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MILLIONAIRE MONEY INSIDE! Make Me A MILLIONAIRE

CSI volleyball season ends

NJCAA rules Eagles ineligible for postseason play

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho gymnasium was eerily quiet early Wednesday afternoon.
At a time when it would normally be preparing for the Region 18A tournament, the CSI volleyball team was nowhere to be found.
That's because after a lengthy appeals process, the National Junior College Athletic Association national office declared the seven-time national champion Golden Eagles ineligible for



CSI head coach Ben Stroud

postseason play. The organization ruled CSI had used an ineligible player for the first 34 matches this season.
The sanctions include a ban from the 2004 postseason and the loss of one scholarship to a foreign player for the 2005 and 2006 seasons. CSI will still be allowed the maximum of 14 scholarships overall for the next two seasons.
'It's a devastating blow,' CSI head coach Ben Stroud said. 'I mean, I feel bad for our kids. Our sophomores have worked hard for two years to get a shot at winning a national championship, and they had a legit shot. It's just not going to happen. They're totally devastated.'
CSI, ranked third nationally and 40-3 before the verdict, must also forfeit the first 34 matches it played this season, leaving the team's record at 7-36 overall and 6-4 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference.

The Region 18A tournament, originally scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Twin Falls, will now be held at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene on Saturday. Salt Lake Community College is now the regular season champion.
The CSI athlete in question is freshman middle hitter Maria Siemiatiukowska, from Kalisz, Poland.
Junior college teams are allowed to have three international players on scholarship per season. The Eagles had three foreign players under scholarship this season — Eliane Santos (Brazil), Samara

Frettas (Brazil) and Tatyana Menshikova (Russia).
Siemiatiukowska was the fourth international player on the team, but the college sent documentation to the NJCAA office verifying that she was verifying her own way to the school, according to CSI athletics director Jeff Duggan.
The NJCAA made Siemiatiukowska ineligible prior to the Eagles' match against North Idaho College on Oct. 8.
The NJCAA became aware that CSI had four international players on its team when the



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'GO. READ.'



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Bickel Elementary School second-graders Alyson Taylor, center, Emily Adams, left, and Wyatt Hite work on a timed reading project during reading workshops Wednesday. Sixty-nine percent of Twin Falls School District's second graders read 'At Grade Level,' according to the Idaho Reading Indicator scores that came out Wednesday.

Twin Falls children score higher in reading

By The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Flipping over the red and clear plastic hourglass with a snap on the desk, Alyson Taylor, 8, said, "Go, Read."
Alyson encouraged two of her classmates as they practiced reading out loud in Shannon Anderson's second grade class at Bickel Elementary, Wednesday morning.
Emily Adams, 7, marked her progress on the sheet of text with red, white and blue crayons.
"We're seeing how fast we can read," Adams said.
Wyatt Hite, 7, did different voices while he read out loud.
The three pupils make the reading exercise into a fun race.

Idaho Reading Indicator scores for Fall 2004. See page C2

but they also gain valuable practice. Anderson's classroom was buzzing with small-group activity — some pupils were working independently, others had extra help from teachers and aides.
The hour of daily workshop time is part of the Open Court reading program at the school.
Anderson said the pupils really like having the differentiated instruction. The only time they complain is when they don't have it.
Anderson's daily work with students has milestones in the form of scores on standardized tests, such as the Idaho Reading

Indicator, which screens performance in kindergarten to third grade three times a year.
The state Department of Education released fall IRI scores Wednesday, but teachers at Bickel have used the data to help guide instruction since they tested in September, said Principal Kelli Schroeder.
The Twin Falls district saw percentages of students scoring on grade level increase in each grade tested, except second grade, which stayed static.
The scores do outpace state averages, even with many students entering kindergarten slightly deficient in reading skills.
Bickel Reading Coach Mickey Combs said teachers use the IRI in a highly individualized way, seeing it as an indicator of

where pupils are.
Schroeder said so many students at her school move each year that it becomes hard to compare performance from year to year.
Around the Magic Valley, many schools are seeing higher percentages of students read on grade level, according to the test, but others are seeing drops in that percentage.
Wendell and Hansen both had percentages of students scoring on grade level increase for all four grades.
Statewide, fewer kindergarten through third-grade students were reading below grade level this fall than a year ago, marking the fourth straight year of reading score gains in Idaho's public schools.

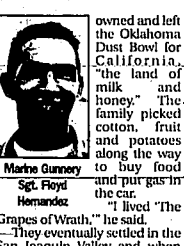
Vietnam: A different war in a different time

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was three in the morning when he first heard the "whoomph, whoomph, whoomph" of the 60-millimeter mortar.
His fellow Marines fired up some flares, lighting up Da Nang's black nighttime sky.
"All you could see were shadows," Vietnam veteran George Kinslow said of the battle that took place almost 40 years ago. "It was all in slow motion. Daylight came and we were still there."
That particular battle with the Vietcong lasted four hours. It was 1965 and Marine Gunnery Sgt. Kinslow was in the middle of his first 13-month tour of Vietnam. He remembers Da Nang as a beautiful place with soft, sandy beaches and lush, green hillsides.
He managed to survive two tours in Vietnam, the second in 1968 which included a crash in a "Bird Dog," a military plane he described as a "beefed up Cessna 180." The plane lost power and crashed south of Saigon. He managed to escape with some



Retired U.S. Marine Vietnam veterans George Kinslow, right, Jim Plummer and Floyd Hernandez salute as they say the pledge of allegiance, during a Marine Corps League Detachment celebration of the birth of the U.S. Marine Corps in Twin Falls on Wednesday. The U.S. Marine Corps was established in 1775 and is celebrating its 229th anniversary this year.
cracked ribs, scraped-up hands and a fat lip.
So why did he do two tours when he only had to do one?
"A career marine is a strange critter," Kinslow said. "You go where they send you."
Kinslow was already a war

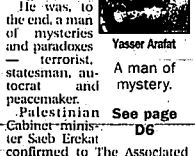


owned and left the Oklahoma Dust Bowl for California.
"the land of milk and honey." The family picked cotton, fruit and potatoes along the way to buy food and put gas in the car.
"I lived 'The Grapes of Wrath,'" he said.
They eventually settled in the San Joaquin Valley and when Kinslow was 17, he decided to join the Navy. But a buddy said he'd go with him if he signed up with the Marines instead.
Kinslow made the cut. His buddy didn't.
Former Marine Sgt. Floyd Hernandez was also just 17 when he signed up with the Marines back in 1948. Born in Shoshone and raised in Twin Falls, he was the typical small-town kid who thought joining the service was a ticket to the rest of the world.
"I wanted to get away from

Arafat dies at age 75

The Associated Press

PARIS — Yasser Arafat, who triumphantly forced his people's plight into the world spotlight but failed to achieve his lifelong quest for Palestinian statehood, died Thursday at age 75.
He was, to the end, a man of mysteries and paradoxes — terrorist, statesman, autocrat and peacemaker.



Yasser Arafat. A man of mystery, peacemaker.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat confirmed to The Associated Press that Arafat had died. The Palestinian leader spent his final days in a coma at a French military hospital outside Paris.
Tayeb Abdel Rahim, a top Arafat aide, confirmed that Arafat died at 4:30 a.m. Paris time. He spoke to reporters at Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah.
Arafat's last days were as dramatic as his life. Flown to France on Oct. 29 after nearly three years of being pummed in his West Bank headquarters by Israeli tanks, he initially improved but then sharply deteriorated as rumors swirled about his illness.
Top Palestinian officials flew in to check on their leader while Arafat's 41-year-old wife, Suha, publicly accused them of trying to usurp his powers. Ordinary Palestinians prayed for him, but expressed deep frustration over his failure to improve their lives.

Bush taps Gonzales to be first Hispanic AG

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush nominated White House counsel Alberto Gonzales, who helped shape the administration's controversial legal strategy in the war on terror, to be attorney general Wednesday. He would be the first Hispanic ever to serve as the nation's top law enforcement officer.
"It is a calm and steady voice in times of crisis," Bush said, his eyes glistening with emotion as he stood next to Gonzales. "He has an unwavering principle of respect for the law."
After complaints about civil rights abuses in the name of fighting terror, Gonzales said, "There should be no question regarding the department's commitment to justice for every American. On this principle, there can be no compromise."
A Harvard educated attorney whose parents were migrant workers, the soft-spoken Gonzales would succeed Attorney General John Ashcroft, one of the most powerful and polarizing members of Bush's Cabinet.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Brief with mixed morning showers possible. Afternoon rain expected. Highs from 47 to 52. Tonight: Additional showers may develop. Lows from 27 to 33. Tomorrow: Cool with some partial clearing. Highs from 46 to 52.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy with a chance of rain, possibly mixing with snow at times. Highs from 47 to 53. Tonight: Cloudy with a few showers possible. Lows from 27 to 33. Tomorrow: Cool with some partial clearing. Highs from 46 to 52.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.: Cold and cloudy today with scattered rain and snow showers expected. Precipitation chances will recede overnight. Friday looks to be chilly and mainly dry with some partial clearing.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 56 at Jerome, Low: 24 at Stanley. Weather key: S=sunny, PC=partly cloudy, M=mostly cloudy, C=cloudy, R=rain, SN=snow, SH=sleet, AS=atmospheric, W=wind, M=missing.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes icons for weather and temperature ranges (High/Low).

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Table with 2 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and yearly statistics.

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Table showing moon phases for Nov 12, 19, 26, Dec 3. Includes New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon, Last Quarter.

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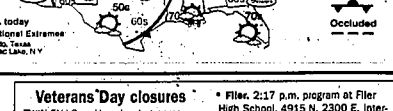
MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Twin Falls.

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Table listing world forecasts for various international cities including Accra, Addis Ababa, Algiers, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table listing Canadian forecasts for various cities including Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, etc.

Volleyball

Continued from A1. school sent in its national letters of intent prior to the season. The NCAA national office then requested receipts and bank statements verifying Sliemakowska was paying her own way.

Season's end

CSI volleyball sanctions • Most ineligible for postseason play in 2004. • Number of scholarships reduced from three to two for foreign players for both the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

Veterans

Continued from A1. "We'll," he said. "I've served six months in the Korean War and when Vietnam rolled around, he volunteered.

Veterans Day clothes

THIN FALLS - Here is what some Twin Falls offices and facilities will do today, for Veterans Day.

Veterans Day programs and dinners

Dietrich, 11:15 a.m. assembly at District School, 406 N. Park. In formation call 544-2158.

Coming home

Kinslow remembers coming home from Korea and coming home from Vietnam as two completely different experiences.

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NATION

Troops discover 'slaughterhouses'

Forces encounter small pockets of resistance



U.S. soldiers search for insurgents in this TV image as U.S. and Iraqi forces exchanged fire with pockets of resistance in Fallujah, Iraq, on Wednesday.

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops on the verge of gaining control of the city fought pockets of resistance in this former militant stronghold Wednesday and uncovered what the Iraqi commander said were "hostage slaughterhouses" in which foreign captives had been killed.

Insurgents sought to open a second front, mounting attacks outside Fallujah. They also kidnapped three relatives of Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and reportedly threatened further revenge against the leader. Militants also claimed to have abducted 20 Iraqi National Guard troops in Fallujah.

Throughout the day, Americans hit the militants with artillery and mortars, and warplanes fired on the city's main street and market as well as Jolan, one of several neighborhoods where troops were skirmishing with militants.

In what could be a sign of progress, the Marines began turning over Jolan to Iraqi forces, signaling that Marines consider the area relatively secure. Jolan was considered one of the strongest positions held by militants inside Fallujah.

Even so, an Associated Press reporter embedded with them witnessed continued clashes in Jolan and smoke billowing from the heart of the neighborhood late Wednesday. Fireballs and tracer fire lit up the night sky over Fallujah and the sounds of

Troops take control. See page D5

were "making very good progress" securing Iraq.

"He said that things are going well in Fallujah," Bush said, adding that his Iraqi commanders had not asked for more troops. The U.S. military has sent up to 15,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops into the battle, backed by tanks, artillery and attack aircraft.

Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler, the commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said insurgents had been reduced to "small pockets, blind, moving throughout the city. And we will continue to hunt them down and destroy them."

"When they attempted to flee from one zone to another they were killed," Sattler said. "We feel very comfortable that none of them moved back toward the north or escaped to the flanks."

In Fallujah, at least 71 militants have been killed by early Wednesday, the third day of intense urban combat, the military said. As of Tuesday night, 10 U.S. troops and two members of the Iraqi security forces had been killed. Marine reports Wednesday said 25 American troops and 16 Iraqi soldiers were wounded. There was no new report Wednesday on U.S. military deaths.

Smoking drops in U.S.

ATLANTA (AP) — Heavily Mormon Utah has become the first and only state to meet the government's goal of reducing the smoking rate to about one in eight adults, federal health officials said Wednesday.

The overall smoking rate among U.S. adults continues to drop, falling to 22.1 percent in 2003, the according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That was a decline of just one percentage point from the year before.

"It's a slow decline, but at least it still is going down," said Dr. Corinne Husten, acting director of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

But the rate is falling too slowly to meet the government's goal of having a smoking rate of 12 percent or less by 2010, officials said.

Utah met that goal in 2003 with a smoking rate of 12 percent, Husten said.

Utah's "strong social prohibitions" against smoking among its predominantly Mormon residents have helped, Husten said.

Vitamin E may worsen heart disease

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Vitamin E supplements — taken by many Americans in hopes of warding off heart disease — do not work and may actually make the condition worse, researchers say.

"People take vitamin E because they think it's going to make them live longer. This doesn't support that at all," said Dr. Edgar Miller of Johns Hopkins University, who led the new analysis.

The study was reported Wednesday at an American Heart Association conference in New Orleans and was also published online by the Annals of Internal Medicine.

Many Americans continue to take vitamin E despite Heart Association guidelines saying it doesn't work and recent research suggesting it can interfere with statin drugs.

The study was an analysis of 19 previous studies involving a total of about 136,000 people who took vitamin E alone or in combination with other vitamins.

Those taking 400 international units per day or more — the amount in most vitamin E supplements — were 10 percent more likely to die than those taking 200 units or less.

Most multivitamins contain 35 to 40 units of vitamin E,

which the study suggests might be slightly beneficial for health, Miller said.

"I spend all my time trying to tell patients why they shouldn't take vitamin E," Dr. Raymond Gibbons, a Mayo Clinic cardiologist and chairman of the American Heart Association conference, "but often in terms of the supplements, there's very scant science. In this area, we have the science. Vitamin E doesn't work."

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"I hope this little American flag will keep you safe as it sits in your pocket." Kelly B.
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"Dear Brave Troop" Lane
"Please write back." Jessica K.
"It can be easy out there so be careful. I would like a mom, just so you know my name is Aaron."
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ALL SEASON	STANDARD	
	SIZE	MUD/SNOW
52.44	185/75R14	63.64
55.99	195/70R14	64.59
53.19	195/75R14	65.54
63.14	185/65R14	69.16
66.49	205/70R14	71.94
56.04	205/75R14	68.39
68.39	205/70R15	73.14

ALL SEASON	MIDSIZE	
	SIZE	MUD/SNOW
62.81	195/65R15	70.17
58.89	205/75R15	79.19
68.39	205/65R15	79.79
75.58	215/60R16	82.49
76.60	215/65R16	92.58
89.12	225/60R16	94.89
72.19	215/70R15	75.99

ALL SEASON	HIGH PERFORMANCE	
	SIZE	MUD/SNOW
66.28	195/65R14	71.44
68.14	195/60R15	73.92
72.12	205/60R15	78.14
83.45	215/60R16	89.11
107.32	205/55R16	106.23
89.18	215/65R16	96.95
89.12	225/60R16	94.89

ALL SEASON	SUV	
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88.99	P235/70R16	97.84
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99.99	P265/75R16	100.69

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NATION

Bush moves quickly on Social Security plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fresh off re-election, President Bush is dusting off an ambitious plan to overhaul Social Security, a controversial proposal that had been shelved because of politics and the administration's focus on tax cuts and terrorism.

Bush envisions a framework that would partially privatize Social Security with personal investment accounts similar to 401(k) plans.

A starting point is a plan proposed by a presidential commission in 2001 that would divert 2 percent of workers' payroll taxes into private accounts. The remaining 4.2 percent — and the Social Security taxes employers pay — would go into

the system, helping fund benefits for current retirees. That leaves a shortfall of at least \$2 trillion to continue funding benefits for those current retirees.

Bush said his commission, headed by the late Democratic Sen. Patrick Moynihan of New York, provided "a good blueprint."

For future retirees, base benefits would be cut by tying them to inflation instead of wage growth, with stock market gains assumed to make up any shortfall. The concept gained support in the stock market boom of the late 1990s.

Bush has not said how the \$2 trillion transition costs would

be funded, nor did his commission. Record deficits, Bush's desire to make his five rounds of tax cuts permanent and the rising cost of war in Iraq and Afghanistan are major obstacles.

"No idea is off the table," Graham said. He thinks Republicans have about a six-month political window before Bush's election momentum starts to fade, and attention turns to mid-term elections.

"Any plan needs Democratic support. But some of Bush's biggest Democratic allies for reforming Social Security won't be around in January," Texas Rep. Charlie Stenholm was defeated last week after districts were redrawn by the Legislature. And Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana is retiring.

Republican say doing nothing is worse. "There are a lot of things you could do, but none of them are without some sacrifice," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

Graham's plan would let workers divert into accounts 4 percent of their payroll taxes and spreads transition costs over 10-15 years. He said the yearly price tag of \$80 billion to \$100 billion could be funded by closing tax loopholes, cutting

NATION

Peterson judge removes jury foreman

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — The Scott Peterson murder trial took yet another strange twist Wednesday when the judge removed the jury's foreman amid a week of pressure-packed deliberations — the second straight day that a juror was sent home.

The judge did not disclose why he removed the juror, a man in his mid-40s who has medical and law degrees. He was replaced by an alternate whose future son-in-law owns a restaurant that Scott and Lael Peterson themselves once owned.

For the second day in a row, Judge Alfred A. Delucchi told the new panel to start over with its deliberations.

"You must therefore set aside all past deliberations and begin



Lael Peterson

deliberating anew," he said Wednesday.

The back-to-back removal of jurors is unusual but does not signal that the jury is either hopelessly split or moving swiftly to a verdict, legal experts said.

The emotionally charged courtroom drama has become a national obsession, and some observers said jurors may be succumbing to the pressure of being in an intense and prolonged spotlight. They have endured a five-month trial and have been sequestered since

NATION

Wildlife haven

Ducks and geese find an easy rest stop at Hagerman Wildlife Area — Page E1



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EDITORIAL

Vandals' playbook needs a reverse - back to I-AA

Good for Tom Cable: He finally pointed out the elephant sitting in the University of Idaho's living room.

Cable, fired last year as the football coach in Moscow, said last week what's been apparent to most Idahoans for a long time: The Vandals can't compete with the powerhouses of NCAA Division I-A.

The U of I's football program should return to Division I-AA and the Big Sky Conference. Cable said, where it was a national powerhouse before 1996.

Which, of course, is the last thing that the university's administrators, boosters and alumni want to hear.

They've bought into the fantasy that after the Vandals move into the Western Athletic Conference - the same league in which Boise State University plays - next year, they'll become both competitive and solvent.

The record would suggest that's unlikely: In almost nine seasons in Division I-A, the Vandals have lost 60 football games and many thousands of dollars. And it all started because archival BSU moved up to I-A.

That's the same mentality that went into the U of I's disastrous University Place venture in Boise - the notion that the school must always compete with Boise State.

Enough. It's time for the State Board of Education to

reign in this sibling rivalry and for the school's alumni - who include many of Idaho's political and cultural elite - to stop insisting that whatever happens to Boise State has to happen to the U of I as well.

The university has a unique and irreplaceable place in the state's education system and its economy. That's not going to change, no matter how many football games BSU wins.

Our view: The

University of Idaho football program has taken too many lumps in the Division I-A ranks.

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

And the U of I will be more effective if it stops trying to be what it isn't: A high-visibility football factory.

Cable is right that a U of I in Division I-AA would give more young Idahoans a chance to play college football - and win. That's more important, it seems to us, than yet another quixotic attempt to get more exposure for the Vandals on ESPN.

Using our tax dollars and our kids' student fees in part, the university has dabbled with college football's big time for almost a decade. That experiment just hasn't worked.

It's time that the U of I administration finally put football into context. It's a game, not a core mission for a university.

The school belongs in the same football conference with Idaho State, the University of Montana and Eastern Washington.

Besides, wouldn't it be nice if Vandal football be actually fun again?



Shades of purple in red states

Dear Blue State People: The sun isn't up yet here in red-state Middle America. But the cows are milked, so I can hitch up my prairie skirt; sit for a spell and write this column.

Should be enough kerosene left in the lantern, and the rest of the day can still be spent reading the Bible. Based on post-election spin, some people might actually believe this view of Middle America.

Commentators run amok needed a theory to explain the swath of red states in the middle of the country. And so, they quickly highlighted Karl Rove's successful strategy of energizing evangelical Christians who had stayed away from the voting booths in 2000.

One exit poll had 22 percent of voters citing "moral values" as a reason for their vote for President Bush. Never mind focusing on the non-specific split of the nation's voters: about 58 million for Bush and 55 million for Sen. John Kerry.

The impression crystallized quickly. A few national TV news anchors, with the most righteous of preachers, and the myth of Middle America was complete. As one friend wrote in a post-election e-mail, "Middle America used to simply be the 'Bible Belt,' remember?"

"Now, we're the bastion of ultra-right-wing beliefs which, like most things associated with the political campaign, is not as true as it appears."

Yes, the Midwest is conservative. Yes, people in Middle America value faith. Yes, people here believe in living morally.

But a two-word phrase from an exit poll can hardly explain the motives of this many vot-

MARY SANCHEZ

Conservative, yes. But watch how most Middle Americans live their lives. Ask them if they have a gay relative or co-worker and see what they say. Ask them if they think everyone, even criminals, should be granted access to guns easily because it's their constitutional right.

Fewer people here fit the religious zealot image painted by national media squirreled away in a Washington or Los Angeles talk-show booth. Consider the most rabid anti-gay activism the Midwest has produced: the antics of Fred Phelps, a Topeka, Kan., preacher who has picketed the funerals of gay people who died of AIDS and used to spend hours faxing leaflets of fire-and-brimstone diatribes.

Phelps has drawn national and even international media attention. But he's never been able to draw Midwestern supporters past his immediate family members.

Abortion? Same thing. The Midwest is now home to some former followers of Operation Rescue, the people who helped lead some of the most violent religiously based protest scenes at abortion clinics in the mid-'90s.

Don't see many folks here latching onto their cause either. The truth is, Middle America's conservative nature also makes it pretty tolerant. A believer in faith and family is practiced far more often by standing beside your faith and family. It rarely means actively standing against anyone else.

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LETTERS

Religious right could use a little more tolerance

To Kathleen Parker and the editors of The Times-News: If the Democrats are elitists, then the Republicans are religious cultists and chief executive officers of corrupt money-grubbing corporations like Enron. I am neither and I voted for Bush. The Bush administration is corrupt, arrogant, "hawkish," uncooperative and, most of all, incompetent!

The cultist Christian right may not like the social laws currently on record, but it doesn't need to impose its beliefs on all Americans. The Amish and Mennonites thrive well within our current system. They don't believe they are threatened and need constitutional amendments to support that belief. I believe the cult needs to develop a little Christian tolerance!

Lastly, if Bush wasn't such a hypocritical Christian, he'd do more for the working poor, the elderly, the disabled, the poor (read "Critical Condition" by Donald Bartlett and James Steele) and the deficit, which, with his lovely tax cuts for the rich, could bankrupt our country! I could bankrupt our country and speak to issues that keep this country from going bankrupt and becoming a "Third World country" for average Americans.

SHERRY HOEM

Voters must keep closer eye on local leaders

Well, the election is over. Thank God we don't have to listen to them bashing each other any more this year.

Our people are in office to hide behind closed doors to make their policies, and it is time we the people who put them in office to the line, because if we don't, we can't blame anybody but ourselves.

The politicians need to remember that they do answer to the people. Their insurance policies for elected officials need to be changed if they want to have insurance. To keep people here, we need to give it to the ones they hire.

Our elected people make twice what people make around here. They can pay for their own; they don't need us to just because they are elected.

