truck tire and then run to the range. There, they had to defend themselves by firing their pistols with both right and left hands at nearby targets. Then they fired at distant targets with their sniper rifles, squeezed through the tunnel and climbed a roof to continue shooting.

Snipers work in two-person teams consisting of the shooter, armed with a pistol and an M-24 sniper rifle, and a spotter, armed with a pistol and a M-14 or M-16 rifle.



Followed by a chase plane trailing smoke, SpaceShipOne with pilot Brian Binnie at the controls, glides back-to-earth-after-soaring into space in its quest to win the Ansari X Prize at Mojave, Calif., in this Oct. 4 photo.

Private spaceship designers win \$10M

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The designers of the first privately manned rocket to burst into space were handed a \$10 million check Saturday, a prize designed to encourage technology that will open the heavens to tourists.

SpaceShipOne designer Burt Rutan accepted the Ansari X Prize money, along with a 150-pound trophy, as a chase plane flew over the ceremony in a field adjacent to the St. Louis Science Center.

The rocket plane, financed with more than \$20 million from Microsoft billionaire Paul Allen, qualified for the prize by blasting into space twice in five days last month.

"Eight years ago, we stood here and said one day someone is going to do something no one's ever done before," said Doug King, president of the Science Center.

The X Prize, offered to the first team to get into space twice in a 14-day span, will now evolve into a regular competition called the X Prize Cup, an annual event "where the average person can come and watch the next generations of space vehicles fly," according to the organization's Web site.

More than two dozen teams worldwide began projects in hopes of winning the original X Prize, and prize founder Peter Diamandis said the purpose of the Cup competition is to keep such groups going with a "grand prize of space."

The prize got its start in St. Louis 1996, when Diamandis read Charles Lindbergh's "The Spirit of St. Louis" and realized how aviation contests, like the \$25,000 Orteig prize awarded to Lindbergh, helped launch mainstream air travel.

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Several aviation enthusiasts donated \$25,000 apiece to jumpstart the X Prize. The Ansari family of Texas then pledged more than \$1 million, which helped draw more investors.

SpaceShipOne, which took off from the Mojave Airport north of Los Angeles, completed the first flight Sept. 29 and a second flight Oct. 4.

Richard Branson, the British airline mogul and adventurer, announced that beginning in 2007, he will sell suborbital space rides for about \$200,000 per person, using SpaceShipOne's technology.

Branson has said more than 7,000 people have shown interest.

"We've always known that our prize is just a start," said Gregg Maryniak, the X Prize's executive director.

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Competitors run on the ancient city wall which surrounds the city of Xian, the capital of many ancient Chinese dynasties, in northwest China's Shaanxi province, on Saturday. Over 1,400 runners from about 50 countries took part in the City Wall Marathon. The present city wall circling the city was built in 1370.

French now cite 'considerable progress' in talks with Iran

PARIS (AP) — European diplomats have made "considerable progress" toward a provisional accord concerning Iran's nuclear program, France's Foreign Ministry said Saturday, despite earlier reports of a stalemate.

The statement came after two days of talks in Paris aimed at persuading Tehran to stop developing technologies that could be used to make nuclear weapons.

"At the end of difficult discussions, the two sides have achieved considerable progress toward a provisional accord on a common approach to these questions," the ministry said.

A diplomatic official said on condition of anonymity that talks stretched over 20 hours and set the stage for better relations between Europe and Tehran.

Earlier Saturday, both European and Iranian diplomats said the talks had failed to overcome an impasse, with a top Iranian envoy saying key issues were not resolved. A senior European diplomat told The Associated Press: "There are many open questions."

Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Hassan Rowhani, said Iran and the Europeans were showing flexibility, but that agreement has not been reached during the discussions at the French Foreign Ministry.

"Some very important issues remain to be resolved. Perhaps, there is a distance until we reach a compromise," Rowhani told state-run Iranian television.

Rowhani distanced himself from an earlier Iranian TV re-

port that claimed the Europeans had rejected an Iranian offer to suspend nuclear activities for six months.

"We didn't announce a specific date," he said. "We are not prepared to offer any time. The duration of suspension is in our hands. Suspension is voluntary. We won't give any commitment."

During October talks, Britain, Germany and France offered Iran trade incentives and peaceful nuclear technology — including a light-water research reactor — in return for assurances that the country would indefinitely suspend uranium enrichment, a technology that can produce nuclear fuel or atomic weapons.

Sudan officials refuse no-fly zone for Darfur

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Sudan's government said on Saturday it would not budge from its rejection of a no-fly zone for its bloodied Darfur region, undermining a hoped-for accord after months of African Union-sponsored peace talks.

Majzoub Khalifa, leader of the Sudanese government delegation, told The Associated Press he had insisted mediators scrap the latest draft plan that contained a no-fly zone provision and revert to one that did not include a ban on military flights.

The current draft calls for "an effective cease-fire on land and air," in particular, refraining from all hostilities and military actions.

Since the talks began two weeks ago, rebels have repeatedly accused mediators of the Arab-dominated government of using military aircraft to bomb black African villages in coordination with ground attacks by pro-government Arab militia.

The government has denied the charges.

Allam-Mil Ahmad, the chairman of the talks, said mediators were unwilling to change the wording of the document now on the table.

"The mediation team has done the maximum possible to reconcile the different positions," said Ahmad. "It is not worth going back on ourselves." Ahmad said the talks would continue for no more than one more week — and might be suspended if there is no agreement by then.

Two previous rounds of talks, convened under international pressure on both sides, failed to produce even partial accords.

In New York, a U.N. draft resolution on Friday urged warring parties to make peace, promising international support and possible debt forgiveness in return.

But the British draft resolution reiterated that the Security Council would consider "further urgent action" against any party in the Darfur conflict that failed to implement an April cease-fire.

Earlier this week, both rebel groups at the talks — the Sudan Liberation Army and the Justice and Equality Movement — said they would sign a draft security accord, dropping demands for more rigid rules on a proposed no-fly-zone and the disarming of Arab Janjaweed militia.

Arafat undergoes more tests

CLAMART, France (AP) — Yasser Arafat remained in dire condition Saturday after undergoing more medical tests, a senior aide to the ailing Palestinian leader said Saturday. Test results were expected within days.

Hospital spokesman Gen. Christian Estripeau described Arafat's condition as unchanged from a day earlier, when he said there had been no change — for better or worse — in the health of the 75-year-old patient, who was believed to be in a coma.

Arafat's spokesman, Nabil Abu Rdeh, did not specify the nature of the new medical tests, and doctors have not yet made public any diagnosis.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, in a bid to preserve calm, made a rare visit to the Gaza Strip for talks with rival Palestinian groups.

Qureia met for four hours with representatives of the 13



Yasser Arafat

major-Palestinian factions, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, as well as security chiefs, lawmakers and officials of Arafat's Fatah faction. Such a broad gathering is extremely rare.

He was accompanied on the visit by Parliament Speaker Raouf Fattouh, who would step in as a caretaker president of the Palestinian Authority if Arafat dies.

Arafat first fell ill nearly a month ago with symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea. He was flown to France from his West Bank compound in Ramallah a week ago after briefly passing out. On Wednesday, his condition deteriorated and he was

moved to an intensive care unit. His condition has largely remained a mystery ever since.

About 100 Arafat supporters again turned out in front of the sprawling hospital outside Paris on Saturday to show their support. They chanted "Palestine Lives!" and held portraits of Arafat and Palestinian flags. Dozens of others marched through the streets in the southern city of Marseille.

On Friday, Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath denied that Arafat was clinically dead or on a life support system. But he also expressed concern at the lack of improvement in Arafat's condition.

Lella Shahid, the Palestinian envoy to France, said Arafat was in a coma. She suggested it occurred after he was put under anesthesia to have additional medical tests, including an endoscopy, colonoscopy and a biopsy of the spinal cord.

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French defense minister Michelle Alliot-Marie addresses reporters on the steps of the defense ministry in Paris on Saturday after government warplanes bombed their position in the rebel-held north of Ivory Coast.

French and Ivory Coast troops clash

Mobs after airstrike kill eight French and an American

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — French troops clashed with soldiers and angry mobs Saturday after government warplanes killed at least nine French peacekeepers and an American civilian in an airstrike — mayhem that threatened to draw foreign troops deeper into Ivory Coast's escalating civil war.

Mob violence broke out in Ivory Coast's largest city after France retaliated for the airstrike by destroying two government warplanes at an airport outside the capital.

Thousands of pro-government youths, some armed with machetes, axes or chunks of wood, took to the streets of the country's commercial capital, Abidjan. Crowds went door to door looking for French citizens and set fire to a French school, sending a pall of smoke over the city.

"Everybody get your Frenchman!" young men in the mob shouted to each other.

Later, massive explosions and heavy gunfire rocked Yamoussoukro, the capital of the West African nation. It was not immediately known what caused the apparent fighting in the city, where both Ivorian and French forces are based.

The U.N. Security Council held an emergency session Saturday, with U.S. and French diplomats preparing a sharp warning to Ivory Coast's government. France quickly sent three Mirage fighter jets to West Africa and ordered more troops to Ivory Coast in response to the violence.

France's Foreign Minister Michel Barnier demanded action from Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo, apt. Gbagbo, must "clearly assume his responsibilities and the role that is his to return the country to calm — especially in Abidjan."

"We must immediately return to the path of peace," Barnier said.

Hard-liners in Ivory Coast's military broke a more than year-old cease-fire, launching surprise airstrikes Thursday against rebel positions and vowing to retake the northern part of the country in rebel hands since the civil war began in 2002.

Government officials said Saturday's airstrike that hit a French peacekeeper position was an accident — but the violence highlighted the nationalist fervor in the pro-government south.

Many in the south resent the French troops, suspecting them of siding with rebels, even though the peacekeepers have protected government troops in the past. France has about 4,000 troops in Ivory Coast, and a separate U.N. peacekeeping force numbers around 6,000.

Saturday's violence began when government warplanes struck French positions at Brobo, near the northern rebel-held town of Bouake. In the afternoon, U.N. military spokesman Philippe Moreux said.

Eight French soldiers were killed and 23 others wounded, said Defense Ministry spokesman Jean-Francois Bureau in Paris. An American citizen was also killed in the raid, the French presidency said, without providing details.

reportedly because he balked at siding far away from his partner, Cecilia Parler. Bowie Charles said he had to attend a meeting with families of the Black Watch Regiment, which was recently redeployed nearer Baghdad.

The 24-year-old bride is the eldest daughter of the duke of Westminster, Britain's richest man with a personal fortune estimated at \$7.4 billion.

The groom is a banker. After an hour-long service, the newlyweds delighted the crowds by sharing a kiss outside the cathedral.

An even bigger cheer greeted Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip — attended the ceremonies at Chester Cathedral.

Prince Charles was absent,

Saudi religious scholars support holy war

BEIRUT—Lebanon (AP) — Prominent Saudi religious scholars urged Iraqis to support militants waging holy war against the U.S.-led coalition forces as American troops prepared Saturday for a major assault on the insurgent hotbed of Fallujah.

The 20 Saudi scholars and preachers said in an open letter to the Iraqi people that their appeal was prompted by "the extraordinary situation through which the Iraqis are passing which calls for unity and exchange of views." The letter was posted on the Internet.

"At no time in history has a whole people been violated... by an occupying force that's been proved false," Sheikh Awad al-Qarni, one of the scholars, told Al-Arabiya TV.

"The U.S. forces are still destroying towns on the heads of their people and killing women and children. What's going on in Iraq is a result of the big crime of America's occupation of Iraq."

In their letter, the scholars stressed that "armed attacks" by militant Iraq groups on U.S. troops and their allies in Iraq represent "legitimate" resistance.

The scholars were careful to direct their appeal to Iraqis only and stayed away from "issuing a general, Muslim-wide call for holy war."

They also identified the military as the target, one that is considered legitimate by many Arabs who view U.S. troops and their allies as occupiers.

The independent scholars — some of whom have been criticized in the past for their extremist views — apparently did not want to antagonize the Saudi government, a U.S. ally, or appear to be flouting its efforts to fight terrorism.

Saudi Arabia has sealed off its long border with Iraq and bars people from crossing into that country, its most senior clerics issued a statement last year say-

ing the call for jihad — or holy war — should only come from the ruler and should not be based on edicts issued by individual clerics.

Saudi officials did not comment on the latest statement.

"The clerics' appeal came as U.S. troops, backed by air and artillery power and Iraq security forces, were gearing up for a major assault on Fallujah."

The clerics issued a fatwa, or religious edict, prohibiting

Iraqis from offering any support for military operations carried out by U.S. forces against insurgent strongholds.

Fighting the occupiers is a duty for all those who are able," the letter said. "It is a jihad to push back the assailants. Resistance is a legitimate right. A Muslim must not hinder harm on any resistance man or inform on them. Instead, they should be supported and protected."

Besides al-Qarni, the promi-

ent scholars signing the letter included Sheikh Saifur al-Hawali, Sheikh Nasser al-Omar, Sheikh Salman al-Awdai and Sheikh Sharif Hattab al-Aouni.

Al-Hawali, who was jailed in the 1990s for five years without trial because he criticized U.S. involvement in the 1991 Gulf War against Iraq, once was close to Saudi-born al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. He opposed the presence of U.S. troops in the kingdom.

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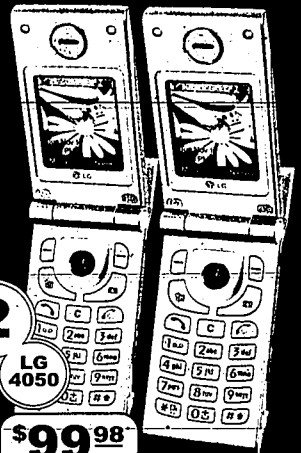
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Militants say talks postponed a day

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Militant leaders threatening to kill three U.N. hostages said Saturday that talks with Afghan and U.N. officials had been postponed for another day. Hamid Karzai renewed his condemnation of the abduction and received a promise from his visiting Pakistani counterpart of closer cooperation in combating terrorism.

Authorities have not confirmed any contact with Jaish-ul-Muslimeen, a Taliban splinter group demanding a U.N. pullout from Afghanistan and the release of Taliban prisoners.

Syed Khaled, a spokesman for the militants, initially said talks had begun Saturday at a secret location in southern Afghanistan. But he said later that an Afghan government delegation arrived too late.

"Our people thought the talks might continue late into

the night, so the two sides agreed to hold them tomorrow," Khaled told The Associated Press by telephone. "We hope that the Afghan government delegation will be empowered to solve the issue quickly."

His claims could not be independently verified.

The abduction of Annetta Flanagan of Northern Ireland, Angelito Nayan of the Philippines, and Shaqiu Ibbihi of Kosovo was the first of foreigners in Kabul since the Taliban was ousted in 2001.

The militants released a videotape of the hostages last Sunday, fueling concern that they are copying the tactics of their Iraqi counterparts. Still, Afghan officials suspect the little-known group had help from warlord militias or criminal gangs.

The kidnappers have repeatedly extended a deadline after which they say they will decide

whether to kill the hostages. They also demand that British troops leave Afghanistan and that the United States release Muslim inmates from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The U.S. military has volunteered to help in any rescue and said it was receiving daily government briefings.

Spokesman Maj. Scott Nelson said he couldn't give details of efforts to free the three "because things are too sensitive now." But he praised Afghan officials for "doing a good job in trying to get a resolution."



A huntsman riding with the Bicester with Whaddon Chase hunt clears a fence near Stratton Audley, England, on Saturday, the first day of the last ever hunting season. Legislation before parliament is expected to outlaw hunting in the near future.

