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TURNING BACK THE CLOCK



The Lincoln County Courthouse in Shoshone, which was built in 1904, may be getting a major renovation soon. Lincoln County commissioners have hired architect R. Alan Giltzow to study the feasibility of such an undertaking.

Lincoln County might restore courthouse

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — The Lincoln County Courthouse might soon be getting a makeover that could give it a new look that was familiar 100 years ago.

"The courthouse is a great building and it could be the centerpiece of historic preservation for Lincoln County," said Alan Giltzow, an architect who was hired by Lincoln County to begin exploring the possible renovation. "The use of the volcanic stone in the foundation of the building is unique to this part of the state."

Lava rock construction is owed to the Basque and Southern European immigrants who settled the area a century ago.

Architect R. Alan Giltzow, who Lincoln County commissioners hired to study the possible renovation of their historic courthouse, is seeking old photos or other information about the appearance of the building in its early years.

Detailed photos of the front entrance would be especially helpful. Anyone with photos or information should contact Julie Oxarango-Ingram at 886-2466.

The basement — with old stone floors and windows — could be one of the nicest spaces in the building, Giltzow said.

The basement contains the old jail, which no longer is used. It's one of the last remaining "flat-iron" bars in existence in the West.

Flat-iron bars are flat rather than round, Giltzow said. The width of the bars were wider than the spaces between them. The jail is an interesting historic feature that should be kept as is, he said.

The old penitentiary in Boise has flat-iron bars, too, Giltzow said.

"That would have been a real fun place to stay," he said.

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Tests show cow didn't have disease

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No sign of mad cow disease was found in an animal the Agriculture Department had singled out for further tests, officials said Tuesday. Initial screenings last week had raised the possibility of a new case of the disease in the United States.

A more definitive test at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, came back negative, the officials said. The announcement was a relief to the U.S. beef industry, which is still trying to recover from the nation's first case of the disease last December.

The department said it ran a "gold standard" test twice. Official said not say where the cow came from or why it was suspected of being diseased.

"Negative results from both... tests make us confident that the animal in question is indeed negative" — the announcement said.

The initial screenings had produced what officials said were "inconclusive" results, but just the possibility of a second case had rattled cattle producers, meatpackers and hamburger chains.

Talle Quick, an Agriculture spokeswoman, said the department would provide no further information, about the suspect cow since the test results came back negative.

It has been less than a year since the first case of mad, cow disease was found in the United States.

The disease attacks an animal's nervous system, and food contaminated with BSE can afflict people with variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, a rare illness that is usually fatal.

Marines, Iraqi forces launch offensive

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Some 5,000 U.S. Marines, British troops and Iraqi forces launched a new offensive Tuesday aimed at clearing a swath of insurgent hotbeds across a cluster of dusty, small towns south of Baghdad.

The series of raids and house searches was the third large-scale military operation this month aimed at suppressing Iraq's Sunni Muslim insurgency ahead of crucial elections set for Jan. 30.

The assault aims to stem an increase of violence in an area that has been notorious for months as a danger zone. Car bombings, rocket attacks and ambushes have surged in recent weeks — likely in part due to guerrillas who slipped out of the militant stronghold of Fallujah, according to commanders.

Despite the series of offensives, violence continued unabated. Masked gunmen shot to death a Sunni cleric Tuesday in the second such attack against a member of the influential Association of Muslim Scholars, which has called for a boycott of the national elections.

The cleric, Sheikh Ghali Al-Zuhairi, was killed as he left a mosque after dawn prayers in the town of Muqaddiyah, 60 miles north of Baghdad, police said.

An assassination occurred a day after another prominent Sunni cleric was killed in the northern city of Mosul — Sheikh Faidh Mubammed Amin al-Faidhi, who was the brother of the association's spokesman. It was unclear whether the two attacks were related.

Insurgents hit a U.S. convoy with a roadside bomb near the central Iraq city of Samarra, prompting the Americans to open fire, killing an Iraqi, hospital officials said. Mortar rounds alighted at a nearby U.S. military base injured two children.

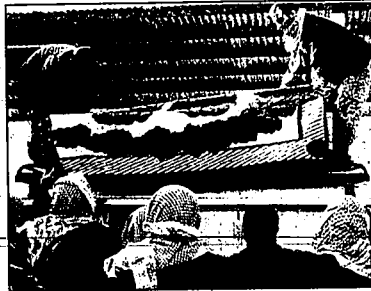
Also Tuesday, a top aide to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr accused the government of violating terms of the August agreement that ended an uprising by al-Sadr's followers in Najaf.

All Sineissin, al-Sadr's top political adviser, made no explicit threats but his remarks raised the possibility of a new confrontation with al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia, which fought heavy battles against the Americans and their Iraqi allies in April and August.

Sineissin accused the government of breaking an agreement not to arrest members of al-Sadr's movement and to release most of those being held in detention. Iraqi police arrested 10 al-Sadr loyalists in Najaf four days ago, he said.

The joint military operation kicked off with early morning raids in the town of Irbil, 50 miles south of Baghdad, as Iraqi American troops, backed by jets and helicopters, swarmed into the region known as the "triangle of death."

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Iraqis load a coffin with the remains of Sheikh Ghali al-Zuhairi on top of a van outside Baqouba hospital Tuesday. Al Zuhairi was killed by unknown assailants in Muqaddiyah near Barhouba on Tuesday.

Injuries from exploding cell phones prompt recalls

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Boris Satire said it was like a bomb going off. His 13-year-old son Michael stood stunned, his ears ringing, hand gushing blood and body covered in black ash.

In a split second last August, fragments from an exploding cell phone had hit him between the eyes and lodged in the ceiling of the family's home in OceanSide, Calif.

Over the past two years, federal safety officials have received 83 reports of cell phones exploding or catching fire, usually because of incompatible, faulty or counterfeit batteries or chargers. Burns to the face, neck, leg and hip are among the dozens of injury reports the agency has received.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is providing tips for cell phone users to avoid such accidents and has stepped up oversight of the wireless industry. There have been three voluntary battery recalls, and the CPSC is working with com-

Keeping it cool

Wireless companies and federal safety officials suggest several measures consumers can take to avoid overheating cell phone batteries, which can lead to explosions.

- ▶ If re-charging battery, avoid putting it in contact with metal, such as keys or coins.
- ▶ Don't expose battery to water or extreme temperatures.
- ▶ Avoid crushing battery or dropping it against hard surfaces, with the especially when fully charged.
- ▶ If bought separately, make sure battery and charger are compatible with the phone model.
- ▶ Buy parts from an authorized dealer, carrier or legitimate outlet.

AP

100 YEARS AGO TODAY

Thanksgiving dance aids schoolhouse

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A dance on the evening of Twin Falls' first Thanksgiving raised \$40 for the schoolhouse building fund.

The merry party was also, the *Twin Falls News* reported the next day, "a commemoration of a day of thanksgiving for the blessings received for being residents of a city the future of which is boundless, and which in time will expand to phenomenal proportions, benefiting greatly all who reside within this locality."

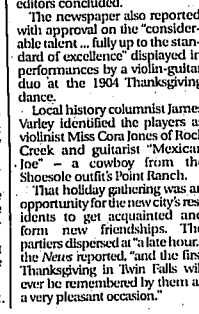
In 1904, Thanksgiving Thursday fell on Nov. 24. Twin Falls schoolhouse carpenters scurried to prepare the new room for that dance a century ago today. The window openings, still lacking glass, were boarded up to keep out the cold, a wood stove was installed, and two large lamps illuminated the doings.

About 40 couples — more than expected in the young city — joined the festivities, dancing to the music of a local orchestra and showing themselves fully interested in the matter of aiding the schoolhouse fund, the *News* editors concluded.

The newspaper also reported with approval on the "considerable talent ... fully up to the standard of excellence" displayed in performances by a violin-guitar duo at the 1904 Thanksgiving dance.

Local history columnist James Varley Missed the players of Rock Creek and guitarist "Machete" from the Shoshone outfit's Point Ranch.

"This holiday gathering was an opportunity for the new city's residents to get acquainted and form new friendships. The partners dispersed early from the Shoshone reported, and the first Thanksgiving in Twin Falls will ever be remembered by them as a very pleasant occasion."



AP Photo

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and cool with a small chance of showers. Highs in the middle 40s.
Tonight: Broazy southwest winds, cloudy skies and scattered light showers.
Thursday: A few Thanksgiving showers and cool.
Friday: Colder with possible snow showers.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy and chilly with light snow showers.
Sunday: Cold with areas of fog, showers and snow.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, HI LO Precip. Lists weather for Boise, Buhl, Challis, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and cool with scattered showers. Highs in the lower to middle 40s.
Tonight: Broazy and cloudy with scattered showers.
Thursday: A cool and breezy Thanksgiving with a good chance of scattered showers.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Weather forecast for Sun Valley, Boise, and Northern Utah. Includes a map of Idaho and detailed temperature/precipitation data for various regions.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Nov 23, Dec 6, Dec 12, Dec 18.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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MOONRISE AND MOONSET

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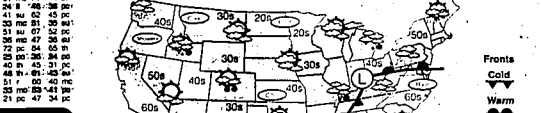
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Rather announces he will step down as anchor

NEW YORK - Dan Rather, the long-changing anchorman of CBS News who saw his reputation damaged by an ill-fated report on President Bush's National Guard service, said Tuesday he will step down as "CBS Evening News" anchor in March after nearly a quarter-century in the job.
Rather, 73, will become a correspondent for both editions of "60 Minutes," saying he looked forward to "pouring my heart" into investigative reporting.
John Roberts and Scott Pelley are frequently mentioned as in-house candidates to succeed him, but CBS News - a distant third in evening news ratings - will be looking for an anchor in March to replace Rather.



In this photo supplied by CBS, Dan Rather, 1966, an unidentified soldier, reports from the field in Vietnam in 1966. Rather said Tuesday he will step down in March.

Bush orders CIA to share 'diverse views'

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) - President Bush has ordered up new measures to bolster the CIA in combating weapons of mass destruction and other threats, directing an agency that lawmakers have accused of engaging in "group think" to present "diverse views" to policy-makers.
The new steps came as part of a response to the Sept. 11 commission's report, presented last summer. In measures he approved last Thursday and announced late Tuesday, Bush indicated how he will respond to two recommendations he had previously embraced.
He directed Attorney General John Ashcroft to press ahead with a "specialized and integrated national security work force" within the FBI. This group includes agents, linguists and surveillance experts who seek to cultivate "an institutional culture imbued with a deep concern for intelligence and national security."
Bush also ordered Ashcroft to improve intelligence information-sharing throughout the government.
The Sept. 11 commission urged that the CIA, among other things, beef up its analytic capabilities, build on its human intelligence capacity, strengthen its foreign-language programs and recruit a more diverse force of spies, "so they can blend more easily in foreign cities."
Bush ordered the CIA to bolster its ability to combat weapons of mass destruction through analysis that "routinely considers, and presents to national security policy-makers, diverse views."
The intelligence community was highly criticized in a Senate Intelligence Committee report this summer on its estimate about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.
In the unanimously approved report, senators concluded that the CIA kept key information from its own and other agencies' analysts, engaged in "group think" by failing to challenge the assumption that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and allowed President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell to make false statements.
Bush also said in the new directives that the CIA should increase the number of "fully qualified analysis analysts" by 50 percent.

Courthouse

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If the county was to move forward with the major renovation, a small temporary building might have to be erected on the site of the courthouse.
Each department in the courthouse would have to move into temporary spaces for about six or eight months, Gilzow said.
"it is very exciting that this project is moving forward and that the preliminary approval has been given on the reconstruction of the front entryway," said Julie Oxarango-Ingram, who is the Gen. Inv. Construction Chairwoman. "We're very fortunate to have an architect of his caliber working on this project, as he has quite a bevy of projects attributable to his firm."
Once Gilzow completes his study with cost estimates, it will be up to the county commissioners to decide whether to proceed. The completion of the study might make it easier to obtain grants for the project, Gilzow said.
Gilzow has an architectural resume that some might find impressive. He was the lead architect on the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Glenns Ferry. He also worked on the Herret Center on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.

Iraq

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At least 32 suspected insurgents were captured in the morning's raids, the U.S. military said. In other joint raids conducted in Iskandariyah and Latifiyah, another 45 suspected terrorists were arrested, said Iraqi police Capt. Hadi Haidar.
Britain's 1st Battalion of the Black Watch Regiment, which was brought to the area from the southern city of Basra to aid U.S. forces, was also involved in closing off militant escape routes.
Insurgents fired two rockets late Tuesday at the British camp, about 25 miles southwest of Baghdad, but caused no damage or casualties, British officials said.
"we believe some fighters from Fallujah skirted away and came down to our area, but, among other reasons, take a little bit of pressure off of Fallujah," said Capt. David Nevers, a spokesman for the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.
Another reason for the increase in attacks might also be that Iraqi soldiers and Marines stepped up house-to-house searches and vehicle checkpoints in the area for the last three months, detaining nearly 250 insurgents, he said.
"for the last couple months, we've gone into areas that had formerly not seen a lot of presence... We went in and stirred up a few hornets nests," Nevers said.
The assault follows the massive offensive against Fallujah, in which at least 54 U.S. troops were killed and 425 wounded.
In the wake of that operation, insurgent attacks throughout central and northern Iraq increased dramatically. Earlier this month, northern Mosul witnessed a mass insurgent uprising, and some 2,400 U.S. and Iraqi troops were sent in to retake control.
Since the Fallujah offensive began Nov. 8, some 850 U.S. servicemen have been wounded throughout Iraq, bringing the total for the entire war over 5,000, the Pentagon said Tuesday.
The new offensive is aimed at stemming the wellspring of violence that has engulfed much of the country ahead of the elections. But the recent attacks against the Sunnis, as well as last week's deadly U.S. and Iraqi raid on Baghdad's Abu Hanifa mosque, raise troubling questions about whether the elections can unify the religious and ethnic divisions in Iraq.

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Times-News telephone directory listing for Daniel Walock, Circulation Director.

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Explode

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panies to create better battery standards.
"CFSC is receiving more and more reports of incidents involving cell phones, and we're very concerned of the potential for more serious injuries or more fires," said agency spokesman Scott Wolfson.
U.S. phone makers and carriers say most fires and explosions are caused by counterfeit batteries and note that in a country with some 170 million cell phone users, the number of accidents is extremely low.
"it is a problem that has turned up, you bet. But statistically it's extraordinarily rare," said John Walls, spokesman for the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association. "But the fact is that it has happened certainly has the industry's attention."
Some consumer advocates say the cause goes beyond bad batteries making their way to the market. They point to the increasing pressure on battery and phone makers to fit more capabilities into small instruments.
"If you're cramming more and more power in a small space, what you're making is a small bomb," said Carl Hilliard, president of the California-based Wireless Consumers Alliance, which has been tracking incidents of cell phone fires and explosions.
Though legitimate batteries can go wrong, there is a greater concern that vents as well as counterfeit ones will lack safety devices to detect overheating or overcharging. The lithium-ion batteries found in most cell phones can overheat if, for example, heat vents are clogged.
The CFSC is trying to determine if improved venting is enough by itself to ensure safety. "We have seen temperatures as high as 600 degrees, and you can have a toxic-like effect if these batteries don't function properly," Wolfson said.
The commission has announced three battery recalls since January one from Verizon Wireless and two from Koyocera. One of the recalled batteries was found on a supplier whose standards had slipped. The other recalls were attributed to suppliers bringing counterfeit cells into distribution chains.
Koyocera, which recalled 1 million batteries last month, said it had changed vendors and doubled efforts to test its own batteries.

CORRECTION

Baskets will be delivered on December 18. The Times-News incorrectly reported on Tuesday the date that Valley Community Helpers will deliver Christmas food baskets.

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NATION

CDC finds errors in rates of obesity

ATLANTA (AP) — A widely reported government study that said obesity is about to overtake smoking as the No. 1 cause of death in the United States contained statistical errors and may have overstated the problem, health officials said Tuesday.

The government is working on a rare correction to the study. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in March in a study co-authored by its director, Dr. Julie Gerberding, that a poor diet and physical inactivity were responsible for 400,000 deaths in 2000, a 33 percent jump from 1990.

However, the CDC admitted that it made an error in calculating how many people died from obesity in the last decade.

Although CDC officials declined to specify the corrected number of deaths, The Wall Street Journal reported that the agency may have overstated the number by 80,000, representing an increase of less than 10 percent from 1990 to 2000. The errors were first reported by the Journal on Tuesday.

The mistakes consisted of simple mathematical errors, such as including total deaths from the wrong year, the newspaper reported.

"I think there were some statistical miscalculations, but I also think there is a differing of opinions in regards to methodologies to make these calculations," CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said.

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C-sections, birth rates rose in older moms in '03

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a quarter of babies born in the United States in 2003 were delivered by Caesarean section, the highest rate on record, according to a government report released Tuesday.

Birth rates for teenagers continued their steady decline last year while increasing for women age 35 to 44, the report from the National Center for Health Statistics said. The agency is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nearly 4.1 million births were recorded in the United States in 2003, a slight increase over 2002. Roughly 1.13 million, or 27.6 percent, were Caesarean deliveries. The rate is up by a third since 1996, said the report,

which is a preliminary look at U.S. births last year.

A Caesarean section is major abdominal surgery with serious potential side effects. The report does not distinguish between those that were medically necessary and those that were elective.

The question of whether it should be performed when natural childbirth poses no threat to either mother or baby is controversial among obstetricians. One unexplained trend in the annual report is the continued increase in the rate of premature and low birthweight babies even though the teen birth rate dropped, fewer women were smoking while pregnant, and more women were getting timely prenatal care.

Toy safety warning arrives in time for holiday shopping

WASHINGTON (AP) — Holiday shoppers should check toys by hand and avoid any with small parts that come off because children could choke on them, a consumer group said Tuesday in an annual warning about toy safety.

The toy industry said education and constant monitoring of children at play can reduce

the risk of injury and death from toys.

Last year, 11 children under age 15 died of toy-related injuries — all but one caused by choking on small balls, balloons, pieces of a game and/or toy beads, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, a federal safety agency.

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NATION

States take radically different approaches to health care

The Associated Press

In Tennessee, nearly a half-million people are warned they could lose their government-supported health care. In Maine, the move is in the opposite direction — the state is expanding its role and, with reliance on the private sector, aiming to provide affordable health insurance for all 138,000 residents now without it.

The two dramatically divergent paths come together in one way: States are taking a deep breath and tackling the daunting problems of health care, from soaring costs to tens of millions of Americans without regular care from a doctor.

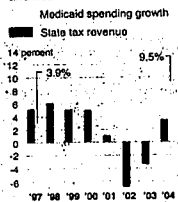
For the 50 million people served by Medicaid, the joint state-federal health care program for the poor, the question is which path more states will follow.

Recent years have seen a mix of approaches as states try to rein in costs, but several have looked to Tennessee's solution — drop the least needy from the rolls, deny others from getting on and scale back services.

"Everything's on the table, they're looking at any kind of option to save costs as well as preserve coverage," said Courtney Burke, a senior policy

Medicaid growth

Medicaid costs rose because of increased enrollment in a weakening economy, rising drug and health costs.



SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation AP

analyst at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government in Albany, N.Y. "Any kind of innovation, states are watching other states for that." Maine is unusual in that it's trying to create universal health insurance, with voluntary commitment by business and by building on the Medicaid system using "the leverage the government gets from being a large purchaser of care and drugs. Tennessee also had to get to go beyond Medicaid to get

health care to more of the uninsured.

Other states broadened their health care programs too, back in the prosperous 1990s. With encouragement from the federal government, they reached out to try and cover more children without health care — even if their families weren't poor enough to qualify for Medicaid itself.

It worked: The number of uninsured children fell from 10 million when those efforts began to roughly 8 million now, even as the uninsured overall rose, said Howard Berliner, a former New Jersey assistant health commissioner and now a professor at the New School for Public Research in New York.

While those steps cost states money, they're cheaper in the long run, Berliner said.

"The more people that get insured, the greater the savings will be, for everyone. Part of the problem with uninsured people ... is they end up having huge expenses and make everyone's costs rise."

Now, as health care costs rise faster than tax revenues, governors and state legislators say they will soon be unable to save government-supported care from sweeping changes.

Man suspected of killing hunters contends he was fired at first

HAYWARD, Wis. (AP) — A man suspected in the killings of six hunters told investigators he began firing after he was shot at first and some of the victims called him racially derogatory names, according to documents filed Tuesday.

A judge set bail at \$2.5 million for Chai Vang, 36, of St. Paul, Minn., who is suspected in the killings Sunday of six deer hunters and the wounding of two others.

Bail was set after investigators filed documents arguing there was probable cause to hold

Vang in the shootings. No charges have been filed.

Vang, a Hmong immigrant from Laos, was arrested Sunday about four hours after the shootings as he emerged from the woods with his empty SKS 7.62 mm semiautomatic rifle.

Sawyer County Sheriff Jim Moyer said a dispute over Vang's use of a tree stand — a raised platform used by hunters — on private property preceded the gunfire.

Vang told investigators he didn't realize he was on private property when he climbed the

tree stand, according to the probable-cause statement released Tuesday.

A hunter approached Vang to tell him he was on private property, and Vang started to leave as other hunters approached, the statement said. Vang said the hunters surrounded him, and some started calling him racial slurs.

Vang said he started walking away but looked back to see the first hunter point his rifle at him and then fire a shot that hit the ground 30 to 40 feet behind him, the statement said.

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WORLD

Arab states hesitate to forgive Iraq debt

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Arab countries made clear Tuesday they are far from ready to commit to a deal to forgive more than \$30 billion owed them by Iraq, despite U.S. pressure and a recent debt-relief package by other major countries.