Don't make them better than everyone around them. We put our trust in them to make the right decisions for us, the people of the county, and that is everyone in the county - not just a select few.

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The United States of America: A country united in the cause of division

Pledges to work for more unity or "less polarization" are a standard post-election ritual. We've heard them from George Bush and John Kerry. They're hard to take seriously. Our age practices what I call "the politics of self-esteem." Political elites of all stripes (elected officials, news analysts, commentators) try to make their followers feel better by belittling the other side. By this, I don't mean that there aren't real differences over issues or that elections don't alter some government policies. What I mean is that, under the cover of these familiar conflicts, politicians and opinion leaders are really engaged in a contest to raise the spirits and affirm the beliefs of their supporters. This is what many Americans now want. They desire elevated self-esteem.

We should not be surprised. The psychologist Abraham Maslow (1908-1970) famously theorized that all people have a "hierarchy of needs," moving from basic requirements for food to love and then to esteem and "self-actualization," in a mainly prosperous society, poli-



ROBERT SAMUELSON

tics drifts in the same direction. Government has already satisfied many economic needs. It now pays about \$1.2 trillion annually in personal benefits (Social Security, Medicare, food stamps etc.). Faded is the terror of the Depression (1930's average unemployment: 18 percent).

Economic issues still matter, but absent some crisis, they matter less. By contrast, people still want to feel good about themselves. The post-election elation of Bush voters and wretchedness of Kerry supporters cannot be explained by objective differences on policies. Although a President Kerry might have governed much differently from Bush, their positions were similar on many issues. Both pledged to cut the budget deficit by half. Kerry promised to keep most of

Bush's tax cuts, except for people with incomes exceeding \$200,000. Both pledged to kill terrorist. Kerry said he would pursue the war in Iraq, only more competently.

Even on gay marriage, the two were close. Both opposed legalizing gay marriage and supported "civil unions." That's the midpoint of public opinion. Here's what the exit polls found: 25 percent of voters support gay marriage, 35 percent civil unions and 37 percent no legal recognition of gay couples. True, Bush backed a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, and Kerry didn't. But the amendment stands little chance of ratification.

The fashionable factoid of this election was the discovery that 22 percent of voters cited "moral values" as the most important issue for them, ahead of those who cited the economy (20 percent) or terrorism (19 percent). These were supposedly "values voters," mainly right-of-center and religious. Actually, "values voters" exist all along the political spectrum.

"Every liberal (thinks he's) intellectually superior to

Polarization is increasingly the business of politicians, advocacy groups and opinion leaders. The people who are most polarized like being polarized. They feel good because the other people are bad. Political elites could turn more toward the center, but that would mean appealing to less committed people who draw less of their identities from politics.

conservatives," Paul Begala, ex-Clinton administration official, remarked on CNN. "Every conservative I know wants to think of himself as morally superior." Though these are generalizations (as Begala admitted), they represent real psychological imperatives. Politics increasingly strives to feed these self-images. The easiest way to make your people feel better is to cast their people as immoral, stupid, evil, corrupt or greedy. Politics, news and entertainment merge, because all seek to satisfy psychological needs. Michael Moore and Bill O'Reilly are

more important political figures than most senators. America is not as polarized society, though its politics are polarized. "The great mass of American people... are for the most part moderate in their views and tolerant in their manner," writes political scientist Morris Fiorina of Stanford in his book "Culture War? The Myth of a Polarized America." General attitudes on race and sexual preference have softened in recent decades. Divisions on political issues exist, but they always have. Great passions are confined mainly to "activists in

the political parties and various cause groups (many of whom do in fact hate each other).

Just so, Polarization is increasingly the business of politicians, advocacy groups and opinion leaders. The people who are most polarized like being polarized. They feel good because the other people are bad. Political elites could turn more toward the center, but that would mean appealing to less committed people who draw less of their identities from politics. This seems uninviting. "Good or bad, the split in America now creates a publishing opportunity on both sides of the fence," Jack Romanos, president of Simon & Schuster, said after the election. "To publish for the middle of the road right now would be suicidal."

The unassailable logic isn't reassuring. Although America isn't polarized, our political and media elites are working hard to make it so. The center still holds, but is assaulted from all sides, it may not forever.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Let's start limiting scope and costs of campaigns

"Thank goodness Election Day is over. Exercising one's right to vote is very important. The recent turnout at the polls should be the norm, and even higher voters Election Day to come. Voting is a right "all" should exercise or one day, it might disappear. However, I do feel that some campaign and election reforms are in order. First, strict time limits on electioneering should be set nationwide. City and county elections limited to three months; state office elections limited to a four-month period; national elections set at six months. Stiff fines will be imposed on any violator. A board comprised of persons from all "parties" running would oversee that such time limits and fines imposed. Fines collected would be given to the opposition party provided they did not violate this rule. If both parties in violation, fines will be given equally. Campaign signs will be given adequate attention. Those "ugly" tones used by electioneering candidates, which were highly irritating during this past election, will be set aside for a more professional demeanor that is reflective of the office being sought after.

Second, campaign funds received by any office seeker at the city, county or state level should be restricted to that voting district in which the candidate is seeking a particular office. All campaign fund sources need to be fully documented and subject to review by a panel of persons representing all parties in the election. Unopposed candidates should not be exempt from this ruling. Also, campaign funds at the national level should come only from the 50 states and the sources also documented! Anyone found in violation should be fined suitably.

Third, no campaigning should be allowed anywhere on Election Day. Pre-election signs and banners will not be in sight at and near polling places. Officer seekers should not be allowed to hand out any election information at any place. Some states have rulings on such issues, but it is not uniform across the United States. Further, election signs, banners, etc., should be totally removed from all locations within 24 hours following the day of the election. There is enough litter to go around. Officer seekers should be held responsible for conducting a quick cleanup. DONALD K. LARSON, PH.D. Coedling (Editor's note: Donald Larson is a retired agricultural economist.)

Bush offers bright outlook for democracy

Fellow Americans: Bush won't God bless America. Our voices have been heard. I feel sorry for all that wing. Well, I prayed that the right man would win. I know a lot of people did. It looks like God is smiling on America today. I'm proud of my country. I'm proud that other Americans like myself, know that propaganda is out there and most of it is generated from the left wing. I'm sorry the left wing feels the way it feels. I feel that the elections are unfair. It seems that every time a Republican gets in office, they claim there was voter fraud just because a Republican got in office. Every time a Democrat gets in office, they claim the Republican Party accepts it. I don't know — maybe the right wing is more open minded these days.

I hope the Democrats and the Republicans can unite now and help America promote freedom and democracy around the world, like Bush and supposedly Kerry agree instead of protesting the American way because we want a better Medicare or more jobs for ourselves. That's a bit selfish. I hope people take Kerry's concession seriously and not just listen because they feel that see him cry or see him melt. Everyone knows his face was long during the whole campaign anyway. That's not why I watched him. I watched him to hear if he had something to say to me. He did, and I respect Kerry now, because it was his first positive thing he's said.

The first thing Bush ever said was quite positive. If the left wing does not accept Mr. Bush as its commander-in-chief, I don't believe they will ever win domination in the House or the Senate again.

Michael Moore, Al Franken, Martin Sheen and Chevy Chase, stop dreaming! That's why Bush won! Bush also does what he says he's going to do. I can't trust a flip-flop. God bless America! Your neighbor, STEVEN GABLE Twin Falls

Alternative schools promote success

Amid the chaos in today's society, there is still a positive education to be found — within the walls of Christian schools. This kind of education promotes a healthy learning environment due to smaller class size and the ability to meet the specific needs of children. Christian schools are a beneficial form of education for our youth because of the number of students within a classroom. Most of these schools generally have a smaller student-teacher ratio, sometimes as low as 10-1. This helps the teacher have more time and give one-on-one attention to students within their classroom. Another advantage is that the specific needs of students are more easily met. Two grade levels are combined; this allows students to be introduced to more advanced concepts. This can help them learn beyond their grade level. With these advantages, Christian schools often have higher results with standardized tests. Most important, Christian teaching helps guide our youth in a positive direction. This kind of education gives them a positive perspective on life and a strong sense of direction. Christian schools promote a positive atmosphere, which helps build strong foundations. The curriculum is supplemented with Bible-based religious teachings. Having God in the driver's seat gives teachers another angle by which to lead children and help mold them to be better individuals, which, in turn, improves our society. The encouraging effects of Christian schools help provide the power to achieve and the positive influence for our youth today. Christian teachers guide our children, using religious principles, down the path that our youth should live, learn and walk by. There is less violence in Christian schools because the children are being taught to love their neighbor and to have trust and faith. When discipline is needed, students are given positive discipline, building better self-esteem. Christian schools are not necessarily better than public, but they offer a different approach. I am thankful that we see this opportunity and choice in our community. LINDA BANCROFT Twin Falls

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NATION

Justices consider when cops can use dogs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Driving a mph over the speed limit got Roy Caballes pulled over. But what happened next landed him at the Supreme Court, which considered Wednesday when police can use drug-sniffing dogs.

Caballes was wearing a suit and driving a new Mercury when he was stopped on an Illinois freeway in November 1998. It looked like he would get off with a warning until Krotz the drug dog showed up and sniffed out \$250,000 worth of marijuana in Caballes' trunk.

Caballes' conviction eventually was overturned on grounds police had no reason to search his car.

Dogs trained to find drugs and bombs are becoming more common in airports and elsewhere — even at the Supreme Court — because of terrorism concerns. Police also often use them for routine traffic stops.

Justices will decide whether people who have given police no reason to suspect illegal activity have a constitutional protection against dog searches.

The Supreme Court has tried in recent years to better define someone's right to be left alone in their homes and vehicles. In this case, the court must clarify earlier opinions that found that drug dog use is not necessary to suspect illegal activity.

A search that falls under the Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable searches or seizures.

"A sniff is not a search," justices were told by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan.

Chicago attorney Ralph Meczyk, representing Caballes, countered, "It is accusatory. It is profoundly embarrassing."

Justice David Souter appeared troubled by the prospect of more use of dogs.

"We're opening a large vista for dog intrusion," said Souter, adding that he was worried about officers canvassing garages and neighborhoods with animals. Police "can take a dog to a front door and ring the bell and see what happens."

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a petite 71-year-old, said "dogs can be frightening, humiliating."

Madigan responded that millions of people have dogs as pets.

Christopher Wray, a Bush administration lawyer who joined Madigan to defend dog searches, noted that beagles — generally seen as unimposing — are used in airports to detect illegal vegetables and other canines have a long history in crime-fighting.

Al-Qaida member may be Californian

WASHINGTON (AP) — A videotape of a purported al-Qaida member calling himself "Azam the American" and threatening attacks on the United States may be a terror suspect from California wanted by the FBI, U.S. officials say.

FBI Director Robert Mueller announced in May that the bureau was looking for Adam Yahye Gadahn, 26. Investigators said Gadahn, who grew up on a farm in Riverside County, Calif., and converted to Islam as a teen, moved to Pakistan, attended al-Qaida training camps and served as an al-Qaida translator.

Some counterterrorism officials believe Gadahn may be the person on a 75-minute video given to ABC News last month in Islamabad, Pakistan.

"There is confidence that it is him, but there is not certainty," said a U.S. counterterrorism official who spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday.




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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Boise State will probably have a three-touchdown lead by the time the San Jose State students get out of bed.

Mike Hlas of the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette about the Broncos playing San Jose State at 9:07 a.m. PST Saturday to accommodate ESPN2.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who is the only person enshrined in pro football's Hall of Fame and baseball's Hall of Fame?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College Basketball

CSI women at Phoenix CC, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Twin Falls' Harding signs with ISU

POCATELLO - Twin Falls High School graduate Aubrey Harding signed a national letter of intent to play volleyball at Idaho State University Wednesday.

Harding joins the Bengals after two standout seasons at Walla Walla Community College, where she is on track to set a new school career kills record. She led Walla Walla to this year's Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championship tournament.

Aubrey is a dynamic player and individual who will bring great talent and maturity to our team," said Bengals coach Mike Welch. "She is a proven collegiate threat with both her successful hitting and blocking.

Four high school standouts also signed Wednesday. They were: Zoe Beltz of Ben Lomond, Calif.; Amanda Bevens of Eugene, Ore.; Jessica Gurney of Emmett; and Paige Palmer of Highland, Utah.

CSI offers baseball camp after Christmas

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will be holding its 22nd annual Southern Idaho Baseball Camp. Dec. 27-29. The camp will be held inside the Eldon Evans Expo Center on campus.

The camp offers instruction in the following fundamentals: hitting, pitching, fielding, catching, infield/outfield skills, and base running.

Instructors include major league players, professional scouts, college coaches, and CSI staff and players. For an application or more information, visit http://www.csi.edu/Student/Activities/baseballcamp.htm or call Skip Walker at 732-6650 or 734-6265.

Dennis Rodman signs with O.C. Crush

COSTA MESA, Calif. - Seventime NBA rebounding champion, Dennis Rodman signed a contract with the Orange County Crush of the American Basketball Association on Wednesday.

Rodman, trying to launch a comeback for several years, played on NBA championship teams in Detroit and Chicago, and played three games last season for the ABA champion Long Beach Jam.

Rodman worked out with the Denver Nuggets in September, but was not signed.

The Crush is scheduled to make their debut Nov. 21 against the Jam at Long Beach.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Clay Hubbard, a lineman for the New York Giants and Green Bay Packers in the 1920s and '30s who is in the Baseball Hall of Fame as an umpire.

Eagles run way to perfect start

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Golden Eagles not only can fly. They can run, too.

The ninth-ranked College of Southern Idaho women's basketball used its legs to sprint to an undefeated record this past weekend with three wins at the Lady Chap Classic in Midland, Texas.

CSI (4-0 overall) will look to continue its winning - and running - ways when it heads to Arizona for a trio of games. The



Eagles will face Phoenix College today at 7 p.m., travel to Yuma for a showdown with No. 14 Arizona Western on Friday at 7 p.m. before ending the trip by playing at Mesa Community College on Saturday at 1 p.m.

After last season when CSI often preferred to play more in the halfcourt, the Eagles may have caught No. 25 Midland College (Texas), one of the more athletic teams CSI will face this

CSI women In Arizona

Thursday No. 9 CSI at Phoenix College, 7 p.m., live 1270AM KTFI
Friday No. 9 CSI at No. 14 Arizona Western, 7 p.m., tape-delay
Saturday No. 9 CSI at Mesa Community College, (Ariz.), 1 p.m., live

season, off-guard by relentlessly running the floor in a 69-59 win. It even took CSI head coach

Randy Rogers a little by surprise by how effective his team was in the running game.

"It caught me off-guard," he said. "We ran the floor much better than they did. For two games, they scored over 100 points and they were running and pressing. But we took it right back at them. We looked the fresher team and we looked more confident than they did."

Leading the Eagles' charge up the floor has been freshman point guard Nakeya Isabell. She's averaging 8.5 points and 4.0 assists per game but more importantly is the pace-setter

for the team. "Nakeya helps us out a lot," Rogers said. "She gets the ball up and down the floor so fast. The kids are starting to realize that, if they run their lines, she's going to hit them in the open court. And opening up the inside for the big kids, too. If you're hitting from the perimeter,"

Arizona Western (1-0) figures to provide the stiffest test for CSI this weekend. The Eagles beat the Matadors 59-58 last season when WWC held second-team all-American Surgery Monsac.

The lone returner from that

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No. 12 Louisville routs TCU, 55-28

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Louisville needed less than seven minutes to shake off nemesis TCU and roll to another big victory.

Stefan Lefors threw three touchdown passes - and the 12th-ranked Cardinals scored on their first three possessions in a 55-28 rout of the Horned Frogs on Wednesday night.

Lefors, completing 75 percent of his passes coming into the game, went 13 for 21 for 275 yards as the Cardinals beat TCU for the first time in four meetings since 2001.

"It was a great start and we finished it off," said Lefors, who became the sixth Louisville quarterback to top 5,000 passing yards.

J.R. Russell and Broderick Clark had two touchdown catches for the Cardinals (7-1, 5-0 Conference USA), who totaled 567 yards.

"If we come out and do what we do, we can't be stopped," said Russell. "We came out and took it to them."

The Cardinals, leading the nation with 542 yards per game, raced to a 17-0 lead in the opening 6:53 - before the Horned Frogs got their initial first down.

Louisville took the opening kickoff and marched down the field in six plays, averaging 11 yards per snap. Michael Bush finished the drive with a 12-yard scoring run.

After a TCU punt, Lefors scrambled twice to get the Cardinals across midfield again. He found Russell for a 32-yard touchdown pass with 10:06 left



Texas Christian's Cody McCarty (84) drags Louisville defender Willie Johnson (44) into the endzone for a touchdown in the third quarter at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville, Ky., Wednesday.

in the first quarter. On the ensuing kickoff, Louisville's J.T. Haskins stripped

the ball from Cory Rodgers and Louisville's Harry Douglas recovered at the TCU 38.

Art Carmody finished the Cardinals' scoring blitz with a touchdown. Please see LOUISVILLE, Page B2

Minico looks strong in GB West

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

RUPERT - The Great Basin Conference West experiment continues.

After last year's snore-fest of a conference schedule that saw the Jerome Tigers dominate on their way to a Class 4A state championship, the addition of the Minico Spartans and Wood River Wolverines looks to liven things up a bit. Combined with the addition of all three of Jerome's varsity players with varsity experience at the Class 5A level.

It's good to be the one with the most weapons in any shootout, and the Minico Spartans look to fill that role this season. Head coach Clint Straatman's team returns 10 players with varsity experience at the Class 5A level.

Versatile senior guard/forward Megan Boettcher (5-foot-10) came up big during the Spartans' state tournament push last season and looks to be the Spartans' new leader.

"We'll have great senior leadership with 10 seniors on the roster," Straatman said.

Boettcher will be joined by returning starting point guard Chayla Neibauer (5-6) and center Amber Wark (6-11). Post Megan Whitlock (6-2) will look to impose her will inside, while junior guard Laura Bodenstein looks to improve and give the Spartans an outside threat.

"We have some good shooters from three-point range and some physical posts," Straatman said.

The Spartans will live and die by defense. Last year's group won by grinding games into slow-paced scraps with hard-nosed defense and rebounding. If the Spartans can continue to improve offensively, they could be a very tough team this season.

"We're dang sure going to try to keep the score down," Straatman said. "But, this team



Graduated Jerome High senior Ashley Martons leads a fast break against Century in this photo from last season.

has a lot of potential to score a lot of points."

Rebuilding may be the best term for what the Burley Bobcats, Jerome Tigers, and Wood River Wolverines are doing this season, though each team will have very capable athletes.

The Bobcats come off a tough season without last year's team leaders, Lindsay Abo and Jessien Byington. Post play should be strong in Burley, as senior post Amber Funk (5-10) and junior Kandace Dalton (6-0) return.

"I think we'll be fairly balanced," Bobcats coach Gordon Kerbs said. "We'll be able to

spread the ball out and score from different positions."

The big question mark comes on the outside. Abo and Byington were the only Bobcats who could consistently hit jump shots from long range last year. Sophomore Jessica Bryce (5-10) showed promise last year and could turn into a focal point of the Burley offense this year.

Bush Jones (5-8) also returns on the outside.

"The biggest thing is to just stay healthy," Kerbs said. "We've already had Ashley Elsensohn go down for two to six weeks

Filer, Gooding aim to become SCIC favorites

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

FILER - Quick, name a successful duo.

Abbott and Costello, Jordan and Pippen, and Brooks and Dumt come to mind, but how about Mecham and Heinikes?

They may not have the name-recognition of the other duos, but in Idaho's Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference girls basketball landscape, Filer's seniors Jennica Mecham and Lindsay Heinikes are pretty darn good.

"(Filer is) the team we'll have to beat to get to state," Gooding coach Chris Comstock said. "They have to be one of the favorites."

Mecham is a 5-6 guard with one of the most accurate long-range shots in the area. Her

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combination of shooting range and quickness toward the hoop placed her among Idaho's top scoring threats last year. The Wildcats runner tied her career-high of 29 points last year against Burley, and will surely be looking for her first 30-point game sometime this season.

The school also is not thinking about changing its name or getting rid of its Rebels nickname.

Even so, one Dixie State College history professor wonders if this is the time to reopen discussions about other "Rebel" symbols on campus, like a statue of two soldiers with a Confederate flag outside Cox Auditorium.

"I think that's inappropriate in the 21st century," said Chip McLeod, a Richmond, Va., native who has taught at Dixie State for five years. "It belongs in

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Dixie State searches for mascot

By Mark Thiessen Associated Press writer

Southern Utah's Dixie State College is looking for a new mascot, but the search may be respectful of students over the college's Rebels nickname and the negative connotations surrounding it and another campus symbol of the pre-Civil War South.

The St. George school got rid of a full-fledged Confederate Rebel as its mascot five years ago, and quickly did away with its successor, a modern-day rebel intended to resemble the film character, Indiana Jones.

The school never came up with a new replacement and the issue faded away.

The mascot has been pretty dormant since that time," said Dixie State spokesman Chris Taylor.

But now the school's booster club, the Colonels, has asked for a new mascot to rouse crowds

at Rebel football and basketball games.

Taylor said foes of the school's original Rebel mascot, thought by some to be a disparaging reminder of southern racism, don't need to start lining up with their complaints.

"By no means are they trying to resurrect the Confederate Rebel," Taylor said.

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SPORTS

Could baseball be ready to give instant replay a look?

KEY HISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Brian Cashman wants to make this perfectly clear: The umpires were correct when they called Alex Rodriguez out for interference on that crazy play during the AL championship series.



"They got it completely right, 100 percent," the New York Yankees' general manager said this week.

"But you would have to have a game or a series or even a season come down to a play where they miss it and instant replay could have helped," he said. "So far as instant replay, I'm in favor of it."

Now after a pennant race and postseason dotted with reversed rulings, baseball will get another chance to see who else wants to give replay a look.

That's on the agenda for Thursday at the GM meetings. And there seems to be growing support among teams to join the NFL, NBA and NHL in using instant replay on calls such as fair or foul and home or not, but definitely not balls and strikes.

"I think it's time has come," Milwaukee assistant GM Ash said. "The technology has improved, and it's there. I think the place is for it."

Even if replay comes up for a formal vote it "did not go very far last year when GMs debated it—there's no assurance it would show up during games anytime soon."

"I don't see it," Bob Watson, vice president of on-field operations, said Wednesday. "And I don't think the commissioner is in favor of it, either."

Earlier in the day, GMs were

briefed on plans to play a spring training game next March in Athens — Baltimore probably would be involved — and efforts to hold a World Cup-style tournament in early 2006.

They also talked about letting teams trade first-round draft choices and were told to be vigilant in verifying the ages of players signed in the Dominican Republic and Venezuela.

But with so many procedural issues to sift through this week, the prospect of adding instant replay is intriguing.

The Cleveland Reds asked that replay be included on the agenda. Their executives have talked about it internally for a couple of years, and they've heard from other clubs lately.

Said Brad Kuhlman, the Reds' director of major league operations: "It doesn't make sense that you might have a million fans out there watching on TV and knowing what happened while the umpires huddle without that benefit."

That said, there's no guarantee that umpires would want it.

"My sense is no," said former umpire Richie Garcia, now an umpire supervisor. "I think we'd be fooling around with something that would take away from the game."

"Baseball is very traditional, but I'm not going to rule it out," he said.

Louisville

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31-yard field goal. At that point, the Horned Frogs had gained only seven yards on three plays and had led twice.

"We were able to get on them early and gain some momentum," said Louisville coach Bobby Petrino. "Once we got control and got in front of them, they didn't really feel like they could catch us."

Lefors started 4-for-4, then misfired on five straight passes before consecutive completions to Thresh and Russell. Clark caught Levine's next pass and outran a defender for a 42-yard touchdown, Louisville's longest scoring reception of the season.

"We understood what they were going to do," said TCJ coach Gary Patterson. "We just didn't make plays. At some point, you've just got to do your job."

The Cardinals' only early mistake came late in the first quarter when Rodgers sneaked behind Louisville's Kerry Rhodes and caught a 72-yard touchdown pass from TCJ quarterback Tye Gunn.

Petrino replaced Levine with freshman Brian Brohm late in the first quarter, the sixth time in eight games Petrino has made the first-half switch. Despite starting 1-for-6, Brohm drove the Cardinals for another Carmody field goal and a

27-7 lead.