Hunters open season maybe for last time

LONDON (AP) — Tens of thousands of hunters and their hounds raced through the countryside on horseback Saturday, opening a fox-hunting season that could be one of Britain's last.

More than 300 hunts had a defiant air, with participants still angry over the government's plans to ban hunting with hounds.

The House of Commons voted two months ago to outlaw the sport. The House of Lords refused to endorse the bill, but the government has threatened to force it into law anyway by next year.

Fox hunting supporters were undaunted.

"We are just as determined to be here next November and the November after that as we ever have been," said Darren Hughes, a spokesman for the pro-hunt group Countryside Alliance.

At the prestigious Beaufort Hunt on the Gloucestershire-Wiltshire border in western England, some 200 people on

horses and about 400 supporters gathered under rainy skies in a stalwart mood.

"A lot of people are committed to continuing to hunt whatever happens and a lot of people just cannot believe that a government could be so irresponsible as to put this as such a high priority when there's so much wrong in the country," said Nigel Maidment, secretary of the hunt.

Supporters of the ban argue that killing foxes with hounds is cruel, and have advocated other methods of population control.

At the Beaufort Hunt, some said traditional hunting methods, in which dogs kill the prey, are still the most humane.

"(The ban) is the most misplaced idea on animal welfare one could imagine," said Christopher Mulholland, the vicar of Badminton, from his horse.

Hunting supporters also pointed to the possible economic consequences of a ban. One estimate said a ban could put as many as 8,000 people out

of work — not only employees of some 200 hunts around the country but also saddlers, blacksmiths, grooms and stablehands.

"Hunting is too important to lose for the local community," said Ian Farquhar, a captain of the Beaufort Hunt.

Lawmakers' efforts to ban fox hunting have brought fierce resistance from pro-hunt activists since the House of Commons passed the bill in September.

In October, five pro-hunt supporters ran into the House of Commons chamber and disrupted debate. Individual Labour Party ministers and lawmakers have recently been the target of protesters, including Leader of the Commons Peter Hain, who was pelted with eggs during a speech in Oxford.

Pro-hunting activists have also promised open defiance of any ban on hunting.

"An awful lot of people have said they will defy any hunting ban," Hughes said. "People are more determined now than ever."

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Mexico imports donkeys

The Washington Post

TALA, Mexico — Men with machetes still hack at tequila-producing agave plants; corn stalks still sway in fields dotted with ancient stone churches. But one element is missing from the timeless, picturesque scene: There is not a burro in sight.

"There used to be 50 in every town. Now there is one, if that," said Nicolas Vazquez Ortega, a ranch manager. "Before you used to see packs of mules and donkeys in the fields when you were driving along the road. Now they are disappearing."

Although it seems as improbable as Hawaii running out of pineapples or France without Beaujolais, Mexico has a shortage of donkeys.

As farmers abandon the countryside for big cities, move to the United States or shift to tractors and cargo trucks, burros — long a backbone of Mexican agriculture and a symbol of Mexican life — have become increasingly scarce.

This trend has so alarmed officials in Jalisco, one of Mexico's most important agricultural states, that they are planning to import donkeys from Kentucky to revive the dwindling population.

The project, they said, will bring economic benefits to ailing rural areas, where many poor farmers still depend on beasts of burden.

Donkeys, first brought to Mexico by conquering Spaniards at the turn of the 16th century, have long been a stereotype of rural Mexican life. Even today, said Martin Martinez Cervantes, a Jalisco rural development official, some tourists still expect to find "every Mexican riding a donkey."

But those days are gone. In fact, many farmers have shunned donkeys because of their negative association with poverty and backwardness, officials said.

Now, as the animals have started disappearing, people are "realizing their importance," Martinez said.

Both donkeys, known as burros throughout Mexico, and mules, produced by cross-breeding horses and donkeys, have gained belated respect as their numbers have diminished.

Farmers say they cause less damage than machines amid the tight rows of blue agave, the spike-leaved plants that produce tequila. Coffee growers in other states say they get better traction than trucks on high-land slopes. And in many remote areas with no roads, they are still the only ride home.

Martinez said the demand for donkeys began to dwindle as more young, rural Mexicans relocated in the United States and began sending home enough money for their parents to buy a tractor or a pickup.

Increasingly, donkeys were sent to slaughterhouses or not replaced when they died. Now, he said, the demand has outstripped the supply.

International promoters of the donkey argue that these sturdy quadrupeds are stronger than horses, easier to care for and more resistant to hot temperatures; they said mules are even harder. "They are growing in popularity," said Leah Patton of the American Donkey and Mule Society in Texas, which works to correct what she described as "a lot of misinformation" about donkeys, including the notion that they are not especially bright.

Even if few people know a jack from a jennet, or jenny — as male and female donkeys are called — there is growing appreciation of the donkey as "an efficient working machine with a longer life span than a car and the ability to get into places that cars can't," Patton added.

Man pays \$215,000 for lucky number

BEIJING (AP) — A Beijing man has paid 1.8 million yuan (US\$215,000; euro 180,000) for the ultimate in lucky cell phone numbers — 133-3333-3333.

The phone number was sold this week at an auction in the Chinese capital, newspapers said Saturday. "Nine other 'highly auspicious' phone numbers also were sold.

Chinese tradition considers 3 a lucky number and groups of 3's even luckier. Though the number 8 is luckiest, all Chinese cell phone numbers begin with "13," making it impossible to make a number with all 8's.

The reports by the Beijing Times and Beijing Morning Post didn't identify the buyer. Phone calls to the number on Saturday weren't answered.

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Murder site becomes stage for debate

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — A five-page letter planned to be the body of a Dutch filmmaker brutally murdered after making a movie critical of Islam called for Muslims to rise up against the "infidel enemies" in the West.

Other messages — later left at the sidewalk shrine where Theo van Gogh's throat was slashed — dripped with equal venom against radical Islam. "Enemies live among us," read one missive in a bed of flowers, votive candles and crosses.

Europe's complex interplay with Islam appears to stand at a tipping-point and Tuesday's slaying of the 47-year-old filmmaker as he was riding his bike down a busy boulevard in Amsterdam — could indicate one direction in which it is headed.

"The Muslims say they're scared," said mourner Nicolette Joering. "No, we're scared."

Dutch authorities were investigating whether the chief suspect, a 26-year-old Dutch-Moroccan man detained shortly after the attack, acted alone out of rage or had links to wider extremist networks.

The attack has underscored the hard-political-and-social choices that European leaders face about Muslims and the wider Islamic world.

“ There is a general feeling that a social collision is becoming inevitable. People think it's been building for years and now finally coming to the surface. ”

Jan Rath, co-director of the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies at the University of Amsterdam

In December, European Union leaders will decide whether to overlook widespread public objections and move ahead with membership talks with Turkey, a Muslim nation of about 70 million people and a galloping birthrate that could push it past Germany's population in a generation. European police agencies

have sharply boosted cooperation against suspected Islamic terrorist groups following the March train bombings in Spain that killed 191 people. Washington's European allies in Iraq are reassessing their levels of military and commercial support following waves of attacks, kidnappings and beheadings blamed on Islamic militants.

EU officials last month signed the text of a proposed EU Constitution that still could face opposition from voters demanding a clear reference to Europe's Christian history.

But those big issues fade on the streets of many European centers. Here — even in places like tolerant Amsterdam — it's often expressed as a gnawing feeling that militant factions in Islamic immigrant communities are gaining ground and chipping away at values such as free speech and secular pol-

“ There is a general feeling that a social collision is becoming inevitable,” said Jan Rath, co-director of the Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies at the University of Amsterdam. “People think it's been building for years and now finally coming to the surface.” The landmarks along the way included the 1989 death

threat “fatwa,” or religious edict, against British writer Salman Rushdie for alleged insults to Islam in “The Satanic Verses,” the rise of neo-Fascist movements, the assassination of Dutch anti-immigrant politician Pim Fortuyn in 2002 and France's ongoing showdown with Muslims over a ban on headscarves and other religious apparel in schools.

“My impression is the European voices that say, ‘Everyone is equal, but we are more equal than Muslims,’ are growing,” Rath said.

Uzbek opposition party announces boycott of upcoming parliament vote

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan (AP) — An Uzbek opposition party announced Saturday that it would boycott next month's parliamentary vote, saying the government has failed to embrace democracy and calling for free elections.

Election officials have refused to let opposition parties run on the Dec. 26 ballot, disqualifying their registrations on technicalities.

“Considering the economic, political and social situation in Uzbekistan, we may say the

election can't be either free, democratic or fair,” Anonazar Arifov, head of the unregistered Erk party, told journalists in the Uzbek capital, Tashkent.

This former Soviet republic has five legal political parties, all of which publicly support President Islam Karimov — a former communist who has held power since just before the 1991 Soviet collapse.

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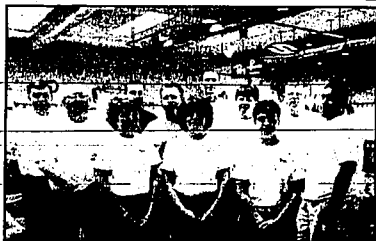
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Growing up in Jerome, Tranmer said he never really thought about starting a business anywhere else.

"This is home," Tranmer said, expressing his affinity for southern Idaho's famous windy days and sagebrush desert.

In 1972, as a science major attending a Salt Lake City university, Tranmer landed a job in an optical lab. "I liked both the technical challenges and the hands-on aspect of the optical profession," he said.

What's been good for Tranmer has been good for Magic Valley residents. His early training in optics helped him to see what he needed in a business that would bring quality and service to customers.

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Mountain West Optical staff are trained dispensing opticians, who started in the lens manufacturing lab and use their knowledge of products and selection to assist clientele.

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Dr. Scott Waymest is the in-house optometrist and "one of our strongest assets," Tranmer said.

And in true hometown fashion, Mountain West Optical employs local people and Tranmer counts as a goal to "help my employees make a decent living."

Changing trends, technical advances and product improvements keep the optical business exciting," Tranmer said. Not to mention the pleasure of working with people to achieve eyewear satisfaction.

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EDITORIAL

Election produces a shift in favor of Idaho's politics

The dust has settled. The campaign signs are in the trash. And the cable network anchors are back talking about the real issues of today, like the Scott Peterson trial, obese passengers on airplanes, and the reigning champion on jeopardy!

But for the voters of Idaho, there's still some juice to squeeze from the bloody turmoil of Election 2004. President's term has already started to shake things up in Washington, and some aftermaths will be felt in the West and Idaho. A few areas to keep an eye on include:

A smoother Senate Republican gains should dissipate some political stalemate in the U.S. Senate, including filibusters on bills and appointments pertaining to Idaho.

Our view: The 2004 election has resulted in immediate and some long term implications for Idaho.

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

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The loss of Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., is especially noteworthy. Daschle obstructed legislation important to Idaho, as well as the state's appointment to the 9th Circuit Court. Democrats are expected to appoint Nevada Sen. Harry Reid as the new minority leader.

Reid is a Western moderate who's worked with Idaho's delegation on regional matters. In spite of his opposition to the Yucca Mountain waste storage project, he has defended multiple land uses in the West. He could also help propel movement on Idaho's judicial nominees and its Nez Perce water legislation.

Natural resources: Had John Kerry won the presidential race, he would have rolled back some of Bush's most important natural resource programs.

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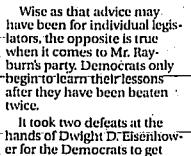
King sounds like the standard entertainer
I would wonder if it is pretty rare that your readers comment on the letters of other readers. Seems like a black hole to me, but who can overlook the sheer nonsense of Carole King's letter.

The problem with most entertainers is that they often only graduate from high school and sometimes college. Then they go on to live in a closed, privileged community in which no one challenges their beliefs or behaviors.

Carole King obviously does not have a good grasp on reality to make the statements she does in her letter, and isn't it wonderful that she is releasing the females of this country who are enslaved to their husbands' and fathers' political wishes. Halalujah.
TERRI ENDICOTT
Burke, Va.

Bruised Dems take another beating

Sam Rayburn, the great mid-20th century Democratic Speaker of the House, was noted for a line he used on the more obtuse members of his party who failed to learn the lesson of a political setback. "There's no education in the second kick of a mule," he would say.



Wise as that advice may have been for individual legislators, the opposite is true when it comes to Mr. Rayburn's party. Democrats only begin to learn their lessons after they have been beaten twice.

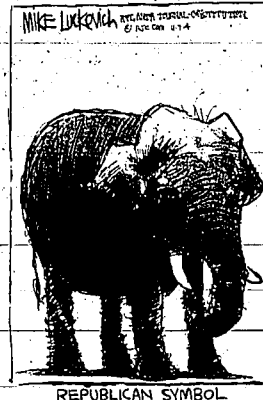
It took two defeats at the hands of Dwight D. Eisenhower for the Democrats to give over their love affair with Adlai Stevenson, finally rejecting their two-time nominee in favor of John Kennedy at the Los Angeles convention in 1960.

It took two shellackings by Ronald Reagan for the Democrats to learn that the ticket of Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale contained no one who could compete with the former California governor. When Reagan's running mate, George H.W. Bush, reinforced that lesson in 1988, the Democrats finally got smart and ran Bill Clinton.

Now that they have been beaten for a second time by George W. Bush, what educators call a "teachable moment" is at hand.

For a thoroughly chastised and seemingly clueless party, that is the only good news to be had. And there is a clear lesson the Democrats could learn from examining what helped them recover from those other two-term Republican presidents.

It lies in that old IBM catchword: Think. When Eisenhower won his second term in 1956, party chairman Paul M. Butler defied congressional leaders



Rayburn and Lyndon Johnson and created the Democratic Advisory Council, a group of wise men from the Roosevelt-Truman years and some up-and-coming governors and back-bench legislators.

Together, they formulated the economic and social policies that became the plank of the New Frontier platform. When Kennedy decided to seek the nomination, he joined their effort to promote these ideas.

When Reagan beat Mondale in 1984, even more thoroughly than he had defeated Carter four years before, restive Democrats again broke free from the existing institutional constraints and created the centrist Democratic Leadership Council. Clinton became chairman of the DLC, which in turn put the policy meat on the bones of Clinton's New Democrat campaign.

Several Democrats I interviewed in the first couple days after John Kerry's defeat said it's time to give their party another serious intellectual transition.

These are not people who think that Hillary-Rodham Clinton can revive the Demo-



rats just by sprinkling some Chappaqua fairy dust on their remains.

Fewer than those who would happily work for her nomination three years from now recognize that she has Senate duties to fulfill and a New York re-election campaign ahead of her before she can attempt a national rescue mission.

Nor are these people who think that finding a church-going Southerner to run next time would solve all their problems.

Fewer and fewer Democratic officeholders fit that description, and trends in the region make it harder for new ones to emerge.

But many of those I interviewed agreed with Gerald McIntee, a leader of organized labor's political operations, that outside Washington, a wealth of talent is available to the Democratic Party.

"We have to bring in governors, mayors, state legislative leaders," the AFSCME president said, "and have a real dialogue."

If the Democratic governors stepped forward to lead this policy effort, they would bring an element of practical wisdom

Just return to normal after the elections

Go ahead, Mr. or Ms. America, scrape that bumper sticker off the car.

Pull up those lawn signs and toss them in the garbage. Throw out your Bush-Cheney or Kerry-Edwards buttons and blue campaign buttons, wearing when you stayed up late on Election Night, swilling too much chablis and shrieking at Wolf Blitzer and pulling for the red or blue candidate of your choice.

