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Water deal looks elusive

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — Lead negotiators for surface water users, spring users and groundwater pumpers whose livelihood depends on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer say they're still not close to a deal to keep everyone out of court.

But a special Interim legislative committee trying to avoid a court fight charged ahead Monday when members met as if the deal will be clinched by the time the 2005 Legislature convenes in January.

They discussed how to finance a potential deal to reduce the amount of water being taken from the aquifer that is stressed from five years of drought. Before the drought

hit, though, deep wells had already been poked into the aquifer that took more water out of it than was being put back in. Additionally, the state also has agreed to send more water down the Snake River in order to encourage salmon reproduction.

The interim committee, which includes lawmakers, lawyers and industry officials — must get agreements, legisla-

Judge gives bank robber 20 years

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

BOISE — A federal judge sentenced a Boise man to 20 years in prison on Monday in connection with a string of bank robberies in Twin Falls and

William E. Auser, 58, of Boise, had pleaded guilty to five of eight counts against him, four of which were for armed bank robbery, according to U.S. District Court documents. The other count to which he pleaded guilty charged him with brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence.

For the four counts of armed bank robbery, Judge Edward J. Lodge gave the defendant 13 years for each count, to run concurrently, and seven years for the firearm count, to run consecutively, for a total of 20 years.

Auser also will serve five years' supervised release and must pay \$61,100 in restitution. The maximum penalty for the armed robbery charge is 25 years' imprisonment and five years' supervised release. The firearm charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Auser entered guilty pleas on Sept. 20.

The plea agreement describes the sequence of events that led to charges against Auser.



William Auser

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BACK TO THE BOOTH



With the Bliss School building as their backdrop, kindergartners Alex Henson, left, Cameron Locklar, center, and Nicole James play on the tire swing during recess Monday. The Bliss School District will hold a \$2.5 million bond election Friday to fund a new school. A similar bond issue failed in May by six votes.

Bliss takes another stab at funding for new school

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

BLISS — Teaching second grade in Angela Overturf's classroom is a challenge. Extra space is nonexistent and noise — from the adjacent kitchen, cafeteria and the upstairs science room — is a constant companion.

On Monday, Overturf had 15

pupils spread in three rows of desks about 1 foot apart. She likes to let the children work in groups, but that's hard in the

rectangular room with an odd-shaped corner for storage and a desk.

Overturf said she rearranges

desks every few weeks to put different youngsters in the front. Last year she had three more second graders and when one left, she was sad to see her pupil go, but she was really excited to have some extra space.

"It was just awful," Overturf said. The small rooms used to be adequate, Overturf said, but in

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PROFILE

Kellogg boss tapped for Commerce



President Bush chose Cuban native Carlos Gutierrez, 51, to be Commerce secretary.

Education — Studied business administration at Monterey Institute of Technology, Queretaro, Mexico
Experience — Kellogg de Mexico; sales representative to general manager, 1975-89; Kellogg Canada president and chief executive, 1989-90; Kellogg USA; corporate vice president to general manager of cereal division, 1990-94; Kellogg Asia Pacific president, 1994-96; Kellogg USA; executive vice president of business development to chief executive officer, 1996-2004

Bush picks Gutierrez as Commerce secretary

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday nominated Cuban-born Carlos M. Gutierrez, who rose from driving a truck for Kellogg Co. to become the breakfast giant's chairman, to be the next Commerce secretary.

It was Bush's first appointment in what likely will be a wholesale revamping of his economic team, signaling a fresh start as the president prepares to launch two politically challenging initiatives: a restructuring of Social Security and an effort to "simplify" the tax code.

If confirmed by the Senate, Gutierrez, 51, would succeed Donald L. Evans, a Texas oilman and longtime Bush friend whose resignation as Commerce secretary was announced earlier this month.

Bush's economic team has been less visible than his national security team, but it is expected to gain importance as the White House attempts to build support for changes to Social Security and the tax code. The president is expected to replace a number of people in the team that would help him formulate his policy proposals and promote them in Congress.

Bush has called for allowing workers to put some of their Social Security taxes into privately owned accounts, but he has not laid out any details, such as how to cover the resulting shortfall in money to pay benefits to current retirees and to people close to retirement. Bush has said he will push to simplify the tax code, but he has not committed himself to any specific changes.

In addition to Evans, Stephen Friedman, director of the White

Where to vote

If the 20-year bond issue passes, it would cost a taxpayer with a \$75,000 home and a homeowner's exemption \$141.60 per year.

Concerns over stun guns grow

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — From Korean Air flight crews to U.S. police and corrections officers to beat cops in Britain, the orders are pouring in for stun guns made by Taser International Inc.

The Scottsdale company even, recently launched a nationwide Phoenix ad campaign urging private citizens to arm themselves with the weapons, which temporarily paralyze people with a 50,000-volt jolt.

Yet while Taser's stock has soared with the booming business, concerns are growing about whether the shock-inducing guns are truly as non-lethal as advertised.

In a report being released Tuesday, Amnesty International says stun guns are being abused by police and wants more scientific study done to determine whether the devices are safe.

Amnesty says at least 74 people have died in the United States and Canada in the past four years after being shocked with Tasers.

The group also says officers have turned stun guns on the mentally disturbed, children and the elderly.

"Not only do we not know the impact of these weapons on human beings under various conditions, we are also concerned about the gratuitous use of these weapons," said Gerald Le Melle, deputy executive director of Amnesty International U.S.A.

A Defense Department-sponsored report also calls for more testing, and some health professionals are expressing concern that the potential for cardiac ar-

Shocking force

Taser International Inc., the maker of stun weapons, has watched its stock soar amidst growing concerns about whether the weapons are as non-lethal as advertised. In a report released Tuesday, Amnesty International says stun guns are being abused by police.

A Taser's electrical current overloads the central nervous system for five seconds, temporarily paralyzing targets.

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Insulated wires transmit 50,000 volts of electricity through up to two inches of clothing.

Probes hook wires to target's skin or clothing.

ID tags ejected like shotgun shells; printed with the serial number.

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NewsTracker

Last we knew: William E. Auser pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to five counts in connection with bank robberies in Twin Falls and Boise. In exchange, prosecutors dismissed three other counts.

The latest: The defendant was sentenced Monday in U.S. District Court to 20 years in prison.

What's next: Auser was turned over to the Bureau of Prisons to begin serving his term.

Use of force incidents

At the Orange County, Fla., Sheriff's Office Taser was the most prevalent force option, constituting 68 percent of all use-of-force incidents in 2002.



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Utilizing the Taser

The following local law enforcement agencies now use Taser stun guns or plan to in the near future:

- Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department
- Jerome County Sheriff's Department
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- Gooding County Sheriff's Department
- Hagerman Police Department
- Ketchum Police Department
- Halley Police Department
- Sun Valley Police Department
- Elmore County Sheriff's Department
- Elko County Sheriff's Department

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and cold with patchy river bottom fog. Highs upper 20s.
Tonight: Cloudy and scattered light snow showers or flurries. Lows near 20.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and breezy with scattered light snow showers or flurries. Highs lower to middle 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and cold with patchy river bottom fog. Highs upper 20s.
Tonight: Cloudy and scattered light snow showers or flurries. Lows upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Cloudy with scattered light snow showers or flurries. Highs lower 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUNSHINE SURROUNDING MTS. Peaks of light snow showers and flurries will come and go for today and the next few days.
BOISE: Mostly cloudy to cloudy skies for today and Wednesday. A few snow showers of flurries will also be possible for late today, tonight and Wednesday. Thursdays looks mostly dry.

NORTHERN UTAH: Cold and breezy this morning with scattered light snow showers or flurries. The best chance of snow is possible for late today, tonight and in mountain locations.

Weather key: S=sunny, C=partly cloudy, CL=cloudy, M=mostly cloudy, Sd=snow, SN=snow showers, SH=snow showers or flurries, F=flurries, W=wind, H=high, L=low, P=precipitation.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, HI LO Precip. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Burley, etc.

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

Table with 2 columns: Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset. Shows moon phases for Dec 1-31.

Pollen Count

Table with 2 columns: City, Count. Shows pollen counts for Boise and other areas.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Large table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

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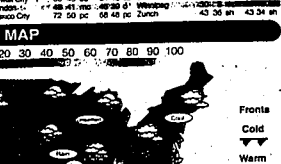
CANADIAN FORECAST

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U.V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: City, Index. Shows UV index for various cities.

Today's National Map



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Tasers

Continued from A1. rest could be too high. Amnesty worried that the deployment of Tasers, rather than minimizing the use of force, may dangerously extend the boundaries of what are considered 'acceptable' levels of force.

ing violent people in high-risk situations. Tasers have a range of up to 21 feet and can also shock on contact, like a cattle prod. 'We get e-mail from police every week... thinking of us as developing a weapon so they didn't have to shoot somebody,' said company chairman Phil Smith.

Bliss

Continued from A1. the last five years the school has seen a boom in the lower grades. Now her room is crowded one of the most crowded in the school. Overturf's classroom is just one of the reasons the Bliss School District is seeking a bond issue to replace its approximately 75-year-old main school building.

includes 10 classrooms, a library, kitchen, cafeteria and main office. The campus includes several other buildings. A former superintendent house now contains the district office and kindergarten class. Special education and grades 3 and 4 are housed in two modular buildings. The gymnasium building holds athletics, the band room, a vocational room and a shop. The whole campus houses 184 students.

Controversial evangelist Hargis dies

Water. The Rev. Billy James Hargis, a colorful and controversial evangelist and anti-communist crusader who launched the 'Bible balloon barrage' to float scriptures behind the Iron Curtain... Los Angeles Times

Robber

Continued from A1. On July 30, 2002, Ausser went into the Wells Fargo Bank at 1329 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls, armed with a Beretta Model 1924 .380-caliber automatic pistol and wearing a disguise. He robbed the bank of \$22,275.

Gutierrez

Continued from A1. Monday to address Snow's future, dismissing such talk as a Washington, D.C., speculation game. With Gutierrez's nomination, Bush has named three minorities to major jobs for his second term. The others are national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, who is in line to succeed Secretary of State Colin L. Powell - both of whom are black - and White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales, who would succeed Attorney General John Ashcroft.

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NATION

Insurgent attacks kill U.S. troops

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents stepped up attacks on Iraq's fledgling security forces, killing seven Iraqi police and guardsmen Monday in a suicide bombing hours after storming a police station north of the capital. The military reported five new U.S. deaths.

Military offensives in Fallujah and elsewhere have made November the second deadliest month for U.S. troops since the March 2003 invasion, with at least 130 American dead.

Monday's suicide attack occurred in Baghdad, a Euphrates-River town about 120 miles northwest of the capital, where a driver detonated his vehicle near a police checkpoint, police Lt. Mohammed al-Fehdawi said. A hospital official, Hatim Ahmed, confirmed seven police and Iraqi National Guard members were killed and nine were



Iraqi women line up to buy gasoline Monday in Baghdad's predominantly Shiite Sadr City.

wounded. Late Sunday, gunmen stormed a police station west of

Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, looted the army, commandeered several police

cars and fled after encountering no resistance, Iraqi officials said. U.S. troops went to the police station Monday morning and arrested two dozen people, police said. American officials had no comment. U.S. and Iraqi troops recaptured Samarra from insurgents in September, but the city remains tense.

Two American soldiers from Task Force Baghdad were killed and three wounded Monday in a roadside bomb explosion in northwestern Baghdad, the U.S. command said. One American soldier died and two were injured in a vehicle accident 30 miles northwest of the town of Kut in eastern Iraq, the military said.

In addition, two U.S. Marines were killed in a weekend bombing south of the capital, a U.S. official said Monday.

Seven soldiers die after Army helicopter crashes, burns in Texas

BRUCEVILLE-EDDY, Texas (AP) — An Army helicopter carrying seven soldiers crashed and burned in the fog Monday after hitting a support wire on a TV transmission tower whose warning lights had been knocked out in a storm last week, officials said. Everyone aboard was killed.

The UH-60 Black Hawk, bound for the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, went down in a field about 30 miles north-

east of Fort Hood. The fog was so thick when emergency crews arrived that they could not see more than halfway up the tower, authorities said.

The helicopter was headed to check out equipment being readied for use in Iraq, said Lt. Col. Jonathan Withington, spokesman for the Fort Hood-based 4th Infantry Division. The names of the victims, all from Fort Hood, were not immediately released.

Rock Eicke, who lives a quarter-mile from the crash site, said he was getting ready for work at about 7 a.m. when he was startled by a loud sound. He looked out his window and saw the helicopter hit the ground.

"All of the sudden I just saw a big ball of fire erupt from the ground and then boom, an explosion," Eicke said. "It was burning to the point that we couldn't have done anything."

Violent crime in schools drops by half, report says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Violent crime against students in schools fell by 50 percent between 1992 and 2002, with young people more often targeted for violence away from school.

There were about 24 crimes of rape, sexual assault, robbery and armed assault for every 1,000 students in 2002, down from 48 per 1,000 a decade earlier, according to a report Monday from the Education and Justice departments.

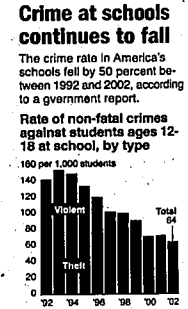
The reduction mirrored the trend found outside classrooms — overall crime is at a 30-year low across the nation.

The report found instances of school violence involving students have dropped steadily since a string of fatal shootings in the 1990s, notably the 1999 killings of 13 people at Columbine High School in Colorado by two heavily armed students.

"There has been a drop, and we attribute a lot of that to the fact that schools are focusing on the issue more," said William Laster, school safety specialist at the Center for the Prevention of School Violence in Raleigh, N.C.

Schools have taken a number of steps, from installing metal detectors and hiring more security personnel to implementing programs aimed at cutting bullying, which can lead to more serious crimes.

The report found students are more apt to be victims of vio-



lence outside schools.

In 2002, there were about 659,000 violent crimes involving students at school and about 720,000 away from school property. For the most serious non-fatal violent crimes — rape, assault and robbery — the crime rates were lower in school than away from school every year from 1992 to 2002.

The report also found that, between 1992 and 2000, students between 5 and 19 were 70 times more likely to be murdered away from school than on campus.

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WORLD

Ukrainian president says new vote possible

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Facing a relentless tide of opposition protests, embattled President Leonid Kuchma said Monday that a new election might be the only way out of a spiraling crisis that threatens to break up this former Soviet republic between the pro-Russia east and the Western-leaning rest of the country.

Secretary of State Colin Powell urged Kuchma in a telephone conversation Monday to keep his country intact, and White House spokesman Scott McClellan spoke on the international community to unite in support of "Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity."

Kuchma — who along with the Kremlin has staunchly supported the official winner of the disputed Nov. 21 runoff, his Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich — has called for compromise throughout the standoff but had not previously endorsed another vote.

"If we really want to preserve peace and harmony, if we really want to build a democratic state ... let's hold new elections," said Kuchma, who did not seek another term. He said Ukraine needs a "legitimate president" and added that the crisis could be resolved through a "constitutional agreement" endorsed by parliament, suggesting existing law might not be flexible enough to accommodate a settlement.

While it fell short of meeting protesters' hopes that opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko would be named president, Kuchma's statement appeared to be at least a tacit admission that the election was tainted. Yanukovich, who was declared the winner of the runoff by a margin of 871,402 votes, said he would support another vote if allegations of fraud in the election are proven — but that he had yet to see such proof.

Allegation of assassination plot crumbles

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's government on Monday backpedaled on a sensational claim made by the defense minister that Marxist rebels wanted to assassinate President Bush during a recent state visit.

