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FRIENDS FROM AFAR



COURTESY OF THE BRIDWELLS

U.S. Army Spc. Levi Bridwell, a 21-year-old Jerome native home on leave from Iraq, looks at pictures from his visit to Disney World with his 7-year-old e-mail pal Cassie Poller and her parents Linda and Matthew. During his leave, he took a trip to Fort Myers, Fla., to surprise Cassie. Bridwell is with the Army's 1st Cavalry Division and has been stationed at a forward operating base north of Baghdad since March. He'll head back to Iraq on Tuesday and hopes to finish up his tour in four months.

Jerome soldier meets his 7-year-old e-mail pal

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

Books for Soldiers

For more information on Books for Soldiers, see the Web site at www.booksforsoldiers.com.

Jerome — The little girl sat in the airport with her parents, watching the planes take off and land outside the huge viewing window.

Seven-year-old Cassie Poller had been begging her parents to take her to watch the planes at Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, Fla., ever since they moved to the resort community several years earlier. So one Friday night earlier this month, they decided to make a family evening of it, watching the planes, checking out the airport's new gift shop and having dinner.

But Cassie was in for another surprise. A young man sat down next to her.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked her. "A big smile lit up her face. She recognized him immediately. It was U.S. Army Spc. Levi Bridwell, the person she'd come to call her "soldier hero."

"She was just in awe," said her mother, Linda.

The Poller family first became

acquainted with Bridwell, a Jerome native, last year when they saw his picture on [booksforsoldiers.com](http://www.booksforsoldiers.com) after reading about the Web site on news. Bridwell was at a forward operating base north of Baghdad and was trying to get a request for books in Iraq. He started on the Web site, the family responded. "My daughter saw a local news report that Books for Soldiers was helping you get reading material and that the public was encouraged to get involved," the Poller family wrote in their first e-mail to Bridwell. "She asked her school principal if they can start a project to collect books, and within two weeks, there were over 1,000-plus books and magazines. Now, a month later, there are well over 4,000-plus!"

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PHOTO COURTESY OF LEVI BRIDWELL

Bridwell, his e-mail pal Cassie and her parents Linda and Matthew Poller enjoyed a day at Disney World where they rode the rides and met Disney characters like Pluto.

Jury awards damages to former principal

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — After nearly seven hours of deliberation, a jury returned a verdict Wednesday night awarding Nancy Kunau \$183,214 in damages in her case against the Blainville County School District.

Kunau, former principal of Heyburn Elementary School, resigned after being transferred to Minico High School as a vice principal in July of 2002. She claimed the transfer was punitive and came in reaction to a report she filed against the district's maintenance supervisor Kurt Cammull in Dec. 2001.

Attorney Brian Julian, representing the district along with Paul Stark, argued that the transfer was not a demotion and was completely legal under district bylaws. He said the transfer was made to address the unhealthy environment that developed at the Heyburn school and to give Kunau an opportunity to excel under the direction of a more experienced administrator.

The jury was asked to decide on seven distinct charges and determine damages for any they found to have merit.

Jurors found that the transfer constituted a "constructive discharge" and awarded Kunau \$70,714 for that charge. They also decided Superintendent Nick Hallett, Cammull and custodian Kelly Christensen had defamed Kunau and \$112,500 was awarded for that charge.

Hallett, Cammull and Christensen were also named in the suit along with the School Board and its officers.

The jury dismissed charges that the district breached its contract with Kunau, that Kunau faced adverse action for making the report against Cammull.

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Last we knew:

A trial began Dec. 6 in which former Heyburn Elementary School Principal Nancy Kunau, sued the Blainville County School District. The case was a family transferred and an offer to resign.

The latest: The jury began deliberations shortly after noon Wednesday and returns a verdict awarding Kunau \$183,214 in damages. Her local attorney for the district, said the district may already be considering positions for appealing the verdict.

Otter plans to campaign for governor's seat in 2006

The Associated Press

BOISE — U.S. Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter will run for governor in 2006.

Otter for Idaho filed the necessary paperwork Wednesday with the Secretary of State's office to form a campaign committee headed by former Gov. Phil Batt.

"Butch Otter is uniquely qualified as governor of the state of Idaho. I am proud to help him

in this effort. We will run a vigorous campaign." Otter said in a prepared statement. Speculation about a possible Otter run has been rampant for months.



Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter

"I don't think it's any secret

that even as congressman, Butch's heart is with the people of Idaho all the time," said Jason O'Brien, campaign spokesman. "This is just the beginning stage. We're just going out and starting to raise some money."

Even Naomi Preston, the Democratic challenger that Otter defeated in November for his third term in Congress, said during the race that Otter's

campaign was less about hearing her than preparing for the expected showdown in the May 2006 primary election. Republican Lt. Gov. James Risch.

The winner gets the chance to succeed GOP Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

But as usual, the 42-year-old Otter on Wednesday had no comment about the upcoming race.

Risch, however, said he was surprised to see Otter's early fil-

ing, calling it premature.

"We're only 42 days away from an election and people who have been elected to the office haven't even taken an oath of office to do what they've been elected to do," he said.

"I can tell you this: Having served in public office, as long as I have it's a real distraction to doing the job that you're elected to do at your own risk. I've had experience in that regard."

ISIMS project takes hiatus

Costs were higher than expected

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

BOISE — After a rocky start, a statewide education information system is grinding to a halt. The I.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation has announced that the mammoth Idaho Student Information Management System project known as ISIMS is being put on hold until it can be reevaluated.

"The reasons a host of problems with the technology and staggering costs to implement a system that would have provided access for parents and students, curriculum programs

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Tracker

■ **Last we knew:** The I.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation had put the second and third phases of the Idaho Student Information Management System on hold while it tried to stabilize technical problems at the phase I school districts that were using ISIMS as a pilot project.

■ **The latest:** The foundation announced that the project is on hiatus until it can be reevaluated and changed to scale down unexpectedly high costs.

■ **What's next:** The foundation pledged to maintain the system for the 29 districts that started implementing it and to help them change it using different programs if they choose.

Report: Canadian security full of holes

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Canada's security net is full of holes, with most border crossings guarded by a lone staffer and airport security so lax that missing security badges and uniforms recently turned up for sale on eBay.

A new Senate security report calls for reform, a boost in defense spending and improved cooperation with the United States. Canadians have relied too long on luck to avoid a terrorist attack, it says, scolding "Unfortunately, luck is notoriously untrustworthy."

The 315-page report, by the Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Defense, the first released under the year-old government of Prime

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AP photo

Canada Customs officer Franco Rotondi inspects a vehicle's wheel well at the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel in this 2003 file photo in Windsor, Ontario.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

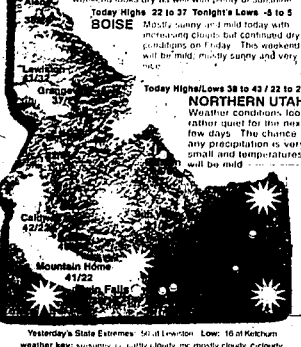
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BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy and a little warmer than tonight... Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy and a little warmer than tonight... Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy and a little warmer than tonight...

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Today will be dry but a few snow showers could pop up on Friday... BOISE Today sunny and mild today with increasing clouds...



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, City. Lists weather conditions and high/low temperatures for various Idaho cities.

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

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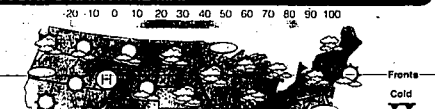
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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists forecasts for international cities like London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Verdict

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NATION/WORLD

Pentagon: 'This is not Wal-Mart'

Military seeks to provide more armor for troops in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq insurgents are growing more active and it takes time for the U.S. military to get its troops the protective equipment needed, defense officials said Wednesday.

Officials also rejected growing concern that armor does not fit Iraq's hot, dusty terrain, planning and they said they've been working as fast as possible to give troops what they need.

At a Pentagon news conference, Army officials declined to say how much has already been spent armoring vehicles for the campaign. But they said that in the next six to eight months, they will have spent \$4.1 billion to try to make sure vehicles in Iraq and Afghanistan are those already manufactured with full armor or have had armor added to them.

They said they expect 98 percent of Army Humvees in the theater to have proper armor by March and the rest of the fleet, such as trucks, by summer.

"This is not Wal-Mart... this is a very detailed process in terms of trying to get this capability,"

said Brig. Gen. Jeffery Sorenson, adding that it takes time to study, develop, test and produce equipment needed against what commanders say is a sophisticated and ever-adapting enemy.

Asked at a separate news conference on Iraq operations whether he was concerned about still lacking protection, Lt. Gen. Lance Smith said officials are concerned that insurgents have changed their tactics — attacking troops in the rear area after realizing they could not win in direct combat.

"Yes, we're concerned that he has changed his tactics and it's required us to armor vehicles

that we might otherwise not armor," he said of attacks on logistic convoys.

"I don't know that we'll ever find a silver bullet" against the insurgents' homemade bombs, said Smith, deputy commander of Central Command, which is responsible for U.S. military operations throughout the Middle East.

He said insurgents may use doorbell mechanisms today and remote controls from toys tomorrow to detonate the bombs, that have become the major source of U.S. casualties in Iraq.

"As we adapt, they adapt," he said.

Yushchenko's dioxin level second highest ever recorded

LONDON (AP) — New tests reveal Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko's blood contains the "second-highest level of dioxin poisoning ever recorded in a human — more than 6,000 times the normal concentration, according to the expert analyzing the samples."

Abraham Brouwer, professor of environmental toxicology at the Free University in Amsterdam, where the blood samples were sent for analysis, said they contained about 100,000 units

of dioxin per gram of blood fat. However, the concentration could prove to be even higher, or lower, on retests later in the week from a more definitive test, said Arnold Schechter, a specialist in dioxin analysis from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. The test also will show how long Yushchenko may show symptoms from the poisoning, Schechter said it also could determine that Yushchenko was poisoned with dioxin-like PCBs, rather than dioxins.

Bombing at Shiite shrine kills seven

BAGHDAD (Iraq AP) — A bomb exploded at the gate of a revered Shiite shrine Wednesday, killing seven people in an apparent attempt to kill an aide to Iraq's top Shiite cleric and casting the shadow of violence over the first day of campaigning in the country's crucial January elections.



A man puts up a photograph of Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi as a background to a media conference in Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday.

The attack in Karbala, which found the representative of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, one of the campaign's top candidates.

Al-Sistani's deputy cleric, Ali al-Hadi, said the attack was a "clear message" from the regime's defense minister against the human and Syrian intelligence agencies of helping insurgents in Iraq.

After a Wednesday, a government official in Baghdad said Saddam's notorious right-hand man, Muqtada al-Sadr, known as "Chemical Ali," would be the first to appear in court next week to face charges for crimes allegedly committed during Saddam's 35-year dictatorship.

Al-Sadr said earlier that formal indictments could be issued against some of Saddam's top deputies next month, just ahead of the Jan. 30 election.

The blast south of Baghdad undermined worries over security during the campaign and the election, with insurgents expected to demand the vote counting national assembly.

White House Shiite Muslim

majority has welcomed an election it will likely dominate, Sunni Arabs have expressed fears they will be eclipsed and some have called for a boycott of the vote.

Al-Sistani has backed a coalition of major Shiite political parties that has put forward a list of candidates and is expected to do well in the first national election since Saddam's fall.

Sunni militants have been accused in past attacks against Shiites and their holy sites. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Wednesday's bombing.

The blast went off at the western gate of the Imam Hussein Shrine in Karbala, killing seven people and wounding 31, said Dr. Abdul-Abbas Al-Timimi, director of Al-Hussein hospital.

Al-Sistani's representative, Sheik Abdul Mahdi al-Kar-

balaeye, was among the wounded, and an al-Sistani spokesman said al-Karbalaeye was the intended target of the blast. Several of his bodyguards

were among the dead and wounded, the spokesman — Hamed al-Khafaf — told Al-Jazeera television.

The Imam Hussein Shrine was one of a number of Shiite holy sites in Karbala and Baghdad targeted in March, when coordinated bombs and suicide blasts hit pilgrims attending a religious festival, killing at least 161. The shrine houses the tomb of Imam Hussein, the son of Imam Ali, Shiism's founder.

The city, 50 miles south of Baghdad, was also the scene of heavy fighting in April between the militia of anti-U.S. cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and multinational forces.

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Study: Married people are healthier

WASHINGTON (AP) — Married people are healthier than single males, even though a tendency for husbands to pack on some extra pounds, says the National Center for Health Statistics.

The center's report on Wednesday, based on a survey of more than 125,000 people, didn't specify reasons. But health statistician Charlotte Schoenborn said in an interview that there are two major theories.

One is that marriage may be protective of health. For example, married couples may have advantages in terms of economic resources, social and psychological support and encouragement of healthful lifestyles.

A second possibility is marital selection. "The theory that healthy people get married and stay—married—whereas less healthy people either do not marry or are more likely to be-

come separated, divorced or widowed."

"Overall, this association between marital status and health persists regardless of socio-economic status, education and poverty, where people were born or their ethnicity," she said.

The center reported that among adults 18 and over, 11.9 percent said they were in only fair or poor health. Some 10.5 percent of married

people reported being in poor or fair health, while all other groups were higher. At 19.6 percent, the widowed were the most likely to be in these categories.

In general, married adults were the least likely to experience health problems and the least likely to engage in risky health behaviors, with the notable exception of being overweight. Schoenborn wrote.

Defendants face fraud charges

DETROIT (AP) — Two men whose convictions in the first terrorist trial after Sept. 11 were thrown out because of misconduct by prosecutors were charged Wednesday with insurance and mail fraud.

The new charges are part of a long-running legal saga involving the defendants, Karim Koubrit and Ahmed Hannan, who were once accused of being part of a terror cell.

But the terror charges were later dropped, serving as an embarrassment to the Justice

Department in a case the Bush administration once hailed as a major victory in the war on terror. The lead prosecutor is under investigation over his handling of the case.

The new indictment alleges that Koubrit, 26, and Hannan, 36, devised a scheme to defraud Troy-based Titan Insurance Co. by filing false claims. It says the pair claimed they were injured in a 2001 car accident and submitted fraudulent claims for lost wages, physical therapy and household services.

Leo, don't slack off at the office

IF DECEMBER 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY — In the next month you can receive the most credit and recognition for a job well done by not cutting corners or taking the easy way out. Romantic interludes may need to fit into a busy schedule and loved ones will need to understand your intense focus on success in the year ahead. A deep surge of passion should motivate you to excel — especially in February, when mysterious Pluto passes through your area of the zodiac for the first time. Plan for vacations in late summer or early fall when you will be given a chance to reap some of the benefits deserved for all your hard work.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Provide extra TLC to someone special to avoid misunderstandings later. I wish reality might require that you toe the line with time-consuming career matters but there will be warm and loving arms waiting in the wings.

