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Panel floats finance plan

'What-if' scenario suggests billing southern, eastern Idaho water users

By Julie Pence Times-News writer
BOISE — How to finance a plan for reducing the amount of water coming out of the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer is still a big question. So is the matter of who gets the bill.
And those questions will remain unanswered until all the irrigators and owners of water

rights getting water from the aquifer can come to some agreements on mitigation and restoration. So far, the various groups aren't there.
But a "what-if" scenario emerged on Wednesday in Boise when Karl Dreher, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, presented a plan for financing a reduction of 600,000 to 900,000 acre feet each year in the state's largest

NewsTracker

- **Last we knew:** A state legislative panel that's trying to find a solution to water shortages on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer discussed how to pay for reducing the water coming out of it.
- **The latest:** The panel float-

ed a plan to break down the cost-sharing among all water users on that particular aquifer.
■ **What's next:** No plan can be formed until various irrigator groups on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer make some agreements.
Dreher unveiled his proposal to aquifer water users and some members of an interim legislative committee charged with finding a plan to

restore the aquifer's health. The Eastern Snake River Aquifer has been stressed by five years of drought, decades of pumping.
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VOLCANIC CLUES



Mount St. Helens vents a plume of steam that can be seen from INEEL scientist Michael Abbott's camp located seven miles away. Abbott collected mercury samples while Mount St. Helens experienced increased volcanic activity.



INEEL scientist Michael Abbott collects mercury samples in Yellowstone National Park.

INEEL scientist turns to Mt. St. Helens to study airborne mercury

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

MOUNT ST. HELENS — Perched at 5,400 feet, seven miles from a spattering volcanic ash, Michael Abbott feared only one thing: snow.
"I was more worried that we would get caught in a snowstorm than Mount St. Helens erupting," he said.
However, Mother Nature and Mount St. Helens cooperated enough over a six-day span this autumn for Abbott to conduct valuable research on mercury emissions given off by the vol-

cano. By studying mercury emissions from natural sources like volcanoes, Abbott hopes to apply his understanding of mercury to efforts in developing controls on man-made emitters like coal-fired power plants, such as the one being discussed east of Glenns Ferry near the "Twin Falls County line."
"We're trying to understand what are the contributors to the atmosphere," Abbott said.
Abbott, who works as an environmental scientist at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory near
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INEEL's plutonium plans draw skeptics

Some residents worry about plutonium production in Idaho

The Associated Press
IDAHO FALLS — Residents are wary of a Department of Energy plan to start producing plutonium-238 at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.
"Aren't you giving Idaho the dirty part of it?" Paul Bacca asked energy department representatives this week at the first

of seven public meetings to be held on the matter in Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Tennessee and Washington, D.C.
"The batteries that use plutonium-238 to power space travel are already assembled in Idaho, at Argonne-West.
But production and isolation of the nuclear fuel is currently done at laboratories in South
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Meeting tonight

- A public meeting on proposed plutonium production at INEEL will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. today in the Twin Falls Meeting Room of the Shilo Inn, located at 1586 Blue Lakes Blvd. Here's some other helpful information on how to offer your comments:
- The public comment period ends Jan. 31, 2005.
- Contact: Timothy A. Frazier, program director of radiotope power systems for the DOE.
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- By fax: (800) 919-3765.
- By e-mail: ConsolidationEIS@nuclear.energy.gov.
- By mail: NE-50/Germantown Building, Office of Space and Defense Power Systems, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1290.
- For more information: Visit the DOE's Web site at <http://ConsolidationEIS.doe.gov>

Soldiers suffer rising number of injuries, declining number of deaths

The Associated Press
For every American soldier killed in Iraq, nine others have been wounded and survived — the highest rate of any war in U.S. history.
It isn't that their injuries were less serious, a new report says. In fact, some young soldiers and Marines have had faces, arms and legs blown off and are now returning home badly maimed. But they have survived thanks, in part, to armor-like vests and fast treatment from doctors on the move with surgi-

Troops grill Rumsfeld.
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cal kits in backpacks.
"This is unprecedented. People who lose not just one but two or three extremities are people who just have not survived in the past," said Dr. Atul Gawande, a surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston who researched military medicine and wrote about it in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

The journal also published a five-page spread of 21 military photographs that graphically depict the horrific injuries and conditions under which these modern-day MASH surgeons operate.
"We thought a lot about it," said the journal's editor, Dr. Jeffrey Drazen, and ultimately decided the pictures told "an important story."
"This war is producing unique injuries — less lethal but more traumatic," he said.
In one traumatic case, Gawande tells of an airman who

lost both legs, his right hand and part of his face.
"I love him and others like him will be able to live and function remains an open question," Gawande writes.
Kevlar helmets and vests are one reason for the high survival rate.
"The critical core, your chest and your abdomen, are protected," said Dr. George Peoples, a Walter Reed Army Medical Center surgeon who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. "Paradoxically, what we've seen is devastating extremity injuries because peo-

Actor joins relocation effort for airport

Bruce Willis offers to donate land in eastern Camas County

By Gary Stivers Times-News correspondent

HAILLEY — Actor Bruce Willis has joined the effort to find Halley's Friedman Memorial Airport a new home.
Willis, who has starred in such movies as "Pulp Fiction," "Die Hard," and "The Sixth Sense," surprised the Friedman Airport Authority members this week with an offer to donate a portion of land he owns at the eastern end of Camas County.



Bruce Willis

Willis' property along Highway 20 near its border with Blaine County is part of one of three sites now being considered for a new airport.
His offer was unexpected, Airport Authority Chairman Mary Ann Mix said.
Willis sat quietly in the back of the room throughout the Airport Authority's regular meeting Tuesday.
He then pitched the donation after giving a somewhat modest introduction.
"I've raised his hand and stood and said, 'I'm Bruce Willis, a part-time actor, a father of three kids and I live at the north end of Halley,'" Mix said.

Everyone in the room erupted in applause when Willis announced his intended donation, Mix said.
"The actor noted that he was concerned with the safety conditions at the current airport."
"Bruce is a fabulously decent man — always very concerned about what's good for his community," Mix said. "The issues with the airport being what they are, it's time to think about moving."

Willis even took the opportunity to pitch his new movie, "Hostage," reminding all those attending the meeting that it opens in theaters next month.
Just what Willis is offering isn't clear, though Mix says he owns at least part of the site on the Camas Prairie.
Airport Manager Rick Baird said a team of aviation consultants and airport staff will soon examine in detail the ownership of all the property at each of the potential sites.
"They'll then report back to both the Airport Authority and a special site selection advisory committee involved in the decision."

For the past 10 years, the Airport Authority has been trying to upgrade its facilities to meet stricter Federal Aviation Administration standards for B-1 class airports, those of a certain wingspan and approach speed.
That process is nearly complete, but recent years have seen an increase in a new generation of C-1 category aircraft — jets with wider wingspan.

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ple are surviving wounds they otherwise wouldn't have."
By mid-November, 10,369 American troops had been wounded in battle in Afghanistan or Iraq, and 1,004 had died — a survival rate of roughly 90 percent. In the Vietnam War, one in four wounded died, virtually all of them before they could reach "MASH" units some distance from the fighting.
"Today in Iraq — real-life Hawkeyes and B.J. Hunnicutt have stripped trauma surgery to
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Showers continuing but lighter. High: 40s. Tonight: A few more light showers. Low: 30s. Tomorrow: Warmer and mostly cloudy. High: 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Light, scattered showers. High: 40s. Tonight: Increasing showers. Low: 30s. Tomorrow: Warmly cloudy and warmer. High: 50s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

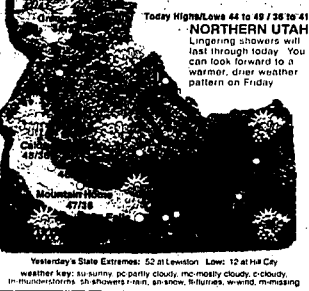
Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists various cities and their weather conditions.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Scattered snow showers will continue over the next couple of days, but they will be lighter. Brisk winds will cause wind chills and areas of blowing and drifting snow.

Today Highs 27 to 38 Tonight's Lows 17 to 30 BOISE. Most winter conditions will continue today, and with temperatures staying rather mild the showers are expected to stay in liquid form Friday as well.



Yesterday's State Estimates... 55 at Lewiston. Low: 12 at a cloudy weather key...

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists regional cities and their forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists national cities and their forecasts.

WORLD FORECAST

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CANADIAN FORECAST table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP showing weather fronts across the United States.

Soldiers

Continued from A1. Its most basic level, carrying "mini-hospitals" in six Humvees and field operating kits in five backpacks so they can move with troops and do surgery on the spot.

Iraq has been achieved with an astonishingly small number of general surgeons. The entire Army has only about 120 on active duty and a similar number in the reserves.

Plutonium

Continued from A1. Carolina, Tennessee and New Mexico. The Department of Energy wants to consolidate the operations in Idaho to save on costs and eliminate security issues involved in transporting nuclear power across about 8,000 miles.

ment has said it will build a new \$230 million processing facility. "That would be a unique opportunity for the program, which so far has moved into existing buildings, Frazier said.

Water

Continued from A1. as well as changes in irrigation practices. "What if it were only water users on the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer who had to pay for various mitigation projects to restore health to the aquifer, Dreher asked.

said Idaho residents in other parts of the state won't see much reason to pay to fix problems in southern Idaho when they have their own expensive aquifer issues to wrestle.

Airport

Continued from A1. and faster approach speeds than the airport is built to accommodate. In the summer of 2003, the Airport Authority decided Friedman's current location could not be modified to maintain FAA safety standards for the new class of aircraft.

was launched last year with a 25-member airport site selection committee. The committee eventually came up with a short list of a little more than a dozen potential locations.

INEEL

Continued from A1. Elemental mercury disperses like a gas, Abbott said. It can stay in the atmosphere for a year or more before it finally rests on the land or in water.

"It's an important issue for the nation," Abbott said. "The threat to us is more than just human health," Abbott said. "One of the drivers here is helping the United States to be more energy independent."

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CORRECTIONS Sam Skaggs established ALSAM Foundation A Sunday article on the Albion fountain incorrectly identified the founder of the ALSAM Foundation.

DAV will hold dance at 8 p.m. on Dec. 17 An short item in Wednesday's newspaper provided incorrect information. The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8 p.m. Dec. 17 at the DAV hall, 459 Shoup Ave.

NATION

Congress approves historic overhaul of spy agencies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress on Wednesday ordered the biggest overhaul of U.S. intelligence in a half-century, replacing a network geared to the Cold War fight against communism with a post-Sept. 11 structure requiring military and civilian spy agencies to work together against terrorists intent on holy war.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed the legislation 89-2, one day after the House easily pushed through the compromise strongly endorsed by President Bush.

Bush praised what he called "historic legislation that will better protect the American people and help defend against ongoing terrorist threats."

"We remain a nation at war, and intelligence is our first line of defense against the terrorists who seek to do us harm," Bush said in a statement released after the Senate vote. He gave no indication when he would sign the bill.

Lawmakers said the legislation was essential.

"The world has changed," said Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn. "Our terrorist enemies today make no distinction between soldiers and civilians, between foreign and domestic locations when they attack us."

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks three years ago on New York City and Washington, which killed more than 3,000 people, proved that the intelligence operation established in World War II and modified afterward to fight communism wasn't effective enough against the threats of the new century, senators said Wednesday.

"We are rebuilding a structure that was designed for a



"Praise the Lord, we passed the bill," exclaims Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., center, with Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, at left, and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., right, after the Senate voted 89-2 in favor of legislation to overhaul the nation's intelligence structure.

different enemy at a different time, a structure that was designed for the Cold War and has not proved agile enough to deal with the threats of the 21st century," said Senate Governmental Affairs chairwoman Susan Collins, R-Maine.

Sens. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., and James Inhofe, R-Okla., voted against the bill, with Byrd saying that it was folly to expect a law to make America safer from foreign terrorists.

"No legislation alone can forestall a terrorist attack on our nation," Byrd said.

Outside the Senate doors were several of the family members who had lobbied Congress carrying pictures of their loved ones who died in Pennsylvania, the World Trade Center or the Pentagon.

"I don't think we've really digested it yet," said Mary Feichet, a social worker from New Canaan, Conn., whose 24-year-old son Brad died at the World Trade Center. "It's been very emotional."

The Sept. 11 commission, in its July report, said disharmony among intelligence agencies contributed to the inability of government officials to stop the attacks. The government failed to recognize the danger posed by al-Qaida and was ill-prepared to respond to the terrorist threat, the report concluded.

In response, the legislation establishes a new director of national intelligence to oversee the nation's 15 military and civilian spy agencies and make sure they work together to forestall future attacks.

Spending bill becomes law

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Wednesday signed into law a \$388 billion legislative package that covers the spending of every federal agency but the Pentagon and Department of Homeland Security.

Congress sent the measure, which covers the fiscal year that began Oct. 1, to the president on Tuesday. A temporary spending measure was to expire at midnight.

Congress passed the package Nov. 20. Lawmakers delayed sending it to the White House until they overruled language that would have made it easier for some members of Congress and their aides to enter Internal Revenue Service offices and see income tax returns.

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NATION/WORLD

Rumsfeld hears troop complaints

CAMP BUHRING, Kuwait (AP) — After delivering a report talk designed to energize troops preparing to head for Iraq, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld got a little "talking to" himself from disgruntled soldiers.

In his prepared remarks, Rumsfeld urged the troops — mostly National Guard and Reserve soldiers — to discount critics of the war in Iraq and to help "win the test of wills" with the insurgents.

Some soldiers, however, had criticisms of their own — not of the war itself but of how it is being fought.

Army Spc. Thomas Wilson, for example, of the 278th Regimental Combat Team that is comprised mainly of citizen soldiers of the Tennessee Army National Guard, asked Rumsfeld in a question-and-answer session why vehicle armor is still in short supply, nearly three years after the war in Iraq.