Defense Minister Jorge Uribe told reporters Friday that informants said the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC, instructed followers to "assassinate President Bush" during his visit in the seaside city of Cartagena Nov. 22, where he met with President Alvaro Uribe. The defense minister, who is no relation to the president, did not say where the information came from, and there was no indication Bush's life was ever in any danger: He was protected by 15,000 Colombian troops and police, U.S. troops and Secret Service agents during his 3 1/2-hour visit to Colombia. Interior and Justice Minister Sabas Pretelt played down the comments Monday, saying he had no information about any assassination plot against Bush.



Former political prisoners and their relatives hold pictures of alleged torturers Monday during a demonstration in front of the presidential palace of La Moneda, Santiago, Chile, demanding that measures to compensate victims during the former dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet should include punishment of torturers.

Torture victims will get compensation

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Three decades after being imprisoned and tortured during the military dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, Mireya Garcia is among 27,000 Chileans who will finally get government compensation.

"It's very special for us, who were kept anonymous for almost 31 years, that the state admits that we were tortured," Garcia told The Associated Press Monday. "Telling the nation that we were tortured is the first act of reparation. Little by little, this begins to be a healing process."

While the payments are small — about \$190 a month — they will double the pensions of many former victims. In addition, victims and their relatives will receive free education, housing and health benefits. The program, which still must be approved by Congress, will cost the government some \$70 million a year.

Still, Garcia and other victims said monetary compensation was not enough, and the accused torturers should be punished.

Ruling party leads slightly in Romania election

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Romania's opposition on Monday accused the government of buying its supporters around the country to vote several times in weekend parliamentary and presidential elections.

Results released by the Central Electoral Bureau based on two-thirds of the total count gave the ruling Social Democratic Party more than 36 percent in Sunday's election, followed by the centrist Justice and Truth Alliance's 32 percent.

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WORLD

Death toll rises in mine blast

BEIJING — About 50 mine workers were confirmed dead and more than 100 still missing, the government said Tuesday, as toxic fumes unleashed from an explosion at a coal mine in central China slowed rescuers from entering the pit.

The recovery of more than 20 additional bodies brought the number of confirmed dead in a Sunday blast in the central province of Shaanxi to about 50, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Workers were fading for some 110 coal mines still missing from Sunday's blast in the Chenjilashan Coal Mine in the central province of Shaanxi. If none of the missing survives, it would be one of the deadliest disasters in a decade to hit China's accident-prone mining industry.

Al-Zawahri vows to continue anti-U.S. fight

CAIRO, Egypt — In a videotape aired Monday, Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant vowed to continue fighting the United States until Washington changed its policies.

In the tape aired on al-Jazeera television, Ayman Al-Zawahri spoke of the Nov. 2 U.S. presidential elections, but it was unclear from his words whether the footage was taped before or after President Bush defeated Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

"The results of the elections do not matter for us," al-Zawahri said in the three-minute excerpt. "We, whoever you are, we are the devil himself. This does not concern us. What concerns us is to purge our land from the aggressors."

Cuban government releases dissidents

HAVANA — Several of the original 75 dissidents arrested in a broad crackdown last year were released Monday without warning, according to friends, relatives and local rights activists. The surprise move raised hopes for additional releases in the coming days.

Those freed on parole included economics writer Oscar Espinosa Chepe, who had been hospitalized behind bars for months with a liver ailment. Espinosa Chepe's cause has become well-known among some rights groups outside of Cuba.

U.N. agency agrees on plan for policing nuke deal

VIENNA, Austria — The U.N. nuclear agency agreed Monday on a plan for policing Iran's nuclear programs designed to avoid a showdown at the United Nations. But Iran's representative immediately raised questions about the wording of the pact, and the United States said it retained the right to take the case to the U.N. Security Council on its own.

U.S. chief delegate Jackie Sanders listed more than a dozen open questions about Iran's past nuclear activities still before the International Atomic Energy Agency, despite a nearly two-year investigation.

China trade pact may challenge U.S. influence

VIENTIANE, Laos — Rising power China moved Monday to expand its influence in a region long dominated by the United States, signing an accord with Southeast Asian nations aimed at creating the world's largest free trade area by 2010 — a sprawling market of nearly 2 billion people.

China's concerns about securing vital sea lanes and feeding its booming economy's ravenous appetite for oil and raw materials were seen as key motivations for the trade pact with the 10-nation Association of Southeast Asian Nations at the group's annual summit in Laos.

But some analysts believe the agreement shows how an increasingly bold China is forging new alliances that would reduce, and possibly eventually challenge, America's influence in Asia.

China is using its huge market as a bait to lure ASEAN countries away from U.S. and Japan and build closer relations, said Cho Chien-min, a China watcher and political science professor at Taiwan's National Chengchi University.

— compiled from wire reports

Leader: Hamas will hold off on attacks

JERUSALEM (AP) — A local Hamas leader indicated Monday the militant group would not attack Israelis during the Palestinian presidential campaign and would consider a formal truce with Israel in the latest signs of hope for renewed peace efforts in the region.

However, just hours after Sheik Hassan Yousef spoke, two Hamas militants were killed while trying to attack an Israeli military outpost in Gaza, and another Hamas official said there was no such truce.

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and a crucial coalition partner were locked in an angry budget standoff that could bring down the government and delay its planned withdrawal from the

Guza Strip.

There has been a sharp drop in violence since Yasser Arafat's death Nov. 11, with Palestinian militants cutting down on attacks and the Israeli army scaling back raids before the Jan. 9 election for Arafat's replacement.

In the current situation, many political and militant groups have halted their attacks. They are waiting, and exploring the new era," said Yousef, the top Hamas leader in the West Bank who recently was released from an Israeli prison after serving 28 months.

Hamas, which has killed hundreds of Israelis in attacks during the last four years, opposes the existence of the Jewish state.

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EDITORIAL

Idaho has higher water priorities than well limits

It's refreshing to see Boise-area legislators showing so much concern for Idaho water conservation. Now if they could just focus on the right solution; perhaps these lawmakers could help bail the state out of its most crucial water problems.

Some legislators calling to buy out the Treasure Valley Working Group — a subcommittee of the Expanded Interim Legislative Water Committee — released a draft of recommendations to conserve water.

At the top of the list: More authority for the Idaho Department of Water Resources to regulate domestic wells.

State law allows private landowners to tap into a well for drinking water and to water a half-acre garden and lawn. But it's no secret that the state's domestic well standard is commonly abused. The result is additional widespread depletion of the aquifer, albeit at a smaller rate.

The major barrier in regulating these wells is the lack of manpower and resources at IDWR. To beef up regulations, the Treasure Valley legislators want to enhance the state's domestic well authorities. They also would promote tighter limits on the amount of water to be pumped daily in areas where groundwater supplies are low.

"The department knows where the offenders are," said Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star, the assistant majority leader in the House. "They just don't

have the resources to do anything about it."

Give these lawmakers points for thinking up a solution. But you can't solve a \$5 problem with a 10-cent fix — a good idea. But in a tight budget year, Idaho must stretch its dollar to reap the maximum return of water. It would seem more productive

Our view: A solution to the senior water rights Idaho merits more attention than domestic wells regulations. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

to buy out larger groundwater pumps acreage, restore the water rights, and restore the aquifer. Moyle and other Boise-area legislators have stated their opposition to the idea of buying out groundwater pumps water rights with state bonds and federal money. They see it as more of a regional issue than a statewide problem.

But this is a case where local legislators need to spell out the real issue at stake here for Idaho. Worrying about domestic wells when a legal crisis is looming between irrigators and pumps is like straightening the lawnchairs on the Titanic.

Without an agreement between groundwater pumps and surface irrigators, Idaho will be flirting with curtailment orders for hundreds of farms, dairies, and city systems. That kind of non-solution could cripple the state's economy.

Perhaps in another year, domestic well regulation will get adequate legislative attention. But most Idaho legislators recognize the real water issue at stake in 2005.

GOP standoff kicks off second term

Anyone who thinks it possible to predict the course of President Bush's second term needs to think again. History says you never know what may happen next.

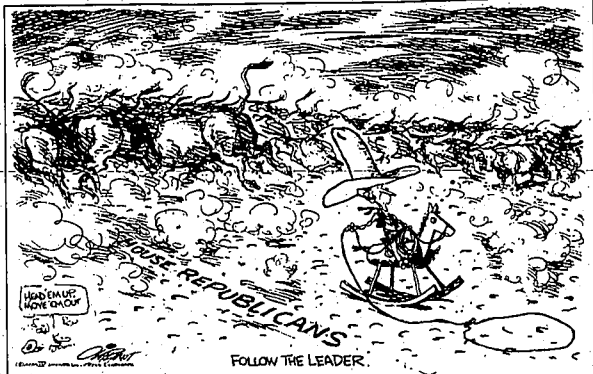
The last two-term Republican president was Ronald Reagan, and I well remember my astonishment when the start of his second term was marked by massive and successful protests in Washington against the administration's tolerance of apartheid in South Africa.



Anyone who knew that president's general indifference to racial issues in this country — let alone South Africa — would have said the demonstrations were futile. But the picketing of the South African embassy built on its own momentum and produced a change in U.S. policy toward that country, eventually leading to the freeing of Nelson Mandela.

Equally unexpected to anyone covering Washington today is the spectacle of Republican conservatives on Capitol Hill standing up to President Bush on the plan for overhauling the intelligence services. What began as a rare disagreement inside the normally disciplined House Republican conference has grown into the first full-scale test of the credibility of the second-term administration.

On the Sunday that shows, those supporting the Senate version of intelligence reform repeatedly invoked the names of President Bush and Vice President Cheney in an effort to cow the critics. One set of opponents claims that the plan would jeopardize the lives of troops in combat by denying their commanders direct control of battlefield intelligence. A second group says it's weak in its safeguards against would-be terrorists crossing the border into the United States.



Senators of both parties said it is unthinkable that the president since president could be so misguided as to put the lives of soldiers and the safety of the nation in jeopardy. But instead of withering, Chairman Duncan, Hunter of the House Armed Services Committee and James Sensenbrenner of the Judiciary Committee reiterated their objections, brushing aside the notion that whatever George Bush wants, George Bush should get. Even if — as some suggest — Bush was initially lukewarm to the intelligence reorganization endorsed by the 9/11 Commission, he now has been put squarely in the middle of this fight.

And the stakes have grown larger. On one side, it has become a test of whether Bush will override the objections of the Pentagon, or allow the White House to be thwarted by the uniformed and civilian bureaucracy of that other banding.

On the other hand, it has become an early — and unwanted — test of basic legislative strategy. The plan the president has endorsed and the Senate almost unanimously favors can be passed in the House by combining most Democrats' votes with those of some Republicans, but House Speaker Dennis Hastert does not want to split his own caucus, even to give Bush a victory, so the president is on the proside to find some way to accommodate Hunter and Sensenbrenner and their allies. Here we are, just a month beyond Election Day and with Bush's inauguration still weeks away, and already the political plot has taken a totally unexpected turn.

Be prepared for more — and bigger — surprises.

The job of a television network anchor is like nothing else in American journalism. It

requires a combination of strong reporting skills, a winning personality and the kind of self-control that can cope with crises and maintain enough calm so that others on that news team can do their jobs as well.

Tom Brokaw, who winds up his career at NBC this week, has all those qualities. In addition, he has the kind of innate decency and generosity of spirit the Midwest produces in its people. Despite the celebrity that TV gave him, he never has gotten a swelled head or confused himself with the Voice of Authority.

Over the years, I had the pleasure of his company on many assignments and many dinners. Print reporters are supposed to look on TV stars with a mixture of envy (for their salaries) and scorn (for their show-biz shallowness). Brokaw is much too down-to-earth to allow the first and much too knowledgeable on politics to occasion the second.

Like his predecessor, the late John Chancellor, his only visible weakness was a liking for the companionship of newspaper people. And that law is easy to forgive.

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LETTER

Hostility widens the divide among Americans

My viewpoint on the Las Vegas Review-Journal (Other Views, Nov. 22) is, first and foremost, how can you print so many of these rantings that have no basis in facts.

The political agenda at hand should never cross lines between emotional and social issues with the business aspect of running a country. We are a business entity and nothing else. When a nation becomes torn in two from issues of religion and moral values, we are frowned upon by the world as a whole. I feel sorry for the majority of the people in this country because we do not have the diversity of other nations with different cultures and different religions close by. This would require us to actually embrace others' spiritual preferences and reflect on the differences but not try to change them to our ways.

It is fortunate for the president that the entire population seems to be having these discussions back and forth, yet is anyone paying attention to the next war the administration wants to get us into? And please,

someone explain to me why Osama is still free in Saudi Arabia. Also, don't we have weapons of mass destruction? Perhaps someone should investigate?

Last but not least, could you please stop calling it whining. Try looking at it for what it is, discussion of a nation torn in half. I have seen just as much discussion from both sides, and none of it has produced much more than the usual emotional rhetoric. It only confirms my belief that this country is heading into a state of division that could eventually see ourselves in a war between the religious right and the liberal left. How ironic that we seem to be doing the fighting in other countries to liberate left-thinkers from the repression placed upon them by their leaders.

Of course, it helps if they have no "top" to "bottom" for Kathy Ronney of good for me to tell her not to generalize. I am a hard-working mother of two with a Ford Explorer. The bumper owners with their heated driveways were Bush voters; they make three figure salaries.

SHERI THOMAS
Halley

Irrational gunplay in the Wisconsin woods

Guns don't kill people. Ignorance, fear and stupidity kill people, and we seem to have a lot of that in the Wisconsin deer woods these days.

"Given the chance, every Wisconsin hunter would gut one and hang it on a meat platter," one self-described "fed up hunter" responded on our newspaper's Web page before he took down his xenophobic comments.

He wasn't talking about deer. He was talking about a Hmong folk.

"Rude, violent lawless people, who suck up our resources. They ruin our hunts every year by killing everything they see, including other hunters. This is not the first time Hmong have killed hunters."

Not hard to imagine somebody taking a shot at one of 'em, even if he says he was backing away at the time.

That's what Chai Yang contends happened in his statements to police, who early on commented how cooperative Yang was to flush out a trespasser with a weapon in the first place?

My dad taught me many things, by instruction and example, and this most recent lack of good sense in the Wisconsin deer woods reminded

RANDOLPH D. BRANDT

supposed crazed, maniacal murderer. Makes you wonder whether Yang figured he didn't have anything to hide.

By Yang's telling, he was set upon by a group of armed hunters, who cursed him, called him racist names and then shot at him while he was trying to leave peacefully. Given those circumstances, he very well may have thought it was either kill or be killed.

That's really not all that hard to imagine either, and doesn't differ all that much from other survivors' accounts.

The only real questions seem to be who fired first or whether Yang was so mad or scared he felt he needed to empty a couple of clips at everybody.

It still begs the question, why would somebody try to flush out a trespasser with a weapon in the first place?

me of an incident from my childhood in which my father chased a couple of hunters out of our woods.

Dad didn't pack a rifle. He didn't call for backup. He didn't curse at the men or call their names.

He didn't jump into our '56 Pontiac and charge at the trespassers, nor did he ask our neighbors to weave in from the other side in their Desotos and Buicks.

No, he calmly walked unarmed across our back field, approached the men directly, and explained that their shots were scaring his children.

He quietly asked them to leave, which they did.

If they hadn't, I imagine he would have just as calmly turned around and walked back to call the game warden or the cops and let them handle it.

I thought of that example many years later when I heard a commotion next door one night and went outside to witness my neighbor flushing some kid out of the bushes at gunpoint.

I stayed calm but was madder than hell and despite my general friendliness toward my neighbor, I told him so. What was he thinking?

Here some kid was sneaking out through the backdoor after his girlfriend's parents came home unexpectedly, and my neighbor, hearing the noise in the bushes outside, comes charging out with a revolver.

Dumb. Irresponsible. Dangerous. That's the kind of behavior most of us responsible gun owners abhor because it just seems to confirm all the prejudices of those gun-control nuts who want to take away all our weapons.