TALIS (April 20-May 20): Offset rough and rugged business tactics by being kind and understanding when possible. You know how to make others feel like part of the family. Retain your dignity under trying circumstances to earn someone's respect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Maybe you spent too much money or got in over your head. Perhaps you must sacrifice a few dollars to keep a mate happy or vice versa. Do not let guilt spoil your day as harmony is easily restored and money is meant to be spent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Too much socializing around the cooler can put you into hot water with vigilant superiors. Impulsive spending may bring a quiet sense of satisfaction, but the pleasant mood could turn grim if responsibilities are not met.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be a hero or heroine at home but it's time to find out you can stick off at work. These in charge may besticker for precision and a slap on the wrist is waiting for those who produce sloppy work. Keep on top of things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may need to tread water for a few days as minor setbacks could prevent you from reaching goals. Don't make mountains out of molehills. Your reputation will be enhanced if you keep a smile on your face through thick and thin.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Cooperation is easy to find at the workplace but you will be on your own when bills need to be paid. It is tempting to become overly familiar with those you should keep at a respectful arm's length. Don't cross invisible lines.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Skillfully handle business necessities with bustling social activities to keep up appearances. The call of unusual hobbies or entertainment is beginning to tantalize you. Work hard now to make time for play later in the week.

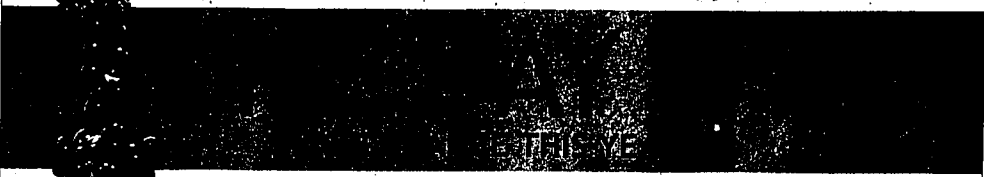
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Minor mistakes or blowups will quickly be resolved. Share your hopes, your dreams and your heart with that special someone. You shine on the social scene today, so don't hide from view.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are at your best when organizing something, so use your skills to handle social necessities. Offer to take care of seating charts for holiday dinners or take charge of vacation schedules.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't neglect your duties — require your immediate attention just because the holiday spirit calls for extra schmoozing with cronies. Your big dreams can come true if you keep working hard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be placed in a harsh and critical public light, so try to spend quality time working behind the scenes. Your comfort zone lies with home and family today, so escape to a cozy nook with like-minded partners or kin.

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EDITORIAL

Give more details on scope of INEEL's plutonium plans

What better way to show the Idaho National Laboratory's Engineering and Environmental Laboratory has the right stuff for the future, than to plug it for a NASA mission. Department of Energy officials say that the primary goal of a proposal to consolidate radioisotope power system production at one nuclear energy site. The department says the INEEL facility is best equipped to handle RPS projects, which rely on processing non-weapon grade plutonium.

bles, tests and delivers plutonium to government users. But since Sept. 11, the department wants to merge all steps of the process in one site, to make it more secure and cut transport costs between the sites. They say Idaho has the most secure location to consolidate the plutonium-238 project.

Our view: The guise of 'national security' raises questions of INEEL's new plutonium processing mission.

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

Department officials acknowledge that production will create three types of waste: low-level, transuranic waste and remote handled transuranic waste. The transuranic waste would be shipped to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad, N.M. They also state that the annual production would be only 5 kilograms a year — an amount that would fill a 12-ounce soda can.

That's how much we know. But as critics from the Snake River Alliance put it at the public hearing, the devilish details are in what we don't know. And when you're housing projects for "national security" there's plenty we won't hear about.

That modus operandi may have helped the U.S. win a Cold War, but it created piles of problems for Idaho. The nuclear waste material which now sits above the Snake River Plain aquifer, was a by-product of national security efforts made decades ago.

When you live with that legacy above your drinking water, it's hard to accept a new mission under the same national security label. As impressive as a NASA link may be for INEEL's future, the Energy Department simply has to be more honest about the full use of plutonium-238 for Idahoans to accept it as safe. Otherwise, local residents won't want it to be in their stars.

The defense secretary we have

"As you know, you go to war with the Army you love. They're not the Army you might want or wish to have at a later time."

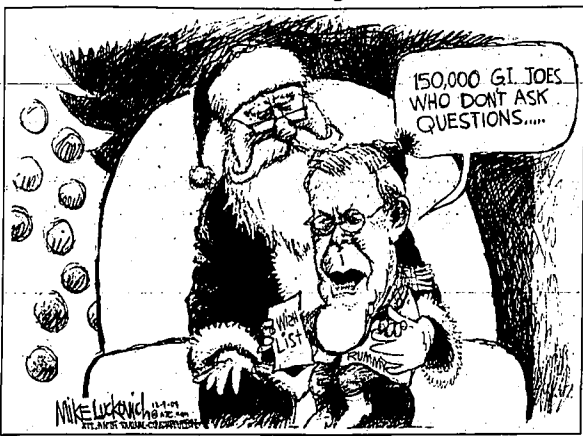
Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, in a recent meeting with soldiers at Camp Buehler in Kuwait, Dec. 8.

WILLIAM KRISTOL

Actually, we have a pretty terrific Army. It's performed a lot better in this war than the secretary of defense has. President Bush has nonetheless decided to stick for now with the defense secretary we have, perhaps because he doesn't want to make a change until after the Jan. 30 Iraqi elections. But surely Don Rumsfeld is not the defense secretary Bush should want to leave for the remainder of his second term.

Contrast the magnificent performance of our soldiers with the arrogant back-passing of Rumsfeld. Begin with the rest of his answer to Spec. Thomas Wilson of the Tennessee Army National Guard: "Since the Iraq conflict began, the Army has been pressing ahead to produce the armor necessary at a rate that they believe — it's a great word — is a rate that would be exceeded previously, but a rate that they believe is the rate that is all that can be accomplished at this moment. I can assure you that General Schoomaker and the leadership in the Army and certainly General Whitcomb are sensitive to the fact that not every vehicle has the degree of armor that would be desirable for it to have, but that they're working at it at a good clip."

So the Army is in charge. "They're working at it. Rumsfeld? He happens to hang out in the same building." I've talked a great deal about this with a team of people who've been working on it hard at the Pentagon... And that is what the Army has been working on. "Not that is what we have been working on." Rather, "that is what the Army has been working on." The buck stops with the Army.



At least the topic of these conversations in the Pentagon isn't boring. Indeed, Rumsfeld assured the troops who have been clobbering together their own armor, "It's interesting. In fact, if you think about it, you can have all the armor in the world on a tank and a tank can be blown up. And you can have an air-protected humvee and it can be blown up." Good point. Why have armor at all? Incidentally, can you imagine if John Kerry had made such a statement a couple of months ago? It would have been (rightly) a topic of scorn and derision among my fellow conservatives, and not just among conservatives.

Perhaps Rumsfeld simply had a bad day. But then, what about his statement earlier last week, when asked about troop levels? "The big debate about the number of troops is one of those things that really out of my control." Really? Well, "the number of troops we had for the invasion was the number of troops that General Franks and General Abizaid wanted." Leave aside the fact that the issue is not "the number of troops we had for the invasion" but rather the number of troops

we have had for postwar stabilization. Leave aside the fact that Gen. Tommy Franks had projected he would need a quarter-million troops on the ground for that task — and that his civilian superiors had mistakenly promised him tens of thousands of international troops would be available. Leave aside the fact that Rumsfeld has only grudgingly and belatedly been willing to adjust even a little bit to realities on the ground since April 2003. And leave aside the fact that if our generals have been under pressure not to request more troops in Iraq for fear of stretching the military too thin, this is a consequence of Rumsfeld's refusal to increase the size of the military after Sept. 11.

In any case, decisions on troop levels in the American system of government are not made by any general or set of generals but by the civilian leadership of the war effort. Rumsfeld acknowledged this last week, after a fashion: "I mean, everyone likes to assign responsibility to the top person and I guess that's fine." Except he fails to take responsibility. All defense secretaries wartime have, needless to say, made misjudgments. Some

have stubbornly persisted in their misjudgments. But have any so breezily dodged responsibility and so glibly passed the buck?

In Sunday's *New York Times*, John F. Burns quoted from the weekly letter to the families of his troops by Lt. Col. Mark A. Smith, an Indiana state trooper who now commands the 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, stationed just south of Baghdad:

"Ask yourself, how in a land of extremes, during times of insanity, constantly barraged by violence, and living in conditions comparable to the stone ages, your marines can maintain their positive attitude, their high spirit, and their abundance of compassion?" Col. Smith's answer: "They defend a nation unique in all of history. One of principle, not personality; one of the rule of law, not landed gentry; one where rights matter, not privilege or religion or color or creed... They are United States Marines, representing all that is best in soldierly virtues." These soldiers deserve a better defense secretary than the one we have.

William Kristol is editor of the *Weekly Standard*.

But its that second proposition — to process plutonium for national security — that is sure to be a sticking point among many Idahoans, perhaps enough to cast doubt on the entire plan.

Energy Department officials stopped by Twin Falls last week as part of a public tour to discuss the site's potential RPS proposal.

The key material involved in the RPS project is plutonium-238. The RPS uses plutonium-238 to generate heat and power in harsh and remote locations, such as deep space.

Currently, RPS production involves various stages at different Energy Department lab sites. The department's Oak Ridge, Tenn., lab has produced the material through a radiation process in its Advanced Test Reactor. The Los Alamos, N.M., site purifies and encapsulates the material into solid fuel form. The Idaho site assem-

Pension plan would break free enterprise

The National Pension Plan advocated by Edward A. Chupa in his letter of Dec. 4 would make Marx and Lenin cheer. He urged a retirement plan for every American, who would receive \$38,000 at age 62 plus a \$4,000 death benefit from the federal treasury.

To finance this feeding at the public trough, he would use a national pension tax in the form of a sales tax. Chupa fails to give figures on the cost of the plan, the administrative costs and the amount of the tax.

There is current dialogue about replacing the income tax with a national sales tax. If this happens, and if the national pension tax is enacted, Americans will face yet another double taxation.

An editor's parenthetical note at the end of the letter describes Chupa as a retired educator. As an educator, Chupa should know that Congress does not have the power to enact the plan. The powers

of Congress are granted in a precise, itemized list in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution. Congress is not given any power to enact such a program. Absent such a grant, the power does not exist.

The countries of western Europe have adopted similar socialist plans of cradle-to-grave welfare for everyone. They may have a gross domestic product growth rate roughly half that of America.

Their programs are inefficient and bureaucratically heavy; they are unable to provide the benefits which were promised.

Yet with public addiction to this form of welfare, the Europeans cannot find a way to disentangle themselves from this quagmire which is vexing their economies.

It has no place in America in any form. The National Pen-

Rumsfeld displays cavalier care for troops

CHRISTOPHER S. HARRMAN
TWIN FALLS

It is some secretary of defense we have. Mr. Rumsfeld, answering a soldier's query the other day in Kuwait, said armor Humvees was not a matter of money but a matter of "physics" and that there is only so much that can be done to expedite the process. It is due to limited production facilities, not money or will, that the 14,000 vehicles in the combat zone are not yet protected.

Not that interesting, because Bloomberg News reports that Armor Holdings Inc., the sole contractor for armor, could easily increase armament output for those vehicles by 22 percent (still not enough, but a start), but that the Army (Department of Defense, headed by Mr. Rumsfeld) has not asked.

In view of the fact that this war has gone on for 19 months and the added fact that nearly half the deaths (1,287 and counting) and injuries (more than 7,000) suffered by our troops come from improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades, it seems passing odd to me that the request has not been made and made.

Does this administration see

these troops as "throw away soldiers"? You decide.

"Troops are sent into a war by deceit and deception, then forced to fight with inadequate equipment and the secretary of defense can say, 'You can have all the armor in the world on a tank and a tank can (still) be blown up.'"

He said the same thing about Humvees. To paraphrase Mr. It, "Shut up, quit your whining, and die like a man." What a guy! But then, he does not have to ride daily in one with a target painted on his back.

If this doesn't show us where the priorities lie, nothing will. He has little concern for our troops; they are meat for the grinder. I clearly hope that none of our Idaho National Guardsmen are injured or killed as a result of the cavalier attitudes of this administration and its hand-me-down equipment from the regular Army. They deserve better than this, and we should have an account.

Incompetence and irresponsibility are the cause, and this secretary of defense deserves firing for his failures, since he has not the decency to resign. But in this administration, loyalty counts over competence.

Sick of this war yet? How many dead and maimed will it take to change your mind? It is but a matter of time when the mountains will be made of brass.

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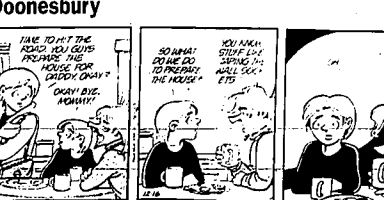
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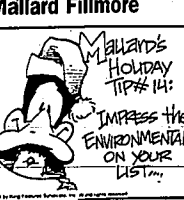
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OPINION

The studs and duds of Bush Cabinet II

President Bush's second-term Cabinet choices pronounce a clear preference for continuity and control. The striking thing about his reshuffle is the priority he has given to familiarity and loyalty over fresh ideas and novel perspectives.

Of the 14 traditional Cabinet posts he has filled (with Homeland Security still to come), only two have gone to people not already serving in the administration. Mike Johanns, the governor of Nebraska, moves into Agriculture and Carlos Gutierrez shifts from being chief executive officer of Kellogg, the breakfast cereal-maker, to the Commerce Department.

Bernard Kerik, the former New York City police commissioner, would have been the third, had he not withdrawn from the Homeland Security job a week after he was announced. The focus of his unexamined background — so reminiscent of the screw-ups at the beginning of Bill Clinton's first term — may suggest one reason why Bush preferred to stay with the tried and true.

There are some winners and losers in this bunch, but overall, the president has assured himself that the lines of authority to the Oval Office will be unchallenged and that his wishes will be seen as commands.

In three instances, he has moved people from the White House senior staff into the leadership of departments where important presidential initiatives



DAVID BRODER

will be carried out. Condoleezza Rice, the national security adviser, will replace Colin Powell at the State Department, sending a message to the sometimes independent foreign service bureaucrats that second-guessing of the president is off-limits.

By making Alberto Gonzales, who has been his personal counsel both in Austin and in the first-term White House, the attorney general, Bush guarantees that the Justice Department, with its vast discretionary powers in law enforcement, will deliver no unpleasant surprises to the administration or its friends in the business community.

And Margaret Spellings, the able domestic policy aide who shaped education policy in Austin and from the White House, will become the visible point person now as secretary of education.