"Why do we soldiers have to dig through local landfills for pieces of scrap metal and compromised ballistic glass to uparmor our vehicles?" Wilson asked. A big cheer arose from the approximately 2,300 soldiers in the cavernous hangar who assembled to see and hear the secretary of defense.

Rumsfeld hesitated and asked Wilson to repeat his question.

"We do not have proper armored vehicles to carry with us north," Wilson said after asking again.

Rumsfeld replied that "you go to war with the Army you have," not the one you might want, and that any rate the Army was pushing manufacturers of vehicle armor to produce it as fast as possible.

"We do the defense chief added, armor is not always a savior in the kind of combat U.S. troops face in Iraq, where the insurgents' weapon of choice is the roadside bomb, or improvised explosive device that has killed and maimed hundreds, if not thousands, of American troops.



Donald Rumsfeld

Attacks kill five in Samarra; U.S. combat deaths hit 1,001

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Guerrillas carried out a spate of attacks in the city of Samarra on Wednesday, stealing weapons from a police station, blowing it up, and exchanging fire with police and U.S. troops. At least five Iraqis were killed, and the city police chief resigned.

Also Wednesday, the U.S. military said the number of American combat deaths in Iraq since the start of the war rose to 1,001; the latest reported was a soldier slain by small-arms fire in Baghdad on Tuesday. The total number who have died since March 2003 is 1,278, according to an Associated Press tally.

Underlining security concerns, the Interior Ministry backed interim Prime Ministry Ayad Allawi's reported proposal to spread elections planned for Jan. 30 over up to three weeks in hopes of allowing people to vote safely. The decision ultimately belongs to Iraq's electoral commission; a top official there said Allawi had not mentioned the idea.

Insurgents have threatened to target the vote and already are waging a deadly campaign against security forces and police, killing dozens of people.

The fighting in Samarra, a city 60 miles from Baghdad, began when gunmen stormed a police station, looted its armory and then blew up the building, police said. A policeman and a child standing nearby were killed in clashes between the insurgents and

insurgents. Residents, however, say many police in Samarra are refusing to work, fearing insurgents will target them. On Wednesday, Samarra's police chief announced he was resigning; his house was attacked earlier in the day and he said his family had asked him to quit.

"When I felt that I wasn't carrying out my duties as I should, I had to give an opportunity for someone else to carry on," Maj. Gen. Talib Shamel al-Samarrai said.

At about the same time, American soldiers came under attack by small-arms fire near a traffic intersection, but no one was hurt. The soldiers began checking cars and fired at two vehicles that "failed to stop, killing both drivers, the military said."

In violence elsewhere, police clashed with gunmen in the northern city of Mosul, killing four militants. In Ramadi, a Sunni city west of the capital, fighting broke out between insurgents and U.S. troops. A hospital official said three civilians were killed.

Samarra was once overrun by militants, but the U.S. military retook it in September and October. Though violence there has quieted, Iraqi officials have said the city has been an example of how the Americans and the interim government can restore order in communities reclaimed from the

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EDITORIAL

ISP crime labs need more manpower to aid counties

If you don't believe recent state budget shortages pose a serious risk to Idahoans, look no further than Jerome County and the murder case of Francisco Ferrer. Ferrer was found dead in his home last July, the victim of a brutal stabbing to the neck. Within days officials arrested two men, Iovany Vazquez and Jesus Ortega, in connection with the murder.

one of three forensic ISP stations facing an enormous workload. Evidence comes to the state lab from all 44 county sheriffs, as well as local and federal law enforcement agencies. Forensic workers have to prioritize which cases are the most pressing, according to their nature and time frame in the courts.

Our view: The backlog of cases in Idaho State Police's forensic crime labs can be reduced with more funding and personnel. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

But without sufficient personnel to do the work, delays are inevitable. Local officials must then decide on whether to use a more expensive, out-of-state lab or risk a longer delay in the prosecution of a capital crime.

Money can't solve everything, but in this case it can help. Idaho leaders should demand more funding for the ISP lab. Sen. Denton Darlington, R-Declo, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, says giving the lab more resources is imperative. "It's one of the more important functions that law enforcement does."

Like most state agencies, budget shortages have hamstrung ISP forensics the past few years. This year the agency received a 9.5 percent budget increase to \$2.9 million, portions of which were used to compensate state workers. But that's still below the \$3.1 million budget forensics saw in 2001. And the agency hasn't increased full-time positions in more than five years.

Most Idahoans recognize that budget estimates are still tight. But funding needs to go up for forensic labs that serve all of Idaho. Surely a state that gives \$200,000-plus raises to a college football coach has the ability to spend more on its state crime labs.

To prevent more backlogs from accumulating, the state needs to address this problem now. As the Ferrer case in Jerome County proves, Idahoans have waited long enough.



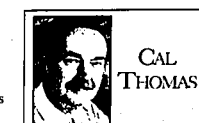
Find the exit door out of U.N.

In college days, I was aware of the fringe, and beyond the fringe, who believed fluoridation of the public water supply was a communist plot to poison us; Dwight Eisenhower was a closet communist; the Trilateral Commission and Council on Foreign Relations were part of the drive toward "one world government"; Jewish bankers ran the world economy and the United States should get out of the United Nations.

Without buying into the paranoia and conspiracy theories, I am now a convert to the last one. The United Nations does not serve the interests of the United States or the objectives of democracies. The oil-for-food scandal, in which billions of dollars were misappropriated in Iraq, exposed a corrupt bureaucracy, rotting from the head. In the U.N., the United States is opposed by dictatorial regimes who are treated as our equals.

Paul Weyrich, who heads the conservative Free Congress Foundation, writes in his Web commentary, "The U.N. now is despised by millions of the Third World whose values are so distant from our own that they not even object to the genocide occurring in the Sudan." Weyrich says the opposition is in the form of "weak government" because, "It would only mean that a cabal who hates our religions and our way of life could gang up on the U.S. No good could possibly come from such an institution."

Weyrich is not an isolationist. He believes some type of association of nations can be useful, but such associations should consist only of democracies. Democracies don't start wars against each other and they are more likely to care for the poor and needy than nations who create most of the poor and needy.



CAL THOMAS

nations who hate us and what we stand for. The League of Nations failed for many of the same reasons the U.N. is failing. The League and the U.N. are based on a flawed philosophy that believes humans are basically good. There is ample contemporary and historical evidence to the contrary. John Danforth, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, announced that he is leaving after just five months in the job. This kind and decent man saw firsthand the futility of trying to persuade the U.N. to stop the genocide in Sudan. In a conversation with Jon Sawyer of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Danforth spoke of his success in getting the Security Council to meet in Nairobi to discuss Sudan. Representatives of the Sudanese government and the main rebel group signed a memorandum promising to conclude final peace talks by Dec. 31.

Modern diplomats too often prefer the diluting process to the successful outcome. The process allows them to baptize their failures beneath the soothing water of "caring." It is

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caring and a willingness to address "complex problems" that is more highly valued than actually resolving something for the common good.

The U.N. presence in the U.N. gives credence to dictators and prevents accountability by most nations. Consider the worthless resolutions passed by the U.N. to control Saddam Hussein before the United States took them seriously and did what the U.N. was afraid to do: act. Too many U.N. members hate us because our decisiveness exposes their vacillation. The world would be better off without this body and with an association of democracies in its place. It is not likely to happen, because false hope is preferred by too many diplomats and politicians over actual results. Still, the slogan "U.S. out of U.N. - Now!" never sounded, more timely or represented an act that would be more beneficial to the United States.

Cal Thomas is a nationally syndicated columnist and Fox News Channel commentator.

Holiday wishes for a drug discount card

Still searching for a gift to delight that hard-to-please senior citizen on your holiday shopping list? Your holiday discount card is a gift that will last throughout the coming year and bring you gratitude from a senior every time they save money on prescriptions at their neighborhood pharmacy.

JACK STRAYER

Savings can run anywhere from several hundred dollars to several thousand dollars a year, depending on the quantity and the costs of the medicines purchased.

The cards usually save consumers 10 percent to 25 percent per prescription, but to get that discount they must sign up for a Medicare-approved drug card before Dec. 31. It's better to do it sooner rather than later because processing the request can take several weeks under the best of circumstances.

Individuals with annual incomes of less than \$12,569 and couples making less than \$16,862 can get the cards free; other Medicare-eligible recipients may have to pay a \$30 fee. Comparisons between the various drug discount cards are available online at www.aetna.com.

If you already have an approved drug discount card, but are disappointed with your returns, you have until year's end to cancel it and sign up for a different program for next year. Low-income seniors especially should try to beat the deadline so they can take advantage of the federal government's \$600 credit — while initially available this year — can still be used in 2005 by seniors who've waited until the end of the year to obtain a discount card.

For the online information, see George Orvel's "Animal Farm," some drug discounts are more equal than others. It's a wise idea to sit down with your particular senior's pharmacist to compare prescription drug regimen and then match it to a card that provides the best overall deal. Shopping around, while time-consuming, often means finding a deeper discount. If you find you're too confused by the plethora of approved discount cards to help advise a senior citizen, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services can help you pick the five lowest-cost cards for a particular drug regimen.

The agency has increased the number of its call center by sixfold since midsummer — to 3,000 from 500. That's helped reduce the wait-time for people who call the centers' toll-free telephone number, 1-800-Medicare (634-9273).

When you call, you'll want to have at your fingertips such information as your monthly income, names and dosages of your prescriptions and their average monthly costs.

As The Wall Street Journal recently noted, discount card prices for popular drugs can vary widely. In a recent survey, the price range for a month's supply of the cholesterol-lowering drug Lipitor on Nov. 2 ranged from a low of \$94.74 to a high of \$74.77 — a difference of slightly more than \$10 a month.

Projecting those kind of savings on five to six prescriptions a month and you can see how a senior may be able to maximize a discount card to the greatest benefit with a little online research. For a senior citizen, a Medicare-approved drug discount card may be viewed as just another last-minute stocking stuffer. It's a gift that will keep on giving generously long after their giftzies presents are opened and long forgotten.

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Sen. Larry Craig
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Mike Mathews, regional director

LETTERS

Customer will return when treated fairly

Being a consumer here in the Twin Falls area, I have noticed far too often when dealing with business personnel their lack of enthusiasm when it comes to providing their services. I work hard to earn a living and when I spend my money, I like knowing that my business is appreciated. Most of the time, I am confronted by sales clerks who would like you to get the business of buying their product over with so that they can get back to whatever they were doing before you interrupted them. So it was really nice when I recently went into a furniture store to exchange a product I had purchased some time back for one better suited for me. They let me know that my satisfaction with my purchase was

important to them and that they stood behind their product. They really seemed glad to do business with me from beginning to end.

That's the kind of service I would like to experience whenever I go to spend my money. Hopefully, this letter will help other businesses become aware of how their sales clerks treat their consumers.
BARBARA STERLING
Twin Falls

Prosecuting fornication will come at price

Idaho taxpayers better get ready for a big increase in their taxes if Twin Falls prosecutors have their way. They want to enforce the old law that says people who commit fornication should be imprisoned for six months. We would have to build several more prisons.

Kinda reminds me of a song by Bill Engvall, "Here's Your Sign, ARDITH LAND - Burley."

Clinton's mistakes pale in comparison to Bush's

Jack Littelman's Nov. 25 diarrhetic line to his fellow snake oil purveyors concerning former President Clinton, Slick Willie, you called him, causes me to make the following analogy. If the United States survives four more years of George Wacko Bush and it comes time for his library dedication, you may expect a deluge of bombs, bullets, acid rain and a lot of red ink. At least Clinton's transgressions did not get tens of thousands of young Americans killed and maimed.
GLENN RICE
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By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



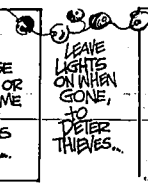
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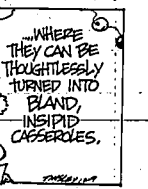
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OPINION

States seek unified health care solutions

No one is immune from the problem of runaway costs in the dysfunctional American health care system...



DAVID BRODER

achieving for his patients. "We'll do this by harnessing market forces, without a new government bureaucracy...

That would bring it even closer to the Clinton design, but for now, it is simply a nationally important and unique public-private partnership...

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Gov. Tim Pawlenty on Nov. 29 announced the formation of the "Smart Buy Alliance," an unprecedented partnership of state government and private employers...

In a statement setting forth his plan, the first-term governor said that "encouraging health care providers to better manage chronic diseases, rewarding providers for improved health outcomes and encouraging patients to use the best providers will not only help contain costs, it will improve the quality of care."

Those are the same goals that President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton set for the ill-fated health care plan they tried and failed to push through Congress a decade ago...

But it is sheer necessity - not political envy - that has moved Republican Pawlenty to make his state a pioneer in actually forming such a purchasing alliance. "The current system," he told me in an interview, "is broken. Next year, the health care program service budget I send to the Legislature is going to increase by 20 percent. The health care alone will rise 27 percent. At the rate we're going, in 12 years health will consume 50 percent of our budget. It is simply drowning the budget."

Pawlenty's plan does not change the financing of health care - or its provision. It includes an idea popular with President Bush: the option for individuals to set up health savings accounts, which combine high-deductible medical insurance with a tax-free savings account that can be rolled over from year to year if not needed.

But HSAs are useful only for minor, routine expenses. As Pawlenty noted, it is chronic illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease that push up medical costs. His plan uses market forces to seek more effective results in treating these expensive conditions. It builds on a model developed in the private sector during the 1990s and now coming into its own. Pivoted by the National Business Coalition on Health (NBCH) and by such firms as American Express and Pitney Bowes, it pulls together groups of purchasers to work for reform of health care at the local level. The first step, said Dorothy Jeffrey of NBCH, is simply gathering data on the performance of various providers - how patients rate their satisfaction with local hospitals, for example, or what the readmission rate is for asthma patients under various practices. "That leads to setting goals - just as in an employee evaluation - and once you have standards, you can hold each practitioner accountable," she said.