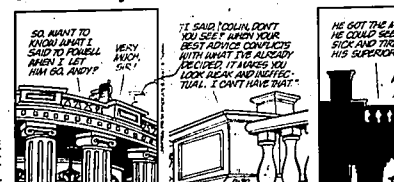
Suppose my neighbor had tripped in the dark and the thing went off? Or worse, he'd actually accosted an armed man and a girlfriend broke out in my side yard, within a few feet of where my daughter was sleeping in her bedroom?

Hey, if somebody breaks into your house, there's nowhere to retreat to, and you've got no other choice, then that's a different story, but you never, never, never, confront a mere trespasser with a weapon.

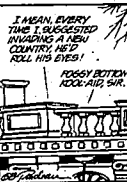
Very bad things can happen.

Randolph D. Brandt is editor of *The Journal Times* in Racine, Wis.

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OPINION

LETTER

Fight will continue against fee demo

I heartily commend *The Times-News* for its excellent Sunday editorial on forest fees. Responsible journalism well stated! The deceitful, backstabbing move by Rep. Regula, R-Ohio, attaching a midnight rider to make fees permanent is unconscionable (Ohio has almost no public lands). As owner of your western forests and Bureau of Land Management lands, I hope you have hid enough — in spades.

Some facts: A recreationist who buys a \$15 "pass" and uses a "fee area" for 10 days is spending \$1.50 per day. Cattle are charged 4.4 cents per day. Daily waste discharge mass for a cow is 47.3 pounds per day. A human is 4.5 pounds per day. Thus, the fee for a cow is .0093 cents per day per pound of waste vs. the fee for a hiking human of 23 cents (excluding estimates of destruction of riparian areas, soil and vegetation by cows).

This example clearly points out the absolute absurdity of fees while commercial users get a virtual free ride. Almost all timber sales are subsidized by tax dollars, especially if a road is built. Mining companies are getting leases for the price of a walk in the woods. I have always pointed out that it costs the Forest Service 75 cents in administrative overhead for each fee dollar collected. The General Accounting Office has consistently pointed to glaring accounting lapses with the fee demo dollars.

Examine carefully the national debt ceiling limit raised

by trillions; billions in pork barrel gittynoy and a \$150 to \$200 billion in annual waste in Iraq. Then ask yourself — are you really going to pay (double) to take a hike?

I will put the first \$100 into a legal defense fund for citizens who might have to go to court to face a possible \$5,000 fine or jail time. Let's proceed to court. We can cause a huge media-public relations-legal

meltdown. *The Times-News* said a while back — "Just don't pay." — I concur — I advocate civil disobedience. Send your windshield ticket directly to Craig's office! Protest forcefully! To the senator. I recommend sanity and enlightened public lands policies. Mr. Regula should be impeached forthwith. Mahatma Gandhi said: "Civil disobedience be-

comes a sacred duty when the state becomes lawless or corrupt."

Rest assured, this "fee" monstrosity is the tip of a very ugly public lands iceberg. Enough is enough — stand and fight! SCOTT PHILLIPS

Halley
(Editor's note: Scott Phillips is a retired Forest Service professional in outdoor recreation management.)

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Worker dies after parking garage falls

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A six-story parking garage under construction at the National Institutes of Health partially collapsed Monday, killing a construction worker, authorities said.
Dogs and cranes had to be

used to search for the victim, who was found on the fourth floor, said Pete Piring, a spokesman for Montgomery County Fire and Rescue.
Part of the top two floors of the six-story garage collapsed about 9 a.m. The cause re-

mained under investigation, but NIH officials said they believe a beam slipped and hit one of the floors, causing it to collapse onto the level below.
During the search, authorities evacuated some nearby areas because of concern about

the stability of the rest of the garage.
A dozen or more workers were trapped by the collapse, according to Piring, and had to either be escorted out by firefighters or plucked to safety by a fire department

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"I heard a real loud noise," said Justin Morales, an electrician who was working on the second floor at the time of the collapse.
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FAIRFIELD—Local businesswoman Marian Lane will teach a class on making personalized soaps using the hot batch method at 6 p.m. today in her home.

In the class, Lane will demonstrate how to make new custom-scented soaps from glycerine, soap and essential oils. Each participant should bring a small box or mold. Class size is limited.

Lane's home business, Fair Fields, has offered handmade skin care products for four years. Lane shows her products by appointment, but they can also be seen at the Sun Valley Farmer's Market and in shops such as Billy's Espresso and Sola, both on U.S. Highway 20 in Fairfield.

For Christmas, Lane makes batches of specialty soaps with festive names and scents — Sleigh Ride with pine and cinnamon, Three Kings with frankincense and myrrh, Feliz Navidad with citrus, or spice. The soaps sell for \$5, or three for \$13.50.

Other top sellers, she said, include a \$4 lip balm containing lime, lavender and tea tree essential oils, push-up lotion socks for \$5.50 and Minty Foot Fetish cream, which sells for \$7.

For information, call Lane at 764-2059 or e-mail her at location@link.com. Her Web site, www.fairfields.net, will be finished the first week of December.

Albertsons Inc. will hold conference call

TWIN FALLS — Boise-based Albertsons Inc., a grocery chain with Magic Valley stores, will hold a conference call to discuss its third-quarter results at 6:30 a.m. Thursday.

Anyone may listen in. The call will be webcast at the Albertsons Web site: www.albertsons.com/abs_investorinformation/.

Albertsons operates over 2,500 stores in 37 states.

Satellite falls, hampers Edward Jones offices

ST. LOUIS — A satellite failure pulled the plug on thousands of Edward Jones investment offices in the United States and Canada.

The Hughes Network System satellite that the company's St. Louis headquarters uses to communicate with its branch offices lost power early Sunday, according to partner Douglas Hill, said no client data was lost or impacted by the satellite failure.

But restoring service means switching to a new satellite, a process that involves manually repointing the satellite dishes at each of Edward Jones' 9,000 branch offices in the United States and Canada.

Edward Jones has offices in several Magic Valley cities.

The company hopes to have all branches back up in a few days.

Dollar worries keep Wall Street on edge

NEW YORK — Stocks finished mixed in a volatile session Monday as investors worried that the continued fall of the U.S. dollar would spur inflation and hurt the overall economy. The concern overshadowed a decent start to the holiday shopping season.

With the Federal Reserve meeting Dec. 14, many investors felt that the weakening dollar, which failed to gain much ground against other currencies Monday — would lead to substantially higher interest rates as the threat of inflation grows.

Wall Street also bid retail stocks lower despite improved sales from most retailers over the Thanksgiving weekend.

A warning from Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which said its sales were lower than expected, led to selling across the sector. A strong showing in sales of electronics kept tech stocks slightly higher for the session.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Bank proposes new branch in T.F.

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The evolving business landscape along Blue Lakes Boulevard North will experience a noticeable change within the next year, if plans are approved by the city.

Burley-based D.L. Evans Bank proposes building a drive-through bank, at 906 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., on property now occupied by the Weston Inn motel. The motel is owned by Blue Lakes Place LLC.

D.L. Evans is in the process of purchasing the motel, which sits on a 61,000-square-foot parcel at the corner of Blue Lakes and Falls Avenue. The motel would be demolished in order to build the 13,625-square-foot bank, Twin Falls architect Russ Livly

Meeting time

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission meets at 7 p.m. today in the city Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., to discuss D.L. Evans Bank's plans for a new branch on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, along with other agenda items. The meeting is open to the public.

It's time that jewel left us," Livly said, referring to the motel.

Tim Paxson of Blue Lakes Place LLC did not return several phone calls last week and Monday regarding the property sale.

The new bank — which would be D.L. Evans' third in Twin Falls — would combine D.L. Evans'

commercial and mortgage loan offices and a branch bank, said Brenda Sanford, D.L. Evans' chief financial officer.

The bank currently rents spaces in Twin Falls for its data center and mortgage loan offices.

"We're just out of space — that's the whole reason for this new building," Sanford said.

The new bank would house 35 to 50 employees, according to a letter Livly submitted to the planning and zoning office this month regarding the project.

Sanford said a few of those employees would be new hires.

The deal is contingent on the city's approval of the plans, Sanford said.

The property is zoned for commercial use, but any business that wants to build a facility

with a drive-through must obtain a special-use permit, said Renee Carraway, planning and zoning assistant.

City Hall's planning and zoning staff is recommending that Florence Avenue — the road that separates the motel's two buildings — be paved as part of the project, Carraway said.

Livly said D.L. Evans has already agreed to the paving of Florence Avenue, and the company will pick up the cost.

Another portion of the bank project would improve traffic flow on Falls Avenue, said Rod Mathis, assistant city engineer. Part of the project involves creating a right-turn lane on Falls Avenue and new traffic controls at the intersection.

(A right-turn lane at the intersection) is something we've had

in the works for several years, and now that the opportunity has presented itself, we're going to take advantage of it," Mathis said.

The new bank's site would be the second bank at the intersection, as First Federal Savings Bank operates a branch directly across the street. Another bank in place of the motel would reduce weekend and late-evening traffic as well as "elements like noise and odors," Livly wrote in his proposal to the city.

"It will be an asset," Livly said.

A public hearing on the project will be held at 7 p.m. today in the City Council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

Times-News business writer Megan Hinds can be reached at 733-3238 or megan.hinds@lee.net.

WORKING THE PHONES



Michael Dell, founder and chairman of Dell Inc., prepares to work a phone line in the company's U.S. consumer department Monday in Round Rock, Texas. It has become an annual tradition for Dell to assist customers who call, and without mentioning his last name. Dell Inc. also operates a technical support and customer-service call center in Twin Falls.

Retailers face modest sales nationally

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The holiday shopping season began with a surge in spending, but consumers faded by the end of the long Thanksgiving weekend and many retailers were facing decent but hardly impressive sales.

Big chains, including J.C. Penney and Sears, Roebuck, were pleased with their sales. But industry leader Wal-Mart said its sales in the seven days that ended Friday were disappointing and it lowered its sales forecast for November.

The holiday shopping season traditionally begins the day after Thanksgiving.

"Friday overall was strong, but Saturday was weak and disappointing, so together it was only a modest two-day performance," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at International Council of Shopping Centers.

"I continue to believe that this is not a bellwether for how the season will end up."

The first weekend of the season, while important, is not as critical as the last 10 days before Christmas, he said. Niemira still forecasts a sales gain of 3 percent to 4 percent for holiday period.

Wally Brewster, spokesman for Chicago-based Spencer's Gifts Properties, which operates 224 malls in 44 states, said sales and traffic were strong Friday but stabilized the rest of the weekend. As a result, he expects sales for the weekend to increase in the low single digits, in line with modest expectations.

Wal-Mart's Thanksgiving weekend sales suffered because it didn't offer the deep discounts it did in past years, hoping to boost profits, analysts said. Penney and Sears did better by wooing customers with two days of big price breaks.

"Wal-Mart was a big loser because they didn't get the same numbers of early bird shoppers as they did a year ago," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group,

Area stores see positive numbers

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Deep discounts and fair weather lured holiday shoppers to Twin Falls stores on the day after Thanksgiving, and retailers hope the positive sales numbers will continue through the season.

Magic Valley Mall anchor JCPenney saw an "incredible" 10 to 15 percent rise in sales Friday compared with the so-called "Black Friday" a year ago, store manager Jim Godwin said Monday. He attributed the gain to the strong local economy — fueled by higher dairy prices — as well as the chain's increased advertising and promotions this year.

"We depend on the dairy industry," he said.

Sales went as high as expected on Saturday, Godwin said, which he blamed on inclement weather. But Godwin said he predicts the stores will see a 5 to 6 percent gain in holiday sales compared with last year.

Saturday's snowy weather didn't slow the traffic at specialized retailers.

Niemira, who serves as an adviser for ShopperTrak, which tallies sales results from 30,000 outlets, said a clearer picture of how the Thanksgiving weekend fared will emerge Thursday. That's when the nation's retailers report their same-store sales figures for November. Same-store sales, or sales at stores open at least a year, are considered the best indicator of a retailer's performance.

Total retail sales were up 10.6 percent on Friday compared with the day after Thanksgiving last year, but dropped 6.5 percent on Saturday compared with a year ago, ShopperTrak said. As a result, total sales for Friday and Saturday combined increased a modest 3.5 percent.

Shopping online

Holiday shoppers got an early start on the season this year with Internet sales in the first three weeks of November outpacing the previous two years.

Online retail sales, first three weeks of November in billions of dollars

Week	2002	2003	2004
Week 1	1.02	1.03	1.02
Week 2	1.24	1.31	1.30
Week 3	1.47	1.79	1.79

NOTE: Excludes travel sales.

SOURCE: comScore Networks AP

Online retailers receive a surge in business

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Computer-savvy consumers did plenty of online shopping over the Thanksgiving weekend, giving companies like Amazon.com and walmart.com the same kickoff to the holiday season as department stores and malls had.

The pickup in business on the Web was the result of online merchants using marketing tricks like their brick and mortar counterparts — plying consumers with special discounts to get them to shop early.

Online sales excluding travel shot up 100 percent to \$133 million on Thanksgiving Day compared with the same day last year, said comScore.

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Higher fees, taxes could hurt small businesses

The Associated Press

BOISE — Higher loan fees and rising unemployment insurance costs could make it tougher on Idaho companies that employ fewer than 50 people, which have pumped a half-billion dollars into the state's economy over the last three years.

Starting Oct. 1, business owners began paying upfront loan fees to get the federal government's Small Business Administration flagship loan. Those fees had been suspended after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In addition, a freeze on Idaho's unemployment insurance rates that began in 2001 ends in January, when rates are due to double.

Some worry these changes could undermine a sector that's been helping keep Idaho's economy afloat. Small businesses in the state have created nearly 10,000 jobs since 2001, a period in which larger companies have slashed more than 6,000 workers from their payrolls.

"It's nothing more than a partisan sniping" that ignores the fact that the agency's loan numbers are running ahead of 2003.

Aides to Sen. Larry Craig call the charges against the SBA "misleading" and ignore the fact that the agency's loan numbers are running ahead of 2003.

Rod Grzadzinski, spokesman for the SBA Boise District Office, said there's been no slowdown in loan activity at his office related to the fee increase.

His office made 85 loans in October valued at \$39 million, compared with 31 loans worth \$7 million in the same period a year ago.

Addressing the unemployment insurance rate hike, Tom Williams, the state's unemployment insurance administrator, says a business that currently pays \$414 a year on a single employee's earnings of \$27,600 would see its annual premium climb to \$900 a year if the freeze is lifted in January.

That could cause some businesses to raise prices, and some fear it could take the wind out of Idaho's economic recovery.

It will be "disastrous" for small businesses if the unemployment insurance rate doubles, says Bill Knopp, a cash-register business owner.

Now, a committee of Idaho business, government and labor leaders formed by Idaho Commerce and Labor is trying to come up with an alternative before the rate freeze expires in less than two months.

MONEY

City works for plant site redevelopment

POCATELLO (AP) - Officials in this southeastern Idaho town are working to replace the jobs and industry lost when FMC Corp. shut down its phosphorus plant...

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College savings: Fees negate tax breaks

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chris Simmons isn't so sure that a tax break when it comes to the complexities of college savings. He's a higher education lobbyist in Washington, D.C., and he's worked the field for years...

Reprint
In a Sunday edition, this story was inadvertently cut before the end. The story appears here in its entirety.

Lower fees or has better investment prospects. Until recently, Alice Bullwinkle, president of North-Star Financial Director in Lakewood, Colo., told her Colorado clients to buy funds in online packages because Colorado's fund options were so bad...

the upfront, administrative and fund charges. Luckily for investors, expert services are available. Plans can be sorted and compared side-by-side at Web site Another resource is research firm Morningstar, which rates 529 plans...

As college tuition surges, the popularity of 529s is growing too. The plans, named after the section of the tax code that allows them, are offered through the states and let investors pay tuition or set aside money that can grow tax-deferred...