Yes, the long national nightmare is over.

We officially have a president.

But the truth is, for most voters, the whole loud, ugly, raucous campaign didn't end a moment too soon.

Officially, it went on for four months, but it felt like 40 months.

It felt like some kind of endless steel-cage match in some dreary traveling carnival, with jeering crowds guzzling cheap beer and screaming for one of the fat wrestlers to smash a folding chair over the head of the other.

No, there's not too much about Election 2004 that we'll miss.

Certainly, we won't miss being constantly reminded about the bitter polarization of this country.

No longer will we have to watch ourselves at cocktail parties, lest we slip and start talking politics and get into a heated argument with the nice

KEVIN COWHERD

couple next to us, who turn out not to share our political ideology and try to spear us with a carrot-stick.

We won't miss the King of Comedy Central, Jon Stewart, going all self-righteous on us, as he did in his appearance on CNN's "Crossfire," when he lectured hosts Tucker Carlson and Paul Hegala on their responsibility to the national discourse.

Jon, Jon, Jon — what got into you, babe?

What with the Mother Oprah act?

Stop being our national scold and go back to being the smug face newscaster on "The Daily Show" that we all love.

What else?

Oh, we won't miss John Kerry's little salutes.

In fact, let's make it a law from now on: No saluting unless you're wearing a military uniform.

Or even better: No saluting if you're a politician, period.

Neither will we miss George Bush's smirks. And what was making him laugh so much during the third and final presidential debate?

Were they showing an Adam Sandler movie on the VCR off-stage?

Was there a mime juggling on a unicycle back there?

One thing's for sure: We

won't miss being told over and over again that this was the most important election of our lives, and that nothing would be the same if evil Candidate X were to win.

Look, that's the beauty of our presidential elections. No matter who wins, our day-to-day lives go on largely as before.

The government isn't toppled.

Thanks don't roll through the streets.

Doors aren't broken down in the middle of the night, and the winner's political opponents aren't whisked off to frozen gulags in North Dakota.

You wake up the morning after the election and go to work and come home and check the kids' homework and battle a ballgame, pretty much the way you always do.

Oh, yes, here's another thing we won't miss: hearing about how important the youth vote was, and how young adults would turn out in droves.

Because guess what? Young adults didn't turn out in droves.

Despite all the noise about the "Rock the Vote" campaign and Sean "P. Diddy" Combs' "Citizen Change" initiative, the nation's youth voted in about the same numbers as they did in 2000.

Instead of those "Vote or Die" T-shirts the kids wear, the rest of us should wear T-shirts that say: "You Didn't Vote. So Shut Up!"

The point is, few of us will

look back on this election fondly, so let us vote right here and now, to put the whole ugly mess behind us.

Let the healing begin," as John Kerry urged in his concession speech.

Therefore, let us speak no more of undecided voters, exit polls, or flip-flopping, of "Fahrenheit 9/11" and Swift Boat Veterans for Whatever.

(In fact, let there be no more Vietnam War redux, period. Please. Let that ugly little war rest in peace.)

From this day forward, let us vow never to utter the words swing states, battleground states, toss-up states.

Let's leave the polluted Blogosphere to the bloggers and their 500-word conspiracy essays on the mysterious bulge under George Bush's suit in the first presidential debate.

And let us all agree on this: If a wealthy, politician-looking politician wants to dress up in full camo and tote a shotgun during goose-hunting season for a photo op that he hopes paints him as a regular Joe Six-pack, that's his business.

If the president of the United States wants to climb out of a fighter jet and walk around an aircraft carrier deck in a flight suit like something out of "Top Gun," well, that's his business, too.

The beauty of it is: We don't have to pay attention anymore.

Kevin Cowherd is a columnist for The Baltimore Sun.

Changes to Electoral College are possible

Eureka, at last the public is awakening to the need of reform of the college that "graduates" no one — the "National Bonus Plan."

This plan would keep much of the present system, especially its winner-take-all feature.

It would weight that system

very heavily in favor of the winner of the popular vote. Under the plan, a national pool of 102 electoral votes would be awarded automatically to the winner of the popular vote contest.

That is, the bloc of electoral votes would be added to the electors' votes the candidate won in the election.

If all votes added up to a majority of the Electoral College,

then that candidate would be declared the winner of the presidency.

This plan sees the electors themselves as unnecessary to it and so would go away with them.

This plan meets all of the major objections to the present college system and all of those raised against reform.

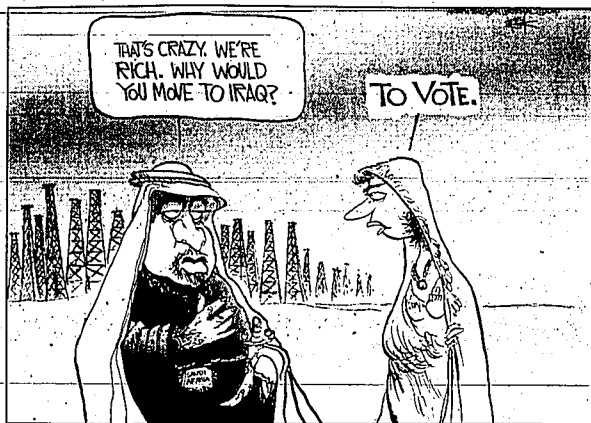
The "Bonus Plan" would guarantee the winner of the

popular vote would be the winner of the Electoral College vote.

I hope this would reform the voting troubles of today's voter problems.

EDWARD A. CHUPA
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Edward Chupa is a retired teacher, having taught government and world affairs for 19 years at Twin Falls High School.)

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Craig ignores the emissions of dairies

In response to Sen. Craig's Sept. 30, 2004, news release, "Environmental smoke and mirrors," and his proposed legislation to "clarify" the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation Liability Act and Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act:

Sen. Craig apparently lives on another planet — out of touch with realities of his constituents' suffering from the adverse impacts of industrial-size confined animal feeding operations.

His reference to CERCLA and EPCRA, which includes regulation of weapons dumps, abandoned mining operations and other industrial sites is duly noted.

CAFOs are industrial sites and they routinely emit toxic pathogen-laden particulates along with repulsive odor into the air.

Now the senator may place millions of people's health at risk nationwide by "clarifying" (I call it tampering or med-

dling with) CERCLA and EPCRA. Idaho citizens seeking remedies to the destruction of their quality of life are finding themselves "stonevalled" by the state of Idaho.

- The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has been emasculated by the promulgation of Memorandums of Understanding with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. This drastically diminishes DEQ authority on CAFO environmental issues.

- A lawsuit proposed by DEQ and one county against a particularly offensive CAFO was not allowed to proceed by higher state authority. (The governor indicated the matter could be more easily solved — years later. The problem still exists).

- Severe restrictions on the right to testify in the public interest at wind right transfers (including CAFO-related transfers).

- A one-mile limit imposed by the state whereby persons living beyond one mile from a proposed CAFO site hearing cannot testify. The odor and

pathogens travel more than five miles and the property values of long-established residents are trashed (no guarantees that counties will allow testimony either).

- ISDA has maneuvered to make public access to nutrient (waste) management plans difficult.

- Odor studies leading to possible relief are now a "political football."

"Therefore, since we, the people, have been "sold out" by state government, it is reasonable to seek relief through federal remedies. Is Sen. Craig now trying to "sell us out at the federal level"?

I reject his characterizing those seeking relief as radical environmentalists in a state of hysteria.

He confuses hysteria with justified outrage! And the "smoke and mirrors" to which he refers is actually being generated by "greed-driven" special interests asking him to climb aboard their "glittering bandwagon of propaganda"!

JIM CONDER
Filer

Liberalism is doomed with Bush's second term

Late Tuesday evening into early Wednesday morning, the liberal national media prayed to their false gods that somehow this wasn't happening. Now shocked by the results, the media are clamoring for some lame excuse for the resounding defeat of the liberal "no morals" agenda.

The issue in this election was God. I think the living God that more than 78 percent of us Americans believe in for awakening our moral values and stirring us to go and vote. And vote we did.

All across America our voices were heard loud and clear. Look around, Dan Rather, Hillary Clinton, NOW, GLAD, Ted Kennedy.

Three out of every four Americans believe in the true living God and we voted like it! There will be a new direction in this country.

I have had several letters published before in this newspaper that God was waking Christians up and getting us involved!

The average American man and woman spoke with one voice all across our land. No on gay marriage!

"All I I states, even "gosh" we thought we were part of California! Oregon voted to ban gay marriage.

Mark these words, abortion, the killing of our baby citizens will be stopped and millions of Americans will be added to our country.

There are more families in America that want babies than those of you who call it a choice to kill them. We want our kids back!

The radical homosexual agenda will be back in the bedroom where it belongs, not in the public square and not a protected right!

The Senate and the House and the presidency are now in godly hands. Americans voted for moral values and the God who created them.

Christians and the Christ we believe in are the reason all voices get a chance to speak in the first place.

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Christians founded this country. That is a plain truth and fact.

God forgave us believers and that didn't make us perfect, just forgiven.

We took our country back Tuesday. Get ready for God in schools, true free-speech for everyone, especially for us Christians.

Millions of Democrats voted

for George Bush because they voted their "moral values," not their party.

Thank you, America, for standing up when it counted. I'm proud of my fellow Americans who went and voted and changed the course of history in our great country!

God did bless America!
JERRY HUGHEN
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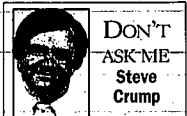
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The case for ridicule: It's empty, it's ugly, it's cold and it's got Rock Springs. Wyoming has been described as like Afghanistan, except without the whimsy.
The case against: Haven't these people suffered enough?

Utah
The case for ridicule: It takes a court order to buy a beer. Utahns drive badly, and most of their elected officials are politically to the right of Genghis Khan. And there are still those who believe that the fluoridation of drinking water is a plot by the Trilateral Commission to take over Provo.
The case against: Utah leads the nation in per-capita consumption of Jell-O.

Nevada
The case for ridicule: Ely, Lovelock and Battle Mountain. Area 51. Legalized prostitution. Keno. The Shovel Brigade. The Luck. Wayne Newton.
The case against: The Skydiving Elvises from the movie, "Honeymoon in Vegas."

Montana
The case for ridicule: Did I mention January?
The case against: The local grizzly bears pretty much keep the Californians at bay.

Colorado
The case for ridicule: Denver International Airport. The Rockies (the baseball team, not the mountains). Gary Hart. Coors Light. And anything John Denver recorded after 1973.
The case against: John Elway.

Alberta
The case for ridicule: The 84-cent dollar. The Bow. Medicine Hat. 110-yard football fields. Nickelback. Canadian snowbirds who drive 750 miles to get to Jackpot.
The case against: Red Green.

Oregon
The case for ridicule: The statewide 55 mph speed limit. The Trailblazers' parole officer. Mold. The spotted owl. Phil Knight. Plus, you can't legally pump your own gas.
The case against: No other state in the country has the gumption to have a town named Boring.

Washington
The case for ridicule: Seattle traffic. Bill Gates. Grunge revival. Sunset (it gets dark at about 2:30 in the afternoon during the winter months). Sea-Tac. Milldew. And darn near all of Tacoma.
The case against: Jim Henrich. Ray Charles and coffee.

British Columbia
The case for ridicule: Who are these people?
The case against: High tea at the Empress Hotel in Victoria.

Arizona
The case for ridicule: The Arizona Cardinals. Gila Bend. Airstream trailers. Supper at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Dan Quayle ("I love California: I practically grew up in Phoenix.") Willie E. Coyote.
The case against: The Roadrunner, of course.

New Mexico
The case for ridicule: Roswell.
The case against: The space aliens who landed there in 1947.
Please see CRUMP, Page B4

Castleford eyes steep water costs

Price of bringing the school district up to standard could get passed on to city residents

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — City officials fear the consequences of failure if their little village on the west end of the county can't secure grant funding to build an arsenic removal system.

The state Department of Environmental Quality has estimated that 130 water systems throughout Idaho could be affected by new Environmental

Protection Agency standards, which call for municipal water systems to have arsenic levels no greater than a measurement of 10 parts per billion by Jan. 23, 2006. Castleford's drinking water has an arsenic level of 22 ppb.

At the same time, Castleford needs to further modernize its water system, bringing it into compliance with many issues identified in a recent capital facilities study required by the DEQ.

Whether or not Castleford can fix its system will depend on grant dollars, city leaders say.

Whether it's a massive overhaul or a scaled-down project, "We're coming up at least \$300,000 short," said Carleen Herring, a consultant with Region IV Development.

Castleford is counting on a \$450,000 allocation from Congress that was introduced by U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho. The city also is looking for block grant dollars from the Department of Commerce.

One thorn-in-the-city's-side grade plans is the fact that

NEWS Tracker

■ **Last we knew:** In a straw poll last month, a majority of Castleford residents recommended that city leaders pursue a \$2.48 million proposal to lower arsenic levels in their drinking water and modernize the city's water system. That proposal has been revised to cost an estimated \$1.92 million.

■ **The latest:** City consultants continue to examine several options for funding.

■ **What's next:** City Council members will pick one of five proposals at their 7 p.m. meeting on Wednesday at J&D Enterprises.

Castleford School is not equipped with sprinklers that are mandated by the International Fire Code. It calls for the city's water system to be able to. Please see WATER, Page B4

COST DILEMMA



Central Elementary School principal Allee Hocklander, left, talks about the poor exterior condition of the school and the need to fix the rear parking lot as, Chris Barber, right, chairman of the Jerome Schools Facilities Improvement Council, takes a look for himself during a tour of the school Tuesday.

Tour of Jerome schools shows their decrepit state

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

JEROME — Central Elementary School has rooms called the dungeon, the hole and the fun room. The names evoke some B movie, but the reality is closer to something out of "Napoleon Dynamite."

The maintenance needs of the 65-year-old building and newer part of the complex are staggering, but Principal Alice Hocklander emphasizes the students' take pride in it and surmount a lot of obstacles to achieve.

A look at Jerome's building history

- 1921: Central auditorium and gym built
- 1938: Central's oldest classrooms built
- 1944: First part of Central's maintenance shop built, later moved to school site
- 1946: Main middle school built
- 1950: Middle school shop and annex classrooms built
- 1960: More classrooms and district offices added to Central
- 1966: Tin building built on Central complex
- 1976: Jerome High School built

Jerome for many years.

The tentative plan is to replace and demolish the school, which houses 520 pupils in grades four to six.

The school's complex includes the main building with most of the classrooms, the district office, food service storage and psychological and social services offices. The library and some classes are in aging mobile units.

Hocklander led committee members on a roundabout tour. Trips up and down the stairs in the six-level building have a dizzying effect like walking inside an M.C. Escher drawing.

Jerome Schools Facility Improvement Committee members took two different tours of Central, the nearby middle school and the high school last week to learn more about the district's building needs.

Last month, the committee announced a tentative timeline to produce a master plan in June and seek a bond issue in October 2005. A community roundtable is planned for sometime this month to get concerns out in the open. Bond issues have been hard to sell in

Access, classroom size

On the front of the school is its only handicapped ramp that provides access to one level, Hocklander said. There's no handicapped bathroom, so students who require wheelchairs are normally sent to Horizon.

Of the bathrooms the school does have, Hocklander showed

one that consistently smells bad, no matter how much they clean it. Mike Gibson, the district's business manager, said making a bathroom handicapped accessible would require sacrificing a classroom because the restroom spaces are just too small, even if some toilets were removed.

Down the main hallways, Hocklander said the 19 classrooms in the school vary from 650 to 1,250 square feet and each is shaped differently. Superintendent Jim Cobble said the ideal exceeds 900, depending on the age of the students.