Each bargaining unit will continue to negotiate its own contracts with hospitals, doctors and HMOs. But by setting uniform performance standards and reporting requirements, the alliance will empower its members to press for better coordination of treatment, more use of technology and fuller information to consumers about the results each hospital or doctors' group is

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NBA Eastern Conference scores: Boston 95, Cleveland 87, Detroit 87, Indiana 87, Miami 87, Milwaukee 87, New York 87, Philadelphia 87, Pittsburgh 87, Toronto 87.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

High school, Poplar Bluffs (Mo.), vs. Lawrence North (Ind.), ESPN2, 5:30 p.m. Spurs at Rockets, TNT, 8:30 p.m.

Basketball

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Football

- The Home Depot Awards, ESPN, 5 p.m. PGA Tour, Dunhill Championship, first round, TGC, 7 a.m.

Boxing

- Vassily Iyov (33-20) vs. Michael Mower (46-41), for vacant WBA North America and WBC Continental Americas heavyweight championship, FSPT, 6 p.m.

Rodeo

- PRCA, Wrangler National Finals, seventh round, ESPN2, 10 p.m.

Area ski report

Open Runs - Plan to Open 12/09, Int'l Snowfest '05, Dec 07 at New England - Plan to Open 12/10, Dec 07 at New England.

Southside announces all-conference playoffs

HANSEN - The following athletes were named to the 2004 IA Southside All-Conference Volleyball Teams. A full list follows.

ing closely with Keith's group as it looks to replace David Cutcliffe.

Keith said his group hasn't gotten a response from the Gamecock athletic department. Spurrer was brought on board.

We will play again in PGA Tour event

HONOLULU - Michelle Wie liked playing on the PGA Tour so much she'll do it again.

Lakers place Bobbitt on injured list

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. - The Los Angeles Lakers placed guard Tony Bobbitt on the injured list because of a strained lower back and activated rookie guard Sasha Vujacic.

Petrino named C-USA Coach of the Year

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Louisville football coach Bobby Petrino has been named Conference USA Coach of the Year.

McBride returns to Utah as new Weber St. coach

OGDEN, Utah - Former Utah football coach Tom McBride has returned to the state as the new coach at Weber State University.

Malloy criticizes firing of Williamson from Irish

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Notre Dame's outgoing president criticized the decision to fire Tyrone Williamson after just one season.

Stay away from S.C.

COLUMBIA, S.C. - The Back Coaches Association warns prospective football recruits and assistant coaches to stay away from South Carolina.

million deal with Colts

INDIANAPOLIS - Marvin Harrison is remaining with the Indianapolis Colts as Peyton Manning's primary target.

High School

High School Football scores: Boise State 35, Idaho State 28, Oregon State 28, Washington State 28.

Transaction

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Football

National Football League scores: New England 27, Pittsburgh 27, Cleveland 27, Cincinnati 27.

Men's Judo

Men's Judo Division I Top 25 scores: 1. Saitama Gakuho 117, 2. Western Michigan 117.

Women's Judo

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Baseball

Baseball scores: Boston 95, Cleveland 87, Detroit 87, Indiana 87.

NBA Boxes

NBA Box scores: Boston Celtics 95, Cleveland Cavaliers 87, Detroit Pistons 87, Indiana Pacers 87.

Wednesday's College Basketball Scores

College Basketball scores: American 71, Boston 71, California 71, Connecticut 71.

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NAIA Women's Basketball

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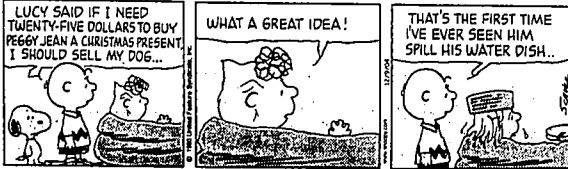
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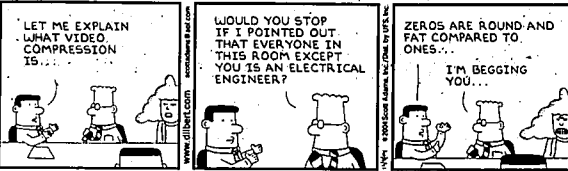
For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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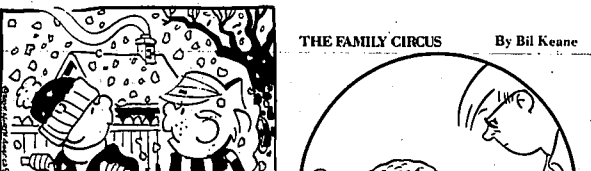
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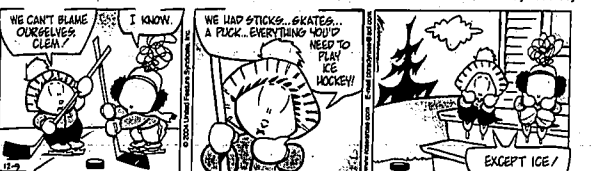
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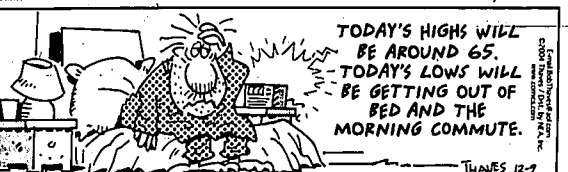
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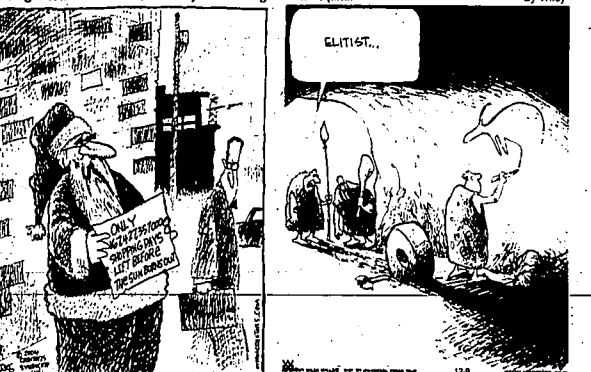


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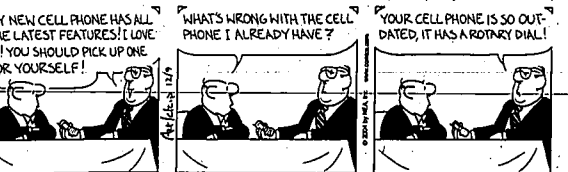
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WORLD

Report: World loses ground in battle against hunger

ROME (AP) — The world is losing the battle against hunger, with the number of malnourished people in developing nations growing to more than 800 million people and rising, according to a U.N. report Wednesday.

The report's findings make an eight-year-old pledge by governments to halve the number of the world's hungry by 2015 seem difficult to reach — the number in the developing world is just 9 million lower than in 1990-92.

Yet the report by the Rome-based U.N. Food and

Agriculture Organization insisted that achieving the target is still possible, and that progress toward that goal would provide countries with rich returns through boosts to productivity and income.

Hartwig De Haen, assistant director-general of the agency's economic and social department, described the target as "ambitious but still feasible."

The report proposed a combination of programs to help boost agricultural productivity and direct food aid to achieve the 2015 target. Governments set the goal at the U.N. World

Food Summit in 1996, using 1990-92 as the base date.

Though the number of hungry people in developing countries fell in the early 1990s, that trend was later reversed, the report said, the agency's annual update on world hunger. By 2000-02 the figure stood at 815 million, just 9 million below the estimate of a decade earlier.

With an additional 20 million hungry people in "transition" countries such as those in eastern Europe, and 9 million in industrialized countries, the global total in 2000-02 stood at 852 million.

Top cleric condemns consulate attack

JDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia's highest religious authority on Wednesday condemned as a sin the deadly shooting rampage at a U.S. consulate in this port city firing their guns, grabbing human shields and killing five people. Four of the attackers were killed.

The U.S. Embassy in Riyadh

reopened Wednesday, two days after militants stormed into the inner courtyard of a U.S. consulate in this port city firing their guns, grabbing human shields and killing five people. Four of the attackers were killed.

U.S. officials warned more attacks were possible, and the

injured spoke of assailants opening fire and hunting for victims with shouts of "Where are the Americans?"

Grand Mufti Abdul-Aziz al-Sheik said in a statement that anyone who enters the kingdom with the permission of its leaders has a promise of security and should not be attacked.

OPEC will discuss production

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Staking out positions ahead of this week's OPEC meeting, the oil minister of heavyweight Saudi Arabia said Wednesday he was happy with present output, but his Libyan counterpart called for a production cut.

The comments by Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi were no surprise. His country is known to favor the status quo as a way of bringing calm to the oil market after months of turmoil.

Libya, in contrast, appears to have scrapped its traditional alliance with the Saudis, who produce almost a third of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' output. When Iraq's production of approximately 2 million barrels a day is included, the OPEC total amounts to more than 30 million barrels a day.

Along with Qatar and Kuwait, Libya has joined price hawks Iran and Venezuela in urging compliance with OPEC's official quota of 27 million barrels a day as a way of stemming falling crude prices.

Support for that stance appeared to grow Wednesday after Edmund Dakouro, Nigeria's presidential adviser on petroleum and energy, said he wanted to see a signal to the market to stop a further fall.

Dakouro said a good first step would be for OPEC members to stick to their current production quotas.

This could mean a reduction of up to 1.5 million barrels a day, Dakouro told Dow Jones Newswires.

But the Saudi oil minister, in Cairo for Friday's OPEC ministerial meeting, said he was satisfied with current OPEC output and not concerned about the most recent sharp drop in prices.

"You guys forget — one year ago it was in the 20s, now it's in the 40s, even Saudi crude is in the 30s," Naimi told reporters, talking in terms of dollars a barrel. As for current OPEC output — which is about a million barrels a day over the organization's formal ceiling without Iraq — he said: "I'm happy with the way it is."



Ukrainians celebrate the parliamentary vote on electoral reforms during a rally Wednesday at Independence Square in downtown Kiev.

Ukraine's parliament OKs electoral reforms

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's parliament adopted electoral and constitutional changes Wednesday in a compromise intended to defuse the nation's political crisis, prompting opposition leaders to say they would lift a two-week blockade of government buildings.

The vote came as a surprise after days of political maneuvering and massive street protests following the disputed Nov. 21 presidential runoff election. It suggested that opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko's camp had determined that the prolonged unrest could ultimately weaken the country and his own position ahead of a Dec. 26 rerun of that vote.

The package was approved in

a 402-21 vote with 19 abstentions, drawing an endorsement from Yushchenko's supporters. Lawmakers stood and cheered as President Leonid Kuchma signed the measure.

"Today was the day for critical compromise," a jubilant Yushchenko said outside the doors of parliament after the laws passed. "Tomorrow could have been too late."

The United States and other Western governments praised the decision, coming after a tense two weeks of round-the-clock street protests in Kiev.

"Ukrainian and Russian authorities are hearing a clear message from North America and Europe, in diplomatic stereo — and that stereo sound makes a difference," Secretary of State Colin Powell said in Brussels.

Loss of secret papers embarrasses police

LONDON (AP) — Security agents' apparently careless habits are getting embarrassing for the British government.

Someone on a London street picked up a lost dossier full of secret information about Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's whereabouts and plans for protecting the important ally during his visit to Britain this week, London's Metropolitan Police said.

The loss of the papers was another troubling episode for officials, especially because it was one of a string of incidents in which those entrusted with confidential security and intelligence documents have

misplaced them.

Police said Wednesday they were investigating how the file ended up on the street, where they said a member of the public had found it and turned it in to a national newspaper, which gave the papers to police on Monday.

The newspaper, the Daily Mirror, ran the banner headline "Security Shambles" and said Musharraf was "the world's No. 3 terrorist target."

The Pakistani president has faced opposition at home to the public stance he's taken against Islamic extremists in Pakistan, and has survived at least three assassination attempts in re-

cent years.

Police said the documents contained details of demonstrations planned during Musharraf's visit, a background memo on laws relevant to policing the visit and a "list of deployments" for Sunday, the day the Pakistani president arrived from Washington, where he had met President Bush.

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They said they had reviewed all policing arrangements once they learned the documents had been lost and consulted with the Pakistani High Commission, or embassy.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Twin Falls FFA hosts banquet

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls FFA Chapter is holding an alumni banquet Friday.
The event will feature a speaker from the Young Farmers Association and the organization will be serving steak, potatoes and other fixings.
Chapter Advisor Blaine Campbell said he hopes to recruit the FFA family and raise some money to help new members buy FFA jackets.
The banquet will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the agriculture science and technology building behind the high school at 1615 Filer Ave. E. Dinners are \$10 each.
All former FFA members, their families and other friends of the FFA are invited. RSVP to Nicole at 733-1678 by Thursday.

CSI will create a new scholarship

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho social science department, in conjunction with the CSI Foundation, is creating an endowed scholarship in political science in memory of Capt. Alan Blake Rowe, who was killed in combat Sept. 3 during his second deployment to Iraq.

Rowe was raised in the Magic Valley, where he attended school in Harisen and Gooding and was active in 4-H and Future Farmers of America. After graduating from Gooding High School in 1985, Rowe enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served in several capacities, including two Western Pacific deployments. He was a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield.

Rowe attended the College of Southern Idaho from 1991 to 1993, earning two associate degrees — one in political science. After CSI, he attended Boise State University and graduated in 1994.

In June 2003, he was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and was again deployed to Iraq in August 2004. To contribute to more information about the scholarship, call Lee Ann Hagan at CSI at 732-6867 or Debra Wilson at the CSI Foundation at 732-6245.

EMT students will host health fair

TWIN FALLS — Emergency medical technician students at the College of Southern Idaho will hold a health fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the CSI gym.

Sheldon Antos, event organizer and spokesman, said about 40 health professionals, businesses and CSI health science programs will be available with free information, displays and various health screenings throughout the day.