A new study by LeAnn Luna and Raquel Alexander of the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, tracks the investment choices of 529 fund investors in recent years and shows money flowing disproportionately to high-fee, high-risk funds...

For people who want to bypass brokers, there are plenty of direct 529 investment options. The Kansas Learning Quest 529 is available online, for instance; the plan sold through brokers is identical except that it charges an upfront fee of up to 3.25 percent.

Simmons said his family quickly realized 529s were the best savings option, given the amount of money college costs. Simmons said he hopes the information investors need will be packaged more clearly. To him, investors need more education before investing in education.

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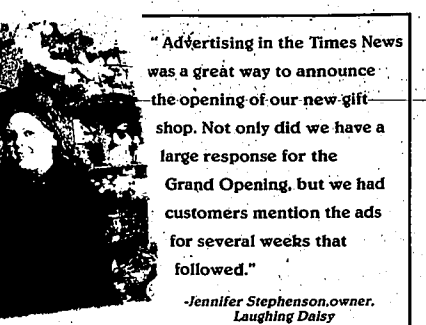
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Large table of mutual fund prices and performance data for various investment funds.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

Samsung delivers best of two worlds with DuoCam

By Mike Langberg
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Product review

It seems like a no-brainer: Since digital camcorders and digital still cameras use the same kind of electronic sensor to record images, why not build a single device that does both really well?

Like many devices that seem simple on the surface, the devil is in the details. It's actually almost impossible, for now at least, to design a sensor that delivers outstanding performance both ways.

The result, which I've seen over and over in recent years, are digital camcorders that take bad still pictures and digital still cameras that shoot bad video.

Samsung has finally delivered the best of both worlds with an elegant compromise: the two-eyed SC-D6040 DuoCam at \$799 (www.samsungusa.com).

The DuoCam has separate lenses and sensors for video and stills, one on top of the other. A color electronic viewfinder and swing-out 2.5-inch color LCD panel are shared for shooting and playback.

The DuoCam is no bigger than the average palm-sized camcorder and weighs a relatively svelte 1.1 pounds, yet it offers the full feature set you'd get from lugging around both a camcorder and a digital camera.

You do pay for this all-in-one convenience; a roughly equivalent camcorder and still camera purchased separately would cost about \$200 less. But, after several days of shooting video and stills, I can recommend the DuoCam to anyone who wants to regularly switch between the two and doesn't mind spending more for the privilege.

Here are the details, from the bottom up:

The lower half of the DuoCam's front is the digital still camera, with a four-megapixel

CCD sensor and a 3X optical zoom lens. There's a pop-up flash on top of the unit, and a slot for inserting either Secure Digital or Memory Stick cards for storing pictures. Photo enthusiasts get some advanced features, including manual focus and manual white balance.

The top half is the camcorder, with a 680,000 pixel CCD — sufficient resolution for digital video — and a 10X optical zoom lens. Video is recorded on standard Mini DV cassettes. Advanced features include an infrared light for shooting in the dark and digital image stabilization.

A dial switch at the back, on the right side, moves the DuoCam between camcorder and still camera mode. You can use either the electronic viewfinder or the LCD screen to frame video and stills. The slider switch for zooming between wide angle and telephoto controls the top lens in camcorder mode and the lower lens in still camera mode.

As you can tell from this description, if you've ever used camcorders the DuoCam looks and operates more like a camcorder than a digital still camera. Anyone familiar with conventional digital still cameras will need some practice to get comfortable using the DuoCam for shooting stills. But the quality of the stills is comparable to other 4-megapixel cameras I've used, and the video quality similarly matches other mid-range digital camcorders.

The DuoCam measures 5.4 inches long by 3.6 inches high by 2.5 inches thick. Accessories include a lithium ion battery, an AC adapter, a 16-megabyte Memory Stick card, a remote control and a USB cable for connecting to a computer.

There's also a FireWire port on the camera, also known as 1394 or i.Link, for connecting to computers via FireWire, although you have to purchase a FireWire cable separately.

Samsung is clearly headed in the right direction with the DuoCam. The first generation of the product, the DuoCam SCD-5000 introduced in summer 2003, used an awkward swivel design to rotate the lenses for video and stills into position. The SCD-5000 was a third bigger and heavier than the SCD-6040, which shipped in August, and cost about \$400 more.

I spoke with a Samsung product manager last week who told me the DuoCam will get even better in its third generation. The next DuoCam, presumably due in summer 2005, will be only 60 percent the size of the SCD-6040 and could cost even less.

Does this mean the distinction between digital camcorders and still cameras will gradually fade away, leaving us with a single product class of camera/camcorders?

Yes, although not right away. Today's image sensors are optimized to work either for video or stills, which is why they don't do well on the flip side and is why the DuoCam has two sensors. However, engineering improvements now in the works should make it possible to produce sensors that offer both the high resolution required for stills and the fast response time required for video.

Another change just over the horizon is digital camcorders and camcorders that store images on small hard drives instead of tape or memory cards. Hard drives work equally well at storing video or stills, eliminating the need for two types of storage, as with the DuoCam using DV tape for video and memory cards for stills.

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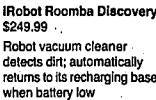
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Why you'll get more e-mail

CBS MarketWatch

WASHINGTON — Many retailers during this holiday season are hoping that while you're planning your giving, they'll get from you an e-mail address.

"E-mail is playing a stronger role in retail," explained Tom Holliday, president of the Retail Advertising and Marketing Association. They want to make you a loyal customer, and it's easier to reach you through e-mail," he told the Washington Times.

Some merchants, like Illuminations, a small candle company in California, have been collecting addresses since 2002. The company offers incentives in compiling such addresses, including discounts. Another retailer, Pier 1 Imports, uses e-mail to reward customers. Spokeswoman Lisa Erickson told the Times customers receive mailings several times a month with news of store promotions and sales, new merchandise and tips on

home design.

Amazon's best-sellers: Amazon.com reports its top-selling holiday items include Boston Red Sox 2004 World Series Champions caps, the Star Wars Trilogy on DVD, and freshwater pearl necklace and earring sets. Interestingly, the site's estimate of holiday shoppers for one hour was 336,625 on Friday morning, whereas the number was just about 40,000 fewer on Thursday. Lots of folks letting their mice do the shopping while the turkey was roasting, it appears.

Circuit City beefs up Web effort: A state-of-the-art Web store is critical to Circuit City's strategy to grow both the number of customers and company sales, according to Alan McCollough, chief executive of the Richmond, Va.-based electronics retailer. "There's a lot more potential," he added, in comments to the Associated Press. To bolster sales, the company's site has 1 million items — including newly added private-label gift items, gadgets and toys. But as

far as the latter goes, Circuit City has taken the outsourcing route, according to EToys Direct Inc. "We help drive traffic and increase average-order size by adding to their product mix," said Michael Wagner, the Denver company's chief executive, in a statement.

• Six Apart Inc. formally announced its holiday sales promotion. Starting next week, the price of annual subscriptions to TypePad blogging software and hosting service will be discounted up to 55 percent.

• Google's Desktop Search software has reportedly been downloaded about 600,000 times, according to John Batelle's Searchblog. The professor at University of California-Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism quoted Maljestic Research, which said 1.3 million users visited the Desktop Search page in the first two weeks of its release. About 60 percent of downloads were by international users, with U.S. visitors accounting for the balance.

Adobe has a hit with Premiere Elements for video hobbyists

By Mike Langberg
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Product review

Adobe Systems has done it again: taken one of its best-of-breed software packages for professionals and created an inexpensive consumer version that delight sophisticated users.

The new Adobe Premiere Elements at \$99 (www.adobe.com/premiereelements) offers all the features a video hobbyist would expect to find in Adobe Premiere Pro 1.5, which sells for \$699.

San Jose, Calif.-based Adobe is perhaps best known for Photoshop, the software of choice for professional photo editing, but is intensely rewarding for those who invest the time to learn the many amazing things the program can accomplish.

In making an inexpensive consumer version of Photoshop, Adobe's outstanding Photoshop Elements, first introduced in May 2001 — Adobe added a few features to help beginners, but refused to remove the most powerful tools from the original. It put down the technical terms related to photo editing.

Premiere Elements, too, also offers some hand-holding for beginners, but not much. If you only want to copy a few clips from your camcorder into your computer and burn them on a DVD, then the program is overkill.

If you want to make video productions that rival broadcast television, with artificial transitions, and music scores and perfectly positioned titles, Premiere Elements will do the job and more. Just be prepared to conquer such audio and video terms as Continuous Bezier Interpolation, DeNoise, Radial Gradient and Sixteen-Point Garbage Matte.

Color that instantly transformed the entire clip to natural colors.

Premiere Elements, announced on Sept. 15 and just now reaching store shelves, also expects a lot from your computer. Available only for Windows, you'll need Windows XP with the Service Pack 1 upgrade, at least 256 megabytes of RAM and 1.2 gigabytes of hard-disk space just to install the program. Adobe clips take up huge amounts of space, so you shouldn't attempt putting together anything beyond a two- or three-minute project unless you have 20 GB or more available on your hard disk.

Also, by the end of October, Adobe is promising the new Photoshop Elements 3.0 at \$99, with considerable upgrades from the 2-year-old Photoshop Elements 2.0. Premiere Elements 3.0 will also be sold together in a single box for \$149.

I don't have room to review Photoshop Elements 3.0, but it has impressive new tools for fixing photos, as well as all the features for organizing and sharing pictures that previously required buying a separate \$49 program called Adobe PhotoAlbum.

Premiere Elements, because of Adobe's well-deserved reputation for quality products, is almost guaranteed to become a heavyweight in the crowded field of consumer video-editing software for Windows. Macintosh users get Apple's own iMovie and iDVD software, which is good enough that few competitors are still supporting the Mac.

The current market leader is Studio 9 at \$79 and Studio 9 Plus at \$99 from Pinnacle Systems

(www.pinnacle.com) of Mountain View, Calif. I've used Studio in the past, and it's a worthy rival for Premiere Elements. Among the smaller fish in the video ocean are Roxio's iMovie (www.iMovie.com), Sony's Vegas Movie Studio (<http://www.media.sony.com>) and Ulead's VideoStudio 8 (www.ulead.com/v8).

Premiere Elements like most of its competitors, is a full-service product covering all three parts of the process: Capture, where you pull video clips from your camcorder onto your computer's hard drive; Edit, where you assemble the clips into a polished package; and Export, where you burn the finished presentation to DVD or send it back out to tape on the camcorder or make it into a compressed file for sharing by e-mail.

Even a small bit of video editing will give you new admiration for the people who put together movies and television shows. Beyond mastering the technical details, it's not easy to get the right kind of scenes, and make the correct decisions on how to put those scenes together.

You might want to take your first steps in video-editing using video-editing software. Included with your computer, if nothing else, Windows XP comes with a basic Microsoft video-editing program called Windows Movie Maker.

But if you want to do more than hack together clips, I highly recommend Premiere Elements or Pinnacle Studio Plus. You'll get software that can grow with your increasing expertise and interest. These are also the only two consumer video-editing programs supported by a significant number of "how-to" books, which can be a good way to learn at your own pace.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Just think, somewhere on a Saturday night in Moose Jaw, a kid is actually reading a book.

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— Columnist Michael Hunt of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel about the unexpected benefits of the NHL lockout

TRIVIA

QUESTION: When was the first LPGA Tour event televised?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School Boys Basketball

- Dietrich at Camas County, 4:30 p.m.
Friston at Minico, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Century, 6 p.m.
Filer at Valley, 6 p.m.
Decla at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Bliss at Twin Falls Christian Academy, 6 p.m.
Magic Valley Christian at The Community School, 7:30 p.m.

High School Girls Basketball

- Carey at The Community School, 4:30 p.m.
Butley at American Falls, 6 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Parma, 6 p.m.
Oakley at Castledorf, 6 p.m.
Richfield at Mackay, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Buhl, 6 p.m.
Dietrich at Camas County, 6 p.m.
Murtaugh at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
Kimberly at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
Raft River at Lighthouse Christian, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Filer Junior basketball signups are Friday

FILER — The Flyer Youth Basketball program will hold signups for boys and girls in grades 5-6 this Friday, Dec. 3 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Filer Middle School gym. The cost is \$20.

A parent or guardian must be present at signups. For more information, call Kent Knigge at 326-4252.

Area's top Class 5A harriers announced

TWIN FALLS — The Region IV and VI cross country teams were announced Monday with juniors Tyler Jones and Brittany Ward and freshman Natasha Bortz named to the first team.

Second team honorees included seniors Joel Rupprecht and Justin Eliu and sophomore Olivia Reyes.

- A full list follows: Boys Runner of the Year — Eric Fobert, Idaho Falls, junior. First team: Thor Kocoda, Skyline, senior; Tyler Jones, Twin Falls, junior; Trevor Dantzer, Idaho Falls, junior; Robbie Simonsen, Idaho Falls, junior; Aidan Anderson, Highland, junior; Austin Jackson, Skyline, senior; Cameron Butler, Idaho Falls, junior. Second team: Colin Crawford, Skyline, junior; John Rupprecht, Twin Falls, senior; David Pines, Idaho Falls, junior; Sean Connor, Skyline, senior; John Henderson, Highland, junior; Hans Schmitt, Twin Falls, junior; Justin Jones, Twin Falls, senior. Coach of the Year — Alan McKinstry, Idaho Falls.

- Girls Runner of the Year — Alicia Ward, Skyline, sophomore. First team: McKendree Weston, Skyline, senior; Brad Hutchinson, Highland, senior; Dawn Dillman, Skyline, senior; Jennifer Ward, Twin Falls, junior; Hannah Ross, Highland, junior; Natasha Bortz, Twin Falls, freshman; Sydney Hines, Skyline, junior. Second team: Oana Reyes, Twin Falls, sophomore; Sarah Walker, Skyline, senior; Chae Veron, Highland, junior; Curt Yarnold, Highland, sophomore; Mariana Pina, Idaho Falls, freshman; Kati Walker, Idaho Falls, sophomore; Jennifer Heba, Twin Falls, sophomore. Coach of the Year — Ben S. Schmidt, Skyline.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

1963. ABC televised the final round of the U.S. Women's Open.

OLDER AND WISER

QB Jeff George gets another shot at the NFL

By Nancy Armour Associated Press writer LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Talent was never Jeff George's problem. His personality, well, that's a different story. Cocky. Hardheaded. Selfish. Egotistical. Arrogant. He heard them all as he hopped around the league, a no-mad journey that had as much to do with his attitude as his ability.

George was the No. 1 overall pick in the 1990 draft, blessed with a strong and amazingly accurate arm. He threw for 27,602 yards and 154 touchdowns in 12 years, converting almost 58 percent of his passes while throwing 113 interceptions.

But he's never lived up to the expectations that come with such talent, going 46-78 as a starter. The Bears are his seventh team, and he hasn't played in a game in more than three years.

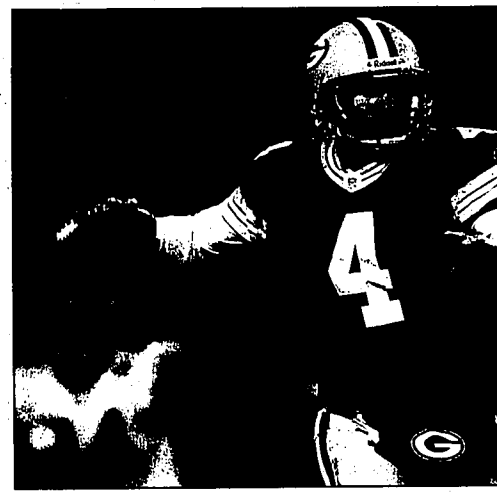


Chicago Bears quarterback Jeff George practices at Halas Hall on Monday in Lake Forest, Ill.