For the even more important domestic policy job as secretary of health and human services, Bush picked one of the ablest executives and politicians in the Republican Party, Mike Leavitt, the former governor of Utah. Leavitt succeeds another dynamo, former Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, and now has a chance to demonstrate

his capability to a wider audience than in his earlier assignment as head of the Environmental Protection Agency. EPA is a dead-end job in a Republican administration — one whose occupant is certain to be pummeled by the cross-pressures from advocacy and industry groups. Now Leavitt is where he has an opportunity to succeed — and to shine.

That is not likely to be said about the two most notable of the six holdovers from the first administration, Defense Secretary Don Rumsfeld and Treasury Secretary John Snow.

Rumsfeld's hold on the president is hard for outsiders to fathom. Early on, he antagonized much of the military brass and many influential Republican members of Congress who specialize in defense affairs. The advice he and his associates gave the president about what the United States would face in Iraq was wrong more often than it was right. And his nonchalance about the consequences of these misjudgments has stunned even some of us who have known and admired him in the past.

It was all encapsulated last week in his blowing off a soldier's inquiry in Kuwait about the lack of protective armor for the trucks in which troops are riding down the deadly roads in Iraq. "You go to war with the Army you might want or wish to have at a later time," Rumsfeld said, in what sounded like a patronizing tone.

But the Army we have is the one he designed, led by commanders he chose, an Army much smaller than the force many of his generals had said was needed to secure control of a post-Saddam Iraq. And now that Army knows Rumsfeld remains its boss.

As for Secretary Snow, his performance at Treasury the past two years, following the firing of the feisty Paul O'Neill, has been so pedestrian that anonymous "senior White House officials" were telling reporters for weeks after the election that Snow would soon be replaced — only to discover that the president had no liking for any of the prospective successors. Snow the Chutes was instantly transformed into Snow the Prudential Financial Pal — at least until the next round of backstabbing begins.

The whole personnel process has been a strange predicament to the second term — disciplined and smart one moment, negligent and self-indulgent the next. It sends mixed messages about what lies ahead.

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Reason was lacking in critical letter

Goodness gracious, I was spanked. John Walsh's letter (Dec. 7) made me feel a little place and, in fact, caused me considerable pain. I was at work and as I doubled over in laughter, I struck my head on my workbench. Ouch!

My wife said to do as usual, which is to ignore people like Mr. Walsh, but I can't. I love him too much. I was sure someone would be upset by what I wrote, and Mr. Walsh stepped up to the plate and proved my point, and I thank him. I said "... anyone — friend or foe — intruding on our emotional world becomes an enemy to be destroyed." Apparently, I crashed right through Mr. Walsh's world.

Mr. Walsh lived up to my expectations of people like him. He saw something he didn't like — a fact, a truth, an opinion — and rather than reflect it with intelligent arguments or prove it wrong with opposing facts, he lashed out. His example is indicative of a society where too many people forego arguments and civil debate to instead rely on baseless accusations, demeaning name-calling and gutter-crawling nastiness to instill in themselves a feeling of intellectual superiority. As I've said, such people lose before they start.

Even so, I have some queries of Mr. Walsh. You asked "... was he just once again showing us that when it comes to telling us the truth, he never completely does it?" Are you accusing me of misleading, deceiving or lying? Whichever it is, don't ac-

LETTERS

cuse me; disprove me. Rather than saying my societal observations "are just plain nutty ideas," why aren't you showing everyone why I'm mistaken? "I'm not a nut," Mr. Walsh is in support of the Boy Scouts of America or condemnation of the North American Man-Boy Love Association that makes one homophobed! Should I show hatred toward the Scouts or acceptance toward pedophiles to remove that dreaded label? Please tell me.

As to what I want, Mr. Walsh, certainly I isn't sympathy; I see threats, sarcasm and everything in between as amusing and use those examples simply to show proof of some people's small-minded pettiness. What I want is for people to think to use fact — not emotions — to form opinions and support arguments. Otherwise, ignorance, anger and ill-will rule the day.

Again, thank you, Mr. Walsh, and Merry Christmas to you.

WILLIAM LOCKER

Prepay ordinance forces customers to leave T.F.

Last Thanksgiving, I went out to a local service station chain down the street to buy a copy of *The Times-News*, my wife wanted the ads. Upon approaching the front door, I saw an insulting sign that anyone buying gas with cash was required to prepay. Since that, in effect, said that anyone who had cash was a thief and would drive off without paying for their gas, I was mildly irked and turned around and left. It's been my experience that people or businesses expect to be treated the same way

that they would treat others if they could get away with it. This leads me to question how this chain of stores would treat me as a customer. I don't expect that the less of my patronage will hurt them any as I haven't spent \$5 there since it opened up. I suspect that it will hurt a local fast-food restaurant more as I went to its store there quite often and will not again. And *The Times-News* never did sell that paper. As I said, that had me mildly irked.

However, today I went to a large retailer's fuel stop to fill up and the attendant that I got out of my truck was asked if I was paying cash. I inquired what difference it made and was told that if I was they would have to require me to prepay. I said, "No, you don't," climbed back in my truck and left. Now since this retailer put in its station, I have bought almost all my gas there: the only time I didn't was when I was going far enough out of town that I couldn't get there and back on a tank full. And even then I always filled up on the way out of town.

Today I left that station, went home and put some ATF in the car. I stopped driving due to a leaky transmission seal. It has enough gas in it to get me by until I go to Kimberly again. I'll be buying my gas there from now on. Boycott businesses that insult me; have about you?

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— Mike Downey of the Chicago Tribune, on the steroid scandal

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QUESTION:
Who said this: "Why buy good luggage? You only use it when you travel."

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- HS Boys Basketball**
Twin Falls at Century, 6 p.m.
Skyline at Wood River, 6 p.m.
Carney at Camas County, 6 p.m.
Hagerman at Wendell, 6 p.m.
- HS Girls Basketball**
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Raft River at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
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Skyline at Wood River, 6 p.m.
- HS Wrestling**
Milco at Jerome, 7 p.m.
Melba, Valley at Glens Ferry, 5:30 p.m.
Raft River/Oakley, Preston at West Side, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Mets finalize deal with Martinez

NEW YORK—Pedro Martinez passed his physical Wednesday, and the Mets finalized their \$53 million, four-year contract with the pitcher they hope will take them to the postseason.

The Mets scheduled a news conference for Shea Stadium on Thursday to introduce Martinez, who turned down a \$40.5 million, three-year offer from the Boston Red Sox and told his agent Monday to work out a deal with New York.

The total guaranteed value of his contract was obtained by The Associated Press from a baseball official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Hawkins Is Bryant award finalist

BOISE — Boise State football coach Dan Hawkins was selected by the National Sportswriters and Sportscoaches Association as a finalist for the 2004 Paul "Doc" Bryant College Football Coach of the Year Award.

Hawkins joins USC coach Pete Carroll, Utah coach Urban Meyer, Louisville coach Bobby Petrone, BYU coach Mike Price, and Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville as finalists for the award which will be presented on Thursday, January 13, 2005, at the Hilton Americas in Downtown Houston.

Hawkins led Boise State to an 11-0 record including the Broncos third straight WAC undefeated season and conference title.

Jerome Rec offers hoops tournament

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will be holding a seventh grade and under basketball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 8. Entry fee is \$75 per team, with all school and AAU teams accepted. For more information, contact Rick Geist at 320-2349 or 324-9437.

Jerome Rec needs youth hoops coaches

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is in need of coaches for all levels for its youth basketball program, which begins in January. If interested, please call 324-3383.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The inimitable Yogi Berra.

Bruins open season 10-0

T.F. downs Jerome 56-30

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What constitutes a scare?
A 7-3 deficit only 2:20 into Wednesday night's nonconference home game against Jerome is as close as the Twin Falls Bruins have come to seeing a scare in a long time. But depth and defense pulled the Bruins through to a 56-30 win at Baun Gymnasium, improving their record to a sterling 10-0 on the season.

Jerome senior forward Lindzie Kuhn drained two 3-pointers and a jumper to pump all of her team high eight points in the first quarter as the Tigers (5-4) trailed only 13-12 after the end of the first quarter. In the second, the Bruins got it in their heads they could rebound over the smaller Jerome line and opened up a 35-18 lead by the half.

"Jerome was well-prepared for us and they really hustled," Bruins head coach Joe D. Shepard said. "I don't know whether it was a lack of concentration or at the pressure they put on, but we were just a little off on our passing and shooting in the first quarter.

"We finally got a little bit going in the second and started executing our offense and getting some turnovers in our press."

The Bruins forced 27 Jerome turnovers, while giving away only 12 of their own. Senior post Hannah Heidenreich led the way early, scoring eight of her 14 points in the first quarter. Senior point guard Jamie Edwards also finished with 14, scoring six points in both the second and third quarters.

Amy Bratvoid was one off the game-high pace with 13 points and added nine rebounds and three assists, both game highs. "They were aggressive," Bratvoid said. "They hit a few shots at the beginning and Joe called a timeout and talked about running through our plays. We just started executing. We rebounded and hustled and picked it up a bit."

The Bruins starters saw the game from the bench in the fourth quarter, as sophomore Nikki Tate finished with four points and Shaikha Bandolin



Twin Falls guard Carla Marin, right, goes for a layup against Jerome defender Jennifer Bingham (24) during the first quarter of their high school girls basketball game in Twin Falls Wednesday.

added six for her team. Kuhn's effort for Jerome was augmented by Sara Traugher's five points and four-point efforts from All German, Lindsay Williams, and Megan Parrish.

"I was thrilled with the first quarter," Jerome head coach Wil Harrison said. "We played with so much heart. But they're just more talented and deeper. That eventually took over. But I

was very happy with the way we worked hard all night. It didn't matter if we were up two, down two, or down by 30. We kept hustling."

The Bruins host Highland in a Region Four-Five-Six showdown tonight while Jerome heads to Rupert Friday for a Great Basin Conference West game against Minico.

Twin Falls 12-27-04
SPRING
 10:00: Kasey 1-0-0, Ken Green 1-0-2, Lindsey Hult 3-0-0
 11:45: Megan Pamp 2-2-2, Tasha 1-1-0-0
TWIN FALLS DE
 Ryan Cooper 9 1-2-1, Shauna Brandon 2-0-0-0, Chelsea Warr 1-0-0-2, Janelle Cooper 1-0-0-1, Amy Bratvoid 5-3-13, Heidi Reuter 8 1-2-1, Tasha Rogers 6 1-1-1, Hannah Heidenreich 6 6-1-16, Tasha Tate 2 2-0-2, Lisa — 2-1-10-16
 3-point lead game — none from 2, Traugher Total team — Jerome 19, Twin Falls 51, Fouled out — none, Technical fouls — none

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Area gridders receive All-Idaho Team honors by Idaho Statesman

The Times-News
BOISE — The 2004 All-Idaho Football Teams announced by the Idaho Statesman had a distinctive Magic Valley flavor to it this fall. The listing was determined by returned coaches and called a timeout and talked about running through our plays. We just started executing. We rebounded and hustled and picked it up a bit."

The Class 5A Player of the Year was Twin Falls junior running back Brody Miller while the area's small school stars eliminated the 1A ranks. CJ Tuckett was named player of the year while Camas County running back Dakota Dalin was named as the offensive player of the year and Richfield senior Victor Vazquez was the defensive force.

In the 5A ranks, Miller was joined on the first team by teammates Mitch Smith, senior-wide receiver David Van Eps, offensive linemen: sophomore Nate Robertson, defensive linemen: and senior Martin Pothler, linebacker.

These named to the second team were: senior quarterback Mike Smith, senior defensive backs Zach Schaal and Shawn Anthony and punter Robertson.

The area's 1A first-team honorees included Dalin and Tuckett at running back, senior tight end Braden Barrett of Raft River, Trojans' junior receiver Paden Baker and senior offensive linemen Bill Thomas and Andy James, both of Raft River. On defense, the first-teamers were Oakley senior lineman Brady Lerman, linebacker Vazquez, Raft River senior lineman Alan Brunch and Camas County senior punter Mike Blodgett.

Junior lineman Eric Look of Raft River made the offensive second-team. — On defense, Thomas and Barrett were named as linemen while Baker was honored in the secondary.

"Four Wendell players were named to the 2A first team. They were: junior running back Zac Davis, junior tight end TJ King, senior kicker Kelly Roseborough and junior linebacker Will Howerton. Second-team honors went to senior offensive linemen's Zach Rieckirk, senior defensive linemen Mario Aguirre and Kevin Olden and junior defensive back Matt Myers.

Three Declo senior players made the first team in the 3A classification. They were: running back Aaron Edgar, receiver Bjorn Christensen and offensive lineman Trinnady Osterhout. Christensen was named to the second team as a defensive back as was Hiler senior, defensive back Cole Blizzenburg.

In the 4A ranks, Jerome senior linebacker Ryan Musgrave and Minico senior defensive back Gerrith May were named to the second team.



Russia's Tatiana Totmianina, bottom, crashes to the ice from a lift by her partner Maxim Marinin during the pairs free-skate competition of Skate America in Pittsburgh on Oct. 23, 2004.

Russian pair won't let crash deter dreams

By Nancy Armour
Associated Press writer
BENSENVILLE, Ill. — Supported only by her partner's hand, Tatiana Totmianina soars high above the ice, twisting and twirling with the grace and elegance of an acrobat on a high wire.

There is no safety net beneath her, though. Just a smooth sheet of ice, its simple beauty obscuring the danger of the unforgiving surface.

"If you're scared, it's much better not to do that," said Maxim Marinin, Totmianina's partner. "It's much better to hang your skates on the wall and say OK, you're done. But we want to keep skating, and we have to move forward. We're not looking backward."

"If they did, they might never skate again."

Seven weeks ago, on Oct. 23, the defending world champions were doing that same one-handed lift at Skate America in Pittsburgh when

Totmianina crashed to the ice face-first. While the audience watched in horrified silence and Marinin howled over her, an unconscious Totmianina lay motionless on her side for several minutes.

Some even thought she was dead.

"We were so scared," said Ellen Zurluh, an adult pairs skater who trains at the same suburban-Chicago rink where the Russians are based and had accompanied them to the competition.

"I don't think I've ever seen an accident like that."

Their coach, Oleg Vasiliev, wasn't as concerned at first. A three-time world champion and 1984 Olympic gold medalist with partner Elena Malova, Vasiliev has seen hundreds of crashes over the years: "some even scarier than this."

But then he approached Totmianina on the ice.

"I was really scared when I got close and saw what I saw."

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BOLD BODE MILLER

A man for all races on World Cup circuit

The Associated Press
GENEVA — In a sport ruled for so long by Europeans, skiing has produced the likes of Ingemar Stenmark, Jean-Claude Killy, Alberto Tomba and Hermann Maier.

For now, however, there is a new look at the summit: Bode Miller — a laid-back New Hampshire-born skier — is standing alone.