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from about 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A raffle will be held for a four-person, three-day emergency kit with radio, blankets, cooking fuel, road-side flares, first-aid, hygiene items, dehydrated dinners and other items.

Visitors are encouraged to bring canned or other non-perishable food items and/or a new, unwrapped toy for the KMYV "Toys for Tots" program. One raffle ticket will be awarded for each food donation and two tickets will be awarded for each toy donation.

Families also will be able to purchase pictures of their children visiting with Santa Claus.
For more information, call Aaron at 212-8482.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season
Sawtooth	6%	19%
Big Wood	70%	17%
Little Wood	78%	19%
Big Lost	88%	21%
Little Lost	26%	22%
Henry Fork/Teton	89%	23%
Upper Snake Basin	74%	20%
Oakley	85%	14%
Salem Falls	70%	19%

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
†An indicator of how much snowpack fell in the basin on this day.

Prosecution calls surgeon to stand

Defense queries state witness about drugs in teen's system

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

HALLEY — Wintry weather cut short planned testimony from state witnesses Wednesday in the trial of a man charged in connection with the shooting of two Bellevue teens.
Defendant David Santistevan, 47, of Bellevue, appeared at the Blaine County Judicial Building in Halley for the second day of his trial. He faces two counts of attempted second-degree murder for a March 29 incident in which Tyrel Peak and John Marshall Hooten, both of Bellevue, were shot with a 9 mm pistol.

Prosecutors called to the stand four witnesses. Three others were unable to make it to Halley to testify, said Justin Whatcott, Blaine County deputy prosecutor. One was delayed at the Salt Lake City airport, and two others had not arrived from points in Idaho.

During the trial, defense counsel Doug Nelson cross-examined witness Dr. Bryan Anderson, a trauma surgeon at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, regarding an amphetamine-based drug found in Hooten's system the night of the shooting.

Anderson testified that Hooten was taking Adderall, an amphetamine-based prescription drug used to treat attention deficit disorder.

"It's not inconsistent with this (lab) result he could have taken methamphetamine," Nelson asked.

Anderson replied it was possible.

Whatcott asked whether it was just as possible that it was

Adderall in the teen's system, to which Anderson answered the same.

Defense attorney Keith Roark said in his opening statements Tuesday that Santistevan felt threatened by the 6-foot-1 Hooten, who Roark said had been drinking alcohol and taking pills.

Dr. Anderson also testified about the quick action taken by St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center surgeons. He credited

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SHOW TIME

Right: Amella Shepherd, a member of the American Theater Arts for Youth traveling group from Philadelphia, plays the part of Pippl Longstocking during the production.
Below: Jennifer Maughan and her son, Cayden, 3, from First Baptist Preschool and Daycare in Jerome, applaud during the production of 'Pippl Longstocking' at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium Wednesday. Elementary and day care students from around Magic Valley filled the auditorium for the show.

COURTESY/The Times-News



Innocent game snowballs out of control

The Times-News

BURLEY — When snow blankets southern Idaho it's not all slippery roads and buck-breaking shoveling — winter also brings the opportunity to join in a spirited snowball fight.
But a snowball fight Tuesday turned into allegations of battery when the father of one of the boys involved joined in and injured a 12-year-old boy, according to a police report.
The boy's mother said the boy and his 14-year-old brother were walking home from school when a neighbor started throwing snowballs at them and soon the neighbor's 27-year-old father joined the fray.

according to the report. The names of all involved were blacked out.
The 12-year-old prepared to throw a large snowball at the man but his brother stopped him by knocking the snow out of his hand. It was too late though, as the man had seen what the boy planned to do.
The man ran after the boy and threw him to the ground, the police report said.
The boy was able to get up and started to run again but the man grabbed him and threw him down again, the report said.
The boy and his brother told police that they could tell the man was no longer playing

around and was angry.
During his struggle to break free, the boy got his head caught in the man's arm pit and the man squeezed hard causing the boy's braces to break and cut the inside of his lower lip, the report said.
The boy's mother said she wanted to file charges against the man for battery, telling police that a 27-year-old man had no right to attack her son.
Officers filed the report and instructed the woman to contact the department's criminal secretary to file charges.
Another snowball fight a few blocks away also went south when an errant throw broke the front window of a

family's home.
The homeowner told police her teenage daughters were engaged in a snowball fight with two boys in front of the home when one of the boys threw the offending snowball, according to a separate police report.
Both boys led the scene immediately and the girls claimed they did not know the boys' names, the report said.
The girls' father said he didn't believe them and told police he would try to get the names and notify the sheriff's department.
The cost for replacing the broken window is estimated at \$50 and the boys, if identified, could be charged with malicious injury to property.

No Child Left Behind

Schools in the area are struggling.

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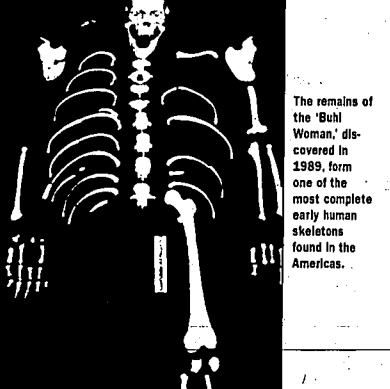
'Buhl Woman' still shakes up the archaeology world

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 1989 discovery near Buhl still puzzles scientists today.
The "Buhl Woman" was uncovered in January 1989 in a quarry owned by the Buhl Highway District near the Kanaka Rapids, explained Jim Woods, director of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science. The area is well known for its archaeological sites with lots of Clovis points — chipped tips of spears and other tools — belonging to some of the first people in the Americas.
Woods' comments were made to a crowd of about 100 people Wednesday who gathered at the Herrett Center to celebrate its founder's 100th birthday. Events centered around the late Norman Herrett's far-reaching interests in archaeology and astronomy and his impact in southern Idaho.

"Norman was also interested in birds," Woods said.
Herrett's legacy includes the museum's involvement with the discovery of the Buhl Woman in 1989, Woods said.
A human femur was found at the site, then Woods and Phyllis Oppenheim, the Herrett museum's collections manager, were called in to investigate.
They were just about to leave when Oppenheim saw a white speck that turned out to be a tooth.
That discovery led to a mandible and then to one of the oldest and most complete human burials on the North American continent, Woods said.
The skeleton is believed to have a 98 percent chance of being female. It was found with a 4-inch Clovis point that was likely used as a leather tool, a bone needle and a hair ornament. X-rays of the femur indicate the woman suffered bouts of malnutrition, almost

annually while growing up, eating fish and big game animals that are extinct today.
The woman is estimated to have been between 17 and 21 years old when she died of unknown causes.
Recent studies indicate she lived about 12,675 years ago, near the time the Snake River Canyon was formed, Woods said.
According to Idaho law, ancient remains belong to Native Americans, so the Buhl Woman's skeleton was reburied on the Fort Hall Reservation in 1992.
The Buhl Woman's remains still present controversy because they do not physically resemble modern Native Americans, Woods said. Many scientists are starting to believe the skeleton belongs to a group different from all modern people and came over a separate group from the ancestors of today's Native Americans, Woods said.



The remains of the 'Buhl Woman,' discovered in 1989, form one of the most complete early human skeletons found in the Americas.

Courtesy of Jim Woods

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Activists say lands being opened for drilling

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal oil and gas lease auction planned Friday will offer companies the chance to bid for drilling rights on roadless tracts with trout streams in a popular national forest...

The Forest Service said drilling rights will not necessarily lead to surface occupancy or road-building. Energy companies could use slash drilling to reach trout streams in a popular national forest...

The Forest Service gave no consideration to that value, he said. "It's bad policy and a bad deal — bad for people, bad for the outdoor industry, and bad for Utah's economy that better served by sustainable recreation than one-time drilling."

Clara returns An Idaho Opera production of "The Nutcracker" featuring local dancers, is coming to Twin Falls. Friday in WeekEnd

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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following: Misdemeanor arraignments Alan L. Eichlerberger, 27; driving without privileges; reckless driving; pretrial conference Dec. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Misdemeanor sentencing Miguel Andrade Aguilar, 27; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$50 public defender fee; appointed equipment - no signal; dismissed by the court; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

\$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, \$9 suspended credit for one day served; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

counts assigned to the plaintiff for collection. Child support cases State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Frank H. Bedke and Rachael D. Haynes...

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

GOODING — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following: Misdemeanor arraignments Scott David Hall, two counts possession of a controlled substance; preliminary hearing Dec. 16; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

Judge Casey Robinson. Felony arraignments Darwin Allan Strickland; preliminary hearing Dec. 16; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

363.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$50 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, \$180 suspended; Magistrate Judge Casey Robinson.

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Study: Wolves help restore ecosystems

CHANIS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Scientists have concluded that wolves that roamed out of Yellowstone National Park into Montana's upper Gallatin River basin have restored an "ecology of fear" that changes where and how elk browse, allowing rangeland willows, gone for 70 years to grow back.

The scientists from Oregon State University suggest that the impact of wolves on elk go beyond killing them, to changing their behavior in ways that reverberate through the ecosystem, and killing off keystone predators in the last century has left some ecosystems out of balance, even in the wild.

The study, published in the Oct. 25 issue of the journal Forest Ecology and Management, comes as the region begins to wrestle with a problem many hunters faced in nearly a century: how to deal with wolves. Wolves reintroduced in Idaho and Yellowstone have thrived, and their growing numbers are expanding outward from those bases. As they move outside government preserves, however, they face renewed opposition from ranchers who fear for their livestock.

The research by Oregon State University forest resources professors William J. Ripple and Robert L. Beschta said results echoed those in their study

published last year showing cottonwoods regenerated after wolves were restored to Yellowstone's Lamar Valley.

"What you know the wolves, the elk are able to browse unimpeded wherever they want, as long as they don't want," Beschta said. "Now that the wolves are back, the ecology of fear comes into play."

"They're afraid to go into some of these places. They still do browse the bottoms, but they don't seem to do it as much or as frequently or as intensively. It's kind of like the 9-11 wakeup call for them."

In the August issue of BioScience, Ripple and Beschta also assembled research that

found similar results at other sites around North America.

"This large-scale extirpation that happened in the United States may have far-reaching consequences," said Ripple. "We're just at the very infancy of understanding the importance of these apex predators sitting at the top of the food chain affecting entire ecosystems."

After wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone in 1985 and 1996, researchers noticed they were most successful bringing down elk where the prey had to deal with a change in terrain, such as crossing a stream. Elk soon learned to avoid those areas.

Timber group calls for more forest thinning

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The leader of a major forestry organization called for the federal government to increase timber-thinning projects and do more to fight forest fires during the group's annual meeting.

Neil Smith, the head of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association, told members that he sent a message to the White House in August urging the president to send federal troops and more resources to fight forest fires.

"That was a telegraph sent in 1910," Smith said. "Here we are 100 years later. The controversy is still there."

Much of the Inland Northwest is at risk for a repeat of the 1910 fires, which burned more than 3 million acres and killed 85 people, said Jim Peterson, publisher of the forestry journal Western Magazine. Today, trees continue to struggle to regenerate at some of the sites, he said.

To prevent a repeat of the catastrophic fires, the pace of forest thinning needs to be dramatically increased or the West will face the destruction of homes, watersheds and wildlife habitat.

work," Petersen said. "The work has to pay for itself."

But environmental groups contend increased thinning and all that goes with it — including new roads punched deep into forests — and the management policies of the U.S. Forest Service have done more damage to forests than any natural event.

But Petersen rejected that argument, laying out an environmental groups that have fought timber-cutting projects in the courts.

"No management is not an option in an advanced society that values its environment," Petersen said.

Law suits continue draining money and time away from work in the forest, said Bob Schreier, the Forest Service's director of forest and rangeland management for Montana, North Idaho and the Dakotas.

One such case was a recent decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals blocking the Forest Service's Iron Honey project near Coeur d'Alene.

The court ruled in favor of conservationists, who argued the project would further degrade already damaged streams and rare wildlife habitat.

New law legalizes sale of wild horses for slaughter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wild horses and burros could be bought or sold for slaughter under a provision in the \$388 billion spending bill that President Bush signed into law on Wednesday.

The new law lets the animals be sold, potentially for use as meat in foreign markets. If they are more than 10 years old or if younger, after they have been offered unsuccessfully for adoption three times. It also requires any money from sales to go to the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management adoption program for wild horses and burros.

Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., who sponsored the amendment to the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, said he believed most horses would end up being adopted, not slaughtered, but his intent was to spur the BLM to get serious about its adoption program.

"These animals live in poor conditions that often lead to their deaths, and without proper management this will continue to happen," Burns said Wednesday.

"And while their sale is a last resort, it is our hope that bringing this option to light will motivate the federal agencies and horse advocates alike, and offer new opportunities to find these animals proper, caring homes," he said.

Boddington said the new law had not yet been analyzed by officials there to see how they will comply with it. "Since 1973, we have placed 203,000 animals in good homes, and we're looking forward to continuing our adoptions with the public," she said.

Advocates of wild horses described Burns' provision as inhumane, misguided and likely to reduce the genetic pool.

"There's going to be less individuals and more chances of inbreeding," said Karen A. Sussman, president of the Protection of Mustangs and Burros in Lantry, S.D. "Right now there really is little to no inbreeding in herds."

Sussman, who manages three wild horse herds, said cattle, not wild horses, are the main culprit in overgrazing of public lands. She called the 10-year-old cutoff for adoptions arbitrary and unnecessary.

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Study finds trouble with Hubble rescue

Panel says robot mission would be too risky

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA should use astronauts, not a robot, to carry out a critical life-prolonging mission to the acclaimed Hubble Space Telescope one last time, a National Academy of Sciences panel concluded Wednesday.

Using a robot would be highly uncertain and could take too long, the committee of scientists, engineers and astronauts said. But NASA's chief has vowed he will not risk astronauts just to keep the 14-year-old telescope beaming back breathtaking snapshots of the cosmos for another five years.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe has repeatedly con-

tended that a Hubble mission would be riskier to the astronauts than a shuttle flight to the international space station.

