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Rice could replace Powell

Secretary of state says he will 'return to private life'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush has selected Condoleezza Rice, his national security adviser and trusted confidant, to replace Colin Powell as secretary of state, officials said Monday, in a major shakeup of the president's national security team. Three other Cabinet secretaries also resigned.

Powell, a retired four-star general who often clashed on Iraq and other foreign policy issues with more hawkish members of Bush's administration, said he

was returning to private life once his successor was in place.

The Cabinet exodus promised a starkly different look to Bush's second-term team. Rice is considered more of a foreign policy hard-liner than the moderate Powell.

The White House announced Powell's exit along with the resignations of Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham. Veneman had said last week she wanted to stay.

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Secretary of State Colin Powell, left, and U.S. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice chat on Jan. 13 during the plenary session of the Special Summit of the Americas in Monterrey, Mexico. President Bush has chosen Rice to replace Powell as America's top diplomat.

T.F. County deals with rising costs

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Rising gas prices and the cost of housing inmates in other county jails have taken a bite out of the county budget.

But county officials still managed to keep a tight ship on the purse strings and total spending for 2003-04 came in 2 percent under budget, said County Commissioner Tom Mikesell.

County commissioners Monday took \$116,481 out of the county's current expense fund and put it into the jail budget to cover additional costs of housing inmates at other county jails during the fiscal continuation in 2003-04 to place inmates in other county jails due to lack of space, Sheriff Wayne Tousley said. He said it costs the county between \$45 and \$50 a day to house one inmate out of county, and that's not including medical costs, gas and overtime.

The county needs more jail beds, the sheriff said. "We're looking at additional bed-space-in-this-county," Tousley said. "I'm not saying build-a-new-jail, but-keep-our-money-here-and-put-on-additional-staff."

A citizens committee looked into the problem a couple years ago and recommended the county add new bed space and pursue a lease-to-own agreement or judicial continuation in which a judge approves an expenditure considered ordinary and necessary.

But county commissioners decided to take a bond issue to voters instead. In May 2002, voters said no to a \$16 million bond issue to build a new jail.

"The public said no to a bond issue and we went back to square one," Tousley said.

It was back to the drawing board. A criminal justice committee is now looking at ways to deal with jail overcrowding, the sheriff said.

Commissioners also transferred \$20,000 from the county's current expense fund into the sheriff's budget for gas and vehicle maintenance, and \$12,000 into the sheriff's budget for computer maintenance.

"Gas went up higher than I anticipated," Tousley said.

Like the pinch it serves, the county is feeling a pinch at the pumps. On Monday the average price in Idaho for a gallon of regular unleaded was a fraction over \$2.08, up from \$1.65 one year ago, according to AAA of Idaho. The average statewide price for a gallon of premium unleaded was about \$2.26 on Monday, up from \$1.79 a year ago.

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'THE BRIDGE'



Jerome High School seniors Liliana Maciel, left, and Mayra Gonzalez, both reporters for The Bridge/El Puente school newspaper, put the finishing touches on a photo caption Monday. The paper will be printed in both English and Spanish. Its first edition is expected to hit newsstands next Monday.

Jerome students create bilingual newspaper

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

JEROME - Liliana Maciel was about to type the word "write" Monday afternoon when she realized she was thinking in English.

So she hit the backspace button and replaced the "w" with the word "escribir."

Maciel, a senior at Jerome

High School, was creating an advertisement for contributors to the school's first bilingual newspaper.

David Quinley, who teaches journalism, hopes to finish the eight-page paper today and have the first issue come out Monday.

The concept of a bimonthly paper in both English and Spanish was incubated through

a few articles posted on the school's online newspaper.

The debut of the print publication, called "The Bridge/El Puente," is meant to create a better connection between the community's two cultures, Quinley said. About one-third of Jerome's students are Hispanic, so there is a large audience for writing in Spanish and in English about the Hispanic

community.

"This is a good tool to reach out to them," said Joel Wilson, who teaches Spanish and English as a second language. He's editing the Spanish articles in the paper.

Maciel said writing in both languages is a challenge because things have to be worded

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Police make arrest in shooting incident

The Times-News

POCATELLO - A 24-year-old man is in custody after being arrested in connection with the Nov. 5 shooting of a sleeping man.

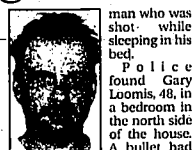
David S. Ruckdaschel, of Pocatello, was being held in the Bannock County Jail Monday night on a \$500,000 bond, according to a news release issued by the Twin Falls Police Department.

Officers obtained a warrant Friday for the suspect's arrest. The warrant charges Ruckdaschel with one count each of first-degree kidnapping, aggravated battery, aggravated assault and discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling.

Members of the Pocatello and Twin Falls police departments arrested Ruckdaschel without incident late Friday night.

An affidavit written by Detective Curtis Gambrell of the Twin Falls Police Department details the events leading up to the suspect's arrest.

In the early hours of Nov. 5, officers with the Twin Falls Police Department were called to 354 Jackson St. for a report of a



David Ruckdaschel, a man who was shot while sleeping in his bed. Police found him in a bedroom in the north side of the house. A bullet had gone through the wall, into his back and out his chest.

The victim's wife, Paige Loomis, told police she was working on her computer when she heard a vehicle with a loud muffler drive by. She said she heard what sounded like a car backfiring three times, then heard her husband call for help. She ran to his room and saw that blood was covering his chest.

Police talked with Kara Scott, who told officers she was involved in a drug deal gone awry. She and three other people, one of whom was later identified as Ruckdaschel, went to the house at 339 Quincy to buy methamphetamine.

The two females went into Please see ARREST, Page A2

Low-fat diets beat low-carb diets in keeping pounds off, study suggests

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Regardless of how they shed pounds in the first place, big losers stayed that way by limiting fat rather than carbohydrates, according to new research that could add fuel to the backlash against low-carb diets.

Dieters already have been turning away from Atkins-style control strategy, and the new study gives them more reason: Low-fat plans seem to work better at keeping weight off.

"People who started eating more fat ... regained the most weight over time," said Suzanne Phelan, a Brown Medical School psychologist who presented results of the study Monday at a meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity.

The study used the National Weight Control Registry, a decade-old effort to learn the secrets of success from people who had lost at least 30 pounds and kept them off for at least a year. The registry run by doctors from the University of Colorado in Denver, the University of Pittsburgh and Brown University in Providence, R.I.



Orson Kinney, right, demonstrates the Bod Pod, a body composition system, along with Tom Macleod, left, at the North American Association for the Study of Obesity conference in Las Vegas, Monday.

They studied 2,700 people who entered the registry from 1995 through 2003. Their average age was 47, most were women, and they had lost an average of 72 pounds initially. Doctors compared their diets to see whether one type or another made a difference in how much weight they had lost and how much they had regained a year later.

All reported eating only about 1,400 calories a day, but the portion that came from fat rose - from 24 percent in 1995 to more than 29 percent in 2003 - while the part from carbohydrates fell, from 56 percent to 49 percent.

The number who were on low-carb diets (less than 90 grams a day) rose from 6 percent to 17 percent during the same period.

The type of diet - low-fat, low-carb or in-between - made no difference in how people lost weight initially.

Only a minority of successful weight losers consume low-carbohydrate diets, she and the other researchers concluded.

NATION

Man sets himself on fire outside White House gate

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man set himself afire Monday just outside a White House gate and repeatedly yelled "Allah Allah" after Secret Service officers put out the flames and one held him facedown on the sidewalk.

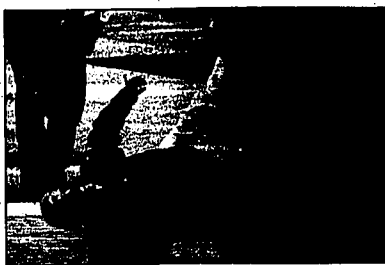
Alan Eiter, spokesman for the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services, said guards at the gate quickly extinguished the flames, and the man had second- and third-degree burns on about 30 percent of his body.

The man had burns to his head, back, arms and face but was conscious when medics took him to Washington Hospital Center, Eiter said.

"I can confirm that there was an ignitable liquid present on the scene," Eiter said.

White House doctors joined Uniformed Secret Service personnel in administering first aid until the emergency service technicians arrived. They transported the 52-year-old man, who was not identified, to the burn unit of Washington Hospital Center.

Lorie Lewis, a Secret Service



A man screams after being burned outside the northwest gate on Pennsylvania Avenue outside the White House in Washington Monday. The man had burns to his head, back, arms and face but was conscious when medics took him to Washington Hospital Center, emergency spokesman Alan Eiter said. The 52-year-old has not been identified. A bar of the White House fence is at right.

spokeswoman, said the man "set himself on fire on Pennsylvania Avenue on the north side of the White House complex." That section of Pennsylvania Avenue was recently reopened to pedestrians after being closed for security.

Witnesses reported hearing screams and seeing a man in flames. The man's right trouser leg was burned.

to protesters after being violated. But it agreed to send a message to posts worldwide warning them not to sponsor Boy Scout troops or other such groups.

The rule does not prevent service members from leading Scout troops unofficially on their own time, and Scouts will still be able to hold meetings on areas of military bases where civilian organizations are allowed to hold events.

Crossings test border security technology

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Bridges to Mexico in this traffic-choked city began testing a new immigration security program Monday that requires some U.S. visitors to be fingerprinted and photographed as they cross the border.

The screening by the Homeland Security Department was being tested Monday at crossings from Mexico in Laredo and Douglas, Ariz., and one from Canada at Port Huron, Mich.

The technology — which also calls for running checks on the visitors — has been in place at U.S. airports and seaports since Jan. 5, but officials want to pinpoint any glitches before the program extends to the nation's 50 busiest land crossings by year's end.

"We always test first," said Anna Mirken, program outreach manager.

Fabian Gonzales was among the first in line Monday morning. The 34-year-old walked up to row of bank-like teller machines on the U.S. side of the Lincoln-Juarez International Bridge, answered a few questions, then inserted his finger into a small fingerprinting machine. A go-fal-sized camera snapped his picture.

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Pentagon: Bases shouldn't sponsor Scouts

CHICAGO (AP) — The Pentagon has agreed to warn military bases worldwide that they should not directly sponsor Boy Scout troops, partially resolving claims that the government has improperly supported a group that requires members to believe in God.

The settlement, announced Monday, came in a 1993 lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois,

which says American military units have sponsored hundreds of Boy Scout troops.

"If our Constitution's promise of religious liberty is to be a reality, the government should not be administering religious oaths or discriminating based on religious beliefs," said ACLU attorney Adam Schwartz.

The Pentagon said it has long had a rule against sponsorship of non-federal organizations

Altered poppies produce other useful drugs

The Washington Post

Scientists have created genetically engineered opium poppies that can barely produce the morphine, codeine and other potent drugs that make the plants so highly prized on the black market. Instead, the gene-altered flowers build up caches of other chemicals that can be used to make new medications, including some that appear to be effective against malaria.

People have used the sticky, opiate-laden latex from poppy plants as a painkiller since the earliest days of civilization. Two of the plants' chemical components — morphine and codeine — remain widely used analgesics today.

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NATION/WORLD

Troops, insurgents battle across Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. soldiers battled insurgents northeast of Baghdad on Monday in clashes that killed more than 50 people. Some guerrillas were said to be "fighting to the death," inside

in a speech found Monday on the Internet, a speaker said to be Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the country's most feared terrorist leader, called on his followers to "show" the Americans "with rockets and mortars" because U.S. forces were spread too thin as they seek to "finish off Islam in Fallujah."

Marines look at Fallujah damage.

where American forces struggled to clear pockets of resistance.

See page A4. At least five suicide car bombers targeted

American troops elsewhere in volatile Sunni Muslim areas north and west of the capital, wounding at least nine Americans. Three of those bombings occurred nearly simultaneously in locations between Fallujah and the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, the U.S. command said.

The zone between Fallujah and Ramadi was one of at least three areas Monday in which insurgents pulled off almost-simultaneous attacks against U.S. or Iraqi forces, suggesting a level of military sophistication and planning not seen in the early months of the insurgency last year.

Report: DNA profiles often face delays

WASHINGTON — Thousands of DNA profiles in unsolved criminal cases experience long delays before they are added to a national FBI database, jeopardizing their value in identifying suspected murderers, rapists and others, according to a Justice Department report Monday.

The report by Glenn A. Fine, the Justice Department's inspector general, identified more than 2,500 completed DNA profiles in unsolved cases that had not been added to the

Nation in brief FBI's Combined DNA Index System in a timely fashion. Some had been waiting for nearly a year.

The FBI database, which contains more than 1.7 million profiles, is used by forensic laboratories nationwide to match DNA evidence to that recovered in previously unsolved crimes or to people already convicted of other crimes.

U.S. births to youngest teens reach record low

ATLANTA — The birth rate among American girls ages 10 to 14 has fallen to its lowest level since 1946, the government reported Monday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the number of births among girls in this age group dropped 38 percent from 1994 to 2002 alone, even though the number of girls 10 to 14 climbed 16 percent during the same period.

CDC researchers attributed the decline to sex education. "The message is getting across to them. Teens are behaving more responsibly when it comes to sex," said Fay Menacker, at the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics.

43 Cuban performers in Las Vegas ask for asylum

LAS VEGAS — Forty-three members of a Cuban dance troupe performing at a Las Vegas casino asked for asylum in the United States on Monday in the one of the biggest mass defections of performers from the communist country.