The hesitation on the part of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait — both strong U.S. allies — could have widespread ramifications for the effort to help Iraq get back on its feet economically. A weekend deal by Russia, Japan, Europe and the United States to forgive 80 percent of their portion of Iraq's debt hinges on Arab countries going along.

Both Kuwait — Iraq's largest single creditor — and Saudi Arabia have said no debt-relief commitments are possible until after Iraq has an elected and internationally recognized government.

Iraq takes the first step in that process in January, when it plans to hold elections for a National Assembly that is to draft a new constitution. If that is ratified, an election to choose a national government will be held in December 2005. It remains unclear at what point in

Iraq saddled with Saddam-era debt

Gulf states said Tuesday that they are hesitant to forgive the more than \$30 billion owed them by Iraq. Estimates of Iraq's foreign debt vary widely. The disputes are partly due to a disagreement between Iraq and its neighbors over the nature of the assistance given during the Iran-Iraq war.

*Amounts in 2003 dollars and excludes interest. The figures include credits and loans granted. Egypt's debt not known.

Country	Debt (in millions)
Kuwait	4,108.6
Japan	3,450
Russia	2,993.7
France	2,463.9
Germany	1,292
United States	1,728
Italy	1,000
Bulgaria	930.8
United Kingdom	813.1
Austria	800.0
Turkey	564.2
Canada	500.0
Poland	499.3
Australia	321.2
Spain	295.0
Jordan	194.5
Brazil	185.8
Sweden	184.5
Belgium	159.2
Finland	117.5
Switzerland	96.7
Netherlands	54.7
South Korea	
Other	115.5

SOURCE: Brookings Institution

that lengthy process the Arab countries would view a debt-relief deal as possible.

Iraq's interim prime minister, Ayad Allawi, has repeatedly urged Arab nations to commit to a debt relief, saying Monday that he "looks forward to Iraq's Arab brothers forgiving their debts from Iraq in the very near future." On Sunday, the major economic powers of the so-called

Paris Club, including the United States, Japan, Russia and European nations, announced they would write off 80 percent — or more than \$31 billion — of the \$38.9 billion that Iraq collectively owes them.

But a clause in that agreement gives the group the option to suspend part of its debt reduction if it is not matched by Iraq's other major creditors, led

by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Iraq has said its foreign debt is hindering postwar reconstruction, which also is struggling amid the country's persistent insurgency.

Kuwait said Monday it would support "a major reduction" in the \$15 billion it is owed — but only if a deal was negotiated with an internationally recognized and elected Iraqi government and then approved by the Kuwaiti parliament.

The country's foreign minister, Sheikh Mohammed Al Sabah, said Kuwait knew "how important this is, so that Iraq can regain some of its financial abilities," according to the official Kuwait News Agency. Kuwait's refusal to forgive the Iraq loans was one issue Saddam Hussein used as justification for invading Kuwait in 1990.

Saudi Arabia, which is owed \$9 billion, also has not changed its position.

In January, the country told former Secretary of State James A. Baker III during a debt-relief lobbying trip that it was willing to forgive some Iraqi debt — but only after Iraqi elections are held.



Riot police guard the Ukrainian presidential administration building in Kiev on Tuesday, holding shields in which supporters of opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko inserted carnations.

Ukrainian president calls for negotiations

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — President Leonid Kuchma called for negotiations among all sides in Ukraine's spiraling political crisis Tuesday, hours after the opposition leader declared himself the winner of a disputed presidential election and took a symbolic oath of office.

A top opposition figure accepted the outgoing president's proposal, the Interfax news agency reported.

"We now have decided to give the possibility to Kuchma to form proposals for talks," Yulia Tymoshenko said, according to Interfax. It was not immediately clear when the talks might take place.

The startling development in the three-day standoff came as

the Bush administration urged the Ukrainian government not to certify results of Sunday's runoff election results that showed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, backed by Kuchma, defeating the Western-leaning Viktor Yushchenko.

"The United States is deeply concerned by extensive and credible indications of fraud committed in the Ukrainian presidential election," White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan said.

But Russian President Vladimir Putin, who supported Yanukovich in the campaign, criticized Western assessments of the vote as flawed, stressing that the results were not yet official.

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EDITORIAL

Call to Duty fund goes well beyond initial goals

Sometimes, even the most genuine acts of charity need a little tweaking. Such was the case with the statewide "Call to Duty" fund. But small obstacles didn't stop the grand gestures this fund has made to Idaho's civilian service member families.

700 soldiers and there are still applications coming in," said Pam Dowd, a former Twin Falls resident and co-chairwoman of the fund. But in spite of the military's limits, fundraising officials continued to make every dollar of assistance stretch for Guard families.

Duty fund

Our view: Efforts to help Idaho National Guard families through the 'Call to Duty' fund demonstrate the true spirit of Thanksgiving. What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

After spending \$210,000 on travel vouchers, they used \$35,000 of the remaining funds to purchase phone cards for members of the 116th. They worked with Idaho Foodbank to set up a \$15,000 fund for food and turkeys for military families. The fund has set aside \$10,000 for assistance to troops' families while they serve.

Perhaps the initial goal of bringing home every Guard member was stunted. But by trying to include as many civilian service members as possible in the project, the Call to Duty fund demonstrates how far gratitude for our soldiers can go this Thanksgiving season.

The fund has now been dissolved, as has its fundraising efforts. Any funds raised for Idaho troops will be administered by the private, non-profit, Idaho Military Division of Emergency Relief Fund. But Dowd offers an apt reminder that the spirit of helping Idaho's Guard families can still continue.

"Look around and if you see a family with a member in the Guard or Reserves, pick up some slack where they need it," she said. "They may not ask for help, but the help is still needed."

The Call to Duty started in summer, just weeks after members of Idaho National Guard's 116th Cavalry Brigade departed for Fort Bliss, Texas. Organizers had one single goal: Raise enough money to buy airline tickets for Guard members so they could return home on holiday leave. That trip home would represent a last visit to Idaho before Guard members departed for military duty in Iraq. Donations quickly started to pour in. Citizens, neighbors, businesses, municipalities all worked together in raising funds for the greater cause. Their sense of giving was obviously sparked with their understanding that these Guard and Reserve members sacrifice their regular salaries to meet their service obligations. Since July, the fund raised \$260,000 from all over the state.

Unfortunately, the project eventually became subject to military limitations. Government code limits the amount given to U.S. Army personnel to \$300 a year. In most cases, that provision prevented the Call to Duty fund from buying the entire airline ticket.

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LETTER

Radical cancer had deep roots in my family

The Times-News has been having articles about cancer and wind-carried radon. I'm a long-term survivor. I had to have a hysterectomy in 1980 and cancer was found. I lived at Bishop Footie House in Boise for six weeks or so and took radon treatments. In approximately 2001, I had another cancer operation by Dr. Wendel at the Women's Clinic in Boise. The colon cancer was diagnosed by Dr. Jewell in 2002. I'm in pain sometimes and have other medical problems. Before that in 1954, I was pregnant and sick, sick, sick. My doctor was doctor, neighbor and friend. In discussing

my sickness, he said, "I do not have the clout to get an investigation, but there is something wrong. I have five or six girls as sick as you are and a doctor sees this only once-in-a-while-carrying my baby girl to term, but one of those girls lost her baby. At present, I'm not well. I went in Nov. 17 for my six-month checkup. The wind carrying radon from your experiment didn't stop at any county lines. My daughter died in 2001 with cancer. My son-in-law died in March this year, etc. If the government is paying compensation, I want in and so does my family."
CLARA WOOD
Gooding

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Bubba's no longer relevant

Our quiz today is a multiple-choice question: What does Bill Clinton want? (A) To guide Democrats out of the deep woods. (B) To help heal the nation's bitter divisions. (C) To pave the way for President Hillary. The correct answer is all of the above — and none of the above. What Bubba really wants is vindication. Everything else, including Hillary in the Oval Office, is just a means to his end game of getting back on top again. It's all about one more comeback.

MICHAEL GOODWIN

It ain't gonna happen. Clinton's presiding over the opening of his \$165 million library looked like a happy trip down memory lane. Surrounded by family friends and foes, he was the center of attention in the pudgy young pol turned elder statesman. But behind the facade of generous tributes was the sad spectacle of the once-most powerful man on Earth trying desperately to find his footing on history's rain-slicked ladder. It's a tricky climb, and time is no longer his friend — and not just because of his fragile health. The world before 9/11 seems like a million years ago. Most of the political lessons he taught us then about the "third way" mean little now. In all the important ways, the future became unrecognizable from the past. And so the Man from Hope is now the Man from Yesterday. That's not to say Bill Clinton isn't relevant. He is to the 30,000 devotees who trek to Arkansas and to the millions who look back with fondness on the first baby boomer president. And each time his party loses a presidential election, he looks more like a giant. It is



shocking to remember that no Democrat since FDR has been elected twice — except Clinton. Although he never won a majority of the popular vote, his two terms earned him a permanent spot in what one observer calls the inner circle of the world's most exclusive club. Still, he wants more. He wants us to think of him as great and to still need him. But he wasn't great. And we don't need him. It's not just Monica. Whenever she comes to mind first, and the impeachment saga she launched will surely be in the top paragraph of his obit. His dismissing it in a library exhibit under the category of the "politics of

persecution" was both tasteful and revealing. Jesus did not fool around with interns. But even Clinton's achievements of prosperity and peace now look hollow. In hindsight, we know that much of the prosperity was a bubble fueled by venal corporate criminals. And there was peace only because the Clinton White House chose not to see that Osama Bin Laden had already declared war on us. The yearning for those days is foolish, but probably harmless — except for the Democratic Party. If its leaders look to Clinton for anything other than a pep talk, they are courting disaster.

American politics, like everything else, changed on 9/11. As the last election proved, the game is no longer about traditional standards of interest groups and issue positions. Biography, charisma and the polish of education matter far less than they did just four years ago. The new gold standard is at once more elusive and more precise. For every would-be leader, the test is this: Are you rock-solid? Those who cannot say yes, and convince voters, need not apply. Weakness, waffling, nuance are no longer half true. They're luxuries from a bygone era. And for God's sake, no more parsing and blurring. It's a gut-check world now, and half-truths are no longer half true. They're damnable lies. Bubba had his run. His time, and times, have passed. He isn't ready to accept that, but we must. The future demands it.

Michael Goodwin is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the New York Daily News.

Service needs to improve in areas of T.E.

OK, That does it! This letter will cover several tribulations of life in Twin Falls. No. 1: The local Social Security office. I went there just to get a form I needed to fill out. The place was packed and this dude says, "Fill out this form and have a seat." I looked around and said, "I just need to pick up a form, but the place is full." "You take your place at the end of the line." Wrong. Buckle! I'm on my lunch hour, and I don't bring lunch nor two books to read. Bye. I'll get the form elsewhere. If we ran our office that way, no one would ever get anything done and we'd be out of business. While I'm on my soap box. No. 2: Have you ever been an in-patient at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center? Well, make an appointment beforehand to have someone bring you your meals. Be prepared to eat yellow squash every meal and the breakfast juice is Kool-Aid. I haven't drank Kool-Aid since I was a little kid and that was about 60 years ago. The chicken was made out of rubber and all meats were about the size of a silver dollar. I'm not through; No. 3: The price of gas in this town! Ridiculous! And don't give me any garbage about the cost of delivering to this area. I now drive out of my way to find cheaper gas and it will

worth it. I'm still beating my drum. No. 4: Where did the people around here learn to drive. The cops (what cops?) usually stop people for infractions of the law, don't they? No turn signals, no working turn signals or lights, holding up traffic by not using the turn lane, pulling out without looking to see if there is oncoming traffic, flinging car doors open on narrow streets, approaching the street from a driveway from the middle of the driveway — how can anyone else get in or out? Beats the heck out of me! Ok, I've got more complaints, but then you haven't. I grew up here and it hasn't gotten any better since. I think I'll move somewhere else and complain about them. See ya! ALYCE MANN'S
Twin Falls

A remarkable tribute from MV Symphony

Hasn't off to our Magic Valley Symphony! Its world premiere performance of Idaho composer Daniel Bukiel's "Portraits" celebrating the centennial of Twin Falls and the photography of Bisbee was truly remarkable. The overview of our award-winning municipal band and songs from an early Dilettante production, "Carousel," added even more delightful moments. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to bring us that special evening. PAT HARDER
Twin Falls

What happened to GOP's 'morals' crusade?

The rules change recently adopted by U.S. House Republicans and reported by you on Nov. 18 (page 1, "GOP closes ranks to protect two controversial members") warrants comment. The rule change was made to preclude GOP House leader, Tom DeLay of Texas, from having to step down as Republican leader should he be indicted for a felony. Several of DeLay's associates already have been indicted on political corruption charges stemming from their efforts to buy congressional districts to favor the GOP. There is a strong possibility that DeLay may face similar indictments. U.S. House Republicans originally adopted the rule in the 1980s, requiring a member of the GOP leadership to step down temporarily if facing a felony indictment. At the time they adopted this rule, Republicans said it demonstrated they held themselves to "higher or ethical standards" than Democrats and others. For a party that recently crowed so triumphantly about its commitment and adherence to "moral values" the rule change signals something very much at odds with one of the Republicans' main campaign themes. Indeed, the

rules change is a cynical and arrogant gesture to millions of Americans who were persuaded to vote for Republicans because of the GOP's claim to stand more strongly than anyone else for "moral values." Evidently, GOP House members do not believe that ethical behavior in Congress is one of the "moral values" they fought so passionately for. Given this, are we to expect legislation of similarly compromised character to be foisted on the country in the name of "moral values?" Neither major party is free of self-serving duplicity and double standards. But neither is it a clean defense to excuse or justify one's actions because the other guys do it, too. The Republican action on the House rule change is all the more tainted because so many GOP candidates made such a grand point to trumpet "moral values" in their bid for election. I hope that over the next several years, my many neighbors and friends who backed the Republicans will be spared additional embarrassment from seeing "moral values" revealed as just another manipulative campaign ploy designed to gull good people. It is ironic, isn't it, that it was a French nobleman in the early 19th century who commented about the American faith in majority rule with the irrefutable observation that the majority is not necessarily right. GRENVILLE E. DAY
Twin Falls

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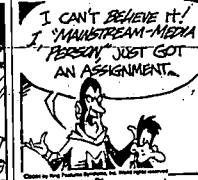
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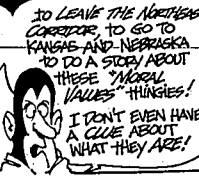
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OPINION

New city prepay rule adds an urban edge

I was born and raised in Idaho. My family has been here for many years. Like a lot of other families and over time, we have seen and lived through what looked like Idaho change.

We have seen some good laws and ordinances imposed. Like the seat belt law, although I have to remind myself to put one on every time I'm in a car (which isn't too often). The leash laws came into effect in most of the communities, and we finally got laws to stop people from butchering animals inside city limits. In Gooding, we haven't had too much of a problem with people stealing gas — at least not since I was kid.

When I was young, if we were drunk and out of money and wanted to go to Bills to eat breakfast, we would stop off at a farmer's gas tank and fill up. Yeah, I know it was wrong. We even got caught one time by a farmer and he let us go home and called up our parents the next morning so we could go to work for him.

My friend and I worked all day long picking rock, moving pipe and digging up soil for five gallons of gas. We stopped stealing gas from the farmers.

Idaho used to be really laid back, and we liked the slow pace of life we had. I remember in the early '90s when driving down the freeway we couldn't drive more than a few miles down the road without seeing a bumper sticker that said, "Don't Californicate Idaho." I haven't seen one of those in a long time.

I think people replaced those stickers with "I'm Pro-choice" and "I Vote" stickers. I thought that was a bad law.

I agree with the editorial in the Nov. 16 *Times-News*, which at the end of the column simply states, "If a gas station wants to enforce tighter gas-purchasing policies, it has every right to do so. But it doesn't need the city government to help write these rules."

Clothes stores have a problem with theft; maybe in the future, we will have to prepay for our clothing. I'll take a Double X.

If you people want to steal, go to a farmer — they like cheap labor.

There is more to this ordinance than most people understand, and I am tired of trying to explain it and other California ordinances to people.

Idaho was a really cool place to live. Let's make it that way again.

STEVE SWARNER
Gooding

Stories on Hagerman were not forgotten

Though this writing is very late, the thoughts and feelings are just as heartfelt.

In May of this year, previous to the Fossil Days celebration and Hagerman Alumni Reunion, we, the below-mentioned people, were asked to be the grand marshals for the Hagerman Fossil Days Parade. We felt honored, humble and happy — having been born and raised in the Hagerman Valley.

Sandra Wisecaver of your paper came to interview us. We thoroughly enjoyed her. She did a good job and spent a lot of time with us. She saw that we got copies of pictures, etc. We were very pleased with the article she wrote.

We would like to express our appreciation to your paper and to Sandra for a job well done.

It seems we get caught up with busy things and neglect things that we should not.

However, better late than never.

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(Editor's note: Fairy Madaric, Betty Lindley and Wynarda Exon submitted this letter on behalf of the Hagerman Alumni Reunion Committee. They are the president, treasurer and secretary, respectively, of the committee.)

MV Symphony selections inspired concert audience

What a celebration and tribute to the 100 year history of Twin Falls was presented by the Magic Valley Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, Nov. 16!

The musicians performed flawlessly under the direction of Ted Hadley.

LETTERS

During the first half of the program we were treated to melodic symphonic works. Of special interest was the "Brandenburg Concerto No. 2" in F featuring five local soloists. The number, "Fingals' Cave Overture," had been played by the first Twin Falls orchestra, a predecessor to our now find symphony.

During the entire evening, Doug Maughan narrated a script written by Paula Brown

Sinclair which outlined the history of music in our city. The first musical production in 1959 which led to the current Dilettantes was "Carousal." The leads from the show in 1959, Marty Mead and Roger Vincent, sang numbers from that show, and 40 years has not diminished their ability to sing well and entertain those in the audience.

Composer Daniel Bukvich received a standing ovation for

his work.

Portraits, which he had been commissioned to compose for the symphony in honor of centenarians. Original Bibbex pictures were projected on the screen during the playing of this wonderful, picturesque piece.

Special mention and tribute was given to the Twin Falls Municipal Band, an organization that has been a part of the music life in Twin Falls for more

than 90 years. Many communities had bands, but the one in Twin Falls is one of the few to continue.

During this concert, the symphony proved that they are capable of playing a variety of music, and keep the audience entertained. Thank you to all who worked so hard to give us a wonderful evening to remember.

MARY NELSON
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WORLD

Murder suspect dies in shootout with police

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A suspect in the slaying of a top Venezuelan prosecutor last week was killed Tuesday in a shootout with police, an official said.

The suspect, a lawyer named Antonio Lopez, was in his car when he was approached by police, police chief Henry Zerpa said. Lopez tried to escape and opened fire at police, who fired back, he said.

Two policemen were wounded in the shootout in central

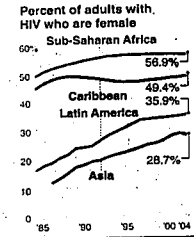
Caracas, Zerpa said.

Lopez had been sought in an investigation into the killing of prosecutor Danilo Anderson, who died in an explosion that ripped through his SUV Thursday night. The government has said the assassination may have been aimed at derailing Anderson's prosecution of supporters of a 2002 coup attempt against President Hugo Chavez.

Authorities did not offer more details or say why Lopez was a suspect.

Women with HIV

The number of HIV-infected people rose by 640,000 to an estimated 39.4 million people in 2004. Half of them were women.



U.N. ties AIDS fight to women's rights

LONDON (AP) — The women's rights movement and the AIDS movement must come together if the world is to ultimately win the fight against HIV, the United Nations said in a report released Tuesday.

Women and girls in the developing world are increasingly becoming its main victims, but current safe-sex prevention strategies are of little use to the millions who don't have the power to say no to sex or to insist on condom use.

The inequally women face — from poverty and stunted education, to rape and denial of women's inheritance and property rights — is a major obstacle to victory over the virus, according to the latest global HIV status report published by UNAIDS.

The core of HIV prevention is advice to abstain from sex until marriage, be faithful and to use condoms.

"The prevention strategies now in place are missing the point when it comes to women and girls," said Catherine Croxall, deputy chief of UNAIDS, in a news conference.

"We are finding in most regions of the world, they simply do not have the economic and social power or choices, or control over their lives to put that information into practice."

Blair focuses on crime and security

LONDON (AP) — Prime Minister Tony Blair put the fight against crime and terrorism at the center of his campaign for a third term, pledging on Tuesday to fast-track plans for national identity cards and a new police agency similar to the FBI.

With parliamentary elections expected in May, the government wants to appear tough on law and order, and security lies at the heart of the legislative program it unveiled Tuesday.

"The threats faced by this country and every other major country around the world are real," Blair told the House of Commons as he outlined plans for compulsory ID cards.

"This is a big change, but frankly with terrorism, illegal immigration and organized crime... identity cards in my judgment are long overdue."

Blair's focus on crime and security is a stark contrast to his previous campaigns, which were dominated by the Iraq war and the economy. He has promised to fast-track plans for national identity cards and a new police agency similar to the FBI.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Without him, I'd still be fighting on ESPN, in West Virginia.

— Winky Wright, acknowledging the opportunity Shane Mosley gave him by taking him on in a super-welterweight title fight last weekend. Wright won.

TRIVIA QUESTION:
Who portrayed Jackie Robinson in the 1950 version of "The Jackie Robinson Story"?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
College Mens Basketball
CSI at Treasure Valley CC, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF
CSI women climb to No. 3 ranking

CSI women climb to No. 3 ranking
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho women (9-0) are now ranked No. 3 in the latest NJCAA basketball poll released Tuesday.
Head coach Randy Rogers isn't in agreement with the National Junior College Athletic Association pollsters.
"Overrated," Rogers said. "It's exciting for the kids and the program, but we're not the third-best team in the country."
Gulf Coast CC of Panama City, Fla. was the unanimous No. 1 followed by Trinity Valley CC of Athens, Texas, then CSI, Southeastern Illinois and Seaward County CC (Kan.) in the scenic West Athletic Conference member Salt Lake Community College is now ranked 10th followed by Dixie State at No. 20.
All that adds more pressure on CSI headed into this weekend's tournament. CSI was ranked No. 9 in the preseason poll.
"We used to have a target on our backs that you could get at Wal-Mart," Rogers said with a laugh. "Now it's fluorescent."