However, the National Academy of Sciences committee concluded that the difference in risk between the two missions is "very small."

"Given the intrinsic value of a serviced Hubble, and the high likelihood of success ... the committee judges that such a mission is worth the risk," said the panel's 135-page, congressionally requested report.

George Washington University's John Logsdon, a member of the board that investigated last year's Columbia accident that

killed seven astronauts, said "there is a pretty clear-cut answer" to all of this — based on the academy's findings and an Aerospace Corp. study due out any day that also dismisses a robotic mission.

The answer, Logsdon said, is to immediately cancel the robot plan, proceed toward a shuttle mission while continuing to assess its safety, and wait as long as possible before deciding whether to launch astronauts a fifth and final time to the Hubble.

"Whatever else you can draw from it, it makes a pretty strong case against investing over a billion dollars in a robotic servicing mission — or more,"

Logsdon said. The Aerospace Corp. has estimated a robotic effort could cost \$2 billion, about the same as the cost of sending astronauts, and would have only a 50-50 chance of success.

NASA had no immediate comment on the academy's findings, but on Tuesday reiterated in a statement that it would press ahead toward a possible robotic mission and make a final decision next summer.

The chairman of the academy's committee, Louis Lanzerotti, a solar-terrestrial research professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, said O'Keefe was cordial during a discussion Tuesday night and promised to consider the report.

Teenager captures chess crown

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A 16-year-old boy has won the U.S. Chess Championship, making him the youngest player to claim the title since 14-year-old Bobby Fischer won it in 1958.



Hikaru Nakamura

Hikaru Nakamura of White Plains, N.Y., won the \$25,000 prize Monday after beating Alex Shirov, 31, of Bergamo, N.Y., in two overtime matches. The 11-day tournament in San Diego began with a field of 65 competitors.

Nakamura, who was born in Japan, was taught chess by his stepfather and began playing competitively at age 7. A little more than two years later, he qualified as an American master. Nakamura became an American grandmaster last year, eclipsing by a few months Fischer's record of attaining grandmaster status at age 15.

"Basically, everything has been a blur," he said.

He is tutored at home by his mother. He said school would take too much time from chess.

His heroes are former chess champion Boris Spassky and Fischer. He said he had set himself as the next Fischer, the enigmatic and brilliant player who beat Spassky to win the world title in 1972.

"No, I think I'm a little bit more like," he said.

In a separate tournament for women only, Irusdan Goleian, 24, of Hartsdale, N.Y., beat Tatev Abrahamyan, 16, of Glendale for a \$12,500 prize.

Seized diamonds go up for sale

Bidders line up at N.Y. auction

NEW YORK (AP) — Just in time for holiday shopping, hundreds of diamonds seized from disgraced financier Martin Frankel went on sale Wednesday at an auction intended to provide restitution to the victims of his schemes.

More than 300 bidders — mainly diamond dealers, with a sprinkling of men seeking a gift for the wife or girlfriend — filled a hall at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center on the first day of a two-day auction of 822 diamonds that Frankel had bought with his ill-gotten gains.

"One man's loss is another man's treasure," said Jim Coperswold, a sign contractor from East Rockaway, N.Y., who was shopping "for investment purposes and a nice Christmas gift."

In 1999, Frankel triggered an international manhunt when he disappeared from his mansion in Greenwich, Conn. He was arrested in Germany four months later. Prosecutors said he looted hundreds of millions of dollars from insurance companies.

Frankel, 50, pleaded guilty to fraud and racketeering in 2002 and will be sentenced on Friday



A round-cut, 5.86-carat diamond is among those that will be auctioned today in New York to benefit the victims of disgraced financier Martin Frankel.

In New Haven, Conn.

The diamonds, mainly loose gems with a few rings and one pair of earrings, include a 15.67-carat diamond about the size of a nickel that is expected to sell for six figures today.

The sale is the largest diamond auction the U.S. Treasury Department has ever held, said Britney Sheehan, a spokeswoman for EG&C Technical Services Inc., which handles auctions for the department. In addition to the 357 registered

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NATION/WORLD

Officials see sabotage in Iraq fuel shortages

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A month-long gasoline crisis that has paralyzed the Iraqi capital is the result of an insurgent sabotage campaign aimed at choking off fuel supplies to Baghdad, officials say.

While attacks on the country's overall oil infrastructure have decreased, pipelines and supply depots around the capital have been increasingly targeted. Western and Iraqi officials report.

And with ambushes and bombings making many roads to Baghdad unsafe, fewer tanker trucks are able to deliver fuel.

Lines at Baghdad gas stations stretch for miles. Officials say the attacks seem designed to further stress the beleaguered population, sow tension and diminish confidence in the U.S.-backed interim government.

Oil Ministry spokesman Assim Jihad described the sabotage efforts as a calculated and savvy campaign of economic and psychological warfare.

"It weakens the government in front of the citizens," he said.

On Wednesday, the shortages led to violence as an off-duty police officer killed a security guard who refused to let the officer exceed his legal fuel allotment.

Fuel shortages have been a recurring problem in the 20 months since the U.S.-led invasion to oust Saddam Hussein. But this latest crisis, now entering its fourth week, is the worst most residents can remember since the immediate aftermath of the invasion.

Motorists are queued in lines as long as 2 1/2 miles around Baghdad gas stations, blocking intersections, looping through city squares and in some cases spanning the length of Tigris river bridges.

Citizens are willing to brave the long lines at stations for a simple reason: The heavily subsidized gasoline is nearly free — 1 gallon costs about 9 cents.

"It's cheaper than water," said Jihad, the Oil Ministry spokesman.

At the same time, the black

market rate has shot up to about \$2.25 a gallon.

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Powell urges end to differences with U.S. over Iraq

The Washington Post

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Secretary of State Colin Powell urged Europeans on Wednesday to put aside their differences with the United States over the Iraq war, arguing that Americans and Europeans have common values and face similar threats that should outweigh the controversies of recent years.

In a lengthy speech here, Powell acknowledged that "bumps and bruises" and "blustery days" have characterized transatlantic ties but made no apologies for the Bush administration's diplomatic style. He said bold decisions were necessary to combat terrorism and other threats.

"We need to have the courage to seek fundamental change and not be satisfied with just managing or containing threats," Powell said at the German Marshall Fund's Transatlantic Center. He said the world had waited too long to deal with Saddam Hussein and the Taliban movement that ruled most of Afghanistan, and "we must be willing to create and seize opportunities."



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Magic Valley scrapbooks

In October 1911, the last three covered wagons arrived in Twin Falls, each with two teams of horses and two extra horses, local history author Mary J. Inman writes in her "Twin Falls Centurybook, 1904-2004."

"The extended McCracken family from Kansas traveled across that state, Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho on roads that followed the railroad," Inman writes. "Railroad people were friendly and threw them coal and let them water their horses. The emigrants bought butter and milk at farms along the way."

Also in 1911, I.B. Perrine built a toll bridge that replaced his ferry over the Snake River, and 2,000 shade trees were planted along Blue Lakes Boulevard. The year before, street paving had begun in downtown Twin Falls, a bridge had spanned Rock Creek and a Flag Day speaker at Shoshone Falls — an Oregon man on his way east in his ox-drawn covered wagon — had raised interest in historic Oregon Trail preservation, Inman reports.

It was a key time in the development of Magic Valley's transportation.

We don't have photos of the McCrackens' covered wagons in our file, but today we present a selection of our readers' old transportation photographs taken in that era or soon after.

—Virginia S. Hutchins

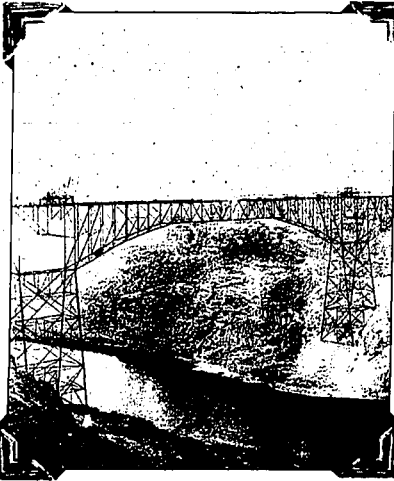


Photo courtesy of NANCY HARRIS of Boise

The original Perrine Bridge is shown under construction in the late 1920s, across the Snake River Canyon north of Twin Falls. This bridge opened in 1927 and was used until its replacement was finished in 1976.



Photo courtesy of PATRICIA MAHER of Twin Falls

Esther Maher, left, and another woman pose on the original South Park bridge in Twin Falls in 1912. Maher was making a trip to town from South Park, where she lived at the time.



Photo courtesy of DOROTHY CUSTER of Twin Falls

Charles Cline drives a team grading a road in the old town of Rock Creek in 1914.

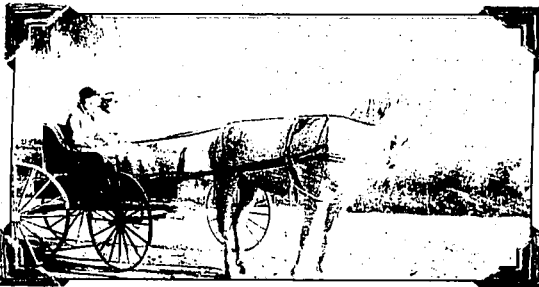


Photo courtesy of ROGER D. VINCENT of Twin Falls

June Vincent and neighbor Mae Nickelson, west of Filer, travel to Filer High School in September 1936. "It depicts one of the methods of school transportation before buses," says Roger Vincent, June's brother. Other methods, he says, included bicycles, horses and walking — "yes, even in 20 feet of snow and uphill both ways."



Photo courtesy of JESSE DENALOTZ OLSON of Filer

Horses rest at a Castleford crossing in the 1910s. This photograph records one of Magic Valley's early bridges.



Photo courtesy of DON ROYSTER of Burley

In about 1919, Anna Pugh (Royster), left, and her sister Litha Pugh Williams stand behind the car in which Fred Williams, Litha's husband, taught Anna to drive. Don Royster of Burley, son of Anna, says: "Mom prided herself on being able to ease a car through substantial mud and snow without spinning the wheels. We never missed an early-Saturday-morning piano lesson in the days before snow tires with Mom behind the wheel."



Photo courtesy of MATSUYE KOTO of Twin Falls

Tom E. Koto rides his bicycle in front of his parents' Twin Falls home in about 1921 or '22.



Photo courtesy of JNA D. MADAM of Eden

William Martin 'Bud' Jones and his daughter Ina Jones prepare to go for a wagon drive south of Kimberly around 1912.



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Section D



Above and right: The North Valley Trail system blends supremely groomed trails with the mountain scenery of the Boulder Mountains.



Photos courtesy of Blaine County Recreation District

In search of Nordic possibilities

Adventurers take advantage of Idaho's winter wilderness wonderland

By Karen Bossick
The Wood River Journal

Sun Valley Nordic Center will offer a dog trail and the fledgling cross-country trail in Hailey will serve up a taste of Hailey cat-and-ski event.

When the cross-country season finally gets underway, that is.

The Nordic ski scene has been a little slow getting started this year thanks to a Mother Nature's recurrent hot flashes.

Until Sun Valley sees fit to mount an arsenal of snow guns along its Nordic tracks, the area remains dependent on snow from heavens—and as of Monday morning they haven't been at all cooperative.

But once the season gets going in earnest, telemark skiers can look forward to a ramped-up Telemark Race Series and Moms and toddlers can have their fun in the sun at the South Valley Trails in Quigley Canyon.

Quigley Nordic (788-2117), which consists of a few loops near the new Wood River High School east of Hailey in Quigley Canyon, is planning a "Fest of Hailey"—a cross between the Gourmout Ski Tour and Best of the Valley. The event, which will feature fab dishes from Hailey and Bellevue restaurants, will be held in the spring at a date to be determined as a fundraiser for the Quigley Nordic program.

The Quigley Nordic program also hopes to feature a program for Moms in which Moms take turns supervising the kids in a terrain garden of kid-friendly snow sculptures they can climb under and over.

The program will also feature Adult Level II skate ski classes from noon to 1 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and beginning lessons at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and noon Fridays.

Galena Lodge (726-4010) plans to offer several free Learn to Ski Clinics on Sunday mornings, as well as weekly skate clinics and Four-Got Ready for the Boulder clinics.

Galena will offer yurt rentals, as will Sun Valley Trekking Company. Sun Valley Trekking (788-1956) will continue its guided day trips on Tuesdays, which proved so popular last year.

"We take people to a different place every time as a way to help

people enjoy this backyard that we have," said Joe St. Onge, who co-owns the trekking company.

Sun Valley Trekking offers trips from the Smoky Mountains in Sun Valley's backyard to peaks that have no name in the Wrangell-St. Elias wilderness area. It also will offer several educational programs focusing on such topics as avalanche safety.

Sun Valley Nordic Center (622-2251) will offer a short ski trail for dogs this year. And it will likely be the site of a new women's-only cross-country race on Feb. 26 called the Inga-Salami that's patterned after a woman's only affair in Norway.

The Sun Valley Telemark Series, America's oldest telemark series, will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year with some groovy new races featuring some major national sponsors.

The races will be run on four different mountains—Baldy, Dollar, Rotarian and Soldier. And those who participate in every race will be entered in a drawing for new skis and other cool prizes.

The first race of the season, the All Terrain, will take place on Jan. 8 at Bald Mountain. Other scheduled races include a GS on Dollar Mountain on March 6, a Bob Marley Birthday Bash and Reggae All Terrain on Feb. 20 and a TelePowder BS on Soldier Mountain.

The season will culminate with the infamous Hawaiian Nationals on March 26, which includes the Tandem Telemark Challenge in which two skiers ski on one pair of skis while negotiating a modified slalom course. (Three intrepid skiers launched their own class last year with a triple).

The Galena Express will crank up again on Dec. 31 and operate Wednesdays through Saturdays through early March.