Packers paste Rams

Favre starts 200th straight NFL game

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The governor proclaimed it "Brett Favre Day" and the night belonged to the quarterback, too. Favre celebrated his 200th straight regular season start with three touchdown passes, and set yet another record in the Green Bay Packers' 15-17 rout of the St. Louis Rams on Monday night.



Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre prepares to pass in the first quarter Monday against the St. Louis Rams in Green Bay, Wis. The game marked Favre's NFL-record 200th consecutive start.

Favre topped 20 touchdown passes for the 11th straight season, breaking a tie with Dan Marino on a 7-yard toss to tight end Bubba Franks in the second quarter that made it 14-3. He also threw touchdown passes to Javon Walker and Donald Driver as the Packers (7-4) got two defensive touchdowns and won their sixth straight to keep pace with Minnesota atop the NFC North.

But Mertz followed up with a questionable call — a fake field goal when a 42-yarder by Jeff Wilkins would have made it a one-possession game. Wilkins was stuffed 12 yards shy of the first down on fourth-and-7.

Not only did the Rams get nothing out of a nearly eight-minute drive, but the Packers went 71 yards in four plays, capped by Driver's leaping 16-yard touchdown catch that gave Green Bay a 28-10 lead.

But the Rams never got closer. Favre's record streak of starts moved to 219, counting playoffs, and is almost 100 more than Ron Jaworski's previous NFL quarterback mark of 123.

It was the fifth-highest single-game rushing total in NFL history and Davenport capped his night with a 40-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-1 with 1:52 left to make it 38-17.

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Body matching exec's son found in wreckage

By John Marshall Associated Press writer

MONTROSE, Colo. — Moments after surviving a horrific plane crash, Charles Ebersol frantically begged bystanders for help in rescuing his kid brother from the wreckage.



Air Safety Investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board investigate the wreckage of a jet Sports chairman Dick Ebersol was believed recovered in the wreckage.

crashed during a snowstorm while taking off from the airport outside this small town 185 miles southwest of Denver.

Two crewmen also died and another was injured along with the two Ebersols. NBC said in a statement Monday that Dick and Charlie Ebersol are in stable condition and expected to make a full recovery.

year-old college student was quoted as saying, "Nearly as my father, NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol, sat on the snowy ground amid the billowing smoke and chunks of wreckage, rocking back and forth in complete shock, according to a witness at the scene.

"You could tell he was in shock. Both of them had been tipped out of their shoes," said Doug Percival, a driver at a towing service who was one of the first to arrive.

The account came a day after a jet carrying the Ebersols

with light snow falling, crews began picking through the charred pile of twisted metal and a 6-foot-high shard of the fuselage with three gaping, round windows. The two engines lay on the ground nearby near the tail section where they Please see EBERSOL, Page 66

With BCS going to Fox, let Homer Simpson call the games

Following last week's announcement that Fox struck a deal with the Bowl Championship Series to broadcast nearly all of college football's big bowl games beginning in 2007, TV sports division boss Ed Simpson said he would begin searching for ways to give the telecasts a distinct look and sound.



sounds quite like the patriarch of America's first family of dysfunction. Then there's the cross-promotion possibilities, which, for network as shame-

less as Fox, are nearly endless. And talk about connecting with you, audience: Homer would saunter into the broadcast booth known for a catch phrase that describes how most of America already feels about the BCS.

complaining. The way things stand, Auburn figures to be the loudest of the lot, because the Tigers could finish the regular season just as undefeated as Southern California and Oklahoma and still get shunted to the side while those two wind up playing for the BCS national championship. But chances are good the Tigers and their fans won't be the only ones growling.

time or space to list them here. Barely six weeks ago, the guys who hijacked the college post-season in 1998 unveiled their fifth new-and-improved formula to bring order to the rankings. Not surprising, it wasn't any better than the previous four. The funny thing is, the BCS honchos could have learned that by reading an op-ed piece that ran the previous day in The New York Times.

Who better to do that than current Fox employee Homer Simpson? No one on television looks or

The BCS system is so rife with contradictions that there isn't

in it, author Bradley Carlin, a Please see LITME, Page B6

SPORTS

Battered McNair says it's time to think of future

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — To be clear, Steve McNair never used the word retirement. But the co-MVP of the 2003 season sent a clear message that he's hurting, and this time the physical pain mixed with a losing season has the Tennessee quarterback ready to think about quitting. "I feel like at this point in time you have to take a hard look at it," McNair said after a 31-21 loss to the Houston Texans on Sunday that ended the Titans' playoff hopes and put them in the AFC South cellar. "Back in the days, I used to play and play well when I was hurt, but at the same time it has taken a toll. I just have to look at it and evaluate myself, but I'm going to continue to work hard this season and do the best I can do to try and win five ballgames."

McNair, who was not available Monday, has become known for his ability to play through pain. He has a full page in the Tennessee media guide that details his 24 separate injuries and six operations or procedures before this season. He went 5-0 in December 2002 despite not practicing once with back spasms, turf toe and strained ribs. Six weeks after back surgery in 1999, he led the Titans to their only Super Bowl appearance. This season hasn't come anywhere close to what McNair wanted as an MVP contender. While co-MVP Peyton Manning of Indianapolis, whom the Titans (4-7) play Sunday, is on a record-setting pace, McNair has

thrown two more interceptions (9) through seven games than he did all last season. A bruised sternum kept him out of two games and parts of two others. His passer rating of 73.1 puts him behind 23 NFL quarterbacks. McNair opened Sunday's game looking like the quarterback who led the NFL in passer rating in 2003. He hit his first seven passes and threw three touchdown passes in the first half. In the second half, he lost two fumbles and was intercepted once, and he publicly blamed himself after the loss. "You get to wondering if things continue to be that way, you have to take a long look at it after the season to see what you're going to do," McNair said.

Washington council chair won't oppose park

WASHINGTON — A new ballpark for the soon-to-be Washington Nationals appears to be headed to approval after the chair of the District of Columbia Council decided not to oppose financing. The Council is scheduled to vote Tuesday, two weeks after Council Chair Linda W. Cropp removed the proposal from the agenda. Seven votes are needed for approval, and Mayor Anthony A. Williams said Monday he expected the council to approve the measure. The deal Washington signed with the Montreal Expos calls for a ballpark to be built south of the Capital along the Anacostia River and estimates land acquisition, construction of a new ballpark and refurbishing RFK Stadium will cost \$435 million. Opponents claim the project will cost more than \$600 million.

Bowler Michael Bennett, who will be Minnesota's starting running back for now. Smith, in his second year out of Oregon, ranked 42nd combined in the Vikings' first three games before serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. He had a season-high 20 carries for 72 yards Sunday's 27-16 win over Jacksonville.

Blills remain hopeful about Henry's health

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Travis Henry might not have broken a bone in his right leg, as "first feared," according to coach Mike Mulroney. The team is conducting further tests on the running back and should have a more definitive diagnosis when the Bills (5-6) return to practice Wednesday. Henry, the backup to Willis McGahey, was hurt four plays into the game in a 38-9 win at Seattle on Sunday.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, GB, and points per game.

WHAT'S ON T.V. Basketball table listing games, times, and networks like ESPN and ESPN2.

FOOTBALL National Football League table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, GB, and points per game.

Area ski report table with columns for location, elevation, snow depth, and lift status.

NBA Leaders table listing player statistics for points, rebounds, assists, and steals.

NCAA Division I Football Playoffs table listing game times and participating teams.

NBA Leaders table listing player statistics for blocks and minutes.

NCAA Division II Football Playoffs table listing game times and participating teams.

NFL Scoreboard table listing game results, scores, and key statistics.

NCAA Division III Football Playoffs table listing game times and participating teams.

NBA Leaders table listing player statistics for fouls and minutes.

NCAA Division IV Football Playoffs table listing game times and participating teams.

STEER WRESTLING table listing individual wrestler names and weights.

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George

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George, who turns 37 on Dec. 8, has been out of the NFL completely for the last 1.5 seasons.

The Bears, though, are desperate enough to give George another chance. Chicago (4-7) has already burned through three quarterbacks because of injury or ineffectiveness, and its offense has scored only one touchdown in the last three games.

"Football is all I know," George said.

"But I know the business and I know what it's like, and unfortunately what's happened to me in the past has continued to follow me, I guess."

George has been a magnet for criticism since he was in college, when he transferred from Purdue to Illinois after just one season. He infuriated fans of his hometown Indianapolis Colts with a 36-day holdout in 1993, squabbling with coaches and alienated teammates with his aloofness and cockiness.

His reputation was sullied even further in 1996, when he had a sideline argument with Atlanta Falcons coach

June Jones in full view of television cameras. The Falcons suspended George for four games, then cut him.

He swore he was a changed man, that he'd learned from the experience and he had trouble-free stops in Oakland and Minnesota. But any repair George did to his image was with the Washington Redskins.

In the season opener, he had an animated sideline discussion with coach Mary Schottenheimer when George was pulled after four turnovers. He played one more game before the Red-

skins cut him. He had a quarterback rating of 34.6, completing just 23 of 42 passes with three interceptions.

George signed with Seattle midway through the 2002 season but never played.

"Jeff has been through an awful lot, which he will acknowledge to you. He learned an awful lot from it," Bears coach Lovie Smith said. "When I met him, I really got a good feel about him, and where he is at this time in his life... He's at a stage in his life where he wants to be a part of a team and help the team win."

If starter Chad Hutchinson has any trouble, George could find himself back in the game only a few days after having to recraft backties to catch passes at his old high school.

"Whatever my role is, I'm ready to take that on and just run with it," George said. "All I wanted was just an opportunity, a fair shake just like the other guy. To be a third-stringer, to be a backup, to play whatever role that the Bears want me to do, I'm willing to do that."

"I can't say enough how happy I am really and how thankful to be out here and get this opportunity."

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Section C

AROUND THE VALLEY

Bliss rest area reopens Thursday

BLISS—The Bliss rest area, located on Eastbound 84 approximately 7 miles west of Bliss, has been reconstructed and will officially reopen Thursday with a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at the westbound rest area. It will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments and a guided tour of the facilities. Chuck Winder, the chairman of the Idaho Transportation Board, is among the speakers.

Western Construction of Boise was the contractor on the \$6.2 million project.

Construction improvements include increased parking for the general public, more restroom facilities, improved handicap access and features such as sidewalks to all picnic areas, high mast lighting system for improved traveler safety at night, new water and wastewater systems for more efficient use and treatment of water, quality picnic areas, improved on and off ramps for better interstate access, addition of volunteer shelters for use by nonprofit groups.

At the July 2004 Idaho Transportation Board meeting in Twin Falls, the board agreed to allocate approximately \$10 million annually for the statewide rest area program.

SUV accident kills boy from Bellevue

ELKO Nev.—Barrett Admire, 10, of Bellevue, was killed Sunday afternoon after being ejected during a vehicle rollover south of Wells.

Trooper Rocky Gonzales of the Nevada Highway Patrol said the youth was a passenger in a GMC Yukon driven southbound by Mark Scheving, 48, of Bellevue. The accident occurred about 26 miles south of Wells on U.S. Highway 93.

Due to driver inattention the vehicle drifted off the east pavement edge and when Scheving overcorrected to the left, the SUV rotated counter-clockwise, skidding to the west side of the highway edge where it overturned. Gonzales said the child was air lifted to Northern Nevada Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Scheving and passengers Lisa Admire, 44, Caitlyn Admire, 10, and Gavin Admire, 12, were injured in the accident and were transported by ambulance to the hospital. The Northern Nevada Regional Hospital refused to disclose their conditions Monday.

Investigation into the accident is continuing, Gonzales noted.

T.F. sorority sponsors Santa Claus letters

TWIN FALLS—The Xi Alpha Tau chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is sponsoring "Santa's Letters" this year. Participants should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$2 with the following information: The child's name, age, gender, new skill the child has learned and how the child might use it for Christmas and the requester's name, relationship to the child and phone number.

Mail to Santa's Workshop, c/o 331 Kittingham Drive, Twin Falls, ID 83301, and a letter from Santa postmarked North Pole, AK will be sent to the child. Orders must be placed before Wednesday to ensure a pre-Christmas delivery.

The sorority also is selling items from catalogs. Anyone can contact a Xi Alpha Tau member. All proceeds from Santa Letters and sales go to benefit needy families at Christmas.

For more information, call Rebecca 732-8202 or Tami at 324-6486.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Salmon	64%	12%
Big Wood	55%	11%
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Big Lost	76%	14%
Little Lost	85%	18%
Henry Fork/Teton	78%	16%
Upper Snake Basin	75%	16%
Oakley	70%	11%
Salmon Falls	89%	16%

As of Nov. 29
*A comparison of basin snowpack.
**A comparison of basin snowpack.

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Bank robbery case gets dismissed

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Prosecutors have dropped the case against an Idaho Falls man charged in connection with two bank robberies after results from evidence processed at an FBI lab proved inconclusive.

The charges against Frank Jensen Eversole, 51, stemmed from robberies of the U.S. Bank at 748 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. and the Wells Fargo Bank branch at 1303 Addison Ave. E. on Jan. 2, 2002. The robberies occurred 17 minutes apart.

"In any given case, it's the prosecutor's duty to investigate the case beyond what the police reports say," said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb. "The police reports indicated pretty strongly that (Eversole)

NewsTracker

- **Last we knew:** 5th District, Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram bound over to District Court the case of Frank Jensen Eversole, who had been charged with two counts of robbery in connection with bank robberies in Twin Falls on Jan. 2, 2002.
- **The latest:** After forensic evidence came back from an FBI lab, prosecutors dismissed the case against Eversole.
- **What's next:** Police will continue to investigate the robberies.

was guilty. Among the things we did after getting the case were sending fingerprints, palm prints and handwriting samples to FBI labs. What we got back... was that the fingerprints and palmprints were inconclusive." A handwriting sample from a note the suspect gave tellers was compared to Eversole's sample. That also proved inconclusive, Loeb said.

"The culmination of all the evidence and non-evidence is enough to convince us we don't have enough to prosecute him. The evidence we got from the FBI... none of that points to him," he said.

"There's never a time when you are committed to prosecuting," Loeb added. "You dismiss the charge if the evidence shows you should."

The suspect in both bank robberies handed tellers a note that said: "This is a robbery. Don't panic. Don't talk. One hundred, fifties, twenties. Hand me the money," according to an affidavit written by Detective Curtis Gambrel of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Comparing Eversole's physical attributes with videos of the robbery, the FBI also concluded the person who committed the robbery is 4 inches taller than Eversole, Loeb said.

Marsha Tousey, a teller at Wells Fargo, testified during a preliminary hearing in Magistrate Court on Aug. 20 that she was 99 percent sure the man who robbed her was Eversole, who was in the courtroom wearing an orange jumpsuit during the hearing.

Eversole's former housemate,

Glorie Jean Illian, testified that the man in the photos allegedly robbing a bank was Eversole. She said she recognized his coat and his stance.

During that hearing, Judge Mark Ingram stated that the bank's photos of the suspect were grainy but that witness testimony in sufficient to identify the defendant was sufficient reason to send the case to the higher court.

In the first robbery, the suspect made off with \$2,110. In the second, the suspect took \$3,760.

No weapons were used or displayed in either of the robberies, police say.

Times-News writer Rebecca Meany can be reached at 735-3225 or by e-mail at meany@magicvalley.com.

IN THE SPIRIT



Karry Chapa of Burley, an employee of D.L. Evans Bank, decorates a tree Monday that will be donated to the Festival of Trees that will run Dec. 1 through Dec. 4 at the Snake River Plaza in Burley.

Businessman blasts city of Twin Falls

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Ken Stevens wants members of the Twin Falls City Council to get used to seeing his face.

After listening to him speak for more than 15 minutes Monday evening, council members aren't likely to forget Stevens anytime soon.