Members of the cast said they took the step because they feared they would be forced to quit performing if they returned to Havana. They said Cuban authorities did not want them to perform in the United States in the first place.

New York Times columnist will retire

NEW YORK — William Safire, whose op-ed columns in The New York Times have provided provocative and insightful discourse for 31 years, said Monday he has decided to "hang up his hatchet."

The 74-year-old Pulitzer Prize-winning writer's last op-ed column will be published on Jan. 24, 2005.

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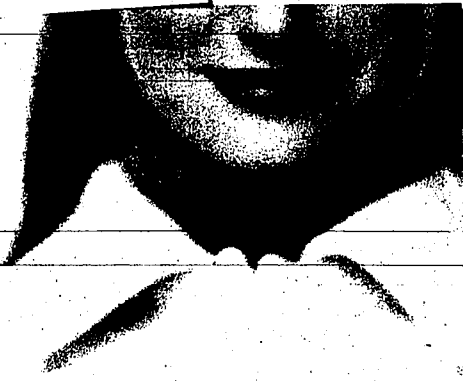
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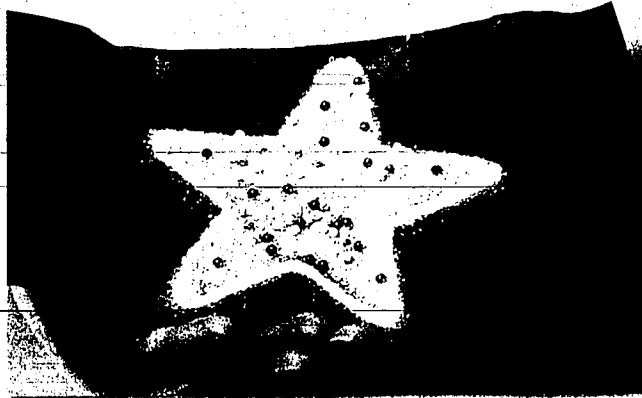
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EDITORIAL

Gas stations don't need city to change pay policy

The days of the full-service Texaco man may be long gone. But that hasn't stopped the Twin Falls City Council from taking on a new task - city gasoline attendant.

The City Council last week unanimously approved an ordinance making prepayment for gasoline mandatory at local gas stations.

The ordinance will go into effect this month.

Now that gasoline has soared to a gallon above \$2 a gallon, gas stations and convenience stores are doing all they can to stop drive-off thefts. The practice, where drivers fill up their tanks and then speed off without paying, has always been a serious problem. But with gas becoming more expensive today, the net-to-pinching takes a mean cut from a merchant's profits.

What doesn't make sense, however, is why the city had to step in with an ordinance for a private-sector problem.

We can't blame gas stations for trying to halt gasoline theft. Department stores enforce the law when shoplifters take away small items. Why shouldn't a gas station clamp down on thieves who drive off with more than \$50 of stolen gas in the tank?

Prepaying for gas is com-

mon in many states and large cities. The technology is rather simple. Don't turn on the pump until a driver's credit card has been charged, or cash has been paid.

That should be enough of a solution for the concerned gas stations. But, instead, they went to city leaders to put a law on the books requiring a prepayment.

To many citizens, that action has the appearance of government overreach.

By veighing in on the matter and requiring prepayment, the city is quashing consumer choice and principles of free enterprise.

Surely the larger gas station chains will see prepayment as a wise business step. But perhaps, other independent stations will want to cater to customers who don't want to go through the prepayment hassle. (And yes, it is inconvenient to pay first, pump gas, and possibly pay again to top off the tank.) The Twin Falls prepayment ordinance, effectively erases any consumer choice along those lines.

If a gas station wants to enforce tighter gas purchasing policies, it has every right to do so. But it certainly doesn't need city government to help write the rules.

Our view: Twin Falls gas stations don't need the City Council to enforce their pre-pay gas policies.

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

There was no surprise in Fallujah

Because of superior U.S. firepower, training and command-and-control capabilities, a victory by American forces in Fallujah should surprise no one. But the victory won't be as simple or as successful as it could have been if the soldiers and Marines fighting there had been allowed to follow their doctrine.

According to U.S. Army Field Manual 3-0 Operations, the principles of war include "surprise" or "taking actions for which an enemy is unprepared." The Iraqi-American assault on Fallujah ranks one of the worst-kept secrets in military history. Public discussions of the details, timing and objectives of the attack went on for weeks.

DANA R. DILLON

As a result, coalition forces will sooner find winning "Powerball" tickets on the streets of Fallujah than they will insurgent leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the shadowy Jordanian who has transformed his troops into a viable force. Coalition forces are no more likely to find any other significant leaders of the movement, either.

What they have found, thanks to the pre-attack publicity, is a city rigged stem to stern with explosives, an enemy well entrenched and prepared for urban, house-to-house fighting and a hostile, restive populace. Our military commanders don't need these extra obstacles. What they do need is more operational freedom to carry out attacks on the insurgents where and when they aren't expected, and when there is some hope of capturing or killing key leaders.

Even though the enemy has been expecting the attack for weeks, the American and Iraqi forces did achieve some tactical surprise. They opened with an assault on a building on the western edge of the city and they made their major thrusts at night.

But even these maneuvers weren't enough to prevent unusually heavy casualties among American and friendly Iraqi troops from the en-



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trenched enemy. Buildings and infrastructure suffered more damage than necessary because Americans were forced to conduct heavy bombing raids to soften the insurgents' defenses before and during the attack. The fact that insurgents have rigged explosives to mosques and other important buildings adds to the general demolition of the city.

The only bright side is that while all the leaders have long departed, so have most of the citizens, minimizing civilian casualties in the densely populated city.

In fairness, this would've been a tough sell to keep Fallujah because the obvious place for a standoff as it gained status as a haven for insurgents. Military planners did

their work, but interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi tried to avoid the attack and its destruction of a major Iraqi city by convincing the insurgents to turn over foreign terrorists and persuading the Sunnis to support the interim government. But these efforts fought to achieve military objectives, and military convenience will not and should not override those objectives.

Generals cannot ignore politicians, but they can persuade politicians to give them as much flexibility as possible. The prime minister's declaration of a state of emergency does allow imposition of curfews, restriction on movement and suspension of some civil liberties, even though those

conditions were imposed de facto by the fighting in the area.

Still, the state of emergency shows there is, thankfully, an end to Allawi's patience, that he will negotiate where possible and act otherwise where not. The protracted negotiations before the assault on Fallujah did enable Allawi to demonstrate he is sympathetic to Sunni concerns and did allow Americans ample time to plan an assault that would wreak minimal havoc on the city and its civilian residents. But, because of the lack of surprise, the leadership of the insurgency remains intact. The leaders have moved on and began diversionary attacks in at least six cities, including Samarra, from which they supposedly were cleansed last month.

Allawi should do through negotiation what he can. War, as always, should be the last option. But when war becomes the only option, he and others in the Iraqi government need to see that our troops have a chance at that element of surprise - before the leaders of the enemy can escape.

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The Times-News

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Chris Steinbach, Steve Crump and David Cooper.

Writer makes irrational case against Bush

Every once in awhile in the letters section, there is one that jumps out at me. So funny it has to be a put on, written by a person with a great sense of humor. Then as I read on, I realize that it was written by an individual that has gone over the edge.

In a recent letter, the election of George Bush for another four years, the writer states, "This is the end of America" that those that voted for the president were blind, brain-washed lambs to be led to slaughter.

He also states that his sons, who are 10 and 12, will be drafted into the military for another one of Bush's wars. I hope, he is not home-schooling his sons. Bush will not be president when both of his sons have to register.

Then, just like the Blaine County fool whom he voted for, he makes several off-the-wall statements, with nothing to back them up.

With this kind of hate, I wonder just how this guy will get through the next four years.

MIKE SIMMONS
Buhl

President can still take more moderate course

To Election is Mrs. Bush: The president and over, despite the "mandate" spin of your supporters, there are the

millions of other voters whom you must serve as well. These next four years, I hope you will do what is right and not what is personally motivated.

If Vice President Gore had won the 2000 election, Americans would be looking at a different scenario these next four years. Sept. 11 most likely would have happened, but I doubt we would be in Iraq. The war on terror would have taken different turns. The thousands of American soldiers and Iraqi people who have died or are permanently maimed would still be getting up each morning to face their days with their families and friends. There is no turning back now. Our brave soldiers must face this challenge with the hope that there will someday be a positive outcome. As the Iraqi insurgency grows, we see that hatred generates terrorism. I would hope, as you reflect on our position in Iraq, that you would find a way to repair the international rift created by this preemptive war. In the worst of times, we will need the good will of our neighbors overseas.

I beg of you to take a more thoughtful, moderate approach to governance or unity will not be possible. Before signing every bill that crosses your desk, think about the other half of the nation that you serve. Compassion is not a partisan idea. It is a way of life. You will eventually be judged by your actions, not your orations. Consider humility over arrogance.

Remember, it was under your watch that Sept. 11 occurred. No one blames you, but it has to be humbling.

Mrs. Bush, I would ask you to speak your mind more openly as a woman who stands beside, not behind, her man. You have raised two beautiful, spirited daughters. They did not get all that wet spirit from their dad.

You had a Republican majority in Congress the last four years and now that majority has grown. Please use this opportunity to serve the best people, not just corporate America and the wealthy.

President Bush, please do what is right and fair and just. The conservative right does not represent all of America, nor does the liberal left. Moderation is a step toward unity. I love this country as much as you do.

TERESA SMITH
Twin Falls

Walling over Bush makes weak argument

I had to chuckle at the letter written by Mr. Cimino and Kimberly on Nov. 7's letters-to-the-editor page. He sure sounds like all of the other liberals we have heard from lately.

First of all, the draft was brought up by the Democrats and turned down by the Republicans. If your sons are 10 and 12, Mr. Cimino, wouldn't that make them 14 and 16 by the time George Bush gets out of office? I believe the last time

there was a draft, they did not take any 14- and 16-year-olds that I know of.

Let's break down some of the other false ideas in your letter, Mr. Cimino. You say jobs are being outsourced. I believe that too many jobs are being taken out of the country also, but, or telling that to the Heinz Corp., which John Kerry has an interest in. Last figures I had heard was that 70 percent of the Heinz Corp. was outside the country. Guess we don't care if jobs are outsourced if they are in the best interest of the Democrats do we?

Let's look at the higher medical and drug costs in this country. The doctors and such in this country have to raise the costs because the country is so size happy. There are attorneys out there who just love to sue, and I believe that John Edwards used to be one of those attorneys, didn't he?

Record unemployment and job losses. Let's see, last month there were 315,000 new jobs created and unemployment is at its lowest since pre 9/11, or did you forget about 9/11, Mr. Cimino? I remember the day of 9/11 as it was yesterday. I remember being at work and having my mother calling me and telling me to turn on the TV. When I saw the first plane hit the World Trade Center, I thought what a bad accident, but when the second one hit, it I knew that the terrorists were behind it. The one thing I will never forget about that day is

the next phone call I received about the terrorist attack. It was from a liberal Democrat, and yourself, and the first thing out of her mouth was, and I quote, "I knew that George Bush would get us into this."

I believe that in the past election, 85 percent of the people who voted for John Kerry did not really vote for him because they really liked him but because they really hated George Bush. I think that is just sad.

BOB LAZIER
Kimberly

City has more important matters than gasoline

What? The local gas retailers can't do prepay without the City Council passing an ordinance making it mandatory? How ridiculous!

In the real world, the retailer goes out and puts a sign on each pump stating "Prepay for Fuel" or "Prepay After Dark," if that is how they want to solve the problem. Prepay is quite common in many areas of the country, and I am sure most of them did not go running to the City Council to pass an ordinance making it mandatory.

Retailers - I am sorry you have a problem with "gas skippers" but, unfortunately, that is the way the world has become. I don't have a problem with using a prepay station, and after they get used to it, mind either. If customers go down the street to a station that isn't pre-

pay, guess what? The "gas skippers" will go through the station, will also soon change to prepay.

City Council - Do you really need an unnecessary ordinance like this? Is the next ordinance going to force restaurants to have prepay for meals? The fuel retailers want to be able to blame prepay on you. You have more important matters to consider in your city. You need to tell the gas stations that you are not going to pass the ordinance but that they are free to start prepay whenever they desire.

PAT MEYALIA
Central Valley, Utah

Letter missed a word

The word "great" was inadvertently omitted in the letter Saturday from Elaine Fiet. The sentence should have read, "I'm old enough I have great-grandchildren 9 and 10 years old, so I have seen more years and happenings."

The Times-News regrets the error.

Write to us

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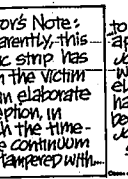
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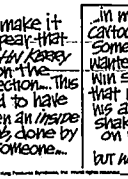
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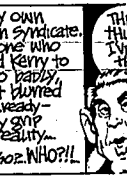
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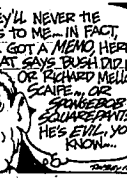
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WORLD

Gaza gunfight underscores severe problems

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — From the moment it ended, the gunbattle that sent new PLO chief Mahmoud Abbas scrambling for cover was clouded in confusion.

In one version, it was an assassination attempt. In another, a misunderstanding got away in a room full of guns.

Either way the incident Sunday, that killed two security officers and injured five other people underscored the difficulties facing the new Palestinian

leadership after the death of Yasser Arafat and highlighted fears Gaza could collapse into chaos.