The shuttle leaves the Sun Valley Resort at 10 a.m., making stops on Sun Valley Road, the Park and Hide lot at First and East streets and Main Street in Ketchikan before heading north with stops at Sawtooth National Recreation Area headquarters, Baker Creek and Billy's Bridge and Galena Lodge.

The bus heads south from Galena Lodge at 2 p.m.

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Revvng up the engines Snowmobilers hit hundreds of miles of trails

By Janene Buckway
Times-News correspondent

Snowmobiling is gaining popularity as a family wintertime activity. And with hundreds of miles of groomed trails in the Magic and Wood River valleys, there's plenty of room to zoom.

More challenging terrain can also be found for the mountain riding and deep powder specialists, but no matter the skill or area of interest, this winter activity is attracting more families each winter.

Jeff Sharp of J&C Motor Sports says many of his customers are involved in the Magic Valley agricultural industries and don't often participate in summer activities like ATVs or motorcycles, so snowmobiling is what they do. I don't see that much crossover between summer and winter activities."

Sharp also says, "Eighty percent of my sales are family-oriented, they take their kids and families. One family left here early today to go get a Christmas tree on their sleds. Yes, I'd say 80 percent-plus of the people I see sled with their families."

Diamondfield Jack Play Area in the South Hills is a popular place for riding snowmobiles in the Twin Falls area. Sharp says there are 200 miles of good groomed trails and that his wife and two young children enjoy the rolling terrain.

Another popular local snowmobiling area is Wells Summit, north of Fairfield on the Soldier Mountain road. This site includes well-groomed trails and a well maintained warming hut with new restroom facilities.

"The available facilities make it ideal for families. The warming hut

is often used for winter picnics or sack lunches and, on nights with good moonlight, some adventurous riders even enjoy a midnight snack following the night ride.

The Wells Summit area has a wide variety of terrain and appeals to beginners as well as more skilled riders.

County Line facility, located on the Gooding-Camas county line, is another popular family ride within easy access for Magic Valley snowmobilers. There is no warming hut, but a covered bovery works well for picnics on sunny winter days.

The area is also a popular sleigh riding and tubing location so snowmobilers need to be aware of which areas are off limits to motorized travel.

Bill and Sue Ethridge of



Steve Lund of Twin Falls navigates his way to more powder trails just south of Diamondfield Jack Play Area in the South Hills.

DAVID COOPER/Times-News

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OUTDOORS

OVER THE HILL, THROUGH THE WOODS



Preparing for the coming cross-country ski season, members of the High Desert Nordic Association assemble the frame for the group's shelter in the South Hills in late October. From left are Dennis Kincaid, Whitney D. Smith, Doug Huntley, Dale Stewart, Dave Blomeberg, Glen Lackey and John Meyer.

Association helps mark Nordic trails in M.V.

By Dale Stewart
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN — Nordic skiers heading for the South Hills have access to a variety of trails, plus opportunity for off-trail skiing.

More than 21 miles of marked trails are maintained by the High Desert Nordic Association, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service. Two of the five marked trails — Lower Penstemon and Rock Creek — are periodically groomed; skiers must create their own tracks along the routes of the other three.

The trails offer opportunities for skiers with a wide range of experience. Most are suitable for less experienced skiers. Others require intermediate abilities and one — Wälstrom Hollow — demands advanced levels of experience.

The High Desert Nordic Association has placed trailhead markers featuring maps showing the route of the trail and its length at the start of each of the loops. In addition, blue and white rectangular markers are attached to trees along each trail to assist those not familiar with the route.

All of the trails are in close proximity to the Magic Mountain Ski Lodge, which offers parking and refreshments for cross-country skiers as well as down-hill snowmobilers and snowboarders.

Fresh snowfalls can provide excellent opportunities for Nordic skiers making the drive into the South Hills. Although some areas may be subject to drifting when winds are brisk, there is usually little heard from avalanche conditions. Skiers are always advised to be alert for weather changes and heavy snowfalls which could create hazards.

In late winter, the freeze-and-thaw cycle resulting from chilly nights and sunny days often creates icy conditions on ski trails, producing extremely challenging conditions, particularly for less experienced skiers.

There are also segments of

some trails — notably the Lower Penstemon loop section following the Rogerson road — which are shared with snowmobilers. And some parts of the short loop of the Rock Creek Trail may find skiers and snowboarders on the same terrain.

For those desiring to ski beyond the trail system, the Rogerson road beyond the turnoff to the Upper Penstemon Trail offers access to the Dead-line Ridge area and open country beyond. The climb up is gradual, but the run back along the road is easy, and the views are worth the effort.

Groups interested in an overnight stay may reserve the shelter erected each season by the High Desert Nordic Association in the Thompson Creek drainage. The shelter provides bunks for seven persons, along with heating and cooking stoves. Reservations are required, however, and may be secured by calling 423-5442.

Prospective skiers also have an opportunity each winter to try Nordic skiing at the annual Free Ski Day. The event, set for Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Magic Mountain Ski Lodge, is a cooperative effort of Magic Mountain, the Idaho Parks and Recreation Department, the

About the High Desert Nordic Association

Organized in 1987 with members residing from Gooding to Hansen. Wide range of ages, experience, abilities and interests ranging from track and trail skiing to back-country skiing and telemarking. Meetings are scheduled at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month November through March at Idaho Joe's Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Activities include group outings, promotion of cross-country skiing, safety education and providing information about equipment and places to ski. The organization assists with the annual Free Ski Day sponsored

by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and maintains about 22 miles of cross-country trails and a shelter in the South Hills in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service. Current officers are Bob Förster, president; Alan Bland, vice president; and Valdon Hancock, secretary/treasurer. All interested individuals are welcome to attend association meetings. For more information, contact Hancock at 734-6935 or valdonh@yahoo.com. Reservations for use of the shelter may be made by calling Dennis Kincaid at 423-5442.

High Desert Nordic Association and several ski equipment providers.

High Desert Nordic Association members provide basic instruction and help in fitting participants with skis, boots and poles. A quarter-mile teaching track is laid out along Rock Creek behind the ski lodge by Magic Mountain personnel. The track offers an opportunity for those being introduced to cross-country skiing to practice basic techniques.

Cross-country skiers have a wide variety of tracks available

across southern Idaho. Trails are available in the vicinity of the Pomereille Ski area, in the Wood River Valley, near Galena Lodge, at Alturas and Redfish lakes and in the Park Creek area west of Stanley. The Island Park and West Yellowstone areas in eastern Idaho also offer some challenging trails.

Another unique area available is at Craters of the Moon, where the volcanic areas' winter dress is a sharp contrast to its appearance at other seasons of the year.

SOUTH HILLS CROSS-COUNTRY

There are five marked cross-country ski trails in the South Hills in the vicinity of the Magic Mountain Ski area. They are:

- **Rock Creek:** 3.6 miles long; not groomed; intermediate ability level. Access from marked trailhead off the parking area serving snowmobilers a mile above the ski area.

- **Rock Creek:** A short loop 2 miles long, connecting with a longer loop making a 3.3 mile circuit. Groomed periodically; beginning to intermediate skill level. Parking in the ski lodge lot. Access from a trailhead near the ski lift.

- **Wälstrom Hollow:** 4.1 miles

- long; not groomed; intermediate to advanced skill level. Access from marked turnout a mile below the ski area.

- **Lower Penstemon:** 3.2-mile-long loop starting either up the Rogerson Road or at the Upper Penstemon Campground. Groomed periodically; beginner to intermediate skill levels. Parking at the ski lodge or in a turnout a quarter mile below along the Rock Creek Road.

- **Upper Penstemon:** 7.5-mile round trip from Magic Mountain Lodge. Not groomed; beginner to intermediate level. Continues up Rogerson Road from upper end of Lower Penstemon loop, then

- traverses around a ridge to the Thompson Creek drainage and the High Desert Nordic Association's shelter. Another .8-mile loop is at the upper end.

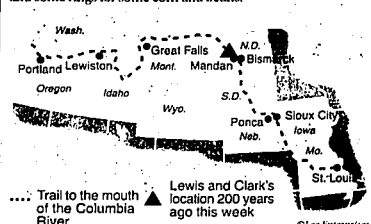
Other skiing opportunities are available by continuing up the Rogerson Road to the ridge top or off the Wälstrom Hollow, Rock Creek and Pike Springs trails. Two additional loops are proposed:

- A 1.7-mile Rimview loop in the area of the High Desert Nordic Association's shelter.
- And a 2.1-mile loop extending off the north end of the Wälstrom Hollow Trail.

'... at 38° below 0'

The men of the expedition adjusted to the heavy snow by constructing three sleds for the hauling of meat. However, it became so cold that hunters sent out to bag fresh meat were driven back to the protection of Fort Mandan. And during the nights, sentries had to be changed every half hour because of the cold.

The expedition did begin trading with the local Mandan villages. Two members of Sgt. John Ordway's party made the trip to the first Mandan village and traded a little Vermillion pigment and some rings for some corn and beans.



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December 12, 1804 — the Thermometer at Sun rise Stood at 38° below 0, moderated until 6 o'clock at which time it began to get colder... a Indian Of the Shoe nation Came with the half of a Cabra ko ka or Antelope which he killed near the Fort, Great numbers of those animals are near our fort but the weather is So Cold that we do not think it prudent to turn out to hunt in Such Cold weather...

—William Clark

December 12, 1804 — our Rooms are very close and warm So we can keep ourselves warm and comfortable, but the Sentinel who Stood out in the open weather had to be relieved every hour all this day.

—John Ordway

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Supertag hunter may hunt anywhere in Idaho

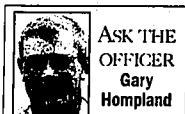
Question: "Can the successful recipient of the supertag hunt anywhere in Idaho and use whatever weapon he chooses?"

Answer: The successful recipient of the supertag can hunt in any open or controlled hunt in Idaho but he is restricted to the season and weapons allowed in the hunt selected.

To understand this concept more clearly you must understand how Idaho's big game rules are organized. Idaho's big game hunting rules are organized to provide guidance about the lawful weapons authorized for each big game hunt — unlawful weapons to list all of the unlawful weapons would require volumes and make the big game rules unwieldy.

For example, the rules don't say you can't use a rocket propelled grenade (RPG) or a sniper in a traditional muzzleloader only hunt for deer. However, they are both unlawful because they are not authorized weapons that can be used to harvest a deer in this hunt.

The rules brochure shows hunters the weapons allowed



ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

for the area and time of the hunt. A supertag permit can hunt in any open archery or muzzleloader hunt but is restricted to using lawful archery or muzzleloader equipment. It is also required to have completed an archery education program and obtain an archery or muzzleloader validation on his hunting license.

Reference: Idaho Administrative Bulletin IDAPA 13.01.08.250.01, EV and 13.01.08.410.021.01.

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State drains Crystal Springs pond to eliminate noxious vegetation

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation drained Crystal Springs pond at Niagara Springs State Park on Monday to help eliminate noxious aquatic vegetation. The pond will be filled up by Monday, Dec. 13. The measure is to improve the conditions for the benefit of area fishermen.

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WINTER ON THE RINKS

Skating opportunities grow in southern Idaho

By Karla Barnes
Times-News correspondent

As the mercury in the thermometer drops, and snow falls all around us, young and old throughout Idaho think of sharpening their blades, lacing up their skates and hitting the ice.

Older Idahoans who enjoyed ice-skating in their younger years remember being reliant on a good hard freeze to set the ice on nearby ponds before the skating season could begin. Today, many cities throughout the state have outstanding ice-skating opportunities available.

So, if you have an aspiring Sarah Hughes or Elvis Stojko in your home, this is the perfect time of year to get them out on the ice and tune up their figure-eight.

Several shallow outdoor ponds have become popular through the years for Blaine Valley ice-skaters, but as of yet, they are not frozen hard enough to offer safe skating. So, while the ice thickens, why not pack up the skaters in your family and adventure to one of many fabulous ice-skating locations nearby?

Up north you will find the spot of ice skating as popular as ever.

Driving along Highway 75 in Halley, look to the west and take note of Roberta McKercher Park. Here the grassy meadows of summer are long forgotten, and ice fields have replaced them, filled with ice skaters and hockey players.

A group of ambitious citizens led by Dr. Ron Fairfax and Diane Heiner of Halley have taken on the task of developing an ice skating rink in Halley. For six to seven years a group of parents have been working on this project, said Heiner. "We spent years creating good ice, and have recently purchased a Zamboni to get a better ice surface."

"We have over 200 kids using the ice rink," she said. "We are raising funds for another rink that will be in the Lions Park, but the original park will always remain a fun, free, open, lighted ice rink."

The following are some additional ice-skating destinations that are sure to warm your heart this winter.

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Twin Falls skating trips

The Twin Falls Park and Recreation Department is in the process of organizing two Sundays of great fun and exercise.
Dates: Jan. 23, 2005 & Feb. 6, 2005
Times: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Place: Meet at the Sun Valley Lodge Ice Rink
Ages: 6 and older
Contact: John Jacobsen for more information 736-2265
Register by Monday, Jan. 17 to participate.

• Fees: Adults, \$6.50; 12 & under \$5.50; Rentals, \$2.

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• Fees: Adults, \$5.50; Children (12 and under) and seniors \$4. Rentals \$2.

Experience the outdoors dashing through the snow in open sleigh

By Karla Barnes
Times-News correspondent

Thoughts of a sleigh ride will surely conjure up all kinds of memories in your mind, some real and others from deep within your imagination. Santa and his sleigh is probably what comes to mind for most folks, and the thought of jingle bells ringing as a one horse open sleigh plods through deep snow on its way to a cozy warm cabin or homestead.

Sleigh rides these days are quite different from those of the past. We no longer use sleighs as a mode of transportation in the wintertime, but if you are looking for a bit of sleighing nostalgia this winter, you are in luck. Idahoans have never given up on the romantic ride that has thrilled young and old throughout the ages.