"He is a true champion," Maier said. "I don't think anyone can question that now."

After a couple of strong years,

Miller has barreled through his breakneck runs this season and is dominating the World Cup circuit in breath-taking fashion.

— On Monday night, racing under the floodlights on the 2006 Olympic slalom course in Sestriere, Italy, he won for the sixth time in 10 events this season.

• Miller became only the second man to win races in all four disciplines — slalom, giant slalom, super giant slalom and downhill — in a single season. And he did it in only 16 days; Marc Girardelli accomplished the feat over 72 days in 1988-89.

• Miller leads the overall downhill, GS and super-G standings, and is third in slalom.

• He has a huge lead over nearly 400 points (730-339) over Maier, last year's winner, in the overall standings. Miller would be the

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Bode Miller

SPORTS

Kimberly opens wrestling season strong

The Times-News
BUBLI — Kimberly put in a dominating performance at a tournament in Buhl Wednesday night. The Bulldogs defeated...

Local sports
ted 32 turnovers.
Shoshone (0-5) next hosts Dietrich Friday night.

Aberdeen 39, Valley 37
— Aberdeen edged out Valley Wednesday night 39-37 in non-conference play.

Bonneville 50, Wood River 30
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Boys basketball
Richfield 51, Shoshone 30
— RICHFIELD senior guard Victor Vazquez pumped in 11 of his game-high 25 points in the first quarter to jump start Richfield to a 51-30 road win over Shoshone Wednesday night.

Girls basketball
Minico 52, Century 40
— RUPERT — Amber Warth recorded 13 points and 12 rebounds while Meghan Boettcher added 12 points and 12 boards to lead Minico past Century 52-40 in girls basketball play Wednesday night.

Late Tuesday
Girls basketball
Richfield 70, Carey 37
— RICHFIELD opened up with a 29-point first quarter en route to a solid 70-37 victory over Carey in Northside Conference play Tuesday night.

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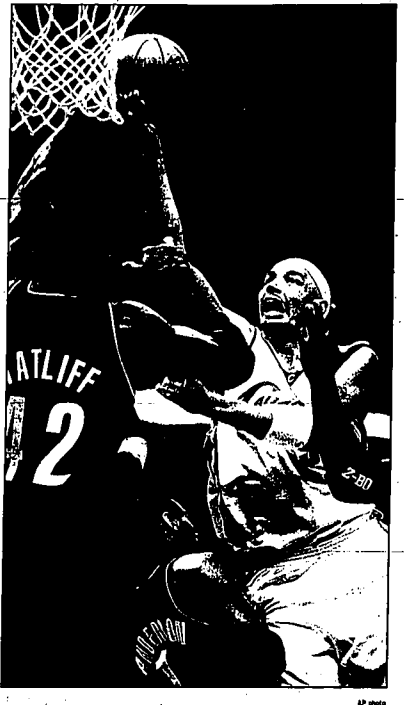
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Cleveland Cavaliers' Drew Gooden shoots over Portland Trail Blazers' Theo Ratliff (42) and Nick Anderson (1) in the first quarter Wednesday in Cleveland.

Cavaliers win ninth straight at home

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James scored 12 of his 25 points in less than three minutes of the third quarter and In Newble added a season-high 16 as the Cleveland Cavaliers won their ninth straight at home, 112-88 over the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

Nuggets 100, Celtics 99

BOSTON — Carmelo Anthony's 15-foot jumper with 3.6 seconds remaining lifted the Denver Nuggets to a 100-99 victory over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Bulls 96, Grizzlies 88

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Eddy Curry hit 20 points, while Kirk Hinrich and Ben Gordon each added 15 Wednesday night to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 96-88 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Raptors 96, Hornets 90

TORONTO — Chris Bosh had a season-high 24 points and 14 rebounds in Toronto's 96-90 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday, in a game where the Raptors' Matt Bonner was ejected for flagrantly fouling Kevin Garnett.

Heat 98, Wizards 93

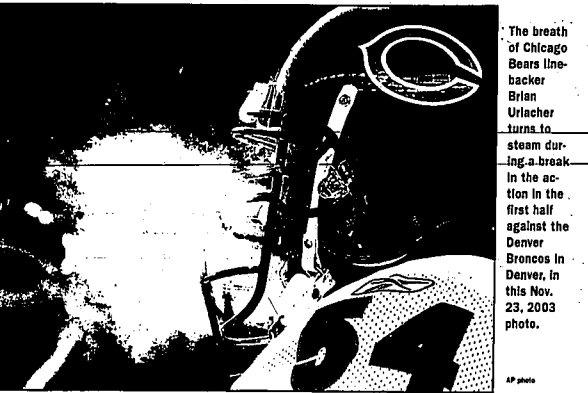
WASHINGTON — Dwyane Wade had 29 points and nine assists as the Miami Heat swept their four-game series from the Washington Wizards with a 98-93 victory Wednesday night.

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NFL's MOST OVERRATED PLAYER

Bears' Urlacher receives this dubious distinction

By Dennis Dillon
The Sporting News
Brian Urlacher is the most overrated player in the NFL. After you've stopped choking on your morning muffin, consider the impact of those words. How can anyone hang that label on a player who has been voted to the Pro Bowl in each of his first four seasons? If you don't want to take our word for it, perhaps the experts will sway you. The Sporting News polled eight NFL scouts (one from each division) and two TV analysts, and asked them to select an entire team of overrated players. Urlacher received five votes as linebacker and three first-place votes as the most overrated player overall. There were no ballots for the one who was striking that three singled out Urlacher. "They don't know what ... they're talking about," says Louie Smith, the Bears' first-year coach. "I've seen the best players in the National Football League. I thought that before I got here. I'm totally convinced of it now that I am here. I challenge anybody who says anything different about the Bears."



Sporting News' All-Overrated NFL Team

Quarterback: Drew Brees, Deshaun Watson, Matt Ryan, Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady, Peyton Manning, Eli Manning, Drew Brees, Deshaun Watson, Matt Ryan, Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady, Peyton Manning, Eli Manning. Running backs: Matt Ryan, Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady, Peyton Manning, Eli Manning. Linebackers: Brian Urlacher, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller. Defensive ends: Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller. Defensive tackles: Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller. Centers: Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller. Offensive linemen: Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller. Wide receivers: Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller. Tight ends: Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller. Special teams: Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller, Reggie Miller.

The breath of Chicago Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher turns to steam during a break in the action in the first half against the Denver Broncos in Denver, in this Nov. 23, 2003 photo.

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SPORTS LETTER

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

Table with Eastern Conference and Western Conference columns, listing teams and their records.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Cavaliers at Pistons, TNT, 6 p.m.
Ohio St. at Texas Tech, ESPN, 7 p.m.
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Area ski report

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Unsung heroes abound in the world of sports

Editor:
I often think of the unsung heroes in sports. Each player ...

Elks Hoop Shoot planned for Saturday

TWIN FALLS — The Snake River Elks will hold the annual Elks Hoop Shoot ...

Baseball

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Table with various women's basketball teams and their records.

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Saban talks with Dolphins about job

BAYTON ROUGE, La. — LSU coach Nick Saban ...

Orgeron's father: Ole Miss hires USC assistant

JACKSON, Miss. — Mississippi has hired Southern California assistant Ed Orgeron ...

Marlon Jones sues BALCO founder

SAN FRANCISCO — Olympic track star Marlon Jones ...

Report: Weis sues doctors for malpractice

BOSTON — Notre Dame-bound football coach Charlie Weis ...

Diika becomes minority owner of Chicago Rush

CHICAGO — Mike Diika is getting back into football as an owner ...

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Table with various high school football teams and their records.

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Table with various NFL teams and their playoff scenarios.

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Table with various sports transactions and news items.

Football

Table with various football teams and their records.

AROUND THE VALLEY

City P&Z has two openings available

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Commission has two openings. The positions that are open are for city residents only. The terms are three years with the possibility of being re-appointed for an additional three years. By state law, applicants have to have lived in Twin Falls County for at least two years. Anyone who is interested should call Lamar Orton, planning and zoning administrator, at 735-7267, by fax at 736-2296 or by e-mail at lorton@cityoftwinfalls.com. Applicants should submit a letter of interest in serving on the commission no later than Dec. 21.

White chosen for library board position

TWIN FALLS — Jan White has been appointed to serve as a board member of the Twin Falls Public Library. She will serve a term of office from Jan. 1, 2005, through Dec. 31, 2009. White succeeds Thomas Kershaw Jr., whose term of office ends this month. The Twin Falls City Council made the appointment Nov. 29.

Judge sends battery case to District Court

TWIN FALLS — The case of a Twin Falls resident who police say assaulted a repo man will be heard in District Court. Dustin Jake Bowers, 29, is charged with one count of aggravated battery with use of a deadly weapon in connection with the assault of Eddy Timmons, a repossession agent for Budget Finance. Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram sent the case to the higher court after a preliminary hearing Friday in 5th District Magistrate Court. On Oct. 31, Timmons was trying to repossess a 1992 Saturn from Bowers when the defendant allegedly backed into him twice, according to an affidavit written by Gary Rinehart, an officer with the Twin Falls Police Department. Bowers' arraignment in District Court is scheduled for Dec. 20.

Hearing postponed in shooting case

TWIN FALLS — A preliminary hearing for a shooting suspect has been postponed. David S. Ruckdaschel, 34, of Pocatello, was arrested in connection with the Nov. 5 shooting of Gary Loomis at Loomis' house on 364 Jackson St. Prosecutors charged Ruckdaschel with one count each of first-degree kidnapping, aggravated assault and discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling. Loomis, 48, survived the incident. Ruckdaschel's preliminary hearing was postponed Dec. 10 and rescheduled for Jan. 7.

Hansen gets a clean audit from firm

HANSEN — The city of Hansen has received a good bill of health from auditor Mike Burr. The City Council has been watching its spending. Burr said the city ended the fiscal year with a decent nest egg, but not an exceptional one. He emphasized to council members the need to build a good reserve fund to cover unexpected emergencies. Council members also passed this week a wellhead protection plan. The ordinance deals with situations that would be a danger to the city's water supply, such as the storage of hazardous materials within a given distance of wells in the area surrounding the city. Dog tags for 2005 are in the clerk's office and are due next month. The price of the tags are \$4 for each dog. The Hansen City Council also recently approved liquor, wine and beer license applications for the South Hills Saloon, the Town Tavern and the Hansen Market.

— compiled from staff reports

County OKs new fee structure

Mortuary owner takes issue with fees for coroner's services

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The county charging a family to have its coroner sign off on a cremation certificate makes about as much sense as the police hand-

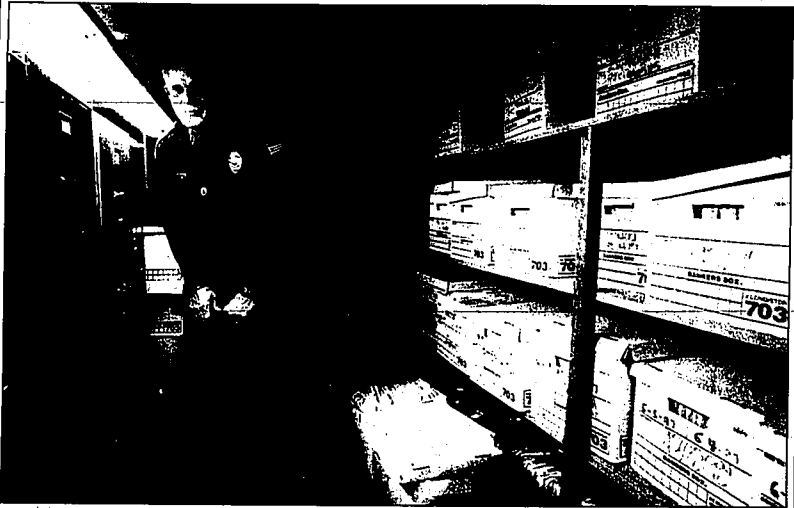
ing someone a \$40 bill after investigating a break-in at their home, said Mike Parkes, owner of a local mortuary. County residents have already paid for those services through their taxes, Parkes explained. Still, county commissioners Wednesday approved new fees, including a new \$40 fee per call for coroner's services such as responding to a scene and signing off on a cremation certificate. Though charging such fees is a trend nationwide, Twin Falls County is the first county in Idaho to initiate such a fee. "It's like the fire department being called out if your car catches on fire and charging you a fee to put that fire out," Parkes said following Wednesday's public hearing on the fees. By state law, signing a cremation certificate is a county

coroner's duty, Parkes said. "We're the only county in the state charging a deceased family a fee to do what the coroner by law is supposed to do," Parkes said. "The county will also charge a \$100 fee when a funeral home can't pick up a body and the coroner has to go instead." Those fees won't hurt mortuaries so much, but the families they serve, Parkes said. "It's a burden on the family,

not the funeral home," Parkes said. Parkes said in his almost two decades in the funeral business, he can't remember a time when a mortuary wasn't available to pick up a body. "That's part of a funeral home's obligation — to be on call," Parkes said. And when it comes to transporting a body to Boise for an

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'DEPLORABLE' CONDITIONS



Lt. Larry Schwager of the Jerome Police Department ducks as he makes his way through the evidence storage room at the police station Wednesday. The room, which also houses the department's mainframe computer under a black tarp, leaks water when there's precipitation.

Jerome begins examining options for a new city hall

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

HEROME — Headed over to City Hall? Enjoy the search. From the administrative offices on East Avenue A to the police department on Lincoln Street South and the public works department on Fourth Avenue West — Jerome's City Hall is scattered all over town. In addition to being far flung, the facilities are so badly overcrowded — and, in some instances, dilapidated — that it's time to begin considering options for a new home, city officials say.

The city of Jerome's Urban Renewal Agency recently paid ZKA Architects of Boise \$20,000 to perform a study of potential locations for new facilities. The city wants to combine all administrative services except the wastewater treatment offices and the public services yard under one roof, said City Administrator Travis Rothweiler.

Struggling with space

The situation in the police department building — which Police Chief Dan Hall describes as "deplorable" — may epitomize the need for new space. The pipes and plumbing



Portions of the police department's outside wall is chipping off.

often back up, causing a bad smell to permeate the building, he said. "The roof leaked and was given a temporary fix a few months ago but it will not last," Hall said. "During rain or when snow is melting, water leaks under the foundation into the furnace room." The building also is bursting at the seams, Hall said. There's no room to expand and no where to grow. The tiny evidence room, for example, is in bad shape with no ventilation. Due to the room's small size, it takes officers longer to find items in the evidence room than it should, Hall said he also is concerned about

"Maneuvering around the office to help customers who come to the counter or to the drive up window can be a challenge," she said. Baker said the office bills 3,000 residential customers each month. "When we work on the billing we have the bills stacked on tables, desks and even occasionally on chairs," she said.