Hafez Barghouti, editor in chief of the Palestinian daily Al-Hiyat Al-Jadida, said that even Arafat "didn't have the capacity to control Gaza."

Abbas — Arafat's presumed heir — has little grass roots support. But he will have to bring the factions into line quickly if he wants to prevent a collapse of order in Gaza.

It is unclear whether he can pull that off, despite Palestinian efforts to project unity following Arafat's death Thursday. If Abbas or any other successor were to fail, and Gaza were to split into warring factions, it would almost certainly spell disaster for any hopes of renewing peace efforts with Israel.

Israeli officials said Monday they might be willing to return to negotiations with the Palestinian Authority if there is a crackdown on militants. However, some Is-

raelis argue that talks should wait until the Palestinians get a stable leadership — a goal that could become increasingly distant should violence surge.

Explosions of violence have grown more common since Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced he intended to pull all of Israel's settlements and military bases from Gaza, creating a free-for-all among Palestinian groups hoping to take power in this impoverished coastal strip of 1.3 million people.

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France ends Ivory Coast evacuation

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Loading worried families onto the last two jumbo jets, France concluded one of the largest evacuations in post-independence Africa on Monday — an airlift that flew 5,000-plus Westerners from violence pitting France against its former prize West African colony.

More than 10,000 African nationals — with no hope of such rescue — have fled to neighboring countries, the U.N. refugee agency said.

Two French-organized flights late Monday, to Paris and to neighboring Ghana, are the last in six days of shuttles overseen by the French military — French spokesman Jacques Combarieu said.

With the subsiding of last week's anti-foreigner riots and the restoration of commercial flights in Ivory Coast's largest city, any other foreigners who want to leave will be able to do so on their own, Combarieu said.

Iran nuke deal doesn't satisfy United States

VIENNA, Austria — The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency Monday endorsed Iran's agreement to suspend all uranium enrichment within a week, the key element of a deal worked out with European countries.

But the apparent victory for diplomacy falls short of U.S. demands for a permanent suspension — or scrapping — of Iranian activities that Washington asserts are meant to make nuclear weapons. Iran insists it only wants to generate electricity.

Mexico's former ruling party wins two races

CIUDAD VICTORIA, Mexico — Mexico's former ruling party won two gubernatorial races and held narrow leads in two others Monday in an election showing that could make it a force in the 2006 national vote, in which the party seeks to regain the presidency it held for more than 70 years.

Macedonian leader resignation sparks crisis

SKOPJE, Macedonia — Macedonia's prime minister Hari Kostov resigned Monday over disagreements with ethnic Albanian coalition partners, setting off a government crisis in the Balkan state where ethnic tensions run high.

Hari Kostov, who became prime minister in May, accused the Albanian Union for Integration Party of promoting partisan interests, nepotism and corruption, and submitted his resignation to the parliament speaker.

— compiled from wire reports

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Help offered for military families

TWIN FALLS — Trained personnel are standing by at the local National Guard armory to help families in need of assistance and referral information, according to an Idaho National Guard news release.

Family members of soldiers, airmen, sailors and marines can receive assistance and referral services on legal matters, medical benefits, family care plans and financial planning training.

These types of services are crucial to a family when a military member is deployed, making future transitions much easier for the military member and his or her family.

Family Assistance Centers provide families with information — on entitlements — and benefits available to them and referrals for assistance if needed. Services are available to all military members called to active duty and their families. No military personnel or family member will be turned away from a Family Assistance Center regardless of their branch, the news release said.

The National Guard armory is located at 1069 Frontier Road. The Family Assistance Center can be reached at 733-2404, Ext. 7039.

Road closed after car hits gas line in Jerome

Jerome — Traffic was closed for three hours on West Road Monday evening after a driver ran over the top of a natural gas pipe.

The unidentified 50-year-old Jerome resident was attempting to avoid a collision with another car around 6:30 p.m. when she hit the pipe, said Cpl. Rick Ustick of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department.

County deputies, Jerome City Police, Jerome Ambulance Service and Intermountain Gas officials responded to the scene at 190 West Road.

One house was evacuated as authorities secured the scene. Traffic was shut down for several hours from Exit 165 to 200 West.

No citations were issued and alcohol is not believed to have been a factor in the incident, Ustick said.

M.V. Symphony celebrates 100 years

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Symphony will celebrate 100 years of music in Twin Falls at its concert tonight.

The orchestra will perform composer Daniel Borkovitch's "Portraits," a new piece commissioned by the symphony to honor Twin Falls' centennial.

The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Tickets, which are \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and \$4 for students, are available at Everybody's Business, the CSI Bookstore, the Magic Valley Arts Council office and at the door.

At the concert, the Symphony League and the arts council will sell works of art contributed by many local artists.

Proceeds will benefit the League's "Carmen's Kids" fund to make music education available to youngsters.

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. Wednesday 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, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Thailand, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Mexico and other countries.

Traditional dancers 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.

— compiled from staff reports

T.F. council OKs pool fee hike

Cost of family pass rises to \$225 per year

By Julie Peirce
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two years after the YMCA took over operations of the city-owned swimming pool, board members found themselves asking the City Council on Monday to raise membership fees.

However, the fee increase the YMCA asked for added up to less than half of what the

city had charged two years ago, board members noted.

At that time, the city had advertised its family passes at \$500 per year but was finding the takers few and far between. In order to increase membership when it later took over management, YMCA officials dropped fees to \$200 per year family.

On Monday, YMCA Aquatics Director Celeste Walz asked

the City Council to up that to \$225 per year if paid in a lump sum, or \$25 per month if paid in 12 monthly installments.

"In 2002 we had decided to run a promotion for the family, and I went over so well, we decided to keep it low," Walz said. "We're just asking to increase it \$25."

The council unanimously approved the request.

In addition, adult passes will

go from \$150 per year to \$165 per year or \$20 per month. Youth fees, however, will stay the same, at \$138 per year.

Daily entrance to the pool will remain the same, with adults paying \$3, children over the age of 3 paying \$2, and those under 3 paying \$1.

The YMCA does offer scholarships for people who can't afford the fees, Walz said. She said she didn't know how many were actually approved but that two to three times a week someone asks for a scholarship. A scholarship is

money put forward toward membership from funds raised by YMCA employees and board members, Walz said.

Council member Elaine Steele asked Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Howser how the "bubble" was holding up. The bubble is a cover put over the pool during winter months so that the pool can be kept open. Howser said the bubble is in its sixth year of a lifespan of seven to 10 years.

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PONDERING THE FUTURE



APRIL SMITH/The Times-News

Buhl Middle School custodian Vicky Luper makes her way through the oldest wing of the school, which was built in the 1920s, while cleaning Monday afternoon. The school will be vacant next year because the middle school children are going to move into the old high school facilities.

Buhl district mulls fate of aging middle school

By Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The destiny of an old three-story brick building, whose halls presently ring daily with the chatter of middle school students, might be determined tonight at a public hearing in Buhl.

School district officials have asked the public for input on what should be done with the Buhl Middle School after it's vacated next year following the opening of the new high school. Middle school students will take their studies to the old high school.

The hearing will take place at 5 p.m. at the school district office, located at 902 Main St.

A variety of options have been discussed over the past several months about the build-

Charting the school's future

The Buhl School Board will be seeking input from the public when it holds a hearing on the future of the Buhl Middle School at 5 p.m. today in the school district office, located at 902 Main St.

ing's future. However, board members have realized the district can't just mothball the school and economically maintain the structure.

One alternative is to demolish the 1920s section of the school and turn it into a parking lot while keeping the gymnasium and the portion of the school that was built in the 1950s. Another possibility is to

tear down the entire structure other than the gymnasium and construct a new foyer at its entrance.

An additional option includes tearing down two levels of the school, putting on a new roof and remodeling the main floor for office space.

"The choices are many, but School Board members say what they really need now is public input."

"We want to know what the people want," said Ken McDonnell, the School Board's clerk. "Do they want to keep the gym, keep a portion or tear it all down? They elected us and if we don't hear from them then we'll have to make that decision."

Chairwoman Pam McClain hopes that people not only tell the district what they would like to see done with the building

but offer suggestions on how it can financially be maintained.

"We don't want to drain our finances and we don't want to leave an old building that will eventually be run down and an eyesore with broken windows," she said.

The building is not compliant with Americans with Disabilities Act standards and would require extensive remodeling and a sizable financial commitment, McClain added.

"But this is the time to offer up suggestions and an opportunity to provide some solutions," she said.

People who are unable to attend tonight's hearing can drop off written suggestions at the district office during regular hours. Two minutes will be allotted to each person wishing to speak during the hearing.

DEQ looks at river pollution

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Poor water quality levels in the Snake River near King Hill have forced officials to look upstream toward Magic Valley as a potential source of pollution.

In recent years, fish-farms and other Magic Valley industries worked toward reducing the level of pollution discharged into the Snake River. However, a recent study of the King Hill/C.J. Strike Reservoir watershed by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality suggests there still is room for improvement.

"There has been amazing progress," said Rob Sharpnack of the DEQ's Twin Falls office. "Everybody has been working and making progress."

After examining individual water bodies, the DEQ proposes to limit pollution levels on four C.J. Strike Reservoir, the Snake River from King Hill to Indian Cove, Little Canyon Creek and Cold Springs Creek. The agency determined the level of pollutants each water body could handle under the

Idaho DEQ proposals	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing limits on total maximum sediment loads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snake River from King Hill to Indian Cove Little Canyon Creek Cold Springs Creek Establishing limits on total maximum nutrient loads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C.J. Strike Reservoir Snake River from King Hill to Indian Cove Removing the following from the list of Impaired watersheds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C.J. Strike Reservoir for nutrients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alkali, Browns, Deadman, Ryegrass and Sallor Creeks for sediments Bennett Creek for an unknown pollutant <p>How to comment on DEQ's proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend a public meeting: The next one will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the USDA Farm Service Center, located at 795 S. Haskell St., Mountain Home Contact Bryan Horsburgh, Senior Water Quality Analyst, with comments and questions. By mail: DEQ Boise Regional Office, 1445 N. Orchard, Boise, ID 83706. By phone: (208) 373-0550. By e-mail: bhosbrun@deq.state.id.us.

Clean Water Act. Those levels are now up for public comment.

"We just did the math," said Bryan Horsburgh, a senior water quality analyst with the DEQ. "This is what we need to

do to get down to acceptable water quality levels."

The next step for the DEQ will be to work with suspected sources of pollution to decrease contamination

Please see DEQ, Page B3

Judge gives agent three years for fraud

The Times-News

BOISE — A Twin Falls insurance agent indicted by a federal grand jury last April will serve three years in prison.

Robert Lloyd Schamhorst, 55, was sentenced in United States District Court Monday by Judge Edward Lodge.

The defendant will have to make monthly restitution payments

adding up to \$203,349.

Lodge gave Schamhorst 36 months for each of the six fraud counts the defendant pleaded guilty to on Aug. 10, according to U.S. District Court minutes. "The terms are to be served concurrently."

Prosecutors dismissed three other counts of fraud against him as part of a plea agreement.

After his release from prison, Schamhorst will be put on supervised release for three years. While on probation, he must not commit any more crimes, nor is he allowed to possess a firearm.

Judge Lodge also mandated that Schamhorst perform 120 hours of community service — 20 hours for each count — instead of paying a fine.

The defendant will have to make monthly restitution payments adding up to \$203,349, however, and is barred from employment in the insurance industry.

He will begin serving his sentence Jan. 5.

Schamhorst was indicted by a federal grand jury on April 13.

The two-page indictment lists nine incidents in which he was accused of misappropriating money from his clients' annuities, life insurance policies and other investments, adding up to nearly \$100,000.

Police arrest two in drug-trafficking case

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Prosecutors have filed felony charges against a couple after police seized more than a pound-and-a-half of marijuana at their residence.

Casey W. Jones, 18, and Amy N. Baldwin, also 18, made initial appearances in 5th District Magistrate Court Monday on one count each of trafficking in marijuana.

On Saturday evening, police were called to 142 Maurice St. N., Twin Falls, for a report of drug use, according to an affidavit written by Officer Ken Rivers.

The apartment complex manager, Lois McWaters, told officers she had received complaints that the tenant in apartment 106 was smoking marijuana.

As officers entered the building, they smelled marijuana, the odor of which intensified as they approached unit 106, the affidavit says.

They were unable to contact the resident at that time, so they came back the next day.

Officers knocked on the door, but no one answered. Looking

through a sliding glass door, police saw a bong and a large plastic bag containing what they thought to be marijuana, the affidavit says.

Officers went around to the front door again, this time making contact with Jones and Baldwin. The occupants allowed police to enter the apartment and take a look around. Inside, police saw several baggies and several mason jars containing marijuana, according to the affidavit.

The total amount collected from the apartment weighed in at 750 grams, or more than 1 1/2 pounds, police say.

A person can be accused of trafficking in marijuana if the amount in his or her possession is greater than one pound. The minimum penalty for possession of between one and five pounds is one year imprisonment, with a maximum sentence of 15 years' imprisonment.

The defendants' preliminary hearings were scheduled for Nov. 26.

Bond was set at \$25,000 each.

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Barbara C. Marrs — Albion

Barbara C. Marrs, a 63-year-old resident of Albion, passed away at her home on Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, with her husband, Len, at her side.

Barbara was born Sept. 1, 1941, in Healdsburg, Calif., the daughter of Roy E. and Helen Brown Hickman. As a child she lived throughout the western states, including Yellow Pine, Idaho, as her father was engaged in mining. She graduated from high school in Winnemucca, Nev., and attended the University of Nevada in Reno.