Here in Idaho, several outfitters provide a magical night of enchantment to those who will endure the elements in pursuit of a fun, and often delicious getaway.

Kristina Bidondo of Bogus Creek Outfitters explained that the typical sleigh ride begins at the Bogus Basin Nordic Area. Here, 30 people pack into a modern horse-drawn sleigh, and venture off into the picturesque woods for a 20-minute ride before arriving at a cozy outfitters cabin.

Once you arrive, you are treated to hot drinks, and a wonderful cowboy dinner of steak, prawns and frites. A cowboy band plays and cowboy poetry is shared making this an evening to remember.

Sun Valley offers several different sleighing adventures as well. A Winter's Feast offers visitors a horse-drawn sleigh ride to a yurt on the Warm Springs golf course where a fabulous five-course meal is served. Trail Creek Cabin has been on the sleighing scene for years in Sun Valley also. Celebrities such as Clark Gable, Gary Cooper and their friends often celebrated the holidays here. Today sleighs depart from the Sun Valley Inn taking riders to delicious dinner with tableside entertainment.



Photo by Sun Valley Co.

Sleighs rides from the Sun Valley Inn take riders to a delicious dinner with tableside entertainment.

Another option is a traditional sleigh ride. The Warm Springs Sleighs takes riders on a 30-minute circuit around the golf course. Experienced guides drive handcrafted sleighs drawn by Percheronne or Belgian horses occasionally stop to see elk if they are in the area. Take time out this winter to recapture the magic of the holiday season.

As soon as the snow flies, the sleighs will be ready to go. For more information on sleigh rides, prices, weather conditions, prices, weather conditions and reservations call: Bogus Creek Outfitters, Boise, 1-888-261-8727
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Craters offers winter exploration

The Times-News

Winter's snows accentuate the jagged black lava creating a landscape of dramatic contrasts. Although the loop drive is now closed to automobile travel, there are several good options for visiting and exploring the Monument.

The Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily, except for federal holidays in winter. The Craters of the Moon National History Association offers a wide selection of books and other items from this facility.

Cross-country skiing/snowshoeing:

The seven-mile loop drive is groomed for skiing as soon as snow pack and staff resources allow. This is usually during the period from mid-December through March. Most of the Loop Drive follows relatively level terrain and can be skied in 2 to 4 hours. There are also excellent opportunities for snowshoeing throughout the park.

Winter ecology workshops:
Six Winter Ecology Work-

shops will be offered this winter. The workshops will take place from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays: January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5 and 12. The workshops will start with a 45 minute classroom session followed by several hours out in the park on snowshoes. Snowshoes are available for use and there is no charge for these events.

Reservations are required and participants need to be at least 10 years of age for this moderately strenuous walk. Call 208-527-3257, Ext. 301 to make a reservation.



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Right: Rod Burks peeks from a yurt on a CSI winter camping expedition.

Below: Winter's beauty should encourage any tent camper to try serene settings of southern Idaho.

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Frolicking in the frost

CSI Outdoor Program offers winter fun



By Bill Studebaker
Times-News correspondent

The old timers are right. After promoting outdoor activities for eight years, I agree. There are only two seasons in the Magic Valley, summer and winter.

Slack time is November and March. With November over, winter recreation is about to begin.

The College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program has a variety of activities planned. A few activities are just for students, but many are open to the community.

Next semester begins in mid-January, and the outdoor activities start soon after. There will be two snowshoeing trips: one in late January for students and another one in early February. The February fifth trip is open to the public.

The CSI Outdoor Rental Shop has 24 pairs of snowshoes (all sizes, but not 24 of each). Persons wanting to go snowshoeing, but who need to rent shoes, should get their request in early.

It is a common adventure, and so costs are shared. The estimate is \$10. Transportation is provided. This event is part of an ongoing hiking club. Local hikers are arranging five trips per year, one for May, June, September, October, and February.

Besides Student Ski Days, a Winter Survival and Avalanche Awareness course will be offered February 25 through the 27. This course will be taught by Ralph Peterson. He is the Weather Operations and Road Weather Information Systems manager for the state of Utah. Peterson also is responsible

for weather support for the avalanche snow safety program for the state of Utah. He has taught for the CSI Outdoor Program before, and students have asked to have him back. I'll be here. For particulars contact the Outdoor Program (www.csi.edu; Sports Outdoor; or phone 732-6696).

And if you're up to winter camping, phone the Outdoor Program. They have staff ready and willing to work with a small group on a cold night in the dark woods.

The Outdoor Program staff is available to help folks who want to organize a winter trip snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, winter camping, or ice skating. They have rental equipment and information sheets. You may also want to contact your local Bureau of Land Management or Forest Service recreation officers.

As strange as it might seem, the Outdoor Program is offering classes in scuba diving and kayaking, too.

Winter is a good time to practice kayaking skills in the warmth, comfort, and safety of a pool. The pool sessions are every Wednesday night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the V-City Pool. A CSI Outdoor Program kayaking instructor is there each evening to answer questions, give pointers, or a short private lesson. The cost is \$5 at the door for admission, and an additional \$5 for a lesson. The pool is also available for kayakers who just want to play and buff up their skills.

Why scuba diving? So folks can be ready for spring break (be there a spring) or a trip to the Caribbean over the Easter

Want to know more?

- For more information on winter activities contact these outdoor recreational specialists:
- Glenn Lackey for the South Hills, 208-678-0430
 - Max Yingst for the deserts south of the Snake River, 208-736-2362
 - Dave Freiberg for the deserts north of the Snake River, 208-732-7200
 - Doug Owens for the Craters of the Moon, 208-527-3297

holidays. Like kayaking, studying in a classroom and diving in an indoor pool during the winter gives one a jump on summer fun.

Scuba diving will be offered starting at the end of January through the middle of February. The cost is \$250. This includes all texts, equipment, and pool passes. The instructor is Bing Parkinson from Rocky Mountain Winter Sports. Contact the Outdoor Program office for more details.

Since there are only two seasons in southern Idaho, we must use them wisely, one to support the other. Whether you're hitting the slopes, walking the snowshoe trails, or practicing for next summer's river trip, you're invited to check out the activities offered by the College of Southern Idaho Outdoor Program, where the motto is "Get Out and Stay Out."

Bill Studebaker is the director of CSI's Outdoors Program, and can be reached at 732-6697.



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Learn to ski or snowboard for free

The Times-News

ALBION — Pomerelle Mountain Ski Resort will be treating first-time skiers and snowboarders ages 7 and older to free rentals and equipment, Saturday, Dec. 18 at the Albion resort.

The resort will introduce its new Magic Carpet beginner area. The Magic Carpet is an escalator-like walkway that takes skiers and boarders up the incline to practice skiing. New skiers will be also given a complimentary ticket for the rest of the day on the carpet.

Sign-up starts at 9 a.m. Check in upstairs in the lodge and Pomerelle employees will take care of the rest. Lessons begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. The offer does not include a chairlift pass. Participants should bring a valid ID.

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Day tickets for the North Valley Trails, which include Quigley Canyon near Halley, trails around Galena Lodge and a variety of trails from Lake Creek just north of Ketchum to Galena Lodge, cost \$9 for adults and \$2 for children and dogs, with children under 6 allowed to ski for free. A seven-day pass costs \$30.

Adult season passes cost \$90 plus tax. Youth season passes are \$10 and dogs, \$15. To purchase, call the Blaine County Recreation District at 788-2171.

Day tickets for Sun Valley Nordic Center trails cost \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for children 6 through 12. Season passes cost \$190 for adults, \$130 for seniors, \$90 for children under 18, \$330 for husband and wife and \$350 per family.

- Some important Nordic dates:**
- Dec. 11: WinterStar Race at Galena Lodge (Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation)
 - Dec. 12: Get Ready for the Boulder Clinic from Galena Lodge, down to SNRA, 9 a.m.
 - Dec. 25: Christmas Dinner at Galena Lodge, 6 p.m.
 - Dec. 28: Full Moon Dinners at Galena Lodge, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
 - Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Dinner at Galena Lodge, 7 p.m.
 - Jan. 4: Prairie Creek Snowmaker Class Race, Prairie Creek (Elephant's Perch)
 - Jan. 8: Sun Valley Telemark Series races begin with All-Terrain race sponsored by Smith Optics
 - Jan. 9 and 14: Get Ready for the Boulder Clinic, Galena Lodge, 9 a.m.
 - Jan. 22: Sun Valley Ski Club Tour
 - Jan. 23-24: Full Moon Dinners at Galena Lodge, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
 - Jan. 29: Ski the Rails Tour from

- Hatchum to Halley (Blaine County Recreation District)
- Jan. 30: Get Ready for the Boulder Clinic, Galena Lodge, 9 a.m.
- Feb. 5: Boulder Mountain Tour
- Feb. 8: Backwards Boulder and X-C Ski Festival at Galena Lodge
- Feb. 8: Stargazing Dinner at Galena Lodge, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 11: Rotarun Ripper
- Feb. 12: Quigley 5/10 K Race at Quigley Nordic (Blaine County Recreation District)
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Day Dinner at Galena Lodge, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 19: Left's Race combination telemark and skate ski race on Baldy and at Sun Valley Nordic Center
- Feb. 20: Bob Marley Birthday Reggae Race, sponsored by Black Diamond and Scott USA.
- Feb. 23-22: Full Moon Dinners at Galena Lodge, 5:30 and 8 p.m.

- March 5: Boulder Mountain Classic Tour from SNRA to Galena (Elephant's Perch)
- March 6: Dollar Mountain Race, sponsored by Kavu
- March 8: Paw'n'Pole at Sun Valley Gun Club (tentative)
- March 10: Stargazing Dinner at Galena Lodge, 6 p.m.
- March 12: Gourmet Ski Tour from Baker Creek to SNRA (Blaine County Recreation District)
- March 24-25: Full Moon Dinners at Galena Lodge, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
- March 26: Spring Loppett at Galena Lodge
- March 28: Hawaiian Nationals/Tandem Telemark Race sponsored by Marmot and Backwoods Mountain Sports
- April 3: RideStride Relay Race at Galena Lodge. This also is Galena Lodge's projected closing date.

Engines

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Shustone are avid snowmobile riders who enjoy sharing the winter wonderland with their children and 10 grandchildren.

"It's one of the greatest things," Sue Ehrhidge says. "The kids learn independence, self-confidence, and enjoy such success in a safe environment."

Ehrhidge says her younger granddaughters enjoy the County Line site while her sixth-grade grandson Colton is an experienced rider who enjoys Wells Summit or the Trinity Lakes region near Featherville.

"It is definitely a family experience. We go with my brother each year and it has been a great way to spend time with family and friends," Ehrhidge says.

The Trinity Lakes snowmobile site includes 300 miles of groomed trails between the Trinity Lakes area, Lowman, Rocky Bar, Atlanta and more. A

well maintained warming hut with limited rest room facilities is available. The area can be reached from Pine or Feathererville and offers a wide variety of terrain including some very challenging mountain and powder riding.

Baker Creek on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area north of Ketchum attracts riders from around the area. Forest Service restroom facilities are available at the parking area on state Highway 75 but there is no warming hut at this site.

The Stanley Basin is a nationally recognized winter recreation area and its 200 miles of groomed trails, plus numerous opportunities for off trail riding, attract snowmobilers from around the country.

Snowmobiles are available for rent at Simley Creek and riding in the area has attracted comment from such national

figures as humor columnist Dave Barry who wrote about his experiences on Idaho snow.

Machines can also be rented in Stanley but no rentals are available in the Magic Valley.

There are numerous other locations for riding in the region including Canas and Blaine County. A wide variety of terrain appeals to riders of all skill levels. The responsible snowmobiler is aware of private property boundaries, Forest Service motorized vehicle restrictions, and checks on local conditions before entering unfamiliar areas.

With good equipment, proper clothing, emergency supplies, proper planning and a healthy respect for Idaho's winter environment snowmobiling can be a rewarding way to see Idaho and share time and an exhilarating experience with family and friends.

Once shunned, snowboarders now coveted by ski industry

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (AP) — Dressed in a yellow T-shirt despite the bitter cold, Jon Irbesky sat atop Breckenridge Ski Resort watching fellow snowboarders ride steel mills instead of snow.

"Everyone here can pretty much throw down," the 19-year-old Irbesky said before he launched downhill, spinning 180 degrees before sliding backward down a long, metal rectangular pipe. Dozens of other snowboarders — skiers, and boarders — prepped for their own runs.

The terrain park, a playground of halfpipes, curved rails, obstacles and jumps, has become a must-have for many of the almost 500 ski resorts in the United States — and for good reason: Snowboarders, once banned from many resorts, have become valued patrons of the \$12 billion-a-year U.S. ski industry.

"I think they saved the ski industry," Terry Thorpe, 59, a longtime skier from Irvine, Calif., said as he watched skiers and boarders maneuver through the terrain park.

When he began organizing ski trips through a local community college in 1981, all the participants were skiers, Thorpe said. Snowboarders now account for 75 percent of the total. Some 63 million Americans went snowboarding in 2003, a dramatic increase from a decade earlier, when only 2.1 million said they had taken part in the sport, according to an annual survey conducted by the National Sporting Goods Association.

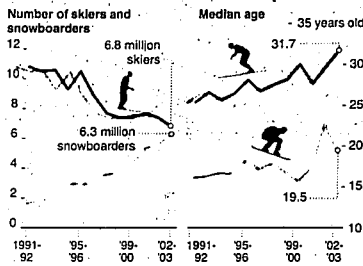
In contrast, the same survey showed the number of skiers is declining — 6.8 million people in 2003 compared to 10.6 million people 10 years before.

Snowboarders also now make up more than 30 percent of visitors to ski resorts, up from 27 percent four years ago, according to an annual survey conducted for the National Ski Areas Association.

The NSSA also says 60 percent of people under 20 who begin taking part in snow sports are snowboarders, and resorts

Schussers and shredders share the slopes

Visits to U.S. ski areas have remained steady in the past years. The number of snowboarders hitting the slope has nearly quadrupled from a decade ago, while ski ridership has gone downhill dropping 37 percent.