Eagles men move up to No. 9, play tonight
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho jumped from No. 17 in the preseason poll to No. 9 in the first weekly men's basketball Division I poll, released by the National Junior College Athletic Association Monday.
Dixie State moved up to No. 2 from No. 4 in the preseason poll. Moberly Area Community College of Missouri remained at No. 1.
The CSI men next play at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. at 7:30 tonight. TVCC features former national standout Elvis Medici. Castledorf is averaging eight points in 20 minutes per game.

Area standouts lead Sheridan to third
TWIN FALLS — Former area high school standouts Liz Brice of Burley, Danielle Maloney of Jerome Falls, and Jennifer Pond of Idaho helped lead 7-2 Sheridan College to third place at the recent Air Force Academy women's basketball tournament.
Pond scored 20 and Maloney 17 in a 77-46 win over Fort Carson CC (Colo.) before losing to eventual champion Western Nebraska. Maloney scored 17 in the loss. Maloney pumped in 22 and Brice and Pond each scored 12 in an 81-65 over the Air Force Academy junior varsity in the third-place game.
Maloney was named to the all-tournament team. Sheridan hosts its own Lions Club Classic this weekend.

Compiled from staff reports
TRIVIA ANSWER:
Jackie Robinson played himself.

Bruins gain all-region honors

The Times-News
IDAHO FALLS — The 2004 District 4-5-6 All-Region football team was announced recently and the 5A state champion Twin Falls Bruins received all four of the top individual awards and had eight first-teamers honored.
Junior running back Brody Miller was chosen player of the year as well as offensive player of the year and senior linebacker Martin Postner was named defensive player of the year.
Sophomore Nate Robertson was named to the first team as both a defensive lineman and

quarterback Mike Smith, receiver Mitch Smith, offensive lineman Shawn Anthony and Zach Schaal and linebacker Martin Postner.
Toby Smith was named coach of the year.
The full list follows:
First Team
Offense
Quarterback — Mike Smith, Twin Falls.
Running backs — Jake Miller, Idaho Falls; Kyle May, Highland. Receivers — Mitch Smith, Twin Falls; Andy Miles, Skyline. Tight end — J.D. Mower, Highland.
Defensive lineman — L.T. Brown, Idaho Falls; Jordan Nelson, Idaho Falls; Logan Peterson,

Skyline; Donald Phillips, Highland; David Van Epps, Twin Falls. Kicker — Zach Yates, Skyline.
Defense
Defensive backs — Dustin Tew, Idaho Falls; Zach Schaal, Twin Falls; Shawn Anthony, Twin Falls; Zach Yates, Skyline.
Linebackers — Logan Cooper, Idaho Falls; Byron Hunt, Highland; Justin Merrill, Skyline; Martin Postner, Twin Falls.
Defensive lineman — Geoff Wisdom, Idaho Falls; Tommy Flynn, Highland; Boone Parkinson, Skyline; Nate Robertson, Twin Falls.
Punter — Nate Robertson, Twin Falls.
Second Team
Offense
Quarterback — Nick Birch, Idaho Falls.
Running backs — Jared De-

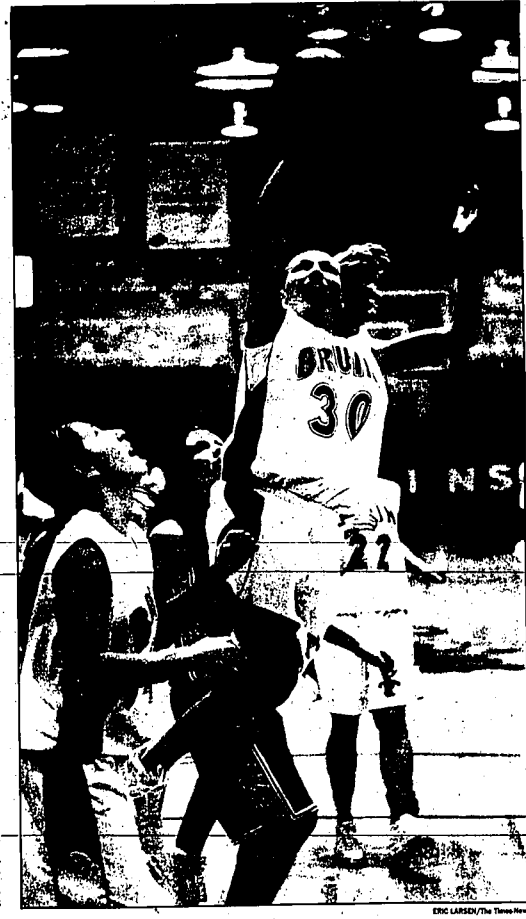
vore, Highland; Jordan Peterson, Skyline.
Receivers — Will Taylor, Idaho Falls; Griffin McNabb, Highland. Tight end — Jordan Bliss, Skyline.
Offensive lineman — Luke Smith, Idaho Falls; Josh Jenkins, Skyline; Jeff Miller, Highland; Nick Trummer, Highland; Andrew Wilkins, Twin Falls.
Kicker — J.D. Mower, Highland.
Defense
Defensive backs — Dylan Cooper, Idaho Falls; Tanner Harding, Highland; Justin Humble, Skyline; Iddi Cook, Twin Falls.
Linebackers — Luke Smith, Idaho Falls; Lucas Marchand, Highland; Brian Cavanaugh, Skyline; Cody Faught, Twin Falls.
Defensive lineman — L.T. Brown, Idaho Falls; Ryan Matthews, Highland; Kameron Powell,

Skyline; Lance Bailey, Twin Falls. Punter — Brian Cavan, Skyline.
Honorable Mention
Quarterback — Mike Davoport, Highland; Kyle Hammon, Skyline.
Running back — Ken Frei, Skyline.
Receivers — Tony Carmack, Idaho Falls; Ryan Grinnell, Skyline.
Offensive lineman — Conrad Jensen, Idaho Falls; Tyler Mills, Idaho Falls.
Defensive backs — Shandon Brinkerhoff, Idaho Falls; Matt Bel-nop, Skyline.
Linebackers — Shad Robinson, Highland; Andy Belnap, Skyline.
Defensive lineman — Mike Warden, Idaho Falls.
Kicker/Punter — Chris Ariano, Idaho Falls

T.F. survives Spartan scare

Minico press hampers Bruins

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The Minico Spartans got everything they wanted out of Tuesday night's nonconference road game against the Twin Falls Bruins — except a win.
The Spartans scrapped and pressed their way throughout the game, but couldn't make up for a few late turnovers and bad bounces. Minico fell to 4-1 on the season with a 45-39 loss. The Spartans kept the game close with a 2-2-1 full-court trap and entered the second half down only two points, 21-19.
The biggest thing was at a lot of times, our game plan instead of executing our press-breaker," Bruins coach Joe D. Shepard said. "It looked like they just tried to get rid of the ball rather than running through the things we've practiced."
The 5-0 Bruins handled the press much better during the second half, outscoring the Spartans 24-19 thanks in part to the dribble penetration of point guard Jamie Edwards and the inside play of Hannah Heidenreich, Heidi Reitsma, and Amy Bratvold.
"It was very nice," Reitsma said. "We've played eight years together and we've waited for our first home game as seniors. Minico played a great game and they're a great team. They pushed us around, and we had to push right back."
Edwards was able to push the pace a bit against the slow-down Spartan defense on her way to a team-high 12 points. Reitsma added eight and five rebounds, while Heidenreich dropped in eight and grabbed seven rebounds. Bratvold also scored eight for the balanced Bruins offense.
"It wasn't pretty, but like we said in the locker room, no matter how we can get wins, we'll take them," Reitsma said.
Warth led all scorers with 17 points and added six rebounds. While Meghan Boetcher was



Twin Falls senior forward Amy Bratvold goes to the hoop while teammate Heidi Reitsma and Minico's Amanda Ottman look on during the Bruins' 45-39 home win Tuesday night. Bratvold scored eight points to help the Bruins move to 5-0 on the season.

Suspended Artest goes public, mingles with fans

By Steve Herman
Associated Press writer
INDIANAPOLIS — Ron Artest was benched by his coach two weeks ago because he wanted time off to promote a new CD he produced for an R&B group.
Well, the Indiana Pacers appeals forward has plenty of time on his hands now.
So, two days after NBA commissioner David Stern suspended him for the rest of the season for climbing into the stands to fight with Detroit Pistons fans, Artest began trying to scrub his image and sell some records, doing a series of local and national TV interviews and promotional appearances.
He was contrite and soft-spoken during his interviews, during which he mixed plugs for the CD with statements of regret for Friday's brawl.



Suspended Indiana Pacers player Ron Artest during an autographed Pacers jersey in fan Angela Washington, far right, hands a commercial break in an on air interview in Indianapolis on Tuesday.
While repeatedly saying he wanted to stay positive, Artest said he didn't want his own four children to see the often-replayed videotape of him throwing — and taking punches — in the stands after a spectator threw a cup at him.
Artest spent much of Tuesday morning at the studios of an Indianapolis radio station, where dozens of supportive fans gathered outside as he appeared on WNOU's morning show and did
Please see ARTEST, Page B5

Pistons fans sue Pacers

By David Runk
Associated Press writer
DETROIT — Two fans sued the Indiana Pacers and players Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal on Tuesday, contending they were injured in the brawl at the end of the Pistons-Pacers game.
Lawyers for John Ackerman and William Paulson filed suits in Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac, seeking unspecified damages.
Ackerman, a 67-year-old retired auto worker, says he was hit by O'Neal and then by a chair that a fan hurled into the crowd. His suit also names Palace Sports & Entertainment Inc., which operates the Pistons arena.
"He was knocked unconscious by the chair," said Todd

Weglaz, who along with lawyer Geoffrey Fieger represents the men. "The next thing he recalls is being hauled into a wheelchair."
Police released a copy of a videotape Tuesday showing a man who investigators believe threw the chair, and they asked the public to help identify him.
Fieger, a former Democratic gubernatorial candidate, is known for representing high-profile clients such as assisted-suicide advocate Jack Kevorkian.
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John Ackerman

SPORTS

Iowa knocks off No. 15 Texas Shoshone wins the battle of unbeaten

LAHAINA—Hawaii (AP)—Pierce Platter hit a 25-foot jumper with 44 seconds left to give Iowa the lead for good, and the Hawkeyes beat No. 15 Texas 82-80 on Tuesday night in the semifinals of the Maui Invitational.

Iowa (3-0) will face either No. 11 North Carolina or Tennessee in the championship game on Wednesday.

It was Iowa's second straight win over a ranked team following 76-71 victory over No. 12 Louisville in the opening round.

With the Hawkeyes trailing by two in the final minute, Pierce stood with the ball in front of the Iowa bench, but no Texas defender came out toward him. He waited as his teammates tried to get free, then let fly with a long jumper that gave the Hawkeyes a 79-78 lead.

Jeff Horner, who led Iowa with 27 points, made two free throws with 21 seconds left, but P.J. Tucker of Texas scored with 8 seconds remaining to bring the Longhorns (2-1) to 81-80.

Horner made two of two free throws with 7.3 seconds left and Tucker, who made a buzzer-beating shot to beat Providence last season, was off the mark with a shot in the lane just before the buzzer sounded.

Brad Buckman led Texas with 18 points and 11 rebounds, and freshman point guard Daniel



Texas' P.J. Tucker, left, and Iowa's Adam Hatuska battle for a rebound in the second half in the semifinals of the Maui Invitational in Lahaina, Hawaii, on Tuesday.

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 90, Ark.-Little Rock 65

STILLWATER, Okla. — John Lucas III scored 22 points, Joey Graham added 16 and No. 6 Oklahoma State pulled away in the second half to beat Arkansas-Little Rock 90-65 Tuesday night.

Lucas made three straight 3-pointers to spur an 11-2 Oklahoma State run early in the second half that put away a pesky Trojan team.

Arkansas-Little Rock (1-1) led 33-32 when Brandon Freeman scored the opening basket of the second half, but Oklahoma State (2-0) started to pull away after

College basketball

No. 8 Kentucky 73, Ball St. 53

CINCINNATI — Patrick Sparks scored 20 points and Shagari Alleyne added three second-half dunks to lead No. 8 Kentucky to a 73-53 victory over Ball State on Tuesday.

The 7-foot-3 Alleyne, who finished with 10 points, lifted the Wildcats (2-0) with his second-half play after Kentucky played sluggishly for most of the first 25 minutes in their annual game at U.S. Bank Arena.

Local sports

SHOSHONE — In a battle of two unbeaten, junior Kate Strunk led the way with 17 points as Shoshone moved to 4-0 by defeating visiting Gooding 58-28 Tuesday night.

Kylie Astle and Meghan Sorensen combined for 10 points and the two limited Gooding's standout Brittanie Boone to only one basket with a smothering defense.

Shoshone outscored Gooding, 11-0 in the decisive second quarter.

Kate Strunk was tough inside. Shoshone coach Tim Chapman said. "She also hit some big free throws late in the fourth quarter. And Astle and Sorensen switched off and on very well on the front end."

Sophomore Ashley Abramowski and Kalyrn Pereira each finished with six points for Gooding. Shoshone plays next on Dec. 2 at home against the Gamma Gals. Gooding (4-1) travels to Bulli next Tuesday.

Century 49, Burley 42

BURLEY — Century turned up the defensive pressure and the inexperienced Burley backcourt struggled as the visiting Diamondbacks rallied from down 37-26 early in the fourth quarter to win 49-42 Tuesday night.

"We scored the first basket (of the fourth quarter) and then the wheels fell off," said Burley coach Gordon Kerbs. "They put in the press and we didn't handle it very well."

"We have some maturing to do but there is light at the end of the tunnel."

Brandon Dalton scored 14 and Hailee Clark 11 for the Bobcats. Burley (2-2) next plays at American Falls Nov. 30.

Undermanned Pacers beat Celtics

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jamal Tinsley had a career-high 29 points and James Jones had a career-best 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead the suspension-weakened Indiana Pacers to a 106-96 win over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night.

It was the Pacers' second game without their three stars — Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal — and first since the team learned of the harsh punishment handed down by the NBA on Sunday.

Several Pacers wore Jackson's and O'Neal's arm bands. Artest was banned for the season, Jackson for 30 games and O'Neal for 25 for fighting with fans in Friday night's game against the Detroit Pistons.

Fred Jones had 16 points and 10 rebounds and the Pacers outscored Boston 45-33 and made 51 of 82 free throws.

Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 20 points, but shot just 6-of-14 from the field.



Wizards 102, Raptors 86

WASHINGTON — The Wizards won their third straight game under coach Eddie Jordan for the first time, turning the boards and surviving another late Toronto rally.

Antawn Jamison scored 28 points and Gilbert Arenas had 26, but it was the 64-47 rebounding that gave the Wizards a 26-13 on the offensive boards, that allowed Washington to win three in a row for the first time since March 2003, during Doug Collins' last days as coach.

Jamison had 13 rebounds, Jared Jeffries had 12, Brendan Haywood 11 and Jarvis Hayes grabbed nine.

Vince Carter, away from the booing home fans in Toronto, led the Raptors with 25 points.

Bobcats 91, Pistons 89

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Emeka

Trail Blazers 99, Heat 87

MIAMI — Zach Randolph had 24 points and Derek Anderson added 19, helping Portland pull away in the second half for a win over Miami.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 16 for Portland, which hasn't beaten a sub-500 team this season — but moved to 4-1 when facing clubs with winning records.

Shaquille O'Neal had 17 points and 13 rebounds — his seventh double-double in the last eight games for Miami, which shot 37.5 percent in the second half and fell to 1-4 against the Western Conference.

Portland used a 17-8 run over a 7-35 stretch of the second half to pull away. Eddie Jones layup with 4:31 left in the third drew Miami to 64-60, but Portland hit five of its next six perimeter shots.

Knicks 104, Hawks 88

NEW YORK — Nazr Mohammed had another strong game against the team that traded him last season, scoring 18 points and grabbing 14 rebounds to lead New York past Atlanta.

Stephen Marbury had 11 assists — all in the first half — and Jamal Crawford scored 17 as New York improved to 500 points and moved past Boston and Atlanta into sole possession of first place in the Atlantic Division.

Marbury scored 16, and Kurt Thomas continued his recent strong play with 12 points in 19 minutes.

Antonio Walker scored 20 and Al Harrington 19 for the Hawks.

Toledo upsets No. 24 Bowling Green, 49-41

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Bruce Gradkowski threw for 338 yards and directed six second-half touchdown drives in Toledo's 49-41 victory Tuesday night over Bowling Green, putting the Rockets in the Mid-American Conference tie game.

The Rockets trailing 27-7 at the half, dominated the third quarter with 28 straight points. They didn't take lead until Gradkowski threw his third touchdown pass, a 20-yard strike to Steve Odum with 2:20 left in the quarter.

Nothing went right for Bowling Green after halftime. The Falcons, who moved into

the Top 25 a week ago then dropped out despite not playing, were stopped on all three of their third-quarter possessions after scoring the first five times they had the ball.

Kicker Steve Siskums' 41-yard field goal try clanked off the left upright and it all came apart when Bowling Green receiver Steve Sanders was stripped of the ball on a short pass play.

Toledo's three-point lead receded to 17-12, setting up Julien Parnesse's 5-yard touchdown run that put Toledo ahead 35-27 on the final play of the third quarter.

Toledo (8-3, 7-1 MAC) will

now play Miami of Ohio in the MAC title game at Ford Field in Detroit on Dec. 2. It will mark the fifth time the Rockets have played in the conference championship game since it began in 1997.

The Rockets have had a remarkable turnaround this season after giving up 63 points in consecutive losses against Minnesota and Kansas to open the season.

Since then, they've won eight of nine games while piling up big numbers with their passing game and averaging 34 points.

The victory over Bowling

Green (8-3, 6-2 MAC) should be enough to secure a bowl bid for Toledo.

Only the winner of the league title game gets an automatic bid, but at least three bowl teams for the first time in league history.

The conference announced Tuesday it will send a team to the Silicon Valley Football Classic because the Pac-10 won't have enough bowl-eligible teams to fill its commitment.

It was sweet revenge for the Rockets who a year ago lost out on a trip to the MAC title game after falling 31-23 to their bitter rival in the final game.

Bruins

Continued from B1 held scoreless for the game, senior post Megan Whitlock came off the bench to spark the Spartans with eight points and five

rebounds. "It was a great confidence builder for our girls," Spartans coach Clint Straitman said. "You don't always have to win to get confidence. If we had one break go the other way, you never know, it could have been a different outcome."

Both teams are back in action Wednesday, Dec. 1. Twin Falls hosts the Century Diamondbacks while Minico faces Pocatello at home.

Wendell 40, Buhl 28

WENDELL — Behind a 27-point outling from junior Hallie Kelsey, the Wendell Trojans secured their first win of the season with a 40-28 victory over Buhl on home Tuesday night.

Despite the solid margin of victory, the game did not start out solidly for the hosts. Looking back, Buhl rebounded from a 44-24 season-opening loss to American Falls, the Indian defense began the game with very stingy play in the key, forcing the Trojans offense to take the chances from the perimeter. Fortunately for Wendell, Kelsey toched them.

"They were collapsing on the middle like crazy," said Kelsey. "Luckily our girls were going in."

With the exception of a bucket apiece from Rylee Scott and Ericka Cox, all of Wendell's points in the first half came courtesy of Kelsey, who drained a trio of threes and four more field goals to open up a 21-17 lead at the half for the Trojans.

Only the play of senior Amanda Chosen kept Buhl in the game in the third, as the guard notched all of the Indians' points for the quarter off of a pair of threes and two from the line.

Wendell (1-3) hosts Kimberly next Tuesday. Buhl (0-2) hosts Gooding next, also on Tuesday.

Skyline 43, Wood River 36

HAILLEY — A fourth-quarter surge wasn't enough as Skyline held on for a 43-36 road win Tuesday over Wood River (0-4).

"We have a young team that's fairly inexperienced," said Brent Carmichael. "We've been improving in each game. We picked it up and attacked a lot more in the fourth quarter. Hopefully that will carry on."

Alexa Alberdi scored 11 and Kristin Minard 10 for the Wolverines.

Skyline (2, 1-1) travels to Jerome 40, Pocatello 33

JEROME — Jerome turned up the defense in the first half, especially the second quarter, to pull off a 40-33 win over Pocatello Tuesday.

Jerome (3-1) outscored Pocatello 13-1 in the second quarter to take control of the Great Basin Conference game.

All German scored 16 and Lindsay Williams added 10 for the Tigers.

Jerome next plays Mountain Home next Wednesday.

Lighthouse Christian 39, Murtaugh 24

TWIN FALLS — Lighthouse Christian jumped out to a 7-0 lead and never looked back in defeating visiting hosts River Tuesday, Nov. 30 while Murtaugh visits Hagerman the same day.

Drue Tolman tossed in nine points for Murtaugh (0-2). Lighthouse Christian hosts River Tuesday, Nov. 30 while Murtaugh visits Hagerman the same day.

Hagerman 43, Dietrich 35

HAGERMAN — Hagerman pulled away in the third quarter to down Dietrich 43-35 for the season sweep of the Blue Devils Tuesday night. Shannell Knight scored 16 for the win, Jutek Weber and Caitlin Dill each scored 11 for Dietrich.

Hagerman (3-2) hosts Murtaugh next Tuesday.