Five options

ZKA studied five potential options for a future City Hall, rating them on a scale of 1 to 100 in estimated cost and favorability. The favorability factors included location, accessibility to the public, operating conditions, whether or not it encouraged continued development of the downtown area, cost and availability of the land or facility. The five options examined included:

- **Demolish the current facilities and build from the ground up.** Razing the city hall, fire department, council chambers and police station facilities and rebuilding would cost approximately \$4.3 million. ZKA gave this option a 70 on its favorability scale.

Recovered vehicles had little or no damage, Hicks said. Other information gleaned from suspects led police to a Twin Falls motel room in which they found "quite a number" of wallets, checkbooks and other personal items that may have been inside the stolen vehicles, Hicks said. Wednesday marked the third day of a search inventory of those items. "For right now the thefts have stopped," Hicks said. "That would indicate our efforts are paying off."

Have you seen these vehicles?

- 1986 blue Nissan, license number 2F B7883
- 18-foot flatbed trailer, no license plates
- 1998 gray Ford Probe, license number ZG 12813
- 1998 white Chevy Suburban, no license plates
- 1999 purple Chrysler 300 M, license number 2T H8259

Group places ISIMS experiment on hiatus

Project's costs were higher than planned

By Karin Nowalski
Times-News writer

BOISE — After a rocky start, a statewide education information system is grinding to a halt. The I.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation has announced that the mammoth Idaho Student Information Management System project known as ISIMS is being put on hold until it can be reevaluated. The reasons a host of problems with the technology and staggering costs to implement a system that would have provided access for parents and students, curriculum programs and data reporting methods. Many education officials

looked forward to using the system to cut down on paperwork and to instantly transfer data when students moved to new schools, but districts around the state have had problems using the Web-based programs. Cappuccini, the managing company for the project, reported that the project would require about \$140 million over the next five years to implement plus about \$11 million each year in state support for upkeep. "This is a huge jump from the \$35 million the foundation originally budgeted to start the project and the estimated \$7 million-per-year that the state was asked to spend. "We really can't go forward with the project the way it is now," said Chris Latta, a spokesman for the Albertson Foundation.

■ **Last we knew:** The I.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation had put the second and third phases of the Idaho Student Information Management System on hold while it tried to stabilize technical problems at the phase I school districts that were using ISIMS as a pilot project. The foundation's giving capacity is about \$25 million each year, said Tom Willford, the foundation's CEO. The project has already consumed about \$21 million of the foundation's money to start it at 29 school districts around the state. In Magic Valley, this affects

the Bliss, Hill, Filer, Jerome and Kimberly school districts. School administrators heard the news over a conference call Wednesday, and many were still coping with change. Please see ISIMS, Page C3

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Bank embezzler returns to prison

CRANSTON, R.I. (AP) — A former bank president who served 10 years in prison for stealing millions of dollars and sparking a state banking crisis has been arrested for possibly violating his parole.

spokesman for Fox Providence television stations reported that Mollicone had recently been seen at a local restaurant and also took an unauthorized trip to the mall.

Heritage collapsed in 1990, forcing the closure of 14 other RISDC-insured financial institutions.

OBITUARY

LeRoy Gene Slater



cheese processing more efficient. Ray married Amy Warren in 1985, and in 1997 the couple left Idaho to help his wife care for her aging parents in Washington. Roy's dream was to someday return to his Idaho home. We are bringing him home as he instructed us to do.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, and parents. He is survived by his wife, Amy; his brother, Raymond; three sons, two daughters, one stepdaughter, and 10 grandchildren.

Rose Maddox and others. He became somewhat of a local celebrity playing nightclubs around the Magic Valley for 20 years with Jodie Willet and the Fugitives.

They worked at Kraft Foods in Rupert, Idaho, for 27 years. He won many awards for designing equipment to make the

SERVICES

Janice Pearl Hoffman of Nampa, holy Mass of the resurrection at 11 a.m. today at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Nampa. Graveside rites will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery (Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel).

Lila Pearl Barnett Driver of Boise, formerly of Twin Falls and Salmon, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Salmon LDS Stake Center in Salmon (Parkes Funeral Home).

Clara Miller Van Houten, funeral at 11:30 a.m. today at Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Jack Martin, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hagerman LDS Chapel (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Floyd Allen Hamm, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Buhl West End Cemetery.

Margie Delager VanderPol of Castletford, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Reformation Church. Interment will follow at 2:30 p.m. in the West End Cemetery in Buhl (White Mortuary).

Margaret C. Switzer, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship. Following is the service a reception/wake at the home of Brian Sue Switzer (White Mortuary).

Max Gillette of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Jarke Ave. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the funeral on Friday at the church.

Eva Lynn Shook Zimmerman of Dallas, funeral at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Bollman Funeral Home.

David Lee "Dave" Livingston of Kimberly, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at French Funeral Chapel, 2158 Parkside Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Rock Creek Cemetery. Friends, with military honors, funeral may call from 2 until 6 p.m. Sunday at the chapel.

Larry Dennis Hudelson Jr. graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park.

OBITUARIES

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Ronald L. Archibald



Ronald L. Archibald, a 62-year-old Oakley resident died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

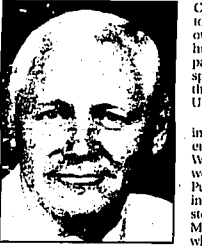
He was born Feb. 3, 1942, in Montello, Nev., the son of Robert H. and Elizabeth Venola (Lloyd) Archibald. He married Margaret Mary Gomes Figueroa on Feb. 6, 1965, in California.

Ron worked for Cranney Farms in Oakley, and in his spare time he worked with upholstery and repair work which he enjoyed. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 0930.

He was also a member of the Little Flower Catholic Church. Ron enjoyed fishing, wood-working with his scroll saw, where he made toys and other crafts for his grandchildren. Ron loved black powder gun smithing, reading, playing guitar and singing.

He especially loved his family children and grandchildren.

Bob Burgener



Bob Burgener, a star Buhl High School athlete in the late 1940s, passed away after a short illness on Nov. 19, 2004, in Roseville, Calif.

Born in Glenn's Ferry, Idaho, to Ernestine "Pal" and John Burgener on Jan. 3, 1931, he is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ruthie, his daughter, Angela, son, Eric, and grandkids, Vickie and his sister, Betty Jo.

He was a graduate of Buhl High School, where he was the Idaho State High Hurdle Champion in 1948, Utah State University, where he received his degree in English literature at Lesalle University, where he received his law degree. During college, Bob lifeguarded at the Buhl City Swimming Pool from 1950-1954. He met

and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert H. Archibald, and one brother, Donald Robert Archibald.

The Rosary will be recited from 6:30 until 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, with Father Juan Gutierrez as celebrant.

Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery, with military rites by the local veterans.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Oakley; his mother, Venola Archibald of Oakley; two sons, Paul (Lorelei) Archibald of Chubbuck and Shawn (Hope) Archibald of Burley; two brothers, Tim (Karnia) Archibald and Ray (Cherie) Archibald, both of Oakley; five grandchildren;

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Colorado on presidential history, infusing the talks with his own particular brand of humor, and eventually expanded his practice to include speaking engagements throughout the domestic United States.

He published several books, including a book of aphorisms entitled "Bob's Little Red, White and Blue Book" and was a Colorado Independent Publishers Award for Humor in 2001, and a book of short stories entitled "The Devil Made Me Do It," some of which were about childhood experiences growing up in Buhl. He was working on a third book, "A Conversation with God," when he passed away.

After he married Ruthie, Bob and his family lived in California — northern Virginia, Germany, South Korea, Greece and Colorado. His sense of humor and zest for life will sorely missed by his family and friends.

Ceremonies to celebrate his life will be held, both Curry, Colo., on Dec. 11, and in northern Virginia area early next year. Memorial donations may be made to the Ridgway Public Library, P.O. Box 560, Ridgway, CO 81432 in memory of Bob Burgener.

A great baseball fan, Chuck raised his family to love the game.

He loved to "add to the home team advantage" for the Cowboys and had wonderful stories to tell about the greases of the game who passed through Twin Falls. He attended his last game to watch the Boise Hawks last summer, where he was an honored guest of the team.

Chuck is survived by his children, Chuck Jr. (Nampa), Ellen (Portland, Ore.) and Francis (Show Low, Ariz.) and his three stepchildren, Gloria Walters and Earl Darrah (both of Buhl), and George Muckey (Teton, Calif.). He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, one niece and three nephews.

Chuck was preceded in death by Ruth, his wife of 56 years, as well as his parents, one sister, two brothers, one niece and a stepdaughter.

A memorial service will be held for both Chuck and Ruth at noon Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at the Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview, Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests gifts be made to Rock Creek Community Church or to the charity of choice.

Charles L. Johnson



Charles L. Johnson, Chuck to his family and friends, passed away Dec. 12 at the age 100 years and 2 months.

Chuck was born Oct. 11, 1904, in Neola, Iowa, to Francis and Lena Johnson. Chuck moved to Murtaugh, Idaho, with his family in 1910. He lived on the same farm for 82 years. Due to declining health, he and his wife, Ruth, moved to Nampa to be near family.

Chuck attended Murtaugh schools starting in a brick building where Valley Bean & Grain warehouse is now located. In 1916 he started the sixth grade in a brand new building.

Chuck loved the hills, working of Mirthright and had a long association with them. He would tell about riding his horse alone to Fuller's Field at the head of Dry Creek when he was only 12 years old. He fished and went hunting for deer there and even filled his deer tag at the age of 90. He was among the first to drive a vehicle in that area. In the 1920s he and Mike Rindell built the house known as Mike's cabin at Cold Springs on the east side of Dry Creek. His children and grandchildren loved to hear Grandpa tell stories about his experiences and challenges in the south hills. He also loved fish-

ing on Wood River near his sisters cabin north of Sun Valley. Chuck and his brother-in-law, Ed True, were very competitive as to who caught the biggest and most fish.

Chuck rode for the cattlemen's association, tended sheep and did contract fertilization application, but the farm was his — his lifelong vocation.

When cash was very hard to come by, he dropped out of school to sort potatoes and to help to keep the family farm going.

Chuck married Ethel Burns in 1932 and they had two children, Chuck Jr. and Ellen. Chuck and Ethel divorced in 1938 and Chuck raised Chuck Jr. as a single parent until 1946 when he married Ruth Muckey. Their son, Francis, was born in January 1949 during the worst snow storm of the century.

DEATH NOTICE

William L. Barrie RUIPERT — William L. Barrie, a 72-year-old resident of Rupert, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2004, at his home.

Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

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Jealous husband attacks wrong man

The Times-News

DECLO — A man who claims he caught his wife with another man Friday night was arrested for assault several hours later after he severely beat a Rupert man.

But it turns out, the wrong man took the beating.

Tracy Thaxton, 36, went to a trailer in Declo shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday and hit Stephen Badger, 37, in the face hard enough to break some teeth and leave a significant cut under Badger's eye, according to the police report.

Badger told officers that he was sleeping on the couch and he remembered seeing Thaxton's face before being knocked unconscious, the report said.

A witness who was sleeping on the floor nearby told police he saw Thaxton enter the home and heard yelling so he went into the other room and returned when he heard a loud smack.

He said he found Badger face down on a blanket and that he was unconscious for about a minute, according to the report.

Thaxton's wife told officers that she is in the process of di-

voicing him and that he has been very jealous and had been stalking her.

Police were able to locate Thaxton driving near his home in Declo and attempted to pull him over, but Thaxton continued driving until he arrived at his home, the report said.

Thaxton told police he had been trying to catch his wife having an affair and that Friday night he had caught her with another man.

He admitted to going into the home and hitting someone, the report said. But the name Thaxton gave was not Badger's. Thaxton appeared surprised

when police told him that he had actually hit Badger, his wife's brother, the report said. He said he did not remember hitting his brother-in-law.

Police said Thaxton smelled strongly of alcohol when he was taken into custody but field sobriety tests were not performed because Thaxton was suspected of a violent crime. Thaxton refused to take a breath test for alcohol.

Thaxton was arrested for aggravated battery, driving under the influence and burglary and for entering the home uninvited.



From left, Rogene Meyer, Yvonne Reinke and Maxine Metzler sing during a recent rehearsal of the 2004 Christmas Cantata. The three women will be among 80 vocalists performing tonight at Buhl United Methodist Church and on Sunday at the Clover Lutheran Church.

School board will discuss school improvement

RUPERT — The Minidoka County School Board is scheduled to discuss school improvement plans for East and West Minico junior high schools and Minico High School during their regular meeting tonight.

Other agenda items include a revision to the district's medication policy, Special Olympics options and fall Idaho Standards Achievement Test results.

Magic Valley in brief

The board meets at the district office, 613 Fremont Ave., beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

News is looking for families that do home schooling. We would like to learn more about the "how's" and "why's" of home education.

If you're interested, please e-mail Karin Kowalski at kkowalski@magicvalley.com

Minidoka district will meet tonight at station

HEYBURN — The Minidoka County Fire Protection District is scheduled to meet tonight beginning at 6:30.

The agenda includes reports from the treasurer, legal counsel and fire chiefs.

The district board meets at the Heyburn fire station at 901 18th St. The meeting is open to the public. — compiled from staff reports

Faiths come together for Cantata event

By Sandra Wisecaver Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — A holiday tradition for many Magic Valley residents continues with the annual Christmas Cantata where singers of all faiths perform "The Voices of Christmas" by Joseph M. Martin.

This year's performers will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Buhl United Methodist Church and at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Clover Trinity Lutheran Church.

"The Voices of Christmas" is a new release, said cantata director Gary Heidel.

"It's a nice, new approach to old traditional pieces," he said. Keith Quigley, who will narrate this year's cantata, has never missed a production — although this is his first time as a participant.

"It's a beautiful statement of the holiday season," Quigley said. "If you miss this one, your life will never be complete."

"This year's music is traditional, but it's still really fresh, and cantata performers represent a wonderful cross section of the community."

The cantata has grown through its nearly 20-year history, and this year's event is even bigger than last year. The event started in 1985 with 20 singers, a piano and an organ. This year there are more than 80 singers and six keyboard orchestras.

It's also a family affair with eight members of the Lutz clan among the singers. There's John Lutz, daughter Yvonne Reinke and husband Ken, son Dennis Lutz, grandson Marcus Lutz and wife Amber, granddaughter Tanya Moore and niece Ruth Harder.

John Lutz's sons and daughters grew up singing as the Lutz family singers, performing primarily in church. Mother Shirley Lutz always managed to get them singing together.

"The Lutz family will have a second Christmas Day — the day after Christmas — with lots of singing," Shirley said.

Sons John and Dennis Lutz and grandsons Marcus and Clinton sang in barbershops from the time when the grandsons were 8 or 9 years old until they were in high school.

"We don't go south for the winter until after the Christmas Cantata because my husband won't miss it," Shirley added.