Russell went over 100 yards receiving for the third straight game on a 25-yard touchdown pass from Lefors with 1:04 left in the third quarter. It was the third time this season Lefors has thrown three TD passes in a game.

Bush, who was a star quarterback in high school, threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Clark late in the quarter.

Brohm returned in the fourth quarter, and threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to tight end Clark with 1:41 left.

TCU (4-5, 2-4) allowed at least 40 points for the fifth time this season after giving up 40 points only five times in the previous 16 seasons.

"We don't deserve to play on national TV right now," said Patterson.

Louisville's defense, meanwhile, held TCU to 308 yards after giving up 603 in a 56-49 rout over Memphis last Thursday.

Louisville topped 50 points for the fourth time this season and went over 40 points for the ninth time in 21 games under Petrino in his second year.

"We came out and played really aggressively," said Petrino. "This was a good win and it actually surprised me a bit, because I thought it would be a very competitive game."

Dixie

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a museum in the archive. In someone's backyard" but not on the campus of a taxpayer-supported university.

While one can celebrate rebelliousness, McLeod said, celebrating such Confederate symbols as the Army of Northern Virginia flag means embracing the culture of the segregated South.

"There's just few damn ways to interpret this symbol other than what it originally meant," he said. "It's a symbol of a regime that commodified human beings and meant to perpetuate that civilization."

"This is not the first such debate over the rebel associations at the school, which originally adopted the symbols because of the "Utah Dixie" nickname, which stemmed from Mormon pioneers' attempts to farm cotton in southwestern Utah.

Five years ago, the school barely retained the Rebel nickname after a tie-breaking vote by the president of the Board of Trustees. The school in 1993 banned the Confederate flag at athletic events.

When a Dixie State committee chooses a new mascot, it will be some type of animal that appeals to children.

"It could be a bull, it could be a bobcat, a coyote, that's what we're trying to figure out," Taylor said. The committee aims to have a new mascot by next fall.

Eagles

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Rogers knows little about Phoenix College, which will be playing its first game of the season against CSI. The Lady Bears have just two players who are 6-foot in freshmen centers Ahisia Tillman and Blanca Ancharski.

"They usually put a whole new team on the floor every year," Rogers said. "Mesa CC and Phoenix College are teams where you can get into their type of game, probably sloppy and unorganized. Or, we can play our sets, our style. We want to run, but we don't want to get into a sloppy game."

Clippers hand Pacers worst-ever home loss

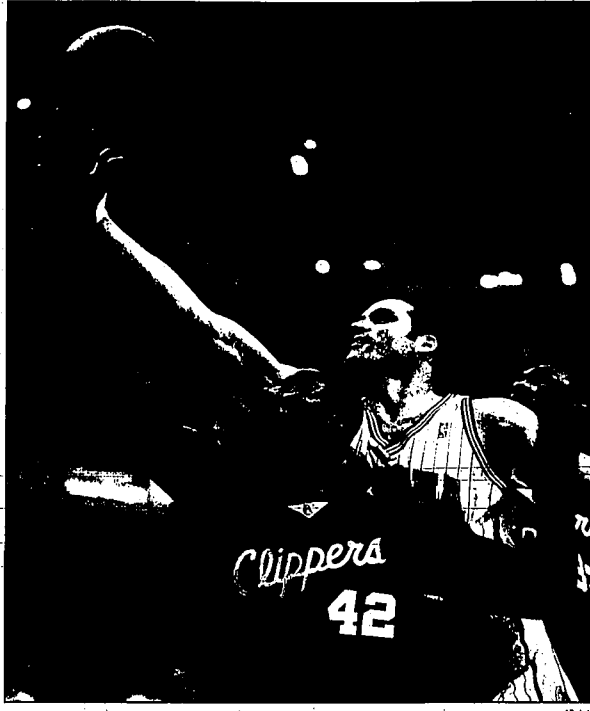
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Elton Brand had 19 points and 16 rebounds, and Los Angeles handed depleted Indiana the worst home loss in franchise history, 102-68.

The Clippers outscored the Pacers 31-7 in the second quarter, holding Indiana (4-1) to a franchise-low for points in a period. Bobby Slemmon added 16 points and 18 rebounds for the Clippers.

Forward Ron Artest was serving the second of a two-game benching by coach Rick Carlisle.

Scott Pollard missed the game with a sore back and Ron Bender was out with a viral infection and Jermaine O'Neal missed the fourth quarter after aggravating his injured left foot.

Indiana, led by Stephen Jackson with 17 points, dressed only nine players.



Los Angeles Clippers forward Elton Brand, front, gets a bucket on a shot in front of Indiana Pacers forward Austin Croshere during the second quarter in Indianapolis, Wednesday.

Sixers 108, Nets 100, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson hit the tying jumper with 7.2 seconds left in regulation and Corliss Williamson scored seven of his 15 points in overtime to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 108-100 victory Wednesday night over the New Jersey Nets.

Marc Jackson added 19 points and Kyle Korver 15 for the Sixers, who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Philadelphia scored the first seven points of overtime and held on for its first home win of the season.

Richard Jefferson scored 33 points for the Nets and Rodney Buford added 15, including 11 in the fourth quarter. But Jefferson and Alonzo Mourning missed four straight free throws in the last 20 seconds.

Seidman used Josh Davis grabbed the last, crucial rebound for Philadelphia, which called timeout. Iverson caught the inbound pass and hit a fadeaway from the left side, tying the score at 95.

Grizzlies 110, Lakers 87

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Pau Gasol scored 22 points and Shane Battier added 18, and Memphis won for the first time in five games this season.

Kobe Bryant, guarded by a three-man rotation, had 20 points on 4-for-19 shooting for the Lakers. Bryant's misses included two airballs in the third quarter.

Bucks 102, Bobcats 100

MILWAUKEE — Desmond Mason scored 31 points, including three free throws in the final minute, and Michael Redd added 26 for the Bucks.

Charlotte had five players in double figures, led by Primož Brezec, who tied his career high with 20 points. Jason Hart added 19, Eddie House 15, Gerald Wallace 12 and Jason Kapono 11 in the team's first road game.

Cavaliers 114, Suns 109, OT

CLEVELAND — On his souzenier bobbiehead night, Zydrunas Ilgauskas drained three long jumpers, including a tying 3-pointer at the end of regulation, and the Cavaliers rallied to hand Phoenix its first loss this season.

LeBron James scored a season-high 39 points — 17 during a one-run comeback in the fourth quarter — for Cleveland, which trailed by 19 entering the final period. Ilgauskas finished with 24 points.

Shawn Marion scored 22 points, Amare Stoudemire 20 and Steve Nash had 15 points and 17 assists for the Suns.

Wizards 106, Magic 96

WASHINGTON — Larry Hughes and Antawn Jamison scored 26 points apiece for the Wizards.

Grant Hill led Orlando with 24 points, six rebounds and four assists. Steve Francis added 23 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

Raptors 104, Jazz 95

SALT LAKE CITY — Chris Bosh scored 20 points, Rafer Alston hit a key 3-pointer down the stretch and Toronto handed Utah its first loss of the season.

The Raptors rallied from an eight-point deficit in the fourth quarter, going on an 11-2 run and holding off the Jazz in the final two minutes after Alston's 3-pointer cut Toronto up 98-91.

Steve Carter had 16 points, and Alston added seven rebounds for Toronto.

Utah fell to 4-1 after failing to score 100 points and shoot better than 50 percent for the first time this season.

Spurs 91, Warriors 71

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan had 23 points and 18 rebounds, and Manu Ginobili added 22 points to lead San Antonio of over winless Golden State.

Georgia, Auburn stars remain in school — with no regrets

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — David Pollack kept going back and forth, trying to decide whether he wanted to play on Saturdays or Sundays.

The lure of college life was strong. So was the idea of playing in the NFL. Finally, Georgia's star defensive end came to a decision that seems a bit out of place in today's world.

One more year with the Bulldogs, Pollack could wait.

"That's the best decision I ever made," Pollack said, without a hint of regret about returning for his senior season. "And not just for football. For my life, too."

He wasn't alone. Down at Auburn, star running backs Carnell Williams and Ronnie Brown, along with cornerback Carlos Rogers, all decided to hang around for their senior years.

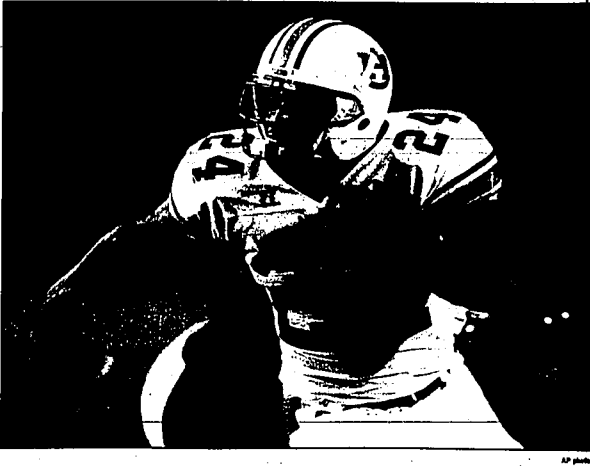
Even Pollack's best friend, Georgia quarterback David Greene, had a chance to enter the draft. He never seriously considered it.

Now, all five of these seniors, yep, they still have those in college football — are at the forefront for one of the biggest Saturdays of the season.

The No. 8 Bulldogs (8-1) will try to bolster their hopes of reaching the Bowl Championship Series when they travel to Auburn, where the third-ranked (9-0) are right in the thick of the national championship race.

It's the oldest rivalry in the Deep South—a worthy platform to show off those cheerleaders' pay that staying in school can pay off — even when there's no actual dollars involved.

"It's not just good for our Georgia or our country," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said. "It's great for college football to see guys



Auburn running back Carnell Williams (24) sprints past a Mississippi defender on his way to a 4th quarter 29-yard touchdown run in Oxford, Miss., Oct. 30. No. 3 Auburn defeated Mississippi, 35-14.

come back for their senior year and have success. I think all these guys will have improved their stature and matured toward the next level with the way they've played."

No argument there.

Pollack, who had 14 sacks as a sophomore, dropped off to 7.5 last season while facing almost constant double-teaming. Still, he was told by NFL scouts that he would be drafted somewhere in the first round.

"It wasn't enough to lure him away, and he'll certainly go higher than he would have last

April. Despite the continued double-teams, Pollack already has matched his sack total from a year ago, setting a school record with 31 in his career.

Along the way, Pollack has gained a level of maturity that prepared him for the real world — a world he wasn't ready to face a year ago.

For Auburn's trio, the decision to stay also worked out just fine. Start with Williams and Brown, who have a job-sharing arrangement that benefits them both. Cadillac ranks fourth in the Southeastern Conference

with 862 yards, including nine touchdowns. Brown is averaging 7.3 yards per carry, has scored seven TDs and ranks just behind his teammate in the SEC's rushing stats (689 yards).

Rogers, meanwhile, is a semi-finalist for "The Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back and one of the leaders for a unit that has surrendered just 9.7 points a game — second fewest in the nation.

By hanging around, they could be part of one of the greatest seasons in school history.

After Bucs overrun, McKay thrives in Atlanta

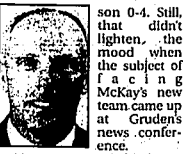
FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — Rich McKay built a Super Bowl champion in Tampa Bay and then lost a power struggle with Jon Gruden.

Talk about landing on your feet.

Now running things for the Atlanta Falcons, McKay is presiding over a first-place team less than a year into his tenure as general manager.

And — the Gruden-coached Buccaneers? They missed the playoffs last season, have a losing record this season and are three games behind — you guessed it — the Falcons in the NFC South.

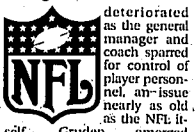
McKay insists that he takes no satisfaction in building a winner in Atlanta while his former team struggles. And he did his best to avoid the subject as the Falcons (6-5) prepared to host the Bucs (3-2) on Sunday.



Rich McKay

"This isn't an issue," Gruden barked. "Rich isn't playing the game and I ain't playing, either. It's something that is very sensitive. He will always be very sensitive. He was a great general manager here, but it's not for me to concern myself with. He's not here. He's in Atlanta."

Let's talk about how that happened. McKay got much of the credit for assembling the team that won the Super Bowl during the 2002 season — Gruden's first as the Bucs' coach.



deteriorated as the general manager and coach sparred for control of player personnel, an issue nearly as old as the NFL itself.

Gruden overtook McKay, winning the owner's heart and the battle of public opinion with his "Clucky" persona.

McKay, the quiet foot soldier who professed working behind the scenes, didn't stand chance going against a high-profile coach who kept showing up on magazine covers.

That turned out to be Atlanta's good fortune. Falcons owner Arthur Blank, who purchased the team in 2002, had wanted McKay as general manager right from the start.

When McKay left with three games to go last season, the Falcons swooped in with an immediate job offer. He took it.

Since then, McKay has made quite a mark. He made the call to hire Jim Mora, a fiery young coach who brought much-needed energy to a team that McKay also got to work on the defense, signing Rod Coleman and Jason Webster to big-money contracts.

The other side of the line was in better shape. McKay was fortunate to have a quarterback coach as Michael Vick, who missed much of last season with a broken leg, Alge Crumpler. Peerless Eric Warrick, Dunny and T.J. Duckett gave a healthy Vick plenty of weapons to work with.

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Rocket says 'sayonara' to Japan in style

OSAKA, Japan — Roger Clemens looked little like a pitcher ready to retire.

But all eyes were on Clemens. "I had a great deal of fun," he said. "All things considered, my body felt great. I'm extremely tired right now but was working in Adrenalin."

Clemens, who went 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts over his hometown Houston Astros, won his record seventh Cy Young award on Tuesday.

He's the oldest Cy Young Award winner. Gaylord Perry was 40 when he won the award in 1978.

With a 328-164 record, Clemens is 10th on the career wins list, and his 4,317 strikeouts are second only to Nolan Ryan's 5,714.

Polis favor Eastern Washington in Big Sky

OGDEN, Utah — Eastern Washington is favored to repeat as Big Sky Conference men's basketball champion by both league coaches and the media, despite losing the league MVP and a veteran coach.

Eastern Washington received five of eight first-place votes in the coaches poll and 47 overall points. Portland State received the other three first-place votes and came in second with 39 points.

Montana was third with 32 points, followed by Weber State-Northern-Arizona-Idaho State, Sacramento State and Montana State.

Stottlemire says he will come back, then retire. NEW YORK — Mel Stottlemire will return as pitching coach of the New York Yankees next year, then retire after the 2005 season.

Waltrip heads 2005 Hall of Fame class

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Three-time NASCAR champion Darrell Waltrip heads the latest class of inductees into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Waltrip is joined by longtime drag racing stars Joe Amato and Bob Glidden, powerboat champion Chip Hauer and Formula One and CART champion Nigel Mansell.

Waltrip won Winston Cup titles in 1981, 1982 and 1985. He also had 84 wins — tied for third all-time with former inductee Bobby Allison — 51 poles, and was named Driver of the Year three times.

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performance-enhancing drugs caught in his pants and sidestepped a two-year ban for doping.

YOUNG, 28, tested positive for the steroid nandrolone in 1999 and was stripped of his Sydney Olympics gold medal from the 1,600 relay team, which included Michael Johnson.

The IAAF recommended last month that the entire team be penalized because Young should have been ineligible.

NASCAR lifts ban on liquor sponsorship. NEW YORK — NASCAR returned to its roots Wednesday by lifting a ban on liquor ads on cars, opening the door for teams to be sponsored next season by distilled spirits.

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Big Ten looks to regain elite status

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press-writer

Most of the Big Ten experienced March Madness like a fan last season, taking prime spots on the couch and watching games after games until they knew every team in every bracket and all of the mascots. And they didn't like it one bit.

After a disappointing year that saw only three teams make the NCAA tournament, the Big Ten is poised to regain its status as a power conference this year.

Illinois (5), Michigan State (13) and Wisconsin (21) are all ranked in the preseason top 25, with NIT champion Michigan and Indiana close behind.

"The big thing is the title of our league and the bottom will be much better," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "We didn't have veteran players last year. (Everyone is) a year older. I think it's going to help as a team."

Take Weber's team. The Illini return not only their entire starting lineup, but their top 10 scorers from the squad that lost to Duke in the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament. They are battle-tested, winning 10 straight games — six on the road — to clinch their first Big Ten title outright since 1992.

And they have possibly the best backcourt in the nation with the hyperkinetic Devo Brown and Deron Williams. No wonder Illinois is being billed as a possible Final Four team.

"Everybody made a little improvement in their game," Brown said. "People expect Illinois to be a good team, good every year. Anything can happen, but we know what it takes."

Michigan State should be vastly improved from last year's squad that never recovered from its brutal nonconference schedule, one of the toughest in NCAA history. Like Illinois, the Spartans return their entire starting lineup and add Drew Neitzel, who might be the point guard they've been looking for since Mateen Cleaves left.

Michigan State will be looking for its first Big Ten title in three years — an omission that hasn't escaped the seniors.

"It's something that since we were freshmen we've talked about and have been able to get it done," Chris Hill said. "Knowing this is our last chance, we're going to do everything that we can to leave that mark."

Wisconsin must replace Big Ten player of the year Devin Harris, but the Badgers still have Mike Wilkinson, their leading rebounder (6.8) and second-best scorer (13.1). They also get back Atlanta "Tucker" who averaged almost 20 points in two starts before he broke his right foot, and add former prep All-America center Brian Butch, who has added 30 pounds to his 6-foot-11 frame.

Michigan will be looking to



Illinois' Dee Brown brings the ball upcourt against Murray State in an NCAA tournament first-round game in Columbus, Ohio, in this March 19 photo.

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capitalize on its NIT championship with four of its five starters returning, while Purdue would like to send legendary coach Gene Keady out on a high note after 25 years with the Boilermakers.

"I'll be happy whatever happens," Keady said. "I just want my kids to stay injury free, play hard and enjoy the season. Of course we want to get in the NCAA and go as far as we can."

Kansas of the Big 12 is the preseason No. 1, with good reason. The Jayhawks return four starters, including seniors Wayne Simien, Aaron Miles and Keith Langford, who went to two Final Fours and fell just short last year.

Simien is the league's returning leader in both scoring (17.8) and rebounding (9.3), and he's almost unstoppable when he's healthy.

"The expectations for this year are really exciting," Simien said. "This is the last year. So there is really no need for me to hold back in any way."

No. 7 Oklahoma State returns all but one starter from its surprise Final Four team, but the loss of Tony Allen is big. The Cowboys still have John Lucas III, their team leader both on and off the floor, and get some badly needed help inside from Aaron Pettway, a 6-10 center

who blocked 152 shots at 1 Hutchison (Kan.) Community College.

No. 16 Texas lost Royal Ivey and Brandon Mouton, part of the youngest class in school history, but their replacements might be even better: three prep All-Americans who should contribute early if not right away.

Conference USA will go out on a high note before it's gutted, with No. 14 Louisville leading the way. Francisco Garcia (16.4 points, 4.5 rebounds, 4.7 assists) is fully recovered from the ankle injuries that slowed him last year, and power forward Ellis Myles is back after missing all of last year with a knee injury.

No. 24 Memphis returns four starters while adding prep All-America point guard Durus Washington.

Illinois-Chicago of The Horizon League has two fifth-year seniors returning and should top 20 wins for a fourth straight season.

Southern Illinois will go for its fourth-straight Missouri-Valley Conference regular-season title. "The Salukis have to replace three starters, but return conference player of the year Darren Brooks, defensive whiz Stetson Hairston and four other players who averaged at least 10 minutes a game."

Look for Toledo and Buffalo to battle it out in the Mid-American Conference. And this might finally be the year someone upends Valparaiso in the Mid-Continent Conference, with Oral Roberts the most likely suspect.

Williams welcomes Beltran, wherever he plays

KIY HISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Whatever position he winds up playing, Bernie Williams would welcome Carlos Beltran to the New York Yankees.

Beltran is a prime free agent, and the Yankees are expected to pursue him hard. He plays center field, the same spot Williams has held down in the Bronx since 1992.

Recently, Beltran told Houston reporters that Williams offered this season to move aside for him in 2005. On Tuesday night, agent Scott Boras — who represents

both players — added "that's something they've talked about and dealt with."

On Wednesday, Williams put a slightly different spin on what they said.

"It was kind of like a lighter-tone conversation in-between hitting practice," Williams said. "I think he took it as I took it. Kind of like a light-hearted, kind of like in the middle of the battle. I admire your skill and it would be good if you came to our team."

The 36-year-old Williams hit .262 in 2004, a career low for a full

season, with 22 home runs and 70 RBIs. A five-time All-Star and four-time Gold Glove winner, he's had two subpar years by his own admission, slowed by knee problems and an appendectomy, with his defensive ability declining.

Beltran, 27, hit a combined 38 home runs with 104 RBIs, and stole 42 bases while batting .287 for Kansas City and Houston as a first-time All-Star. Playing in the postseason for the first time, he homered in a record five straight games for the Astros.

BWAA selects best managers for 2004

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Bobby Cox and Buck Showalter were given little chance of success after payroll purges pushed out key players. Giving the predictions wrong, their teams won, anyway, and so did the managers.

Cox was voted NL Manager of the Year on Wednesday for leading the Atlanta Braves to an unexpected 13th straight division title, and Showalter won the AL honor for turning the last-place Rangers into a contender after Texas traded MVP Alex Rodriguez to the New York Yankees.

"Some of the fans probably thought we weren't going to make it this year, but we did," Cox said following his third manager of the year award. "I think I'm as thrilled this year as I ever have been with one single team."

Coming off four straight last-place finishes in the AL West, Texas cut its payroll in half and wasn't predicted to do well. But the Rangers rebounded and remained in contention until the final week of the season.

"I would have picked us the same place everybody did, too," said Showalter, who won for the second time.

Cox received 22 first-place



Bobby Cox

votes and 10 seconds for 140 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America, Tony La Russa of St. Louis, who has won four manager of the year awards, was second with 62 points after leading the Cardinals to a major league-best 105-57 record. Jim Tracy of Los Angeles was third with 52.

"I thought Tony deserved it, to be honest," Cox said. "I would be more than happy to split that trophy and have both our names on it."

Atlanta, struck by injuries to key players, was 33-49 after a loss at Baltimore on June 25, then went 63-27.

"We were trading water for a good part of the season until we got everybody back and finally took off," Cox said.

Cox won the AL award with Toronto in 1985 and the NL award with the Braves in 1991, the first year of Atlanta's record run.

After the departures of pitcher Greg Maddux and slugger Gary Sheffield, Javy Lopez and Vinny Castilla, the Braves were



Buck Showalter

predicted by most to finish third or lower in the NL East. But the Braves wound up 10 games ahead of second-place Philadelphia.

Atlanta lost 3-2 to Houston in the first round of the playoffs. Despite all "the" division titles, the Braves' only World Series championship under Cox was 1995.

"I'm not a real paper reader, and I don't listen to talk shows," Cox said. "Fans want to win. We gave it our best shot. We simply were pitched out the last ballgame."

Showalter received 14 first-place votes, nine seconds and four thirds for 101 points, finishing ahead of Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire, who got 11 firsts, 11 seconds and three thirds for 91 points.

Texas went 89-73 — its most wins since 1989 — and finished third in the AL West behind Anaheim and Oakland, just three games out of first. The Rangers committed to several younger players after the 2003 season, and for Showalter that was key.

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Pacers forward Artest asked coach Carlisle for month off

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest said Wednesday that he asked coach Rick Carlisle for time off because of a busy schedule that included promoting a soon-to-be released rap album, which led to his two-game benching.

Artest had a short news conference before Wednesday night's 102-68 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, and in his usual ambiguous manner, tried to explain why he was benched.

Artest said that he asked Carlisle for as much as a month off to heal his aching body and recover from a particularly busy schedule.

"My body has been aching. I was going to take some time off

and I said it the wrong way," Artest said. "Everything that happened wasn't too negative. I kind of surprised the team by wanting to take some games off, just to get back together, maybe stay home for a little bit, rest a little bit and come back."

He certainly surprised Carlisle, who said Tuesday that the situation, "compromised the integrity of the team. It's a private team matter, and I'm going to leave it at that."

"I don't know what that means," Artest said. "They probably expected to play every game. Everybody's different. It's early in the season, so I feel like I could take some time off early

and be ready for the long stretch."