"That's a real learning issue," Hocklander said.

Cobble said putting computers in classrooms and creating labs consumes a lot of space, although Hocklander said the school's hallway lockers do help keep clutter out of classrooms.

Up several flights of stairs, volunteers and teachers use landings for individual tutoring. In the upper balcony of the auditorium, only sixth-graders are allowed to sit because it's not fully up to code.

Hocklander said they view it. Please see SCHOOLS, Page B4

Traveling Harley-Davidson motorcycle museum draws fans

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Nearly 65 years ago in Rupert, Nolan Jewsbury watched — perhaps with a hint of envy — as his neighbor cornered a '74 Harley-Davidson to roar to life.

"He said, 'Get on the back. Let's go for a ride!'" Jewsbury said, smiling as he recalled his first ride on a motorcycle.

"It sputtered and sputtered a lot," he said. "But at that time, if it moved it was OK. Like me now. If I can move, mission accomplished."

Jewsbury — 74 — was joined by friend Charlie Siegel, 78, both of Twin Falls, at the Harley-Davidson Traveling Museum.

Siegel's fondness for bikes started early, too; he bought a Harley in the 1940s.

"I had one just like that," he said, pointing to a 1939 cherry red 61 ci "EL" Knuckthead.

The pair indulged their enthusiasm for motorcycles at the history on wheels museum, which parked in the lot of Snake Harley-Davidson in Twin Falls Saturday.

"I'm expecting 200 to 300 people," said store manager Jim Vaughan. "Most of them probably Harley owners. But there'll be a lot of curious (non-owners) too."

By late morning, people were lining up to cruise through the museum.

"It's a business draw but we want to try to make people aware Harley-Davidson has so much history... just decades of it," Vaughan said. "We want to make people aware of where modern-day motorcycles came from."

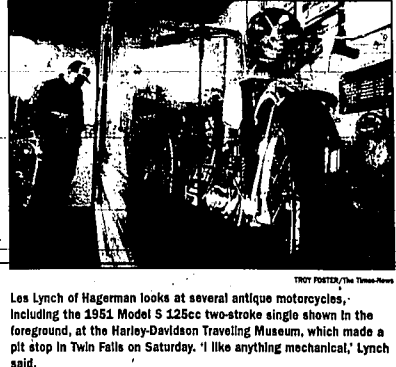
Store owner Cliff Chester said he submitted a request back in January to get the traveling museum to make a stop in south-central Idaho.

"We're fortunate to have something like this," he said.

Inside the museum, visitors peered through glass at items such as the book "The Motor Cycle Chums' South of the Equator" and a can of Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Spray Gunk. In addition to smaller items, browsers examined a 1920s-model-bicycle, called a Motorcycle, and a 1962 FLHP Duo-Glide 74 ci Panhead with sidcar.

A curio cabinet with toy models of bikes employed in myriad manner — Sgt. Candy delivered by Harleys, police patrolling streets on Harleys — gave visitors an idea of how motorcycles have influenced the nooks and crannies of American society.

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Les Lynch of Hagerman looks at several antique motorcycles, including the 1951 Model S 125cc two-stroke single shown in the foreground, at the Harley-Davidson Traveling Museum, which made a pit stop in Twin Falls on Saturday. "I like anything mechanical," Lynch said.

OBITUARY

Duane Brooks - Fairfield

Duane Brooks was born in Gooding, Idaho, on May 6, 1941. His parents were Newell and Lola (Wilder) Brooks. He went to school in Fairfield, for his primary education, then went on to Boise, Idaho, to further his education in automotive mechanics. Duane worked in Boise for many years until he moved back to Fairfield to care for his parents. Duane was self-employed for many years, working in his shop at the ranch, repairing cars and trucks and did a lot of work on the Forest Service vehicles. He worked until his health prevented him from working. Duane passed away Nov. 2004, in Gooding, Idaho. He is survived by his son, Rory, aunts, Letha Cox-of-Thorma, Wash; and Mae Brooks, 24, 400 working. Duane had numerous cousins. Duane was preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter.

SERVICES

Deanna L. Tinker of Hermiston, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the Stanfield Senior Center; celebration of life and a podium will follow the service (Burns Mortuary, Hermiston).

Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burial Chapel, 321 E. Main St., and one hour before the service at the church.

Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Michael John 'Mike' Farnsworth of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Jerome 7th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; 30 E-100-S; Jerome; visitation from 6 to 9 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln St., Jerome, and one hour before the service on Monday at the church.

James C. Burch of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Oakley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center

Virgine-Patsy-Journey Alberson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. Nov. 27 at the Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church (Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Vera M. Fechner - DIETRICH - Vera M. Fechner, 91, of Dietrich, died Friday, Nov. 5, 2004, at the Aspen Grove Retirement Center in Gooding.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

DeLona Mae McEvers Flowers of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley 3rd Ward

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

The Times-News

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

Pete Trevino, 28, 1926 South B 2100 E., Gooding; failure to appear; failure to purchase a driver's license; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; court trial set for Nov. 22; \$500 bond.

controlled substance; private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 12; summons issued.

Marcus A. McNutt, 20, 6305 Gem Drive, Kimberly; possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 14; released under own recognizance; two counts rape; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 12; \$50,000 bond; failure to appear - racing on a public roadway; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 14; \$500 bond.

David L. Bowers, 29, no address listed; aggravated battery with use of a deadly weapon; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 12; released under own recognizance.

Sheri Rene Johnson, 43, Twin Falls; battery, possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 14; released under own recognizance; driving without privileges, driving under the influence; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 14; \$500 bond.

Robert B. Brackett, 36, 3926 Madison St., Ventum, Calif.; domestic battery; private counsel; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 14; posted bond.

David Perry Heck, 45, 133 Clear Creek Drive, Buhl; burglary; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 12; \$1,500 bond; probation violation - Indecent exposure; public defender continuing evidentiary hearing set for Dec. 14; \$25,000 bond.

Don Dan Cummings, 21, no address listed, Twin Falls; probation violation - theft by possession of stolen property; public defender continuing disposition hearing set for Dec. 2; \$5,000 bond.

Kenneth E. Yates, 21, 527 1/2 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls; failure to appear - driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; sentencing reset for Nov. 16; \$500 bond.

Ricky A. Coats, 19, 803 S. 1700 E., Hazelton; probation violation - driving under the influence and minor consumption; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Dec. 2; released under own recognizance; failure to appear - driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 14; released under own recognizance; two counts forgery; one count grand theft; public defender appointed; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 12; released under own recognizance.

John Lee Hicks Jr., 55, 712 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl; providing false information to an officer; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 14; \$5,000 bond.

Robert Scott Johnson, 29, 1770 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls; probation violation - driving under the influence; public defender appointed; evidentiary hearing set for Nov. 12; \$15,000 bond; failure to appear - driving without privileges and possession of paraphernalia; public defender appointed; sentencing set for Nov. 30; \$1,000 bond.

Robert Shawn Simmons, 31, 831 Westwind Drive, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; driving without privileges; private counsel; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 12; posted bond.

Lincoln Keith Petersen, 29, 248 Second Ave. W., No. 216, Twin Falls; failure to appear - injury to child; public defender appointed; pretrial conference set for Dec. 14; \$5,000 bond; failure to purchase a driver's license; public defender denied; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 14; released under own recognizance.

Scott Moss, 41, 212 Sixth Ave. N., Jerome, under the influence of a controlled substance, violation of a no contact order; public defender appointed; pleaded in-

nocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 14; \$1,000 bond.

Patrick Anthony Morrissey, 18, 129 Tyler St., Twin Falls; driving without privileges; public defender appointed; pleaded innocent; pretrial conference set for Dec. 14; \$100 bond.

Special thanks go out to Gary Fulmer, Ellen Norgard, and Shirley Glahn, his nurse. Also special thanks to the late Harold Lee and the numerous friends and neighbors who watched out for Duane. A memorial graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at Elmwood Cemetery in the Gooding. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demuay's Gooding Chapel.

Washington man sentenced for stealing cancer patient's identity

SEATTLE (AP) - A technician at a cancer center has been sentenced to 16 months in prison for stealing the identity of a gravely ill patient, who spent months trying to clear his name while the disease ravaged his body.

The technician, Richard W. Gibson, 42, is the first person in the nation sentenced under a new law designed to protect patients' privacy, federal prosecutors said.

He also will be required to pay at least \$15,000 in restitution, including reimbursing patient Eric Drew for the time and money he spent trying to clear his name.

collection agencies, Drew discovered that Gibson, a technician at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, where he received the first of his two bone marrow transplants last fall, had stolen his identity.

"This court considers your behavior in this case to be some of the most despicable I've seen in 15 years on the bench," U.S. District Judge Ricardo Martinez told Gibson.

Drew, 37, discovered he had leukemia in early 2003, said his lawyer Gregory Orslich. He began treatment at Stanford University Medical Center for what he calls a "terminal case" of the disease and was transferred to the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance in September 2003.

The sentence was four months longer than prosecutors requested while he was lying in a hospital bed, dying from cancer and weak from massive doses of chemotherapy, he began to get mail thanking him for opening accounts he knew nothing about. After a maddening six months of calling the companies, police, reporters and

"I felt completely ignored, frustrated and totally violated," he said in a videotaped statement played in court Friday. "Nobody seemed to empathize or care about this situation, whatsoever, and my doctors and family wanted me to drop it because they were worried about the huge amount of stress this was placing on me. They were afraid it would actually cause my impending bone marrow transplant to fail."

learned of, and urged them not to issue credit. Some issued it anyway.

"My frustration level grew as more and more application confirmations and then collection calls started to come in," Drew said. "Months went by where I was extremely sick and unable to pursue all the calls, and letters regarding the fraudulent accounts."

The identity theft consumed his life and made it impossible for him to continue to raise money for bone marrow drives, charities and individual patients. He previously had raised \$250,000 for such causes, he said.

After his transplant in December 2003, he began visiting the Seattle Police Department, banks and even the post office, tracking down the letter carrier who delivered to the address associated with the fraudulent accounts.

Even with the address, he said he received little help from authorities. Finally, Drew got a break. A local television reporter jumped on the story and within three weeks obtained video of someone making fraudulent purchases.

Drew was stunned. Gibson had at least once drawn Drew's blood.

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Leap of faith brings Cuban doctor to Idaho

POCATELLO (AP) — In the arc of his professional and personal life, local family doctor Luis Fernandez made classic changes and sacrifices which became the basis for his success story.

Drawn to human services, Dr. Fernandez was a physician in his native Cuba while the uncertainty of his country's Communist regime lingered on. He graduated from the University of Havana Medical School in 1990 and worked at a hospital in the province of Sancti Spiritus.

"As a family physician, I dealt with all kinds of different scenarios, from surgeries to childbirth, obstetrics and elderly care. I then pursued a specialty in urology and completed two years of studies. However, it was at this point my family and I decided it was time to request political asylum and come to the United States," Fernandez said.

Cuba does not have an American Embassy, so those seeking asylum must do so through the Office of the United States interests in Cuba. For Fernandez, the decision to leave the island was one fraught with uncertainty, yet supported by his family and the church which sponsored him.

"The World Church Organization in Nampa sponsored me, my family to come to the U.S., and after waiting a year, we

were able to leave. They became instrumental in every aspect of our lives during our first year in the U.S. From how to use a credit card to obtaining a driver's license, they helped us through it all," Fernandez said.

The church's role in reconciling the 90-mile U.S.-Cuba divide evolved into a 2,400-mile leap of faith, bringing Fernandez and his family to Idaho in November 1995.

"My father instilled in me the love for science and astronomy. He showed me the value of work and discipline. As a child growing up in Cuba, I learned Russian and Spanish, so the first thing I had to do when I arrived in the U.S. was learn the English language. Even though I did know some English it was not enough to prepare myself for all the specified courses geared toward the (Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates) tests and subsequent licensure in the U.S.," Fernandez said.

The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates assesses the readiness of international medical graduates to enter residency or fellowship programs in the United States. ECFMG promotes quality health care for the public by certifying international medical graduates for entry into U.S. graduate medical education. The American Academy of Family Physicians

indicates that more than 25 percent of all practicing physicians in the United States are International Medical Graduates.

"I needed to obtain my residency. I was living in Nampa when I was accepted and enrolled at Idaho State University's residency program, from which I graduated in 2002," Fernandez said. "Idaho State University introduced me to the medical community of Pocatello, an excellent group of professionals who have accepted me and who are committed to the well-being of others."

Fernandez divides his professional time between the American Falls Health West Clinic and the ISU Family Practice Center where he is also a faculty member of their prestigious Family Practice residency program.

He is a firm believer in medical practices which emphasize prevention, and a new practice known as evidence-based medicine.

"Good health habits are key. The choices you make about the way you live are important to your health, which is why prevention is very important. It can be a test of advice from your doctor about healthy choices and about medicines that prevent health problems. Evidence-based medicine is the new trend in the Medical world today. It relies on evidence alone and not on the opinions

of the experts."

Fernandez said that a combination of knowledge, skill and genuine concern are what count.

"I believe that if we educate our patients, they can do better. Education is very important, and our job is to help our patients as best as we possibly can," he said.

Fernandez adds, "Patients with low literacy have difficulty understanding and managing their diseases. Chronic illnesses are silent. Most people don't know how severe their condition really is until it's too late to help them, amongst them are diabetes, cancer and high blood pressure."

Fernandez serves a mixed population of patients from all walks of life. His Latin heritage provides him with a better insight into the needs and specific problems of the Spanish speaking population he serves.

It is his challenge to contribute to educating his patients, aware as he is that there is considerable amount of treatments and health education information available for them. To keep up with the fast-paced world of today's health providers, Fernandez benefits from his direct involvement with ISU's residency students. He continuously reads materials and shares professional views with local physicians and specialists.

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CASSIA COUNTY COURTS

BURLEY — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included:

Misdemeanor dismissals:

Steven B. Hall, 43; one count driving on restricted access, dismissed, \$77 fine; one count failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

K.C. Andrew Ramsey, 25; failure to attach game tags to carcass, dismissed, \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Charlene M. Thompson, 21; speeding, amended to littering, dismissed, \$125 bond forfeiture; Magistrate Judge Casey U. Robinson.

Dean Fritz Price, 36; motor carrier disqualified driver, dismissed, \$327 fine; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Misdemeanor sentencing:

Martin T. Juarez, 30; one count disturbing the peace, pleaded guilty, \$50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count battery, pleaded guilty, \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months probation, 90 days in jail, 88 days suspended, two days credit; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Jose Manuel Cariaga Diaz, 24; invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$132 bond forfeiture; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Clifford Leland Kessler, 40; one count felony possession of a controlled substance, dismissed, District Judge Monte B. Carlson; one count invalid driver's license, pleaded guilty, \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; one count providing false information to officers, pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge Rick

L. Bollor.

Commercial truck driving sentencing:

Brent K. Jolley, 29; no rear impact guard, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Johnny Harold Flaherty, 40; motor carrier log book violations, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Arthur Wojciechowski, 29; exceeding maximum driving and

on duty time, pleaded guilty, \$43.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Lee Otis Brown, 41; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty, \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Gary P. Bergman, no age available; failure to have trip permit for registration, pleaded guilty, \$36.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.

Bruce L. Chaffee, 51; no medical card, pleaded guilty, \$43.50

fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Alek Bey Allah, 58; failure to stop at checking station, pleaded guilty; Magistrate Judge Rick L. Bollor.