"The cantata is a beautiful celebration of the Christmas," Yvonne Reinke said. "Gary is so talented and does such a wonderful job directing."

Marcus Lutz of Filer is a soloist this year, along with Carol Barnes and the Mary Iverson and Kay Jucker, both of Filer.

"The cantata is an upper," Barnes said. "It's a fun group of people, and I love singing in the church."

Providing the orchestra accompaniment on keyboards are Mavis Easterday, Janice Jensen, Carolyn Kuhnopp and Lois Lehmann, all of Buhl; Judy Lierman of Filer; and Marisa Gastman of Castledale.

"It's like listening to an entire orchestra accompanying the singers," Heidel said. "They do a wonderful job."

Residents are encouraged to attend one of the two performances and make the event a family tradition — if it's not already.

A freewill offering is taken at each performance. Donations, subsidized by the West End Men's Association, were used to purchase the music each year.

Options

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• Purchase and remodel Washington Elementary School. This option would cost an estimated \$4.6 million and was rated #1 on the favorability scale.

• Purchase and demolish Washington Elementary School in favor of rebuilding from the ground up. This would cost an estimated \$4.3 million with a favorability rating of 80 points.

• Purchase the Can Poulos car dealership building once it goes up for sale. The dealership is moving to a new facility south of Interstate 84 on Golf Course Road. It would cost about \$5.2 million to purchase the dealership building and remodel it

into office space. The favorability rating: 69.

• Build a new facility on land off Lincoln Street. This would cost about \$4 million with a favorability rating of 71.5.

Rothweiler said since the population of the city is growing, services for city residents need to grow as well. The city needs to add staff in the areas of planning and zoning, human resources and building administration but there's nowhere to put them, he said.

"The city doesn't have enough money to build a new city hall, but Rothweiler said he hopes Urban Renewal Agency members would support getting the project off the ground sometime in the next few years.

Once a dropout, dog shows knack for human searches

German shepherd once flunked test

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — If the Mounties could see him now, The German shepherd who flunked an aggression test as a puppy in the Royal Mounted Canadian Police landed another worthwhile job finding the bodies of two avalanche victims in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Since arriving in Utah more than five years ago, Midas has worked with Dean Cardinale on this mountain Skidoo dog.

While the two spend most of their time making sure visitors to the ski resort are safe from avalanches, they also are members of Wasatch Backcountry Rescue, a nonprofit group of ski patrol volunteers and their dogs.

Midas and Cardinale were called into action Sunday after

two snowshoers were buried by an avalanche in Mineral Fork. The discovery of the two bodies, a result of good training for Midas, brought closure for friends and family.

Dogs can play a critical role in recovery of avalanche victims. "It really depends on a lot of conditions, but the temperature and winds are important," said Cardinale. "The best chance is for air and heat from the buried body to rise to the surface of the snow and for wind to create a scent core for the dog to follow."

Cardinale said a dog team can do the work of 150 people pushing probes into the snow looking for victims, which keeps more searchers from being exposed to further avalanche danger.

Midas and Cardinale had been on the avalanche site at Mineral Fork for only 30 minutes Sunday when they found the body of Melvin Iles buried about 5 feet deep. With six other dog teams, they spent another six hours looking for Bruce Quint.

Midas "had his nose in the whole time searching desperately for any sign," said Cardinale, who lay in bed Sunday night envisioning the moment he promised Quint's wife, Terri, that they would find her husband.

"We went back Monday. I was tired and he was tired, but I wanted him on the mountain and I think he wanted to be there, too," said Cardinale, who worked as search organizer for Wasatch Backcountry Rescue on Monday and left Midas in his secondary handler, Kevin Meadows.

As for other dogs worked the mountain, Midas found Quint under 9 feet of snow about 40

minutes into the second day of the search.

"He has come a long way since he failed that aggression profile where they wanted him to attack. He just didn't have it in him, and I'm glad. He's been a superstar," Cardinale said.

Bob Bonar, Snowbird president and former avalanche dog sk patrolman, was proud that his employees came to the aid of the community.

"Snowbird and the majority of Utah's ski resorts have made a commitment to support Wasatch Backcountry Rescue and the county sheriff's department because it helps ensure the safety of the public, whether they're riding chairlifts, a snowmobile or hiking in the backcountry," Bonar said.

"The dogs and their handlers want to help the victims and their families regardless of where the avalanche occurs."

ISIMS

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reeling from the information at the Region IV Superintendents' meeting later in the morning.

Mike Friend, executive director for the Idaho Association of School Administrators, said the impact of the project goes beyond the phase I districts because many have spent money preparing their computer systems for ISIMS.

Jerome Superintendent Jim Cobble said the project started for all the right reasons.

Laird Stone, vice president of the State Board of Education, echoed his sentiments.

"I think ISIMS was a visionary project," Stone said. "It just cost too much."

Cobble said his district jumped on the bandwagon because while it had good computer information systems, the district programs weren't connected very well. District officials had hoped ISIMS would improve that problem.

Cobble said if the state were going to change a different information system, the School Administrative Student Infor-

mation, or SASI program, would be a logical choice because many districts already use it. The program helps track attendance, schedules and other student information.

In Kimberly, Superintendent John Garner said the district's pre-ISIMS computer information system didn't work very well, so ISIMS, despite all its attributes, was an improvement.

"Our system is stronger because of it," Garner said.

Buhl Superintendent Rick Hill said he'll have to check with his staff about what to do about the changes.

"I'm surprised," he said. The Bliss School District will likely go back to using the PowerSchool program for its student information needs, said Superintendent Kevin Lancaster.

In Filer, Superintendent John Graham said his district has already used this year's technology allotment to spend money on ISIMS.

He said he'll be interested to see what kind of information the foundation provides.

Later Wednesday, Filer Middle School Principal Greg Laning said his school will probably use ISIMS programs for the rest of the school year, then renew his license with SASI in time for the next year's schedule.

He said the district has lost a lot of man-hours in its technology department because of people working on the project.

"It's not worth going back to a program we know that works," Laning said.

Transition period

Laning said the rest of the foundation money budgeted — about \$14 million — can be used to help school districts either continue using ISIMS-affiliated programs or to adjust their systems to other programs.

"We don't want to leave anybody in the lurch," Laning said. At the same time, the foundation is not abandoning the idea of a statewide information system, Wilford said. The foundation still wants to see it

in the future, but he's not sure how fast it will become a reality.

While the project is reevaluated, the server farm in Boise will continue to function so that schools can keep using ISIMS programs, Laning said.

State Superintendent Marilyn Howard's budget request for the next fiscal year includes \$5 million to maintain ISIMS.

At the superintendent meeting, Stone said he hopes that money for ISIMS will still be used for education.

Howard wrote to superintendents around the state that she will ask the Legislature for help to fund a bare-bones system using the current technology, which can later be improved upon.

"We want districts to have affordable access to an efficient system of data reporting and the ability to use that data to make instructional decisions," Howard wrote.

Times-News writer Karin Kowalski can be reached at kowalski@magicvalley.com or 735-3231.

New fees for county services

Service	Old fee	Total new fee
Coroner service	—	—
Decedent removal fee	—	\$100
Anger management classes	—	\$25 per class
Moral Reconation Therapy	—	\$17 per class
Cognitive self change	—	\$15 per class
Plat vacations	—	\$75 and mailing cost
Buhl transaction fee	\$10	—
Electronic monitoring	—	\$36 hook-up fee plus \$10 per day
Modified house arrest	—	\$5 per day
Drug testing	—	Lab test: \$25 Field test: \$3
Polk book printed lists	—	\$30 per page
Voters lists on CD	—	Twin Falls: \$15 Other cities: \$10
Election mailing labels	—	\$145
Single precinct lists on CD	—	\$3 per precinct

And as fees go, Twin Falls County's new fees are low, he said.

Francisco charges \$350 to come and pick up a body from the medical examiner's office," Sonnenberg said. As the coroner of Idaho's

most populated county, Sonnenberg has a considerably larger staff to help handle the some 1,300 cases a year, he said.

He understands the challenges coroners face. Chambers' job working in smaller counties, but still seeing an increased

workload. Sonnenberg has six deputy coroners and a pathologist in his office. Chambers has two on-call people who help him out.

"I fully support what Dennis did," Sonnenberg said. "That was a very good choice that was made by them (commissioners)."

Other new fees

Other new fees passed Wednesday by county commissioners include a \$15 fee for anger management classes, a \$27 fee for Moral Reconation Therapy and a \$15 fee to attend "cognitive self-change" groups. The programs are geared toward young people who've had minor run-ins with the law to help change their behavior to prevent more serious criminal behavior down the line.

More serious offenders will also see new fees. People with ankle bracelets will have to pay a \$35 hook-up fee plus \$10 per day for electronic monitoring. There will also be a new \$5 fee

for being on modified house arrest and fees ranging from \$3 to \$15 for alcohol and drug testing.

People requesting paid vacations will now be charged \$75 plus the cost of mailings to help cover the costs of public notices, mailings and public hearings. And people getting county services at the office in Buhl will see the transaction fee increase from 10 cents to 25 cents to help cover the county's expenses of operating the Buhl office.

"People wanting to get a printed list of the county's poll book will now pay 30 cents a page and they'll pay a \$145 fee for election mailing labels, a \$3 fee for a precinct list and a \$10 to \$15 fee for voters lists on CD."

Commissioner Tom Mikeseel told everyone who helped work on the new fees to "make them as inexpensive as possible, but still meet our needs."

Times-News writer Sandra Miller can be reached at 735-3231 or smiller@magicvalley.com.

Fees

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Erwin Sonnenberg will continue his quest to get Ada County commissioners to approve a fee for coroner services.

"I had brought it up and we discussed it, but it didn't turn out back," said Sonnenberg, who serves on the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners and is currently the chairman of its accreditation board.

He said funeral home owners balked at the proposed \$20 fee to sign off on a cremation certificate, but as the workload increases, coroners' offices can no longer depend on county dollars as their only funding source. He said the job also calls for more and more knowledge of forensics and legal issues.

"As a coroner's office grows, more and more takes place," Sonnenberg said. "We need to do the job right and there's only so much money from the county. You have to step up to the plate and make sure you're doing everything right. When a loved one dies, people want answers."

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Over in Ada County, Coroner

Site of Boston Tea Party is now dry land

This day in history: American patriots dressed as Indians boarded the British ships *Beaver*, *Dartmouth* and *Eleonor* on Dec. 16, 1773, and dumped 342 crates of tea into Boston Harbor. You can now go visit the site of the Boston Tea Party without a boat. So much of the harbor has been filled in, it's nearly a half mile inland.



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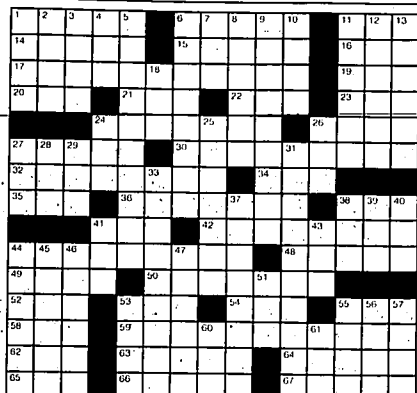
Teen cartoonist Joe Schuster had a long, unrequited crush on the girl. Although he never got that Lois of his dreams, he eventually got another. He hired a woman named Joanne Carter as a drawing model for Lois Lane. She ended up becoming Mrs. Schuster.

Humans once believed they were the only animals to copulate face-to-face. They were wrong — their closest chimp-like relatives, the bonobos, also do so about a third of the time. Superman's girlfriend, Lois Lane, was originally modeled after a girl named Lois Amster.

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Isa Lake in Yellowstone Park straddles the Continental Divide and has two creeks leading out of it. Some of its water flows to the Atlantic Ocean, some flows to the Pacific.

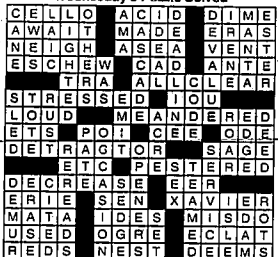
In the world of weights and measurements, a rip of beer is officially a quarter pint. A flagon means the same as a quart. And an anker and tun of beer are 10 gallons and 216 gallons respectively.

If you fear that you're spreading some contagious disease, you suffer from tapinophobia. Spending time in leg irons is a common punishment for minor offenses in Yemen.



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Hawaiian island
 - 6 Sequence of phonemes
 - 11 Alphabet start
 - 14 Lookout's shout
 - 15 "Carmen" or "Aida"
 - 16 No. intended
 - 17 Blake Edwards' film, with "The"
 - 19 Lennon's love
 - 20 Sch. org.
 - 21 Divest
 - 22 Psychic letters
 - 23 Lang. course
 - 24 Trucks in Tottenham
 - 26 Blackhorn
 - 27 Imperial
 - 28 Russian Ballet
 - 30 Erroneous perceptions of reality
 - 32 Harmful in effect
 - 34 Cart track
 - 35 Alias
 - 36 Gentlemen from Madrid
 - 38 CIA predecessor
 - 41 Solidify
 - 42 Right-foot- operated lever
 - 44 Includes
 - 48 Mourful poem
 - 49 Religious figure
 - 50 Disgusts
 - 52 Spike or Peggy
 - 53 Had a bite
 - 54 Little shaver
 - 55 Actress Gabor
 - 58 Notes of scales
 - 59 Sent in the wrong direction
 - 62 Self-importance
 - 63 Like Cheerios
 - 64 Way to go
 - 65 X
 - 66 Lingo
 - 67 Holy cheese
- DOWN**
- 1 Arctic Circle dweller
 - 2 Came down to earth
 - 3 Granny
 - 4 Genesis craft
 - 5 Ad-libber
 - 6 Painter Piet
 - 7 Make a decision
 - 8 Do some cobbling
 - 9 Stresses
 - 10 Sort-of-seal
 - 11 Early space program
 - 12 Toe woe
 - 13 \$100 bills
 - 18 Ventilate
 - 24 Actor Herbert
 - 25 Spurious reasoning
 - 26 Get off one's feet
 - 27 Rio maker
 - 28 Squid's defense
 - 29 Narrow inlet
 - 31 Bristol braces
 - 33 Of the sky
 - 37 Festering
 - 38 Poetic tribute
 - 39 Downswing
 - 40 Crafty
 - 41 Rifle or revolver
 - 43. Gofar. Ernie
 - 44 Boneless cut
 - 45 Time of glacial dominance
 - 46 Continues
 - 47 Pablo's nap
 - 51 Jug handle
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Norma Talamantes worked her way through the ranks to become a Cassia County sheriff's deputy.

Deputy has a knack for dealing with people in tough situations

By Coren Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Cassia County sheriff's deputy Norma Talamantes worked her way up through the ranks.

She's one of two female deputies and four bilingual officers. Co-workers attest to her professionalism. — But — there's more.