So Carlisle benched Artest for Tuesday night's win over Minnesota and Wednesday night's game with the Clippers. It is not a suspension, and Artest will not lose any salary.

"When asked if Artest would return for Friday night's game at Philadelphia as originally planned, Carlisle said, "We'll see. We'll see. It's not something I'm going to talk about right now."

The 24-year-old is scheduled to release his debut rap album later this month and has been spending a lot of time making promotional appearances.

"I've been doing a little bit too much music, just needed

the rest," Artest said. "I've still got my album coming out Nov. 23. After the album comes out I'm going to make sure all of my time is focused on winning a championship."

It's the latest in a long line of controversial situations for Artest, ranging from destroying television monitors at Madison Square Garden two years ago to missing the team flight to Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals at Detroit last season.

Carlisle tried to downplay the issue before the game Wednesday night.

"This isn't the Cuban missile crisis. It's not life or death. It's not about national security," Carlisle said. "It's just simply

about a group of guys needing to remind ourselves - all of us - about the sanctity of team, and what it's about."

The message appears to have landed with Artest.

"It was a good decision," Artest said. "I need the rest. There's a lot of things going on."

When asked if he thought the punishment fit the crime, Artest said, "There was no crime done. I think it helped out. I was tired."

"I was doing a lot. I was running around a lot and doing a whole bunch of stuff and I've also been working out, so I think I wore myself down physically. I wore myself down mentally. I was ready to take

some time off, at least like a month off, but two games is enough."

With so many injuries, the last thing the Pacers needed was to lose another player, especially one of their two All-Stars.

The Pacers had just nine players available against the Clippers but Carlisle said he would not play Artest.

"We've spent a lot of time and a lot of money this summer traveling, working guys out, working toward a plan to win this year and that plan was built around team," Carlisle said. "It's important in this early stage that we're steadfast in that understanding."

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points on the Trojans while grabbing 11 rebounds.

The big question for Filer will be chemistry. Defensive specialists Krystal Demoney and Brittney Prigmore graduated, and last year's coach Kim Rasmus is gone. If players like junior guard Sarah Haney (5-7) and senior forward Rachel Jaynes (5-9) prove to be solid role players, Filer could be very tough.

As could the Gooding Seniors. Coming off their first-ever state tournament appearance last year, coach Chris Comstock's team looks poised for a return.

Italy Jo Eames is gone to participate in rodeo for the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, but a number of quality athletes are back. Foremost is athlete junior guard and last year's leading scorer, Brittanie Foono (5-6). She will be joined by seniors Ashley Abramowski (5-6), Teri Lehr (5-8), Kalynn Pereira (5-8) and Afton Turner (5-8), among others.

"We have a lot of girls coming back from last year, and our junior varsity team was the conference champion last year," Comstock said. "So we have some girls coming up to help us."

A balanced offense will make

life tough for opposing defenses. While the Senators lack a true big-time scorer like Mechem, their ability to score from all positions will make them a tricky foe to defend.

"We're going to try to push the ball up and down the floor," Comstock said. "But at the same time, we need to be patient and get the best shot possible."

Declo's Hornets will sport an entirely new-look after graduating all but two varsity players. Senior guard Holly Hurst (5-7) came off the bench last year, while junior forward Kayla Poulton (5-8) was a midseason junior varsity call-up. Poulton will likely be Declo's top offensive threat; while new head coach Val Christensen will look to newcomers like junior Alisha Zollinger (5-8) to step into the starting lineup.

"I think we'll win a lot of games, but we'll have our ups and downs also," Christensen said. "They're trying to learn a lot of new things, and once everything gets in, we'll just get better as time goes on."

First-year coach Mitch Oparrico takes over a young but athletic Buhl team. A strong junior class includes Buret Montgomery (5-7), Liz Esparza (5-10), Heather Scovel (5-4) and Cassie Tipton (5-9). While this

group has shown their heart time and again in other sports, they'll need to find a way to put the ball in the basket consistently.

"We're a pretty young, raw basketball team right now," Oparrico said. "They're putting their hearts out on the floor like I've asked them to. They haven't backed down."

Rich Bishop takes over in Kimberly and inherits an improved Bulldogs team led by senior guard Whitney Funk (5-8). Funk led the Bulldogs in a number of offensive and defensive categories last year, and will now be looking to lead them into contention for a conference title. She will be aided by tough senior guard BJay Dille (5-7) and junior post Sarah Gunnell (5-10). Gunnell steadily improved through last season and should be one of the conference's better posts this season.

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with an Achilles tendon injury."

The new-look Jerome Tigers have a lot of work to do under first-year head coach Will Harbison. After the loss of Whitney Clark, Elissa Hope, Vanessa West, and coach Michelle Skyles to the college ranks, Jerome returns three players with varsity experience.

Senior Silvia Miramontes (5-3) will take over the reins for the Tigers, while Lindzie Kufm (5-8) could crack the starting lineup at forward. The Tigers have good size in juniors Emily Vandembosch (6-2), Lindsay Williams (5-10) and Jana Hope (5-10).

The play of others like junior forward Ali Gorman (5-8) will likely determine how this season shakes out for the Tigers.

The little dogs in the fight are the Wood River Wolverines who come up from the Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference. After last year's state tournament appearance, the Wolverines lost all but two varsity players.

All-time leading scorer Natal

ie Green is playing ball at Lehigh University, while Emily Smith plays for Northwest College in Powell, Wyo. Post Jessica King is playing volleyball at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

But Wood River has a familiar leader in 5-10 senior point guard Springa Stark, a standout volleyball player as well. Stark dished out two assists, grabbed four rebounds and scored five points a game as a junior starter.

She is joined by seniors Alexa Alberdi, 5-10 post Laura Johnson, and 5-9 wing Maddie Miller and Elli Reese. Junior wing Jamie Stone and Cassi Iusthion are fine athletes. Sophomore 5-10 post Kelsey Lidstrom and 5-6 guard Kristen Minard add depth. Freshman 6-1 post Lauren Morganthaller and 5-9 wing Hannah Ward add height and depth to the Wolverines and may split time with the junior varsity.

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West Virginia could be first into BCS

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press writer

West Virginia could be the first team to secure a spot in the Bowl Championship Series. Boston College has other ideas, but the Mountaineers will clinch at least a tie for the Big East title with a win over the Eagles on Saturday. If West Virginia winds up tied for first place, it would get the BCS bowl bid because of a better overall record.

In this transition year, the Big East has drawn criticism from those who say it doesn't deserve an automatic BCS berth. The league said goodbye to Miami and Virginia Tech before this season, leaving it with just seven teams and no heavyweights.

The Mountaineers entered the season as the defending conference co-champions, overwhelming favorites to win it again and with hopes of running the table and playing for a national title.

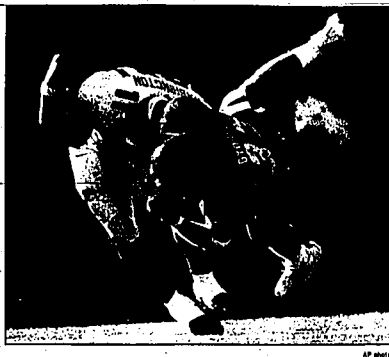
That last part was dashed when the No. 13 Mountaineers (9-1, 4-0) lost last month at Virginia Tech, now a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference. The result hurt the Big East's reputation — even a supposedly middle-of-the-road ACC team could beat the best of the Big East.

Since then, West Virginia has won four straight games against league foes, getting little attention in the process.

"We haven't played great football all year, but we've played well enough," West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez said. "We have most of our goals still out there and, believe it or not, we can get one of them accomplished this week. A major one."

No. 21 Boston College (6-2, 2-1) can keep its hopes for a Big East title and BCS bid alive with a victory in a place where wins have been rare for the Eagles. Since Big East football was born in 1951, Boston College has not won in Morgantown, W.Va.

"I think they've been better football teams for the most part," Eagles coach Tom



West Virginia linebacker Scott Gyroko (33) sacks Temple quarterback Walter Washington (11) during the second half last Saturday, at Mylan Puskas Stadium at Mountaineer Field in Morgantown, W. Va. WVU defeated Temple 42-21.

O'Brien said. "There are some schools that seem to have a whammy over another."

BC joins Miami and Virginia Tech in the ACC next season, while the Big East welcomes Louisville, South Florida and Cincinnati.

The last thing the beleaguered Big East needs heading into next season is its defending champion playing in the ACC.

The picks

- Thursday
- No. 11 Florida State (minus 7) at North Carolina State
 - No. 10 Wake Forest (minus 3) at Virginia Tech
- Saturday
- Arizona (plus 35) at No. 1 Southern California
 - Back to the sun after two weeks in fog and rain for Trojans ... USC 45-3.
 - Nebraska (plus 30) at No. 2 Oklahoma
 - Sooner's biggest win over Heisman is 48 points ... OKLAHOMA 62-14.
 - No. 8 Georgia (plus 4.5) at No. 3 Auburn
 - Georgia could do BCS a favor ... AUBURN 27-17.
 - No. 4 Wisconsin (minus 8) at Michigan State
 - Badgers looking cozy ... WISCONSIN 32-14.
 - No. 5 California (minus 31) at Washington
 - Cal has won two straight since breaking 19-game losing bid to Huskers ... CAL 49-10.
 - No. 8 Texas (minus 22) at Kansas
 - Longhorns have BCS bid in sight ... TEXAS 44-17.
 - No. 7 Utah (minus 23) at Wyoming
 - Uses only team in country to wear orange
- games by at least two TDs ... UTAH 48-20.
- Northwestern (plus 13.5) at No. 9 Michigan
- Wolverines' Michael Hart, Wakelet Noah Horton are Big Ten's top two rushers ... MICHIGAN 31-14.
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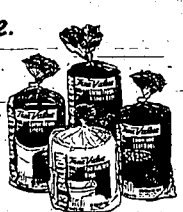


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AROUND THE VALLEY

Police respond to bomb threat

TWIN FALLS — An unidentified person called the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department and said there was a bomb in the College of Southern Idaho library, but police turned up no such device, said Staff Sgt. Dan McEate of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Other officers responded to the campus around 9 a.m., McEate said.

"They did a sweep but didn't find anything," he said, adding that if a suspicious item had been located, they would have called out the bomb tech team.

Shoshone has city positions available

SHOSHONE — The city of Shoshone has openings for two planning and zoning board members and one city-council person.

Applicants will be considered at the next city council meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

To be considered for these spots or for more information, call the city clerk at 886-2030.

Military support group meets today

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

Anyone with family or friends in the military who would like to meet and talk with others in similar situations are encouraged to attend.

Those with questions or who would just like to talk may call Sharita at 536-6159 or Shuron at 536-6111.

Project offers free firearm safety kits

TWIN FALLS — Safe Kids Magic Valley, through a partnership with Project ChildSafe, is offering free firearm safety kits to local residents.

The kits, which include a gun lock, can be picked up between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Safe Kids Magic Valley office, 589 Addison Ave. W. Project ChildSafe is a nationwide firearms safety education program developed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation. It is funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant with additional funding provided by the firearms industry.

"We encourage residents to pick up a Project ChildSafe safety kit so they can securely store their firearms," said Page Geske, director of the Magic Valley. Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The locks fit on most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. Safe Kids Magic Valley is located at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center campus. It provides educational materials, classes and assistance to individuals and groups on injury prevention programs. For more information, call 737-2430.

CSI groups host International dinner

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's Diversity Council and Accent Club will host its fourth annual International Dinner and Festival at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 in the CSI Student Union building.

Kim Prestwich, club adviser, said more than 30 faculty members, students and staff will prepare the dinner featuring cuisine representing Vietnam, Morocco, Malaysia, Peru, Columbia, Puerto Rico, Tibet, Japan, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Mexico and other countries.

Traditional dances from Polynesia, Mexico, Hawaii and the Middle East and musicians and skit actors representing various parts of the world will perform.

Proceeds will be used to help international student activities, which includes assisting with the CSI Refugee Center.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for young children. Tickets are available now at the CSI Multi-Cultural Office and the Student Union ticket office. Any unsold tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, contact Prestwich at 732-6293 or at kprestwich@csi.edu.

— compiled from staff reports

Search for more county space continues

Commissioners ask architects to scale down plans

By Sandy Miller
Times-News Writer

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners got sticker shock Wednesday when they heard how much it would cost to renovate existing buildings for county offices.

County Commissioner Tom Mikessell said reconstruction of the former Anderson Lumber building on Eastland Avenue would cost \$110 per square foot. Renovating the former Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital building across the street would cost \$91 per square foot. Neither of those options would include the cost to purchase the buildings. Meanwhile, building from the ground up would cost \$110 per square foot, Mikessell said.

Mikessell said those were average construction costs, but more than the county can afford.

"The numbers are accurate, but we have to scale back," Mikessell said. "We need a number we can take to the public that's not all-new everything."

The numbers Scott Straubhar and Gary Sorenson of Hummel Architects presented to county officials and a citizens advisory committee included all new fixtures, Mikessell said. Straubhar presented the "Chevy" version, not the "Cadillac" version of the plans, but he might need a Hyundai.

County officials and the citizens advisory committee will continue to look at

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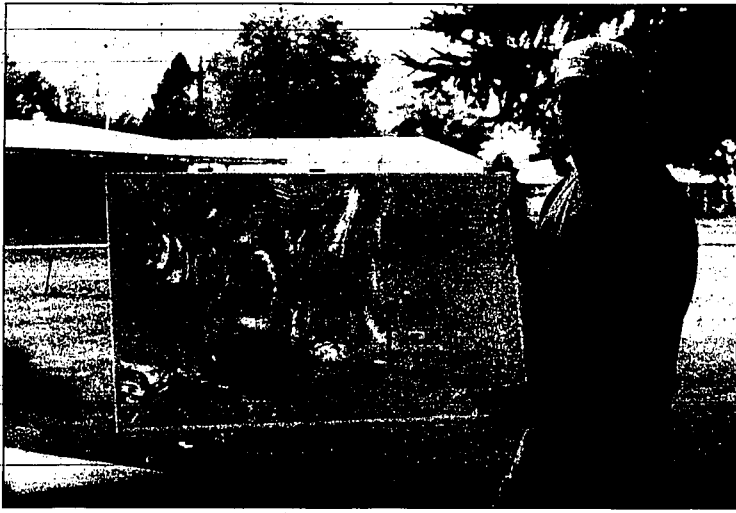
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- **Last we knew:** Hummel Architects is performing a \$54,000 study to assess Twin Falls County's space needs. The Urban Renewal Agency contributed \$30,000 to the study, the city of Twin Falls put in \$15,000 and the county contributed \$9,000.
- **The latest:** Scott Straubhar of Hummel Architects on Wednesday gave county officials and the citizens advisory committee a look at some drawings of floor plans for the three different concepts for consolidating and expanding county space. He included numbers on

square footage and cost estimates. County commissioners said the numbers were too high for the county's budget. Hummel Architects agreed to go back to the drawing board and bring back scaled-down versions of the three concepts.

■ **What's next:** Hummel Architects will meet with county officials and the citizens advisory committee on Nov. 18 in the conference room on the third floor of the County Courthouse. Public meetings will also be scheduled sometime this month to give people in the community a chance to voice their ideas on the plans.

Honoring those who served



Jim Benson of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars says the South Central Idaho Veterans Park in Wendell will honor men and women world-wide who have served in all branches of the United States Armed Forces. The architect's plan includes flagpoles, benches and a circle of pedestals with engraved tiles.

Associations plan veterans park for Wendell

By Terrell Williams
Times News correspondent

WENDELL — A new regional veterans park in Wendell will honor military men and women, including those still in active duty.

"What we're trying to do is let everybody know this is for veterans everywhere, living or deceased," said Jim Benson, chairman of the park committee.

The South Central Idaho Veterans Park will be on Main Street, across from City Park, where the old high school used to be located.

"This was a collaborative idea," said Benson, who is the Gooding County Veterans service officer and service officer for American Legion Post 41 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2971. "It started out as a flagpole and maybe a bench."

The park plan, designed by architect Jim Jenkins of Pocatello, features a 10-foot-wide walkway leading from the street to a 56-foot-wide concrete circle edged in brick. Within the circle are five raised pedestals with sloped tops and granite edges. The pedestals will have tiles about 100 per pedestal, each engraved with a veteran's name, branch of service, rank and date of service. The pedestals are set in a circle around the five rays of a colored concrete star. In the center of the circle is a gold star to honor those killed in active duty, prisoners of war and missing in action. In the center of the gold star is a 35-foot flagpole for the American flag and a POW/MIA flag.

Along the outside edge of the concrete circle, out from the five rays of the concrete star, are five 25-foot flagpoles, each with a flag of a branch of the service. Be-

tween the service flagpoles are five six-foot benches. Expansion plans allow for 10 more pedestals to eventually be placed around the outer edge of the circle.

Outside the veterans circle is lawn with an assortment of trees and, eventually, a rose garden.

"This park will be a nice, long-lasting and expandable," Benson said. "It's something this area can be proud of. There's nothing to this magnitude (for veterans) between Boise and Idaho Falls."

Wendell Mayor Paul Inneson said the city purchased that city block from the city district, and has designated an area of about 150-feet-by-150 feet for the Veterans Park.

"Veterans need a little recognition," he said. "This is going to be a nice, quiet area for anybody to go in there and reflect."

Money to pay for the new park is being raised by selling engraved tiles for the pedestals. Cost is \$50 each. For an additional \$35, the buyer receives an engraved brick with a bronze plaque like the one on the pedestal and felt pads for display on desks or mandes. The price includes Fed-Ex mailing.

"If you're getting a tile for your brother in California, you can have the replica sent to him," Benson said. "We're encouraging people to get their orders in. It makes a really good Christmas present."

"So we've almost got the first pedestal full right now," Benson said. "We're encouraging people to get their orders in. It makes a really good Christmas present."

To raise additional funds, the park committee is accepting sponsorship donations. The Wendell Volunteer Fire-

fighters sponsored the main flagpole for \$2,500. Two of the branch flagpoles have been sponsored for \$1,500 by Wendell Gas & Oil and Eaton Drilling & Pump Service. The other three still need sponsors, Benson said. Pedestal sponsorships also are for sale at \$1,000 each. One has been purchased by Farmers National Bank. Park bench sponsorships cost \$750. Two have been sold to Bettecourt Dairies and Ishmael Scott. These amounts are suggested minimum donations.

Benson said Sharita Dunn of the Magic Valley Military Support Group has been instrumental in getting sponsors and selling tiles to raise money for the park.

"She's done a lot of legwork promoting it," he said.

Benson said construction is set to begin next spring. Volunteers, including local professionals, will do most of the labor.

Tom Mattice, American Legion Post 41 Commander and Fourth District Commander, said the Southern Idaho Veterans Park is to honor veterans from Mountain Home to the Burley-Tupero area and beyond.

"Veterans are what have kept our country going," he said. "This park is a means of showing appreciation, support and recognition to the veterans, not only past veterans, but even current veterans because we've got family members that have purchased plaques for current members that are in Iraq right now."

"This is for veterans in the past, present and future," he said. "We're looking for support for it and contributions."

For more information or to purchase tiles, bricks or sponsorships, call Benson at 536-6421.

Robber hits store

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A man robbed a convenience store early Wednesday, taking with him an undisclosed amount of money.

Police were called to the Oasis Stop 'N' Go at 890 Washington St. S. around 3:30 a.m., according to a news release issued by the Twin Falls Police Department.

A man entered the store, displayed an unidentified weapon and demanded money, the release says. He then left the store on foot, going southbound on Washington Street South.

The man was described as possibly Hispanic, with a light complexion, brown eyes and very short hair or bald, police said. He was wearing a dark blue hooded sweatshirt, faded blue jeans, white tennis shoes and white gloves. He wore red bandanna that covered the lower portion of his face.

The same store was robbed Oct. 24. In that incident, a man of similar description entered the market around 7 a.m. He demanded money but did not show a weapon, according to police.

On Oct. 13, the Shaker Station at 2255 Addison Ave. E. was hit by a robber. The man in that incident did not display a weapon, police say.

If anyone has information about these crimes, they are asked to call the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-HELP (4357) or 311.

Authorities question theft report

The Times-News

BURLEY — A Twin Falls woman reported Monday that a purse containing \$25,000 in cash was stolen from her car on Aug. 28.

But the report didn't sit well with Cassia Sheriff Jim Higgins.

"It does seem kind of funny for somebody to lose \$25,000 in August and report it to us in November," Higgins said Wednesday.

Salome Rosa Reyes, 32, reported the theft by telephone Monday morning, according to a police report, saying the purse was taken from her car while she was stopped at a north Burley gas station.

Reyes declined to comment when contacted by The Times-News.

According to the report, Reyes told officers that she was traveling from Utah to Twin Falls and stopped for fuel in Burley.

Reyes also reported that she had recently gone through bankruptcy. It's unclear whether the bankruptcy or the delay in reporting the theft are related to the large sum of cash she was in the purse.

"It's always a little suspicious when you see a great loss like that not being reported for several months," Higgins said.

In addition to the cash, the purse also reportedly contained two Utah identification cards, a birth certificate and a Medicaid card.

To date neither the purse nor its contents have been turned in to police and the case has been generating leads or recovery of the purse.

Hagerman school reviews out-of-district policy

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Hagerman School District is taking a closer look at the criteria for out-of-district students.

"There are things we are thinking about changing in the out-of-district application process so we are more thorough on background checks," Superintendent Lee Mitchell said.

Hagerman has experienced an increasing number of requests for enrollment from students living outside the district.

Stricter rules may be put in place. Out-of-district students making applications may be required to go through an interview process with the school board members for enrollment.

"The school board members, myself and the administration

believe we need to be careful in the protection of all the students in the student body," Mitchell said. "We want to be careful in our screening process to maintain a safe learning environment in the Hagerman School District."

A complete review of the out-of-district student policy will be conducted next spring. Policy changes would be in place for the 2005-06 school year.

"We're still exploring exactly what we are going to do," board chairman Frank Knight said.

"We have good teachers and a good administration. Since we built the new high school we have had a lot of students come from out of district and that's a positive thing. But now we are getting so many requests, we need to make sure we have the interest of our own students at heart first."

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

An overdue tribute

Rupert's WWII Ace will be honored today

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Today people around the nation, from massive metropolitan areas to the smallest hamlets, are taking time to honor the sacrifices and accomplishments of men and women who fought for our Magic Valley.

The widow of one Magic Valley veteran will be receiving a special honor, though.

Both Broadhead Thomas, of Rupert, will be presented with a Spirit of Freedom award in Boise today to recognize the heroic efforts of her late husband, Lt. Col. Joseph E. Broadhead.

Broadhead served two tours of duty with the Eight Air Force 357th Fighter Group during World War II and downed 10 German planes during the course of 120 missions, and was preparing to serve a third tour when the war ended.

The award will be presented by Sen. Mike Crapo at 11 a.m. at the State Veterans Home, Crapo created the awards in 2002 as a way to "recognize the important work and heroic service of a number of Idaho veterans and volunteers," according to his office.

"And Broadhead's friends and family welcome the recognition."

"After researching what he did over there I'm so impressed you wouldn't believe," Robert Thomas, Beth Thomas' brother-in-law, said. "He flew 120 missions and we're talking anywhere from five to 12 hours each."

A graduate of Rupert High School, Broadhead was attending the Albion State Normal



Rupert native Lt. Col. Joseph Broadhead, a World War II ace pilot, will be honored posthumously today with a Spirit of Freedom award presented to his widow by Sen. Mike Crapo in Boise.

The military career of Lt. Col. Joseph E. Broadhead

- Assigned to the Eighth Air Force's 357th Fighter Group, 362nd Fighter Squadron.
- Flew 120 missions in a P-51 Mustang during two tours of duty in Europe.
- Twice named squadron commander and served as mission leader on 27 occasions.
- Awarded four Distinguished Flying Crosses and 14 Air Medals.
- Destroyed eight enemy aircraft, later revised to 10.

School when he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 for flight training, his widow said. Leaving his new bride and infant son in Rupert, he began his first tour of duty in Europe the following year.

Broadhead's first encounter with enemy aircraft came on his ninth day of operations and he downed a German fighter plane while escorting bombers over Leipzig, Germany, Robert Thomas said.

Despite being separated from his family, Broadhead found a way to keep them close by naming his first aircraft "Baby Mike" after his son.

Robert Thomas said that not only the number of missions flown but the intensity of battle that Broadhead faced is impressive.