She met Len in Winnemucca and they were married there on Jan. 27, 1961. Together, they raised three children, Chris Marrs of Castle Rock, Colo.; Amy Steinhour (Jeff) of Coral Gables, Fla.; and EmilyAnne Cann (Jeff) of Aurora, Colo. With their young children, they lived in Elko, Nev., Salida, Colo., and Casper, Wyo., before settling in Utah, and Idaho in recent years.

Barbara returned to school after her children were grown and fulfilled her desire to become a registered nurse. Most of her career was as a home health and hospice nurse and she was dedicated to making her patients and their families as comfortable as possible. She was often recognized and thanked in person and in the newspapers by the families of her patients.



Barbara and Len loved to dance, enjoyed the outdoors and visiting old mining and ghost towns. She liked to play golf, fish, read, travel and was an avid bridge player. Barb worked with the Junior Ski program and was a member of PEO and the Albion Four-Leaf Clover Club.

Her grandchildren have been her inspiration and joy in recent years and they all loved coming to see Grandma Idaho.

In addition to many loving friends and extended family, Barbara is survived by her husband of 44 years; her three children—her mother, Helen; her sister, Frances Marden (Donald); and her grandchildren, Sean and Ian Marrs, Riley and Sarah Steinhour and

Aldan Cann.

Her father and her brother, George T. Hickman, predeceased her in death.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Pauline Chavez and Melissa Davis, registered nurses, and the staffs from Idaho Health and Hospice, as well as Nola Dayley, Dr. Boehmer, the nurses and staff at Cassia Regional Medical Center and the wonderful friends and neighbors of Albion for their care and help.

A viewing will be held from 6 until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at the Albion Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with the Rev. Father Kenneth Hein of the Monastery of the Ascension Priory presiding. Interment will be held at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion.

A reception will be held at the Albion Senior Citizens Center immediately following the interment service.

Barbara and the family request that, in-lieu-of-flowers, memorials be directed to Idaho Home Health and Hospice in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

Alex Mai — Burley

Alex Mai, a 94-year-old resident of Burley, peacefully passed away Friday, Nov. 12, 2004, at his residence, the Warren House, in Burley.

He was born Dec. 10, 1909, in Ft. Collins, Colo., one of 12 children to John and Annalie Schlager Mai. They moved to Montana, when Alex was an infant and then to Idaho, in 1911.

Alex married Jean Hanson of Burley, on Jan. 1, 1939, at the stroke of midnight and they were declared "Idaho's first couple to marry in 1939."

They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last January. From this union came six children, five sons and one daughter.



As a young man, Alex was an avid outdoorsman and loved Idaho's "wide open spaces." He enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping coyotes. In later years, he became a wonderful father, successful farmer and well-known cattleman. His real passion and favorite topic of discussion was his registered herd of Polled Shorthorn Cattle.

In 1989, Alex and Jean moved to Hazelton, for semi-retirement, but returned to Burley in 1999.

Survivors include four sons, Larry Mai of Burley, Phillip (Verna) Mai of Burley, Blaine (Renee) Mai of Twin Falls and Kelly (Loretta) Mai of Hazelton; one daughter, Julie (Hazelton);

Veget of Paradise, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Holly Mai of Burley; three sisters, Freda Manning of Oakley, Clara Pitts of American Fork, Utah, and Rosie Williamson of Burley; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Jean, who died on April 12, 2004; his son, Leon Mai; a grandson, Scott Mai; a daughter-in-law, Elda Mai; and eight siblings.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave., with the Rev. Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery.

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

The family suggests memorials be directed to the Magic Valley Cattleman's Association in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

Rogelio 'Roy' Castillo — Paul

Rogelio 'Roy' Castillo, a 69-year-old Paul resident, passed away Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004, at his home.

Rogelio was born Sept. 16, 1935, in Galeana N.L. Mexico, to Refugio Castillo and Soledad R. Bravo. He lived in San Juan, Texas, and later moved to Paul, Idaho, in 1961 and has since resided. He joined the United States Army and served from 1958 to 1961. He married Juana Garza on Feb. 25th in Rupert. He worked farms all of his life and was a member of the St. Nicholas Catholic Church and enjoyed fishing. "Let it Ride" at Barton's 93 in Jackpot, Nev., and family gatherings.



He is survived by his wife, Juana Castillo of Paul, Idaho; his 10 children, Juan I. (Maria) Garza of Dallas, Texas, Berta (John) Bernstrauch of Paul, Idaho, Alicia (Robert) Mounce of Meridian, Idaho, Andrea Castillo (Antonio Ortiz) of Paul, Idaho, Martha (Mario) Rivera of Rupert, Idaho, Tony Castillo of Washington, Victoria (Raymond) Rodriguez, Rupert, Rogelio Castillo Jr. (Marisol Avila) Washington, Esteban (Kena) Castillo, Caldwell, and Stephanie Castillo (Rick Andrade), Rupert; 39 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and two on the way; his mother, Soledad R. Bravo; one brother, Enrique Bravo Jr.; and two sisters, Marcela Garcia and Martha Castillo.

He was preceded in death



by his father, Refugio Castillo; one brother, Juan Castillo; and his stepfather, Enrique Bravo.

The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church with a viewing from 6 until 8 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, at the church with Father Gabriel Vargas as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Mt. Cassin Veterans Services. Services are under the direction of Hansen Funeral Chapel.

Betty Ann Barnett

Betty Ann Barnett, 72, passed away Sunday, Nov. 14, after a long illness.

Betty was born in Syracuse, Kan., Nov. 29, 1931. She attended schools in Kansas and Jerome, Idaho, and graduated from Dana McKay Secretarial College in Las Vegas. She worked for the State of Idaho as a secretary. She also worked at various jobs in Idaho, Utah, Nevada and New Mexico.

Betty is survived by her mother, Sybil Burns of Jerome; three sons, Douglas, Walling, Kenneth and Jeffrey Kearns all

of Boise; one daughter, Kelly Kamps of Fernalde, Wash.; one sister, Irene Holsinger of Twin Falls; four half-sisters, Patricia Barnett of California, Diana Calvarese of Pennsylvania, Anne Murray of Washington and Shirley Fisher of Nevada; one brother, Keith Barnett of Nevada; and four half-brothers, I.R. Burns of Boise, Robert and Kenneth Barnett of California and Michael Barnett of Washington. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and

cousins.

Betty was preceded in death by her father and stepfather, stepmother, one brother, one sister and three nephews.

A viewing will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel on Fairview Avenue in Boise.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Morris Hill Cemetery under the direction of Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel with Pastor Robert Barnett officiating.

Robert D. Clay — Florissant, Mo.

Robert slipped away to be with his heavenly Father on Nov. 14, 2004, with his children by his side.

Bob was born on Dec. 15, 1929, to Donald A. and Violet Hanneman Clay in Borken Bow, Neb.

After graduation from Filer High School in 1948, Bob joined the U.S. Navy and served his country for eight years. He then went to work for Raytheon and McDonald-Douglas in Missouri where he worked on many projects including the Apollo spaceship.

Bob married Kathleen Austin in Ontario, Calif. in 1951 and they had three children, Robert

James Clay of Michigan, Margaret (Gene) Belcher of Florida and Daniel (Kelly) Clay of Tennessee.

Bob was preceded in death by his loving wife in 1995 and his parents.

He is survived by his children and his three sisters, Darlene Zink of Filer, Shirley (Stan) Hosteler of Kimberly and Lavonne (Roland) Glavind of Twin Falls; and many nieces, nephews and other members of the family.



James Allison 'Chipper' Nethaway

On Sept. 22, 1958, James took his first horseback ride into this world and on Nov. 11, 2004, he rode up to heaven.

He spent his time here breaking horses, riding bulls, driving truck and running heavy equipment.

James was preceded in death by his parents, James A. and Beverly; and his sister, Nikki.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela; his children, Chelsie and Chris, Lea, LeDon, Cody, Troy and Jimbob; his granddaughters, Cheyenne, Silan, Marissa, Shadawn and Malsa; his sisters, Jamie, Allison and Irene; and his brother, Frank.

No services are being held.

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CSI may go to four-day weeks

New schedule could save money

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Western Idaho Board authorized its administrators to decide if the college will go to a four-day week during the summer session.

The board met Monday and discussed how the cost-saving measure might be implemented. The decision will be up to the college's administrative council, which meets Monday mornings.

Jerry Beck, the college's executive vice president and chief academic officer, told the board that Salt Lake Community College was able to save about \$144,000 by going to a four-day week.

President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said three-day weekends would

save money because the college could keep just one building open on the weekends.

Beck said many students are on two- or three-day schedules during the summer, so the change won't affect them much other than the campus being slightly busier.

Meyerhoeffer said the change might increase summer enrollment because of the desirability of three-day weekends. Last summer's enrollment was 1,891 students.

Meyerhoeffer said faculty would have comparable schedules, but staff might end up working four 10-hour days to accommodate the change, although details have yet to be worked out.

The college's administrative council will make the decision Monday at 8 a.m. in the President's Office.

In other business:

- **Microwave system** — The board approved a \$24,285 upgrade to the college's microwave conferencing system.
- **Mike Mason**, the college's vice president of finance, said the three \$8,995 systems from GBH Communications, Inc. will upgrade the analog connections with Fiber, Bull and Castleford to digital connections.
- **Earlier Monday in Castelford**, Principal Andy Wiseman said the school is able to offer French, French II, Health Occupations and Certified Nursing Assistant classes through the microwave system. Depending on the schedule, the school has had up to eight microwave classes. Wiseman said the school also uses the system for special seminars.
- **"It's a good deal," Wiseman said.** "It expands our offerings."
- **Buhl High School** has two

classes, Health Occupations and Medical Terminology/Certified Nursing Assistant through the microwave system. Principal Gary Moon said about 20 students are involved. Next year the high school will be in a new building, so it will be a good time to switch over to a new system.

- **Foundation report** — Curtis Eaton, the college's vice president for planning and development and director of its foundation, gave an update on the state of his departments. Eaton said the foundation started its fiscal year with \$16 million and ended with \$19 million.
- **Meeting date** — The board changed its December meeting date to Dec. 13.

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Burley looks to rework golf fees

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A two-tier system for golf fees introduced last year appears to have had its effect. Several county residents and has left officials looking to take another swing at the fee structure.

The Burley Recreation Committee met Monday to gather public input on how to reverse a sharp decline in sales of season golf passes. The decline appears to be the result of a new price system initiated last year that charges noncity residents \$450 for an annual pass versus those who live in the city and help subsidize the course through property taxes. City residents now pay \$360 for annual passes.

Brett Adams told committee members that he didn't buy a 2004 pass because of the increase.

bring back those people we lost," said Ringle, who also is a city councilman.

Other suggestions during the meeting included reconsidering the "couple pass" and lowering the fee charged for high school golf team members.

"I think the last thing we want to do is take anything away that's going to make more people use it," Course Professional Mike Williams said regarding elimination of the couple pass.

Beginning this year high school golfers were charged \$90 for a youth pass. But since the goal of the price should be cut in half in order to encourage more youth to take up the game.

Students are charged for other high school sports and there's no reason golf team members should be allowed to use the course for free, City Administrator Mark Milton said.

"I live in the county, with two businesses in the city," Adams said. "I'm willing to pay a little more, but not \$90."

Justin Whitaker, a city resident who regularly golfs with county residents, said he is pleased with the lower price but thinks the two prices need to be brought closer together in order to be fair and encourage sales.

"I wouldn't mind paying a little more, as a city resident, to make it a little more even," Whitaker said. "I wouldn't mind paying \$25 more."

A similar attempt at a two-tier system in the 1970s was abandoned a year later committee member Dave Ringle said.

"It's very practical to charge people in the county more but it wasn't economically sound," Vaughn Egan told the committee. "We're integrated in this community. Mr. Farmer uses 35,000 gallons of fuel during harvest and he buys it from the guy who's in town, and your want to charge him more to play golf?"

One suggestion the committee will consider is charging team members \$45 for the high school season with the option to pay another \$45 for the remainder of the year.

"We need new golfers," Egan said. "Let them play for free as long as their dad plays along with them."

But declining revenues at the course might not entirely be due to the new pricing system. The number of rounds played at the course has declined from nearly 30,000 to just more than 22,000 this year.

In addition, costs of maintaining the course upgrades to the clubhouse and other improvements have made the course less economically feasible than it was 10 years ago, Milton said.

"It's a combination of costs going up and rounds going down," Milton said. "It's as simple as that."

Committee member Don Dean also pointed to the local economy to explain some of the decline.

Judge blocks logging in Targhee National Forest

BOISE (AP) — A federal judge has blocked a salvage logging sale in eastern Idaho's Targhee National Forest on grounds that the plan permitting the sale ignores key findings of an environmental analysis.

U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill set a hearing for April 11 to determine whether the ban on the McGarry Salvage Timber Project should be extended.

Egan said he favors scrapping the two-tier system and going back to a set price for all. But Adams said that might not solve the problem of declining revenues.

"The people who're not going to get the price for all," Adams said.

Several county residents who had previously purchased annual passes have taken their business to the Rupert Country Club and Ringle said he suspects most people who've been upset with the two-tiered system.

"The city and this committee need to do whatever we can to

The recession started in 2000," Dean said. "You've got less people with discretionary income than before."