Sgt. Mike Schiers says Talamantes has a special knack for dealing with people, especially other Hispanics.

"She's really good at talking people down," Schiers said. "She can calm them down. I'm bilingual, but if Norma is there, Spanish-speaking people just naturally gravitate to her ... That's the advantage of being able to be in the culture. She has the ability to relate. They're more comfortable with her."

"I love my work," Talamantes said. "Being bilingual has helped me dramatically in my job ... I feel I'm helping the people I'm translating to. If the officers are speaking English to them and they don't understand, I can help."

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You know, you can only learn so much about a certain job, and that's it. In law enforcement, I keep learning. We are always in training.

— Norma Talamantes, Cassia County sheriff's deputy

"She was born in Mexico and grew up speaking Spanish — only Spanish — finally learned English. She let the Spanish slip. Then, she had a kind of epiphany. ... I thought, 'No, I can't let it be like this,'" she recalled.

She began taking "classes" to learn Spanish again.

"I guess I got into law enforcement for the excitement, for something different," said Talamantes, who declined to give her age. "I worked at a bank for

Are you deputy material?

If you're interested in law enforcement, there are several ways you can receive training. Cassia County Sheriff's Capt. Cary Bristol said.

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hired before completing the course.

3. You can apply without any training. You will be tested and interviewed if there is an open position — this is the difficult way to go, but it has been done. Certain people are hireable.
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Often, the deputy is required to take a runaway teen back home. Her advice to them is to stay home until they are old enough and to "get all the education you can. You're not going to get nowhere without an education."

She has a 29-year-old daughter and a 31-year-old son. Her son-in-law is a Marine and the head of body guard training for the President of the United States, she said. "The children are my pride and joy."

The deputy stays in shape by walking three miles a day.

Laura Cyr, who works as a records secretary at the sheriff's department, has known Talamantes for seven years.

"In my capacity in records, I have to judge by the reports she writes up. Frankly, Norma's really good. She takes time to listen to what people have to say. She's good at what she does," Cyr said.

Talamantes urged people who speak only Spanish to also learn English.

"If you have the opportunity to learn the language, do it," she said. "We don't force anyone to lose their native language. But you need to understand what is happening around you."

— Times-News correspondent Coren Hart can be reached at 436-1186 or by email at jmmrenee@safelink.net.

Book sparks interest in feminism

By Reed Johnson
Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — In the so-called developed Western world, every generation of women seems to get the book it deserves, or demands, whether it's "A Room of One's Own," "The Second Sex," "The Female Eunuch," "The Bell Curve," "Fear of Flying" or "Sex in the City."

But in Mexico, things haven't exactly worked that way. Forty years after Betty Friedan's "The Feminine Mystique" sparked a massive consciousness-raising movement among American women and helped launch a publishing sub-industry, many Mexican women are awaiting their path-breaking feminist text.

In this socially conservative, profoundly Roman Catholic country, where abortion is illegal, women didn't gain the right to vote until 1952, and it's still perfectly OK for employers to run secretarial help-wanted

ads seeking an "attractive" 25-year-old.

The primary mass-culture venues for exploring women's inner lives are the telenovelas, or "soap operas" that saturate prime-time TV.

When Mexico's female intelligentsia talks about home-grown feminist role models, they usually cite Sor Juana Ines de La Cruz, the brilliant nun who challenged the patriarchy when she wasn't busy penning erotic poetry. Unfortunately, Sor Juana passed away in 1695.

So it was understandable that when the Mexican division of Random House published "Circles y Susurros" (Circles and Whispers), a collection of witty, well-written and unusually candid first-person essays by 38 Mexican women last July, its initial print run was an astonishing 10,000 copies.

Cutting a swath through an array of topics — sexual betrayal, macho men, creeping mortality, the joys and frustrations of single parenthood and the harrowing challenges of middle age — the book, which has become a surprise bestseller and a budding pop-culture phenomenon of sorts, paints an intimate, painful and at times painfully humorous mosaic of modern Mexican womanhood.

Several essays deal with decidedly serious subjects.

Journalist Rossana Fuentes-Berzan writes about the dismissive, "machista" attitude of the male editors at a Mexico City daily newspaper when she began to investigate the murders of scores of women in the border city of Ciudad Juarez.

One or two entries have set jaws flapping in the capital's higher circles, such as Guadalupe Loaeza's red-faced remembrance of a midnight screaming match she had with "the other woman" while her two-timing beau stood by.

Film star acts on his political beliefs

By Teresa Wiltz
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Never mind the jet lag, never mind tomorrow's press junket pumping his latest project, never mind the late president's death. Spanish national heartthrob, and he's feeling the pull of politics. So he steps out into the night, strutting past images that he's seen only on the big and little screens. And along the way, he notices: He is totally buzzed on the clout of the Capitol.

"I feel powerful," says Bardem, pulling out cigarette after cigarette.

"And I thought, how dangerous is this? Me. Mr. Nobody just looking over there. I feel powerful. I love most the person that is the president's Cabinet, or the president himself, feel, with those huge monuments around him?"

But that doesn't mean he's got any love for his particular president, and he's not no prophet with speaking out about it. He doesn't worry about being painted with the Susan Sarandon/Tim Robbins brush. He says he has been attacked back home for speaking out against Spain's role in the war in Iraq. His uncle, Juan Antonio, a famous filmmaker, was tossed in jail in the '50s after his accidental anti-Franco film was released. His mother, Pilar, a much-revered actress, last year blasted the Spanish government for its attempt to silence actors (including her son) who used the Goyas, Spain's equivalent of the Academy Awards, to speak out against the war.

You grow up in that kind of family, says Bardem, whose grandparents were also actors, and "you become really outspoken." So he'll speak his mind, even if it means veering from the script to promote his latest movie, "Mar Adentro" ("The Sea Inside"), for which he won the best-actor prize at this year's Venice Film Festival.

"The president of the United States, every act he makes has a strong reaction around the world," says Bardem, who in



Spanish actor Javier Bardem, center, shows off his 'Best European Actor' award alongside Spanish actress Penelope Cruz, who won the 'People's Choice Best actress' award at the European Film Awards in Barcelona, Spain, on Saturday.

2001 became the first Spanish actor to be nominated for an Oscar. "That's why we have the right to talk about it. But with respect for the democratic process."

Making art, he says, is a political act. Living is a political act. Filling up your tank with gas is a political act. Buying a pair of sneakers from Nike is —

"We are all political," he says. —

Indeed, politics informs him. He took on his Oscar-nominated role in 2000 in "Before Night Falls," the lyrical biopic about the gay Cuban poet Reinaldo Arenas, not knowing English. But knowing the legacy of the Cuban revolution, entranced with the romance of it all. He won the Golden Globe, an Oscar nod and a lot of attention from the American press. Critics described him as "gifted," his portrayal as "stunning" and "extraordinary." Another English-language role followed, this time starring in John Malkovich's "The Dancer Upstairs" in 2002 as a South American detective hunting terrorists. He was sexy; he was haunted; he was good. Hollywood kept calling. Bardem said no thanks, instead he packed on the pounds, the better to play Santa, an unemployed dock-

worker in the 2002 Spanish film "Mondays in the Sun," just one in an ensemble cast. (The role won him another Goya, his third.)

"I was offered stereotypes," Bardem, 35, says of Hollywood. "One-color roles that are a waste of time ... Can you imagine waking up at eight in the morning to defend that? There's no money (that) would make that worthwhile. Movies that in the name of entertainment create these formulas that don't work ... even if a lot of people are watching them, that's not what I'm interested in."

He is what Spanish-speakers call "fofo-guapo" — ugly, handsome, broad of brow and strong of face, all broken nose and heavy-lidded eyes that hint at a life lived enthusiastically. His hair is shaggy chic, veering dangerously close to mullet territory. Not so long ago, the hair was but a memory shaved off, along with his eyebrows, to play the 55-year-old Ramon Sampedro, a quadriplegic who battled the Spanish government for 30 years for the right to end his life in "The Sea Inside." (The film is directed by Alejandro Amenabar, who directed the Nicole Kidman film "The Others.")

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MORNING BREAK

Restaurant eavesdroppers leave bad taste in diners' mouths

DEAR ABBY: My husband took me out to an expensive restaurant. As we chatted over dinner, we realized that the couple next to us was eavesdropping on our conversation. They could hear everything we were saying. They kept turning their heads and looking straight at us. They even tried to peek when the check came.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

My husband and I tried to ignore it, however, it put a damper on our nice evening. How should we tell nosy people to "back out" of our dinner conversation?
— CONVERSATIONALLY SPEAKING IN DELAWARE
DEAR CONVERSATIONALLY SPEAKING: You and your husband missed an opportunity to have some fun. If you invent wild enough dialogue, the reaction can be funnier than a floor show. You could have raised your voices just a bit and begun discussing how you were going to spend the "ding money" — or which girl you planned to send on the next "call." Short of asking to be seated at another table, there is no foolproof way to discourage nosy eavesdroppers.

DEAR ABBY: My letter is in response to the one from the neighbors who complained about the noise their neighbor's children made playing basketball in the yard.
As a boy many years ago, I probably annoyed our neighbors the same way. Now that boy has grown into a man, who has taken care of literally thousands of youngsters — in my practice of behavioral pediatrics. Experience tells me that if all youngsters would be outside playing basketball or any other activity of exertion, we would have far fewer academic and behavioral problems. Approximately 75 percent of my patients never go outside to play. Many of them are addicted to video games and some to television. (Studies have shown that exercise reduces the need for psycho-stimulants, such as Ritalin and Adderall, as well as the dosage.)
The ramifications of this addiction are enormous. These children tend to be more agitated

and anxious. Their blood pressure and pulse are often increased. Their imagination is dulled. They have a higher risk of obesity, early onset diabetes and future cardiovascular disease. Their sleep patterns are upset (many stay up all night to play their video games after their parents are sleeping), and there is some evidence that they are at increased risk for seizures. If the pounding of a basketball is annoying to some folks, they should step back and look at the big picture. That sound would be a symphony to my ears because I know that these youngsters are doing something that will benefit themselves and ultimately society.

— JOEL P. SUSSMAN, MD, FAAP, COLUMBIA, S.C.
DEAR DR. SUSSMAN: Thank you for an important letter. As some readers pointed out, the complainer should be thankful the neighbor children are involved in activities as healthy as athletics. (Better to shoot hoops than each other!) People who can't stand the sound of children playing should relocate to a development for seniors. Let us not forget that children and people, too, are having a right to play on their own property, providing they're not disturbing someone else at night.

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A Director from District 3 (Filer) will be elected for a three-year term.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2005 water supplies, water quality issues, Snake River Aquifer projects, the Endangered Species Act, SRBA, and other matters of interest.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock on January 3, 2005.

The polls shall be open at the office of the Company at 157 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. on January 11, 2005.

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Magic Valley scrapbooks



Photo courtesy of SUSAN HENDERSON of Twin Falls
Elden 'Tiny' Bracken and his baby daughter, Eileen Bracken (Cappel), pause for a picture on June 2, 1920, at a gas station on Twin Falls' Shoshone Street. Elden's father, Frank Bracken, was mayor of Twin Falls in 1918, says Susan Henderson of Twin Falls, daughter of Eileen. 'My family was very much involved in Twin Falls in the early days,' Susan says.



Photo courtesy of HOWARD ALLEN of Twin Falls
Benoit siblings — from left, Edward, born in 1921, Joan, born in 1924, Jack, born in 1926, and Harry Jr., born in 1922 — pose for a family photo in Twin Falls in 1933. The four are children of Harry and Lesley Benoit.

I've had an exceedingly fine time this year sharing selections from our readers' old scrapbooks. Families with long-time ties to Magic Valley brought us about 600 historical images from their private collections, along with anecdotes about the hardships and joys of decades past.

Don't worry, I'm nowhere close to exhausting that supply. In the next couple of months, you'll see pages of photos featuring Shoshone Falls, or ingenious solutions, or sisters, or hay stacking. Water or winter or women. And some photographs I found impossible to categorize.

On Sunday, this page will hold a collection of snow-and-ice scenes from the 1910s, '20 and '30s. In February, we'll devote most of the month to agricultural photographs of the past.

But today is for the children. They're playing, and posing for portraits, and sharing a movie outing or a quiet moment with their parents.

Refresh these photographs. They're some of the last images of children remaining in my file.

—Virginia S. Hutchins

Photo courtesy of LINDA ADAMS of Jerome
Everett Lee Norris of Twin Falls, at about 3 years old in about 1930, wears a suit his mother made for him.



Photo courtesy of JOAN WILLIS-NITE BARKLEY of Eden
Twin Falls residents Gladys M. Hensley Willis and Jesse W. Willis and two of their children, Roy and Joan, prepare for a movie outing. 'We are dressed up to go to the Idaho Theater to see a movie at 10 cents. Maybe it was Tom, Mix, Roy Rogers or Gene Autry,' says Joan, now an Eden resident. The family is pictured at its 184 Ramage St. home in 1938, with beloved flower beds in the background. 'Dad loved roses and all flowers, as Mom did, too,' says Joan, now with the last name Barkley.



Photo courtesy of LINDA ADAMS of Jerome
Robert 'Bob' Norris and his older sister Beulah pose for the camera at their parents' farm east of Twin Falls in 1920. Bob, born in that house, purchased a farm a half-mile east of his birthplace when he turned 18, and he lived there with his wife, Jean, until his death in 1993. (Bob's son, Donald, now farms that land.) Beulah married William Kee and lived in Inglewood, Calif., where they both worked for Lockheed. That couple moved back to Twin Falls upon their retirement. In this childhood photo, 'it is interesting to note the old two-lane Kimberly Road in the background,' says Linda Adams, a niece of Bob and of Beulah.

Photo courtesy of J. DAN WELLS-NITE BARKLEY of Eden
Norma Willis shows off her new doll and buggy, while her brother, Chester Willis, displays his new wagon at Christmas time in 1917 or 1918. Their father, Jesse W. Willis, is in the background of this Rock Creek photograph.



Photo courtesy of MARYJANE KOTO of Twin Falls
Baby Tom E. Koto, born in 1918 in Twin Falls, holds Japanese and American flags. His parents, Tojiro and Kei Koto, were immigrants from Japan.



Photo courtesy of ANABEL LUSTY of Ketchum
Burton Perrine, son of Twin Falls pioneers I.B. and Hortense Perrine, plays with a camera in 1908 at Blue Lakes Ranch.



Photo courtesy of ANABEL LUSTY of Ketchum
Stella Perrine rides Starlight, her favorite horse, in 1905 at Blue Lakes Ranch. The gun-in-hand pose might be a tribute to legendary marksman Annie Oakley, says Anabel Lusty of Ketchum, daughter of Stella.