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Seattle struggles to weather the gloom and election results

The Washington Post

SEATTLE—It has been a SAD week in Seattle, city of rain, darkness, caffeine, secularism and an 82 percent majority that voted in vain to fire President Bush.

SAD, as just about everybody here knows, is an acronym for seasonal affective disorder, the mood-crushing curse of winter-time existence in the northernmost major U.S. city in the Lower 48. An estimated 20 to 30 percent of residents experience some degree of the disorder, which researchers believe is triggered by the body's reaction to reduced natural light. Symptoms include sadness, irritability, gluttony, weight gain, menstrual difficulties and interpersonal strain.

As expected, suffering began last Sunday, with the end of daylight saving time. Like a gull-litic blade, darkness fell at 5 in the afternoon. It was the pitiless annual reminder that by mid-winter, there would hardly be eight hours of daylight, almost all of it sponged up by thick blankets of concrete-colored clouds that, on average, squat over Seattle 226 days a year.

The next day, election eve, it rained hard. The wind blew, roofs leaked, basements flooded and Seattle seemed to slip irrevocably into the dank funk that has given birth to the SAD resistance movement, otherwise known as excessive caffeine consumption. That movement gave birth to Starbucks and scores of other, lesser-known local purveyors of overpriced coffee.

Then word dripped out that Bush had won re-elected, even though four out of five Seattle voters had cast their ballots for Sen. John Kerry. Electoral maps rubbed in Seattle's defeat, with the Pacific Northwest, with Seattle as its agnostic mecca, is the country's least religious region, with a quarter of the population reporting no church identification.

As election returns sank in, the city's seasonal slough of despond seemed to deepen. A local public radio talk show kicked off a lugubrious afternoon of post-election whining with a saxophone solo of "Anri Blue." Several callers said they would be moving to nearby British Columbia. David Cheney, the Seattle Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, drew a cartoon with Vice President Dick Cheney looking demonic and Bush looking like Alfred E.

Neumann. "The three most frightful words" of the New said, are "Four More Years." In a letter to the Seattle Times headlined "Back to the Feudal," Barb Becker of Bellevue wrote, "Announcement to persons arriving in U.S.: 'Welcome to America, please turn your watches back 300 years.'"

On Wednesday, shortly after Kerry conceded and Bush gave his victory speech, Deborah Lee, a Seattle nurse who says she has had SAD symptoms for years, felt the time had finally come to medicate with something other than large cups of coffee.

She drove to the Indoor Sun Shopper in Seattle and paid \$300 for a light box, a device that emits light about 20 times brighter than normal room lighting. Researchers at the National Institutes of Health have found that with regular morning use, such lights can reduce SAD symptoms for about 60 percent of patients.

"I haven't gotten suicidal because of Bush," said Lee, 47, a Kerry voter. "For me, it has more to do with the weather. But the election definitely makes it worse."

Election results struck Seattle at the city's most fragile time of year, psychologically speaking, according to David Avery, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral science at the University of Washington, where the campus counseling center offers free "light therapy" to all students.

One of the nation's leading SAD researchers, Avery has investigated the disorder for 15 years and is himself a sufferer sometimes. He has sworn off early morning caffeine, as a result of his research, and replaced it with a "dawn simulation" device that begins at 5:45 each morning, slowly turns up the lights in his bedroom.

"Had the election taken place in July and Kerry had lost, people in Seattle would have been unhappy but it would not have impacted their energy or concentration or sleep or whatever," Avery said. "But for vulnerable people here who have a predisposition to winter depression, this kind of life stress, coming with the arrival of winter, is probably going to affect them more."

Stephanie Kowals, a psychiatrist with 10 years of clinical experience in Seattle, said that for her Kerry-voting patients, the election "is one more blow to their stability. For people who are depressed and get worse in the winter, it's mothership 'We lost. It is. Oh my God, what is going to happen?' It is a confirmation that the world is against them."

She said she treats one Re-

publican but has not seen him since the election.

Besides light boxes, Seattle is rife with home-brewed cures—some backed by science, some not—for the ravages of SAD. After the end of daylight saving time but before the election results were in, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer ran a full-page story about the Daylight Diet, featuring soy, salmon, broccoli and fat-free milk. Readers were invited to compete for limited space in a newspaper-funded nutrition study, by writing an essay about "how you handle winter grayness."

While there is no research suggesting that Seattleites can eat their way out of SAD, there is considerable data showing they can ease its symptoms with regular exercise. It probably is not a coincidence, then, that Seattle ranks as the fittest city in the country, with nine out of 10 people working out regularly, according to the October issue of Self magazine.

After the Bush victory, many people here seemed to be working out with a vengeance. Among them was Kim Brown-Seely, a magazine writer, Kerry supporter and mother of two boys in Bellevue, a suburb across Lake Washington from Seattle.

Biologists seek to save birds

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Biologists have released more than 25,000 masked bobwhite quail in the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge since 1995, when the federal government bought a ranch for nearly \$3 million and booted cows from the grasslands southwest of Tucson.

But within a year of being set free, more than 90 percent of the endangered birds were dead, most of them picked off by hawks. Today, 100 to 200 survive in the wild.

Now, officials have decided to halt releases of the quail so they can figure out what's going wrong.

"We're not giving up the fight for the masked bobwhite," manager Mitch Ellis said. "We'll keep doing what we can for the habitat, and the birds will come along at some point."

The reintroduction program has long been held up as a costly federal boondoggle by conservative critics and neighboring ranchers.

Backers of the 118,000-acre refuge—by far the largest ever created to recover an endangered species—counter that the Buenos Aires protects open space that might otherwise sprout homes and benefits a raft of species besides the bobwhite.

The refuge has no problem pumping out quail, using techniques borrowed from commercial poultry production.



A male masked bobwhite quail, his beak modified to lessen injuries in fights, protects a batch of chicks hatched from captive parents on Aug. 18 in a rearing facility at the Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge west of Arivaca, Ariz.

But captive-bred birds may not retain enough wild instincts, and the landscape they inhabit is still recovering from more than a century of grazing, erosion and human influence. "We're trying to get a handle on what's going on out in the wild without throwing all these birds out there," said Sally Gal, assistant refuge manager. "We're at a real crucial turning point. ... It's been many, many years of releases and you really can't say we're fully succeeding here, to be honest."

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Eagle hit by truck recovers

ST. MARIES (AP) — A young bald eagle hit by a logging truck has been returned to wilds of Idaho after a month's convalescence in a quiet Spokane Valley cage.

The immature female was sitting in the middle of the road along the St. Joe River on Sept. 20 when a logging truck came around the bend and didn't have time to stop.

The truck was hauling a full load of logs and its driver, Craig Hixson, knew better than to try and swerve.

Just in the nick of time, the eagle took flight and avoided a direct hit by the grille and windshield, but not the truck's log-loading boom.

"I tried to stop, but there was nothing I could do," said Hixson, who lives in St. Maries. "He just kind of hovered there for a while looked like a helicopter, his wings were slower than the width of my forehead."

The eagle was struck by the boom of the truck and landed on the metal roof of the cab. "I could hear him up there just scratching away," Hixson said.

The bird jumped off the truck and ran up a brushy road. It could move, but not fly. Hixson checked on the eagle throughout the day and then called the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

He returned home that night worried about the bird and regretted not having a camera.

"I've been in a logging truck seat for 25 years, and I've seen lots of neat stuff — eagles, bears, twin elk calves. This was once-in-a-lifetime," Hixson said. "I'm going to get a camera, and it's going to be in the truck all the time."

Conservation Officer Jerry Hugg took the injured bird to the Ponti Veterinary Hospital in Otis Orchards.

Veterinarian Jerry Ponti and veterinary technician Marilyn Omier have helped rehabilitate dozens of injured hawks, owls and eagles.

Raptors with broken wings often face steep odds at returning to the wild, Omier said.

Even when broken wings are pinned, the bones are frequently too fragile to withstand high-speed dives needed for securing food.

The birds are then euthanized or spend their remaining days living in confinement at educational facilities.

The injured eagle, however, was lucky.

Its wing had only a slight fracture and didn't require a pin, Omier said.

"We gave it quiet cage rest for four weeks."

While recovering, the eagle had a steady diet of chicken and fish.

"Every once in a while she got live prey: guinea pigs, rabbits and occasionally a rat," Omier said.

Pressure was on to return the eagle to the wild before winter, when the birds migrate and their diet switches from rodents to fish.

Caring for a wounded eagle is not like working with an injured parrot or a sled dog.

Raptors are nature's perfect killing machines and their instinct is not dampened by a cage.

Not only can eagle talons crush bone, but their beaks can slice off an ear or slash a face in the blink of an eye.

"We're very careful," Omier said. "You always keep a cloth between you and the beak."

The clinic receives no pay for its work.

Currently, an undernourished saw-whet owl and a red-tailed hawk missing its primary flight feathers are on the mend at the facility, which has a special permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to house raptors.

"It's truly voluntary on the doctor's part," Omier said. "But it's really a thrill when we get raptors in here and even more thrilling when we have them released."

In recent days, the eagle was allowed to exercise in the hospital's large barn.

"Typically a raptor on the mend is able to fly 50 feet. It's ready to be returned to the wild," Omier said.

"This bird was flying the length of our barn," she said.

Funeral X-rays were taken in late October and the bird was deemed fit for flight.

On Oct. 29 Hugo drove the eagle back to the St. Joe River.

Undercover probe nets six hunters for poaching

LEWISTON (AP) — An undercover investigation spanning two states and Canada has resulted in felony and misdemeanor poaching charges against six men.

The men — one from Nezperce, Idaho, four from Washington state and one from Oregon — reportedly were members of a hunting club that flouted game laws.

Chris Witt, 32, and Bill Witt, 57, of Battleground, Washington, are accused of selling four-year club memberships for \$5,000 per person. Members were allegedly allowed to hunt whitetail and mule deer, elk, bear, mountain lion and turkey on private land leased by the Witts near Nezperce. Investigators claim that potential clients were told they could kill two elk and two deer each year as well as several other species.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game started the nine-month undercover investigation on a tip from a law-abiding sportsman.

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SPORTS

Overtime upset

Clemson defeats No. 11 Miami

MIAMI (AP) — Reggie Merriweather ran for a career-high 114 yards and three touchdowns...

which also lost on the game's final play a week ago at North Carolina. Clemson outgained Miami 24-104 after halftime...



Clemson CB Tye Hill (8) tips a pass for Miami WR Slonrice Moss (37) in the first quarter of Saturday game in Miami.

On its overtime possession, Miami moved to the Clemson 5, but three straight interceptions by Brock Berlin sealed the Hurricanes' second straight loss...

Clemson knew it caught a break, and quickly capitalized. Charlie Whitehurst, who completed 21 of 37 passes for 258 yards...

fake field goal and elected to call upon kicker Chad Dean to run for a first down. Dean caught a fumble from holder Cole Chason...

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Following two more stilled Miami drives, Clemson used a little trickery to tie the game. Facing a fourth-and-2 from the Miami 9, Bowden went for a

Mushers pull away from North Gem

By John Dorr Times-News writer

FAIRFIELD — Finally into the second round. After three straight years of losing in the opening round, Camas County moved into new territory as Dakota Daniel scored three touchdowns...

for a 23-yard gain, then Dalin went on 25 yards on the net play for the early 8-0 advantage. The Cowboys looked to score on its next possession, moving the ball 45 yards...

then Tony Gonsales took it in the final 15 seconds. "We decided to put it together and play like we should," said Gonsales...

Next up for Camas County is a rematch with the Miners, a team they lost to early in the season 52-24. "Things are not the same in Musher land with players in new positions and a different scheme."

"It didn't seem like we had the advantage, we made a mistake," said Camas County head coach Randy Jewett.

Late in the half, Dalin added another touchdown, using a great block by VanGelder for the 49-yard score as the Mushers seemed to have control of the game...

VanGelder, who played quarterback last year, went 4-for-5 for 82 yards. His only incomplete pass was called reversed by the officials.

"I feel really good about it. We need to control the pass and get the run game going," added Jewett.

Portland State doubles up Idaho State

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Joe Rubin rushed for 155 yards and two touchdowns to lead Portland State to a 42-21 victory over Idaho State on Saturday.

Late football completed 21 of 42 passes for 251 yards. He threw three interceptions. Hetherington went 21 of 36 for 185 yards with one interception.

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Arizona 23, Washington 13

SEATTLE — First-year Arizona football coach Mike Stoops finally has his first Pac-10 victory with the Washington Huskies as he in last place in the conference all by their lonesome.

Alabama 30, Mississippi 14

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Ken Darby ran for a career-high 200 yards on 36 carries to lead Alabama to a 30-14 win over Mississippi State Saturday night.

No. 6 Texas 56, No. 19 Oklahoma State 35

AUSTIN, Texas — Cedric Benson scored five touchdowns and Vince Young had a strong passing game to help No. 6 Texas overcome a 35-7 first-half deficit for a 56-35 victory over No. 19 Oklahoma State on Saturday night.

No. 23 Arizona St. 34, Stanford 31

TEMPE, Ariz. — Andrew Walter threw four yards to Matt Miller — his fourth touchdown pass of the night — with nine seconds to play Saturday to give No. 23 Arizona State a wild 34-31 victory over Stanford.

No. 9 Eagles women down No. 20 Midland

The Times-News

MIDLAND, Texas — The College of Southern Idaho women ran away with this one.

The ninth-ranked Golden Eagles (4-0) ran the floor, converting quick transition baskets, to pull away for a 69-59 win over the No. 20 Midland (Texas) College Lady Chapparrals Saturday night.

Quarterback Clay Chaps connected with Patterson from 15 and 45 yards out for the 8-1 Vandals Saturday afternoon. Charles was 11-for-16 for 182 yards; Patterson ran for 77 yards...

Midland was caught flat-footed, unable to set up a press against Isabell and not getting back quickly enough to stop penetration. Unable to do either, CSI sliced through her defense.

"I thought that was a key," Rogers said. "Isabell was beating their pressure and giving us numbers. Another key was us taking their big girls out of the game. We beat a good team tonight."

Midland (3-1) shot well from outside, 41 percent, but only 29 percent from the field for the game. The Lady Chaps front-line starters were 1 for 11 for two points.

Krystin Patterson scored 12 points and pulled down six rebounds while Jordan Eckman added 11 points and four boards. Sidney Orndorff chipped in nine points. Delicia Jernigan was ill and played only three minutes.

CSO out-rebounded Midland 51-42, cashing in 31 second-chance points.

Midland made a run late thanks to their 3-point shooters, getting within eight, 65-57, with 1:08 remaining. CSI answered with free throws down the stretch, but still managed only 36 percent shooting from the charity stripe for the game.

CSI next travels to Scottsdale, Ariz for a tournament Thursday.

McCall-Donnelly blows by Filer, 40-12

The Times-News

McCALL — Tailback Parker Patterson ran for two scores and led in two touchdowns to lead the McCall-Donnelly Vandals past visiting Filer in the first round of the state 3A football playoffs.

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Local sports

Brad Silvester ran for 69 yards on 11 carries while Hramsteyer gained 30 on the ground and threw 8-for-20 for 85 yards, including three interceptions.

Filer (5-4) scored twice in a shutout. David Ryan hauled in a 25-yard receiving pass from quarterback Dan Ramseyer. Travis Wiersma lunged in a 36-yarder for the final margin.

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Brown came up just one assist shy of recording his second-straight double-double. All of Brown's points came after halftime.

Brotherhood hit the front end on two consecutive trips to the free throw line to put Pro Look Sports up 101-99 before Ames tied the game.