"I was in B-24's and they flew cover for us and I can't tell you what those guys went through

because what we got was bad enough," he said.

Following his first tour of duty, Broadhead spent six weeks with his family in Rupert before returning to action, Beth Thomas said. During his second tour he renamed his plane "Master-Mike" as his son was now 2 years old.

John Lane Jr., owner of Airpower Unlimited in Jerome, said that Broadhead was in good company with the 357th Fighter Group. Other notable aces from the group include Chuck Yeager, Bob Brown, John Brooks England and Leonard "Kit" Carson, who had the most victories in the group, Lane said.

Broadhead is one of just a handful of Air Aces from Idaho — a group that includes Greg "Poppy" Boyington of Coeur d'Alene and Duane Beason of Boise, who flew the "Boise Bee," said Lane, whose father was an ace.

Both Thomas said that Broadhead was preparing to serve a third tour of duty in the Pacific Theater when the war ended.

Returning from war, Broadhead opened Broadhead Electric with his brother, selling General Electric products in Rupert.

Broadhead's accomplishments during the war led to him being quite well known in the community, Beth Thomas said. He died on Dec. 20, 1969, at the age of 50 due to a heart condition.

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Remembering the past



John Slaughter, left, and Debbie Sawley, volunteer historians, walk through Kootenai County Cemetery near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Nov. 2, where the graves are marked only with simple white metal crosses. The paper name cards that once identified each grave have long since worn away. They are seeking some way to memorialize the people interred at the pauper's cemetery between 1928 and 1943.

Historians want memorial for paupers cemetery

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — About three miles west of the city is a plot of graves marked by nothing more than simple white metal crosses. No names. No sentiments.

It's the Kootenai County Cemetery where poor people were buried between 1928 and 1943. The paper name cards that once identified each grave have long since worn away.

For volunteer historians John Slaughter and Debbie Sawley there must be something more.

"They deserve to be remembered in some way," Slaughter said. "It's not only a cemetery, it's history. I do not believe the people should be anonymous."

Slaughter and Sawley, who have been working on an Internet genealogy project documenting cemeteries in the county, have talked with county

commissioners about the possibility of a permanent memorial at the cemetery. They estimate a central monument bearing the names of those buried there would cost about \$5,000.

But Slaughter and Sawley are still trying to determine the accuracy of the list of 48 names they have compiled.

He has already discovered that one girl on the list is buried in another cemetery.

The names were posted on the USGenWeb Project site on the Internet in an attempt to get confirmation.

"It was a county cemetery, and it was the county that put them there," Slaughter said. "I don't think it's asking too much to find a way of permanently recording these people."

Sawley's own uncle, Paul M. Best, was buried there in 1939.

one of just four in marked graves. This is under the lilac bush on the west side of the cemetery.

The anonymity of the graves hits close to home for Slaughter, whose great-grandmother was buried in a paupers cemetery in the Midwest.

"No records remain," he said. "I'll never find her grave."

County commissioners did not reject the memorial proposal, but they said it is not possible under current budget constraints and suggested private donations as an alternative.

"We're not saying no," Commissioner Dick Panabaker said. "We believe in your philosophy. You've got the ball rolling."

The county no longer buries poor people in one place. The burials, about once a month at a cost of \$1,000 each, are now spread throughout the cemeteries in the county.

Music groups hold annual dinner

The Times-News

BUHL — The Buhl High School Jazz and Select choirs will hold their third annual Spaghetti Dinner and Concert at 6 p.m. Nov. 16 in the gym at Buhl High School.

Students will be serving food donated by WinCo Foods. The dinner features spaghetti with

meat sauce, green salad, Italian bread and sherbet ice cream for dessert. Guests will be seated at candle-lit tables. Following dinner, both choirs will perform.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the choir's travel expenses. The Jazz Choir is competing in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in February,

and the Select Choir is competing in the Music in the Parks Festival in May.

Admission is \$10 per person. Advance tickets can be purchased from any member of the Jazz Choir or Select Choir, choir director, or by calling the Buhl School District office. Limited tickets may be available at the door.

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the same three options — the former Anderson Lumber building, the former Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital and building from the ground up — but at scaled-down versions. The extra bells and whistles like a new, state-of-the-art phone system might have to wait awhile. The advisory committee will eventually make a recommendation of what it thinks is the best option to county commissioners.

Here's a more detailed look at the three options:

• **Option 1** — The former Anderson Lumber building on Eastland Avenue. Consolidate the following departments at the building: assessor, clerk, county assistance, commissioner, coroner, county extension, emergency services, human resources, planning and zoning, research and development, treasurer, status offender and veterans services. Consolidate the following departments at the county judicial and jail facilities: adult probation, court clerk, jail, prosecutor and sheriff. Connect the structures and expand court facilities. Maintain the following departments at their current locations: juvenile services, public defender and Safe House.

• **Option 2** — The former clinic building on Shoshone Street across from the courthouse. Consolidate the following departments at the clinic building: assessor, clerk, county assistance, commissioner, coroner, county extension, emergency services, human resources, planning and zoning, research and development, treasurer, status offender and veterans services. Consolidate the following departments at the county judicial and jail facilities: adult probation, court clerk, jail, prosecutor and sheriff. Connect the structures and expand court facilities. Maintain the following departments at their current locations: juvenile services, public defender

and Safe House.

• **Option 3** — Building from the ground up on a yet-to-be-determined site. The third concept mirrors the plan for the former clinic building. However, Straubhaar said a new building wouldn't have to be as large because they would not have to work around existing walls. County officials and the city's

advisory committee did get a peek at the floor plans for the first two options Wednesday, giving them a clearer idea of what those buildings would look like after renovations are made. There would be plenty of shared spaces, such as a lunch room, conference room and filing areas, which Straubhaar said encourages efficiency. Straubhaar said some departments had requested their own entrances from the street, but County Treasurer Debbie Kauffman questioned the safety of that idea. She said she'd like to see a central entrance with security.

"I really think down the road we're going to have to set up some security, so let's think about that now," Kauffman said.

Meanwhile, it's back to the drawing board for Straubhaar and Sorenson, who will present scaled down versions of the plans at a meeting next Thursday. Public meetings are also being planned to give people in the community a chance to voice their ideas.

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



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Nov. '02 - K.I.A. Mar. '04



DeLawrence M. Gline
U.S. Army
Staff Sergeant
83 Medical Battalion Armored
WWII



Max Jacob Woolley
U.S. Army Air Corps
Captain, P-38 Fighter
WWII
Retired in Hagerman

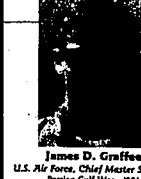


Tucker G. Johnson
U.S. Army
Sergeant, Cavalry Scout
Operation Iraqi Freedom,
Mar. 2003 - Feb. 28, 2004
Returns to Iraq Dec. 13, 2004

To every
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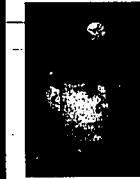
H.E. (Gene) Pollard
U.S. Army
100th Army Division
Germany & France



James D. Griffee
U.S. Air Force, Chief Master Sergeant
Persian Gulf War - 1991



Leslie L. Hazen
U.S. Army
Korean Conflict



Clinton R. Blackwood
U.S. Army
526th Armored Infantry
Battalion
1943 - 1945

We
Say,



Sherman O. Lewis
U.S. Army
Low Altitude Air Defense
South Pacific
1974 - 1980



Ramico Hernandez
U.S. Army
37th Engineer Battalion Combat
Airborne 1993-1996
HHC 2-116th Cavalry Brigade
1966-Present
Operation Desert Shield,
Uphold Democracy-Haiti,
Operation Iraqi Freedom



Harold P. Huyser
U.S. Army
Served 1944 - 1946
WWII.

"THANK
YOU."



H.M. (Mo) Sagers
U.S. Marines
Fighter Pilot
Iwo Jima, Okinawa & Guam
1942-46 WWII



Kristoffer Ohlensehlen
116th Unit
of National Guard
Currently Serving



Dustin Russell Hall
U.S. Army
Korean War
1949 - 1952



Jay A. Schenk
U.S. Army - Artillery
Spec. 4th Class
Vietnam 1966-68

A TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS



Charles Lekey
U.S. Army, 185th Infantry
Scout & Observer,
Soloman Group
WWII



Travis Keith Bundy
U.S. Navy, Active Duty
E-5 Petty Officer Second Class
Master-at-Arms, Asst. Watch Commander
Naval Support Activity
Naples, Italy



Clement J. Fitzgerald
U.S. Marine
Navigator Bombardier
WWII

Throughout
America's
history,



Joe Ortiz Martinez
U.S. Army
Specialist 4th Class
Vietnam 1968 - 1969



Richard Hansing
U.S. Navy
Pacific Theater
1939 - 1945



Wayne R. Whitehead
U.S. Navy, Aviation Machinist
2nd Class Petty Officer, Korea

Military
veterans
served
their
country



Ronald F. Ochsner
U.S. Army
Specialist 4th Class
Purple Heart, Bronze Star
Vietnam 1967 - 1970.



Larry Shane Larson
U.S. Navy
Chief Petty Officer
Desert Storm, Freedom Iraq



John M. Barker
U.S. Navy, Lieutenant (SG)
Invasion of Sicily & Salerno/Pacific Theater

with
honor,
commitment
and
courage.



Donald C. Anderson
U.S. Navy
Pacific & Mediterranean Theater
1945 - 1949
WWII



Stuart Arthur Wengreen
U.S. Army
Specialist, 4th Class
Vietnam 1970 - 1972

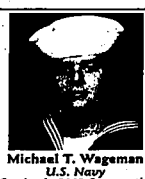


Captain Tami Childers
United States Air Force
Stationed in Germany during Kosovo
Just returned from Duty in South Korea
Currently stationed at Air Force Academy
in Colorado Springs

To every
one
of them,



Arthur Dean Wengreen
U.S. Navy
Radioman, 1st Class
Petty Officer
WWII



Michael T. Wageman
U.S. Navy
Serving in 2002 & currently
in Jacksonville, FL



Roy Washburn
U.S. Army
WWII



J. Robert Kelsey
U.S. Navy ~ Volunteer
U.S.S. Enterprise
WWII



Bert Banholzer
U.S. Army
36th Infantry Division
1944 - 1946 WWII

We
Say,



SSGT Terry Rasmussen
U.S. Air Force
Currently Serving in Iraq



Steven Ryan Bean
U.S. Marine Corps
Operation Iraqi Freedom



Mary A. Prinzing-Hicks
1st Lieutenant
U.S.A.F.
Nurse Corps
Vietnam Era, 1965 - 1967

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NOTES AND

NOSTALGIA



Magic Valley Symphony cellist Leslie Taylor looks up from her sheet music during rehearsal Tuesday for the symphony's special centennial concert at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium.

Composition puts Twin Falls history to music

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Line up the alphabet in seven-letter increments. The first seven, **A-G**, are the notes of the musical scale. Each successive batch of letters, starting with **H-N**, repeats those seven notes. An **H** is an **A** on the scale. So is an **O**.

Then spell out the name of Clarence Bisbee, the best known of early Twin Falls photographers, whose images of abundant crops and civilized institutions promoted the raw, new city to a world of potential residents.

The result, said composer Daniel Bukvich, is a series-of-notes that reflects the open country of Twin Falls a century ago.

"It turns into a rather nice Twin Falls-like melody, or so I thought," said Bukvich, a professor of percussion and theory and a jazz choir director at the University of Idaho's Lionel Hampton School of Music.

"You can convert anyone's name into musical notes," Bukvich said. "It doesn't always work out, but in this case it did."

He turned the musical conversion of Bisbee's name into a theme around which he built the composition "Portraits," a new piece commissioned by the Magic Valley Symphony to honor Twin Falls' centennial.

The symphony will premiere Bukvich's centennial commission at a Tuesday-night concert, planned to honor a century of Twin Falls musicians.

In that fledgling settlement photographed by Bisbee, folks who wanted music in abundance had to produce it themselves. Within a year of the city's birth, a municipal band had organized. Within a decade, Twin Falls boasted a conservatory of music where young vocal and piano pupils could study transposition, harmony, solfeggio, music history and the like.

"Twin Falls' practice of do-it-yourself performance endured, just like this municipal band did. Now any night of the week, Ted Hatley said, a person can find a volunteer musical group to practice or perform with.

"It's the best community in the state of Idaho for volunteer music activity. That's what impressed me when I moved to Twin

About composer Daniel Bukvich

• Lives in Moscow.

• Has been a faculty member of the University of Idaho's Lionel Hampton School of Music since 1978.

• Teaches percussion, freshman music theory and ear training, composition and jazz choirs as a professor of music.

• Performs regularly as a jazz drummer throughout the United States and Canada.

• Has compositions and arrangements performed worldwide by symphonic bands, wind ensembles, orchestral winds, choirs, jazz bands, symphony orchestras and marching bands.

• Received a bachelor's degree in music education from Montana State University and a master's degree in composition and arranging from U of I.

Full 30 years ago," said Hatley, conductor of the Magic Valley Symphony.

Tuesday night's symphony concert at the College of Southern Idaho will salute the hometown musicians who enriched the city's first century.

Members of the Twin Falls Municipal Band, who put on free weekly concerts in City Park every summer, will model band uniforms from years past. And the symphony will conclude its concert with "The Stars and Stripes Forever" — a staple of the outdoor summer shows — in honor of the municipal band.

With a medley of songs, soprano Marty Mend and baritone Roger Vincent on Tuesday night will reprise their starring roles in the 1958 Twin Falls production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Carousel."

That 1958 production, the first one for the Dilettantes performing group, raised seed money for eventual construction of the Fine Arts Auditorium where the symphony will perform Tuesday. Besides the Dilettantes and the auditorium, the Magic

Valley Symphony itself is part of Carousel's legacy: the 1959 production's pit orchestra turned into the symphony orchestra.

Tuesday's program also includes a piece that the symphony played during its first concert, Felix Mendelssohn's "Hibrides Overture." One of those original musicians remains on the risers with the symphony, Richard Cook, who was a high schooler on horn when the symphony started, still plays horn 44 years later.

Hatley plans to feature four soloists in J.S. Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 2" — Lori Casperson on violin, Janie Griff on oboe, JoAnn Gerrish on flute and Rick Spelcher on piccolo-trumpet.

But the centerpiece of Tuesday's program is Bukvich's multimedia "Portraits," a suite of vintage-sounding musical vignettes enveloping 50 or 60 historical images from the Bisbee photo collection. The audience will hear each section of music, then see projections of the photos which inspired Bukvich to write that section.

"I kind-of-liked the Bisbee photographs of the electric kitchens. Those really caught me," Bukvich said. His music for those photos is written for electric blender and radio — played by percussionists — along with more traditional instruments. "I thought that lent itself kind of nicely to sounding like a 1920s electric kitchen."

A march section is followed by photos of Twin Falls parades and Flag Days. Pictures of Balanced Rock formations inspired a rock tune. Bukvich wrote a nostalgic waltz for a collection of homestead photos. Southern Idaho's famous falls are interpreted in sound.

"There are some great Bisbee photographs of barnyards and large herds of animals, so there is of course a hoe-down movement," Bukvich said.

"He does all this in the span of about 13 minutes," Hatley said.

Bukvich composed "Portraits" this summer, and Magic Valley Symphony members first saw the piece in late September.

"We've fallen in love with it ever since we first read it," Hatley said.

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Concert details

• **What:** The Magic Valley Symphony's concert next week will celebrate the Twin Falls centennial in sound, remembering 100 years of music in Magic Valley.

• **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.

• **When:** 8 p.m. Tuesday

• **How much:** Tickets, which cost \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for students, are available at Everybody's Business, the CSI Bookstore, Magic Valley Arts Council and at the door.

• **Fund-raiser that night:** At the concert, Symphony League and the arts council will sell works of art contributed by many local artists.

• **Proceeds will benefit:** The League's "Carmie's Kids" fund to make music education available to youngsters.

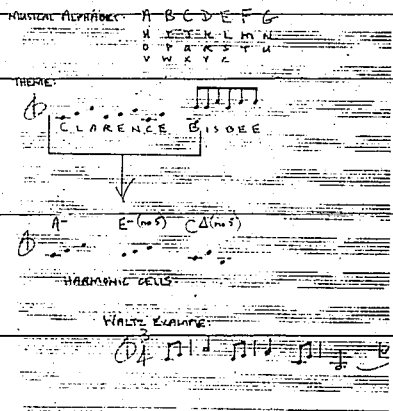


Image courtesy of DANIEL BUKVICH

These notes by composer Daniel Bukvich show how he turned the name of historical Twin Falls photographer Clarence Bisbee into a musical theme for "Portraits," a new piece of music about Twin Falls commissioned by the Magic Valley Symphony.



Photo courtesy of Magic Valley Symphony

This photograph of Maria Gulbert, director of the Twin Falls Conservatory of Music, appeared in the conservatory's 1912-13 catalogue. The catalogue says Gulbert's business had been opened "with the aim of giving to the music lovers of Southern Idaho an opportunity to study in all its branches and under competent teachers, this great art which extends from the archaic period to the present days." The 1912 publication lists a faculty of four including Gulbert, a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music at Brussels, Belgium.



Photo courtesy of CLAIRE THEENER of The

The Twin Falls Civic Symphony Orchestra — the group which became the Magic Valley Symphony — performs in 1961 in the former Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School on Shoshone Street. The 1961 symphony performers were music teachers, high school students, homemakers and professionals in many fields, including an insurance salesman, a journalist, a piano tuner and several accountants, says Claire Theener, who played second violin at the time.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Starbucks reports high Q4 earnings

SEATTLE — Starbucks Corp. said its earnings rose 49 percent in its fiscal fourth quarter as the coffee retailer with a Ketchum store benefited from aggressive expansion.

For the quarter ended Oct. 3, the Seattle coffee giant reported earnings Wednesday of \$103.4 million, or 25 cents per share. That compares with \$69.6 million, or 17 cents per share, in the comparable period last year.

Starbucks also benefited from the fact that fourth-quarter 2004 had 14 weeks, one week longer than fourth-quarter 2003.

The extra week improved the quarterly results by about 3 cents per share.

Revenue for the quarter rose 34 percent to \$1.45 billion, up from \$1.08 billion a year ago. Without the extra week, the company said revenue would have risen 25 percent.

The results met expectations of analysts polled by Thomson Financial. First Call, who predicted earnings of 25 cents per share on revenue of nearly \$1.43 billion.

Chairman Howard Schultz said aggressive store expansion and innovation in food, beverages and other products helped Starbucks' performance.

In fiscal year 2005, the company said it expects to continue its brisk expansion, with plans to open 1,500 new stores worldwide.

Molson/Coors merger plans move forward

MONTREAL — Another roadblock was removed Wednesday to the merger plans of Canadian brewer Molson-Inco and Anheuser-Busch Co., the third-biggest U.S. brewer.

Coors' brewing business has elevator and research operations in Magic Valley and buys barley from local growers.

The merger deal would create a the world's fifth-largest brewer with annual revenue of about \$6 billion and brands such as Coors Original and Coors Light, Molson Canadian, Keystone and Carling.

A fund controlled by Molson chairman Eric Molson said it has amassed enough shares to break a shareholders agreement with distant cousin Ian Molson, that gave Ian a veto over any takeover.

The move by Eric Molson's Portland Securities to cut ties with The Swiftsure Trust, controlled by Ian Molson, was a necessary step toward the merger with Golden, Colo.-based Coors, announced last July.

Pentland said in a statement that by breaking off the agreement, Swiftsure can no longer block the deal with Coors.

Pentland said it bought out shares owned by two Molson sisters, giving it 50.7 percent control of the multiple voting Class B common shares, enough to break the agreement with Swiftsure that was set to expire in 2006.

Cosmetics company expands calls center

REXBURG — Melaleuca Inc., the producer of cosmetics, household products and nutritional supplements, is expanding its call center.

The expansion began last month and will eventually add 266 desks to the center, which would have the capacity to handle over 500 full and part-time workers when fully staffed.

Frank VanderSloot, president of the Idaho Falls-based company, said how fast the payroll will increase depends on the growth rate for the business; but he will eventually fill them all.

The center is staffed primarily by students from Brigham Young University-Idaho, a pool of talent the company wanted to tap for its linguistic abilities.

Because many BYU-Idaho students have completed missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, they are fluent in foreign languages. The center employs mostly those who speak Spanish or French.

— compiled from wire reports

Fed pushes rates up

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve nudged interest rates up another quarter-point on Wednesday, the fourth moderate rate increase in the past five months, as Fed officials pointed to encouraging signs that the economy is finally rebounding from its summer slowdown.

The generally more upbeat tone to the Fed's official announcement was seen by many

private economists as a signal that rates will keep moving higher in coming months.

"The Fed is saying that we are going to keep on tightening," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues took note of a strengthening economy by speaking more positively than they had at their last meeting in

September about overall economic growth and the health of the labor market.

"Output appears to be growing at a moderate pace despite the rise in energy prices and labor market conditions have improved," the Fed said. "Inflation and longer-term inflation expectations remain well contained."

The latest move pushed the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to 2 percent, double the 46-year

low of 1 percent where the funds rate had been before the central bank began pushing rates higher in late June.

Commercial banks quickly followed the Fed's action Wednesday with announcements that they were raising their prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, to 5 percent, up from 4.75 percent.

The Fed's action had been widely expected and had little impact on Wall Street.

SHIPPING NIGHTMARE



Mega-Toys CEO Charlie Woo checks his toy warehouse operation Nov. 4, in downtown Los Angeles. About 20 percent of the company's holiday merchandise is either on the ships or sitting on the docks.

Retailers feel heat over West Coast port gridlock

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With the start of holiday shopping just weeks away, toy companies and other purveyors of seasonal merchandise are living through a nightmare — merchandise that's stranded aboard cargo ships amid the gridlock at two West Coast ports.

"This is terrible. There are a lot of order cancellations from retailers tired of waiting for their deliveries," said Isaac Larian, president and chief executive of MGA Entertainment Inc., maker of the popular Bratz dolls.

The backlog — the result of an ever-growing flood of cargo from Asia into the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach — means some toys and other merchandise will be in short supply this season, even as manufacturers and retailers take steps to ease the problem.

Larian said some retailers have canceled orders with MGA Entertainment over the past

month because his company missed delivery deadlines, and he predicted MGA Entertainment's fourth-quarter results will suffer.

MGA Entertainment and other companies including Spin Master Ltd. are resorting to such strategies as flying in hot products from Asia, but that won't make up for all the merchandise still tied up at the docks. And so some retailers are just giving up.

"If stores can't get it in the right place and at the right time, they would rather do without," said John Taylor, toy analyst at Arcadia Investment Corp., based in Portland, Oregon. The twin ports have become

the nation's main entry point for cargo containers. About 43 percent of all 20-foot containers from the far east arrive at these ports, according to Peter H. Powell, chairman of the National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association.

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— Isaac Larian, president and chief executive of MGA Entertainment Inc.

percent from a year ago — when congestion was already a problem.

It's not just imported goods that are causing the pileup. With U.S. exports increasing — they reached a record \$97.5 billion in September, the Commerce De-

partment reported Wednesday — there's more outbound cargo for the ports to handle.

Since the problem is unlikely to be resolved anytime soon, retailers might need to consider other long-term options besides the Los Angeles-area ports. Alternatives include ordering goods earlier next year, or routing cargo to other U.S. ports.

They also have the option of flying merchandise in, but Larian noted that airlifting the season's most popular toys from Hong Kong and China wipes away 10 percent to 20 percent of the products' profit margins.

Some retailers such as Sears, Roebuck and Co. started rethinking alternatives months ago, after realizing that the congestion wasn't improving. Chris Brathwaite, a spokesman at Sears, said a portion of this season's cargo is being diverted to other ports, and Sears has expedited truck deliveries to ensure that advertised merchandise made it to stores on time.

Boise Cascade CEO plans review before any changes

The Associated Press

BOISE — W. Thomas Stephens, the new chief executive of the now privately owned Boise Cascade LLC, intends to make changes in the timber and paper products company but not before putting all operations through an assessment period.

"The 45-day process will tell us what all our businesses are worth to us," the 62-year-old executive said.

The assessment will include the future of the company's plants — including its corrugated container plant in Burley — and its more than 10,000 employees across the country.