"I'm going to be using pit bull technology," Stevens said. Pit bulls don't care whether they win or lose a fight, he said, just want to sink their teeth in.

For two years, Stevens said he wrangled with planning and zoning officials over the issue of landscaping. Having essentially won his fight with the department,

"I thought I got myself a piece of the American dream," Stevens said. "What I got was the American nightmare."

The landscaping proved to be more than Stevens could afford. Additionally, Stevens said, he didn't know it was required when he purchased the property. It turns out Stevens was right.

"Had I not found that one line in that clause, I would have been run out of business," he said.

The city had begun the process of revoking Stevens' permit when he discovered the city's mistake. Businesses at existing buildings aren't required to perform the same landscaping as those at new structures.

Although Stevens received a letter of apology from the city, he said he did not feel an apology was sufficient.

"I want something more," he told council members. "This fight isn't over."

Other business owners may

be entitled to compensation if planning and zoning officials required them to landscape property unnecessarily, Stevens said.

Stevens said he wants the city to review staffing in its planning and zoning department. He claims the department did not fight its own statutes in its treatment of him.

"It was all because the people at planning and zoning haven't been treating people fairly and equitably," Stevens said.

Council member Dennis Maughan sympathized with Stevens, noting that he recognized Stevens suffered emotional anguish over the misunderstanding.

While fellow council member Lance Clow also acknowledged Stevens' unfortunate situation, he noted that the city corrected the situation when the mistake was discovered.

"Planning and zoning made a mistake," Clow said.

I want something more. This fight isn't over.

— Ken Stevens, Twin Falls businessman

Snow, frigid temperatures freeze out northern Nevada

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO Nev.—Northern Nevada residents received a taste of winter over the weekend as a storm dropped several inches of snow and temperatures plunged to zero or below.

Roham Abtahi with the National Weather Service said the official snow measurement at Elko Airport was 5 inches, but some local residents reported 6 inches or more. He estimated mountain passes received at least 8 inches during Saturday's storm.

Abtahi said the central portion of the state received the major impact from the storm with Austin in Eureka County measuring 15 inches of snow. In Elko County, Jackpot received 3 inches and Wells had 5 inches.

The snow storm was followed by a cold front that moved into the area Sunday night, ushering in frigid temperatures.

The Weather Service recorded a low of 2 below zero at the airport and 5 below zero at its office on the eastern side of Elko.

A weather observer in Charleston, 25 miles south of Jarbidge, reported a 23-below-zero temperature. The Wildhorse Reservoir north of Elko at one point came in at 17 below zero. Other cold spots were Jackpot at zero and Wells at 7 degrees below zero.

The forecast for the area during the next few days calls for highs in the 20s and sub-zero temperatures at night. Abtahi said temperatures would probably begin warming Thursday when cloud cover moves into the area.

Twin Falls man gets jail time in fatal car wreck case

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—A man who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of reckless driving and a felony charge of leaving the scene of an injury accident will serve time in jail on upcoming holidays.

McKenzie Howard Fox, 23, of Twin Falls, was sentenced in 5th District Court Monday by Judge Richard Bevan.

For the charge of leaving the scene of an injury accident, the judge gave Fox one to five years in prison, but suspended that sentence in favor of four years' probation, said Grant Loeb, Twin Falls County prosecutor.

For the reckless driving count, Fox received 90 days in jail with 22 days suspended.

Fox will spend 34 days in jail each year for the next two years, including specific days mandated by Judge Bevan.

Prosecutors had originally charged Fox with vehicular manslaughter and leaving the scene of an injury accident, both felonies.

Paula Lee Crossley, 35, died April 4 after she was ejected from the back seat of the vehicle she was in.

The driver, Effie Marquez, lost control of her SUV on U.S. Highway 93 while attempting to avoid an oncoming sedan that was swerving in and out of her lane, according to an affidavit written by Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn.

The maximum penalty for leaving the scene of an injury accident is five years imprisonment.

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Carmen Gonzales

Carmen Gonzales, age 65, passed away at home with her family by her side.
Carmen was born June 14, 1939, in San Antonio, Texas. When she was 14 she met the love of her life, Pablo, who was also born in Texas and 16 when they married. Pablo and Carmen were married by the justice of peace in San Antonio on Sept. 18, 1953. Then renewed their vows in 1968 at St. Edwards Catholic Church.
Carmen is survived by her husband of 51 years, Pablo; sons, Rosando and Bernardo; and grandchildren, Rick and Nick.
She is preceded in death by her parents, Rafael Miranda and Maria Martinez; and four sons, Valentin, Valente, Pablo and Jesus.
Carmen and Pablo were happily married for 51 years, together all the time.
Carmen enjoyed cooking, gardening, decorating and everything about the state of Texas. Carmen was a friend to everyone she met. Carmen was



always working hard until her death on Nov. 25, 2004.
To my darling Carmen, A devoted wife to me. A wonderful mother to our sons.
A friend to all who knew you. We all will miss you. And we will always be as one. Until we are together again.
Love, Pablo.
A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2004, at the funeral home.
A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at St. Edwards Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Arnold Hubbard

Arnold Hubbard died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, in Twin Falls, Idaho, of natural causes. He was 52.
Born Oct. 9, 1912, in Paradise, Utah, he was the son of William Charles and Elfy Davis Hubbard. He grew up in southern Idaho, where he owned and operated a successful cattle ranch in the Malad Valley and Hobrook for many years. Arnold married Myrtle Ellen Anderson South on July 12, 1959, owner of South Floral in Malad. She was the daughter of Enoch Russell South with whom she had raised four children, Betty, Duane, Gordon and Kerry, who survive them.
After a period in Malad and Driggs, Idaho, Arnold and Myrtle moved to Fairfield, Idaho, where they purchased a ranch on which they raised cattle, horses and wheat. Eventually, they sold the ranch and moved



to Twin Falls, where Arnold continued farming there for several years.
Arnold loved the outdoors and nature. He was a kind and loving man to family and friends, always giving and lending a helping hand.
His sister, Fay Nilsson of Salt Lake City, Utah, and numerous nieces and nephews survive him.
He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Myrtle; and brothers, Myrle, Lloyd, Clark, Reed, Odell, Oliver, Jesse and Leonard Hubbard.
The family would like to thank everyone at BridgeView Estates in Twin Falls for their care and support in his final hours. A special thanks for Gina Beach at Cedar Draw Living Center in Filer for being a good friend to Arnold and taking care of him during the past few years.
A funeral will be held at noon in the Hobrook LDS Church on Thursday, Dec. 2. The viewing is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon at the church for family and friends. Burial will be in the Hobrook Cemetery following the services.

Frederick 'Fred' Gorringer - Oakley

Frederick Leland "Fred" Gorringer, a 26-year-old resident of Oakley, died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
He was born Oct. 15, 1978, in Burley, Idaho, the son of Leland Earl and Marjorie Robinson Gorringer. He received his education in Oakley and attended the College of Southern Idaho majoring in computer technology.
He married Erin Layne Povlsen on May 22, 2004, in Oakley. Fred was a wonderful husband, son, brother and uncle. He enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing. He was a computer expert and was known for his great skills and knowledge.
He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
He is survived by his wife, Erin; son, Regan; his parents, Leland and Marjorie Gorringer of Oakley; two brothers, Greg (Thana) Gorringer of Pocatello and Barry Gorringer of Orem, Utah; one sister, Margo (Christopher) Mickelsen of



Oakley; his maternal grandmother, Dorothy Robinson of Oakley; a niece, Regan Mickelsen; a nephew, Ethan Mickelsen; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.
He was preceded in death by his sister, Tracie Gorringer; his paternal grandparents, Carl and Mickey Gorringer; and his maternal grandfather, Ray Robinson.
The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at the Oakley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave., with Bishop Randy Hardy officiating. Burial will be in Oakley Cemetery.
Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Nadia Gonzales - Burley

Nadia Gonzales, 44, of Burley, passed away Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.
Nadia was born Jan. 23, 1960, in Portales, N.M., the daughter of Ismael and Elvira Gonzales. She moved to the Minidoka area in 1974. She attended Minico High School and graduated in 1978. She married Ruben Palomo and had two children.
Her greatest joy in life was working for the Idaho Migrant Council as housing manager for Proyecto Esperanza (Project Hope) in Heyburn because of the people who lived there. She worked at this position from 1994 to 2001. Later she worked for Bill and Maria Jensen at Options Counseling as a secretary until the end.
She enjoyed spending time with her boys, Ruben and



Gonzales of Nampa, Delma Molina (Alvino) of Rupert, and Cora Ortega of Levelland, Texas.
She was preceded in death by her father, Ismael Gonzales; and a brother, David Gonzales.
A service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at the Nicholas Catholic Church, Rupert, Idaho, with a rosary recited at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church with burial to follow the service at the Rupert Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.
In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be given in her name at either branch of First Federal Bank or to the Hansen Mortuary Rupert and Burley Chapels, 436-5636 and 678-2521.

Kevin Ray Gaver - Jerome

Kevin Ray Gaver, 24, of Jerome, passed away Nov. 26, 2004, in Boise.
He was born Oct. 29, 1980, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Jami L. Gaver and Bonnie Jo Black.
Kevin was raised in Norco, Calif., and Jerome.
He loved animals and he was very good with children. Kevin enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandparents.
Kevin is survived by his parents, Jami and Bonnie Gaver of Jerome; three brothers, James (Melissa) Gaver of Salt Lake City, Matthew Gaver of Jerome, and Richard Gaver of Jerome.



Blackwell of Salt Lake City, two nephews and many cousins and friends.
He was preceded in death by grandparents, Carl and Margaret Gaver.
A funeral for Kevin will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, in the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S., Jerome, with Bishop Alan Levy officiating at the First Cemetery. Family and friends will be held from 9:30-10:45 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

He is also survived by grandparents, Don and Geraldine

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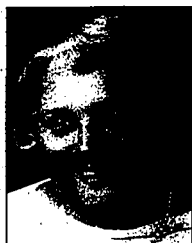
Lillias Pugmire Martin

Lillias Pugmire Martin passed away peacefully Sunday evening, Nov. 28, in Boise, Idaho. Lillias was born Feb. 6, 1921, in St. Charles, Idaho, to Emerson and Iris Pugmire. She moved with her family to Hagerman as a young girl where she resided for most of her life. She graduated from Albion State Normal School in 1941 and later from Utah State University with a degree in education. Lillias taught school in Hagerman for 35 years where lasting impressions were made on many of her students.
Lillias married Jack Martin on June 21, 1942, in Hagerman and they were later sealed for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple on Dec. 29, 1954. Lillias and Jack were life-long, active members of the Hagerman LDS ward and held various callings. They were among the first to serve in the Boise, Idaho, LDS Temple. They served from 1984-1989. They also later served an LDS mission in the Atlanta, Georgia, Temple.
Lillias made lifelong friends



wherever she went. Everyone was always welcome in their home and always offered something to eat or drink. She loved family gatherings and every member of her family felt her unconditional love. She was especially proud of her granddaughters and her great-grandchildren.
In 2002, Lillias moved to Boise to be closer to her family. She

was honored in 2003 as a "Legends of the Game" by the Idaho Athletic Association, as a member of the 1938-39 Hagerman High School Girls State Basketball Championship team.
Lillias is survived by her husband, Jack Martin, Boise; a daughter, Joan (Edi) Crampton, Boise; a son, John Martin, Hagerman; a sister, LouAnn (Bill) McKay, Boise; a brother, Marlon Pugmire, Boise; two granddaughters, Candice (Dean) Waite, Eagle, and Christie (Troy) Quin, Sugar City; three great-grandchildren, Michaela, Abby and Jackson, and numerous nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Tana Martin; two sisters, Venice Prince and Georgia Clark; and a nephew, Marc McKay.
A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Hagerman LDS Chapel. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. in the Relief Society Room. Interment will follow at the Hagerman Cemetery.



Ruthilda Miller - Burley

Ruthilda Robertson Miller, a 90-year-old resident of Burley, passed away peacefully Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.
Ruth was born Feb. 5, 1914, in Rigby, Idaho, to Alma Moroni and Mary Cassie Pearce Robertson. She graduated from high school in Eden, Idaho. She married James Wayne Miller on May 29, 1935, in the Logan LDS Temple.
Ruthilda was a superb homemaker and loved handwork which included crocheting, knitting, quilting and embroidery. She was an excellent seamstress and made beautiful wearing apparel individually fitted to each daughter's preferences.
She was a creative gardener of flowers and vegetables who loved to preserve the harvest. She was an excellent cook and taught all those skills to her daughters.
The Miller home was always open to guests including Iraj Sorushian and Glen Tsu, who were two young students, who became like family members.
Ruthilda was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many positions in the Relief Society, Stake and Ward Primary, and Young Women's throughout her years even to the end. Her last calling was making bread for Sacrament Services. She made her final loaves of bread on the Tuesday before her death.
She was a supportive wife and mother encouraging, rescuing and applauding.
She worked with her husband in Miller Drug as a clerk in the early years, and later as a bookkeeper, buyer and trusted advisor.
She loved to travel with family, including her parents, children, spouse and grandchildren.
She is survived by her three daughters, Nola Ann (Lloyd) Hess, of Emmett, Idaho, Marilyn Miller of Burley, and Judith Marie Reep of West Valley City, Utah; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Walter Harold (Shirley) Thompson of Sacramento, Calif.; two sisters, Marjorie Louise (Floyd) Merrill of Rupert and Glenna Whitaker of Burley.
She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Harold Thompson; and one sister, Geana Faye Stanger.
The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at the Burley West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Purke Ave., with Bishop Scott Bryn officiating. Burial will be in the First Cemetery.
Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.
The family suggests memorial contributions be given to Primary Children's Medical Center, LDS Hospital, or a charity of choice.

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Jose Fredrick

Fred Chavez
HANSEN - Jose Fredrick "Fred" Chavez, 70, of Hansen, died Saturday morning, Nov. 27, 2004, at his home in Hansen, Idaho.

A prayer vigil with rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Deacon John McKinley reciting. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church with Father John Koelsch as celebrant. Military rites will be by area Veterans and Auxiliary. Friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of rosary on Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

The family suggests memorials be given in Fred's name to the St. Edwards Catholic Church. Contributions may be given to

funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Verletta M. Anderson

HAZELTON - Verletta M. Anderson, 88, of Hazelton, Idaho, died Nov. 28, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, at the Emmerson Ward LDS Church. With visitation from 9 to 10:30 a.m. the following day at the Emmerson Ward LDS Church. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004, at the Emmerson Ward LDS Church.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2004, at the Syracuse Cemetery in Syracuse, Utah. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Elizabeth Avey "Scottie" Luft of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church (Reynolds Funeral Home).

Lawrence "Larry" V. Martin of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Duane J. Skinner of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert 3rd Ward LDS Chapel, 526 S. 1st St.; friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

Edna Caroline Russell of Payuce and formerly of Rupert, viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, graveside service at 10

a.m. Wednesday at the Paul Cemetery.

Margaret A. Stroud of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary.

David W. Becker Sr. of Boise and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Ruiben Daniel "Dan" Steinmetz of Everett, Wash., service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Ethlyn Gertrude Barney of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Palm Valley View Cemetery in Las Vegas, Nev. (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Meridian garbage company plans new transfer station

MERIDIAN - Meridian's garbage company plans to build a new \$2 million transfer station to help accommodate refuse that's being produced by the city's burgeoning population.

Sanitary Services Co., which will handle 57,500 tons of trash in 2004, wants to build the transfer station on a roughly six-acre site north of its Meridian offices. The station is needed to consolidate waste and reduce trips to the Ada County landfill.

The company won't raise rates, because its contract with the city requires it to pay all new facility costs without charging customers more.