Sherridan pulled to within 49-44 with 17:31 remaining on Ed Finner's 3-point play. But CSI later went up by 10 on a Hansen 3 and never had his lead fall below double figures the rest of the way.

Robbie Warren and Shaun Morris each scored 23 points to lead the Bulldogs. Eddie Brotherhood added 21. Cleveland finished with 16 points. Ames led all scores with 31 points for SMCC while Van-Gundy finished with 26.

Pro Look Sports 104, South Mountain CC (Phoenix) 101

Cassey Cleveland's 3-pointer at the buzzer gave Pro Look Sports a 104-101 victory over South Mountain Community College (Phoenix).

South Mountain (0-3) rallied to take the lead on Josh Van-Gundy's 3-pointer with 7:30 remaining in the game, but fell behind again until Jessus Lovett converted a 3-point play to give South Mountain a 99-98 edge.

Wendell

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today. Trojans coach Steve Goodbody said, "It's the first time this that we've been able to control the pass and that turned into big things for us."

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2004 IDAHO SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Left: Several area athletes brought home medals from the 2004 Idaho State Special Olympics held in Boise and Nampa from Oct. 8-10. Matt Sobatka, left, of Buhl won a bronze medal and Ken Merritt, right, of Twin Falls took home a silver in bowling.

Right: Several area athletes brought home medals from the 2004 Idaho State Special Olympics held in Boise and Nampa from Oct. 8-10. In equestrian, Savannah Henstock of Hollister won two silvers and a bronze in barrel racing, team relay, and walk and trot. Seth Chadwick of Kimberly took home the silver in barrels, team relay, and pole bending. The equestrian coaches are Lisa and David Chadwick.

YOURSCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

There is no game this week. Here are the scores from the early bowling competition:

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612. Jerry Thompson 658, Doug Swanson 597
METS GAMES: Craig Brock 247, Raymond 225, Paul Kelly 201, Jerry Thompson 279
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BOYS' SOCCER

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BOYS' TENNIS

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Greenwald wins CSI Run/Walk

TWIN FALLS — The Run/Walk for the Troops sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho and Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley was held on Oct. 23. Rick Greenwald won the men's competition in a time of 18:17 while Kelly Gibbons won the women's run in 25:27. Jenne Brown completed the women's walk event first in 43:47. Ken Harris led the run in 46:45. Money raised went toward helping Idaho National Guardsmen return home on leave this month.

TEAM ROPING



Photo courtesy of DAN DODD
Winners of the summer team roping series are: saddle, Dan Kidd, champion header; Kenny Hutchison, champion footer; buckle, Frank Matthews and McCord Larsen; breast collar, Sam Adams and Ron Bench; jackets, Kent Benson and Dallen Spencer; and hats, Joe Hitt and Ratt Cameron.
The saddle winners are pictured. The team roping series was held at the Cassia County Fairgrounds on Wednesday night May through August. Saddle sponsors included Bob Livestock, Jake's Over the Top, The Chadwick Grille and Tires West.

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SPORTS

Eustachy makes most of his second chance at Southern Miss

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — Larry Eustachy still seems at ease with a can in his hand.

These days, though, his drink is Diet Coke — not the cheap beer Eustachy cradled in the embarrassing photos that led to his resignation last year at Iowa State.

The recovering alcoholic has been sober for 18 months and is getting a fresh start at Southern Mississippi.

"I've been through a lot, but it's all been good," Eustachy said. "It's made me take a hard look at myself, and I like who I am a lot better. It can't help but make me a better coach."

He credits sobriety for making him more forgiving and tolerant, and it shows. His first recruit, Rashad Caruth, walked out after one season at Kentucky after what he called a misunderstanding with coach Tubby Smith, then said he failed a drug test before he could play at Oklahoma and went to a junior college in Iowa.

He said Eustachy's total honesty — about his drinking problem, and about the guards' chances for playing time — convinced him to come to Hattiesburg.

"It's my last shot. It's no secret," Caruth said. Both he and Eustachy "have been through some hard times the last couple of years, and we're both able to come out here. Somebody gave him another chance, and he gave me another chance. He reached out to me and I'm thankful for that."

Eustachy, 48, is getting similar support from the Southern Miss community after his humiliating departure at Iowa State.

He was one of the rising stars of his profession. He worked as an assistant for 12 years before starting his first head coaching job. In 13 years, at Idaho, Utah State and Iowa State, he had one

losing season.

Suddenly, he was a hot commodity. The honors were rolling in for The Associated Press college coach of the year in 2000, and his salary rose to \$1 million a year.

But there was a darker side to the success — his drinking.

Beer was his drink of choice, sometimes chased by vodka. Sometimes he drank after dinner, and other times he waited until after his two children were asleep.

And then, there was that infamous college party in Missouri. He was photographed with one arm wrapped around a coed and the other hand holding a can of beer after a loss to the Tigers. An Iowa newspaper obtained those pictures — and posted them last year.

The incident happened just as he was coming to grips with his disease. Eustachy acknowledged he was an alcoholic on April 23, 2003, and enrolled in a 12-step program at Alcoholics Anonymous. He was forced out at Iowa State the following month.

Eustachy spent about a month at a rehabilitation clinic in Minnesota to get his life back on track, then waited for his chance to return to coaching. It came late last season, when James Green quit at Southern Miss.

Starving for a winner to revive the Golden Eagles' moribund program and desiring a marquee coach who could fill the Reed Green Coliseum seats, Southern Miss athletic director Richard Giannini called Eustachy in early March.

Eustachy knew Mississippi well. He spent five seasons as an assistant at Mississippi State, and told Giannini he wanted to return to the Deep South.

The two men met in New Orleans in mid-March, where

Giannini said they struck up a friendship immediately. Days later, they reached an agreement, and later that month Eustachy was hired.

"He addressed his issues right up front, which I appreciated," Giannini said. "He made no excuses. I could tell that there was no question that he had a very successful recovery program underway."

The players almost couldn't believe their good fortune. A former national coach of the year? Coming to lowly Southern Miss?

The Golden Eagles haven't had a winning season since 2001 and are best known for winning the 1987 NIT title. Eustachy's hiring immediately brought a sliver of credibility and national attention — to Hattiesburg.



Southern Mississippi head basketball coach Larry Eustachy, left, shouts 'Let's get to work,' drawing the applause of University of Southern Mississippi president Shelby Thames, right, following his introduction in Hattiesburg, Miss., March 25. The recovering alcoholic, who traded his cans of beer for the award-present cans of Diet Coke, has been sober for 18 months and is getting a fresh start at Southern Mississippi, a school fast becoming known for giving troubled coaches and players a chance to rebuild their reputations.

It's time for new stars in women's basketball

By Chuck Schaffner
Associated Press writer

No Diana Taurasi, no Alana Beard, Nicole Ohlde is gone and so is Nicole Powell, Lindsay Whalen and Kelly Mazzante. They're moved on, too.

A class that might have been the best ever in women's basketball is no longer around. It's time for some new stars to emerge.

There are plenty of talented candidates — and just as many questions because players who once had complementary roles now must lead. And those questions start at the very top.

If Connecticut is to win a record fourth straight national championship, the Huskies will have to do it without Taurasi, the fiery, flashy All-American who now stars in the WNBA and owns an Olympic gold medal.

Someone — Barbara Turner? Ann Strother? — has to give UConn the heart and calm under pressure that Taurasi always provided.

Like the No. 1-ranked team at the end of last season, no longer has Beard, a three-time All-American, or 6-foot-5 Iciss Tillis. The Blue Devils hope Monique Currie can step up.

Who'll key UConn in the national picture now that the versatile Powell is gone? Center Janel McCarville was unstoppable during Minnesota's surprising run to the Final Four last season. Can she be as effective without Whalen getting her ball and occupying defenses?

One thing is certain: McCarville will get a late start after breaking a bone in her left hand in practice.

Ohlde dominated inside while leading Kansas State's rise to national prominence. Now it's up to Kendra Wecker, and Laurie Koehn to carry the Wildcats.

Mazzante has left Penn State after breaking the Big Ten's career scoring record and leading the Lady Lions to the NCAA East Regional final. Tanisha Wright and Jess Strom, it's your team now.

Players such as Jacqueline Batteast of Notre Dame, Sophia Young of Baylor, and Katie Gearin of Purdue, perhaps. With seniors filling all 10 spots on the first two All-America teams last season, there was little room for such players to get much recognition.

Changing of the guard extends to the coaching ranks. After guiding LSU to its first Final Four appearance while filling in for the ailing Sue

Gunter, Poky Chatman is now the Lady Tigers' coach from the start. She'll go at it with a talented team headed by junior Seimone Augustus, a third-team All-American last season.

Gunter retired after winning 708 games in 44 seasons, and she wasn't the only veteran coach bowing out.

Some things, though, never change. Pat Summitt starts her 31st season with 852 victories at Tennessee, which lost to UConn in the NCAA finals last April.

Summitt brought in the nation's top recruiting class, but three are injured, including the most highly touted prospect, Candace Parker, who already made a name for herself by beating the boys in a slam dunk contest.

Handling the remaining rookies with veterans Shyra Elly, Shannon Zollman and Loroe Moore has been a challenge, even for a coach with six NCAA titles.

Connecticut has matched Tennessee as the only school with three straight NCAA titles, and the Huskies have won four of the last five. Fans have become so spoiled that coach Geno Auriemma hopes championships are still seen as something special and not just part of the routine at UConn, which also won the men's title last season.

Auriemma still has plenty of talent with Strother, Turner and Jessica Moore, who's trying to come back from offseason knee surgery. Guard Nicole Wolff finally is healthy after two injury-marred seasons, and the Huskies again are the favorites in the Big East, smaller now with the departure of Virginia Tech and Miami.

Jody Conradt is still going strong at Texas, where she's starting her 28th season and is right behind Summitt with 847 wins. Second-team All-American Stacy Stephens is gone, but standouts Heather Schreiber, Jamile Carey and Tiffany Jackson return.

The goal, of course, is the NCAA tournament, and that, too, has a different look. There are eight first- and second-round sites with eight teams each, a change from the four-team, 16-site format of the past.

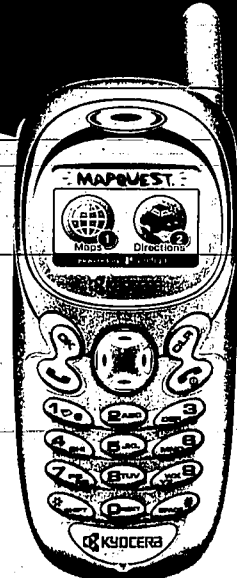
Even more changes await in 2006, when Selection Sunday moves to Monday.

Those early games will start this weekend on campuses for the Final Four in Indianapolis. Who'll be there?

It could depend on who among the new stars shines the brightest.

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Economy looks bright

Idaho's economy has emerged from its period of weakness and "is clearly headed in the right direction," according to Zions Bank economic consultant Jeff Thredgold.

Indeed, *The Times-News* quarterly survey of Twin Falls-area economic indicators found plenty to cheer local economy watchers: for instance, home building at near-

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record levels, an increase in taxable sales, and tourism activity that improved as the summer progressed. Big-ticket markets performed well, as local real

estate agents set new records both for the number of homes sold and for the average closing price. New automobile sales accelerated, fueled by dealers' incentives.

Higher interest rates gave savers a boost, and local bank deposits reflected that fact. But the rising rates did not slow commercial loan activity, one bank president said.

The farm industry — and others that depend on it — enjoyed higher prices for

cattle, spuds and manufacturing-grade milk, with local cattle prices reaching a new high. Still, Twin Falls grocery shoppers saw some relief in their average weekly bills.

Perhaps most importantly, job creation slowed but remained hearty, helping to keep Twin Falls-area unemployment rates among Idaho's lowest. New announcements of incoming employers should help to sustain that growth.

— Virginia S. Hutchins

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Slower, but still growing



Bob Richards, left, Jerome's retiring economic development director, talks with Brian Bedard, center, senior technical specialist for Hilex Poly Co., and Neil West, regional sales manager for the company, after an August announcement that Hilex Poly will open a factory in Jerome.

Job creation numbers drop a bit, but remain hearty

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Economists in Idaho and elsewhere around the nation are watching with concern as service and retail jobs, typically with few benefits, replace higher-paying manufacturing and white-collar jobs.

Lower wages and fewer benefits increase the likelihood that workers must take on multiple jobs to make ends meet, and they raise the risk of illness or injury devastating a family's finances, said Greg Rogers, the Magic Valley labor economist for Idaho Commerce and Labor.

"These types of questions can ascertain just how strong an economic recovery is and how beneficial it will be in terms of consumer confidence, etc., and how sustainable it will be into the future," Rogers said.

But what about the quality of new jobs created in south-central Idaho? "Has this disturbing national trend reached to our area, and are good-paying jobs leaving and being replaced by a lower-paying, no-benefit jobs? The answer here is a resounding no," Rogers wrote in a recent report.

South-central Idaho's dairy growth in the early 1990s smoothed out seasonal fluctuations in employment and raised per-capita income, he said, and many migrant seasonal farmworkers became year-round residents. New sectors of light manufacturing were created with the arrival of a precision-parts plant and a plastics manufacturer in Twin Falls.

Dell Inc. expanded the local technology sector with the 2002 opening of its Twin Falls call center. Plastic bag manufacturer Hilex Poly Co. plans to open a plant in Jerome by the end of the year,

Help wanted

While still on the increase in the third quarter, help-wanted advertising by Magic Valley businesses slowed its rate of growth. Local employers in July through September placed just 4 percent more newspaper ads looking for workers than they did a year earlier. That's cooler than the 9 percent growth rate in the first half of 2004, but it still suggests plentiful options for job seekers.

Employment ads in *The Times-News* classified advertising section totaled 5,890 in the third quarter, compared with 5,638 a year earlier. "The job market was steady in September, with construction — both local and out-of-area — and the agriculture sector seeking harvest drivers," the newspaper's classified and online manager, Deb Johnson, said in early October, while reporting September's 2 percent ad increase. "Sales representatives and clerical positions were needed across the board in retail and business offices. Medical was solid with nursing and technical positions. Truck drivers are still in demand in our area, as well as across the nation." The improvements are particularly welcome after the past year's decline. Full-year 2003's employment ads totaled 3 percent fewer than the ads placed in 2002.

adding an initial 30 to 40 new jobs to Magic Valley's economy and expecting to grow to 200 jobs within three years. "For that job creation, Rogers and others have given credit to regional cooperation — and pro-development leadership."

"Does that mean south-central Idaho has no growth in service and retail jobs? Not at all. We have had numerous new retail and service facilities open," Rogers said.

But he argued that new service-sector jobs are the result of employment

growth in other sectors, as retailers cater to a growing work force.

"They also prevent retail leakage to larger market areas such as Boise and keep dollars circulating in our local economy," Rogers said.

His analysis: Technology jobs are up, light-manufacturing jobs are up, forecasted construction jobs are up, along with important retail and service jobs. That's the sign of a healthy economy — an economy that creates retail and service sector jobs because of robust growth in other sectors instead of as a substitute for jobs lost elsewhere.

Still hearty statistics

Magic Valley's central labor market is still creating jobs at a nice clip, but the growth slowed in the third quarter.

In Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls counties combined, seasonally adjusted unemployment ended the third quarter at 3.9 percent. That was more than a point below the statewide 5.0 percent joblessness forecast for September.

Commerce and Labor frequently revises its joblessness-rate data. Its most recent computations pegged the three-county local labor market's seasonally adjusted rate at 3.9 percent unemployment in both July and August, as well — steady with year-ago rates even as the civilian labor force grew in size.