Raft River 32, Rockland 20

MALTA — Senior Jennifer Darrington led Raft River to a 32-20 win over visiting Rockland Tuesday night. Lea Lee tossed in six and Brittany Hansen and Cherry Ward each added four. Raft River (3-1) hosts Lighthouse Christian next Tuesday night.

Richfield 52, Camas County 22

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BOISE — Boise State University head football coach Dan Hawkins, whose unbeaten Broncos are ranked in the Top Ten for the first time in school history.

Parcells: 'Good chance' 'Henson' will start

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys rookie quarterback Drew Henson will make his first NFL start Thursday, barring a miraculous recovery by the injured Vinnie Testaverde.

lowa coach signs contract extension

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz signed a three-year extension that will keep him under contract with the Hawkeyes through 2011.

EWU, UM and MSU QBs earn first-team honors

OGDEN, Utah — Quarterbacks for Eastern Washington, Montana and Montana State earned first team All-Big Sky honors.

NASCAR names top rookie for the year

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kasey Kahne, who narrowly missed out on his first victory five times this season, was selected NASCAR's Nextel Cup Rookie of the Year on Tuesday.

Montana State senior linebacker named defensive player of the year

MONTANA STATE — Senior linebacker Jeff Gouyon won the defensive player of the year honor with Weber State's defensive end Brady Fosmark.

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SPORTS

Four Big Ten teams get set for bowl games

By The Associated Press

Four Big Ten teams got their bowl assignments Tuesday, with co-champion Iowa leading the way to the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

Wisconsin is headed to the Outback Bowl, while Purdue goes to the Sun Bowl and Ohio State plays in the Alamo Bowl. Also Tuesday, North Carolina accepted a bid to the Continental Tire Bowl and the Mid-American Conference agreed to send a team to the Silicon Valley Football Classic.

The No. 12 Hawkeyes (9-2, 7-1 Big Ten) earned their invitation to a third straight New Year's Day bowl after beating Wisconsin on Saturday, claiming a share of the conference title. Coach Kirk Ferentz was rewarded for his success with a contract extension that will pay him a base salary of \$1.2 million.

The Hawkeyes will play the second-place finisher in the Southeastern Conference.

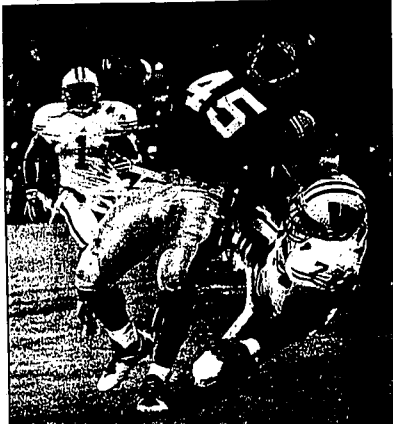
Wisconsin made it to the Jan. 1 bowl in Tampa, Fla., after losing its final two conference games to miss out on at least a share of the league championship.

The 20th-ranked Badgers (9-2, 6-2 Big Ten) return to the Outback Bowl for the third time, including the 1995 game when it was still called the Hall of Fame Bowl. Wisconsin also will face a team from the Southeastern Conference.

The Badgers started the season 9-0 and were ranked No. 4 before they were blown out in back-to-back losses to Michigan State and Iowa.

Purdue goes to the Sun Bowl for the third time in four years. The Boilermakers (7-4, 4-4 Big Ten), who have gone to a bowl game in each of coach Joe Tiller's eight seasons, will likely face either No. 18 Arizona State (8-2) or Oregon State (6-5) in the game in El Paso, Texas, on Dec. 31.

Purdue began the season 5-0 and got as high as No. 5 in the AP poll before losing four straight games by a total of 10 points. In



Iowa's Jonathan Bahineaux (45) is tackled by Wisconsin's Joe Thomas (72) on Saturday in Iowa City, Iowa. Iowa earned a trip to the Capital One Bowl while Wisconsin is headed to the Outback Bowl.

their two previous trips to the Sun Bowl, the Boilermakers lost 33-27 to Washington State in 2001 and beat Washington 34-24 in 2002.

Ohio State was selected to play in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio on Dec. 29 after upsetting No. 7 Michigan 37-21 last weekend.

The Buckeyes (7-4, 4-4) will play a team from the Big 12. "We're so excited to be heading to the Alamo Bowl. I know our kids are looking forward to it," coach Jim Tressel said. "We look forward to filling up that Alamo Dome."

North Carolina heads to Charlotte, N.C., for a Dec. 30 game against a Big East team, giving the Tar Heels their second bowl bid in four years under coach John Bunting.

The Tar Heels (6-5) closed the regular season with a 40-17 win at Duke, giving them three wins in their last four games to qualify for the postseason. The wins also helped secure a two-year contract extension for Bunting.

North Carolina played one of the nation's toughest schedules, earning key wins against Georgia Tech and North Carolina State. Last month, the Tar Heels upset then-No. 4 Miami 31-28, their first win over a top-five opponent. The MAC will send a team to the Silicon Valley Football Classic on Dec. 30 in San Jose, Calif., to face a team from the Western Athletic Conference, taking the spot contractually reserved for the seventh-place Pac-10 team. The Pac-10 won't have enough bowl-eligible teams to fill its spot.

Rivalry

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this time. We'll stay farther away if they're still warming up." Certainly, these teams don't like each other.

Last season, the Bulldogs were penalized five times for late hits and unsportsmanlike conduct, while Georgia Tech was flagged for three personal fouls — including a penalty against quarterback Reggie Ball for showing a Georgia trainer after being pushed out of bounds.

The officials finally called Georgia quarterback David Greene and Georgia Tech line-backer Keyaron Fox to midfield, giving them a message to take back to their teammates: Knock it off.

"It's like playing your family," Ball said. "You know most of the guys or played against them in high school. You can't really get caught up in the emotions. I think a lot of us, including myself, got caught up in the emotions of the game last year."

"You've got to play with the fire, but you can't play with that chip on your shoulder because

it can very easily turn into something bad, like it did last week."

Yellow Jackets coach Chan Gailey has already talked with his team about avoiding another South Carolina-Clemson brouhaha, and he'll do it again before Saturday's game.

"You don't want it to become the focal point, and it won't," Gailey said. "You address it and assume that your young men are smart enough to hear the message and deal with it appropriately."

So what's appropriate? After all, football is a violent game played by huge, strong men. It's not unseemly for a player to celebrate a hit that leaves an opponent reeling on the ground or unconscious. And everyone is looking to get away with as much as they can without drawing a yellow flag.

"Are you going to see guys helping each other off the ground?" Gailey asked. "You won't be seeing any of that. I think that we'll know where we have to draw the line."

The officials also figure to play an important role. Look for them to be especially ansy

about throwing a flag for anything that might have the potential to spark further violence.

"The officials are never going to let it get that far," Georgia defensive lineman Kedric Golston said. "They'll stop it before it starts. You're going to see a lot of things become personal fouls that normally wouldn't be a personal foul, just because of what happened between South Carolina and Clemson."

Golston also expects players from both teams to avoid the sort of antics that could send someone over the edge. It's OK to celebrate. Don't go too far.

At Clemson, the lists started flying after a lineman took down South Carolina's quarterback and lingered a bit too long on top of him — a relatively minor slight that led to the scary fight.

"A little squal led to the scary fight, but it's not going to escalate like it did last Saturday," Golston said. "The players and coaches are not going to let it happen. I mean, helmets were flying around. Someone could have been killed. That's much bigger than a football game."

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Union appeals suspensions for trio of Indiana Pacers

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The NBA players' union filed an appeal Tuesday on behalf of Indiana Pacers Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal, who were suspended for their roles in a brawl with Detroit Pistons fans last week.

The union asked that an arbitrator decide whether there should be reductions in the suspensions handed out Sunday: Artest was banned for the season, Jackson for 30 games and O'Neal for 25.

Union director Billy Hunter has called the penalties excessive, saying a suspension of about 35 games would have been more appropriate for Artest. Commissioner David Stern, who issued the suspensions, has sole discretion under collective bargaining rules over penalties for on-court behavior, and all appeals go through him, too.

The union, however, asked in its one-page appeal that the

case go to arbitrator Roger Karpis.

"We're arguing that the discipline imposed is inconsistent with the collective bargaining agreement, and without just cause," union spokesman Dan Wasserman said.

Stern would normally have 20 days to rule on an appeal of an on-court discipline matter, and it was unclear whether the union's appeal strategy would put this case under that timetable.

An NBA spokesman said the appeal was received but that the league would have no other immediate comment.

"I think David Stern is trying his best to preserve the integrity of the game and his industry, but due process must be honored, and all the mitigating factors must be included on a final decision," said Jesse Jackson, who said he spoke with Stern by telephone on Monday.

The players' union was contemplating taking its case to federal court. A similar strategy

failed in 1997 when the union contended out of members of the New York Knicks for leaving the bench during a fight in a playoff game against the Miami Heat.

In 1998, the union successfully appealed the one-year suspension Stern gave to Latrell Sprewell, then with the Golden State Warriors, for attacking coach P.J. Carlesimo at practice. It was reduced by an arbitrator to 68 games.

The difference between Sprewell's case and the current one is that Sprewell's attack on Carlesimo happened at practice, so it was not considered on-court behavior and was subject to the arbitration provisions of the collective bargaining agreement.

The suspensions also could be contested by the Pacers, who have the right under NBA by-laws to appeal the commissioner's decision to the league's Board of Governors.

No NBA team has ever made such an appeal, according to the league.

Midlevel free agents ink deals

NEW YORK (AP) — While the stars take their time, midlevel free agents are starting to make deals.

Danlun Brewer and the Milwaukee Brewers reached a preliminary agreement Tuesday on a three-year contract that would guarantee the catcher \$8.75 million.

Minnesota, having lost shortstop Cristian Guzman to the soon-to-be Washington Nationals, agreed to a \$2.05 million, two-year deal with infielder Juan Castro.

Reliever Rudy Seanez returned to the San Diego Padres for a third time, agreeing to a \$550,000, one-year contract that allows him to earn \$400,000 more in performance bonuses. And 38-year-old catcher Greg Myers stayed with the Toronto Blue Jays, agreeing to a minor league deal that would pay him \$700,000 if he's added to the major league roster.

explore what New York general manager Omar Minaya called "other options."

Minaya spoke Monday night with the 39-year-old left-hander. The Mets have been trying to re-sign him, and a baseball official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said last week that the sides were closing in on a one-year deal worth between \$4 million and \$5 million.

Talks have stalled since, and the Florida Marlins made an offer. In addition, Leiter had lunch with Yankees general manager Brian Cashman, who expressed interest.

Leiter appears to be waiting for the Mets to indicate they earnestly want him back.

"There are options out there that he wants to explore, and we have options that we want to explore," Minaya said Tuesday. Minaya said the sides decided to "look at those options and see after the (Thanksgiving) holidays where we are."

In Boston, Red Sox president Larry Lucchino thinks it might

take a while to determine whether Pedro Martinez and Jason Varitek will re-sign.

"It takes two to tango, so I can't be certain," Lucchino said. Sixteen players on the World Series champions became free agents, among them pitcher Derek Lowe and shortstop Orlando Cabrera, and only one has agreed to a new deal, outfielder Gabe Kapler with the Yomiuri Giants in Tokyo.

As general manager Theo Epstein and his staff examine the market, the Red Sox already have met with pitcher Carl Pavano, who also plans to meet with Detroit, the Yankees, Baltimore, Seattle and Anaheim.

Only 13 of the 207 players who filed for free agency have agreed to deals, with the market unlikely to gain much momentum until Dec. 7 — the last day for teams to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents. That's also three days before the start of the winter meetings.

Artest

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an interview on NBC's "Today" show.

During the "Today" interview, Artest held up the new CD three times and wore a T-shirt and hat emblazoned with the logo of his record label — TruWarrior Records.

His description of the CD — "It's positive, it's about love" — seemed to be Artest's message for the day.

"Things happen and you move on," he said. "Nobody benefited from this situation."

Two fans who say they were injured in the fracas sued the Pacers and players Artest, Stephen Jackson and Jermaine O'Neal on Tuesday, filing suits in Oakland County Circuit

Court in Pontiac, Mich. They are seeking unspecified damages.

Ackerman, 67, says he was hit by O'Neal and then knocked unconscious by a thrown chair. His suit also names Palace Sports & Entertainment Inc., which operates the Pistons' arena, Paulson, 26, says Artest and Jackson assaulted him.

People hoping to catch a glimpse of Artest on Tuesday seemed willing to forgive.

"Everybody here loves him. We don't want to see him out for the season," said Mike James, one of more than 50 fans who waited for Artest outside the radio station. "You shouldn't go by a person's past. He's

already paid for his past. It's a new season."

This was the seventh time in the past two years that Artest has been fined or suspended by the NBA. Earlier this month, he was held out of two games by Pacers coach Rick Carlisle after he asked for time off because he was tired from working on the CD.

He later said it was and spend time with his family and heal his aching body.

The season-long suspension for the fight will cost Artest almost \$5 million in salary. That ban and those of his teammates Jackson (30 games) and O'Neal (25 games) were appealed by the players' union Tuesday.

Lawsuits

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Paulson, 26, says he was punched by Jackson and assaulted by Artest. Weglarz said Paulson's family has had Pistons season tickets for about 25 years.

Paulson, who works in real estate, and Ackerman have been diagnosed with concussions from the brawl, Weglarz said.

The NBA suspended Artest for the season, Jackson for 30 games and O'Neal for 25.

Pistons spokesman Matt Dobek said the team and The Palace were aware of the lawsuits, but declined comment. The Pacers did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

Oakland County prosecutor David Gorcyca has said the only possible felony charge in the brawl could be against the chair-thrower. He said other charges most likely would be for misdemeanor assault and battery.

Auburn Hills police Lt. James Manning said the investigation

could take two to three weeks. Investigators are reviewing videotapes and interviewing witnesses. Artest and other Pacers had not been interviewed, Manning said.

Another fan, John Green, has been identified as the one who threw a cup that hit Artest before the Indiana forward charged into the stands. Gorcyca recognized Green as a former neighbor — after reportedly watching footage of the brawl.

Once Artest was in the stands, Green grabbed him from behind and sucker-punched him, the prosecutor said.

Green, a 39-year-old contractor, told reporters Monday that it may have looked like he threw the cup, but he didn't.

"I wish the whole thing didn't happen," he said. "It was awful. It was ugly."

Green's attorney, Shawn Smith, said his client became involved in the brawl only when he saw Artest hitting a smaller man. Green also said Artest kicked him in the shin "a couple

of times."

"We have no comment on who threw the cup, it's irrelevant," Smith said. He said fans shouldn't throw things, "but it is a criminal offense I don't think so."

During an appearance Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America," Green described himself as a respected businessman with a wife and two children.

He said he was not drinking Friday night and that Artest was "being a b*ch."

"I don't go around breaking the law," Green said. "If they have found that I broke the law, I'll pay the price."

But Gorcyca said Green was on probation for his third offense of driving under the influence. Green's record also includes convictions for carrying a concealed weapon and check fraud, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections' database.

Pistons chief executive Tom Wilson said Green is a season-ticket holder and will be banned from The Palace.

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SPORTS

Coach's days may be numbered

CLEVELAND (AP) — One more loss with the Browns and Butch Davis could be going back to college.

Cleveland's embattled coach might be running out of time to keep his NFL job, which has been slipping away with every defeat. On Monday, Davis again insisted he isn't worried about his future but only in rebuilding the Browns (3-7), who dropped their fourth straight game on Sunday, 10-7 to the New York Jets.

However, there appears to be mounting evidence that Davis' fourth season in Cleveland will indeed be his last.

Citing unidentified league and team sources, ESPN reported that owner Randy Lerner considered firing Davis on Sunday night but decided not to make the change until he sees how the Browns fared on Sunday from their latest setback.

The report also said Davis could lose his job before the season ends if the Browns lose to the Cincinnati Bengals this weekend.

"Butch is our coach and the Browns will not discuss any reports such as this," team spokeswoman Lisa Levine said Monday night.

Despite rumors that he's in his last days, Davis said his only immediate concern is getting the Browns turned around.



Cleveland Browns quarterback Jeff Garcia (5) tumbles as he is sacked by Pittsburgh Steelers' Aaron Smith in the fourth quarter on Sunday.

"I am so focused on trying to win these games and look at what's right and what's wrong," he said. "I'm worried about winning and helping this team get better. Right now, that's the only focus I've got."

The Browns, who have been devastated by injuries this season and through a substantial portion of Davis' three-plus seasons in Cleveland, have lost five of six to slip into last place in the AFC North.

Since leaving the University of Miami and taking over the expansion Browns in 2001,

Davis' record is 24-35. Including a playoff loss. But after leading Cleveland to a 9-7 mark and the postseason in 2002, he's just 8-18.

Davis helped restore Miami's program to national prominence, and if he is dismissed by the Browns, Davis could pursue an opening at a big-time school like Florida, which fired Ron Zook earlier this season.

Davis said conjecture about him being fired has been "unpleasant" for his family.

In addition to the losses and injuries, Davis' tenure has been marked by poor draft picks, a quarterback controversy, a complete overhaul in the team's front office and the death of owner Al Lerner.

The losing has seemingly taken its toll on Davis. Normally upbeat and overly optimistic even after the toughest losses, he has been sullen the past few weeks.

However, he insists he is totally committed to making the Browns into winners and is convinced that he has them on the right course.

"The only thing you can do is to continue to be positive and to be teaching and to encourage the players and to help them improve," said Davis, who got a two-year contract extension through 2007 after last season. "Whatever is going to happen is going to happen."

Back injury puts Fiedler out for season

MIAMI (AP) — Miami Dolphins quarterback Jay Fiedler was put on injured reserve Tuesday with a herniated disc in his neck and will miss the rest of the season.

Fiedler was hurt in Sunday's

24-17 loss to Seattle after playing one series in place of AJ Feeley, who left with an injured hip.

Fiedler later returned. Fiedler saw Dr. Robert Watkins, a spine specialist, in

Los Angeles on Tuesday, and Watkins advised that Fiedler should allow the injury time to heal. Dolphins general manager Rick Spielman said in a statement released by the team.

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IOC board eyes Turin's troubles

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Three months after the Athens Games, International Olympic officials are turning their attention to the Italian Alps.

The troubled preparations for the 2006 Winter Games in Turin will be a top agenda item for the International Olympic Committee, which holds a three-day executive board meeting beginning Wednesday.

A vote up for discussion will be a possible recommendation to expel a top Bulgarian Olympic official, Ivan Slavkov, for his role in an ethics scandal.

This will be the first meeting of the 15-member board, headed by IOC president Jacques Rogge, since the closing ceremony in Athens on Aug. 29. It also is the board's last meeting of 2004.

After years of anxiety over construction delays in Athens, the Olympics in Greece won't be a success, Rogge said, "unforgettable, dream games."

Now the IOC faces a new set of worries over the Turin Games, which begin in less than 15 months, on Feb. 10, 2006. At issue: a \$242 million budget shortfall, political squabbles, venue delays, lukewarm government and corporate support and a shortage of hotel rooms in the mountain areas.

The IOC has kept pressure on Turin organizers and the Italian government to step up planning and promotion of the games, a message that will surely be repeated when the Italians make a progress report to the board Thursday.

Rogge, who has met twice recently with Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, is offering his public support.

"Italians will do what the Greeks did ... maybe at the last minute, but the games will be ready," he told the Italian daily Corriere della Sera. "And I bet they will be fantastic games."

Turin officials will appear before the IOC just one day after a crucial meeting of the organizing committee board in the northern Italian city. Organizing chief Valentino Castellani will give an update on efforts to close the budget deficit; he has said he expects the Italian government will cover the gap by the end of the year.

Castellani offered his resignation this month after the government appointed under-secretary Mario Pescante, an IOC member, as overall supervisor of the games. But Castellani agreed to stay on after reaching a power-sharing agreement with Pescante.

Turin's image has also been hit by investigations into alleged bid rigging by Agenzia Torino, the company contracted by the government to carry out highway improvements and other infrastructure projects for the games.

Meanwhile, the IOC board is expected to consider Slavkov's case on Friday. The Bulgarian IOC member and national Olympic committee chief was suspended from his IOC functions in August after being implicated in a BBC television documentary on alleged corruption. He was barred from attending the Athens Games.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Police: Boys admit to death threat

BURLEY — Three Burley Junior High School students admitted to police Friday that they had threatened to bring guns and knives to school in order to settle a score with another student.

Police Principal Deane Christensen told police that four boys — one 12, the other three 13 — had made threats against a classmate who they claim had been making inappropriate comments about them recently, according to a police report.

During a Friday assembly the students reportedly told the classmate that they were going to bring a gun and knife to school and kill him, according to the report.

Officers interviewed three of the suspects and all admitted "to talking about bringing weapons to school to settle their differences," the report said. Juvenile petitions have been requested charging each of the boys with disturbing the peace.

Christensen said the boys have been disciplined by the school but could not give details.

Twin Falls schools win recycling award

TWIN FALLS — Southern Idaho Solid Waste honored the Twin Falls School District with its Recycler of the Year award Tuesday.

The district implemented a systemwide recycling program for paper and cardboard starting in the spring of 2003. During the last year, the district has recycled more than 50 tons of waste, the equivalent of about 240 cubic yards of landfill space, according to a news release.

District officials received the award by the recycling bin at Lincoln Elementary School.

The Twin Falls School District is the fifth local organization to be named Recycler of the Year.

Offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Day

- TWIN FALLS — Here's a rundown of offices and facilities that will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday:
- City and county offices will be closed.
- State and federal offices will be closed.
- Social Security Administration offices will be closed.
- U.S. Post Offices will be closed.
- Local banks will be closed.
- Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
- YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be closed.
- College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
- Public schools will be closed.
- Magic Valley Mall will be closed.
- Trash will not be picked up; trash collection will be one day later.