The committee will meet at 6 tonight at City Hall to determine what fee structure to present to the City Council at its Dec. 7 meeting. If any pass price is raised more than 5 percent a public hearing will be held.

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Rec district postpones meeting

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District Board Meeting scheduled for today is postponed.

The meeting will be held at 7 a.m. Wednesday in the conference room at the Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln.

For more information, call Tom Kuntz or Gary Warr at 324-3389.

bilization Services will present "Back School" from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at 560 Shoup Ave. W. Instructors will demonstrate specific exercises for patients to help strengthen their backs after injury as well as provide information on preventing future damage and pain.

"Back injuries and back pain can happen to the best of us," said Dave Berry, a physical therapist. "Whether in our jobs or in our everyday activities, we are at risk for mishaps that can cause injury or pain. The class is designed to help people help themselves to better back health."

The cost of the class is \$25 per person. For more information or to register, call 737-2126.

Around the valley

be holding its 10th Annual "Lights for Life" Ceremony at 7 tonight at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The tree lights and ornaments signify the remembrance of loved ones that have passed on or someone people would like to honor. Individuals, families and businesses can make a tax-deductible donation to purchase an ornamental in the name of their loved one. Donations will help fund patients who are in need of assistance and volunteer training.

The event is open to the public.

To make a donation or for more information, call Pat at Cassia Regional Medical Center, IHC Home Care, 678-8844, — compiled from staff reports

T.F. class offered for aching backs

TWIN FALLS — The more time people spend sitting at desks, in cars or in front of televisions, the more they should do to prevent back pain. And the more active their jobs and lifestyles become, the more they should do to prevent and treat back injury, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

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'Lights for Life' honors those who have passed

BURLEY — Cassia Regional Medical Center's Intermountain Health Care Hospice will

ment pays for about 95 percent of the improvements, with the city, county and state kicking in the rest, airport manager Bill Carberry said.

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City Manager Tom Courtney said the city is responsible for paying for a replacement for the bubble, not the YMCA.

Also Monday, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution to support an application for a grant from the Idaho Arts Council to renovate

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discharge levels. That's where Magic Valley industries come into play.

"It all adds up," Sharpnack said. "The sum-of-the-whole-is-bigger."

Fish producers from Twin Falls to Hagerman could be targeted for phosphorus discharge levels, Horsburgh said. However, the levels Hors-

burgh recommended for phosphorus are no more stringent than ones in place under a similar plan for the Twin Falls area.

"The dilemma, then, comes in meeting those levels."

The Twin Falls regional office of the DEQ works with industries in the area on pollution reduction plans to meet the agency's overall

Accident near Paul sends one to hospital

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

PAUL — An 18-year-old man was transported by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise on Monday after being ejected from his pickup in an accident a mile east of Paul.

Brogan Gransbury, who was the only occupant of his pickup, was traveling east on 100 South when he turned left at the intersection of 500 West. Gransbury's pickup then collided with an oncoming Transystems beet truck, which caused the pickup to flip end over end and land in a parking lot on the south side of the road.

The beet truck, which was

being driven by Bill Cox, landed on top of the pickup. The top of the pickup was flattened.

Cox was not hurt, said Eddy Heisel, a foreman with Transystems. Heisel said the beet truck sustained about \$20,000 worth of damage.

Midloka County Sheriff's Department spokesman Randy White said the department could not give out any information Monday because the accident was still under investigation.

Gransbury was in critical condition late Monday, a St. Alphonsus spokesman said.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at 436-8446 or lcavener@pmt.org.



Onlookers inspect a two-vehicle accident Monday 1 mile east of Paul that sent an 18-year-old man to the hospital. A Transystems beet truck hit the pickup when the driver attempted to turn left in front of the truck.

SERVICES

Hilaria Lopez Galindo of Murtaugh and Hazelton, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Armando A. Martinez of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. Rupert; friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Donald A. Jensen of Twin Falls, celebration of life service at 1:30 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Robbin Louise Gwin of Hansen, celebration of life at 5 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; public visitation following the service.

Faye Rose Bye of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Florence Julia Johnstone of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Hope-Burton Chapel.

Funeral Chapel in Jerome; friends may call from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Loyall "Swede" Henderson of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the United Methodist Church in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Afton Sidwell Voyce of Pocatello and formerly of Decato, funeral at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the DeLoe Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

friends may call from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Marguerite Fox Wiley of Twin Falls, memorial service at noon Saturday at Twin Falls Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Dean Barney, celebration of life open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Wood River Center Garage in north Shoshone (Demaray Funeral Chapel).

DEATH NOTICES

Harbor Lazaros
TWIN FALLS — Harbor Lazaros, 84, of Twin Falls, died Nov. 12, 2004 in Tucson, Ariz. No services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Desert Rose Funeral Home in Tucson, Ariz.

Edna Grace Rice
GLENN'S FERRY — Edna Grace Rice, 80, of Glenns Ferry and Payette, died Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2004, at Life Care

Center of Treasure Valley, Boise. Arrangements will be made by Shafler-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette.

Virginia Andrade
RUPERT — Virginia Andrade, a 77-year-old Ruppert resident, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2004, at Rosette Assisted Living in Burley. Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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OBITUARY

Bertha Evelyn McClain Ellsworth — Jerome

Bertha Evelyn McClain Ellsworth, 87, of Jerome, went home to be with her Heavenly Father on Nov. 12, 2004. She was born July 18, 1917, in Eden, Idaho, to Robert Irvin McClain and Margaret May Sabean McClain. She was the third of 12 children.

Bertha was raised and educated in Eden. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and spent many years working in the Relief Society. On Oct. 17, 1936, she married Curtis Lorenson Ellsworth. Their marriage was solemnized on Sept. 14, 1985, in the Boise, Idaho, LDS Temple.

Ren and Bertha lived in Pocatello for a short time, after which they moved to Hazelton where they began a life of farming. They would farm together in Hazelton, Murtaugh, Kimberly and Filer until retiring to Jerome in 1985. Bertha worked part-time at JC Penney's, Alexander's Department Stores, Magic Bowl and the Bowldrome.

She was a kind and loving mother, a wonderful cook and an accomplished seamstress.



No one ever went hungry at her home. Bertha created a loving legacy of happy memories from sewing lessons under the apple tree on the treadle sewing machine, cherry picking trips to Crystal Springs, hours of tractor driving on the farm, raising big gardens, canning and many fishing trips with her family. She was a very thoughtful and considerate woman who was always thinking of others first.

Bertha is survived by three daughters, Patricia (Louis) Edwards, Sharon (Dale) Welch of

Jerome and Judith Eddings of Burley; sisters, Thelma Stuhlborg of Twin Falls, Dorothy Werner of Twin Falls, Jane Landreth of Hazelton, Shirley Griffiths of Hazelton, Treva Williams of Twin Falls and Jeanette Macklin of Hazelton; brothers, Robert L. McClain and Richard C. McClain both of Jerome. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Ren-Ellsworth; her parents; three sisters and one grand-daughter.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, with Bishop Alan Leavitt officiating. A visitation will be held where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday evening at Farnsworth Mortuary, and again one hour prior to the service on Friday. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

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Spud growers get record yield, but crop pressures the market

BOISE (AP) — Potato growers already struggling with a depressed market added to the problems this season with a 7 percent increase in production over 2003.

"One industry leader said it sees the stage for what could be another round of farmers being pushed off the land."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated the fall potato crop at 13.2 billion pounds. Farmers posted a record average yield, which allows them to maximize returns on their per-acre expenses. But producers

planted 5,000 more acres than the experts originally counted last spring, increasing market pressures.

"The higher yield does mean the individual farmer has more to sell," said Keith Espin, executive director of the Potato Growers of Idaho. "But it does put pressure on the market because of the additional supplies."

A year ago, Idaho growers, who produce nearly a third of the nation's potatoes, brought in their second smallest crop in a decade, and still the average

price fell 60 cents per hundred pounds short of the \$5 break-even point. Those same potatoes are selling at between \$20 and \$30 in grocery stores.

Espin and others in the industry believe the future is in the hands of a new cooperative formed earlier this month to exert some influence on the market. United Fresh Potato Growers of Idaho, representing two-thirds of the farmers who sell potatoes to restaurants and grocery stores, is setting weekly price targets that its members will not sell below.

Timber group: Owl will likely stay on list

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — The timber industry group that sued to have the threatened species status of the northern spotted owl reviewed said Monday it does not expect the bird to be dropped from federal protection, but hopes new information will allow more logging in national forests.

"I don't see how it could be taken off the list," said Chris West, vice president of the American Forest Resource Council in Portland. "Let's do what we need to do to protect the species based on the true nature of the owl. If they are solely dependent on old growth..."

Under terms of a 2003 lawsuit settlement, Monday was the deadline for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to decide whether the bird that prompted sharp logging cutbacks in the Northwest and Northern California in the 1990s still merits federal protection.

The decision was being reviewed in the office of Assistant Interior Secretary Craig Mar-



A spotted owl perches in the Tahoe National Forest in California, July 12.

son, who oversees Fish and Wildlife for the Bush administration, and was likely to be made public by Tuesday or Wednesday, said agency spokeswoman Joan Jewett.

"What's a deadline when you were re-elected?" West said. "Whether it comes today or in a week, that's not as important as something that's based on the new reality of what's threatening the owl."

Health officials battle teen pregnancy with new program

REXBURG (AP) — State health officials are hoping to reverse rising Madison County teen pregnancy rates by starting a new program.

Statistics show the number doubled between 2000 and 2002, even though the county still has the lowest rates in Idaho.

State health officials plan to use the Peers Encouraging Abstinence Kids program, a mentoring program that pairs high school students with younger children to help them learn to resist the urge to have sex.

The program began in North Idaho's District 1 Health Department in 1996 after the number of pregnancies among 15- and 16-year olds reached an alarmingly high rate. The rate has been slashed nearly in half since the program started, officials said.

"After participating in the program, the kids are less likely to think it's OK to have sex because their friends do," said Kaylene Craig, director of the program for the District 7 Health Department. "They learn assertive techniques through a mentoring process."

Rocky Mountain high

The Boulder Brass is coming to Twin falls Friday in WeekEnd

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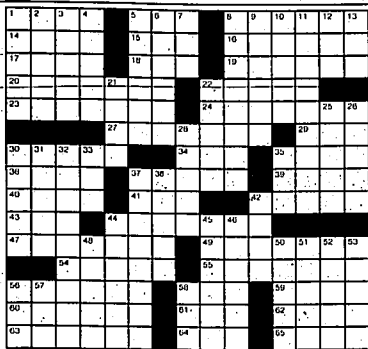
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List helps woman recognize abuser

DEAR ABBY: In 1996, in memory of a 19-year-old battered woman who was murdered by her boyfriend, you printed an item requested by her family. It changed my life. On March 29 of that year, my dad said, "I have something for you" and handed me your column. It contained a list of 15 warning signs of a batterer. It was my wake-up call.

At first I thought, "How can this help me?" Well, it did. No. 1 took me back to the beginning of my relationship with my fiancé. By the time I reached No. 15, I had reviewed the past seven years of my life.

Few realize how important a role verbal abuse and criticism play in an abuser's efforts to gain control and keep you from leaving. The verbal abuse was harder for me to deal with than being kicked in the back when I'd walk away from one of his outbursts.



DEAR ABBY
 Jeanne Phillips

or do anything.
 4. Unrealistic expectations: Expects you to be the perfect mate and meet his or her every need.
 5. Isolation: Tries to cut you off from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble."
 The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car, or try to prevent you from holding a job.
 6. Blames others for problems or mistakes: It's always someone else's fault if some-

thing goes wrong.
 7. Makes others responsible for his or her feelings: The abuser says, "You make me angry," instead of "I am angry," or says, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you."
 8. Hypersensitivity: Is easily insulted, claiming hurt feelings when he or she is really mad.
 9. Cruelty to animals or children: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whip a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry.
 Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partner will also abuse children.
 10. "Playful" use of force during sex: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down

against your will during sex: finds the idea of rape exciting.
 11. Verbal abuse: Constantly criticizes or says blatantly cruel things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you with relentless verbal abuse.
 12. Rigid gender roles: Expects you to serve, obey, remain at home.
 13. Sudden mood swings: Switches from sweet to violent in minutes.
 14. Past battering: Admits to hitting a mate in the past, but says the person "made" him (or her) do it.
 15. Threats of violence: Says things like, "I'll break your neck," or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it."

After reading that column, I finally understood there was nothing I could change about myself that would make him love me. Thank you, Abby. I wish I could let the family of the 19-year-old woman know they changed my life.

- GRATEFUL IN ILLINOIS
 DEAR GRATEFUL: People often ask if I ever hear from readers letting me know how my columns have affected them. The answer is yes, and today I'll reprint that list in your honor.

1. Pushes for quick involvement: Comes on strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the new partner for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.
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This day in history: On Nov. 16, 1532, Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro took the Inca emperor Atahualpa prisoner and demanded a huge ransom in gold. The Inca paid, but Pizarro murdered his prisoner anyway. Nice guy.