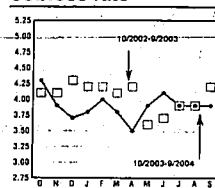
Western Magic Valley's jobs still pay, on average, less than Rogers figures families need to get by. But there are plenty of jobs out there.

In July-to-September data not adjusted for seasonal fluctuations, Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls counties combined gained 2,835 nonfarm jobs compared with the third quarter of 2003.

That's a 6.5 percent year-over-year gain — not as rapid as the roughly 13 percent growth earlier this year, but still faster than any time during the 4 1/2 years leading up to mid-2003.

The third quarter's average number of nonagricultural jobs in the three-

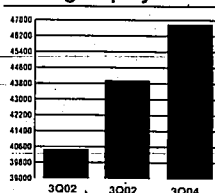
Jobless rate



Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Twin Falls, Jerome and Gooding counties during the past 24 months.

Source: Idaho Commerce and Labor.

Non-ag employment



The three counties' average number of nonagricultural jobs per quarter, not adjusted for seasonal fluctuations.

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YOUR BUSINESS

Ag prices beat year-ago levels

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Medicine Shoppe pharmacies have teamed up with the American Diabetes Association through November, American Diabetes Month, to offer free "Healthy Lifestyle Recipe and Nutrition Cards" that share diabetes-related information. The cards are available at the Medicine Shoppe pharmacy.

430 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Bon-Macy's is sponsoring its annual Ultimate Coat Event, with donations benefiting Goodwill Industries or other charitable organizations. Customers may bring their clean, gently used coats to the Bon-Macy's gift wrap department and exchange each for a coupon good for \$20 off any men's or women's coat purchase of \$75 or more.



Jerry Kozak, left, CEO of National Milk Producers Federation, talks with Jerome dairyman Adrian Boer at the United Dairymen of Idaho annual meeting in Pocatello this week.

CAROL BYAN OSMA/PA For Times-News

NMPF chief: Stop running to Capitol Hill

POCATELLO — Top on the priority list at the United Dairymen of Idaho annual meeting this week was profitability. And Jerry Kozak, CEO of National Milk Producers Federation, spoke to the issue, in particular, the need for dairymen to take control of their fate and stop relying on government intervention.

Farmbeat highlights of this week's Ag Weekly, The Times-News' weekly report on agriculture.

Considering the country's budget deficit and the war in Iraq, funding for programs is going to get a lot tighter, he said. Dairymen are facing environmental facility improvements, a national animal identification system and controlling the "blue tongue" disease, which is a costly challenge that they will need federal funding to accomplish.

Water year gets off to a good start. While just a month old, water experts say the 2004-05 water year is off to a better start than last year. But that's not saying too much.

Co-op seeks to boost potato prices

IDAHO FALLS — Large growers and shippers of Idaho fresh potatoes have formed a cooperative to manage supply and improve prices, said officials of the new United Fresh Potato Growers of Idaho.

DOT renews farm cart propane extension

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Transportation has renewed the farm cart exemption (E-11209) authorizing the transportation of liquefied propane gas in non-DOT specification cargo tank motor vehicles exclusively for agricultural purposes within, operated by a private carrier.

Jobs

Most sectors were up significantly over the year, reflecting the overall strong growth of the western Magic Valley, Rogers said.

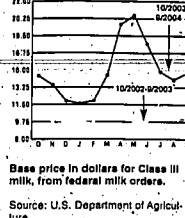
October, the company was still evaluating its needs. But by late October, development leaders had "another year" in mind, said Jacek Inc., a recreational vehicle manufacturer, said it plans to open a plant in Twin Falls by the end of the year, creating an initial 50 jobs and expecting to grow to 80 jobs by next October.

Twin Falls, J. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Announcing its third-quarter earnings, regional financing firm Northwest Farm Credit Services noted declines in its "nonaccrual" loans and delinquencies compared with a year ago.

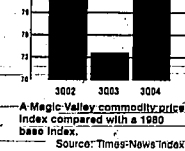
Quarterly review. While oil and energy costs are an ever-increasing concern for producers, most commodity prices remained fair to good, said Jay Penick, president and chief executive of Northwest Farm Credit Services.

Milk prices



Base price in dollars for Class III milk, from federal milk orders. Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Farm price index



A Magic Valley commodity price index compared with a 1980 base index. Source: Times-News Index.

the butter, spuds, cask, wheat and beans categories used for The Times-News' farm-price index all topped 2003's third-quarter prices. Only sugar fell a little short.

The Index

July-to-September prices for

Sales slacken in T.F. County

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer. TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County businesses rang up less in third-quarter sales than a year earlier.

Not the whole picture

At the best of times, sales trends are hard to keep track of. In addition to the Idaho State Tax Commission's variable speed of processing sales returns, keep in mind that county-by-county sales are not the complete picture of sales.

Aslan export market is a higher demand for value meats, like tongue, that aren't in big demand here.

Here's how third-quarter index prices compared with year-earlier ones:

- Butter, up 46 percent.
- Cattle, up 22 percent (in Magic Valley prices).
- Potatoes, up 22 percent (in Magic Valley prices).
- Wheat, up 8 percent (in Magic Valley prices).
- Beans, up 2 (in Magic Valley prices).
- Sugar, down 1 percent.

The milk market

Magic Valley dairy farmers meanwhile, are enjoying better returns this year. The base price for Class III milk — manufacturing-grade milk destined mostly for cheese — hit an agonizingly low \$9.11 per hundredweight in March 2003 before ending up through-out that spring and summer, reaching \$14.30 by September 2003.

...not the whole picture... Total sales — \$200,918 million, up 43 percent from \$140,690 million in third quarter 2003.

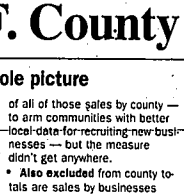
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Market basket



An average cost in dollars of a basket of goods at three area grocery markets. Source: Times-News survey.

Grocery buyers get some relief

TWIN FALLS — If local shoppers were watching their pennies, they saw their weekly grocery bills shrink in late summer.

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New records set in home sales

Both sale numbers, closing prices see high marks

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Around Idaho this year, economic growth, net in-migration and attractive mortgage interest rates have led new-home construction to historically high levels...

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One factor to keep an eye on in coming years is the likelihood of more people cashing out of extremely high-priced California real estate and buying attractively priced Idaho homes.

The Twin Falls area has had a big share in both the rapid home construction and the hearty sales...

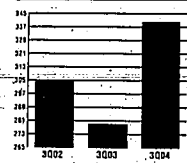
Mortgage rates around the country rose but are still at levels that should continue to provide support to the vibrant housing market...

Rates on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 5.70 percent last week — up from 5.64 percent the previous week...

Hammer and nails

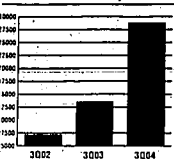
In their second-busiest quarter ever, the city of Twin Falls and the unincorporated portion of Twin Falls County together issued 16.6 percent more new-home permits during the

Home sales



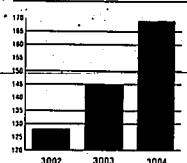
Number of homes in Twin Falls County sold by members of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Home sales, average value



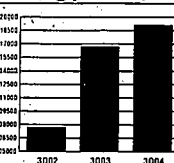
Average value in dollars of homes sold by members of the Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors.

Building permits



Building permits for new homes issued by Twin Falls city and county officials.

Building permits, average value



The average value in dollars of houses for which building permits were issued.

July-to-September period than they did a year earlier.

The two departments' records combined showed permits for 169 new single-family homes in the third quarter...

Those results exclude duplexes and apartment units but do include manufactured homes...

Local real estate agents' sales of houses during the third quarter — including both new and previously occupied homes — grew 21.9 percent...

post a new record. In July through September, home sales in all areas of Twin Falls County...

Sold signs

In local home sales, signs of cooling showed up in the second half of 2003, after benchmark mortgage rates left the four-decade low they had reached in June 2003...

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Automobile sales accelerate locally

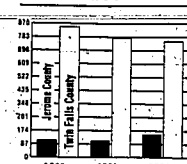
By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fueled by aggressive consumer incentives, local automobile sales got some gas in the third quarter.

After slipping 2.3 percent in the first half of the year, compared with the same six months in 2003, local sales accelerated 2.4 percent in the third quarter.

The recent local increase mirrors a wider consumer trend. U.S. consumers, who spending last in September, roared back in life in September, boosting their

Auto sales



Twini Falls and Jerome county sales of new vehicles.

Source: Idaho Automobile Dealers Association.

purchases far more than their incomes increased.

The Commerce Department attributed the spending surge to a big jump in purchases of big-ticket products such as cars, reflecting the fact that auto dealers brought back popular sales incentives...

in the third quarter of 2003, the two-county total had been down 7.9 percent from the 960 new cars and trucks sold in 2002's third quarter...

Tourism improves at end of summer

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley's tourism-dependent businesses had cause to cheer as the summer progressed...

The average transaction price grew substantially, too. The average paid in the most recent quarter, a record-setting \$126,792, was 13.4 percent above third quarter 2003's average of \$113,536...

Another indicator of Twin Falls tourism traffic also swung to positive at the end of the summer.

The visitor counts from the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center, at the south end of the Perrine Bridge, stood at 6,821 for July, 5,345 for August and 4,736 for September as the peak season wound down.

But those July and August figures are down by 3 percent and 18 percent, respectively, from the visitor counts during the same months in 2003.

Area bank deposits pick up pace

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Locals' bank deposits are still on the rise, and the ascent kept quickening as the summer progressed.

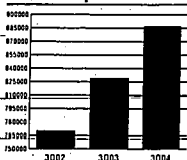
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Deposits in the Magic Valley branch offices of the four locally based banks at the end of September (\$887.138 million) topped the year-ago total (\$829.115 million) by 7.0 percent.

Quarterly rates of growth from year-earlier deposits ranged between 10.0 and 13.5 percent in 2001-02, but growth dropped to 9.0 percent in early 2003 then inched down steadily in single-digit territory...

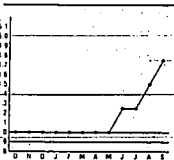
The Times-News gathers deposit data from Bull-Head Farmers National Bank, Burley-based D.L. Evans Bank, Twin

Bank deposits



Deposits in thousands of dollars at the end of the quarter in four locally based banks' Magic Valley branches.

Interest rates



The prevailing national interest rate during the past 12 months.

Falls-based First Federal Savings Bank and Magic Valley Bank, founded in Twin Falls.

The latter left the ranks of locally based banks last week but retained its community style of business — with its sale to publicly traded Intermountain Community Bancorp of Sandpoint.

The four companies that provide deposit data to The Times-News aren't the entire local banking market, of course, but they provide a measure of changes in economic activity.

Phil Brisson, Magic Valley Bank regional president, said the rising interest rates, which have boosted deposits haven't slowed commercial loan activity.

The economy's still very strong, our loan demand has just been exceptional," he said in early October. "There seems

to be a confidence level out there, and (businesses) are not afraid to take on some projects that have maybe been a little pent up for a while."

Twice in the third quarter, savers got a boost as the Federal Reserve raised a key interest rate by a quarter-point on Aug. 10, then again on Sept. 21.

Rate hikes can help savers by boosting the interest paid on bank accounts: certificates of deposit, Treasury bills and bonds, and money market mutual funds. On the other hand, the hikes raise costs for home equity lines of credit, variable-rate credit cards and some other personal loans — nearly all tied to the prime rate.

Major banks keep their prime interest rates — the benchmark for millions of consumer and small-business loans — set at three percentage

points above the federal funds rate. The funds rate, the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans, is the Federal Reserve's primary tool for influencing the economy.

Even with the latest increases, both the funds rate, now at 1.75 percent, and the prime rate, at 4.75 percent, are low by historical standards, analysts say.

This year's three quarter-point increases are part of a gradual process to wean the U.S. economy from extraordinarily low rates that are no longer viewed as necessary to keep the economy afloat. Many economists believe the central bank will push up rates for a fourth time this year to ensure a rebounding economy does not generate inflationary pressures. The Associated Press reported.

Many employees call in sick even when they aren't

The Associated Press

Do you ever call in sick when you're not sick? More than a third of workers, or 35 percent, said they had done so at least once in the past year, according to a poll by CareerBuilder.com...

Why? A quarter of the workers said they consider sick days equivalent to vacation time and treat them as a lower priority when they called in sick simply because they didn't feel like going to work that day.

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Afraid of change? You're missing a lot

Editor's note: Denise Turner is off this week. Here's her column from Dec. 3, 2003.

Some of America's most popular products were developed during the past 50 years. Silly Putty, for example, was born during World War II, when General Electric was seeking a rubber substitute and a chemical engineer combined silicone oil and borax in a test tube. The engineer came up with a gooey polymer, which he tossed onto the counter. It bounced right back.

And the Walkman was the brainchild of Sony engineers who, in 1978, started shrinking stereo components into the same chassis. They were able to fit in the playback parts and two tiny speakers, but not the recording mechanism. So Sony's co-founder suggested getting rid of the speakers and combining the stereo with some lightweight headphones being developed elsewhere in the company. The engineers were not enthusiastic, but the yuppies were. Soon, everyone was logging to the tune of a brand new product.

It amazes me to think about how many new products have been developed just in my own lifetime - which, in spite of what my children say, is not all that many years.



LIFE AND TIMES
Denise Turner

I was here for the advent of purse-sized calculators and shopping malls and panyhose, all of which have cost women like me big bucks.

Or, as one female comedian put it, "I spent \$750 last year on panyhose, and the men I know are still wearing the same socks they wore in junior high."

Some of the changes around us are great. Some are not so great.

A friend told me of a young man who inherited a collection of old books, including a dictionary published in 1901. Leafing through the dictionary, the man glanced at the word "uranium." The definition: "a worthless white metal not found in the United States." Within 50 years, of course, that metal had thrust the entire world into the nuclear age.

Today, we live in an era when people and places we had hardly heard of a few years ago are now the focal points for international affairs.

According to a research project conducted by Good Housekeeping, the favorite snack in 1900 was homemade cookies, and the favorite snack in the 1990s is microwave popcorn. That's probably good. The favorite reading material in 1900 was inspirational stories. Now it's celebrity exposés. That's probably not so good.

The favorite turn-of-the-century exercise was strolling. Now it's cross-training. That may be good, but it's not fun.

My daughter, a freshman in college, is living in a dormitory. Visiting her room for the first time brought back old memories of my own college days - I thought, "What are your hours?" I asked my child.

"My what?"

"You know, your dorm hours. What time do you have to be in at night?"

The laughter could be heard two residence halls away.

"When I was in college, we had to be in at 10:30 on weeknights," my lecture began. "I kept us safe." Of course, I didn't mention the fact that I lived on the first floor of the dorm and the window was always open.

It didn't matter. Either way, the consensus would have been the same: Mom's getting really old. But maybe that's not so bad, as long as you can live among the ever-present changes around you and still find ways to enjoy life.

This Halloween, I began thinking about a friend in Ohio whose mother was the kind of senior citizen everyone wanted to visit. The older woman was far into her 80s on Halloween night 10 years ago. My friend opened her front door late that night and saw a fully-grown adult, costumed in ragged hobo garb, standing on the doorstep holding out a rumpled candy sack.

"Here," my friend snapped as she dropped it in the Sackless Bag. "But I think you're a little old for trick-or-treat."

Later, my friend told her mother about the visitor, and her mother began to chuckle.

"It was I," the old woman giggled, and she went on to tell her daughter - about going to - the home of her other relatives and - fooling them all.