Craig, Simpson bring home the bacon

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sen. Larry Craig and Rep. Mike Simpson, Idaho's two members on the congressional appropriations committees, snagged money in the final omnibus spending bill for the following Magic Valley projects:

- Agricultural Research Services operations at Billingsley Creek, which consists of research on Westslope cutthroat trout, redband trout, and other species — \$1 million.
- Sustainable feeds research for aquaculture, which includes the development of grain-based, low-pollution fish feeds — \$395,000.
- Idaho OnePlan: A collaboration to assist Idaho farmers and ranchers in their natural resource stewardship responsibilities — \$200,000.
- Little Wood River feasibility study for flood control — \$50,000.
- I-84/US-93 interchange Stage 2 — \$1 million.
- College of Southern Idaho Student Traffic Safety Initiative — \$50,000.
- CSI Partnership to Build Capacity for Latino, Access and Leadership Project — \$250,000.
- CSI Enhanced Paraprofessional Training Program — \$200,000.
- Finger Falls Wastewater Treatment Project — \$600,000.

CSI drops four-day week idea

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's summer session will be business as usual — all five days of the week.

The college's administrative council decided Monday against reducing the college's 11-week summer session to four days a week.

President Jerry Meyerthoeffer

said the savings would not be worth the effort required or the inconvenience to students.

"We were really looking for some big savings," said Mike Mason, the college's vice president of finance.

Don Buettner, the college's assistant physical plant director, said closing the campus on Fridays would only save about \$450 a week.

That's about \$5,000 over the

11-week session.

Buettner used estimates based on the energy use on Sundays, when no one is on campus.

CSI vice president Jerry Beck told the board last week that Salt Lake Community College was able to save about \$144,000 by going to a four-day week during the summer.

Mason said he wasn't sure why that college was able to save

so much more money, unless the college was counting reduced labor costs in addition to energy savings.

Mason said college officials did not want to reduce staffing during a reduced week.

The savings disparity might be caused by economies of scale, Mason said. In the fall of 2002 Salt Lake Community College had a 23,154-student head count CSI had a head count of

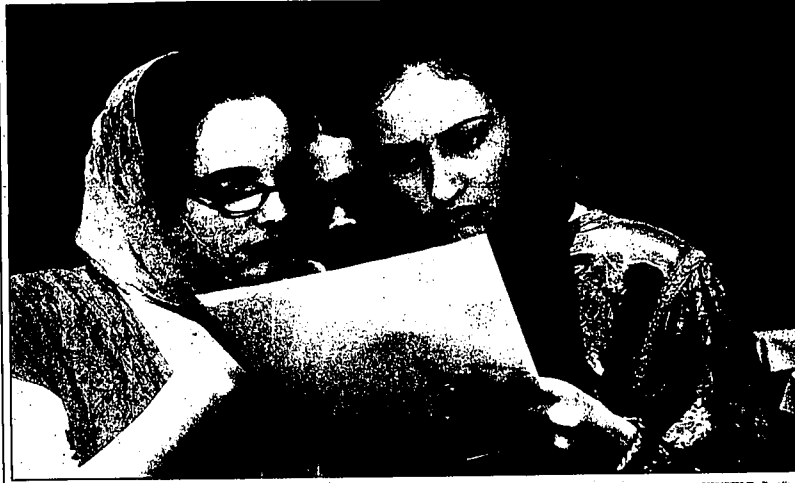
6,729 for the same semester.

Mason said CSI has very efficient energy systems, so rooms are air heated or air conditioned when they aren't in use.

Waste and water use aren't big factors for savings, Buettner said.

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INTERNATIONAL THINKING



Carey High School seniors Ana Ruiz, right, Hugo Chavez, center, and Katie Miller, playing the role of Pakistan heads of state, do some final analysis of their imports and exports during the Region IV International Economic Summit at the College of Southern Idaho on Tuesday. Students from around the Magic Valley participated in the semi-annual event.

Commission will require irrigation deposit

The Times-News

BOISE — Irrigation customers behind on their payments to Idaho Power will see changes in their irrigation deposit rates beginning next year, according to a Public Utilities Commission ruling released on Tuesday.

"While the commission recognizes that the great majority of irrigators pay their electric bills in a timely manner, the evidence shows several trends specific to irrigation customers that support approval of the company's application," a press release said.

Idaho Power has experienced an increase in unpaid irrigation bills and net write-offs due to bad debt, leading the company to propose changes in the way it

collects deposits from irrigation customers. On Tuesday, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission approved the company's request.

Irrigation customers who owe more than \$1,000 on Dec. 31 will pay a deposit based on a formula that, in essence, collects the customers' bill for the next irrigation season in advance.

The deposit will be applied to each monthly bill as it becomes due throughout the season.

A less expensive deposit was approved for irrigation customers who owe less than \$1,000 but who have received two or more reminder notices of \$100 or more during a 12-month period. The same formula will apply to customers whose service is disconnected

during the out-of-season period due to nonpayment.

The commission noted that net write-offs from irrigation customers far exceed any other customer class.

Further, the commission said, only a small number of customers owe more than \$1,000.

"About 77% of the company's 6,400 irrigation customers would have fallen under this distinction during the 2004 irrigation season. Those customers owed about \$2.64 million to the company at the end of last year.

Asking these customers who pose the greatest risk to pay higher deposits will likely minimize bad debt write-offs," the commission said. "Minimizing bad debt write-offs is in the interest of Idaho Power ratepayers."

“ Asking those customers who pose the greatest risk to pay higher deposits will likely minimize bad debt write-offs.”

— Public Utilities Commission

Sun Valley prepares for ski season

Baldy will likely be open to the top on Saturday

By Gary Silvers Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Bald Mountain is expected to escape most of the rain forecasting over Idaho on Thanksgiving Day.

National Weather Service meteorologist Ken Parker out of Boise said precipitation in the morning and early afternoon hours Thursday could creep up

to 6,500 feet — the top of Lower River Run. But Parker expects the storm's frontal systems to pass over central Idaho in the early afternoon and temperatures behind it to drop considerably, bringing snow as low as 4,000 feet and down to 3,000 feet by Friday morning.

If it snows at all.

The weather service has calculated a 50 percent probability of precipitation for Wednesday and Wednesday night and a 60 percent POP for Thanksgiving Day and the beginning of Sun Valley's 69th winter season. A 60 percent POP means it has rained or snowed six of every 10 times these conditions have been

present in the past.

Sun Valley Resort company spokesman Jack Sibbald said, Baldy's snowmaking crew is confident they'll have the top of the mountain open this Saturday, with at least one run down both the River Run and Warm Springs sides.

Cool weather during the past week has had Sun Valley's automated snowmaking system operating at capacity.

The National Weather Service is forecasting daytime highs in the low 30s and upper 20s in Keetchikan and in the low 20s on the mountain both Friday and Saturday and even cooler on Sunday.

Gooding County will withhold tax revenue

By Mickey Walker Times-News correspondent

GOODING — County commissioners will hold back nearly \$22,000 from the anticipated revenue of 21 taxing districts to pay back a recent settlement with Qwest and Idaho Power Co. Helen Edwards.

Gooding County Treasurer Fae Christopherson presented the utility rebate amounts to the commissioners on Monday after determining that refunds would be easier to calculate than trying to manually adjust taxes for the years of 2001, 2002 and 2003.

District will have to make do with \$9,590 less than anticipated.

The Gooding district will refund \$7,397 and Hagerman will refund \$4,912.

Of the total owed to Qwest and Idaho Power, the county's portion is \$13,042.

The highway, city, cemetery, hospital and recreation districts also will have to make due with less revenue.

"And the interest on the owed amount keeps on ticking," Edwards said.

What may help to offset some of the reduced revenue was a sub tax roll submitted by County Assessor Patty Bauscher during the Board of Equalization hearing.

Burley becomes Gem Community

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer

BURLEY — After two attempts and more than a year's work on the part of a dozen or so committed residents, Burley became a Gem Community Tuesday.

Dennis Dexter, chairman of the Burley Area Action Team, said the motto of the group is "We get things done."

Albin Ebert, Gem Community program coordinator for Idaho Commerce and Labor, presented the award to the city and asked teams from Rupert, Wendell, Heyburn, Albion and Shoshone to share their exper-

iences and offer advice to Idaho's 126th Gem Community.

"I really want to take the opportunity to congratulate you," Ebert said. "I applaud your tenacity and leadership."

Albin Mayor Don Danner said the Gem Community program has allowed small towns to accomplish big things with limited resources.

"The Gem Community program really lets us in the game and allows us to be a player," Danner said.

Chris Jackson, formerly with the Rupert Gem team and now serving on Wendell's Gem team, said the program has accomplished great things in both

communities by gathering comments and motivating volunteers to respond to them.

"The people on Gem teams are cheerleaders for the community," Jackson said.

In the past Gem status enabled communities to qualify for certain grants, but that's changed recently, said Brian Tibbets, Burley's community development director. Still, being certified as a Gem Community looks good on the city's resume, and Tibbets called the certification "a historic event."

In order to become certified, the Burley team committed to supporting a year-long centen-

“ The utilities recently were awarded a judgment for property that had been valued too high during the past three years, explaining Gooding County Clerk Helen Edwards.”

Quest will receive a refund of about \$47,458. Idaho Power will get \$4,493.

Edwards said that after the levies were set and valuations were mailed out she advised the various taxing districts that the judgments had not yet come in.

"I told them not to spend all their money because they would come up short," Edwards said.

Hardest hit among the taxing districts will be the schools, which will have to refund about \$23,736. The Wendell School

“ Bauscher said that a little more than \$3 million in transient equipment valuation and \$1 million in occupancy valuation have come in since the main tax roll closed.”

Transients are reported to be from other counties, the people that are in construction here to declare to their home counties where the equipment has been and then they notify me," Bauscher said.

The equipment used in highway construction and a new rest area being built along Interstate 84 in Gooding County contributed a large portion to the sub tax roll.

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Virginie Patsy Journey Albertson

Virginie Patsy Journey Albertson, age 98, died peacefully on Nov. 4, 2004, in Twin Falls, Idaho, at a retirement home with her family by her side.

Virginie was born in Clinton, Mo., on Feb. 9, 1906, and she was the youngest of six children born to Jerome and Ella Journey. They moved to Gooding, Idaho, in 1909 where she was raised and graduated from Gooding High School in 1924. She attended college at Albion Normal School and was married to Sharon H. Albertson in Gooding on Nov. 28, 1927. Virginie touched the lives of many children and families in the Magic Valley as a second-grade school teacher for 28 years.



Surviving Virginie is a daughter, Pat (Phil) Kinnison of Twin Falls; and a son, Max (Lorraine) Albertson of

Pocatello, Idaho; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Her parents, her husband and five siblings preceded her in death.

Virginie was a member of Chapter BP of PEO and the Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at the Twin Falls First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Al Fry officiating. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Anita Larragan-Davis - Buhl

Anita Larragan-Davis, 84, of Buhl, passed away Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at Applegate Assisted Living in Buhl.

Anita Irene Larragan was born March 14, 1920, to Anastasio and Paula (Arrien) Larragan in Mountain Home, Idaho. In 1924 she moved with her family to the Casleford area, where she attended school. Anita had many fond memories of playing basketball for Casleford, following business school. Anita worked for Bob Erkens at Thousand Springs Trout Farm and later for Idaho Trout Processors. She married Gene Davis; they later divorced. Anita was a long-time member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic



Church. She enjoyed dancing, especially at the annual Basque Dances held by the Catholic Church. Anita will al-

ways be remembered for her dedication to her faith and as a caring, loving, mother.

She is survived by her son, Mike (Bonnie) Davis of Buhl; two grandsons, Tanner Davis of North Dakota and Tad Davis of Montana; one granddaughter, Tara Davis of Buhl; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Felix, Luis and John Larragan; and an infant sister.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at West End Cemetery, Buhl. No visitation is scheduled. Arrangements have been entrusted to Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl, Idaho.

Jane W. Herbert - Burley

Jane Weddle Herbert, an 80-year-old resident of Burley, died suddenly Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at Gooding Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Jane was born April 13, 1924, at Asheville, N.C. She was the daughter of Algar C. and Margaret Powell Weddle. She was the oldest of three children. She remained very close with her two sisters regardless of the distance. She graduated from high school in 1941, in Asheville. She continued her education and became a lab technician. She then showed her independent nature and her love of adventure by setting out to New York City, much to the dismay of her mother.

Edmond Benton Hobert was pilot in World War II, naming his plane the Calamity Jane in honor of his soon to be wife. She married Ed on June 9, 1948.

He was her best friend and soul mate. He preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 2001, three years to the day prior to Jane.

Jane was a member of PEO, Hospital Volunteers, Double-I Bride Club as well as many other clubs through the years. She started the Income Service in the Burley area in 1951 and had many different partners. She loved Festival of Trees where she worked annually. She attended the Burley First Presbyterian Church.

Jane loved life, friends and family. She loved largely, and that love was returned by all who knew her. Jane was a cook, one of the best! You would never leave her house hungry. She looked forward to social events regardless of the reason. Bridge was a favorite



pastime as well as spending many hours with a very close network of friends, some boasting more than 50 years together. She enjoyed spending time at the cabin, the family built in Ketchum.

She and Ed owned and operated an 80-acre farm east of Burley, where they worked side-by-side. They also worked together for many years at Amoco Oil in Burley. Jane was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She took great interest in those that she loved and that love was returned by all who knew her. She took great interest in the accomplishments of her loved ones and never missed a chance to tell anyone who would listen to where they were or what they were doing. She always looked forward to time spent with her family.

Her presence will be greatly missed.

Surviving are her two sons, Jim Herbert (Missy Firth) of Hagerman, Idaho, and Doug (Colleen) Herbert of Burley; one daughter, LeAnne (Ken)



Lobsack of Burley; two sisters, Peggy-Nichols of Asheville, N.C., and Nancy (Hatten) Hodges of Denver, Colo.; her grandchildren, Brad (Misty) Herbert of Jackson, Wyo., Mark (Shane) McKinney of Hiko, Nev., Scott Carraway and Matt Lobsack, both of Boise, Idaho and Jennifer (Cody) Matthews of Rigby, Idaho; a great-grandson, Devin Albright of Jackson, Wyo.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Steve Herbert; and a brother-in-law, Paul Nichols.

A service celebrating Jane's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 2004, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., with the Rev. Herb C. Whitaker officiating. Burial will be in Declo Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Lovell Taylor - Rexburg

Leah Lovell Taylor, 63, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at her home at her home from complications of multiple system atrophy.

She was born Feb. 13, 1941, in Helena, Mont., to Otis Harland and Julia Kathryn Grigg Williams. She attended high school in Ontario, Ore., and studied horticulture at Brigham Young University in Provo.

She married Charles Lynn Taylor on Dec. 15, 1960, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. She was a loving and gentle, someone. In later years, she was employed as a receptionist and office manager at Goode Motors in Burley, Idaho. She was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed writing poetry.

Lovell was a gifted teacher and seldom missed a B.U. Education Week. She served faithfully in The Church of



Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and especially cherished serving as Relief Society president in Yakima, Wash. She delighted in the achievements of her children and grandchildren and was a devoted wife and mother. She is survived by her hus-

band, Charles; children, Garth (Shauna) Taylor of Idaho Falls, Crystal Taylor of Twin Falls, Alyssa (Mac) Ratchford of Casper, Wyo., and Matthew (Rebecca) Taylor of Rexburg; her mother, Kathryn Williams of Burley; siblings, Mark (Kate) Williams of Burley, June (Bruce) Nelson of Logan, Utah, Garth (Sam) Williams of Burley, Pam (Joey) Carlson of Kearnie, Neb., Nathan (Donna) Williams of Salt Lake City, Jared (Janet) Williams of Grand Junction, Colo.; and 14 grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Martha Martin - Oakley

Martha Johnson Litson Martin, an 87-year-old resident of Oakley, died Monday, Nov. 22, 2004, at her home.

She was born Nov. 4, 1917, in Paul, Idaho, the daughter of Joseph Hyrum and Serena Gardner Johnson. Martha graduated from Paul High School, attended one semester at the Southern Branch of the University of Idaho in Pocatello, then transferred to Albion State Normal School where she graduated with a teaching degree. In later years, she did postgraduate work receiving her Bachelor of Arts through the Idaho State University.

She married Wendell Litson on Dec. 27, 1939. He died five months later.

After teaching for two years in Oakley, she married Lloyd H. Martin in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on May 22, 1941, and they lived in the Basin. She enjoyed her life there with its beautiful scenery. She and Lloyd were called on a mission to Great Britain in 1950. They had a wonderful experience there and returned in 1952. During a teachers shortage she returned to teach in the Oakley Elementary School and continued there for 27 years. She loved teaching and the children she worked with.



Lloyd sold the ranch and they moved into town in 1975. Lloyd died on Sept. 23, 1975.

Martha retired from teaching in 1979. She has always been an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held many positions in the Relief Society, Primary, Mutual and Sunday School organizations in the wards and stake. She loved music and was the organist in the Basin Ward. She was a worker in the Boise Temple for a year. She served a mission in the Jackson, Miss. Mission in 1992 and 1993. Martha had a firm testimony of the gospel and never once doubted its

truth. She was also a member of Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Martha loved working in the garden and always tried to keep her surroundings beautiful. Even though rather of a shy person, she did extraction work, read and knitted slippers, booties and hats for gifts for friends and for the humanitarian project. As she got much older, she had to curtail her activities due to ill health.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, parents; and two brothers, Hyrum G. Johnson of Ogden, Utah, and Mark G. Johnson of Rupert.

She is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth (LaGrande) Robertson of Shasta Lake, Calif., and Nellie (Wilbur) Trout of Twin Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at the Oakley/Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave., where friends and family may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Officiating will be Bishop Eric C. Bedke. Burial will be in Basin Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.



Renee Jane Pike - Burley

Renee Jane Pike, 58, a former Burley resident, passed away in Idaho, Calif.

She is survived by one brother, Robert Bingham of Twin Falls; one sister, Darla Ressler of Eagle; two daughters, Debie Harris of Burley and Robin Green of Great Falls, Mont.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lamar Bingham and Paye Ostler.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Donations in her behalf can be made to the Burley Senior Center by calling 878-8646.

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SLC judge suspends accused polygamist's visitation rights

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A judge ordered reputed polygamist John Daniel Kingston to have no contact with 11 of his children from one of his wives, the latest development in a custody battle over alleged child abuse.

Kingston lost visitation rights in a ruling Monday from 3rd District Juvenile Court Judge Andrew Valdez, who didn't make his reasoning public but previously has ruled Kingston abusive to the kids and that their mother failed to protect them.

Ten of the children he fathered with Heidi Mattingly have been in state custody since June; the judge left a toddler, an infant and a 2-year-old.

Kingston had been limited to having weekly supervised visits, and was scheduled to have another Monday night when the judge suspended them.

At a Nov. 10 hearing the judge

said Kingston had only recently shown an interest in the 11 children. State officials say they are among at least 108 children Kingston fathered with 14 wives.

Kingston also was prohibited from having any contact with Mattingly, whose 4-month-old daughter remains in her custody.

The family landed in court after Kingston allegedly threatened two of his teenage daughters for piercing their ears.

The girls, ages 13 and 16, told police they were afraid of their father, who threatened to rip out their earnings.

In an investigation, Kingston's 13-year-old daughter told police her father beat her, her mother and her siblings and forced the children to eat rotten food he dug out of the garbage.

Now prosecutors are pointing a finger at Mattingly. In a petition scheduled for a Dec. 15 trial, state, guardian ad litem Kristen Brewer alleges Mattingly is "physically and emotionally abusive to the children on a day-to-day basis."

That allegation was made by a 13-year-old daughter, who told investigators Mattingly "hits the children in the face and they bleed, usually from the nose or mouth."

The Kingstons are members of the Latter-day Church of God, or "The Order," which reportedly has about 1,200 members and practices polygamy as part of its religious beliefs.

The group operates an estimated \$150 million business empire in six Western states with companies that include pawn shops, restaurant-supply stores, dairies and mines.



Corban Ricketts, 6, runs along the surf Monday at Natural Bridges State Beach in Santa Cruz, Calif. The city holds a festival each October to welcome back the winged visitors, but the destination remains an ideal getaway for several months.

Migrating butterflies impress visitors

By Patricia Connell
Los Angeles Times

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — It's been more than 20 years since I moved to Los Angeles from New York City, but certain things about wild California never lose their excitement. Joshua trees. Hummingbirds. Migrating whales. Redwoods.

And then there are monarch butterflies. Starting every October, thousands of monarchs from the northwestern United States and Canada make an epic journey down the California coast to spend the winter, their numbers peaking in November and December.

The state is speckled with overwintering spots, some in Orange, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. But one of the most renowned butterfly sites is at Natural Bridges State Beach in Santa Cruz; the city even holds an annual festival to welcome back the creatures.

It seemed a great place for an October getaway that would

focus on nature.

My husband, Tony, and I arrived in downtown Santa Cruz Monday on a Friday and had lunch — one sandwich of blackened wild California never loses their excitement. Joshua trees. Hummingbirds. Migrating whales. Redwoods.

A quick spring along coast-hugging West Cliff Drive brought us to Natural Bridges State Beach, where a boardwalk leads from the visitor center to a viewing platform in the eucalyptus grove where the insects roost. Hours are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Feb. 15.

At first it was hard to spot the critters, except for a few flitting overhead. But Tony had remembered to pack binoculars, and a look through them in nearby yard location revealed butterflies hanging from tree limbs in clusters of dozens to hundreds, folded so only the muted colors of their undersides showed. Be-

cause the day was gray and chilly, most remained dormant in the trees. Amber Cantisano, an interpretive specialist at the park, said that on warmer, brighter days — above 60 degrees or so — they bask in the sunlight and feed on nectar.

A few other people came and went while we were there, some taking photographs (with very long lenses), first-time visitors oohing and aahing when they realized that what they had thought was a branch of dead leaves was actually a cluster of butterflies. The calm was captivating.