Sanitary Services business manager Steve Sedlack said the company needs the plant to keep up with trash from a Meridian population that's risen to 50,000 residents from just 9,500 a decade-and-

Idaho in brief

a-half ago.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality must approve the proposed site and Central District Health must sign off on an operations and maintenance plan. DEQ is accepting public written comment on Sanitary Services' application through Dec. 16 at the Boise regional office.

Tribal policeman gets award for rescuing girl

KAMIAH - A Nez Perce tribal policeman has been awarded the 2003 Indian Country Officer of the Year award for leaping into the icy waters of the Clearwater River and helping rescue a 17-year-old girl.

Jeff Anderson, 34, of Kamiah, got the award from the Interna-

tional Association of Chiefs of Police for his role in the dramatic April 2003 rescue.

"I get really embarrassed over stuff like this," Anderson said. "But it was an honor."

Anderson, along with a Clearwater County deputy, a nurse, rescue workers and passers-by, all pitched in to save Rebecca O'Neil, who was trapped underwater by her seatbelt after her car drove off U.S. Highway 12 and plunged into the river.

It took 20 minutes to free the girl from the submerged car, and Anderson was the first to administer rescue breaths. After 45 minutes, O'Neil started breathing on her own.

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Camera catches critter stealing money

VILLACH, Austria (AP) — Someone was stealing cash from a shop, but thanks to a videocamera, authorities got their man — and it was a mouse.

A security camera set up inside the shop in Villach in the southwestern Austrian province of Carinthia helped the owner figure out who was making off with bank notes from the cash register. It turned out to be a mouse looking for nesting material, officials said Monday.

The critter was caught on camera with his paw in the till, Austrian television reported.

The shop owner, whose name was not released, became suspicious after a few bills worth \$65 went missing.

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"People are saving a ton of money," revealed Barry Langdon, General Manager of Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls, "I can promise you, you've never seen anything like this before in your life."

In the last several months, the Lithia new car and truck stores in Idaho have set a blistering pace in new vehicle sales. "We've become known as the place to go for the right selection and an upfront great deal with our Promo Prices," said Barry Langdon. "Add that to the historic rebate and finance offers coming from the manufacturers and it's just set our new vehicle sales on fire."

And that's what's caused the problem. "Too many used vehicles," stated Barry. "We've been taking in trades like crazy, and we've been focused on new vehicle sales. The truth is we've got a glut of used vehicles on our lots that we simply have to get rid of one way or another."

"We are just going to keep cutting prices until the vehicles sell."

Oftentimes, when a car dealer is overloaded with used cars they take them to the nearest used car auction and dump them. In many cases accepting offers that are far less than the car is actually worth. "All of our managers got together to come up with a solution. Frankly we're tired of the auctions getting bargains and then turning around and marking up the same vehicle to be sold to the public," Barry Explained. "We decided that if we were going to have to just blow these cars out we might as well give the people in Twin Falls the first chance at it. It makes a lot more sense for us to sell a deeply discounted car to one of our neighbors and get a happy customer." Makes sense but why the mystery? Why blackout the lot?

"All of our vehicles are posted with an incredibly low price on each and every one, but that's just the beginning of the savings," said Barry. "Our mission is to sell every one of these cars by the close of business on Sunday, so we're going to be slashing prices on the spot throughout the sale. We needed to blackout the prices from drive-by traffic because there's a good chance that the posted price is going to be reduced."

In reviewing the inventory included in the sale it's tough to see how the prices could possibly get any better. "Basically we're dead in the water," said Barry. "We're just going to keep cutting the price until the vehicles sell."

I also learned that Lithia's Chevrolet Cadillac of Twin Falls will be on-line with Lithia's vast network of lenders to get buyers through the financing process quickly and with a plan that is the most affordable. "We've got a lot of options and can help people get financing for a car even if they've been turned down somewhere else," said Barry. "Of course financing is always on approval from the lender. Our advantage is we have so many more resources to go to for our customers."

Mystery solved. If you're looking for a bargain in a used vehicle, look behind the black wall, you'll be glad you did.

Lithia Price Blackout Event on Blue Lakes Blvd. in Twin Falls is Monday November 29th from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. through Wednesday December 1st 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. For more information call 208-733-3033 or toll free at 1-800-967-2917.

Barbie has a last name

Barbie does too have a last name, and it isn't 'Doll.' It's Roberts.

This day in history: George W. Hancock of Chicago wanted to adapt baseball into an indoor game for those cold Midwest winters. He found a large, over-stuffed ball and a broomstick for a bat and organized the first game of softball on Nov. 30, 1887.

Most car horns beep in the key of F.

Disney has a lot of firsts in the motion picture industry. Not only were they first to put out a cartoon feature with sound in 1929 (Steamboat Willie), they were also first to play with 3-D graphics in the animated 1953 "Melody."

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

Reader Robert Billingsley asks why we use the abbreviation "lb." for pound. The Latin for the unit of measure is "libra pondo," which is both where we got the word "pound" and "lb."

Believe it or not, in 1638 the Virginia Legislature passed a law banning lawyers. With lawsuits rampant today, it doesn't sound like such a bad idea to revisit.

John Lloyd Wright, son of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, was the guy who invented Lincoln Logs. He got the idea from an anti-quake construction method he saw while traveling with his father in Japan.

Elephants suffer from natural tooth loss and decay — even in the wild where their diet is low in sugar. And, unfortunately for wild elephants, this tooth loss often leads to starvation.

Corn is very versatile. The cobs can be used in the production of nylon.

Wine-makers have been known to keep their structural integrity for up to 50 years before becoming crumbly and brittle.

American persimmon wood is the preferred wood for golf clubs.

Siamese cat owners may already suspect this, but that breed is considered the most vocal of all cat breeds.

You'll find the horoscope on page C-8

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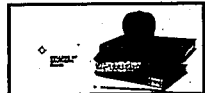
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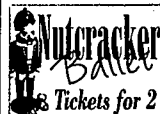
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MORNING BREAK

Woman feels safe to sleep nude

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in regard to the mother who discovered her 14-year-old daughter sleeping in the nude. I say bravo to that mother and father for creating a home where the girl felt safe enough to sleep that way.

When I was young, I had an older brother who harassed me. I slept with my ears alert and covers up to my nose. I have been through two divorces — and I wouldn't have allowed myself to be caught sleeping in the nude by either of my husbands. They might come home or wake up in a rage, and I needed to be prepared for whatever might happen.



DEAR ABBY: Jeane Phillips

I now have a husband with whom I'm completely relaxed — so I no longer feel the need to wear anything in bed. I keep a robe at bedside for emergencies, but I now sleep comfortably without nightclothes that wrap around my legs or cut off the circulation in my arms.

— SLEEPING WELL IN TOPEKA

DEAR SLEEPING WELL: I have always considered wearing (or not wearing) clothing in bed to be a comfort issue. It hadn't occurred to me that it might reflect a measure of emotional security. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the "Worried Mom" made me laugh, remembering when I was in high school. A group of friends and I decided to "kidnap" four other friends and take them out for breakfast before school. We surprised them in their beds, intending to take them out in public in their pajamas.

All was well until the third house. Like the girl in the letter, our friend "Angie" slept in the nude. I have never seen anyone blush harder than she did that morning.

— CHRISTA IN SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR CHRISTA: I guess the "surprise" was on you.

DEAR ABBY: I suspect that "Worried Mom" reacted so strongly because she's terrified of her daughter's awakening sexuality, and Mom equates nudity with sex, and sex is wrong.

Now Mom has two tasks ahead of her. The first is to overcome her own hang-ups. The second is to have a frank discussion with her daughter about how to protect herself in sexual situations. Please tell her to stop worrying. Sleeping nude is more comfortable.

— DOES IT TOO, COLUMBIA, S.C.

DEAR D.I.T.: What was it that Marilyn Monroe used to say? At bedtime her preferred attire was Chanel No. 5.

DEAR ABBY: There are few things in life more freeing than taking a hot shower and jumping nude into bed with fresh, crisp sheets. Please tell that mother not to make something nasty of it. She should try it herself.

— BIRTHDAY SUIT SLEEPER IN CASEYVILLE

DEAR SLEEPER: One thing about a birthday suit. It's always in style. And if it loses its shape, it can be altered.

DEAR ABBY: That mother needs to worry about more important things in life than what her daughter wears to bed. If the worst thing that girl has ever written is one lucky mom.

Obviously, "Mom" hasn't started menopause yet. If she had, she, too, would be sleeping in the nude because of hot flashes.

— HOT FLASH MOM, ROCKY RIVER, OHIO

DEAR MOM: Good point.

How much are those 'nine ladies dancing'?

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Forget the partridge in a pear tree. How about a new Jaguar, a BMW 7 Series, a Mercedes-Benz or a 1949 Rolex?

The vintage watch and luxury cars would cost as much as all the gifts listed in the yuletide classic "The Twelve Days of Christmas," according to PNC Financial Services Group Inc.

Each year, the Pittsburgh-based bank does a tongue-in-cheek tally of how much the drummers drumming, pipers piping, turtle doves and golden rings

would set you back if you bought them for your true love at today's prices.

The bank began publishing the list in 1982 for institutional clients and released it publicly the next year.

So what are all the gifts going for this year? If they were bought repeatedly on each day as the song suggests, they'd hit \$66,334, up from \$65,264 last year.

Buying each item just once would cost \$17,279.

That's still enough for a Mini Cooper, a ride in a Russian MiG jet fighter, a 10-

acre ranch in Colorado or a 1920s baseball signed by Babe Ruth.

The nine ladies dancing would leave the largest dent in your wallet this year — coming in at \$4,400. The eight maids-a-milking are a bargain at \$41.20.

Outsourcing, alas, factors into the equation.

"As a result, the cost of skilled dancers has steadily increased, while the unskilled milk-maids haven't managed an increase in pay for many years," said Jeff

Kleintop, chief investment strategist for PNC Advisors.

The prices for the birds — swans, geese, canaries (calling birds), hens, doves and partridges — didn't change much from last year, coming in at \$4,201 compared with \$4,138, according to the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens.

But, with the declining dollar, you would have saved buying the three French hens last year, when they were \$15, compared with \$45 this year.

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In which key do car horns honk? Find out in 'Random facts' on page C-5

MORNING BREAK

Don't sweat small stuff, Aquarius

IF NOVEMBER 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY. Determination to cope with a backlog of duties and obligations will color the year ahead, but you will overcome past problems. In January and early February pay close attention to any offers or assistance that come your way as this can lead to long-term abundance and indicate permanent improvement in your circumstances. In March and July your focus could shift, as outside influences require your undivided attention and your wants and needs take center stage. In July a huge helping hand should open important doors. Take care of past obligations but accept change that improve your life in the year ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): To prevent misunderstandings, be as precise and truthful as possible. Significant offers at your back and call and delightfully affectionate, but don't spend or invest joint monies today as mix-ups are possible.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Mismatched specialties can get you into hot water over the next few days. Pressure to conform to strict routines can be both a blessing and a curse. You know what is expected and you feel secure — but it is sometimes difficult to be perfect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Manipulative rhetoric might win the battle but lose the war. You may be temporarily hard-pressed to cope with feelings of inadequacy or a lack of funds, but this shall pass quickly. Take pride in your trustworthiness and employ honest tactics for the best success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Heading over backward to please others can put you in an awkward position. No matter how special you are, it is still necessary to follow the rules. Taking the middle path can keep you out of harm's way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pushing to close the deal now could create unwanted tensions. Take it easy and trust that things will fall in place eventually. Nevertheless worry about losing a few cents is in the air. Don't be prodded into impulsive action by unfounded fears.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Try a little tactfulness. Your words are more powerful than you realize. Interruptions at the wrong moment could result in unpleasant retorts and strain relationships. It is a good time to delve into mysteries and investigate baffling underlying problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sit back and relax even if significant others seem determined to throw the gauntlet your way. It is wise to get your own bearings and disengagements now. Keep your money in your pocket and wait until the fog clears before making crucial agreements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Rest on your laurels. Confidential situations could come to light that can be used to your advantage. Don't take any important steps right now as the competitive edge in the air could cause misunderstandings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone might throw ice water right on your enthusiasms. This could be one of those days you wish that others would heed the old adage "If you can't say anything good about someone, say nothing at all."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Striving for perfection is easier if everyone is willing to overlook small flaws. Give others the benefit of the doubt and be willing to socialize with your peers so they can understand your views. It is so much easier to just go with the flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't sweat the small stuff. Minor criticisms can be toxic if you take them to heart. Avoid signing key contracts or making agreements today, but do keep the lines of communications open until minor controversies have settled down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Negative perceptions can poison the atmosphere. Avoid the gossipmongers and refuse to participate in debates. Insightful partners may be working behind the scenes to enrich your joint bank account and might seem preoccupied and distant.

'Joseph' proposes to 'Mary'

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — There may not have been room at the inn, but they'd better make room at the altar.

Shortly after a Friday performance of the Nativity at the Metropolitan Ballet of Tacoma, Dan Larson, portraying Joseph, got down on one knee and asked Amanda Thaut, "Will you marry me?"

Thaut, who played Mary, quickly gasped. "Yes."

The audience at the Pantages Theater was stunned. One of

the wise men pumped his fist in the air and the shepherds and angels could barely contain their enthusiasm.

"I started planning it more than a year ago," Larson, 25, said later. "I wanted to make it something very special. Every part of my life is better because of her."

Despite her surprise, Thaut had an inkling some weeks earlier he was close to popping the question.

Larson kept his plan from all but a trusted few, but their af-

fections were no secret. "It's been blossoming for a while," artistic director and choreographer Damaris Caughlan said. "They've been dating for at least two or three years."

And, there was a special chemistry at work on stage. Caughlan said.

"They've both danced that role separately but with different partners," she said. "This is the first time they've done it together. Everybody was really excited about that."

Essayist who wrote about farming life dies at age 77

Los Angeles Times

Noel Perrin, the scholar, teacher, book critic and essayist best known for his graceful musings on the harsh toll and simple joys that make up the life of a New England farmer, has died. He was 77.

Perrin, who was also a long-time professor at Dartmouth College, died Nov. 21 at his farm in Theford Center, Vt. He had

been battling Shy-Drager syndrome, a degenerative disorder of the nervous system that he called "a remarkably unpleasant version of Parkinson's disease."

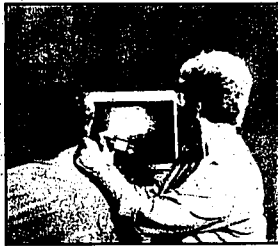
Although he wrote on a variety of subjects, it was his essays about rural life in New England, which for the New York-born Perrin was an acquired taste, and his years there as a part-time farmer that gained the widest following.

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STORK REPORT

October 2004 Einstein at Lincoln Elementary School are, from left: Ebrahim Ansari, J'Lynn Schear, Sabrina Sobie, Storme Jackson, Samantha Jackson, Zoe Strauss and Jazmyrn Garner; bottom: Edgar Ramirez, Katie Jackson, Megan Guymon, Vincent Garmer, Jay Hollon, Huntington Coats and Yiber Hetem.



Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls announced the September Einsteinas: Madison Dahquait, Daniel Hernandez, Kennedy Bell, Tyler Anderson and Sydney Bergon.

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center

Zane Michael Bourn, son of Danielle Louise Winnet of Eden, was born Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2004.
Aleena Mae Gersch, daughter of Chasta Rae Trux of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 12, 2004.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Kami Whitte The Community Page The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-5538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Kami at 735-3278

Burley, was born Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Joe Robert Guzman Jr. son of Joe and Eva Guzman of Jerome, was born Friday, Nov. 19, 2004.
Daniel Allan Spellman, son of Mike and Amy Spellman of Gooding, was born Friday, Nov. 19, 2004.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Damian Dominic Cordova, son of Soyla Sanchez and Thini Cordova of

Shoreline, was born Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004.
Matee Roy Hopkins, son of Jennifer Lynn and Ralph Gene Hopkins Jr. III of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004.