He declined to speculate on the possibility of layoffs, asset sales or plant closures but said a report would be submitted to the corporate board by Jan. 17. Stephens, former president of Canadian forest products

company MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., was named to head Boise Cascade when it was taken over by the Chicago private investment firm, Madison Dearborn Partners, for \$3.7 billion last month.

If the company becomes profitable it can pay down debt. Stephens said, and that would ultimately help Boise Cascade become a publicly traded company again.

He has no timetable for that to happen, he said. In the two years before retiring in 1999 from MacMillan Bloedel after the company merged with Weyerhaeuser, Stephens had carried out a plan to turn that company around

by laying off 2,700 of his 13,000 employees and selling businesses he considers not critical to the company's base. He also was responsible for ending the unpopular process of clear-cutting in British Columbia's rain forests.

Try to take work seriously

The Washington Post

Question: My husband is friendly and well liked. But I worry that the jokes around too much at work. Telling jokes, teasing co-workers and instigating minor practical jokes. I doubt he's rude or offensive, but he's still a bit of a clown. He is sensitive to criticism, so I'm not sure how to address this. He works in management and is being considered for a promotion to another division. He has never managed a large staff.

I have a feeling he's going to have to learn the hard way to tone down his demeanor. Do you have any suggestions as to how I could explain this in a way that would make sense to him? Answer: Steven Darlen, chairman and chief executive of the Cabot Advisory Group, a Bedminster, N.J., firm that advises corporations on workplace issues, said: "I can tell you from personal experience that this type of behavior can end up very tragically."

"This woman's instincts are good," Darlen said. In today's



ON THE JOB
Kenneth Bredemeler

workplace, "you have to be very careful" about the jokes you tell and the behavior you exhibit.

"You never know. Someone you least expect can file a suit" alleging that you have created a hostile work environment. "As you go higher in any organization, you need to be a little more serious," Darlen said. "While you've got to have a sense of humor, if you really want to be taken more seriously, you've got to be more careful about what you say and do. You don't want to stifle a good personality, but if his jokes and demeanor are frivolous, he'll be viewed as frivolous."

If the wife doesn't think she can get this through to her husband, he said, she might enlist one of her husband's colleagues to make the point.

State guards unclaimed property

The Times-News

BUIH. — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley. The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and if it is they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like. The Idaho Legislature in 1997 changed state law governing unclaimed property. Now after property that's safeguarded by the tax commission remains unclaimed for 10 years, it will transfer to state ownership and be deposited in Idaho's general fund.

The first time that will happen is 2007. Before the 1997 law, the tax commission held unclaimed property for its rightful owners in perpetuity.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Buhl, Declo and Halley. The tax commission said each person or business listed today either the person's heir — owns unclaimed property worth more than \$75.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

Buhl Declo

Doror Almeida
Gisela Alvarez
Francis Alves
Erin Bowen
Marilyn Clark
Eleanor Armilago
Jeffery Bishop
Jan Brown
Linda Caldwell
Juan Calvillo
Shannon D. Control
Jeffrey Comer
Daniel Compton
Eldio Peralta
Loree Hunt
Dene Demore
Hortenci Duran
Jose Isabel
Duran
Brian Edwards
Adrian Figueroa
Angel Sanchez
Garcia
Charlyn Henderson
Ronald E. High
Suna R. Hunter
Mack
Hunt
Jennifer's Custom
Threshing
Steven Kumba
Latham Motors
Body Shop
James F.
Antonia
Iris Lent
Orin D. Luper
Matthew Metzner
Sylvia Metzner
Leona Perez
Aimee L.
Pere
Robert D. Purviance
Gabriel Quintero
Maria I. Quintero
David Rendahl

Halley

Ernestina R. Ambriz
John Bass
Sam R. Blake
Dennis M. Cameron L.
Brose
Joe Cirillo
C-M Copy & Print
Jose De Loera
James Jones
Lance D. Drown
Julie Dubois
Timothy Floyd
Thomas Hanson
Sally Hanson
Hawley's Auto
mech
Jami Hill
Aaron Howell
Susan Johnson
James Johnson
Jaded Joseph
Hawley's Spring
Water Supply
Donata L. Lovelizer
Marin Margarito
Michael Miller
Sungja Mills
James Nordstrom
Cledy Quispe-Cahuana
Jose Rangel Villanueva
David Rendahl

What to do

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:

• Call 1-800-972-7660; ext. 7623 or ext. 7627.

• Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, R.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0036.

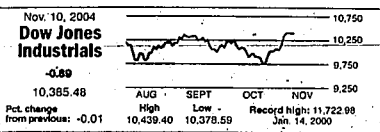
• Send e-mail to lostandfound@tax.state.id.us.

• Log on to www.tax.idaho.gov and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and a link to other states' unclaimed-property listings.

MONEY

Stocks mixed as Fed raises rates

NEW YORK (AP) — Lower-than-expected sales at Cisco Systems Inc. sent tech stocks tumbling Wednesday while the overall market was little changed after the Federal Reserve announced a widely expected interest rate hike. A jump in oil prices contributed to mild profit-taking. The Fed's Open Market Committee nudged interest rates up a quarter point, bringing the federal funds rate to 1 percent. The banks charge each other on overnight loans at 2 percent. The market had little reaction to the rate hike, though investors closely read the Fed's policy statement for hints about what lies ahead. Analysts took it as a good sign that the language in the statement was largely unchanged. "This gives a very positive picture about the U.S. economy, despite higher energy prices," said Joseph V. Battipaglia, chief investment officer at Ryan Beck & Co. "There's nothing to fear on the inflation front from where they are, so their flexibility in the labor market, which suggests they will allow faster job growth to show itself without having to move as quickly on rate changes."



Stall, traders noted that the stock market was holding up extremely well, particularly after several weeks of strong gains. "The market is kind of meandering today," said Todd Leone, managing director of equity trading at SC Group Securities. "We've had a tremendous rally over the last three weeks, so now I think the market is feeling just a little overdone. Oil is up a buck-fifty, so people are taking

some profits. To me, the best thing is that we're still seeing money put to work. As long as we're keeping inflows, we'll be able to stay in these lofty levels." Meanwhile, the Commerce Department says the U.S. trade deficit shrank to \$51.6 billion in September, a 3.7 percent drop from August as exports posted their best month on record. The latest snapshot of trade activity showed exports of goods and services grew to a record \$97.5 billion in September. Exports were helped by a weaker dollar, which makes U.S. goods cheaper to foreign buyers, and an improving foreign demand. Imports registered a dip, but the reading was still the second-highest on record, a testimony to America's solid appetite for foreign-made items. Intel Corp. was down 22 cents, at \$22.86 after the chipmaker doubled its quarterly dividend to 8 cents per share and said it would buy back 500 million shares of common stock, expanding an ongoing share repurchase program. Companies often buy back stock when they're trying to boost share prices.

Dell says new plant won't hire until April

Knight Ridder News Service WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Dell Inc., the world's largest vendor of computers, confirmed it would build a plant in the Triad region of North Carolina to produce desktop computers for individual and business customers along the East Coast. Dell — which is a call center employer in Twin Falls — will receive a \$242 million incentive package from North Carolina for the \$190 million computer-assembly plant.



The North Carolina plant is scheduled to begin hiring in earnest in April and to open in 2005. "The company plans to hire 700 full-time employees in the plant's first year of operation and expand to 1,500 full-time employees within five years," said Amy King, a company spokeswoman at its Round Rock, Texas, headquarters. The plant may employ up to 800 temporary contract workers during peak demand periods, state officials said. Forsyth and Guilford counties are considered front-runners for the 400,000-square-foot plant. Kevin Rollins, the chief execu-

North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley, left, shakes hands with Kevin B. Rollins, president and CEO of Dell on Tuesday, as he presents him with a state flag. North Carolina Secretary of Commerce Jim Fain, right, applauds after it was announced that Dell, Inc. will build a computer manufacturing facility in the Piedmont Triad region of the state. tive of Dell, said the company could make a site decision within two weeks to a month. King said the could not break down how many manufacturing, production support, technical and management jobs there will be at the plant. She said that the manufacturing and production support jobs would pay \$3.50 to \$14 an hour. In the job-training application filed by Winston-Salem Business Inc. with the Golden LEAF Foundation, as many as 196 technical or management jobs were expected to be created with a salary range of between \$40,000 and \$140,000 a year.

spite cautious spending by its corporate customers, but management warned that it could face increased competition, particularly from Asia-based rivals. Despite relatively good economic news, overall trading was tepid, particularly in the face of volatile oil prices. The government's weekly report on petroleum inventories showed another decline in the nation's supply of distillate fuels, which include heating oil. Separately, the International Energy Agency, the energy adviser to 26 industrialized nations, indicated worries over a global heating oil supply crunch were easing. Light, sweet crude for December delivery settled up \$1.49 at \$48.86, pressuring equities.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 0.89, or 0.01 percent, at 10,385.48. The broader gauges were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 17, or 0.10 percent, to 1,414.92. The Nasdaq composite index fell 77, or 0.43 percent, to 2,034.56, reflecting investors' disappointment with Cisco Systems. Cisco shed \$1.31, or 6.6 percent, to \$18.44, after issuing results that met profit expectations but missed sales forecasts. Growth at the world's leading maker of routers and switches that move data over computer networks remains strong de-

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IHC employee faces charges in theft of \$2.6M

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A former Intermountain Health Care employee faces charges of embezzling about \$2.6 million. Ralph Jay Hansen, 52, of Sandy, Utah, was charged with five counts of theft and one count of money laundering, and accused of falsifying IHC patient 211 hospital in Utah and Idaho, including Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Hansen was accused of using money earmarked for trust and retirement funds for his own personal gain. He allegedly used some of that money for "supporting sports organizations, home improvements, travel, mortgage payments and the like," court documents state. Hansen worked as a retirement account fund director from 1996 to March 2004, when he was fired after federal and internal audits discovered the alleged thefts. During that time, he drew a salary of nearly \$100,000 a year and held sole control of the investment account, which had a "fee account" used for administrative expenses, said IHC attorney John Nielsen.

None of the money actually came from individual employee retirement contributions, IHC spokeswoman Dawn Cowley said. It was all from the administrative funds and has been replaced. A small amount of the money has been recovered, and IHC and the insurance it carried are paying the rest of the money, Cowley said. Nielsen said the alleged thefts had no effect on the cost of patient care. Hansen told The Salt Lake Tribune Tuesday night he had not seen the charges and he declined to comment.

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Oil prices could heat up if temperatures cool off

Los Angeles Times
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Delta OKs using exception to NYSE policy to issue shares

ATLANTA (Dow Jones/AP) - Delta Air Lines Inc. has approved using an exception to its share repurchase approval policy in order for the carrier to give stock to employees and creditors in exchange for concessions meant to avoid a bankruptcy filing.

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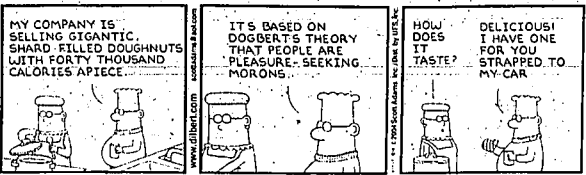
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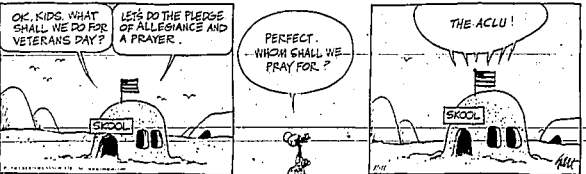
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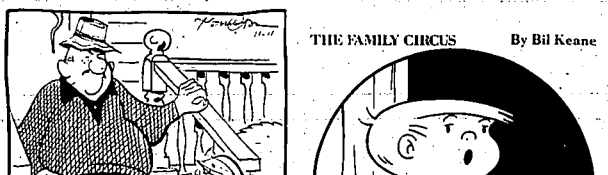
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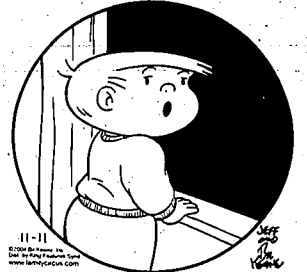
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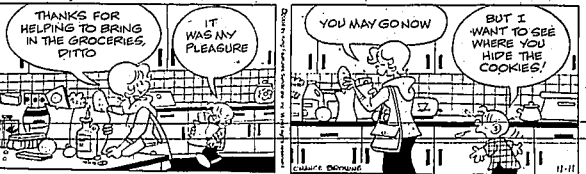
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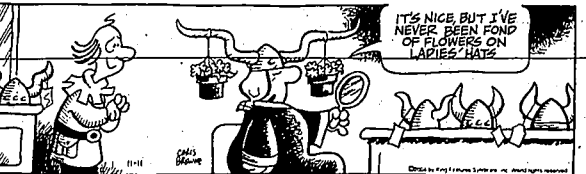
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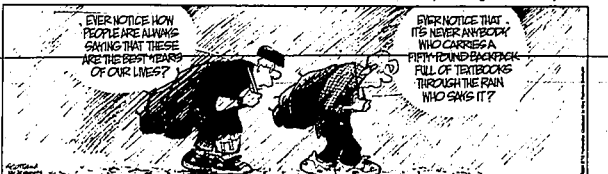
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Step by step, soldiers take control

Forces adapt to urban battlefield

By Matthew McAllester
Newspaper



U.S. soldiers cover their ears as one of their grenades explodes in this TV image as U.S. and Iraqi forces exchanged gunfire with insurgents in Fallujah on Wednesday.

FALLUJAH, Iraq — It was time to move on from the buildings Apache company had been using as its base overnight.

Mortars had rained down all night, shaking the amateurishly constructed buildings the soldiers of the 7th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Battalion, had turned into their base in the heart of Fallujah.

As night fell, a rocket had scored a direct hit on one building, injuring two soldiers. Other soldiers were unscathed, wondering how they had survived without a scratch, if the insurgents had their coordinates fixed or if it was a lucky strike. In the darkness, they found places to sleep still horribly close to where the rocket had fallen. It was a troubled night, with mortars and sniper fire interrupting even the sound of sleepers.

Perhaps the greatest risk was that one of the incoming shells or bullets would hit the massive, unexploded bomb loaded inside a blue BMW about 20 yards from where some of the soldiers slept. If that went, they told each other, their walls and ceilings would tumble down around them.

When the bomb disposal team arrived, Apache company loaded up their packs and weapons and boarded the Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

Apache company moved out. Leaving the temporary base was not just a reaction; it was part of the counterinsurgency tactics the American military has adopted for each new urban battle. Lt. Col. Jim Rainey, commander of the 2nd Battalion, said the Army and Marine units that have pushed into and around Fallujah have dispersed the insurgents from suspected strongholds. While an ideal situation would have been to cordon most of the insurgents in the northwestern Jolan

neighborhood, Rainey said, the dispersion has its pluses.

"I think it's good because they're off balance and disorganized," he said, standing in his command tent just outside the city last night.

The scattered teams of insurgents call for frequent movement and vigilance in all directions, commanders said.

"The biggest variables are probably the all-around aspect of the fight ... the 360-degree fight when the enemy can come in from behind, to your sides and from above," said Maj. Tim Karcher, the chief strategist for this heavily armored battalion.

"The insurgents are moving in teams of two or three, he and other commanders said. Using their knowledge of the narrow streets and the large weapons caches, they have a homecourt advantage, the commanders said. But that is the only advantage. The U.S. troops can fire from several points and hit the same target, Karcher said.

If the enemy is in the second story of a building in different rooms, I can engage from different directions," he said. Within minutes, U.S. commanders can call in artillery, air or mortar strikes. They can send tanks or Bradleys, which are almost impregnable to most insurgent weapons. And they can use snipers and overwhelming numbers of highly trained soldiers to assault the target.

Rainey said the U.S. military

has an organizational advantage. "They (the insurgents) have committed soldiers willing to die. They have strategists who quite frankly are pretty good." The difference between the enemy and the Multi-National Forces is that their five guys are five guys. Our five guys are five, disciplined guys led by a great sergeant.

Today's counterinsurgent tactics require a different rulebook from the sort used during last year's invasion, when the United States took control of the entire country in three weeks. This assault on a city of 250,000 may take almost as long. Engaging regular armies on the battlefield is much easier, commanders say, than fighting guerrillas in narrow alleyways and on rooftops.

"The mantra in the U.S. Army is slow is fast because you've got to go slow to go fast," Karcher said. "Urban combat demands more time."

Each house, each block, will be searched as the soldiers and Marines hunt down the people who sometimes seem invisible, commanders said. (Rainey noted Wednesday night that he has not seen a single person in Fallujah who wasn't fighting with or covering the coalition forces.)

"There's no reason to rush," said Marine Col. Mike Shupp, commander of Regimental Combat Team 1. "Today (we're) closing in and will clean out the Jolan neighborhood. It will be an infantry attack, house by

house primarily ... a steady stream of snipers coming down the road at their own pace."

Shupp, like many commanders in this battle, has for years studied urban and counterinsurgent tactics, reading up on the American war in Vietnam, British experience in Iraq and elsewhere, French anti-guerrilla tactics in Algeria. "We're being guided by all these principles," he said.

On the ground, the troops adapt quickly to their surroundings. As commanders kept saying, the enemy has a voice.

"The goal of the painstaking but violent search process is simple to Shupp: "Within every bit of Fallujah and every house has been cleared and people are able to return."

At 6 p.m. Tuesday, a rocket-propelled grenade landed near the tent of the 2nd Battalion commanders and everyone rushed for flak jackets and helmets. The tent is about a mile outside the city, far from the fighting. Insurgents were attacking them from the rear — not from Fallujah but from the farmland-of-the-troubled-Al-Anbar province.

Bradleys immediately pounded several areas with red and green tracer rounds, huge plumes of dust mushrooming from the bumpy desert. Snipers searched for insurgents through telescopic sights. Later, a search team discovered the body of a woman and a trail of blood several hundred yards from the base. It was not clear who she was.

One soldier seemed to have a grudging respect for the wiles of the insurgents. "They're doing what they should do," said Sgt. Matthew McCreery, 24, of Corvallis, Ore. "They're attacking our logistics."

Officers said all the camps on the outskirts of the city had been attacked in recent hours. Shortly after 10 p.m., another whoosh was followed by another explosion — an incoming RPG. In their small way, the region's insurgents are bringing the battle to the Americans. Stay still for too long in Iraq, whoever you are, and you will almost inevitably get hit.

Specker sees 'battle for balance' in the GOP

Knight Ridder News Service



Sen. Arlen Specter

WASHINGTON — There are no sandbags outside his Senate office, and no bunker inside. In spite of a head cold and a lot of angry phone calls and faxes, Arlen Specter is coping.

The Pennsylvania Republican, in fact, sounded more assertive Wednesday as he described the campaign by conservatives to dethrone his nomination as Judiciary Committee chairman as part of a "battle for balance in the Republican Party ... and in America."

In an interview, Specter also disclosed that he had spoken to almost all of the nine other Republican members of the committee.

"The sense is, once they know they're not getting a generally favorable response," Specter said of those conversations.

The response, of course, is to Specter's postelection remarks on the Judiciary Committee chairmanship. Some interpreted his remarks as a veiled warning to the White House not to submit Supreme Court nominees who would seek to overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

In what should have been a week of heady anticipation of his new, powerful role, Specter, 74, has instead been struggling to explain that, though he supports abortion rights, he would not block a nominee who differed with that view.

Specter's comprehensive account of his position appeared Wednesday on the editorial page of the Wall Street Journal, a touchstone for conservatives.

Economic conservatives joined the fray Wednesday with their socially conservative brethren. Specter added credence to Specter's belief that the opposition to him is a continuation of his hard-won primary election.

The Senate meets next week in a lame-duck session, but the Judiciary Committee chairman will not be elected until after the new Senate is sworn in Jan. 4.

After a week of attacks from the right, the senator said in an interview that the campaign against him was predictable.

"I think that being the only pro-choice Republican on the Judiciary Committee makes me suspect," he said. "And it makes me suspect without cause on this issue of whether I would block pro-life nominees on a litmus test."

"It's been difficult for pro-choice Republicans in the Senate because there are so few of us," Specter continued. "Though more than half of Republicans say they support abortion rights, with some limitations, that branch of the party has never been vocal," he added.

Abortion-rights groups identify five GOP senators, of 56 in the new Congress, who have records supporting abortion rights.

As the party has increased its dominance in the South and West, the addition of more social and religious conservatives has increased the pressure on Republicans who support abortion rights.

"You saw it all during the primary," Specter said. "That was their mantra, their bugle call. The same people that are after me now were after me in the primary."

Specter demonstrated his fealty to the White House by immediately endorsing the nomination of presidential counsel Alberto R. Gonzales to replace John Ashcroft as attorney general.

Nevertheless, the conservative Family Research Council issued a statement saying that Gonzales could address judicial activism by shepherding the president's judicial nominees "through what could be a difficult Senate Judiciary Committee if ... Specter is elevated to the chairmanship."

Specter narrowly survived a primary challenge by Pennsylvania Rep. Patrick J. Toomey, a social and fiscal conservative who won backing from right-leaning voters. That battle, Specter is too liberal for the party.

Insurgents target U.S. supply lines

By James Janega
Chicago Tribune

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — At sunset, as calls to prayer echoed across Fallujah, an artillery rocket arced out of the desert, whizzed over the headquarters tent of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment and exploded 150 yards away.

"That's incoming," said Capt. Chris Conley.

The dozen officers and soldiers in the tent scrambled for flak vests and helmets hanging from pegs or resting on the dirt floor.

As American and Iraqi forces fought to secure parts of Fallujah on Wednesday, insurgents sent mortar shells and artillery rockets whistling into American

supply lines and headquarters far to the rear.

The 2-7's executive officer, Maj. Scott Jackson, raced out of the tent, and Oregon National Guardsmen on perimeter duty, Bradley armored vehicles and a few Abrams tanks sent deafening streams of red tracer rounds into a building on the horizon. Someone had seen the rocket being fired from there.

Two more rockets whizzed overhead, followed by rifle fire and the mortar rounds.

The tanks gave chase after spotting a group of men running from the building. A passing Cobra helicopter gunship was called in as well.

"They just want to know if they can get in the fight, basically," explained a voice on a

crackling radio. Permission was granted.

The chase ended in the dark two hours later, when a tank commander was given permission to fire. A single explosion flashed on the horizon.


Later, soldiers found a dead woman in the first building fired on, and many blood trails leading into the darkness, said Lt. Chris Kent, a rifle platoon leader who led the search.

A second building where they were believed to have fled was too damaged to identify any remains at night.

"(The insurgents) are doing what they should do — they're hitting our logistics," said the battalion logistics officer, Capt. Shanon Morris. "We knew it was coming."

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Arafat: A saga of reincarnations

Leader-ends with mixed legacy

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Hunted as a terrorist, hailed as a peacemaker, Yasser Arafat succeeded in forging the Palestinian tragedy upon the world's conscience but failed to deliver the independent state his people yearned for.



Yasser Arafat, chairman of Palestine Liberation Organization, gestures with a peace sign as he walks with Tunisian Prime Minister Bahi Ladgham in Beirut, Jordan, in this Oct. 5, 1970, photo.

A man of mystery and paradox, his four decades on the international stage were a saga of extraordinary reincarnations.

There was Arafat on the run from both Israeli and Arab armies; Arafat, reviled as godfather of the terrorism that blew up jettisoners and killed Israeli Olympic athletes; Arafat addressing the United Nations, offering the gun or olive branch; Arafat in a bunker in bomb-torn Beirut, and in Oslo receiving the Nobel Peace Prize; Arafat welcomed by President Clinton, then shunned by President Bush.

There was Arafat the virtual president of Palestine, and finally, in a sense, Arafat back at square one — besieged in his devastated West Bank headquarters by Israeli tanks and threatened once more with exile.

Arafat's last days were surrounded by confusion and high drama; rumors swirled about his condition as his 41-year-old wife, Suha, zealously guarded access to his bedside and publicly accused the Palestinian leadership of trying to usurp his powers.

He had groomed no successor, nor was he known to have left any accounting for the vast sums of money he controlled.

His passing also closed a chapter of history: He was among the last of a breed of Arab leaders who came to prominence preaching revolution and secular socialism, only to see them overshadowed by the rise of radical Islam.

The danger is that with no clear-cut political heir to rally them, Palestinians may now fragment — under local leaders scattered across the Mideast map.