The rock was pockmarked with dozens of them, shallow depressions from a few inches to a foot or two in diameter, populated with lumps, mussel shells, succulents, barnacles and other creatures I couldn't identify. At the cliff base, orange sea stars clung to rocks in the tide line. High school students on a field trip examined the tide pools, too, seeming uncharacteristically absorbed.

Officials will propose reviews before new nuclear testing begins in Nevada

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Members of Utah's congressional delegation plan to try again next year with legislation that would force environmental reviews before nuclear weapons testing can begin in Nevada.

U.S. Rep. Jim Matheson, a Democrat, and Republican Sen. Bob Bennett proposed similar bills requiring congressional authorization of any new detonations at the Nevada Test Site, but both measures are considered dead this year.

Matheson said he hopes to work with Bennett to form legislation that would protect downwinders from potential exposure to radioactive fallout or contamination. The Salt Lake Tribune reported Tuesday.

"I was very pleased by Sen. Bennett's bill and I like some of the changes he put in his, so I'm hoping we can work together to reintroduce a new bill in the next Congress," Matheson said.

"I believe there is the opportunity to make a lot of progress on this, especially with bipartisan support and having a companion bill in the Senate."

Bennett's spokeswoman Mary Jane Callister said the feeling was mutual.

"Senator Bennett looks forward to coordinating with Congressman Matheson on that legislative effort next year," she said.

Introduced in March, Matheson's "Safety for Americans from Nuclear Weapons Testing Act"

would require environmental reviews on health and safety of a proposed underground test and require Congress to authorize resumed tests.

Bennett's bill would increase federal responsibility for radiation level monitoring, authorize independent radiation fallout monitoring, and authorize a study on long-term health effects of radiation exposure.

Bennett's bill, which was introduced in September, stipulated Matheson's measure, but added provisions such as requiring the installation of radiation monitoring stations in any Utah county that requests one and establishing a citizen review board to meet with DOE to discuss testing concerns.

Husband gets death for murder of wife

BOISE (AP) — Convicted murderer Azad Abdullah was sentenced to death by an Ada County jury on Tuesday for the death of his wife, Angie.

Family members cried quietly and one juror dabbed at tears as 4th District Judge Cheri Cosey, polled jurors in the crowded courtroom just before noon.

Last week, the same jury found the 27-year-old Boise man guilty of first-degree murder in Oct. 5, 2002, death of his wife, Angie.

The jury also convicted Abdullah of charges of attempted

murder and arson for setting fire to his family's home, with four children sleeping inside. The children escaped the fire unharmed.

Prosecutors said Abdullah burned the house to conceal the crime.

Throughout the case, Azad Abdullah declined to testify on his own behalf.

The jury started deliberating the death penalty question on Monday. Members concluded that two of four possible aggravating factors were present in the case: only one factor being necessary for a death sentence.

Abdullah was expected to be transported to the Idaho Maximum Security Prison later Tuesday, where he will become the 22nd murderer on Idaho's death row.

The only death row prisoner executed since the 1980s was Keith Eugene Wells, who waived all his appeals and was put to death by lethal injection in 1994.

Abdullah's jury was the second in the state to decide whether to sentence a person to death under a 2003 Idaho law that requires juries, not judges, to make that decision.

Cassia schools null abstinence program

BURLEY — An abstinence training program is one step closer to being implemented in Burley, while school officials in Cassia have tabled it until next school year.

The Peers Encouraging Abstinence Kids program, or PEAK, is abstinence-only and trains high school students to be mentors, teaching the program to junior high students in supervised classrooms.

The program, which has had success in Northern Idaho, is being brought to school districts with a \$180,000 federal education money, which is being matched by the state.

Adrian Masoner, the Region IV adolescent pregnancy prevention coordinator, is charged with implementing the program in two school districts in her region. With Mirtuagh temporarily dropping out, she's searching for another district to start the program.

Masoner spoke Monday with Cassia County's committee on sex education.

Burley High School Principal Jeff Hurrath said the committee like the program. If implemented, it would have sophomores and juniors from the school teach the program to seventh-graders.

Masoner will present the program to the Cassia County School Board at its Dec. 14 meeting and the board will have the final say about adopting it.

Magic Valley in brief

Southern Idaho campus. More than 400 creches made of leaves, banana leaves, pine fronds and many kinds of woods and metals will be on display, including one handwoven by a woman in Tahiti. Some of the natives are made by local craftsmen and others are purchased by collectors.

Event hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

The Celebration of the Nativity is sponsored by the CSI Service Club and Charity Anywhere Foundation. Anyone with a nativity set they would like to display is encouraged to call Gordon Carter at 404-6304 or Charity Anywhere Foundation at 734-8041. Churches also are welcome to display their creches.

within the next 10 days, said coordinator Cecile Griffith. Families need to be able to present a proof of income, such as a W-2 form, with their application.

Anyone wishing to help with the boxes or make donations to Griffith at 423-4496 during beauty shop hours.

Halley chamber hosts holiday celebration

HALLEY — The Halley Chamber of Commerce will hold a holiday celebration with the theme, "Halley's Hometown Holidays."

A light parade starting at 6 p.m. Friday begins at the corner of Galena and North Main, travels south past City Hall to Walnut Street, then right to River Street, right to Troy Street and right to City Hall and the library, where lighting of the city's holiday tree, donated by Webb Nursery and Landscape, will take place. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided by Friends of the Library. Participating merchants will stay open until 8 p.m. for late shopping. Other late shopping nights are Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

Anyone who wants to be in the chamber at 788-2700. Entries must be lighted in some way."

The chamber also is sponsoring the Halley Holidays Giveaway. For every \$10 spent at a participating merchant or restaurant in Halley, the customer will receive one raffle ticket but will be limited to 100 tickets per purchase.

For more information, call the chamber at 788-2700 or check the events calendar online at www.halleyidaho.com.

— compiled from staff reports

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

SHOSHONE — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Brodrick and Joshua Thorneau, 20; driving without privileges; sentencing Dec. 1. Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Teresa Velaz, no date of birth listed; fraud - no account check fraud - insufficient funds; sentencing Nov. 11; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Charles E. Cox, 18; driving without privileges; sentenced to failure to pay

fine \$240; court costs \$25; public defender fee; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Linda L. Ramsey, 55; driving under the influence; 120-day driver's license suspension; \$500 fine, \$78.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Misdemeanor dismissals

Jerome P. Leguizamo, 20; fraud - insufficient funds check; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Cesar Rojas, no date of birth listed; two counts fraud - insufficient funds check; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Christopher E. Ferrero, 32; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Civil

Acium Collection Service vs. Wallace Bingham, Seeking \$1,452.24, plus interest; \$400 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

CIS Collections vs. Virginia Tippets and Craig S. Tippets, Seeking \$2,025.55, plus interest; \$710.05 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Lewis L. Lowe, Seeking \$439 monthly support for Jessica L. Lowe, plus 49 percent of children's medical expenses; attorney fees.

Divorces

Walter Dick Hanks vs. Pamela Jean (Kobelia) Hanks.

SERVICES

Juan Carlos Espinoza of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at the church; friends may call one hour before the funeral, 8 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen, Funeral Home).

James E. Kevan of Glenns Ferry, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the American Legion Hall in Glenns Ferry; viewing from 9 a.m. until time of the service at the Legion Hall; graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Manard Cemetery southeast of Fairfield, followed by a get-together at the Senior Citizens Center in Fairfield (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Idella Gled Cowmover of Belton, Texas and formerly of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Wendell LDS Third Ward Chapel, 605 N. Idaho St.; visitation from noon until time of funeral services today at the church (Rasmussen Mortuary, Jerome).

Matt McCurry of Twin Falls, gathering for family and friends from 11 a.m. until noon

today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St.

William Everett Conrad of Gooding, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Gooding LDS Church; burial at 2 p.m. at West End Cemetery in Buhl. A viewing will be from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the church (Demary's Funeral Chapel).

Bonnie Jean Head of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Buhl Baptist Church; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Harold Francis Vogt of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Zion Lutheran Church in Burley; friends may call one hour before the service at the church.

Rueben Daniel 'Dan' Steinmetz of Everett, Wash., celebration of life at 11 a.m. Friday at Horn Hall at Forest Park, 802 Mikiltee Blvd., Everett, Wash. Another service will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 4 at Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Charm Still of Burley at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main. At 2 p.m. the family will travel to Riverside Cemetery for a memorial graveside service.

Dorothy Marie (Braga) Howsden of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Wendell United Methodist Church; viewing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Demary's Wendell Chapel.

bridge Care and Rehabilitation Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

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Court records

Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram

DEATH NOTICE

Marcella F. Phillips

TWIN FALLS — Marcella F. Phillips, 75, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2004, at Sun-

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OBITUARY

Donald Patrick 'Doc' Dally - Twin Falls

Donald Patrick "Doc" Dally, 73, of Twin Falls, Idaho, formerly of Dunlap, Ill., died at 9:10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Born in Peoria, Ill., on Oct. 14, 1931, to Lawrence and Francis (Heinz) Dally. He was preceded in death by eight brothers and two sisters.



He is survived by son, Donald Patrick II of Twin Falls; four grandchildren, Joshua Waggoner of Peoria Heights, Ill., Zachary Waggoner of Belcamp, Md., Morgan Schutte of Glasford, Ill., and Mason Dally of Twin Falls.

After graduating in 1950 from Dupap High School he served in the Air Force until his honorable discharge in 1953. He then lived and worked in Dulap until 1999, moving to Twin Falls, living here until

his death. A member of the American Legion, he loved shuffleboard, the Green Bay Packers and his family, most of all his grandchildren. Doc's huge heart and love

for family and friends will be missed by all.

A service will be announced at a later date. Cremation took place under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Gov. Kempthorne heads to Louisiana for Thanksgiving with Idaho troops

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne headed to Louisiana on Tuesday to fulfill his commitment to spend Thanksgiving with 1,600 Idaho National Guard troops before seeing them off to Iraq.

The governor left with Adjutant General Jack Kane and Paul Revere and his band, the Raiders, who will perform a Thanksgiving Eve concert along with singer Nancy Roche for the troops.

It is the largest mobilization of the National Guard in Idaho history. An advance team left the Alexandria, La., center last week for the Middle East as most of the other troops returned from their pre-deployment leaves.

It was time nearly all spent with husbands and wives, sons and daughters, mothers and fathers.

Several members of the 116th Brigade Combat Team were home to see their babies born. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were raised privately to help citizen-soldiers get back to their families from Louisiana for the pre-holiday leaves.

"Spending that alone time together made us realize how much we like each other," said Tonnice Packrell, whose husband Tony is among those guardsmen ready to deploy. "We have fallen in love all over again."

Spc. Eric Kollmann of Nampa returned to Louisiana last week, well before the onslaught of holiday activity.

"In some ways, we're just trying to keep it as normal as possible," his wife, Linda Kollmann, said. "It was one of those things where Eric was hoping to

stay low-key and spend time with the kids." The troops were mobilized last winter and began training in July, first at Fort Bliss, Texas, and then at Fort Polk, La.

The brigade, which includes troops from Oregon, Utah, Montana, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, will fly out of Alexandria, La., at the end of this week for Kuwait, where it will reorganize before moving into Iraq.

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Advocates worry new law will lead to slaughter of wild horses

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Wild horse advocates say they're worried that healthy horses rounded up on the range could be sold for slaughter under a herd-thinning measure Congress passed over the weekend.

The legislation lets wild horses older than 10, or those that have unsuccessfully been put up for adoption three times, be sold without limitations at local sale yards or livestock facilities. "I would expect under this law we're going to have far higher numbers of horses going to slaughter," said Howard Crystal, attorney for the Fund for Animals. "If someone under this program can now buy 300 horses and ship them to a slaughterhouse people will start making money."

Chris Heyed, a policy analyst with the Society for Animal Protective Legislation, called it "a systematic attack on wild horses."

The bill removed from federal law a clause that no wild free-ranging horse or burro could be sold or transferred for processing into commercial products. It



A Nevada Department of Agriculture helicopter is used to round up wild horses on the Virginia Range in this Aug. 13, 2002, file photo, taken east of Reno, Nev.

also clarified that it is not a crime to sell an aging horse for slaughter, Crystal said.

Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., chairman of the appropriations subcommittee that funds the Bureau of Land Management, placed the measure in a 3,000-page year-end spending bill after consulting with Sens. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., and Harry Reid, D-Nev., Burns spokeswoman Jennifer O'Shea said.

"We've got to get the number of animals down to appropriate management levels and keep them there, but do it in a way that doesn't bankrupt us," Burns said in a statement. "This language is a step in the right direction."

Lawmakers have expressed frustration with the BLM wild horse program. Costs have gone up as more horses have been taken off the range and placed in holding facilities.

Court throws out offender's sentence

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Court of Appeals threw out the life sentence of a man convicted of abusing his kids, ruling a state prosecutor violated an agreement with the defendant.

The three-judge panel said Assistant Attorney General Jessica Borup failed to endorse a plea agreement to endorse a recommendation — in exchange for a guilty plea — as the one the court should accept.

Not endorsing the sentence led to a harsher punishment for Daniel defendant Christian Will at the trial, the appeals panel said. As a consequence of Tuesday's ruling, Will is due to get a new sentencing hearing for a pair of February 2003 convictions for lewd conduct with a minor.

"The prosecutor breached the plea agreement by undermining the state's recommendation," Chief Judge Darrell Perry wrote in the decision. "Will was entitled to have the prosecutor's conduct conform to what Will reasonably understood to be the bargain."

High court opens appeal for inmate

BOISE (AP) — Former death row inmate Jalni Dean Charboneau won a new avenue of appeal on Tuesday when the Idaho Supreme Court ordered his claims of prosecutorial misconduct reconsidered by the lower court.

A divided high court ruled that 5th District Judge Barry Wood improperly dismissed Charboneau's claims because Wood failed to adequately consider Charboneau's petition for an attorney to help him make his case for a new trial.

Charboneau was convicted of stalking his 36-year-old ex-wife, laying in wait outside her Jerome County ranch house and then shooting her repeatedly with a rifle on July 1, 1984.

Charboneau's case drew wide attention, beginning with a string of defense attorneys who marched through the trial courtroom. One even proposed a defense based on a seizure.

Five years later, his death sentence was reversed, and Jerome County decided to drop efforts to secure his execution because it could no longer pay the hundreds of thousands of dollars to again defend a death sentence through the appellate courts.

The county of just 18,000 people paid out \$400,000 only to see the original death sentence overturned.

Charboneau, 45, who recently completed writing and illustrating a book of cowboy poetry, was resentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"When you have a case with as many bizarre twists as this one turned back to have a serious look, it is absolutely a sign that the system does work," Charboneau's attorney Greg Silvey said.

In his latest appeal, he claimed that he had new evidence that justified reopening his conviction and needed an attorney to put his petition together properly.

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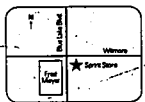
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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Christopher C. Chouinard, 39; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 20; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Brian R. L. Dallman, 24; placing debris on public/private property; pretrial conference Dec. 20; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Christopher W. Johnson, 26; unlawful entry; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Aureliano Juarez Jr., 19; driving under the influence; failure to provide proof of insurance; pretrial conference Dec. 20; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
David Sherman Lewis, 46; driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 20; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Thomas W. Ordaz, 39; driving under the influence; pretrial conference Dec. 20; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Richard Garza Pena, 27; driving without privileges; failure to provide proof of insurance; pretrial conference Dec. 20; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Leslie A. Sims, 40; driving under the influence; open container; pretrial conference Dec. 20; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Stacia Galene Taylor, 40; driving under the influence; pretrial conference Dec. 20; Separate case: driving without privileges; pretrial conference Dec. 20; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Ashley L. Webster, 19; unlawful entry; pretrial conference Dec. 20; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, two days eligible for work program; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
David Allen Ivichich, 42; operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance; amended to failure to maintain liability insurance; \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Christopher W. Boren, 23; petit theft; \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 90 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Mark A. Boren, no date of birth listed; petit theft; \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 90 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Mark A. Boren, no date of birth listed; petit theft; \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 90 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jose R. Cardenas-Gutierrez, 25; driving under the influence (excessive) amended to driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 140 suspended, 30 discretionary, credit for two days served; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Leon Lopez-Maurillo, 53; driving under the influence (excessive) amended to driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 140 suspended, 30 discretionary, credit for two days served; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Elis Roque-Bautista, 26; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 180 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Laura Susanne Connelly, 24; forgery; falsifying evidence, offering fraudulent documents or information; failure to provide proof of insurance (infraction); preliminary hearing Nov. 18; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Brenda L. Belem, 34; possession of a controlled substance; status hearing Nov. 29; District Judge John K. Butler.
Robert E. Marlinier Jr., 42; attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud, forgery; etc; status hearing Dec. 6; District Judge John K. Butler.

Felony arraignments

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Felony sentencing

Jesus Salinas Jr., 21; second-degree kidnapping; injury to a child; dismissed by prosecutor; resisting or obstructing officers (misdemeanor); \$300 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 98 suspended, credit for one day served; open container (misdemeanor); \$200 fine, \$150 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; five days in jail, five suspended; reckless driving (misdemeanor); dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Benjamin Paul Bryson, 46; frequenting a place where controlled substances are used amended to possession of a controlled substance; \$1,000 fine, \$500 court costs, \$250 public defender fee; five years supervised probation; one year determinate penitentiary time (suspended), four indeterminate, 30 days

discretionary, credit for one day served; aiding/abetting delivery of a controlled substance; aiding/abetting possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by the court; frequenting a place where controlled substances are used (misdemeanor); injury to a child amended to use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use (misdemeanor); injury to a child (misdemeanor); dismissed by prosecutor; District Judge John K. Butler.

Civil

Action Collection Service vs. Carl H. Smith; Seeking \$1,106, plus interest; \$1,000 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.
Action Collection Service vs. Silvia Gomez; Seeking \$4,283.50, plus interest; \$400 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Risk Management Alternatives vs. Selma Chocklani; formerly known as Selma Oliman; Seeking \$6,283.50, plus interest; \$4,250 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Risk Management Alternatives vs. Pedro M. Casio Sr. and Maura Casio, spouse; Seeking \$1,196, plus interest; \$550 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Divorces

Shirley Craig Huddle vs. Cassie Elizabeth Jolley vs. Darcy Doan Donald E. Hall vs. Jennifer A. Hall Dylan Thomas Bronson vs. Lorina Kay Bronson
Dale Joseph Kent vs. Kathy Louise Kent

Foreign snails threaten native species

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Tough and tiny snails that threaten to crowd out native species by hogging all the food have shown up in a Colorado creek for the first time, state wildlife biologists said Tuesday.
New Zealand mudsnails, native to the Southern Hemisphere, were found in Boulder Creek. How they got there is a mystery, since their nearest known location was in northeastern Utah, at least 200 miles away.

"They can cause a lot of damage. These snails are highly adaptable and reproduce in such great numbers that they can actually lock up the available nutrients in an ecosystem," said Peter Walker, senior fish pathologist for the state Division of Wildlife.

The snails are just 2 to 5 mm long — so small they cannot be skinned from waters and can even pass unscathed through a fish's digestive tract. They can spread while clinging to wildlife, boats, boots, waders, nets and other fishing gear. They can survive several days out-of-water and a wide range of temperatures. They reproduce by giving birth to well-developed clones, so one snail can start a colony.

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

GOODING — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Thomas Raymond Lasetter; battery - domestic violence; court trial Dec. 6; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
Clinton J. Lenker; reckless driving; open container; resisting or obstructing officers; court trial Jan. 10; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
Raymond J. Owsley; driving without privileges; plea and sentencing Dec. 13; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
Patrick S. Sroust; driving without privileges; court trial Dec. 13; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
Donna Marie Thurman; driving under the influence; failure to stop damage leaving the scene of an accident; sentencing Dec. 6; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Peter William Kosareff; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; \$500 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 173 suspended, credit for one day served.

Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.
Patrick S. Sroust; resisting or obstructing officers; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 60 days in jail, 56 suspended, credit for four days served; open container; \$25 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Amber Dawn Morrison; fraud - no account check amended to fraud - insufficient funds check; \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended. Separate case: fraud - no account check amended to fraud - insufficient funds check; \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended. Separate case: fraud - no account check amended to fraud - insufficient funds check; \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended.

Randall William Statulis; battery - domestic violence; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, 180 days in jail, 180 suspended; assault; dismissed by prosecutor. Separate case: battery; \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; 180 days in jail, credit for 11 days served. Separate case: battery; dismissed by prosecutor. Separate case: \$300 fine, \$300 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35

probation fee; two years supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 180 suspended. Separate case: criminal trespass; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; 180 days in jail, credit for 11 days served; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

John Wayne Sultore; possession of a controlled substance; \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; 18 months supervised probation; 365 days in jail, 355 suspended; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Dashane H. Bryant; driving under the influence (second offense) amended to driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$400 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 180-day driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Salvador Navarro Rodriguez and Jessica Eve Romero; Seeking of Mr. Rodriguez; \$550 monthly support for Garrissa D. Rodriguez, plus 76 percent of child's medical expenses; \$13,399 for his pro rata share of birth costs; attorney fees.



Misdemeanor sentencing

Cynthia Lee Campbell, 38; possession of a controlled substance; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, two days eligible for work program; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Cynthia Lee Massey, 45; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$150 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 89 suspended, credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Shelly Lee McCallister, 27; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; failure to maintain liability insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Jose Luis Ramirez-Ramirez, 37; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
Cassandra Evilia Reyes, 21; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$400 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50

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Web site, book answer questions too politically incorrect to ask

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Why do so many senior citizens drive such big cars? What do people who have been blind since birth "see" in their dreams? Why can a black man look good in a purple suit, while a white guy would look like a total dork?

Questions like these, which may be too politically incorrect to be uttered out loud, have found a place amid the anonymity of the Internet. And Phillip J. Milano believes the site he started — *Y! The National Forum on People's Differences* — can actually help bridge the gaps that divide people by race, religion and background.