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Cancer: Don't dwell on inconsequential problems

IF NOVEMBER 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... Make plans for pleasurable, romantic times with family or loved ones around December holidays and you won't be disappointed. In late January and early February, a nose-to-the-grindstone attitude will best promote success, so put frivolous indulgences aside and pay strict attention to obligations. A surge in your ambition can mean great things are accomplished in the spring of 2005, but you may need to wait until October for your proverbial ship to come in.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): When natural urges are stifled, there is a tendency for resentment to be stirred up. Take a long hard look at situations that concern you at the moment and accept the necessity of keeping exuberance under control. Rather than getting angry, take charge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): By the end of the day you should be back to speed and can reassess relationships with a clear head. Those closest to you may have some pressing issues that require your special finesse. Take the bull by the horns and be ready to wrestle with thorny problems before they get in your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There are times when you can think things through more clearly than others and this is a time when you can get to the root of long-lasting problems. Put your powers of analysis to work for you. Deep discussions can lay bare troubles that will cease to fester if brought into the open air.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A truisim is that everyone puts their foot in their mouth at one time or another. Do not dwell on small inconsequential problems or stew over misunderstandings. Talk things over with a disinterested party

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Jeraldine Saunders

and get objective feedback.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The sincere and honest approach will work the best to put relationships back on an even keel. You can put your best foot forward where romance is at stake or make a good first impression when necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A mind like a steel trap is your best asset right now. If you harbor suspicions about anyone or

anything you have the ability to cut through to the truth. Use your nose for accuracy to balance the checkbook or study the secrets of the universe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Work and career imperatives could eat away at all your time and prevent you from enjoying the spare time you desire. With Venus in your sector of the zodiac, you will be more successful if you grab a congenial companion to keep you company as you remain on the go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It may be difficult not to rock the boat as Mars in your area of the zodiac could prod you into action whenever you see

something that must be done. A rational solution to complex problems may arrive tomorrow — so if all else fails, sleep on it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): With Mercury crossing your area of the cosmos, you may experience deep, profound thoughts and delve into the mystery that is you. Maybe it's time to make important personal decisions. Then again, you might simply chatter like a magpie and drive everyone up the wall.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Relationships may have their ups and downs but you can make a conscious decision to be generous and forgiving.

Shutting the barn door after the cow has already escaped is counterproductive. Leave the door open so that loved ones can wander back into the fold on their own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It might be time to correct nagging problems that have caused repetitive but small rifts between you and a significant other. But before you get carried away with romance, take notice

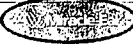
of your finances. Scrutinize bank statements and receipts. Errors could need correction there, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Remember the prayer that invokes the words "deliver us from temptation" and sidestep any potentially sticky situations that could bog you down. What looks good on the surface may prove troublesome unless you take the time to do a little research.

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Rockets overcome slow start, dump Nets 80-69

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Maurice Taylor, left on the court despite picking up three early fouls, made three straight shots to snap Houston out of an early offensive funk in the Rockets' 80-69 victory Monday night over the New Jersey Nets.

The Rockets missed their first eight shots and fell behind 11-0 before Taylor, whose third foul came just 3:34 into the first quarter, scored Houston's first six points.

Jim Jackson closed the first quarter with a 3-pointer for 20-17 edge, giving Houston the lead for good, and the Rockets eventually went ahead by as many as 22 to snap a two-game skid and send New Jersey to its third straight loss.

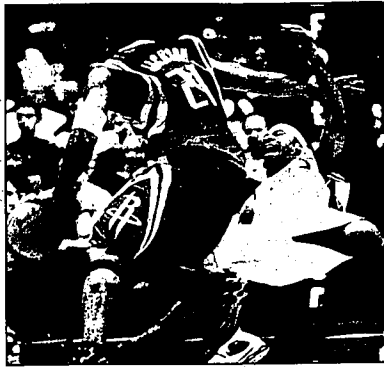
Tracy McGrady returned from a two-game absence due to a strained right hip and scored 14 points, including a jumper in the lane on which he was fouled with 4:30 left to hold off a mild rally by the offensively inept Nets.

Jackson scored a season-high 18 and Taylor added 12.

Cavaliers 99, Warriors 88

CLEVELAND — LeBron James is playing for an NBA winner. Around Cleveland, that's saying something.

James scored 33 points with 12 rebounds as the Cavaliers moved over .500 for the first time in more than three years



Houston Rockets' Jim Jackson, left, runs over New Jersey Nets' Rodney Buford during the second quarter Monday night, Nov. 15, 2004 in East Rutherford, N.J. Buford was called for a foul on the play.

with their fourth straight win. Buford over the Golden State Warriors on Monday night.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 16 points — 10 in the fourth quarter — for the Cavaliers (4-3), who hadn't had a winning record since Jan. 12, 2001, when they were 17-16.

James was a high school sophomore back then, but now he's the NBA's reigning rookie of the year, player of the week and league-leading scorer.

"That doesn't mean a thing," James said of the Cavaliers' winning mark.

"It's the early season, so we can't be worrying about

that. We've got to win a lot more."

But after losing 52, 53, 65 and 47 games the past four seasons with little more to look forward to than the NBA lottery, being above .500 was worth celebrating.

"It means a whole lot to me," Cavs coach Paul Silas said. "We're one game over and we just have to keep this thing rolling."

Ilgauskas scored his 10 points during Cleveland's decisive fourth-quarter spurt that helped the Cavaliers open a six-point lead and put the Warriors away.

Federer beats Gaudio in Masters Cup opener

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Federer still looks unbeatable on the court.

Showing no signs of a torn thigh muscle that sidelined him for three weeks, Federer returned to action Monday with a 6-1, 7-6 (4) victory over Gaston Gaudio of Argentina in the first round of the ATP Masters Cup championships.

Two-time Masters Cup winner Ileyson Hewitt of Australia met Carlos Moya of Spain in a rain-delayed match.

Federer no longer wears his hair in a pony tail. He cut it two months ago in Toronto, and more recently it's been shorn even shorter.

"Who knows, in a couple of weeks it might be even shorter," Federer said. "I'm taking it step by step, just like my tennis."

Federer played in a tournament for the first time since he beat Andy Roddick at Bangkok early last month for his 10th title of the season. On Oct. 25, Federer tore his left thigh muscle.

main-delayed first set, breaking Gaudio in the fourth game of the fourth break point. Gaudio didn't win another point in the first set. The match was interrupted by rain for two hours.

Although Gaudio rallied in the second set, Federer moved well, chasing down dropshots and retreating to run down overheads.

"I am quite relieved to play my first match, to have won it," Federer said. "Coming back from playing no tournaments, no play to win the first match, you know, I'm just happy it's over, won or lost. Now I can actually build from this and I'm in a good situation."

Gaudio, who staged a comeback to win the French Open, fought back in the second set to force a tiebreaker. Gaudio was down three break points in the fifth game before managing to hold serve.

Gaudio held again in the 11th game after overcoming three more break points. Federer broke the final two points of the tiebreaker, taking it to match

point with a strong volley winner and closing the match with a forehand winner.

"I didn't play good today in the first set but I think I still have more good tennis to play," Gaudio said. "I hope the next time I play Roger will be better for me. Today he played better than me in the first set."

Federer's No. 1 ranking for 2004 was assured Sept. 13 when he defeated Hewitt in the U.S. Open final for his third major of the year.

Federer has been almost unstoppable since he beat Andre Agassi 6-3, 6-0, 6-4 in last year's Masters Cup final. Since that tournament, Federer has a 19-0 record against top 10 opponents.

"I'm much more relaxed coming into this year's tournament because last year I didn't feel great at all coming in here," Federer said. "This year, my No. 1 ranking is locked up already. I have had already a fantastic season. No matter what happens here, I am going to walk away happy."

Wilstein

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at the Elias Sports Bureau, if he had walked the same number of times St. Louis' Albert Pujols did (84), instead of a record 232 times.

The hard part about all those walks — whether intentional or on pitches just outside the strike zone — is how much they wear on his concentration and his legs.

"I've tried to explain to players that it's a lot harder to walk than it is to jog back to the dugout and take a rest," he said. "I'm on my feet all day. A lot of teams wear me down. I know they do it intentionally. Sometimes I come through."

"I'm not able to do it as often as I used to. But that has to do with age, too. I'm getting older. My attention span probably isn't going to be the same."

As it was, Bonds hit 45 homers to push his career total to 703 (11 shy of Ruth, 52 behind Aaron), 101 RBIs, 129 runs and 135 hits, along with that .362 average. Throw in a slugging percentage of .812 and an on-base percentage of .609 (topping the .592 mark he set two years ago) and he made the issue of age almost

as irrelevant as the suspicions about steroids.

Anyone can speculate on how much help Bonds has gotten in recent years if he used the steroids that his personal trainer, Greg Anderson, is charged with distributing from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative to top athletes.

Yet in the absence of positive tests on Bonds and the lack of convictions in the ongoing investigation, the only conclusive evidence is the fact that Bonds is doing things at bat that can't be attributed to any known drug.

There isn't a steroid in the world that can account for his patience at the plate as he waits for hittable pitches, or his uncanny solid contact with the ball when he does swing. His body armor lets him hug the plate and his short, compact swing is the deadliest in the game.

Collectively, according to Elias, players batted behind him this season producing a .264 batting average, 19 homers, 103 RBIs — not bad, but hardly the support that Pablo Scott Renteria and Jim Edmonds gave each other in the St. Louis lineup.

Those three Cardinals finished third, fourth and fifth in the NL MVP voting behind No. 2 Adrian Beltré of Los Angeles.

Bonds says he wants a big hit or two behind him for protection, especially young players he can teach. But he's not pushing the Giants, who may not be able to afford the free agents out there.

"We'd all love to click our heels and get whoever we need," Giants general manager Brian Sabean said. "Barry knows that we're running a business and it's not that easy. You're also kind of married to what you do, including the size of his contract on the roster."

San Francisco's top priority this offseason, Sabean said, is boosting the bullpen with a closer. That means Bonds probably won't be seeing Beltré or Carlos Beltrán batting behind him next season.

Bonds might not like it but that won't stop the light switch from going on when he hears, "Play baseball."

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Bonds

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27 Montreal Canadiens. Among the four major sports, Bonds is second in MVPs to the NL's Wayne Gretzky, who won nine.

Bonds' season was unparalleled statistically. He hit .362 to win his second NL batting title in three seasons and shattered the major league record with a .609 on-base percentage, topping the previous mark of .582 he set two years ago.

He walked 232 times, 34 more than the previous record set in 2002 and more than 100 better than anyone else in baseball this season. His 120 intentional walks obliterated the old mark of 68, also set by Bonds in 2002.

Bonds hit 45 homers in 373 at-bats, while Beltré hit a major league-leading 48 in 598 at-bats and Pujols had 46 in 592.

"I never think that I'd have a chance to win any awards being walked. I don't think that's even possible, to try to keep up with these great talented athletes when your chances are minuscule" compared to their chances," Bonds said.

Only 52 home runs behind Hank Aaron's career mark, Bonds said he intends to play two more seasons and is motivated by his quest to win a World Series title for the first time. He talked about it a few days ago with Michael Jordan, who led the Chicago Bulls to six

NBA titles and was a five-time MVP.

"It's like, 'Barry, do you understand what you're doing?'" Bonds quoted Jordan as saying.

"I haven't won a championship, and so there's nothing really I'm enjoying now except these individual awards," Bonds said he told Jordan. "I want that championship, and then maybe I can reflect on what else I've done. I've done a lot of great individual things but I want that championship to go on top of everything else that I've accomplished."

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"So we like things the way they are. We always said we wanted to let the full year play out...

him, it would have taken a total collapse or an injury for Kenseth to lose the title.

The new points system has been wonderful. It's created interest and a scenario that was unthinkable under the old system...

"That's because the last time a points race was this close happened during the final event was 1992, when six drivers were separated by .113 points.

Mat Kenseth clinched the title this week before the final last season, and had more or less locked it up weeks before then.

The system has had opponents since it was announced, and critics are still finding flaws. The biggest complaint was the theory that one bad finish would ruin a driver's title hopes.

France said Jimmie Johnson has proved that wrong. After dropping to ninth in the standings with six races left, Johnson has used four victories to pull into second place.

Johnson was out, he had three bad races and everybody said you couldn't have one." France said, "Well, nobody thought about the way to climb back into races. That is to win.

France is particularly pleased with how well Chase has done for television ratings. Part of the reason he wanted the new system was to create drama that could match up with the NFL and baseball playoffs.

It couldn't come at a better time for France, who is just starting to renegotiate NASCAR's television package. He said he was impressed with the 58 billion extension the NFL worked out last week with CBS and Fox.

"NASCAR has a \$2.8 billion deal with NBC and Fox that they signed in 2001 and expires at the end of the 2006 season.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Kafelnikov is leaving tennis for poker

LONDON - Yevgeny Kafelnikov is giving up tennis to become a professional poker player.

"I have retired," the former No. 1 player said in Monday's Independent newspaper. "But I have not officially announced it yet.

"The 30-year-old Russian has not played since losing in the second round of the St. Petersburg Open in October 2003.

"I began at 19, and now it is impossible to compete with guys 10 years younger," Kafelnikov said. "They are more hungry. I played five or six matches indoors, and at the end of 2003, and I thought, 'I can't do this any more.' I was losing to guys who, a couple of years back, were unable to beat with my only left hand. That's when I realized my time was gone."

Kafelnikov won the 1996 French Open, the 1998 Australian Open, a gold medal at the 2000 Olympics, the 2002 Davis Cup and two ATP titles. He held the top ranking during the 1999 season.

Kafelnikov, known for his love of poker, was in the tennis circuit, is competing in a poker tournament in Madrid, Spain, south of London.

Arbitrators rule against Expos' former partners

NEW YORK - Arbitrators ruled Monday against the former "limited partners" of the Montreal Expos in their case against former controlling owner Jeffrey Loria, clearing Major League Baseball to move the franchise to Washington.