SOURCES: National Ski Areas Association; National Ski and Snowboard Retailers Association

are wooing them as they recognize how their customer base has expanded.

"Basically, snowboarding has brought more people to the mountains and introduced more people to snow sports," said Kurt Hoy, editor in chief of TransWorld Snowboarding, which has been covering the sport since 1987.

"It's mostly the age demographic and people who are dedicated to progressive riding on snow — whether it's on skis or snowboards," he said.

Resorts devote hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to build and maintain terrain parks, which were originally developed for snowboarders. Skiers, usually on twin-tipped skis, now frequent the parks in the same numbers as boarders, resorts say.

"It's kind of a staple at this point. You have to have at least one to stay up in the industry, to stay competitive with what everyone else is doing," Breckenridge Ski Resort spokeswoman Emily Jacob said.

skiers here are like family, he said, a competitive camaraderie driving them to try new tricks.

Resorts look at terrain parks as a key component in drawing, keeping and maintaining their younger customer, said Michael Berry, president of the ski areas association. "People go there to hang out, to listen to music. And it's not just snowboarders — twin tippers are in there, everyone is in there."

That wasn't the case in early 1980s, when resorts first began allowing snowboarders on their hills. Snowboarders were criticized for being reckless, ruining moguls and shearing snow off runs. The mostly young snowboarders chided older skiers for being uptight.

"When we first started building terrain parks, they were for snowboarders and many were snowboarding-only areas. The thought was that moguls were for skiers, and the terrain parks were for riders," said Tim Eastley, Breckenridge's park manager. "That's where a lot of the early animosity came from. Skiers coming into the parks, saying 'hey, we can do this.'"

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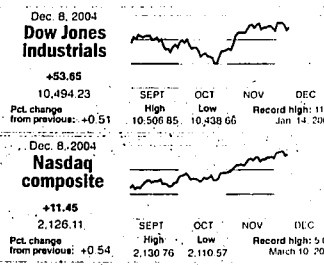
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MONEY

Buyers return to Wall Street Dealing with obnoxious co-workers

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors resumed their December rally Wednesday, looking past higher oil prices and focusing instead on building up their portfolios before year-end. A higher U.S. dollar and a brokerage upgrade of General Electric Co. added momentum to the buying.



Although a barrel of oil climbed to \$41.94, up 48 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange, Wall Street appeared unimpressed. Oil futures had oscillated between \$31 and \$32 per barrel after the Energy Department said fuel inventories were higher than Wall Street expected.

Analysts reported more money flowing into mutual funds and other investments thanks to the stock rally that started in November. The extra money helped push prices up before the end of the year, so long as oil prices stay relatively low and there are no negative surprises in earnings forecasts or the credit data.

There's just a ton of money coming into the market, and some of the usual year-end shuffling, and it's ignoring the day-to-day ups and downs on oil and everything else," said Matt Kelman, portfolio manager of the Kilmore Strategy Funds. "I think the pullback we had over the past few days is good because it'll help us move higher before the year's out."

"I've been saying for the past half a year that things would pick up after the election, and they did. I still think that works, even with what we've seen this week," said Brian Bruce, director of global investments, PanAgora Asset Management Inc. in Boston.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 53.65, or 0.51 percent, to 10,494.23. The Dow had fallen more than 150 points over the previous two weeks.

Despite a disappointing earnings forecast, Merck & Co. made a big profit gain Wednesday. The drug maker warned that its 2005 profits would be lower than analysts expected due to the withdrawal of its Vioxx arthritis drug from the market earlier this year.

Broader stock indicators were moderately higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 5.74, or 0.18 percent, at 1,182.41.

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However, the forecast could have been worse, analysts said, and Merck rose 40 cents to \$28.69 as it reaffirmed its 2004 earnings target.

General Electric, another Dow component, climbed 10 cents to \$35.71 after analysts at Lehman Brothers upgraded the company's stock to "overweight" from "equal-weight," citing the potential for double-digit earnings growth in 2005.

Recess Instruments Inc. lost 96 cents to \$24.05 after it narrowed its 2005 earnings and revenue forecasts, which still fall within Wall Street's estimates, but below 2004 earnings remained on target.

IBM Corp. confirmed the sale of its personal computer business to Chinese PC giant Lenovo for \$1.75 billion, part of a shift in focus away from hardware and toward more profitable software, service and consulting businesses. IBM was up 55 cents at \$165.65.

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The Washington Post

Dealing with the obnoxious person in the next office is an age-old problem, but is there an official solution? Question: am a federal government employee with a problematic co-worker. This co-worker, more senior than I, complains a lot, is temperamental, talks loudly, is rude, does little work that I can tell, sleeps at his desk. This person's obnoxious and sarcastic voice... carries easily beyond the common wall of our office spaces. Everything changes when the boss comes by, and it becomes nicer than usual. Do I have any official procedure recourse and should I take it? I feel like I am being forced to leave... but don't know if leaving should be the first option or the last.

Answer: Both the Office of Personnel Management, which oversees federal government workplace policies, and private workplace consultant, Steven M. Darlen, chairman and chief executive of Cabot Advisory Group in Bedminster, N.J., said this worker ought to voice his complaints.

An OPM spokesman said this is a clear cut case in which the person's front-line supervisor needs to get involved. It sounds like this has caused lost productivity for the individual. The manager is probably aware of this, but maybe



PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT THE JOB Kenneth Brederem

The surviving airline can charge a \$25 fee for each one-way ticket held by a passenger on a defunct carrier. The provision does not prohibit unexercised frequent-flyer miles, but does protect tickets issued under such awards, airline industry officials said.

This is a modicum of protection against great confusion among airline passengers," said Kevin P. Mitchell, chairman of the Business Travel Coalition of Itadator. "It gives great confidence to consumers that they can exercise their right to travel."

Several struggling airlines, including US Airways, championed the legislation, as did credit-card companies that may otherwise have been required to provide refunds on tickets that could not have

been used. "We supported the legislation because we think it's good for our customers," US Airways spokesman David Castelvetter said.

US Airways has been operating in Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection since Sept. 12. Two other major carriers, United Airlines and Delta Air Lines, also are in Chapter 11 and still flying.

Last week, after the legislation had lapsed, Southeast Airlines, a small leisure-oriented carrier that flew to Florida from Lehigh Valley International Airport, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, went into liquidation, stranding some of its passengers. Other airlines that served the same routes, including JetBlue Airways and US Airways, offered to Southwest passengers home for a \$25 fee.

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Markets and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Market funds are 1,115 tracked. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

New law protects airline ticket buyers

PHILADELPHIA — Congress will help in the intelligence bill that received final approval Wednesday for passengers who hold tickets on failed airlines. The legislation to overhaul U.S. spy agencies includes a provision requiring airlines to honor a ticket issued by a carrier that goes out of business before a scheduled flight takes off. The provision, which required a similar rule Congress adopted shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, is good through Nov. 19, 2005. The previous rule expired on Nov. 19, 2004, meaning that passengers have not since then had the legal protection they had had most of the last three years.

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Fest celebrates patron of Mexico

While visiting Mexico City my husband and I had the privilege of visiting the Basilica of the Guadalupe.

As a young girl in Catholic school, I remember the nuns telling the story of Juan Diego and his visions of the Virgin Mary. Now, more than 30 years later, I was blessed to visit the place where many believe the miracle occurred.

We watched in awe as hundreds of worshippers made their way from the heart of Mexico City to Tepeyac Hill. Young and old carried flowers, banners, balloons and floats with statues of the Virgin through the streets and into the courtyard at the basilica.



Photo courtesy of KARLA BARNES

A procession heads from downtown Mexico City to Tepeyac Hill in commemoration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



BUENAS VISTAS
Karla Barnes

About the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Beginning today, the citizens of Mexico will commence celebrating one of their most important holidays of the year—the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Millions of worshippers make a pilgrimage through the city to Tepeyac Hill (the location of the Basilica of the Guadalupe). There, they gather for three days to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico.

According to legend, an Indian convert by the name of Juan Diego saw a vision of the dark-skinned Virgin Mary on Dec. 9, 1531, on top of Cerro Tepeyac, a hill just north of Mexico City. Mary requested that Juan Diego take a message to the Bishop that a shrine should be built on the hill where she could manifest her love. Bishop Juan de Zumarraga did not believe Juan Diego, and demanded further proof of his vision. Again, Mary appeared to Juan Diego, this time telling him to gather roses from the stony hill where only cactus grew, and to place the roses inside his cloak. He was instructed to present them to the Bishop and again request a shrine. When Juan unfolded his cloak to reveal the roses to the Bishop, he and the Bishop were stunned to see an image of the Guadalupe imprinted on the inside of his cloak.

The event was considered a miracle and construction of a church began at once.

Juan Diego that is almost 500 years old. The imprint of the Virgin remains vivid and is a testimony to the legendary event on Tepeyac Hill.

If you get to Mexico City, don't miss the opportunity to visit this special

place, and experience the reverence that the Mexican people have for the Guadalupe.

Karla Barnes of Burley and her husband are frequent visitors to Mexico.



Churches hold Virgen de Guadalupe activities

Area Catholic churches will celebrate the Feast of the Virgen de Guadalupe with song, worship and dance.

• **Burley**
The Little Flower Catholic, 1601 Oakley Ave., will celebrate with activities for children at 9:30 p.m. Saturday and a Mass at midnight followed by posole (a kind of Mexican stew) in the hall afterward. For more information, call 678-5453.

• **Buhl**
The Church of Immaculate Conception, 1629 Poplar Ave., will celebrate with mananitas (a traditional song and service honoring the Virgin of Guadalupe) at 11 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, there will be a Mass at 1 p.m. followed by a potluck fiesta. For more information, call 543-5136.

• **Jerome**
St. Jerome's Church, 216 Section Ave. E., will start celebrating at 5 a.m. Sunday with mananitas in the church, followed by breakfast. There will be a Mass at noon, followed by a re-enactment of the apparition, traditional dancing, and a free dinner. Call 324-8794.

• **Twin Falls**
St. Edward's Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E., will hold a tribute from 10 to 11 p.m. Saturday in Twin Falls City Park with a rosary at 11:15 p.m. People can bring candles in glass. Mananitas will begin at midnight in the church, followed by drinks and sweet bread in the parish hall.

The regular Spanish Mass will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday (parishioners can bring flowers), followed by a dinner with pinatas, dance and re-enactment of the apparition. For more information, call 733-3907.

• **Rupert**
St. Nicholas Church, 802 E.

St., will hold a gathering at 5 a.m. Sunday with mananitas at the McGregor Building in the Minidoka County Fairgrounds. At 5 p.m. will be a Mass, followed by dances and a potluck. Call 436-3781 for more information.

• **Halley**
St. Charles Church, 311 S. First Ave., will decorate a shrine with roses on Friday evening. At 7:30 p.m. Saturday will be a bilingual Mass, followed by a sharing of food in the hall. At 5 a.m. Sunday will be mananitas in the church, followed by dance and reflection, then moving to the hall for hot drinks and pastries. Call 788-3024.

• **Mountain Home**
Our Lady of Good Counsel, 125 N. Fourth E., will hold a Mass at noon Sunday, followed by a celebration at 1:30 p.m. in the hall, 300 N. Eighth St. Call 587-3046 for more information.

St. Nicholas Church, 802 E.

Idaho Migrant Council seeks donations of paint, gravel

TWIN FALLS—The Idaho Migrant Council is seeking donations of paint and gravel, particularly indoor or outdoor

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Ave. F, Jerome, Idaho 83318. The contents consist of household goods...

50 LEGALS
MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER & TWIN FALLS COUNTY Requests a Special Use Permit to operate an ambulance service located at 285 Martin Street.

50 LEGALS
PUBLISHED: December 9 and 16, 2004
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on December 28, 2004, at a Tuesday, at the hour of 7:00 o'clock, P.M., in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301.

50 LEGALS
PUBLISHED: Thursday, December 9, 2004
NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS
Notice is hereby given that an Application for Transfer has been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for changes to water rights within Cossia County, Idaho.

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government charges all citizens to be informed. This newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek to exercise their right to access public records and INFORMATION.

50 LEGALS
The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is soliciting Statements of Interest (SOI) from professional planning consultants for the Thousand Springs Management Plan for the Thousand Springs Management Plan, Crystal Springs, Niagara Springs, Earl Creek state park, Springs Nature Preserve, and Billingsly Creek state park located in Gooding County. This planning effort will begin in January 2005, and require one year to complete. SOIs must be received at the Headquarters, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0065 by 4:00 pm on Monday, December 13, 2004. Please request application materials from the project manager, at (208) 334-4180, ext. 252, or 735-333-4200/334-4180, ext. 220.

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THOUSAND SPRINGS MANAGEMENT AREA MASTER PLAN
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The Contract Documents, Plans, and Exhibits may be examined at the following: Twin Falls City, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. F. W. Dodge, 8254 Chinden Boulevard, Garden City, Idaho 83702, and 1415 Fillmore Street, Suite 703A, Twin Falls, ID 83301; 4935 E Trent Avenue, Boise, ID 83706; 11355 Southwest Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Issuing Office is Ridesell & Associates, Inc., 202 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301; Phone 208-338-1111.

0101 LOST AND FOUND
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TWIN FALLS COUNTY JAIL REPORT 3rd Quarter 07/01/2004 through 9/30/2004

Table with columns: Fund Description, Beginning Balance, Revenue, Received, Warrants, Paid By Transfer, Ending Balance. Lists various funds like Fund 100 Current Expense, Fund 101 Agricultural Fair District, etc.

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104 PERSONALS
Country Boy, 55, in search of Country Lady. Do you like the outdoors, dancing and country music who loves to enjoy drives, movies, and are ready for a new love? I'm a little overweight and don't smoke, write to me, P.O. Box 114, Shoshone, ID 83352.

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