Joanna Denise Ariega, daughter of Jaime and Elizabeth Artega of Jerome, was born Monday, Nov. 22, 2004.

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Senior Club
Jase Allen, First
Courtney Azevedo, 12th
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Dakota Hoogland, Eighth
Krisa Loukas, White
William Williams, Blue
Horse C6, 01 Gelding
Tucker Bogdan, Blue
Pony C68 Any Age
Rachel Beglin, Red
Ashley Hahn, Blue
Katie Molbe, Red
Tanner Paulsen, Blue
Chrismaine Weatherly, Blue
Age 11
Brody McCallin, Blue
Cody Howe, Blue
Neyah Whitlock, Red
Callie Wigdala, Blue
Yanah Williams, Blue
Olivia Ford, White
Age 10
Madi Bernishel, Blue
Kathryn Goetz, Blue
Shyanne Hatch, Blue
Alicia Simmons, White
Carlie Wilkins, Blue
Tina Dalby, Blue
Age 8 & 9
Miranda Anderson, Blue
Jordan Barnhill, Red
Jase Beckstead, Blue
Audrey Croy, Blue
Shelly Dickard, Blue
Garrett Guinn, Blue
Hayden Hatch, White
Mckenzie Martinez, Blue
Rachel Webster, Blue
Control Walk Test
Anita Adams, White
Tucker Bogdan, Blue
Anna Marie Jacobsen, Red
Kirsty Lewicki, Blue
Justin Kasper, White
Kelsie Schenkel, Blue
Nolan Ward, Blue
Je Horse
Megan Crist, Blue
Ashley McCain, Blue

Western Riding

Age 14-19
Aunt Corie, Red
Meghan Haney, Blue
Amanda Hollunder, Blue
Com Van Dyk, Blue
Austin Tomlinson, Red
Brittany Thine, Blue
Freestyle
Age 14 & 15
Mitt Corie, Red
Meghan Haney, Blue
Amanda Hollunder, Blue
Miki Stutzman, Red
Age 13
Sarah Guinn, Blue
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Ashley Hahn, Blue
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University of Idaho Extension Service announces 4-H award winners in T.F. County

FILER - The University of Idaho released 4-H results from the Twin Falls County Fair.

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Kati Peters, Blue
Eileen Peters, Blue
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Courtney Azevedo, Blue
Falon Machado, Blue
Dakota Hoogland, Blue
Adam Machado, Blue
Jim Martinez, Blue
Jacob Moore, Blue
Haley Peterson, Blue
Grand
Brooke Spha, Blue
Jesse Viersand, Blue
Red
Beth Charlton, Blue
Fiona Davidson, Blue
Class 3
Jared Allen, Blue, Reserve
Kati Lower, Blue
Falon Machado, Blue
Andrew Peterson, Blue
Michelle Kaman, Blue
Bryce Vandersiel, Blue

4-H Quality

Madi Bernishel, White, White
Mini Horse Quality
Aubrey Bennett, Blue
Ashley Bennet, White
Shaelyn Emery, Blue
Cody Massey, Blue
Alycia Lewis, Blue
Shaelyn Emery, Blue
Nikki Matlack, Blue
Ryan Murphy, Blue
Jared Martin, Blue
Kerell Bahr, Red
Ashley Maysler, Blue
Tynon Wilkins, Red
Class 14
Jason Carraway, Blue
Emily Larson, Blue
Blake Lawson, Blue
Nicole Matlack, Blue, Red
Mikyle Mitchell, Red
Maggie Slayton, Blue
Austen Overeire, Red
Austen Ovale, Red
Daisy Ramseyer, Blue
Caiti Ramseyer, Blue
Mati Ramseyer, Blue
Class Emery, Blue
Halle Hall, Red
Cody Massey, Blue
Peyton Schunbrich, Red
Ashley, Red
Missy Tappen, Red
Ashley, Red
Shayley Emery, Blue
English Pleasure
All Ages
Annie Evelyn Lebusen, Red
Koriney Lewis, Blue
Reining
Age 15
Kristi Hollingshead, Red
Alacie Lappin, Blue
Age 14
Madi Bernishel, Blue
Alycia Lewis, Blue
Age 10
Madi Bernishel, Blue
Alycia Lewis, Blue
Shyanne Hatch, Blue
Ashley Gartner, Blue
Carlie Wilkins, Blue
Age 8 & 9
Miranda Anderson, Blue
Audrey Croy, Blue
Garrett Guinn, Blue
Hayden Hatch, Blue
Rachel Webster, Blue
Ashley Gardner, Blue
Koriney Lewis, Blue
Jennifer Wilson, Blue
Terrelaines, Blue
Reining Control,
Walk Test
Whitney Catton, Blue

Swine Market

Class 1
Benjamin Taylor, Blue
Tynon Wilkins, Blue
Class 7
Megan Breeding, Red
Cassie Carraway, Blue
Samantha Guinn, Blue
Gage Huff, Blue
Katie Lewis, Blue
Justin Ramseyer, Blue
Katie Ramseyer, Blue
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Justin Rast, Blue
Andrew Overeire, Red
Therese Zebornik, Blue
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Dairy Quality

Class 2
Dustin Davidson, Blue, First
Metallion
Britny Martinez, Blue, Third
Metallion
Bryce Vandersiel, Blue, Second
Metallion Reserve
Metallion
Winter Weaving
Katie Bowers, Blue
Senior Weaving
Brandon Mase, Second, Metallion
Kathi Bover, Red, 13th
Grand
Kristin Peters, Red, 13th
Katie Peters, Red, 13th
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Reef Breeding

Class 1
Lauren Casoldipri, First
Loren Casoldipri, Second
Loren Casoldipri, Second
Loren Casoldipri, Second
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Swine

Class 1
Nathan Simon, Blue
Intermediate Kid
Nathan Simon, Blue, First
Metallion
Tasha Herzberg, Blue, First, Metallion
Senior Kid
Nathan Simon, Blue, First
Nathan Simon, Blue, Second
Nathan Simon, Blue, Third
Nathan Simon, Blue, Fourth
Nathan Simon, Blue, Fifth
Nathan Simon, Blue, Sixth
Nathan Simon, Blue, Seventh
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Nathan Simon, Blue, Seventeenth
Nathan Simon, Blue, Eighteenth
Nathan Simon, Blue, Nineteenth
Nathan Simon, Blue, Twentieth

Kid Goat

Class 1
Nathan Simon, Blue
Intermediate Kid
Nathan Simon, Blue, First
Metallion
Tasha Herzberg, Blue, First, Metallion
Senior Kid
Nathan Simon, Blue, First
Nathan Simon, Blue, Second
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Buhl Community Ed holds craft classes

BUHL - The Buhl Community Education program is holding several classes. "Picture with the Tile Look" will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Friday in the Buhl High School Art Room, 525 Sawtooth Ave. The cost is \$7 plus \$20 for materials.

Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its Nov. 19 winners. First, Jonnie McCombs and Beverly Reed; second, Lorna and Don Bald; and third, Lucy Gustafson and Kathy Rooney.

Mobile home park holds annual Christmas dinner

TWIN FALLS - The Lazy "J" Mobile Home Park will hold its yearly Christmas Dinner at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the club house.

Kimberly student receives Eagle Award

KIMBERLY - Kyle Wesley Stucki, son of Wes and Shelly Stucki, will receive his Eagle Scout Award at 7 p.m. Wednesday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Kimberly 2nd Ward at 222 Birch St. S.

Rahkah wants a new home

Kyle attends Kimberly Middle School. He enjoys camping, hiking, drawing and playing computer games. Shoshone Basin for the Forest Service. Nine others helped and spent more than 88 on the project.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ed 33 merit badges. The eighth-grader is in Troop 88 lead by Scoutmaster Wes Stucki. For his project, he built an information center for an interpretive area in the Forest Service. Nine others helped and spent more than 88 on the project. Kyle attends Kimberly Middle School. He enjoys camping, hiking, drawing and playing computer games.

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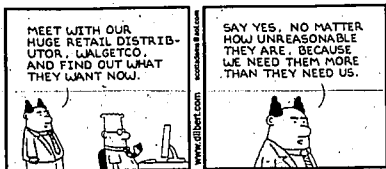
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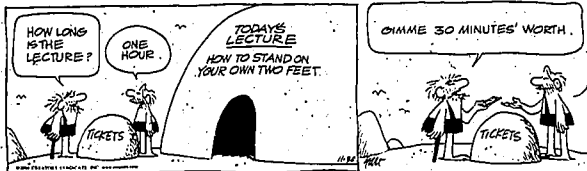
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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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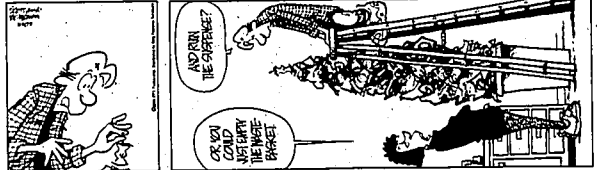
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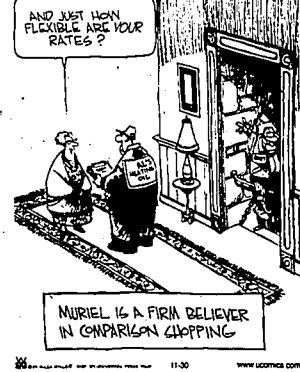
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Another clash over medical marijuana reaches high court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court questioned whether state medical marijuana laws might be abused by people who aren't really sick as it debated on Monday whether the federal government can prosecute patients who smoke pot on doctors' orders.

The stakes are high on both the government level — 11 states have passed medical marijuana laws since 1996 — and the personal.

In the courtroom watching the argument was Arnel Raich, an Oakland, Calif., mother of two who said she tried dozens of prescription medicines to ease the pain of a brain tumor and other illnesses before she turned to marijuana. She and another ill woman, Diane Monson, filed a lawsuit to protect their access to the drug after federal agents confiscated marijuana plants from Monson's yard.

Their attorney, Randy Barnett of Boston, told the justices that his clients are law-abiding citizens who need marijuana to survive. Marijuana may have some negative side effects, he said, but seriously sick people are willing to take the chance because the drug helps them more than traditional medicines.

The justices refused three years ago to protect distributors of medical marijuana from federal anti-drug charges. They are confronting a more personal issue this time — the power of federal agents to go after sick people who use homegrown cannabis with their doctors' permission and their states' approval.

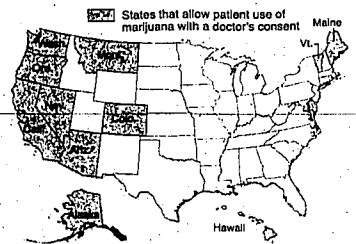
A defeat for the two California women might undermine laws passed by California and 10 other states and discourage other states from approving their own.

A loss for the government, on the other hand, could jeopardize federal oversight of illegal drugs and raise questions in other areas such as product safety and environmental activities.

A Bush administration lawyer,

Supreme Court to consider medical marijuana laws

The Supreme Court will decide whether the federal law banning marijuana possession can be enforced in 11 states that allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes.



Effective date of state's medical marijuana law

March 4	Alaska
June 1	Arizona
Nov. 6	California
June 1	Colorado
Dec. 28	Hawaii
Dec. 22	Maine
Oct. 1	Nevada
Nov. 3	Oregon
July 1	Vermont
Nov. 3	Washington

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 Arizona permits marijuana prescriptions but has no active program.
 NOTE: Voters in Montana approved a medical marijuana initiative on Nov. 2

SOURCE: The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws

to the justices they would be encouraging people to use potentially harmful marijuana if they were to side with the women.

"If they're right, then I think their analysis would extend to recreational use of marijuana, as well as medical use of marijuana, and would extend to every state in the nation, not just those states that made it lawful," said Paul Clement, acting solicitor general.

Justice David-I. Souter said an estimated 10 percent of people in America use illegal drugs, and states with medical marijuana laws might not be able to

stop recreational users' from taking advantage.

Justice Stephen Breyer said the government makes a strong argument that as many as 100,000 sick people use marijuana in California, and when we see medical marijuana in California, we won't know what it is. Everybody'll say, 'Mine is medical.' Certificates will circulate on the black market. We face a mess."

And Justice Antonin Scalia said there are many people with "alleged medical needs." Despite the tenor of the debate, the case is hard to predict. The justices will rule before next summer.

Supreme Court justices turn aside challenge to gay marriage law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a challenge to the only state that allows gay marriages, declining to hear an appeal aimed at overturning the Massachusetts law that prompted a national debate on the legality and morality of same-sex unions.

The decision ended the legal fight over a 4-3 Massachusetts high court ruling last November giving gay couples the right to marry. But both sides say the U.S. Supreme Court's unwillingness to intervene means there will be more fights in courts and legislatures around the country.

President Bush has promised to make passage of an anti-gay marriage constitutional amendment a priority in his second term.

Activist judges are seeking to redefine marriage for the rest of society, and the people's voice is not being heard in this process," said presidential spokesman Scott McClellan. "That's why the president is committed to moving forward with Congress on a constitutional amendment that would protect the sanctity of marriage."

Lambda and other gay-rights groups were heartened that the Supreme Court let the ruling of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court stand. In the past year, at least 3,000 gay Massachusetts couples have wed.

"The bottom line is nobody is being harmed by the Massachusetts state law treating all couples equally," said David Buckel, Lambda's legal marriage project director.

Lambda currently is suing in four states — California, New Jersey, New York and Washington — on behalf of same-sex couples seeking marriage.

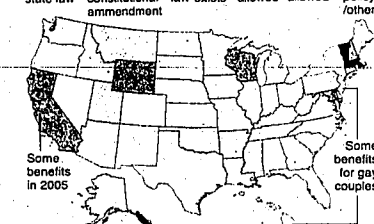
Liberty Counsel, the Florida-

Most states already ban gay marriage

Currently 39 states prohibit gay marriages with laws modeled after the Defense of Marriage Act passed by Congress in 1996. The act bars recognition of same-sex marriage and allows states to disregard gay marriages performed in another state.

State-by-state status of same-sex marriage policies

DOMA state law DOMA or other ban as constitutional amendment Civil law exists Other Union allowed Civil union allowed No public policy No marriage policy



SOURCE: Stateline.org

based conservative group that filed the challenge to the Massachusetts law, argued the state Supreme Court ruling violated the U.S. Constitution because state judges had made a decision more properly decided by elected legislators.

The high court rejected the appeal without comment.

Liberty Counsel is continuing the fight elsewhere, lobbying more than two dozen states to pass state amendments banning gay marriages.

"We will see legal battles around marriage hashed out in state courts, state legislatures and in state referenda," said Chai Feldblum, a civil rights law professor at Georgetown University. Gay marriage is opposed by a

majority of Americans, according to an AP-Ipsos poll. The poll taken Nov. 19-21 found that 61 percent oppose gay marriage and 35 percent support it.

People are about evenly divided on whether gays should be allowed to form civil unions, which would give them many of the same legal rights as marriage, other polls have found.

Earlier this month, anti-gay marriage ballot initiatives passed in all 11 states that had them.

Massachusetts voters may have a chance next year to change the state constitution to bar gay marriages but allow same-sex couples to form civil unions that make them eligible for the same benefits as married couples.

Man faces charges in hunter slayings

HAYWARD, Wis. (AP) — A 19-month immigrant accused of gunning down eight fellow deer hunters in the Wisconsin woods was charged Monday with six counts of murder and two counts of attempted murder.

Chai Vang, 36, of St. Paul, Minn., could get life in prison if convicted in the shootings, which left six people dead and two wounded. Wisconsin does not have a death penalty.

The gunfire broke out Nov. 21 after Vang was caught trespassing on a hunting platform on

some of the victims' land. In court papers, Vang, an immigrant from Laos, said that he opened fire after the others took a shot at him first and beat him with racial slurs. But two of the survivors told authorities that Vang fired the first shot.

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