That woman had lived through lots of changes, both good and bad. But her love of life - ah, there's the key.

Denise Turner is assistant features editor at The Times-News.

Pictures of POWER

Photographer, Ketchum resident aims a long lens on the presidency

By Karen Bossick
The Wood River Journal

KETCHUM - Diana Walker looks out toward the aspen trees lining the Big Wood River opposite her log home north of Ketchum.

But she isn't really seeing the aspen, nor the picture of Baldy that they frame.

In her mind, she's thumbing through thousands of images of presidents that she took as a photographer for Time magazine over 20 years.

"I was there for the rest of the world," she said, brushing a lock from her short blond hair off her forehead. "I was there for the person sitting at home who wanted a glimpse of what it was really like to be president."

Walker covered the White House for Time from 1979 to 2000 and for other publications in the years preceding that.

She captured President Reagan laughing with the queen of England, George Bush saluting the troops on the eve of Operation Desert Storm, Nancy Reagan kicking off her last day.

No campaign and Al Gore collecting his thoughts as he rode the elevator on Jan. 20, 2001, to greet George Walker Bush, who was about to take the oath of office.

Walker followed First Lady Rosalyn Carter on her visits abroad. She was the only photographer permitted in the room when Newt Gingrich entertained Raisi Gorbachy for the first time. She also was the first photojournalist allowed to spend an entire day inside the White House with President George H.W. Bush - an occasion that resulted in the photo essay "A Day in the Life of George Bush" that ran in Time Magazine in May 1989.

Since she has published many of her photographs in the National Geographic's coffee table book "Public & Private: Twenty Years Photographing the Presidency."

"I loved all the presidents," Walker said. "It thought they were all fascinating."

Walker was introduced to photography and politics at an early age by her parents who



Photographer Diana Walker with President Reagan in the White House, July 1986.

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TWENTY YEARS PHOTOGRAPHING THE PRESIDENCY

DIANA WALKER

FOREWORD BY MICHAEL FISHERS
COMMENTARIES BY THE PRESIDENTS AND FIRST LADIES

GET ORGANIZED! Time to customize your closet

The Washington Post

Imagine being in your new house looking for your favorite pink sweater in a closet the size of a city garage. Your closet is so big you could do cartwheels in it.

But you can't find the sweater because the closet's so big, you're not sure where it ended up. So even though you just spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on a new house, you follow that by spending tens of thousands of dollars to have a closet company organize your closet.

Fantasy? Not really. "People are customizing their closets like crazy," said Jim Gibson, principal at Gilhison LLC, a custom builder in Washington. "I've seen people spend \$100,000 on a closet."

Gone are the days when the humble 2-by-6-foot closet with its single shelf and metal pole satisfied the American homeowner. Even though closets still take up only a small portion of any home, they have an out-sized grip on the psyche of the home builders. And home builders are starting to wake up to that reality.

"Everyone wants more and more closets," said Gopal

Ahluwalia, director of research at the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). "And then after they get them, they're spending more and more money getting them organized."

It all comes down to the fact that Americans have huge amounts of stuff, said Helen Kuhl, editor in chief of Closets magazine, a publication launched last year devoted to home organization. "We get overwhelmed by it all."

And American homeowners have been happy to plow lots of money back into their homes over the past few years of steadily rising home values.

"They've already re-done their kitchens, and they've already bought nice entertainment centers," Kuhl said. "All of a sudden, they look into their closets, and they're a mess. So now, it's closet time."

Companies catering to this national - domestic - obsession have sprung up around the country, ready to help owners of both new and existing homes organize themselves. Kitchen-cabinet manufacturers are also starting to branch out into closet-organization systems, Kuhl said.

Mike Carson, president of the National Closet Group, a trade association of independent closet companies, says there are more than 2,000 closet-organization companies in the country. And that's not counting such big retailers as the Container Store and Home Depot, which also sell closet-shelving systems.

Carson said the 50 companies in his association are enjoying record growth this year, anywhere from 10 to 35 percent.

It's not hard to see why. Kuhl said Americans spent \$2 billion remodeling their closets last year. And that's not just buying white particleboard shelves.

"People want their closet systems to be not just functional, but very, very aesthetic," said Ginny Snook Scott, director of sales development at California Closets, the biggest closet company in the country with more than 100 franchises nationwide.

"They want their closets to look more like the furniture in their rooms - so, darker woods, cabinets with crown molding, accessories in brushed aluminum - beautiful lighting."

Scott said revenue growth for the company in 2004 has al-

Today's closet organization systems can be contemporary or traditional. This one appropriate for a kid's room and is from California Closets, which has franchises nationwide.

ready doubled that of 2003.

The closet companies are offering more than pretty cabinetry. They are luring homeowners with nifty organizational features, such as pull-out tie and belt cubbies, vertical dividers, shirt shelves, shoe drawers and mirrors; pull-down ironing boards, hanging rods and slacks dividers; velvet-lined jewelry drawers, shoe drawers and drawers for business cards; hidden safes, hampers and baskets.

Builders are finding it good business to respond to customers' desire for super-sized closets.

"A closet can definitely sell a home," said Shawn Evans of Pulse Homes Inc., the country's largest builder. "We have one

floor plan that comes with a closet that's the length of a three-car garage plus an additional walk-in closet. That is an extremely popular house, and a large part of that is the master closet."

Most closet growth has come in master bedrooms, where many builders offer either his-and-hers walk-in closets or one huge walk-in. (When it's one big closet, it usually comes with a center island, a half-wall or some other kind of divider). Some master suites even come with three walk-in closets, builders say.

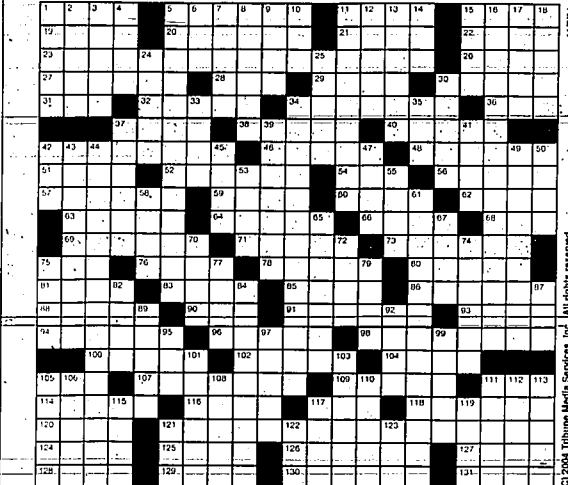
Kitchen pantries have also mushroomed. Walk-in pantries are a must in a new home these days, said Ahluwalia of NAHB.

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FAMILY LIFE

Sunday Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

CIRCUS PERFORMANCES By Robert H. Wolfe, North Woodmere, New York



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Artificial insemination is real solution for couple



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old bisexual female. I am madly in love with my partner, "Darci." We have been together for 10 short, wonderful months but I know without a doubt in my heart that she's "the one" for me. She feels the same.

All I have ever really wanted out of life is to become a mother. I feel that is the reason I was born female, and I wouldn't be able to forgive myself if I died without giving birth. I also don't want to become a mother in any other way except the "old-fashioned way."

DEAR TOBY: This is a question you and your partner should discuss with an obstetrician/gynecologist. Surely you are aware that you can be impregnated by artificial insemination, using donor sperm or the sperm of a donor you and Darci know.

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get along very well. In recent months, whenever Bart visits, his girlfriend always comes along. She rarely joins in the conversation and seems only to sit there waiting for us to "finish" so they can be on their way. Our talks have become brief and superficial - far different from times past. I wish he would visit by himself sometimes. Am I wrong to want to see my son without her occasionally?

DEAR MAUI MAMA: No, and you should tell your son how you feel. It is nice that he has found a girl who is worthy of bringing home to Mama, but that doesn't mean she should come along on every visit.

DEAR ABBY: My cousin came crying to me. She said her husband had been having an affair. She was devastated - until I told her about an incident at my last job. My boss, "Lila," confided to me that her husband had had an affair. She said that after she caught him cheating with her sister, she took him back and told him, "Remember this: I've got an affair coming."

DEAR LAUGHING: Your boss was a clever lady but I hope she wasn't serious. One wrong is bad enough. Two wrongs not only don't make a right, but can also destroy a marriage.

Web site offers rules for poker

You know, nothing brings a family together like poker. That's what the folks behind the Travel Channel's "World Poker Tour" think, and they've launched a Web site aimed at bringing "The Great American Card Game" home for family game nights.

Family news you can use

trip out with the garbage... Find the page at www.worldpoker.com/pokercenter/family/.

cents from three types of households - two biological parents; a single parent; and one biological parent with another adult, such as a step-parent or live-in partner.

Leo: Money matters flow with ease

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HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your personal magnetism is likely to draw a congenial other closer with amorous adventures in mind. Stroll down Lovest's Lane, but also keep an eye out for financial openings where you can increase your net worth.

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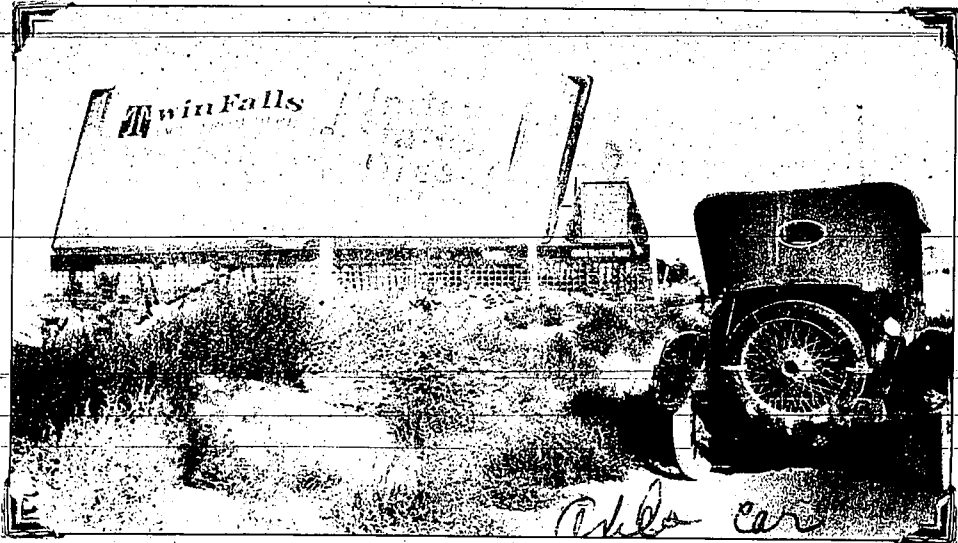
Magic Valley scrapbooks

The Money section in today's paper is devoted to stories about job creation and other measurements of the Twin Falls area's economy.

So today seemed a fitting time to remember a few of the many businesses that helped get the local economy going in the first place.

Here, we present another selection of our readers' old photographs of early businesses in Twin Falls and neighboring cities - among them, a butcher, a blacksmith and vendors of gas and groceries.

-Virginia S. Hutchins



This mid-1920s photograph, taken on a roadside a mile from Twin Falls, shows a bit of business marketing that makes use of early Twin Falls' rapid growth.

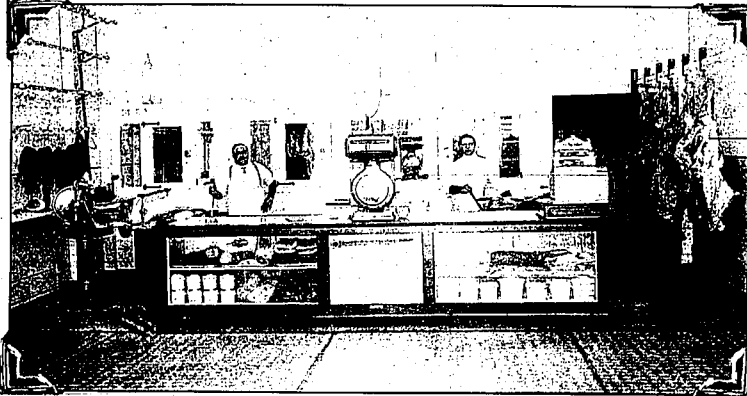


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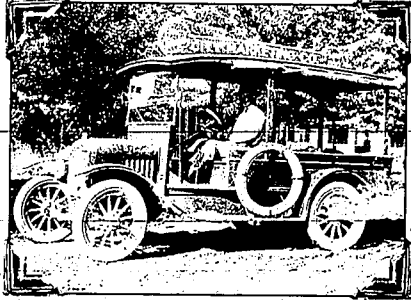


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Above, Fred Rudolph - father of Twin Falls residents Annabel Frazer and Marjorie Dugger - delivers groceries in Twin Falls in 1918. Left, Gottfried Stettler, left, and Mr. Stevenson (whose first name isn't available) work in Gottfried's Twin Falls butcher shop at Shoshone and Second North in 1916. Stettler was the grandfather of current Twin Falls resident Ellis Stettler, son of Ernest Stettler.



Photo courtesy of HOLLY E. WALKER of Twin Falls

Ed Walker, at far right, poses in 1915 in front of the barbershop which he operated in Murtaugh for 27 years. His neighbor and friend Harry Appibaum - at far left, with Appibaum family members - owned a drug store, which has since burned down, and a grocery store, which still stands in Murtaugh.



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Fred Rudolph, a Twin Falls man who saved this photo from about 1917 in his scrapbook, labeled it: "First service station in T.F."



Photo courtesy of LES S. STANGER of Murtaugh

William Earl Potter, in the middle of the bottom row, poses with co-workers from the Sands feed and ice business in Twin Falls between about 1917 and 1922.

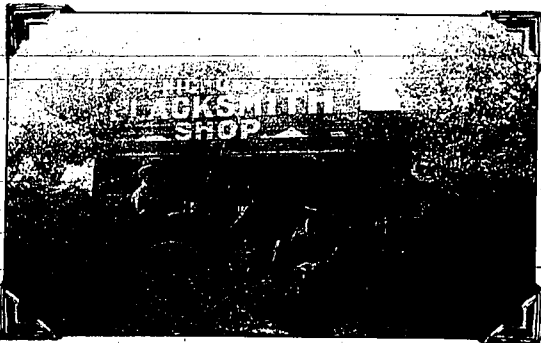


Photo courtesy of FREDIA NICHOLSON of Filer

Above, blacksmith Jesse Warner Nicholson stands in the door of his Filer shop in 1918. Among other tasks, Nicholson shod the harness race horses that raced at the fairgrounds, says daughter-in-law Freda Nicholson of Filer.

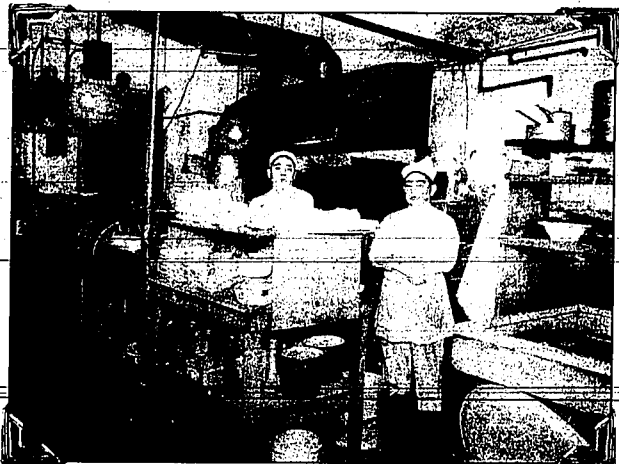


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Right, James K. Noda, right, works in the kitchen of the Boston Cafe, his Shoshone business, in the 1930s.