Rarely seen without his keffiyeh, flowing down his shoulder to resemble a map of Palestine, Arafat became one of

the world's most familiar figures after addressing the U.N. General Assembly in New York in 1974, wearing a holster and carrying a sprig. "Today I have come bearing an olive branch and a freedom fighter's gun," he said. "Do not let the olive branch fall from my hand."

To many Israelis, the pailly 5-foot-2-inch Palestinian was a demon bent on their annihilation. They saw him as the architect behind a string of attacks on airliners and airports, schools and buses that took hundreds of lives. The late Prime Minister Menachem Begin denounced him as "that despicable guy with hair on his face."

Yet a decade later that same man, his stubble gone white but still wearing olive-green uniforms and keffiyeh, would stand on the White House lawn with Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and shake hands on a peace deal that formally recognized Israel's right to exist.

The agreement also granted the West Bank and Gaza Strip limited self-rule under a Palestinian Authority, and allowed Arafat to set foot on Palestinian

land for the first time in at least 27 years. He shared the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize with Rabin and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, and in 1996, in the Palestinians' first election, he was chosen to head the authority.

Many suspected Arafat of duplicity — disavowing terrorism while orchestrating attacks behind front-groups; talking peace while allowing Palestinian media to spread hate propaganda; stating murkily statements phrased to accommodate the West without angering Arab hard-liners.

The peace process quickly became mired in mutual accusations of bad faith and treaty violations. Rabin was assassinated by a Jewish extremist, Islamic bombers blew up buses in Israeli cities, and more Jewish settlements went up on Palestinian land. The peace effort fell apart in 2000 and a new round of violence broke out that has killed some 4,000 lives, three-quarters of them Palestinian.

Israel and the United States placed much of the blame on

Arafat, claiming he had missed his best chance of winning Palestinian statehood, and in his final years, even many of his own people privately whispered that Arafat had brought them little hope of a better life.

International pressure forced Arafat to share power with a prime minister in April 2003, but he fell out first with one, then another when he resisted giving up any real prerogatives.

Banking on his stature as a symbol of anti-Israel defiance, Arafat sidestepped street protests and riots this summer set off by disenchantment over corruption, lawlessness and a moribund economy. He made a rare acknowledgment of wrongdoing and promised change, but offered no specifics. And, although weakened, he held on to ultimate authority.

Meanwhile, he had been living for nearly three years in his battered, sandbagged headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah, hemmed in by Israeli armor while Israeli officials talked openly of exiling or even killing him.

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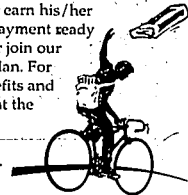
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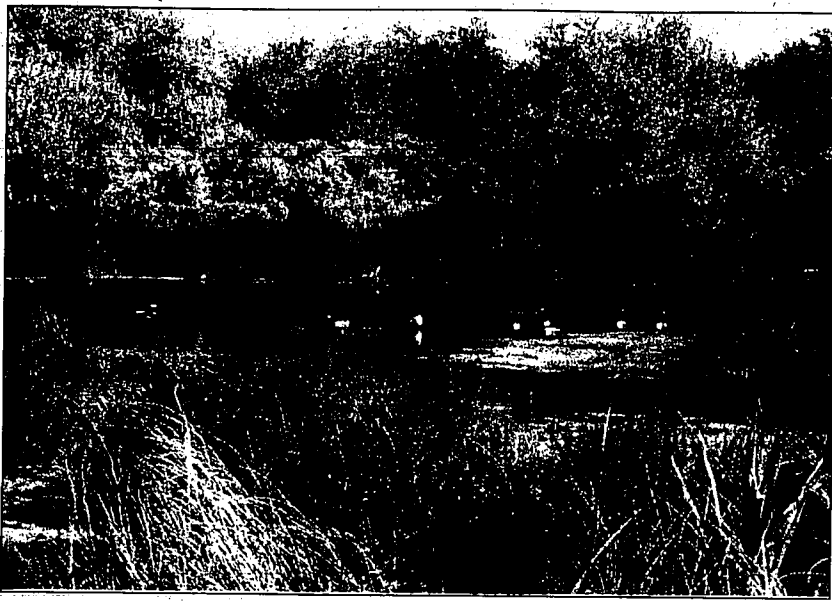
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Left: A group of geese swim and wait for the opportunity to leave and feed. Above: A trio of mallards test their wings in a Hagerman WMA marsh.



Resting mallards have little to fear now that Hagerman WMA hunter firing lines are long gone.

Hagerman flight haven

Ducks and geese find an easy rest stop at wildlife area

By William Studebaker
Times-News correspondent

Fill the ponds, and they will come. Waterfowl will be coming over the mountains when they come - Canada geese by the thousands and mallard ducks by the tens-of-thousands.

"They'll glide into the ponds at the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area (WMA) along Highway 30 a half mile or so north of the Snake River.

There'll be a smattering of other waterfowl, too: bufflehead, golden eye, gadwall, ruddy, wood and ring-necked ducks, the ever-present coot notwithstanding.

This WMA is the oldest in the state. "Land was acquired beginning in 1940," according to Scott Gamol, habitat management specialist for the Idaho State Fish and Game. It's one of several that Gamol manages in the area, but it's the principal refuge for waterfowl.

In the depth of winter, when ice is on the bucket and wind has chilled the trees through the bark, there will be upwards of 2,000 geese bobbing around, socializing and relaxing before they leave to feed.

"They leave about four in the afternoon to feed," says Joe Chapman, manager of the Hagerman hatchery. "There is a 37-acre state-owned fish hatchery situated on the 880-acre WMA." And they return between 10 and 11 in the morning.

Ducks and geese have similar schedules, but weather and food sources may alter their plans.

Mallards are the most conspicuous as they leave and return. There are so many that they lose their distinctiveness, and their soft mottled bellies and iridescent green backs do "blacken" the sky.

In January on a good year, meaning the hatches up north have survived, and the weather's bad, which forces the ducks to seek open

If You Go:

- Hagerman Wildlife Management Area
- Take U.S. Highway 30 south two miles from Hagerman
- Follow the signs into the refuge and state hatchery.

water. "There may be as many as 35,000 mallards on the ponds at any one time," says Gamol.

Throw in a smattering of other fowl, and there is likely to be upwards of 40,000 birds hunkered down on the ponds at midday. And when there are, the chattering, quacking, honking, and garbled sound of ducks slurping water becomes a cacophony as monotonous as city traffic.

Now the sounds are singular. Each quack or honk bounces loudly across the ponds as they are being filled in anticipation of the wandering flocks.

Even when there are only a few birds, one can access advantage points for fowl watching. Several are along the highway, just turn into the state park and look for the trails that lead to the pond edge.

Or follow the signs marking the entrance to the WMA and look for the observer's shack, which is comfortable and suited for close study.

It's likely that one will see tundra swans - not to be mistaken for the domestic ones that frequent the pond west of the highway. A few tundra swans come in each year, but not many," Gamol said. "They are fairly rare."

Perhaps rare, but recently a half dozen or so were making frequent stops. The mature white swans sat stately, undulating as the wind pushed waves under them. The juveniles twisted their gangly necks as they preened their rusty brown feathers, reminiscent of Hans Christensen Andersen's ugly duckling.



The majestic tundra swans are a rare visual treat at Hagerman.

The ponds at the Hagerman WMA are not just a layover place; they help produce a local population of mallards, gadwalls, ruddy ducks, wood ducks, and the ever beautiful cinnamon teals.

To help sustain these populations, there's no hunting allowed on the ponds. That ended years ago when the Ol' Firing Line was shut down.

Once upon a time, hunters could stand at the very edge of the ponds and shoot ducks and geese as they came into the refuge. "Hunters stood behind posts. Shot. Then whoever sent out the biggest dog, got the bird," Bob McElfresh told me. "The firing line was bedlam, a craz-

ness we don't see anymore - 10, 15 hunters all shooting at the same flock.

When the firing line was open, to keep from getting shot, the ducks and geese had to descend in a spiral that took them straight down into the center of the ponds. There was no gentle gliding approach as there is now.

The Hagerman Wildlife Area is a bonus for those who want to maintain a healthy population of local waterfowl and for those who like to birdwatch. Whether you hunt in the fields near Wendell, stand on the bank, sit in the observation shack, or paddle a canoe quietly over the waters, the WMA at Hagerman is a recourse that benefits everyone. "The birds are not here yet. It's

early. However the birds that use it will come on time. They migrate and gather for more reasons than cold weather and food. It's instinctual for them to move southward and gather in open water.

They take hints from sunlight angles. The long days and the shorter days of winter are significant clues to start them flapping their way south.

There are a few thousand birds at the "Hagerman" Wildlife Management Area now, but be patient. Fill the ponds, and they will come.

Addendum: I was told to throw in a line about fishing. Here's a line: there are "big" trout, according to one fisherman, and bass in the ponds.

OUTDOORS

Grotto club will plan future trips

TWIN FALLS — The November meeting of the Silver Sage Grotto will be held at 7 p.m. today in Room 277 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The cave exploration and education group discusses caving at its monthly meetings and plans future caving trips.

David Olson, group spokesman, said today's meeting will include past and future trips and a workshop on climbing knots for vertical caving.

Everyone who has an interest in caves or caving is encouraged to attend. For more information, call Chris Anderson, club

Outdoors in brief

chairman, at 732-6663 or e-mail the group at cavers@mindspring.com.

Red's Trading Post holds NRA Basic Pistol course

TWIN FALLS — Red's Trading Post is sponsoring a NRA Basic Pistol course, which will be taught by Certified NRA Instructor George Kinslow of Idaho Ordnance. The course will be an one day class on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The courses will be held at

253 5th Ave. West located in Historic Old Towne Twin Falls. Cost is \$55 at the door or \$45 if you prepay.

Each class will be limited to eight students. This course meets state training requirements to obtain a Concealed Weapons License. For more information please call Idaho Ordnance at 420-6163 or Red's Trading Post at 733-3546, Jerome Club brief

Club hosts trap shoot on Sunday in Jerome

The Jerome Rod and Gun Club will host a Sporting Clay and Trap shoot, Sunday Nov. 21, starting at

10 a.m. at the Jerome County Rod and Gun Club range. Head north on Highway 93 to Shoshone and turn at mile marker 64. The cost is \$20 for members for 100 targets, \$23 for nonmembers, juniors ages 17 and under are \$14. Water soft drinks and hot dogs will be for sale.

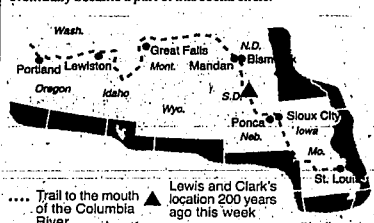
Burley Trap Club will hold weekly shoots

BURLEY — The Burley Trap Club will hold its holiday turkey shoots from 12:30 to 3 p.m. each Saturday in November.

For more information, call 677-4659. — compiled from staff reports

'only two Indians, visit us'

Among the five Knife River Indian villages and the neighboring tribes, there was a steady stream of people going back and forth. Some of the trade was for moccasins, but there also was a fair amount of socializing and celebrating among villages and clans. Fort Mandan eventually became a part of this social circle.



Trail to the mouth of the Columbia River

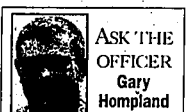
Hunters can't use an ATV, technically

Question: Can I use my ATV to hunt deer and sage grouse?

Answer: Yes and No. The law says it is unlawful to hunt game animals or game birds from or by the use of any motorized vehicle.

Many big game and upland game hunters are trading in their hiking boots and horses in favor of all terrain vehicles, commonly known as ATVs. The tendency for many off-road vehicle hunters is to use their ATV to quickly search as much area as possible.

Nearly everyone knows you can't shoot at game from a motorized vehicle, but the law actually goes beyond shooting, to the act of hunting.



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

Hunting by definition includes chasing, pursuing, following after, driving, attracting, etc. It's the use of the vehicle to hunt from that makes up the violation. It's not however, a violation to use a vehicle to travel to a hunting area. And, it's not a violation to hunt and hunt animals you see along the way. There is a fine line between using a vehicle to

transport hunters and using one to hunt from.

Conservation officers try to balance the intent of the law with the observed behavior. By accounts, hunting from a motorized vehicle is unethical and violates all rules of fair chase. Wild animals are at a distinct disadvantage when they are pursued by a hunter on a motorized vehicle.

Motorized vehicles also displace animals from important habitats. When motorized vehicles enter prime unroaded habitat, game animals leave or are killed.

The result is the area supports fewer game animals. ATVs can also do tremendous damage to the habitat and

fragile soils. Repeated off-road use created unauthorized "ATV roads."

Ask yourself, "Am I using the vehicle to hunt from or am I using it to travel to a hunting area?" The only instance where use of a motorized vehicle is permitted is for physically handicapped hunters who possess a handicapped hunting permit issued by the department.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at (208) 324-4350 or e-mail us at ifishandgame@idaho.gov or our Web site at <http://ifishandgame.idaho.gov>.

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November 14, 1804 — only two Indians visit us to day Owing to a Dance at the Village last night in Concluding a Serimony of adoption, and interchange of property, between the Ossinobins, and the nations of this neighbourhood.

November 15, 1804 — all hand work at their huts until 1 o'clock at night. Swans passing to the South, but few fowls water to be seen.

November 18, 1804 — the Black Cat, Chief of the Mandans, Came to See us... he mentioned that a Council had been held the day before and it was thought advisable to put up with the recent insults of the Ossinobins & Christianoes... we advised them to remain at peace...

(Journal excerpts of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, edited by Gary E. Moulton, will appear each Thursday. Copyright Lee Enterprises.)

Fall fishing allows for elbow room in the Uintans

Deseret Morning News

UINIA MOUNTAINS, Utah — It was, even for the average angler, a perfect day... cool enough to flick the nose and discourage bugs, yet clear, comfortable and calm. And, sure enough, as expected, there were signs of rising fish... circular ripples popping out over a perfectly calm surface.

A few short casts later proved it. And as expected, there was not a single person standing around the shores of Washington Lake in the Uintans to share it with. A month earlier that wouldn't have been the case.

The Uintans are popular with anglers in the summer, but for some reason, not so much in the fall.

Yet there are definite advantages to fall fishing, among them being lots of elbow room, good fishing and the outbreak of fall colors.

The surrounding mountains are wearing their best attire in the fall. The trees become an artist's palette of color... leaves of reds, oranges, browns and yellows, accented by the deep green of patches of pine.

As mentioned, crowding is not a problem in the fall. There are times when a single fisherman can have a whole lake to himself or herself. The only competition seems to come from a tree limb or patch of brush eager to grab fishing line.

It's also a fact that at this time of the year, the fish seem to be hungrier. The suggestion is the fish are anxious to put on weight before the big freeze and are therefore eager to taste almost anything that looks like a good meal.

In this case, a black Woolly Bugger did its job, and it didn't take long. It hardly dropped below the surface before it caught the attention of a fish.

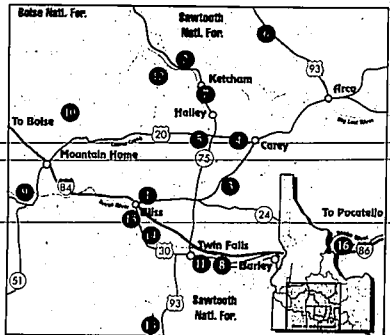
It didn't happen that way on every cast — but often enough to hold interest.

Fall is a good time to fish the Uintans, confirms Gordon Edwards Jr., aquatic fish biologist in the Northern Region.

"The water levels are stable, pressure is down and, in the case of brook trout, they're starting to think about spawning and are starting to take on some very pretty colors," he noted.

"It's also a good time to fish streams. The water level is down, so the fish are concentrated in some of the big pools." This is also a time when fish begin to move closer to shore to look for a meal, so long casts aren't necessary and in some cases less productive.

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The Magic Valley fish report is for the week of Thursday, Nov. 11. Updated conditions from Blue Lakes Sporting Goods are listed for family fishing waters and major rivers in the Magic Valley/Wood River regions. Check Idaho Department of Fish and Game regulations for restrictions.

Malad River: GOOD. Lower river below the dam is hot, good top water with excellent nymphing opportunities.

Little Wood River: FAIR. Be a sport! Release spawning brown trout, and don't fish over redds. Black wooly buggers and bright clousers are the flies to have.

Milner Dam: FAIR. Plenty of small-mouth to catch, but slow the presentation way down and try using natural colors. Drop shotting plastics is a consistent way to get fish in the boat.

C.J. Strike Reservoir: FAIR. With

fall in full swing most people are hunting. You will likely have to yourself. Fish shallow ledges from 12 feet deep and spinner crankbaits and bait.

South Fork of the Boise, GOOD. The great hatches are off and the fishing improves steadily, but you must be willing to walk. What to try? Baits and Mahogany duns, parachutes, comparans, floating nymphs, searching nymphs and midges.

Dierkes Lake: EXCELLENT. The recently planted trout have improved catch rates. Powerbait is golden on the hatchery trout.

Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir: GOOD. The trout fishing has been hot from Gray's Landing South. Fish a slow retrieve. Try small leeches, such as Canadian blood mohair leeches, bunny bugger

and callibaetis nymphs. **Clear Lake: GOOD.** Fish slow retrieves on floating intermediate or slow sinking lines. Scuds and attractor nymphs are typically a good bet.

Billingsley Creek: FAIR. The B.W.O. hatch does not come off like Silver Creek but it is consistent. If you can't get them with adults, put a floating pheasant tail on their nose.

Salmon/Steelhead report: EXCELLENT. Water temperatures will make or break steelheaders now. Fly fishermen: If the temperature is below 40 degrees, you might opt for a drift rod and go deep and slow. Boaters pulling hot shots and other plugs have been doing well but it seems the majority of fish not taking flies have taken nightcrawlers.

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Idaho sportsmen can comment on deer plan

The Times-News

JEROME — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is asking sportsmen to weigh in on the proposed changes to state's whitetail deer management plan.

Under the proposed plan, whitetail deer will be managed separately from mule deer. Currently, hunters buy a deer tag that does not differentiate between the species. Regulations are shaped under the plan to address agricultural depredation by whitetails while recognizing the value of habitat for maintaining existing populations.

Specifically, a new whitetail deer-only tag will be considered for 2005 which would eliminate the Clearwater deer tag. This new tag could be used wherever whitetail deer seasons occur

and could only be used to harvest a whitetail during any general deer season in the state, including the Clearwater Region's late season.

The other choice for hunters would be to purchase a general deer tag, which would allow harvest of either a mule deer or whitetail deer in much of the Clearwater Region no later than November 2, as well as hunt in the rest of the state during any open general deer season.

Hunters interested can review the plan on the department's Website in the hunting section at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>. Hunters are also invited to take part in the survey found on the Web site.

For more information call Randy Smith or Bruce Palmer, at 324-4353. The plan will be reviewed and may be adopted by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission when it meets in Orofino Nov. 17-19.

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Next nature refuge

Ojito Mesa could get official protection

The Albuquerque Tribune

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Wild enough to get lost in, tame enough for youngsters to follow? Ojito Wilderness is about to become an official nature-lover's paradise.

Unofficially, it is Albuquerque City Councilor Martin Heinrich's 11,000-acre field of dreams, drawing national attention that he says is long overdue.

"I have hiked in Ojito for many years, and I'm always discovering something new," he tells those looking for adventure or pure silence not far from Albuquerque.

Only a 45-minute drive north from the city near the Jemez Mountains, Ojito is home to golden eagles and mountain lions, a hiding place for ancient pueblo ruins, petroglyphs and dinosaur skeletons.

The land is adjacent to the Zia Pueblo. The Zia word for Ojito is Puni, meaning "land to the west." A replica of the 110-foot Ojito seismosaurus — one of the largest dinosaurs ever discovered — is on display at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History.

"Ojito is unlike any other place I know and keeps me coming back," Heinrich said. "This is New Mexico desert at its best."

As a consultant to the Coalition for New Mexico Wilderness, Heinrich worked three years to help unite government agencies, tribal leaders and conservationists behind the movement to protect Ojito under the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Wilderness areas like this don't get congressional approval every day. Heinrich and hundreds of New Mexicans supporting the Ojito Wilderness Act are pushing passage this year. There is no opposition, although at one time botanists feared they would lose public access to rare plants in the area.

The federal agency that manages the area favors wilderness designation.

For 13 years, Donna Dudley of the Bureau of Land Management has been patrolling the Ojito area as an outdoor recreation planner. She will be able to continue her work under the wilderness plan.

"I am here for the duration," she said. "I think it's a beautiful area. It's not too often you can find areas like this so close to the city."

She said traffic in the Ojito area is picking up, but traffic on the remote roads means seeing two cars parked.

"You'd still probably not see the whites of anybody's eyes," she said. "It's like a little oasis

out there where you feel like you are totally alone in the world."

Dudley said the BLM has always supported the wilderness designation for Ojito. The agency did an inventory of the qualities of wilderness which was the basis for former President Bush's decision to designate Ojito as a wilderness study area.

"It's been sitting in a drawer waiting for Congress" since then, she said.

Recreational activities, including hunting, hiking, camping and bird-watching, as well as grazing, would continue under the wilderness designation, but motorized vehicles, mining and logging will not be allowed.

Congressional hearings began in July, but Congress recessed for the month of August. Heinrich predicts a September vote.

For eight years, Heinrich hiked and photographed these badlands and redrock mesas, looking for fossils, petrified wood and wildlife. He knows most-of-the-native-plans-by-name.

Hooodoo Pines, within the Ojito, is an area of mushroom-shaped sandstone hoodoos and 300-year-old Ponderosa pines growing at a low elevation where they are rarely found.

Leaning down to touch a wildflower, he notes: "A couple of weeks ago these four o'clocks were in bright bloom."

The vistas, wildlife, and rare plants — some still unnamed, others waiting to be discovered — have drawn study groups to Ojito for years. Wilderness education is expected to flourish as the area becomes better known.

Heinrich said his years exploring the wilderness with study groups made him realize how badly it needed federal protection.

"If you don't do something to actively protect an area, it will disappear," he said.

Heinrich is working on a Web site that will guide visitors to the area and "help people know where to go, where not to go."

Ojito has been a wilderness study area since 1991 when then-Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr. of New Mexico recommended wilderness protection.

Finally, the Ojito Wilderness Act this month arrived at the House Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands for a hearing that should lead to its approval and federal protection. The act also provides for the sale of adjacent BLM land to the Pueblo of Zia, which has agreed to manage it as a public open space.

The bill would create the first new wilderness area in New Mexico since 1987.



Petroglyphs spill over a cliff into a badlands area of Ojito Mesa as seen July 28, where the fossil remains of a massive seismosaurus, one of the largest dinosaurs ever discovered, were found near Albuquerque, N.M.

Vet: Cranes were shot

Knight Rider News Service

WICHITA, Kan. — Two whooping cranes found injured last week were shot, the veterinarian treating the birds said Tuesday.

Jim Carpenter, the veterinarian in charge of the endangered birds at Kansas State University's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, said X-rays showed one whooping crane was hit by at least four shotgun pellets. The other was struck by 11 pellets.

Shotgun shells usually contain several dozen round pellets to make it easier to hit moving targets.

"The wounds looked fresh," Carpenter said. "We think they were probably shot Saturday morning."

The birds were taken to Kansas State late Saturday night, after calls from landowners in Stafford County alerted officials at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge about the injured birds.

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Cowboys come a-singin'

LETTERS OF THANKS

RUPERT - The ninth annual Mini-Cassia Snake River Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering will be held Friday through Sunday at the Wilson Theatre, 601 F St. in Rupert.

Those attending will have the opportunity to enjoy a weekend of western-style entertainment, food and fun while helping support Cache Peak Backcountry Horsemen Association, Cowboy Poets of Idaho Inc. and Rupert's Wilson Theatre.

Free-to-the-public sessions of cowboy poetry and music will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Friday-evening show will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$5. The show will combine cowboy poets and western musicians from around Idaho, Utah and Nevada.

Along with the free session Saturday is a Chili Cook-off contest sponsored by the Wilson Theatre. Chili will be served at noon as a fund-raiser for the theater's renovations.

Also on Saturday is the Cache Peak Backcountry Horsemen Association's "Truth Without End Tall Tales Contest" at 4 p.m. It's free to the public.

At 5 p.m. the Cowboy Poets of Idaho will host an auction. This fund-raiser is for CPI's workshops program. Items available for auction include a hand-made quilt.