"Sooner or later, we have to find a way to talk about these things," said Milano, whose seven-year-old Web site has topped 10 million hits and spawned a new book, "I Can't Believe You Asked That! A No-Holds-Barred Q&A About Race, Sex, Religion and Other Terrifying Topics," published by Perigee.

On his Web site, people are free to post questions and reply on a variety of sometimes sensitive topics. The book, on the other hand, gets real experts to address such questions such as: Are white people more sexually perverse than those of other races?

Leonard Pitts, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for *The Miami Herald*, wrote last month that Milano "is quietly revolutionizing cross-cultural communication."

"If we manage to demystify all the differences, real and perceived, we might be left with fewer things to argue about," wrote Pitts, who is black.

Milano, who is white, wrote his first book, "Why Do White People Smell Like Wet Dogs When They Come in Out of the Rain?" in 1999 and it was based on questions and answers on his Web site. (The book gets its title from a phenomenon some black readers claimed to have noticed; the book could not confirm the observation, and noted that human perception of smell is subjective.)

"There is a genuine interest in



Author Phillip Milano, seen in this undated picture, has published a book titled "I Can't Believe You Asked That," a no-holds-barred Q&A about race, sex, religion and other topics.

the issues that his book addresses," said Susan Scott, chief executive of Pierce Inc., a corporate training company in Sammamish, Wash. "A part of us wants to know about the weird stuff, the inappropriate stuff, the politically incorrect."

On the question of black men looking better in purple suits, Milano talked with Constance White, style director for eBay.com, and former style writer for *The New York Times*. She said black men may look better than white men in purple suits because of "color contrast and cultural content."

"A black man sort of has a swagger that goes with a purple suit, whereas white men don't," White told Milano.

Milano talked to Xuehao Chu, a researcher at the Center for Urban Transportation at the University of South Florida in

Tampa, on the elderly and bigger cars. Chu cited a 1994 study that found that senior citizens do indeed prefer bigger cars, because they feel safer and can get in and out of the vehicle more easily.

And Milano disputed the notion that white people are more depraved than other races by quoting Ted Melvina, president of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco, who found "absolutely no racial differences" when it comes to sexual behavior.

As for the dreams of blind people, Milano's book cited studies that found people who have been blind since birth dream as imaginatively as other people, but lack visual images. Instead, their dreams are filled with taste, smell and touch sensations.

Rescuers rush in to save doll

KIRKLIN, Ind. (AP) — Rescuers responding to a report of an infant left alone in a vehicle arrived to find that she wasn't breathing.

No big deal, since the rescuee turned out to be nothing more than a doll in a car seat. A woman had phoned the Clinton County Sheriff's De-

partment shortly before 4 p.m. Saturday and said a baby had been left in a locked car in Kirklintown, a town of about 40 miles north of Indianapolis. The woman told the dispatcher she thought the child might not be breathing.

Sheriff's deputies, firefighters and emergency medical

technicians raced to the scene and used a special device to unlock the car's door, said Sheriff's Department Lt. Joe Mink.

When officers opened the car door they discovered the supposed infant was a doll. Mink said. No further action was taken.

Memory: Vivid, but perhaps not accurate

The Washington Post

Do you remember what you were doing when you first heard about the attacks on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001? Where were you when you heard about the Challenger explosion? Who first told you about JFK's assassination?

Most people have vivid memories of emotional events. Psychologists have long suggested that emotions are like a camera flash — they imprint memories on the brain that last a lifetime.

But a growing body of research suggests the sense of vividness associated with emotional memories is, in fact, unrelated to how accurately people remember those events. In a sophisticated brain imaging study published Sunday in *Nature Neuroscience*, researchers at New York University showed, in fact, that different brain areas are involved in recalling events and in feeling that such memories are vivid.

"People have the sense their memories are accurate and detailed and vivid," said Elizabeth A. Phelps, a professor of psychology and neural science at NYU, referring to highly emotional events such as Sept. 11. "That subjective feeling may not be indicative of the actual accuracy."

Previous studies have shown that volunteers made significant mistakes in remembering details surrounding emotional events, said Phelps, who helped conduct the new study. But, as with the eye-witnesses in criminal trials, the volunteers were always certain their recollections were perfectly accurate.

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Group decries video games for violent and sexual content

WASHINGTON (AP) — Video games that have players shoot rival gang members, watch bare-breasted women and recreate the assassination of President Kennedy were criticized Tuesday by a watchdog group that said, at the least, they should be kept away from children.

In issuing its annual report card on video games, the National Institute on Media and

the Family urged the industry to educate parents better about ratings and asked retailers not to sell such games to younger teenagers.

"This segment of games keeps getting more realistic, and they keep pushing the envelope," David Walsh, the institute's president, said at a news conference. "The problem is that these games are the ones that are particularly popular

with kids, particularly teenagers."

The video game trade association said its games carry appropriate ratings and recommended that parents police the activities of their children.

Among those listed as the worst games of the year was "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas," a game in which the hero vows to avenge his mother's murder.

Ban on 'finning' offers hope for survival of Atlantic sharks

The Washington Post

Sixty-three countries have agreed to ban the killing of sharks for their fins in the Atlantic Ocean, a move that conservationists said could help bolster the predators' declining population.

The Bush administration pushed for the binding measure, which was adopted unanimously by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, an international coalition that manages tuna and swordfish fisheries in the Atlantic. Sharks are often caught by accident along with tuna and swordfish, and fishermen cut off their fins to sell them in Asia for shark fin soup, which can sell for \$100 a bowl. Fishermen often cut off the fins because it leaves more room for other catches.

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Viacom, FCC reach agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Viacom agreed Tuesday to pay \$3.5 million to end investigations by the Federal Communications Commission into allegations of indecency in its radio and television programming.

The fine, one of the largest in FCC history, settles three pending FCC investigations, one involving shock jock Howard Stern and two involving Opie and Anthony, who lost their Viacom-owned New York radio show after it featured a couple purporting to have sex inside St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan.

Viacom agreed to install audio delay equipment at its radio stations that broadcast live programming, and to train its broadcasters and employees about indecency laws.

"This consent decree allows us to move forward and to focus our efforts in this area by serving our viewers and listeners with techniques to safeguard live broadcasts, such as cutaways and video and audio delays," Viacom said in a statement.

These are not related to the FCC's \$550,000 fine levied against Viacom after the exposure of singer Janet Jackson's breast during the CBS Super Bowl halftime show in January. Viacom is contesting that fine.

Police accuse woman of slaying baby

PLANO, Texas (AP) — With a calm and dispassionate voice amid a hymn playing in the background, Dena Schlosser confessed to the unthinkable, telling a 911 operator she'd cut off the arms of her baby girl.

The woman was sitting in her living room covered with blood when police arrived Monday. Her nearly 11-month-old daughter lay fatally injured in a crib in a bedroom of the family's apartment in Plano.

The child died shortly afterward at a nearby hospital. Police have charged the 35-year-old mother with capital murder, but declined to reveal where she is being held.

Schlosser, who had a history of postpartum depression, had been investigated on child neglect allegations earlier this year, but Texas Child Protective Services had recently closed a seven-month investigation, concluding that Schlosser did not pose a risk to her children.



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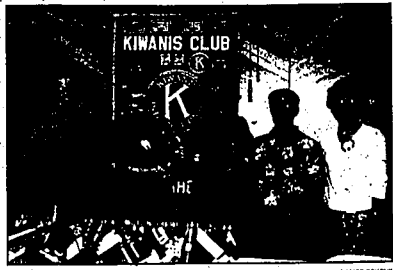


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KIWANIS HAPPENINGS



New officers were installed at the Rupert Kiwanis Club. From left are Joel Rogers, second vice president; Wally Studer, president; Melanie Irigoyen, immediate past president; Curtis Stoker, treasurer; and Diane Schow, secretary. Not pictured is Patti Hansen, first vice president.



The Rupert Kiwanis Club listened to a men's quartet before proceeding on a tour of the Wilson Building and Theatre during one of its regular luncheon meetings. From left are members of the Kiwanis Club and the quartet, Tom Pierce, Duane Knox, Claud Bowman, all of Rupert; and Dave Spreler of Plac.

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M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners. Nov. 11: first, Don and Ruth Rahe; second, Tom and Mary Schmidt; third, Alta Hoobery and Sam Smutny; and fourth, Harold Bulcher and Herb Burgess.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Nov. 15: first, Doug Strand and Tom Wagner; second, Nancy Strand and Dar Wagner; and tied for third and fourth, Doris Finney and Betty Sabo with Milo Pearson and Duane Schmeberger. Nov. 16: first, Emma Lou Andrews and Veta Roberts; for second and third, Betty Gram and Ruby Grimes with Steve Hale and Madeline Watkins; and tied for fourth/fifth, Betty Sabo and Madeline Sawaya with Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfefferle.

Hansen library adds books to shelves

HANSEN — The Hansen Community Library 120 Maple Ave. W. has added several adult fiction books to its shelves. "Wife of Moon" by Margaret Coel; "Hoax" by Robert Tannenbaum; "Spearweaver's Tale" by R.A. Salvatore; "Twelve Mile Limit" by Randy Wayne White; "Hawk's Harbor" by S. B. Hinton; "The Runes of the Earth" by Stephen R. Donaldson; "Savannah" by John Jakes; "Echoes" by Danielle Steel; "Metro Girl" by Janet Evanovich; "Double Shot" by Sandra Brown; "Paradise City" by Phillipps by Bertrice Small; "Hour Game" by David Baldacci; "Northern Lights" by Nora Roberts; "Lights on Snow" by Anita Shreve; "A Christmas Visitor" by Mary Berry; "A Sense of Evil" by Kay Hooper; "Wolf Pass" by Steve Thayer; "Double Homicide" by Jonathan and Faye Kellerman; "Shoulder the Sky" by Anne Perry; "White Hot" by Sandra Brown; "Paradise City" by Lorenzo Carcatena; "Murder List" by Judy Garwood and "Valedictorian for Revenge" six-book series by Roland Cheek.

Wood River craft fair offers a place for vendors

HALLEY — A Christmas Arts and Craft Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 4 at Wood River High School, 1050 Fox Acres Road. Vendor booths are available. For more information or to RSVP, contact Liz at 356-5239 or Jean at 431-3229.

Area dance club meets this weekend

TWIN FALLS — The Buttons and Bows Square and Round Dance Club will hold a dance Saturday at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Pre-arrivals will begin at 7:30 p.m. and square at 8 p.m. All dancers are invited and should bring finger foods.

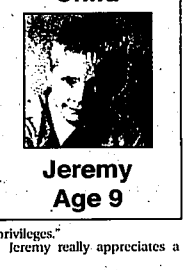
T.F. Optimists helps children with cancer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Optimist Club will twin with children with cancer Dec. 18 at Hahds On Art Studio, 147

Jeremy needs a family to give lots of attention

"Something you should know about me is I like all kinds of cars and trucks. Someday I'd like to ride in a monster truck. Here are some of the other things I want to do: learn to ski or snowboard, learn to dance and learn to fish. I would love to have a puppy or a kitten in my family." Jeremy Age 9

Wednesday's Child



good cook. His favorite foods are pizza, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, lasagna, potato salad with celery, cheeseburgers, fried chicken, Brussels sprouts with brown sugar, asparagus, mashed potatoes and chocolate pudding. Even more important than food is his need for parents who will give him lots of attention. "It's a good kid who once had a few challenges that are no longer issues," says his social worker. "He has gone from a contained classroom to being mainstreamed in regular classes and excelling in every testing category on a superior reading level." He has made remarkable self-discovery in dealing with stress and fear. His foster mom

says a big hug is the best way to help him move through frustration and emerge with a feeling of competence. A relationship with his mother, grandmother, uncle and sister are important ties worth maintaining. Jeremy would also benefit from staying connected with his foster family. The dramatic gains he made this past year in his family demonstrate that when he has parent(s) who provide structure, reliable rules and lots of encouragement, Jeremy excels. Jeremy is available for adoption through the State of Oregon. For contact information, please contact Idaho CareLine at 1-800-926-2588.

CLUB CALENDAR

- Civic: Rotary Clubs, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Moose, Kiwanis Clubs, Optimist Clubs, Scorpions International. Civic: Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Moose, Kiwanis Clubs, Optimist Clubs, Scorpions International. Civic: Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Moose, Kiwanis Clubs, Optimist Clubs, Scorpions International.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts



By Charles M. Schulz

For Better or For Worse



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By Scott Adams

Blondie



By Dean Young & Stan Drake

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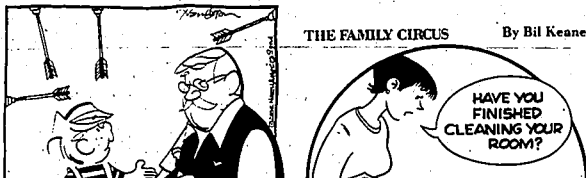
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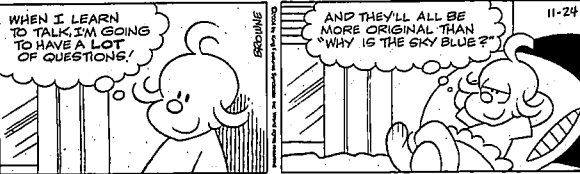
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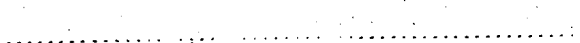
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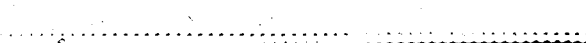
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WORLD

Workers sue to fight onslaught of English

PARIS (AP) — General Electric employee Nadine Meslin says dealing with computer software in any language is tricky, but it's even worse when you're French and the jargon is in English.

So what's the answer? Suel French employees of a GE branch that makes medical equipment, tired of struggling with company e-mails, manuals and meetings in English, took their fight to court on Tuesday — the latest flare-up in the French language's struggle to maintain linguistic pre-eminence, at least at home.

"It is really for work purposes, so we can do our jobs competently," Meslin, a GE Healthcare marketing assistant who also represents the CGT trade union, said of the court action. "It is in no way a question of pride."

Pride, nevertheless, has a lot to do with French discomfort over the creep of English, both here and elsewhere in the world. A French law aimed at fending off English usage in business and on the airwaves marked its 10th anniversary this year. French-language defenders keep an eagle-eye out for transgressions such as — quelle horreur! — English-language advertising.

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The Web site of the Defense of the French Language, a group partly financed by France's Culture Ministry, even has a page titled "Museum of Horrors" showing photos of English-language billboards on buses, at train stations, airports and that most locale of French institutions, the Paris Metro.

On Wednesday, it and other groups are to award their annual English Doozat Prize for perceived offenses against the French language. Last year's winner was an academic who promoted teaching in English. The 2002 award went to the esteemed Le Monde newspaper for running weekly excerpts in English from the New York Times.

This year's candidates include

the head of the French Football Federation for using the song "Can You Feel It" as a national team anthem, luxury goods firm Dior for promoting perfumes in English and European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet for giving a speech in English.

GE Healthcare based its court complaint on the Taubon law, introduced in 1994, which makes French mandatory in a variety of situations, ranging from advertising to workplace documents employees need to do their jobs. The latter must be written in French but can be accompanied by translations.

The employees claim English has become the main language in their branch of GE in recent years for instruction manuals, company e-mails and meetings. Older employees, hired when English was not a requirement, find it particularly hard to adapt, they claim.

The case was brought by the left-wing CGT union and more moderate CFDT, and hearings opened Tuesday in a court in Versailles west of Paris, union representatives said. They expect a verdict in January.

"We are asking for the translation into French of a certain number of documents and soft-

ware applications. All we want is to be able to work well, in good conditions," said Meslin, the CGT representative.

"It's especially important for software," she added. "Already, in French, it's not easy so imagine what it's like when it's not your native language."

Employees contend safety is also an issue because technicians may incorrectly assemble medical machines sold by the firm if they don't understand instruction manuals.

A 1998 study by the national statistics agency INSEE backs them up: it found that 64 percent of people aged 15 or above whose mother tongue is French say they have no working knowledge of English.

In a statement, GE Healthcare said it provides employees with translations of business communications and French language tools. The firm employs more than 1,500 people from 45 countries at its site in Buc, near Versailles, and from there exports to more than 100 countries.

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Troops kill rebel leader in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Army troops in southern Colombia killed the commander of an elite guerrilla unit blamed for a string of high-profile attacks and kidnappings, officials said Tuesday.

Humberto Valbuena, the head of the Teofilo Forero unit of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, was killed Monday along with three other rebels during an offensive in remote jungles in Caquetá state, an army spokesman said.

Valbuena, alias "Grass," was one of the rebels who "curried out the largest number of kidnappings and extortion in the country," Gen. Carlos Alberto Pralera, the commander of the "Plan Patriota" offensive, told reporters.

Authorities blame the Teofilo Forero for the abduction of three American defense contractors after their anti-aircraft plane crashed in a guerrilla stronghold in February 2002, as well as several deadly bombings in the capital, Bogotá.

Separately, the United Nations said Tuesday it was increasingly concerned over the fate of Afro-Colombian and indigenous communities in northwest Colombia amid reports that FARC fighters and their outlawed right-wing paramilitary foes were massing in the area.

"Blockades imposed by the armed groups to prevent goods from reaching their enemies have also increased, tightening their stranglehold on the population," U.N. spokesman Ron Redmond told reporters in Geneva. "Civilians are suffering from a marked increase in malaria and malnutrition."

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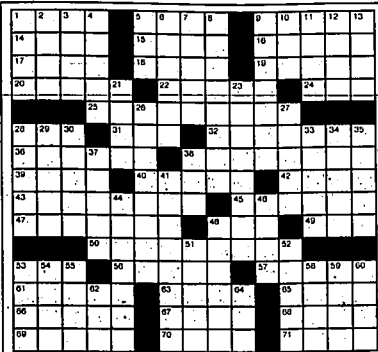
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IF NOVEMBER 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... This year you may learn that your mother will not achieve independence you must also face disapproval for your errors. Having autonomy could mean taking care of all the small details on your own and having no place to lay the blame but on your self.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Tantalizing new faces may come into view for singles, but you may be better off keeping budding romances at arm's length until after the holidays. Passionate fires could easily fizzle at the critical moment. Good buddies last longer than new lovers.

AURUS (April 20-May 20): As a long holiday weekend begins, you are at a peak of attractive allure and likely to feel desirable and enchanting. Make the most of your current popularity and spend some extra time with friends. Visit your favorite watering hole for an hour or two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Plans may need to change, but too much deranged focus on the status quo may interfere with graceful flexibility. Try to be less demanding and more understanding if situations become temporarily exasperating. It will all work out in the end.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): When there is a lot to do, things can get hot under the collar. You are in a take-charge mood and enthusiastic about preparing for holiday celebrations. Avoid hostile words that could dampen the beginning of a fun-filled weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): When the cat's away, the mice will play — and if you were a mouse, you would breathe a big sigh of relief since you can let down your guard once the holiday weekend begins. Be prepared for unexpected invitations and surprises from a romantic partner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A tendency to be curt and abrupt could cause a little friction with

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Jeraldine Saunders

Being the strong silent type might cause crossed signals, so be sure to explain yourself carefully. The heavens are shifting and dull routine is quickly left behind. Someone special may have an amorous surprise waiting for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do your best to be uplifting and positive if a significant other seems gloomy and down in the dumps. Remember that actions speak louder than words. Prepare for an evening that is out of the ordinary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You get a chance to normally shift gears and move into the fast lane as the holiday weekend approaches. Close companions

could be tense and somewhat agitated but you have the perfect careful touch to handle any situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Excitement is bubbling up beneath the surface and you are raring to go this holiday weekend. Significant others' could experience last minute crisis if travel is on the agenda. You are ready to handle anything new and unusual with aplomb.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't take disoriented grumbling from others at face value. It is a good night to get out and about or visit with friends. Break loose from restrictions and start the holiday weekend off with a bang.

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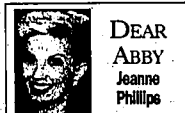
Daughter plagued by demon needs help now

DEAR ABBY: The recent behavior of my 13-year-old daughter, Julie, has begun to concern me. She and I are very close. It has been just two weeks up until the last two years, I plan to be married next spring.

Last July we moved to a small town, and Julie was upset about it, but her misgivings lessened as she began to make new friends. My problem is, my daughter has become interested in demons to the point that she thinks and tells people she is half-demon. Julie's new friends are also into the demon-pretending phase.

I wasn't concerned until I saw a letter Julie had written to her father, talking about the demon and asking if he was one. It went on to say there is trouble here, and a demon killer is at her school. She said it wants to kill them and has given her "signs."

How can I get my daughter back without making her miserable? After-school activities are not offered here. Learning self-defense was originally an option until she started hitting older boys and asking why they didn't hit her back. Should I take her friends away? Talk to her parents? I don't know what to do.



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

other women feel the same way?

-EMBARRASSED IN MICHIGAN

There are, indeed, other wives who share your feelings. Some couples solve this problem by sending "the kids" on sleepovers, or arranging intimate nights out together. You might also consider installing a large-screen TV in a room as far away from the master bedroom as possible, so that if the kids are up, they'll be otherwise occupied.

You and your husband are entitled to a life, and having private time does not necessarily equate with having sex. A lock on your bedroom door might prevent surprises, as well as a house rule that no one should enter without first knocking and asking permission.

-ONCE A GOOD PARENT IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR PARENT: Call your doctor and arrange for a psychiatric evaluation for your daughter. Her letter to her father and her acting out against the boys suggests that she could have serious mental problems. Please don't wait. The doctor can help you to decide whether she should be kept away from her new friends, or whether you should speak to their parents. However, your first priority should be to get professional help for your child.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 25 years, "Paul" is a "early to bed" kind of guy. He goes to bed around 9 p.m., and the kids are still up. My problem is, I don't want to have sex while the kids (ages 14 and 13, both boys) are home or still awake at night. Paul doesn't understand my feelings. Is it my hang-up, or do

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having an argument about whether talking to solicitors through the door's rude.