Jeffrey Kessler, the lawyer for the limited partners, said they will drop their attempt to gain an injunction to block the move. Baseball owners are scheduled to vote on the relocation Thursday when they meet in Chicago.

The deal, subject to the District of Columbia approving financing for a new ballpark by Dec. 31, would be the first move of a major league baseball franchise since the expansion Washington Senators became the Texas Rangers after the 1971 season.

Big East will be one division after expansion

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - The Big East will be one 16-team division in 2005-06 and only 12 schools will participate in the postseason basketball tournament.

The league announced the new structure Monday and it takes effect following the addition in 2005 of five schools from Conference USA and Boston College's departure for the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"Miami and Virginia Tech left for the ACC this academic year, leaving the Big East with 12 schools after the expansion," Louisville, Cincinnati, DePaul, Marquette and South Florida make the move from Conference USA to make it 16 schools.

The schools will still play a 16-game regular-season schedule with 13 opponents and three repeat matchups. The league office will decide the repeat matchups and it will be shown on television, rivalries and geography.

Only 12 schools will advance to the annual postseason tournament at Madison Square Garden, the same as the current setup.

Myiskina, Kuznetsov will lead Russia Fed Cup team

MOSCOW - French Open champion Anastasia Myskina and U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsov will lead Russia's Fed Cup team when it plays Austria in this month's world group.

Defending champion France will feature Amelie Mauresmo and Mary Pierce in the other semifinal against five-time winner Spain.

The International Tennis Federation announced the lineup Monday for the conclusion to the top team event in women's tennis, which will be held in Moscow for the second year. The semifinals are Nov. 24-25 on indoor carpet at Krylatsky Ice Stadium, with the finals Nov. 27-28.

Russia, hoping to win its first Fed Cup title since 1967, has teamed up with first-year player Maria Kirylenko. Also on the team are No. 11 Vera Zvonareva and No. 24 Elena Likhovtseva. Another Russian star, Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova, was playing in the season-ending WTA Championships final Monday.

Race to host 2012 Olympics enters final lap

LONDON - The five cities looking to host the 2012 Summer Games submitted bids to the International Olympic Committee on Monday, entering the final stage of a long process in hopes of landing one of the biggest prizes in sports.

Paris, the front-runner to win next year's vote, turned in its bid on Oct. 14. London, Madrid, New York and Moscow, each took books more than 550 pages, allowing the IOC to evaluate venues, security, transportation, hotels and financing.

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London, British bookmaker Ladbroke on Monday installed its 2004 Olympic, the 2002 Davis Cup and two ATP titles. He held the top ranking during the 1999 season.

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Champions Tour Money Leaders

Table with columns: Rank, Player, Money. Top names include Tiger Woods, Pate, and Stover.

HOCKEY NCAA Division I Ice Hockey Poll

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Points. Top teams include Boston College, Michigan State, and Cornell.

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Table of player transactions, including signings and trades for teams like Anaheim, Boston, and Cleveland.

BASKETBALL

Table of basketball transactions, including free agency signings and trades for various leagues.

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Table of football transactions, including player signings and trades for NFL teams.

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RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee's Sale No. 02-EM-37750 'EM3790032-30000' Notice is hereby given that, Fidelity National Title Insurance, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on December 3, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day, at the main entrance to Alliance & Escrow, 111 South Street North, Twin Falls, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Blaine, State of Idaho, to-wit: Lot 15 in Block 6 of Monte Vista No. 2 Subdivision, Twin Falls, Idaho, according to the "Plat" recorded in Book "70" of Plats Page 21. Records of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 46-104 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 720 Sunrise Boulevard North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred on the Decedent Trust executed by Marie G. Rojas Sr., an unmarried man, as Grantor, to First American Title Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of America's Wholesale Lumber, as Beneficiary, dated 12/11/1997, recorded 12/8/1997, under Instrument No. 1997020276. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by JP Morgan Chase Bank, f/k/a The Chase Manhattan Bank, successor by merger to Chase Bank of Texas, f/k/a Texas Commerce Bank, N.A., as Trustee and Custodian. The above Grantors are named in compliance with Section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or they are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 10/21/1997, the monthly payment which became due on 9/1/2002 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of October 20, 2004 Delinquent Payments from September 01, 2002 26 payments at \$830.91 each \$21,603.66 (09/01-02 through 10-20-04) late charges and fees \$20,313.81 Beneficiary Advances: \$0.00 Suspense Credit: \$0.00 Total: \$21,905.97 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$77,046.21, together with interest thereon at 12.375% per annum from 8/1/2002, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having an objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they file a lawsuit to restrain the sale, at or before October 20, 2004. Fidelity National Title Insurance By A. Fraggasi, VP, c/o Fidelity National Trust Services Corporation, 616 1/2 North 20th Street, Boise, Idaho 83702. Phone: (206) 340-2550 SA Sales Information: http://www.trustee.com ASAP516056

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Section D

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Gift shop owner gets her goods

TWIN FALLS — When Esther Loman heard her shipment of European antiques wouldn't arrive at her store for weeks, even months, she took matters into her own hands.

Loman has reopened gift and antique shop The Brown Magnolia, but she had to delay the store's opening when the antiques were delayed in a backlog of shipping containers at California's Port of Long Beach.

Due to an influx of imports from Asian countries, ships coming into the port laden with containers now wait days and weeks to be unloaded, and trucks can't carry away the cargo fast enough. The problem began during the summer and likely will continue through the holidays. The Associated Press reported recently.

So Loman's husband decided to drive a truck to California about three weeks ago to get the antiques himself. The packages had been unloaded and were waiting in a warehouse, Loman said.

"The lines were even longer than before — it was like an ocean freeway," she said of the traffic jam of docked ships. "They couldn't believe how much stuff there was." The antiques finally made it to Loman's store on Blue Lakes Boulevard on Nov. 6. Loman said she and 20 employees worked all weekend to open Nov. 8, just a month behind schedule.

IRS proposes 'phased retirement' changes

WASHINGTON — "Phased retirement" is a concept that has been getting lots of attention recently as a way of helping boost employees' retirement income while easing problems employers may face if large numbers of experienced workers depart at once.

A problem arises, though, for workers who like to try part-active, part-retired arrangements: If they go to part time, their pay drops, but under current rules, they can't draw their pensions because they are working.

Last week the Internal Revenue Service proposed new regulations that would allow employees age 50 or older to begin drawing a pro-rata share of their pension if they take part in a formal, voluntary, phased-retirement program through their employer.

The new rules would apply only to traditional "defined benefit" pensions and a certain kind of defined contribution plan called a money-purchase plan. Retirement arrangements such as 401(k)s and 403(b)s are not affected, however, because those types of plans have less restrictive rules anyway.

The new rules do not become effective until they are issued as final, probably by next spring.

Stocks end mixed on mergers, oil prices

NEW YORK — Stocks were mixed in quiet trading Monday, with blue chip and tech shares rising only modestly despite lower oil prices and several mergers and acquisitions, including Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co.'s \$1.5 billion bid for several candy brands from Kraft Foods Inc.

Lowe's earnings jump in Q3

Sales slide at Barnes & Noble

The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Among the corporate earnings reports released Monday were quarterly statements from a home-improvement chain that's preparing to open a Twin Falls store, and a book retailer that already operates a Twin Falls location.

Lowe's

Lowe's Cos. Inc., which operates the United States' second-biggest home-improvement chain, said its earnings rose 15.5 percent in the third quarter of 2004.

Lowe's executives said they were confident about future earnings growth, citing a robust national housing market and a rebound in employment.

Lowe's, which trails only Home Depot Inc. in the U.S. home-improvement business, said it earned \$522 million, or 66 cents a share, in the first three months ended Oct. 29, surpassing Wall Street's expectations by a penny a share. It earned \$452 million, or 56 cents a share, a year earlier.

Sales for the third quarter were \$9.1 billion, up from \$7.8 billion in the third quarter of 2003. Comparable-store sales — a measure of sales in stores open at least one year — increased 5.2 percent for the quarter.

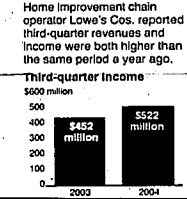
"A 5.2 percent increase in comparable-store sales on top of the 12.2 percent increase in last year's third quarter represents the best two-year performance for Lowe's in nearly a decade," said Lowe's president Robert Niblock.

For the first nine months of 2004, net earnings grew 14 percent to \$1.68 billion, or \$2.11 a share, up from \$1.47 billion, or \$1.84 a share, a year earlier.



A belly dump truck unloads 18 of the 24,000 yards of structural fill that is being used to complete the sub-grade at the Lowe's construction site in Twin Falls on Monday. The home-improvement retailer plans to open its Twin Falls store in late 2005, creating about 175 jobs.

Lowe's earnings rise



Sales increased 18.3 percent to \$27.9 billion for the first nine months. Comparable-store sales increased 5.2 percent for the quarter.

Barnes & Noble

Looking ahead, the Mooresville, N.C.-based retailer said it expects earnings of \$58 to \$60 cents per share in the fourth quarter. Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call expected 60 cents a share in the fourth quarter.

Lowe's operates 1,031 stores in 45 states.

Barnes & Noble

New York-based Bookselling giant Barnes & Noble Inc. said third-quarter earnings fell 25 percent, dragged down by weak sales of books in its best-sellers category and missing Wall Street expectations.

The company earned \$7.64 million, or 10 cents per share, for the three months ended Oct. 30. That compared with \$10.17 million, or 14 cents per share, in the year-ago period.

Barnes & Noble

Barnes & Noble store sales were \$894.9 million for the quarter, up 4 percent. Same-store sales were up 0.9 percent.

GameStop — the largest U.S. video-game and entertainment software specialty retailer that spun off officially from Barnes & Noble on Friday — reported sales of \$416.7 million for the quarter, an increase of 28 percent over the prior-year period. Third-quarter same-store sales increased 11.8 percent.

Barnes & Noble's portion of GameStop's third-quarter earnings is based on a 59 percent ownership interest. Barnes & Noble's share of net earnings was \$7.2 million, or 10 cents per share.

Barnes & Noble said Monday was the first day that Barnes & Noble and GameStop — which has a store in Magic Valley Mall — traded only as separate public companies. GameStop trades as GME.

Governors seek extension of milk program

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and 12 other dairy-state governors sent a letter Monday to congressional leaders requesting a two-year extension of the Milk Income Loss Contract program.

Created by the 2002 Farm Bill, the program provides financial help to dairy farmers when milk prices fall below certain targets.

The program is credited with helping to stem the tide of dairy farm losses around the country, but it is set to expire on Sept. 30, 2005 — two years earlier than other Farm Bill programs.

"Minnesota's dairy farmers represent an important but fragile part of our state economy," Pawlenty said. "Milk prices are notoriously volatile, and this program provides a much-needed safety net for our dairy farmers in times of low prices."

Milk production is one of the fastest growing segments of the Idaho farm economy. The state ranked fifth nationally in production last year at nearly 8.8 billion pounds.

The governors' letter supports an extension for the life of the Farm Bill — in addition to Pawlenty and Kempthorne, the letter was signed by Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, Maine Gov. John Baldacci, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Missouri Gov. Bob Holden, New York Gov. George Pataki, North Carolina Gov. Michael Easley, Ohio Gov. Bob Taft, Pennsylvania Gov. Edward Rendell, South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds, Vermont Gov. James Douglas and Virginia Gov. Mark Warner.

Experts see potential in geothermal resources

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — Experts believe power from subterranean hot water deposits around the state could play a major role in meeting the electricity demands Idaho's future growth will place on its hydropower system.

"It will be interesting to see what happens in Idaho in the next few years," said Karl Gawell, executive director of the Geothermal Energy Association trade organization based in Washington, D.C.

The hydropower has been great for the state, but in recent years it's caused a lot of problems," Gawell said. "Idaho has found a need to develop a more diversified electricity base."

Idaho Power Co., the state's largest utility, has included 100 megawatts of geothermal power in its long-range energy management plan, recognizing what spokesman Russ Jones said would be persistent growth on a system limited in its capacity by water resources. That resource has been hit hard by five straight years of drought.

A company in southern Idaho believes it is ready to make sure Idaho Power gets that geothermal electricity.

"As a firm, based in Oakley, is looking for financing for its plan to harness deposits of 480-degree water in southern

Bonneville and northern Bingham counties.

Carl Austin, the company's exploration manager, said six or more wells in the area would produce 100 megawatts, enough electricity to power the homes in the city of Idaho Falls and more.

The resource has gone undeveloped since — a company drilling for oil in the area 30 years ago discovered the geothermal deposit.

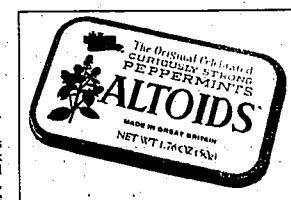
Another geothermal project by U.S. Geothermal Inc. near Malta in southeastern Idaho is awaiting regulatory approval of its deal to sell any power to Idaho Power Co.

Based on surface studies, engineers believe there are as many as four other viable development sites in the state. Geothermal resources are already generating power in California, Nevada and Hawaii.

Jim Nelson, an agricultural economist at the University of Idaho, thinks geothermal resources, already used to heat much of the state government complex in Boise and nearby homes, have the potential to bring jobs and cash to rural parts of the state as well as provide an alternative to hydropower and electricity generated from coal, oil or natural gas.