The Saturday-night show will cap off the day's events at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Part of the show's proceeds will be



Desert Breezes will be among the many performers at the annual Mini-Cassia Snake River Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The group travels to the area from Elko, Nev. Photo courtesy of Cowboy Poets of Idaho

used by Cache Peak Backcountry Horsemen for trail maintenance.

On Sunday will be Cowboy Church, hosted by Dave Tingey. Beginning at 9 a.m. at the Wilson Theatre, it's a non-denominational service of spiritual poetry and music.

Want to enter the Chili Cookoff?

When: 11:30 a.m. Saturday for judging.

Where: In the park next to the Wilson Building and Theatre after the judging. Bowls of the chili will be for sale to the pub-

lic with cinnamon rolls.

To sign up: Call Chris Jackson at 436-2787.

It's a fund-raiser for the Historic Wilson Building and Theatre

Organizers call Declo Days successful

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MELANIE KNOWLES
Declo Day Committee
Declo

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Woman compliments organizers of flu shots

I must write and congratulate and thank all who organized and distributed the flu shots for the seniors and others at the health unit. There were dozens of people there at any given time, all taken care of with care and great good humor.

Magnificent!
MARY NUTTING
Twin Falls

Proceeds went to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. to purchase a tonometer (to check pressure inside the eye) for its Oregon campus veterinary clinic and to Tomorrow's Leaders to help local youth and adults. Mike and his staff are always extremely cooperative and willing to help any way they can year after year. Mike has consistently gone out of his way to ensure the success of our fund-raiser.

The golf program at Twin Falls High School has been very successful because of the support we receive from the community. Thank you to all who made a donation to the program.

PAUL STOVER
Twin Falls High School
Twin Falls

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Snake River Elks Lodge holds convention

JEROME - Snake River Elks Lodge 2807 is holding its mid-winter convention at the Lodge on Highway 93 Friday and Saturday. Registration is from 1-8 p.m. today at the lodge. Meetings start at 7 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The lodge welcomes all elks members and visiting guests to attend. For more information, call 324-0200.

Buttons, Bows Club plans Thanksgiving square dance

TWIN FALLS - The Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club is holding its Thanksgiving Square Dance and potluck with dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave.

The club will furnish the meat and rolls. Dancers should bring side dishes or desserts. A dance will follow. All dancers are invited.

For more information, call Lisa Weinand at 733-4550 or Mardo Eaton at 734-6507.

United Methodist Women holds 64th Annual Bazaar

TWIN FALLS - The United Methodist Women is holding its

64th Annual Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the church basement, 360 Shoshone E.

A soup lunch with pie, hand-made items and baked goods will be available. Vendors are welcome. All proceeds go to missions.

For more information, call 733-5872.

Human Rights Task Force holds conference

BURLEY - The Human Rights Task Force Third Annual Conference will concentrate on human and educational rights from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Cannon's Cafe off Exit 208. Tickets are two for \$1.

Prizes for a quilt, dinners, pizzas, merchandise, gift certificates and more will be given away. Local organizations are sponsoring this event.

For more information or to pre-register, call Esperanza at 678-1588 or e-mail Gladys at gladys@safelink.net.

Last 'Walk' Twin Falls event will be Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The last Walk Twin Falls for 2004 will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Magic Valley Mall, 1485 Poleline Road E., in front of the Bon-Macy entrance inside the mall.

A brief presentation on exercise tips will precede the walk. Walkers of any age and fitness level are welcome.

For more information, call Janet Keegan at 734-5806.

Group plans Veterans Day commemoration

DEULO - Declo American Legion Post 144 is sponsoring a Veterans Day program, dinner and auction fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m. today in the conference room at South Side Electric, 90 N. Clark St. (on Highway 77), in Declo.

The program will feature a Veterans Day tribute by Sue Keller and Gloria West. Patriotic songs will be performed by the Snake River Flats. Following the program there will be a no host dinner catered by Farmers Corner. The menu will include baron-of-beef-broasted chicken quarter and more.

An auction fund-raiser conducted by Niek-Duffee will follow. Proceeds will be used to send care packages to military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan, the 2004 Food Convoy for Idaho's veterans homes and other American Legion children's and youth programs.

Senior center plays host to 'Dinnerfest' fundraiser

RUPERT - Dinnerfest will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Minidoka County Senior Center, 702 11th St. in Rupert. The cost is \$6 per plate. Proceeds will go toward the center.

The menu will include spaghetti with meat sauce of alfredo sauce, tossed green salad, garlic toast and dessert.

For more information, call 436-9107.

Burley VFW holds Veterans Day dinner

BURLEY - A Veterans Day dinner will be held at 6 p.m. tonight at the VFW Hall, 554 Highland Ave.

The dinner will be potluck and those attending should bring their own table service. Minico High School choir reflections will perform.

All Veterans and their families are invited.

For more information, call 679-9801.

Agencies, others install cover at YMCA City Pool

The YMCA of Twin Falls would like to thank the following departments for their efforts in installing the cover at the YMCA City Pool on Oct. 13. Their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Twin Falls Fire Department, C Company, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department, City of Twin Falls, Gretchen Scott, Kip Drevery, sheriff's work detail sponsored by Sheriff Wayne Tausley.

CLESTE WALZ
YMCA City Pool
Twin Falls

Companies provide donations to tournament

On behalf of the Magic Valley Conference and Hansen High School, I would like to thank Pepsi-Cola Bottling and Mountain Dew for their donations to our recent conference volleyball tournament.

Thanks also to the teams, fans and coaches from each of the conference schools, and special kudos to Stacy Quisenberry and the staff at Murtaugh High School for hosting two of the conference matches when we had a power outage at our school.

RICK ABEL
Principal
Hansen High School
Hansen

Christmas committee appreciates paint job

The Christmas Lighting Committee would like to publicly thank Bob Newman for painting the inside of the Santa House and Jason and John at Rupert Lumber and Paint for donating the paint.

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Guide dog group thanks community for support

The Tomorrow's Leaders 4-H Guide Dog Puppy Raisers wish to thank all who supported the "Puppy Tail" benefit for guide dogs featuring 9/11 World Trade Center

T.F.H.S. golf team takes swing at thanks

The Twin Falls High School golf teams would like to thank everyone who participated Oct. 17 in our annual fund-raiser. We would also like to thank those who came to play but still made a financial donation and those who chose to make extra contributions. Thanks to Scot McNeely and Donnelly Sports for contributing prizes.

Special thanks go to Mike Hamblin for allowing us to use the golf course and for his efforts in organizing the tournament. Mike and his staff are always extremely cooperative and willing to help any way they can year after year. Mike has consistently gone out of his way to ensure the success of our fund-raiser.

Fun run, walk helps bring soldiers home

Thanks to everyone who supported the fun run and walk held Oct. 23 on the College of Southern Idaho campus to raise money to help local soldiers come home on leave before deployment this winter.

Thanks to Don Hall, Boys and Girls Club staff and volunteers, Jamie Sheeter, CSI Honors Program, Kevin Lynton, my family and friends and co-workers, President Meyerhoffer, CSI administrative crew, Doug Maughan; those who donated prizes, Gem State Trophies, Blue Lotus Massage (Iris Levine), A Day Spa (Katy Drown), Four Jack's Hotel and Casino, CSI welding program (Matt Howesley), Scholes and Scholes Dermatology, Barton's Club 93, Jackpot Recreation Center, Clear Lake Country Club (Steve Meyerhoffer), Subway, Modie Java, Drs. John Roberts and Kevin Hall, Baskin-Robbins, Coffee Cafe and CSI Bookstore.

Special thanks to Walt Baltzer at Gem State Trophies for a great deal on the awards. Thanks, folks! Thanks, folks!

SCOTT SCHOLES
Twin Falls

FIRE PREVENTION



Rod Behr, assistant chief of the Burley Fire Department, checks the battery on a smoke detector at the fire station. Members of the Burley Fire Department will be doing a community smoke detector canvass from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday from East 16th to East 19th streets between Overland and Almo avenues. They will go door to door in those neighborhoods offering free smoke detectors for those who don't have any and free battery replacement for those who do. According to Behr this is the 10th year they have done the canvass, covering a different area each year. Money for the batteries and smoke detectors is raised at the annual firemen's breakfast held in October.

DONATIONS HELP TROOPS



The Snake River Corvette Club reported that it was able to donate \$2,000 to the Yellow Ribbon Support Group because of the help of sponsors. Joe Brennan of the Magic Valley Pawn Shop also donated \$1,000 and the Montana Steakhouse in Twin Falls helped raise \$5,000 to support local troops through the group.

ROTARY CLUB CENTENNIAL



Past president Terry McCurdy passes the Twin Falls Rotary Club gavel to Centennial President Mary Shaw. This year is the 100th birthday of Rotary and will be celebrated in Chicago, Ill., in June 2005.

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Scenery, stories abound in Guatemala

Night has fallen on the ruins of Tikal, Guatemala. Our guide, Miguel, has just begun to show us the wonders of this ancient city. We hiked for miles through the dark jungles, passing unseen creatures that call this rain forest home. Jaguars, tarantulas, ocelots, bats, frogs, poisonous snakes and hundreds of other living things travel the same paths that we explored by flashlight on our way to the North Acropolis of Tikal.

Once we arrived, Miguel took us inside a secret passageway, and through a tunnel within the Acropolis. Here, by candlelight, we viewed the faces of two beautifully embellished masks each over 10 feet high that depict the long-nosed gods that once ruled Tikal.

Stepping out into the plaza under a majestic starry sky, Miguel pointed out several constellations. We sat on the grass between two enormous pyramids in the main plaza surrounded by fireflies. We enjoyed clapping our hands, and hearing the echoes that bounced back and forth on the pyramids. Words cannot explain the sense of greatness that we felt on this memorable night.

We returned to our room and got some well-needed rest. At 5 a.m., Miguel was outside our door with his flashlight, ready to guide us to Temple IV to see the sunrise over the Peten Jungle. Into the darkness we ducked under tree limbs



BUENAS VISTAS
Karla Barnes

Note
This is a second part of series on Karla and Terry Barnes' trip to Guatemala.

and walked through thick vegetation. We reached a set of vines that would take us to the top of the pyramid. Terry and I climbed up the vines and over displaced stones until we reached the summit of Temple IV, the tallest temple at Tikal at 229 feet. The mist was heavy on the emerald rain forest and you could barely see the illusive roof combs of the other pyramids through the darkness. We sat in anticipation awaiting the sunrise with a handful of people from around the globe. Finally, the mist evaporated, the sun rose and the structures came into full view.

Throughout the day we enjoyed every aspect of Tikal. With sore feet, we explored every corner of the ruins. We later toured the Sylvanus Morely Museum where we learned about the many lords of Tikal, and enjoyed seeing several of



A launch (motorboat) sits on the shores of Lake Peten Itza in Guatemala.

the original stelae (monuments carved with Mayan glyphs to commemorate the lives of the rulers) found in and around Tikal.

Many visitors tend to believe that the Mayan people have totally disappeared from this region, but in fact there are still millions of descendants who live in these areas today.

As we were on our way out of the park, a large group of local

Mayans performed a ceremony in the main plaza in an effort to preserve their heritage.

Before returning to the airport, we took time to see the city of Flores, which is located about 45 minutes from Tikal. The city is situated on an island and has a population of 13,700 people. Flores has a rich historical past. The city was once known as Tayasal, and was the last Mayan stronghold against the Spanish invasion. The

Spanish conquered Tayasal in 1697.

We enjoyed walking down the cobblestone streets and shopping for beautiful textiles in the pastel colored shops along the lake. Flores is just one of many colorful cities in Guatemala, a land of eternal spring.

Karla Barnes of Burley and her husband are frequent visitors to Mexico.

Historian becomes the first woman governor of Zacatecas

By Ricardo Sandoval
The Dallas Morning News

JUCHIPILA, Mexico — It was steaming hot in this Zacatecas resort town as a group of sweaty men wearing cowboy hats and leather boots argued over how to divide, dividing treasure.

One person in the crowd appeared undisturbed by the heat and the heated debate: Amalia Garcia Medina, the new governor of Zacatecas state, was like a Zen buoy in a stormy sea of men.

She was surrounded by the state's media, summoned to discuss Zacatecas' shrinking budget, falling farm economy and continued hemorrhaging of able-bodied people to jobs in the United States.

Garcia, 54, is the first woman governor of Zacatecas and only the fourth in Mexico's history. She considered the politician

most likely to resuscitate both her ailing state and her struggling party, the leftist Party of the Democratic Revolution, or PRD.

de Mexico "She is the model of what a modern Mexican politician ought to be," said Luis Miguel Rionda, a political science professor at the College of the Northern Frontier in Tijuana. "She knows how to dialogue with the different factions of her party and with leaders from other parties. Not many in Mexico can do that today."

Because half the people who consider Zacatecas home now live in Texas, Illinois and California, Garcia also welcomes her role as a binational governor. Even before she took office, she paid routine visits to constituents in Dallas; Los An-

geles and Chicago. Migrants sent \$400 million to their families in Zacatecas in 2003.

Unlike other women, such as Maricarmen Ramirez, who is trying to succeed her husband as governor of Tlaxcala state, or first lady Martha Sahagun de Fox, who has caused a firestorm because of her perceived presidential ambitions, Garcia is seen as having gained political altitude on her own wings.

"Amalia has always selected her objectives and has shown that she won't quit until she achieves her goals," said Patricia Mercado, a feminist and probable 2006 presidential candidate.

Mercado described Garcia as emblematic of the increasingly mainstream status of political women in Mexico, a country that just a generation ago had a law that allowed men to bar their wives from working outside the home.

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'Memoria' rewrite foils bootleggers

By Reed Johnson
Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — It may be too easy a wisecrack to call them the Gang that Couldn't Steal Straight. But the joke definitely was on the Colombian bootleggers who put out a pirated edition of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's new novella last week, apparently not realizing that the Nobel Prize-winning author had made some last-minute changes to the ending.

According to publishing officials here and in Colombia, several weeks ago Garcia Marquez decided to alter parts of the final chapter of his long-awaited "Memoria de mis putas tristes" — or "A Memory of My Melancholy Whores" purely for artistic reasons, the officials said. But a pirated edition of the Spanish-language book, evidently based on an earlier draft with a different ending, began circulating on the streets of Colombia before the book's scheduled Oct. 27 release.

As a result, the novel's release was pushed up a week, and bargain-hunters who bought the book's pirated version for less than half the official price are now stuck with either a valuable collector's item or a literary fake of a fake. Doris Bravo of Editorial Diana, which co-published the book in Mexico with Random House Mondadori, said that at least the thieves had good taste. "They're cultured," she said with a laugh.

The bogus bootleg caper provided a surprise twist and a flood of free publicity to the Latin American release of the Spanish-language edition of "Memoria de mis putas tristes." The slim 112-page novella, Garcia Marquez's first major work of fiction in a decade, presents itself as the account of a washed-up newspaper columnist's desire to celebrate his 90th birthday by having sex with a young prostitute.

Bravo said she was not sure how different the ending of the official version of the novel was from the bootleg. "The truth is, I don't know that there's that much difference, because Garcia Marquez decided to correct two or three words of the last part of the book, well, to enrich it, nothing more," she said. "It was not a large part of the contents." In Mexico, 100,000 softcover and 30,000 hardcover copies of the novel have been issued, and a second printing of 50,000 is underway.

POLISHING ENGLISH



Doris Sommer's English as a second language class at O'Leary Junior High in Twin Falls includes, from left, back row: Luis Lopez, Jesus Guevara, Sedlin Bektic, Zhen Wu, Gabriel Vargas, Jasmin Guevara and Gwendolyn Guevara; front row: Alfredo Vargas, Deysl Sandoval, Sonia Sandoval, Artem Petrosyan and Alba Aleman with Jenny Smith, ESL paraprofessional. Not pictured is Jessica Leon. Sommer is ESL coordinator for the Twin Falls School District.

Film raises more questions about Castaneda

By Kevin Crust
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Ralph Torjan's trippy documentary, "Carlos Castaneda: Enigma of a Sorcerer," provokes more questions than it answers about the best-selling author and New Age guru who died under mysterious circumstances in 1998. The film primarily consists of interviews with followers and skeptics who discuss the legitimacy of Castaneda's teachings.

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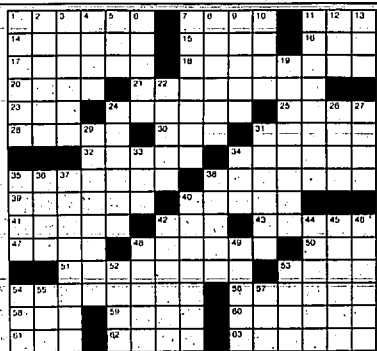
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E-mails send good wishes to troops

DEAR ABBY: My name is Crystal and I am 24 years old. For some time now, I have wanted to send letters to our troops overseas to express how much the citizens of this country appreciate and respect them and their families. They sacrifice so much to serve our country, I would like the privilege of telling them we care about them, as well as the chance to make some new friends.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

With the holidays quickly approaching, I believe it is even more important to show that we care. Could you please let me and your other readers know of a way we can e-mail or send regular mail to make all of this possible?

DEAR APPRECIATIVE: IN SAN JOSE Your sentiments are beautiful, and I can't think of a better time to express them than today—Veterans' Day—and also the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays. Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the anthrax scare, our Department of Defense suspended the Operation Dear Abby mail program. The DOI believed that mail made it too easy for terrorists to send bombs and/or other harmful agents to the military. On Dec. 20, 2001, the Depart-

ment of Defense and Dear Abby narrowed to launch an official DOD Web site so that messages of support could be safely sent to our troops. Members of all branches of the military worldwide can read these messages wherever they are stationed—even in a submarine deep in the ocean. OperationDearAbby.net, the only official DOD Web site for sending personally written messages of support to all branches of the military year-round, is easy to use. Please visit and send us many messages as you wish—it's quicker and less expensive than the old way, and messages from home are the biggest morale booster there is. And while I'm on the subject of morale boosters—let's not forget the many veterans in veterans hospitals around the country. Cards would certainly be appreciated by those patients, so please consider sending some to the ones in your state.

DEAR ABBY: A close friend of mine is pregnant and has been told by her doctor that the baby has a serious genetic mutation that will most likely result in a stillbirth or death shortly after it is born. I would like to have a baby shower for her, but I am not sure if it is appropriate because of the unhappy circumstances. As you can imagine my friend feels very sad about this situation. Please advise.

CARING FRIEND IN CALIFORNIA DEAR CARING FRIEND: In view of the fact that this child isn't going to make it—barring a miracle—there are better ways to show your support than to host a baby shower. You and her other friends should stay in close contact with the mother-to-be, and provide a willing ear and shoulder to cry on. She needs to know that you are there for her far more than gift-wrapped reminders of the baby she will lose.

Ambitions build for Leo; Virgo sees more pressure

BIRTH NOVEMBER 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... You may have burned the midnight oil in this past year to get where you have reached a pleasant and peaceful plateau where you can rest and recharge your batteries for the next several months. Important matters that you put into motion this December may not bring you rewards until next June when the cosmic lights turn green and you can reap some material benefits for jobs well done. Look forward to a peaceful and trouble-free year ahead.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

at home. You do have the benefit of foresight to protect you from making errors of judgment. Listen to family members and gather information by making any irrevocable changes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your sign ruler, Mars, has just moved into Scorpio, bringing a more passionate and intense flavor to your life. It is possible in the coming year to return between following tradition to achieve security and taking the unconventional and unknown path.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Home or family needs could be at odds with your business objectives and create a small conflict. The shifting heavens can bring some unexpected events in the next several days, so expect the unexpected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Those closest to you could become so entranced by compelling business aspirations that they forget to be considerate and kind. Keep your head down and do not put fresh rins in the fire. Don't be in a rush to get things started.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are like a dog with a bone. Concerted effort under trying circumstances can eventually spell success. You have the stamina to see things through to completion and the courage to face daunting odds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In an atmosphere of dedicated determination to succeed, you alone have the facts and the wisdom to make important decisions. Weigh the facts and err on the side of generosity to guarantee long-term security.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You've got the power to make your way up the ladder of success—but you may have some trying moments. Deal with existing issues and try not to start anything new. Blatant disregard of the law or rules could prove troublesome.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reaching your goals and winning at all costs could be in the air. An intense push to receive recognition of your abilities takes much energy. The new moon tomorrow may illuminate hidden corners that need attention before you can climb further.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Ambitious others may forget to be considerate, and tread on your toes to reach the top this week. Rebellious urges to break with tradition could rise to the surface. Your unconventional outlook could put you at the head of the class.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make it do or do without. Powerful ambitions may be building over the next few days. It is wiser to use resourcefulness to succeed with what you already have, rather than launching something new.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): When everyone else is losing their head you can keep yours. The wisdom of trusted friends and companions can help you make crucial decisions and protect you from missteps. Avoid those who are overly critical; stick with the tried and true.



Makeup artist Cheryl Montesanto, left, touches up actress Megan Boyle, playing a corpse on the set of 'CSI: Miami,' on Oct. 29.

Playing dead is an art on 'CSI: Miami'

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. (AP) — In the makeup trailer for 'CSI: Miami,' the coroner and the murder victim sit side by side. Vibrantly tinted lipstick and blush are applied to series star Khandi Alexander, who plays Dr. Alex Woods. In the next chair, actress Megan Boyle sits quietly as death is painted onto her face.

Stiffs with the right stuff are "extremely important. That's what people tune into, the reality of what we deliver here," said Scott Shiffman, a 'CSI: Miami' producer.

Delicately drawn green veins, a cosmetically induced bloodless pallor and autopsy "scars" turned Boyle into an eerily believable corpse. "Every body dies. I get to practice," said Boyle, nonchalant about her ghostly appearance as well as the morgue "examination" scene that awaited her later in the day.

For Boyle's character, asphyxiated in the Nov. 29 episode after a sex game goes awry, an ivory-toned base sponged onto face, lips and upper chest is the first step. The prominent veins and hidden bruising around the mouth that will show up on the autopsy table under blacklight add to the illusion. The victim's body and face are well-preserved because she was discarded in a peat bog, slowing decomposition.

The proliferation of 'CSI' series, along with other forensic dramas, has created a graveyard full of actors who played dead. 'CSI: Crime Scene Investigation,' which reaches its 100th episode Nov. 18, 'CSI: Miami' and newcomer 'CSI: New York' do use dummy corpses, but often it's real people who occupy the autopsy table.

Episodes for the trio of CBS' hit crime dramas show the discovery of a victim and then flash back to the events surrounding their death. That requires a living actor.

An actor transformed into a decomposed corpse is another plump.

Not bad, considering how gruesome it gets for actor 'CSI' victims. Photos decorating the makeup trailer at Raleigh Studios show one victim, dragged by a bus, with deep and bloody simulated abrasions.

Bacteria abound in body, but most are harmless

More than 500 different species of bacteria exist in your body. Most are harmless and many of them are actually beneficial (helping your body in digesting food, for example). This day in history: In 1918, "on the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month," Germany signed an armistice that ended World War I—and, unfortunately, set the stage for World War II.



RANDOM KINDS OF FAGINESS Jack Mingo Erin Barrett

The total number of bacterial cells in your body number more than 100 trillion. True, your body contains several trillion cells of its own. But the effect is that your cells are greatly outnumbered by bacteria. The kiwi fruit doesn't come from down under like the kiwi bird. It comes from southeastern China and was called the Chinese gooseberry—for centuries until a New Zealand grower noticed that the fruit resembled the shagged, round bird. He started selling his gooseberries as the "kiwi fruit," and the name stuck.

pic through history. In 1699, poet Samuel Garth wrote: "The patient's ears remorselessly he assails — he murders with jargon where his medicine fails." Lillapophobia is an intense fear of tomatoes. There are 13 sheep for each of the 3,856,000 people in New Zealand. In America's Revolutionary War, slaves who fought for the British were promised freedom. Those who fought for the Americans were not. After the war started—winding down—the British army released about 2,000 slaves to freedom. Most moved to Canada—but some traveled to Africa to found the country of Sierra Leone.

Inside a Magic Eight Ball, half the answers are positive, a quarter are negative, and a quarter tell you to try again. Hippos don't sweat. However, when nervous or excited, they ooze a red liquid. The language of medical workers has confused lay peo-

Diabolical fact from the Periodic Table: nickel was given the name of the German word for Satan, and cobalt got its name from "kobold," the German name for a goblin. Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at www.bathroomcompanion.com

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