I say that since I am a woman, often alone when someone comes knocking and cautious about strangers, I can express that I'm not interested by saying so through the closed door. My husband insists that it's rude not to open the door and tell them face-to-face.

In today's world, I'm afraid to open the door to people I don't know. Someone trying to sell me something doesn't change this rule. Is it rude not to open the door, or should I risk the chance that it is an attacker?

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY IN COLORADO

DEAR BETTER SAFE: There is no rule of etiquette that demands you open your door to a stranger, even a solicitor. The best way to avoid "buying" something is not to listen to the pitch in the first place.

Sliding door foils robbery

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Three hooded bandits in eastern Australia bungled a would-be robbery when they apparently mistook a restaurant's sliding door for a swinging one, police said.

About 20 diners at Gabby's seafood restaurant in the coastal town of Gerringong watched as the trio repeatedly tried to kick the glass door open Saturday night, but they failed to enter and later fled in

a stolen car.

Restaurant owner Greg Moore said the door was unlocked — and clearly marked "slide."

These might not have been your average criminals, police investigator Jamie Williams warned.

"They're probably more dangerous because they're dumb," Williams said.

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Study links obesity and lack of sleep

The Washington Post

Lack of sleep might do more than make people groggy - it might increase their risk of becoming obese.

James Gangwisch of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health in New York and colleagues examined data about 18,000 adults participating in the federal government's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey through the 1980s.

Those who got less than four hours of sleep a night were 73 percent more likely to be obese than those who got the recommended seven to nine hours, they reported last week at a meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity.

Those who averaged five hours had about a 50 percent increased risk; those who got six hours were 23 percent more likely.

"The results are somewhat counterintuitive, since people who sleep less are naturally burning more calories," Gangwisch said.

"But we think it has more to do with what happens to your body when you deprive it of sleep, as opposed to the amount of physical activity you get."

Barbed wire was patented today in 1874

This day in history: On Nov. 24, 1874, Joseph Glidden of DeKalb, Ill., patented barbed wire, inadvertently leading to bitter disputes between farmers and cowboys and, eventually, the end of the open range.

Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia, has 345 letters and letter variants. Needless to say, that makes an Amharic keyboard difficult to find.

Most mammals have a constant body temperature. Not the camel, though. That's another reason they do so well in the heat - their bodies fluctuate from 95 degrees to 104 degrees, depending on the temperature outside.

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS Jack Mingo Erin Barrett

The first margarine was made from fatty acids squeezed from beef byproducts.

The U.S. geographic feature with the longest one-word name? The Massachusetts lake known as Chagoggogoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagunga maugg. The name translates to something having to do with boundaries and fishing rights between tribes.

The dry spot with the longest one-word name in the United States is Nunathloogamit-bingol Dunes in Alaska.

Cigarette manufacturers add flavorings and other additives to their tobacco. A dollop of ammonia releases more nicotine from tobacco. Chocolate and licorice not only make the smoke more palatable to new smokers, they also contain theobromine and glycyrrhizin, bronchodilators which act like an asthma inhaler to expand the airways and increase smoke intake.

Two-thirds of the lawyers in the United States.

You say your house cat's fur is everywhere? Be glad you don't have a house dromedary. A camel sheds about five pounds of winter coat in spring and summer.

In 1960, there were only 15 women students in all of Harvard Law School (including future attorney general Janet Reno). Nowadays, women students make up about half the students there.

You probably know that googol means a hundredth power, but did you know that a 9-year-old coined the word? Mathematician Dr. Edward Kasner got it from his nephew.

There are almost 4,000 known species of frogs and toads.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at ununbath-roomcompanion.com

Association gives Santa Fe's flag poor marks

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - Santa Fe's official flag has gotten poor reviews from the folks who know flags.

The North American Vexillological Association, or NAVA - mostly made up of U.S. and Canadian residents with an interest in studying flags - ranked Santa Fe's flag 117th among 150 municipal flags in a recent survey. The association gave it only 23.97 points out of a possible 10.

It doesn't get much respect locally, either. Some employees in the mayor's office, the city clerk's office and the Convention and Visitors Bureau said they didn't know Santa Fe even had a flag.

Jañitor Johnny Dean, however, runs it up a flagpole outside the east entrance to Santa Fe's municipal building every business day.

The frayed nylon banner, which doesn't exactly match

the description published by the flag group - is the only one the city owns, Dean said.

The association depicts Santa Fe's official banner as having a gold background with a city seal. The seal has a thin blue circle around a white field with the city's full Spanish name, "La Villa Real de la Santa Fe de San Francisco de Asis," with a red, white, yellow and blue shield blending symbols from Spain, Mexico and the

United States. The flag in front of the municipal building has an off-white background. It also has a thick blue border around the seal and the words "City of Santa Fe, New Mexico" in white letters.

Either version is probably too busy for NAVA. The organization suggests a flag should be so simple a child can draw it from memory. So what was the flag ranked first on the group's survey? That of Washington, D.C.

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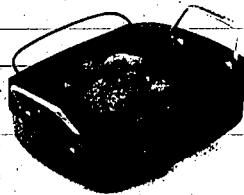
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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Twin Falls costs

The American Chamber of Commerce Research Association compiles statistics on the relative cost of living in Twin Falls — compared with the national average for cities surveyed by the nonprofit organization.

The index is a comparison with like cities in other cities, not an absolute measure of dollars spent. ACCRA's report is based on 59 items priced in more than 300 urban areas of various sizes around the nation. Here's how Twin Falls costs looked in a recent study:

Category	Percent of national average for third quarter '04
Grocery items	102.2
Housing	83.5
Utilities	98.8
Transportation	107.3
Health care	99.6
Misc. goods and services	104.4
Composite index	97.4

For comparison, costs in the Idaho Falls area are the only other Idaho city in ACCRA's most recent report — clocked in at just 93.5 percent of the national average.

Sources: American Chamber of Commerce Research Association

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Hailey will hold holiday party

HAILEY — The Hailey Chamber of Commerce will hold a holiday celebration with the theme "Hailey's Hometown Holidays!" A light parade begins at 6 p.m. Friday and ends at the City Hall and library where lighting of the city's holiday tree, donated by Webb Nursery and Landscape, will take place. Friends of the Library will provide hot chocolate and cookies. Participating merchants will stay open until 8 p.m. Friday for late shopping. Other late shopping nights are Dec. 3, 10 and 17.

Also, the chamber is sponsoring the Hailey Holidays Giveaway. For every \$10 spent at a participating merchant or restaurant in Hailey, the customer will receive one raffle ticket but will be limited to 100 tickets per purchase. Tickets will be put into drawings to be held at 1 p.m. Dec. 4, 11 and 18 in front of KB's Restaurant in Bullion Square. Prizes include cash and gift certificates from participating merchants, which are identified with green Hailey Holidays Giveaway signs in their windows. Those entering the drawings must be present to win.

For information, call the chamber at 788-2700 or check the events calendar online at www.halleidayidaho.com.

CSI offers basic mediation workshops

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will offer "Basic Mediation Training" on the weekends Dec. 3-12 in the Taylor Building's Room 258, 315 Falls Ave. E. Friday sessions will be held from 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday sessions will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$415.

Students will learn the basic mediation model, conflict and mediation theory, mediation ethics, writing agreements, negotiation techniques, intake coordination and a variety of communication skills needed in low- and high-conflict mediation, class organizers said.

The class meets the 40-hour requirement for Idaho Mediation Association certification, and CLE credits are available. Instructors Melanie and Randy Reese are certified public mediators and instructors at Boise State University.

The brother-and-sister team has provided conflict management seminars, communication consulting and relationship enhancement workshops across the United States.

For information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

— compiled from staff reports

T.F. sporting goods store closes

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The doors were locked. A big "Liquidation" banner hung above the door, and employees Tuesday pounded stakes into the ground at Blue Lakes Sporting Goods with signs that say "quitting business."

Tom Burge of Professional Liquidation Inc. said about 4,000 mallers had been sent to store customers announcing an invitation-only liquidation sale beginning Friday.

A sale for the public begins at

10 a.m. Monday and will last until about Christmas.

No exact date has been set for closing, Burge said. But everything in the store — from a \$5,000 rifle to the \$1.99 fishing lure — will be marked down.

Becky Hazen, who owns the longtime sporting goods store with her son and her nephew, said the decision was made last week by the store's corporate team.

"I have been working in this store since I was 19 years old," Hazen said. "It's not an easy thing to do."

Eight employees, including

the owners, will be without jobs.

Hazen and her son, Randy Hazen, still own the new Blue Lakes Gas, next to the sporting goods store.

The changing market coupled with the death of her husband, Floyd Hazen, about a year ago drove the decision. Internet sales and big box competitors like Utah-based Sportsman's Warehouse, which opened its Twin Falls store the day after Floyd Hazen died in September 2003, contributed to the decision.

"These little mom and pop stores are being gobbled up,"

Becky Hazen said. Ryan Horsley of Red's Trading Post, another locally owned Twin Falls store, said Sportsman's Warehouse was a distributor for both Red's and Blue Lakes Sporting Goods.

"It's difficult to compete with your own distributor," Horsley said. "Red's had to significantly change when Sportsman's Warehouse opened. Horsley now sells more used firearms on online auctions."

"There is little or no markup in new guns," he said. "It is cut-throat."

Blue Lakes Sporting Goods' peak years were from 1999 to 2002.

"We were in our prime, we were still growing. Sales were booming," Becky Hazen said.

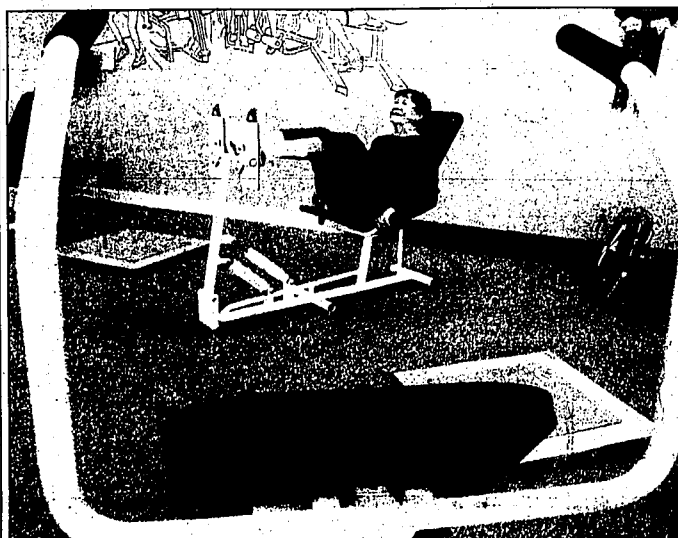
But with Floyd Hazen's death, things changed.

"After I lost my work with them we could do without Floyd," Becky Hazen said.

Her husband, an avid outdoorsman, had climbed mountains, hiked and participated in many other outdoor activities. Floyd Hazen climbed Thompson Peak — 10,751 feet — in the Sawtooth Range three

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No BOYS ALLOWED



A member of the Curves club works out in Hollis, Maine, Nov. 25. Curves, a no-frills fitness club for women, has grown to more than 8,400 franchises in all 50 states and 28 countries.

Curves fitness centers grow into franchise superpower

The Associated Press

HOLLIS, Maine — On a winding country road in the middle of a building that once housed an antique shop now holds groups of women working out. Curves, a no-frills fitness club for women, can be found in the oddest places.

Targeting women in small-town America is part of the company's business strategy — and it's working. Curves has grown to more than 8,400 franchises in all 50 states and 28 countries — including locations

in Burley, Hailey, Jerome and Twin Falls — making it by far the world's No. 1 fitness center in terms of number of clubs. One in every four fitness clubs in the United States is a Curves.

In some ways, Curves is the anti-club: no treadmills, no saunas, no locker rooms, no mirrors, no aerobics classes, no free weights. Forget the spandex — sweat shirts rule.

Members work out on eight to 12 hydraulic resistance machines, stopping between stations to walk or jog in place.

over 30 minutes and is designed to burn 500 calories.

While other clubs go after the prized 18-to-34 demographic, Curves' customers are more likely to be aging baby boomers.

Sharon Morrison, owner of five Curves in Maine, including the one in Hollis, said there's a comfort level and camaraderie at Curves that women can't get elsewhere. At the same time, she said, they're losing pounds and inches.

"I had joined so many clubs in my life, and all I had lost was money," Morrison said.

The company is the creation of Gary Heavin, 49, who heads Curves' International Inc. in Waco, Texas. Heavin was a millionaire by age 30 after taking over a failing health-club in Houston and expanding it into a chain of 17 clubs. But then came a divorce, bankruptcy and business failure. He spent 2.5 months in jail when he couldn't make child support payments.

In 1992, Heavin and his second wife, Diane, opened the first Curves club. It was small and simple, a place where

Please see CURVES, Page E2

Michaels Stores posts record Q3 earnings

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Among the corporate earnings reports released Tuesday were quarterly statements from an arts and crafts retailer with a Twin Falls store, a discount variety chain with a Twin Falls store and a financial services provider with offices around Magic Valley.

Michaels Stores

Texas-based Michaels Stores Inc. reported record results for its third quarter, which ended Oct. 30, but lowered its outlook for annual earnings.

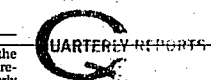
Michaels' net income for the quarter was \$42.5 million, up 11 percent from the year-earlier \$38.2 million.

On a post-split basis, diluted earnings per share for the quarter were 31 cents, up 15 percent from 27 cents in the same period last year.

"We are pleased with our third quarter performance and our progress year-to-date, and we are looking forward to another record year, our eighth in a row," said Michael Rouleau, president and chief executive.

Total sales for the third quarter increased 6 percent to \$799.9 million, while same-store sales — a key indicator of retailers' vigor — grew 1 percent.

Michaels also expects diluted earnings per share, on a post-split basis, to be at the low end of its previous forecast of 74 cents to 76 cents for the fourth



quarter and to range from \$1.44 to \$1.46 for fiscal 2004, including the \$4.9 million charge recorded in Michaels' second quarter.

Michaels sells arts, crafts, framing, floral, wall decor and seasonal merchandise for the hobbyist and do-it-yourself home decorator.

Dollar Tree

Virginia-based Dollar Tree Stores Inc. reported third-quarter earnings per diluted share of 28 cents for the period which ended Oct. 30, down from 31 cents a year earlier. Sales rose to \$724 million from the year-ago \$655.2 million, reflecting a comparable-store sales increase of 0.7 percent.

"Better than planned new-store openings put pressure on third-quarter sales and earnings," President and CEO Bob Sasser said. "These stores are now open, and we have achieved this year's plan of 20 percent square footage growth."

Dollar Tree expects earnings per share to be in the range of 80 cents to 82 cents for the fourth quarter and \$1.65 to \$1.67 for the year.

H&R Block

Missouri-based H&R Block Inc. reported a \$52.2 million net loss for its second quarter, compared with earnings of \$10.4 million in last year's second quarter.

Target offers wake-up calls for sleepy customers

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — On the Friday after Thanksgiving, the biggest shopping day of the holiday season, celebrity Ice-T will have a personal message for some Target customers: "Get your lazy butt up."

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phone number they want to receive the wake-up call, she said. Customers will receive an e-mail with a toll-free number to call to confirm their wake-up call selection. "You must call the 800 number from the phone you want to receive the call," she said.

Then the wake-up call will be delivered on that Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. "If you don't hear your phone or sleep through your wake-up call, it will wake you up a message," Thornton-Greer said. "It will not keep calling until you answer."

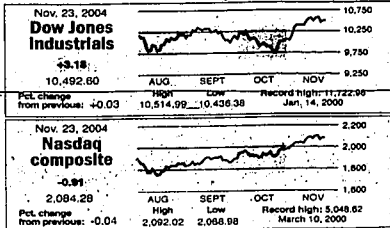
Target Stores will open at 6 a.m. on Nov. 26, and customers can get a wake-up call as early as 4 a.m.

Chicago retail consultant George Rosenbaum said Target's wake-up call promotion is part of a growing trend of personal communication between retailers and customers. "They [Target] are pushing a trend. I think we will see more of," said Rosenbaum, chief executive of Leo J. Shapiro & Associates.

Whether Target's promotion will woo more shoppers or fuel greater buying remains to be seen.

"I think it is clever, but I don't know if it adds to sales," said Dave Brennan, a marketing professor at the University of St. Thomas.

MONEY



Dollar woes weigh on stocks, but blue chips eke out gain

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks shuffled to a mixed finish Tuesday, rebounding from earlier losses as oil prices retreated after soaring \$50 per barrel. An analyst downgrade of Intel Corp. pressured technology shares.

With the euro trading at \$1.3080 against the dollar, a new record high for the European currency, Wall Street worried about a falloff in foreign investment and more expensive imports that could curtail consumer spending.

Crude oil futures briefly surpassed \$50 a barrel but then retreated — in volatile trading amid concerns about low inventories of heating oil ahead of winter.

"Oil is obviously pressuring the market, the euro is at a record high, so the dollar is reacting to that as well to general concerns about the deficit," said Janna Sampson, director of portfolio management for Oakbrook Investments. "I think

Qwest union worries about customer service jobs

DENVER (AP) — Union officials have raised concerns about Qwest Communications' plan to contract with a vendor for customer-service jobs, saying the move could weaken their bargaining position.

The jobs would be transferred to contractors when union members retire or leave the company, the Communications Workers of America said.

It could mean the elimination of about 3,500 union jobs through attrition, because turnover is high in that department, said John Thompson, executive director of CWA Dis-

tribut 7. The union has asked its members to e-mail Qwest CEO Richard F. Whitt with their message. "We are the spirit of service, stop subcontracting our jobs."

"The Spirit of Service" is Qwest's motto. The telecommunications company is working with several companies to contract out work, Qwest spokesman Bob Toews said. He declined to identify them.

Toews said no jobs would be shipped overseas and no union workers would be fired. The company has been cut-

ting costs in part by reducing the labor force by about 42,000 from 62,000 when it acquired U.S. West in 2000.

Qwest's primary provider of local-phone service in Magic Valley — and the CWA are scheduled to begin negotiations in June to replace a contract set to expire in August.

In a related development, Qwest has agreed to pay \$250,000 to settle a federal investigation into allegations that it failed to publicize the Lifeline and Link-Up programs among low-income residents on tribal lands.

The two programs provide basic local telephone service for as little as a month plus installation credits.

Qwest also will spend at least \$200,000 on a tribal outreach program under the consent decree reached recently with the Federal Communications Commission.

Qwest neither admitted nor denied wrongdoing. The FCC began investigating the allegations after tribal members complained in October 2003.

Denver-based Qwest provides local phone service in 14 states in the Midwest and West.

Curves

Continued from E1. women could feel comfortable. Three years later, Heavin was selling franchises, and by 1998 there were 500. Curves aims to have more than 25,000 in 2005, including 8,000 in Asia and 8,000 in Europe — within five years.

By comparison, Gold's Gyms and Bally Total Fitness, two of the biggest fitness clubs in the country, have about 1,000 facilities between the United States and Canada, Heavin said.

"We're McDonald's of fitness centers around the world." One reason for fast growth is the low cost. Club owners pay \$29,900 for a franchise, equipment and training, plus a monthly franchise fee of \$395. Club members usually pay \$29 a month, far less than conventional fitness clubs.

"The clubs are typically just 1,000 or 2,000 square feet or so, with few frills and low overhead and limited hours of operation. Compare that to the large multipurpose clubs, which can be 30,000 to 40,000 square feet

with a full assortment of fancy machines, locker rooms and amenities. It is that efficient business model that allows Curves to enter small markets. Rather than take customers away from other clubs, Curves creates its own markets and generates customers from where a customer base didn't exist before.

Curves Heavin, however, aren't without critics. Some dismiss Curves as a fad, and Heavin has been criticized for his conservative political views and donations to anti-abortion causes. Some members have quit the clubs over his political stances.

Heavin said he and his wife have given away some \$10 million of their money this year, much of it to health clinics and organizations that promote abortion, prenatal care and pregnancy programs. He calls himself "pro-woman and pro-life."

At the annual Curves convention in Las Vegas this month, one of the topics was "the fallout from my values,"

Heavin said. "Out of 5,700 people who were there, about 20 were angry at me," he said. "That is a testament to how much they respect us with me, but that they are responsible people."

Heavin is credited with shaking up the fitness center industry.

The Curves phenomenon has forever altered the landscape of the worldwide fitness industry," John McCarthy, executive director of the International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association, wrote in a recent state-of-the-industry letter to association members.

It has also spurred a wave of fitness chains that cater to women, such as Kentucky-

based Contours Express and California-based Liberty Fitness, said Don DeBolt, president of the International Franchise Association.

Curves has made Heavin a wealthy man. Heavin intends to keep the company growing.

There are peripheral Curves businesses, including apparel, vitamins and workout and diet books. There's soon to be a new line of Curves-branded products, including a stretching mat, a pedometer and a wrist watch with a heart rate moni-

tor. Heavin also plans to meet with a prospective franchise owner in Japan. "Our next phase of growth," he said, "is international."

Unclaimed property?

Check out the listings for Bellevue, Bliss and Haily. Thursday In Money

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Wal-Mart concedes right of Chinese workers to unionize

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Under pressure from the Chinese labor federation, the world's biggest retailer, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Tuesday it would permit branches of the official Communist Party-controlled union in its Chinese stores if employees requested it.

The 123 million-member All China Federation of Trade Unions' last month threatened to sue Wal-Mart and other companies based outside China if they don't set up union branches in their China operations.

Hewlett-Packard sees expenses of \$200 million for job cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hewlett-Packard Co. expects to incur roughly \$200 million in expenses for work-force reductions slated for the first half of fiscal 2005.

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SALES... Sales Manager/Representative... Position Open At Weekly/Farm Times...

DENTAL... Dental hygiene needed... 3 1/2 days per week... 40 hrs/week...

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