"As growth takes place and we need more power," Nelson said, "it's going to have to come from somewhere else."

Candy and gum maker Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. announced Monday that it has agreed to buy a number of candy brands, including Life Savers and Altoids.



Wrigley buys Life Savers, Altoids brands for \$1.48B

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sweets giant Wrigley is taking a bite out of Kraft, buying up several of its candy brands including Life Savers and Altoids for \$1.48 billion.

The deal announced Monday also covers the Creme Savers brand, as well as Trolli gummy candies and other regional brands in the United States, Europe, Indonesia and Thailand.

Kraft Foods, with \$31 billion in sales, has decided to cede most of its confection brands in order to concentrate on what food executives call the "center" of the store, the traditional supermarket aisles stocked with Kraft cheese, Nabisco cookies and Maxwell House coffee. In Magic Valley, Kraft has a cheese plant in Rupert.

"By enabling us to better focus our resources, the sale should create value for Kraft, as well as our employees, customers and shareholders," said Kraft chief executive Roger K. Deredom.

Analysts said Chicago-based candy and gum maker Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. had about 7.8 percent of the U.S. confectionery market before the sale was announced.

Kraft, based in suburban Northfield, Ill., had about 4.7 percent. "Kraft is really about cheese, cookies, drinks and meats, and Life Savers and Altoids didn't really fit in well with that," said analyst Mark Hugh Sam of Chicago-based Morningstar Inc.

Others bidding for the Kraft brands were Hershey Foods Corp., Mars Inc., Nestlé SA and Cadbury Schweppes PLC.

Refunds go undelivered in Idaho

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Internal Revenue Service is looking for 410 Idaho taxpayers — including more than 70 in Magic Valley — whose income tax and checks were returned from the U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable.

The average refund is \$785.49; the largest refund waiting to be claimed is over \$49,000, the IRS said Monday.

Nationwide, 67,485 taxpayers' income tax refund checks could not be delivered, totaling more than \$73 million that can be requested as soon as taxpayers correct or update their addresses with the IRS.

"If we owe you money we'd like to get it to you," IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said in a statement. "All you have to do is tell us where you are. Our Web site makes it easy for taxpayers to track their undelivered refund checks."

"Where's My Refund?" on IRS.gov provides information about refunds and is available from the IRS home page. To use it, taxpayers enter information that includes their Social Security numbers, filing status (such as single or married filing jointly) and the refund amounts shown on their 2003 tax returns. When the information is submitted online, taxpayers see Web pages that show the status of their refunds and, in some cases, instructions to resolve potential account issues.

The IRS used Monday's announcement to encourage taxpayers to have refunds directly deposited into a personal checking or savings account — a good way to avoid delivery problems, the agency said.

Why do refund checks go astray? Often, it's because of an address change. The IRS said if taxpayers move and fail to notify the IRS or the U.S. Postal Service, a check sent to their last known address is returned to the IRS. Taxpayers who have moved since filing their last tax return can ensure the IRS has their correct address by filing Form IR222, Change of Address, with the IRS. Download the form or request it by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM104. Those without access to the Internet who think they may be missing a refund may call the IRS toll-free assistance line at 800-829-0440 to update their address.

These Magic Valley residents are on the agency's list of undelivered refunds:

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Should you want the new iPod Photo? It depends

By Mike Langberg
Knight-Ridder News Service

Product review

icing on the cake, or gilding the lily?

This is the big question regarding Apple's new iPod Photo, and my answer is yes to both.

Yes, icing on the cake, because the iPod Photo takes what is already the best portable digital music player on the market and makes it better — adding a color screen for viewing pictures.

Yes, gilding the lily, because the iPod Photo is \$100 more expensive than an equivalent non-photo iPod and the screen is too small for appreciating many photographs.

Whether you want the iPod Photo (www.apple.com/ipod-photo) depends on how much money you're willing to spend and the value you place on looking at images of friends and family on a two-inch screen that's smaller than what you'd find on some digital cameras.

There are two models of iPod Photo, due to reach stores about now: a 40-gigabyte one for \$499, or a 60-GiB version for \$599. Remarkably, the weight ticks up only slightly to 6.4 ounces from the classic iPod, while maximum battery life jumps to 15 hours when playing music from 12 hours on the classic. Battery life drops to five hours when viewing photo slide shows.

I borrowed the 60-GiB model from Apple and was only somewhat impressed.

The screen is the same size as the dim monochrome display on what I call the iPod classic, just 1.5 inches wide by 1.25 inches high. While the iPod Photo's backlit screen is bright and sharp, making it easier to navigate through your music library — it's just too small for comfortably viewing anything other than close-up pictures.

I loaded up photos from several of my annual vacations in Hawaii. Shows of family members were fun to share, but panoramic shots of sand and sea became indistinct blur.

You can create slide shows accompanied by the iPod's music, either advancing the images manually or at a speed you control, but only one person can listen at a time through headphones unless you cart along external speakers. You can also flip through the pictures at lightning speed by running your finger around the iPod's scroll wheel.

Apple does offer one alternative: You can connect the iPod Photo to a television to play slide shows with music using a cable included in the box.

My Hawaii pictures looked good on TV, although I couldn't sit on the sofa while manually stepping through the pictures, because the cable was too short. Existing wireless remotes for the iPod won't work with slide shows, although I expect someone will fill that gap quickly.

My guess is that many iPod Photo buyers will play around with pictures for a few days after getting the device, then shift to using their iPods for what they do best — playing music.

Also, uncommencing for Apple products, I encountered some confusion and error messages when installing the iPod Photo software on a Windows XP computer. Everything worked in the end, but only after a few white-knuckle moments. The iPod Photo was also very slow to connect after plugging it into my computer via FireWire, it took just over a minute to open the iTunes software and start synchronizing. An Apple representative said the company hasn't heard widespread reports of either problem.

Whatever you think of the iPod Photo, Apple is in the happy position of competing with itself.

The iPod family is so far ahead of the competition in ease of use and elegant design that it's become a technology ecosystem, supporting a long list of companies that make all kinds of clever accessories.

If you want to buy a digital music player this season, in other words, you shouldn't consider anything other than an iPod.

I overcame some earlier skepticism and became a convert myself in February, when I purchased a 15-gigabyte iPod for \$299. I've loaded the iPod with about 180 albums, everything from Mozart and the Rolling Stones to Thomas the Tank Engine songs for my 1-year-old daughter Sara. I also listen to many hours of audiobooks every week on the iPod, through a subscription to the steadily improving Audible service (www.audible.com).

But you still have some thinking to do when buying an iPod, because Apple is now offering

three types:

- The classic iPod, now in its fourth generation. The 20-GiB model is \$299 and weighs 5.6 ounces; the 40-GiB model is \$399 and weighs 6.2 ounces. Maximum battery life is 12 hours. Available in any color you want, as long as it's white. Hewlett-Packard also sells these two models under its own name (www.hp.com/music), with no changes in looks or performance.

- The tiny iPod mini at \$249 and 3.6 ounces, with a 4-GiB classic. Maximum battery life is eight hours. Available in blue, gold, green, pink and silver.

- The color-screen iPod Photo, also in white.

For most people, I believe, the best deal by far is the 20-GiB classic at \$299. If you convert CDs to digital MP3 files at 128 megabits per second, the recommended rate for near-CD-quality sound, or buy music from Apple's online iTunes store, the tracks take up about 1 megabyte per minute of playing time. The average album is about 50 MB, so the 20-GiB iPod will hold about 400 CDs. That's more than enough for anyone but extreme music fans; for them, there's the 40-GiB classic.

The iPod mini is for those who want to get physical — it's small enough to strap on your arm while jogging or mountain biking or sky diving — or who just want to make a fashion statement with its bright colors. The trade-off is lack of capacity; you can't carry around your entire music collection, unless it's under 80 CDs.

Two footnotes: First, any iPod you choose requires a newer computer. You'll need Windows 2000 or Windows XP with either USB 2.0 or FireWire connectors, or a Macintosh running OS X. Buying music from Apple's outstanding iTunes Music Store is impractical without broadband.

Second, there's an intriguing alternative for photo hobbyists in need of a mobile device to display pictures. The new Epson i2000 (www.epson.com) has similar specs to the iPod Photo: a 40-GiB drive for \$499, capable of playing MP3 music files and showing photos. The difference is screen size: The i2000's 3.8-inch color LCD is 3.5 times larger than the iPod. On the other hand, the i2000 is much bigger and much heavier at 16 ounces, so you're less likely to carry it around than an iPod.

Doing a good cleanup job will add some pep to an aging PC

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Computers Q & A

Q. My 4.5-year-old Dell Pentium III running Windows 98 eventually freezes every time I use it. Sometimes hitting Control + Alt + Delete frees it, but more and more I have to shut off the power at the surge protector, which I know isn't the best way to turn off a computer.

There are no games on my PC nor any shareware. I run Norton AntiVirus 2003 and SpyHunter as scheduled tasks every week, and they've never found any problems other than low- and medium-risk cookies.

Any suggestions as to the problem?

—David Hatcher, Denver

A. Like computer columnists, computers tend to bog down and get cranky the older they get. It is too bad columnists don't have a system restore disc, Mr. H., because that's what your venerable Dell needs after 4.5 years of online work and other labors.

Definitely include these CDs with its Pentium III models to allow customers who get in trouble to restore the software to its original condition. This requires one to back up all data, because the hard drive will be reformatted.

In the best of all worlds, that's what you should do.

But I also know that many

folks hate to even think of giving their computer a brain transplant, so let me suggest some less draconian, but probably helpful fixes.

Start by eradicating all of the temporary Internet applications you have collected over those 54 months of online computer travel. These "applis" handle thousands of tasks, like making Web page graphics blink and flash and sizzle, tracking your various preferences and much more. The longer you use a computer, the more these memory mungos build up. The buttons to erase all this stuff are near the cookies that you mention in your note.

So click on "Tools in the Internet Explorer browser and then Internet Options. In the menu tabs and then click on the buttons there for Delete Files and Delete Cookies.

After all those years you can expect a lot of hard-drive clumping and cursor spinning as this clogging stuff is given a dose of digital Drano.

Next, you need to get rid of all of the stuff that various programs have installed onto your startup routines — things like icons for Real Jukebox.

Apple's QuickTime movie player and a whole lot of other stuff. Click on Start, then Run and type in msconfig to launch the Microsoft system configuration control panel.

There you will find a tab called Startup. Open it and look at all of the boxes with check marks in the display. Remove the checks from anything that sounds suspicious.

When you reboot after doing these three things, you will find a marked speedup.

The final step is to run the Windows hard drive defragmentation tool. You can find it by clicking on Start and then Programs and then Accessories and System Tools. But you should first put your computer into what is called Safe Mode so that none of the regular background processes your computer uses will interfere as the defragment tool attempts to write things to the hard drive.

The Safe Mode is engaged using different keys on different windows or key combinations and by the F8 key with Windows XP. So check your manual or try the links you suspect.

First, hold down the Control key as the computer boots. If that doesn't bring up Safe Mode, try the F8 key or the F3 key. Then do the defrag, and when you reboot, things will be much better.

Beware Microsoft: Mozilla releases Firefox

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Watch out, Microsoft: Here comes Mozilla.

The Mozilla Foundation on Tuesday launched version 1.0 of its Firefox browser, an open-source product that's expected to compete head-on with Microsoft's Internet Explorer.

Firefox 1.0 is the first major product release since Mozilla's Suite 1.0 in June 2002. Mozilla Firefox 1.0 is available for Windows, Mac OS X and Linux as a free download or by CD and is available in a dozen languages.

The new browser was made possible due to hundreds of community volunteers and developers around the world, said

Mitchell Baker, president of Mozilla Foundation, in a statement.

In early November, Computerevolution reported that Firefox's market share had risen to 6 percent. Among early adopters, 14 percent of visitors to Computerworld's Web site were using Firefox, according to the online magazine.

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By Charles M. Schulz



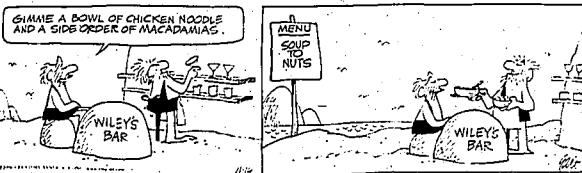
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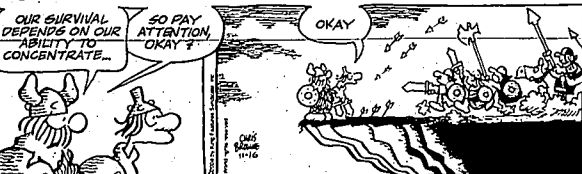
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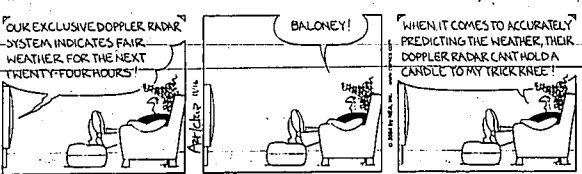
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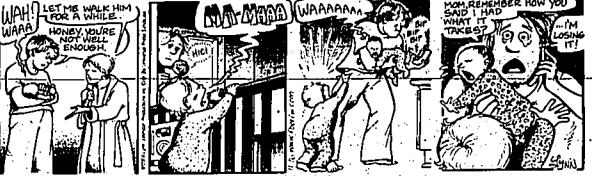
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For Better or For Worse

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Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Dennis the Menace

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

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