New wonders from the skies

Several Sunday evenings ago, I chanced upon an uncommon event. Outside to retrieve something from the truck, an unusual glow above the horizon stopped me cold. While similar to fading twilight, the glow came from the north, not west. In addition, sundown had long since passed.



DESERT CANYONS
Mike Cothorn

I slowly realized what I was seeing: the Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights. I stood outside in the driveway for awhile and watched, periodically checking on the spectacle until unwanted clouds obscured the scene.

The night's view wasn't overly spectacular, consisting mostly of a dull radiance and a few mobile light streams. It didn't hold a candle to sightings that night from other places or of the scene obtained here in the Magic Valley several years ago. (Remember that photograph of the Northern Lights over the Snake River Canyon?)

Still, it was the Aurora Borealis, an event not often seen this far south, and the occurrence captured my attention for the evening. Wanting to share, I beckoned my wife and son to take a look, and made a few phone calls to those who might be interested.

Coincidentally, listening to the radio a few evenings later, I heard a story about astronomer Carl Sagan. Something Sagan said years ago during the space program's infancy struck a chord. He argued that to receive taxpayer support for science in general, and space exploration in particular, the powers-to-be must appeal to the general public's sense of wonder.

Sagan understood the need to link those things outside the earth's realm with the citizens populating its surface. He implored NASA to put cameras—not just instruments for scientific data collection—on their space-exploration machines. The appeal to that sense of wonder had to be jump-started through a unique visual experience.

But even without a close-up view—the sense-of-wonder addressed by Sagan took hold of me that Sunday evening. I've heard the Northern Lights described in terms of magnetic fields and energized particles. And while knowledge of an event's science is good that wasn't what made the evening special. That happened by simply standing there, looking and trying to absorb it all. There wasn't much thought to the experience—just bearing witness was enough.

That viewing wasn't much different from other celestial events that I have enjoyed. I remember spending childhood summer nights on the front lawn with my brothers, trying to identify constellations, looking for shooting stars, or being mesmerized by satellites in their simple orbits.

Solar and lunar eclipses became important events to plan for and view, along with the Perseid and Leonid meteor showers in August and November. And I remember how exciting the Hale-Bopp Comet was to see, especially after being disappointed by Halley's Comet, so low in the sky that I felt the urge to climb a haystack to get a better angle.

These and other skyward events hold the same type of appeal as viewing many earth-bound natural wonders. They're different in that they cannot be accessed first-hand. They cannot be driven to, hiked on, or paddled across. Other than sight, the other physical senses aren't allowed to participate.

But the lack of access only means that these other-worldly occurrences will always retain a certain mystery, and never quite so easily be explained or understood. In the end, the experience becomes as simple as finding a good location, getting into a comfortable position, and letting the heavens perform their magic.

Mike Cothorn is an outdoor columnist who lives near Castleford.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

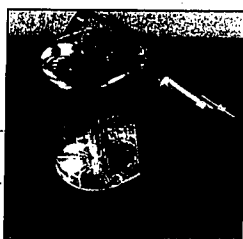
that provide fun and warmth for any outdoor enthusiast



Light is in bright supply with Princeton's single LED head lamp for \$39.

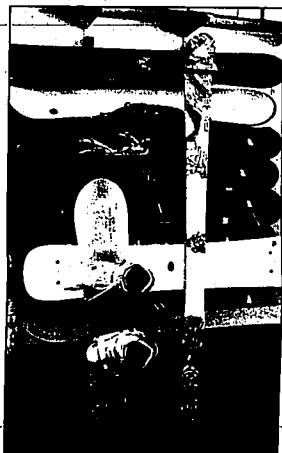


Pronghorn boots start at \$150 for the outdoorsman who hoofs it.



Solar-powered rechargeable lantern with xenon strobe and AM/FM radio.

Amber DeJohn shows off Tubbs snowshoe kits, which go for \$139, and include all the basic parts for beginners.



Snowboard combos and twin-tip skis are in packages from \$250 to \$600.

Ski helmets range from \$40 to \$140, with all styles and colors.



Mojo mallard helps attract more quacks, at \$225.

By Karla Barnes
Times-News correspondent

Have you shopped for the sportsman in your house yet? If not, stay calm. There's still time to purchase some hot, new products that are sure to be a big hit with any outdoorsman. Retailers here in the Magic Valley have done an excellent job of bringing in some irresistible gifts that are suitable for the hard to buy for and the easy to please.

No matter which sport you are interested in this winter, staying warm is where it's at. I discovered a brand of long Johns that are sure to tickle your grandmother. Thermo Silks are a super product that are sure to please almost everyone on your list. Starting at \$22 a piece, the warmth and comfort are worth it.

Gloves, Hats and Sunglasses are always great gift ideas, and there are some fun new additions this year.

Gloves by Helix are not your standard gloves. These gloves include nifty options such as removable liners, a squeeze attached to clear goggles, and neckties-on-top-for-hand-warmers. Cost is \$19 to \$29.

Hats have changed this year too, the coolest warm winter hat is a knitted brimmed hat. They come in a rainbow of colors. Brands like Nixon and Poor Boy are extra sweet for \$25. Christmas hats are still a popular choice too at \$30.

Sunglasses are always cool, and the hands down winner this year is the Smili Toaster. They come with interchangeable lenses, yellow, brown and orange cost is \$100 to \$150.

From top to bottom, the elves that make the shoes are always coming up with some new ideas. The hottest shoe this year is the UGG: Uggs are not necessarily attractive, but boy are they popular, and everybody wants a pair. They run \$110. Their less expensive look-alike is the Bear Paw at a much more affordable \$29.

For the rough rider in your house, you may want to check out the new Pronghorn boots. With 400-1000 grams of insulation plus Gore-Tex these are a great buy at \$150 to \$160.

Now for the good stuff...the toys. Families can cash in on the "Lime Beast" a 66-inch toboggan that looks like a great downhill ride on a snowy day. \$19.

Skis, snowboards, snowshoes, boots and helmets are all available in a palette of colors. You can buy them by the piece or as a package. Here are a few hot new things that are sure to get your kids off the X-box and onto the mountain.

Twin Tip Skis: These skis are like a skinny snowboard. They offer more flexibility, and a cooler more adaptable skiing experience. Most popular twin tip this year is the Seah Piste. They come in wood, resin and kevlar. Price \$250 to \$600.

The Nidecker snowboard continues to rule the mountain for \$400 to \$550.

Snowshoes are back and lighter than ever. Tubbs has a starter kit out there with shoes, poles, gaiters and a CD-ROM to get you started. \$140.

Snowboard and Standard Ski boots are more comfortable than ever. Nidecker Burton and Rossignol have new styles starting at \$100-\$700.

Ski Helmets: Don't go on the mountain without one. Idaho skiers need to check out the cool new styles and colors-The Commando-by Giro is a military looking helmet that has

literally saved lives. Pryme is also a hot choice. \$40 to \$140.

Duck Hunters, don't be left empty-handed this year. The new Mojo Mallard which runs \$124 is sure to bring the ducks down. The Mojo Floater (\$95) and the Mojo Goose Decoy \$219 are also fun choices to add to your decoy collection.

Fishermen, The Barracuda hand auger is a must have at \$45. Pair it with the 24-inch Black Ice Pole \$12 and you have a magic ice-fishing combination. If you just want to stay home this winter, try reeling in your Christmas cards from a huge Fishing Lure Mailbox \$55.

Campers and Splunkers might enjoy the Forever Flashlight by Nightstar. This flashlight never needs batteries. It operates off kinetic energy and a copper coil. You can get 20 minutes of light off 30 shakes. Princeton Head Lamps at \$40 and Solar charged lanterns that run \$90 are also sure to light up your Christmas.

These are just a few suggestions for those of you who still have shopping to do. Check out these hot gift ideas and have an extremely cool winter.

OUTDOORS

Soldier Mountain postpones opening

FAIRFIELD — Officials at Soldier Mountain Ski Resort were expected to postpone the Dec. 17 opening day for skiers and snowboarders, while they wait for more snow.

Healthy storms that hit the Wood River Valley in early December appeared to be perfectly timed for the resort's opening. But a rush of warm weather has melted much of the snow and made grooming difficult for resort officials.

"We had about three feet of snow fall in three days and got it all packed," said Larry Davenport, Soldier Mountain manager. "But it's pressed down with the sun beating down with warm weather. The groom it will turn to dirt."

"We just don't have enough snow. We're already to go. It's just a matter of going on hold for a day-to-day basis."

Skiers are encouraged to call the Soldier Mountain hotline at 764-2526 for weather updates.

Outdoor in brief

or log on to www.soldiermountain.com.

Check for South Hills trail hazards

TWIN FALLS — Cross-country skiers heading into the South Hills are advised that blown-down timber has blocked at least one trail in the vicinity of Magic Mountain ski area.

Valton Hanecek, secretary of the High Desert Nordic Association, reports that fallen trees have blocked the Lower Penstemon trail a short distance north of the campground where the trailhead is located.

Hanecek said skiers should inquire about trail conditions at the ski lodge before venturing onto the trails. There is a strong possibility other trails in the area are also blocked by trees

downed by strong winds a week or so ago, he said.

Members of the ski association will try to clear the fallen trees from the Lower Penstemon trail this weekend. For more questions call 733-1882.

Quigley Nordic trail area still lacks snow

HAILEY — The Blaine County Recreation District has postponed the opening of Quigley Nordic trails due to a lack of snow.

The warm day and nighttime temperatures have caused the snow to rapidly melt. The district says remaining snow is too thin and would not hold up under the weight of grooming equipment. Skiers will need to wait until temps drop and more snow arrives.

For updates on conditions and other reports on the North Valley Trail system and Wood River Trails, call the Blaine

County Rec District at 780-2117.

Gun Club schedules clay and trap shoot

The Jerome Rod and Gun Club will host a Sporting Clay and Trap shoot this Sunday, starting at 10 a.m. at the Jerome Co. Rod and Gun Club range. Head north on Highway 93 to Shoshone and turn at mile marker 64. The cost is \$20 for members and nonmembers. Juniors ages 17 and under are \$14. The price includes 100 targets.

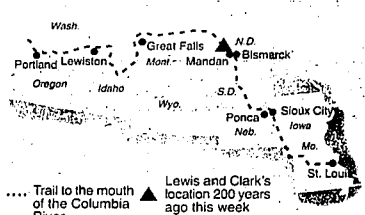
Participants will shoot for five free steak dinner gift certificates from Snake River Elks' in Jerome. The winners will be based on the Lewis Class System, for a total of 100 targets.

After this event is over, the club will have a turkey shoot on the Sporting Clays' range. Come out and join the fun and bring a friend.

— compiled from staff reports

'it being too cold'

As the expedition settled in for the winter, William Clark set about making a map that included the information the explorers gathered from direct observation counting up river, as well as intelligence from traders and Indians as to the land west of the Knife River Indian villages. The expedition's longest leg for December recorded a low of 48 degrees below zero and a high of 37 degrees above. That high and low were but three days apart and represent a fluctuation in temperature of 75 degrees.



Trail to the mouth of the Columbia River. Lewis and Clark's location 200 years ago this week.

December 19, 1804 — the weather has moderated Some Since yesterday morning. So that we went about Setting up our pickets. half the moon out at a time & relieved every hour it being too cold to be out all the time.

December 20, 1804 — a moderate day. The thermometer 37z above 0, which gives an opportunity of putting up our pickets next the river, nothing remarkable took place to Day.

December 22, 1804 — A great number of the Savages visited us brought corn & beans to Trade with us they wanted of us looking Glasses Beads hunters or & other kinds of articles pleasing to the Eye.

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Value of a deer depends on the individual

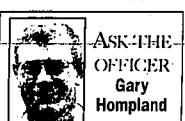
Question: "How much is a deer worth?"

Answer: The answer to this question depends on who you ask. It's a little like one's personal perspective of "beauty." It's in the eye of the beholder.

The value of my son's first deer, a two-point buck was priceless. Killing his first deer was his right of passage into adulthood as a responsible hunter. The prize was small but the experience with my son was priceless.

A five day guided mule deer hunt will run about \$3,500, not including the cost of your license, tags, and equipment.

On another scale, reports of landowners selling late mule deer buck permits under the guise of access are selling for \$5000, \$7,500 if they are sold



ASK-THE-OFFICER Gary Hompland

tion rifle. If no new record is harvested Knight Rifles, Inc. will present the hunter killing the largest typical and non-typical bucks during the 2004 season \$10,000 and a new ATV.

In the criminal justice system Idaho's wildlife also has value. This dollar value is used by the court to assess penalties for poaching. One mule deer is worth \$200. When multiple animals are unlawfully taken, the value is additive and each animal is worth double the previous animal. For example, if three doe deer are unlawfully killed, the value is \$200 + \$400 + \$800 = \$1400. If the deer is a trophy class buck and exceeds a Boone and Crockett score of 150, the value of deer increases to \$2000. Values exceeding \$1000 become felony

class crimes.

As I said the value of a deer is in the eye of the hunter, and for some the value is in the hunt, not the kill. For others the value of a deer is measured in dollars. The financial incentive to violate wildlife laws is high. What a sad predicament for our public resource when Boone and Crockett inches and dollars are the yardstick we use to measure the value of a deer! Maybe we should re-examine our hunting ethics and why we hunt.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at (208) 324-4350 or e-mail us at the Fish and Game Web site at http://fishandgame.idaho.gov.

Hunting, fishing licenses make great holiday gifts

Idaho Fish and Game

HERMIE — Want to get your outdoorsman a gift that can use all year long? Look no further than your local hunting and fishing license vendor.

This year the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and license vendors across the state are offering a variety of gifts.

For the big spender, a lifetime hunting and fishing license. Regardless of your age, the purchase of a lifetime license could be the best investment you ever make.

For the younger outdoorsman, a combination license costs \$726.50. An individual lifetime hunting license will cost \$251.50, while a fishing license is \$51.50.

For people 2-50 years of age, a combination lifetime license sells for \$1,016.50 or you can purchase a lifetime hunting license for \$315.50, or fishing license for \$71.50.

If you're 51 years and older, a combination lifetime license sells for \$581.50 or purchase a lifetime hunting or fishing license for \$201.50 or \$41.50.

The lifetime licenses can only be purchased at Idaho Fish and Game headquarters in Boise or regional offices. The Magic Valley Regional Office is located at 869 E. Main Street in Jerome.

If you are living on a tighter budget, an annual license may be the ticket. Licenses for 2005 went on sale December 1st. For the

avid outdoorsmen, look at purchasing the Sportsman's Package for \$1500. This gives them their hunting and fishing license, plus tags for deer, elk, bear, mountain lion, turkey, salmon, and steelhead. Archery and muzzleloader are also validated on the Sportsman's Package license.

This is nearly a \$70 savings over buying each item separately. Combination hunting and fishing licenses also make a great gift. Cost is \$100.50 for adults and \$16 for youth between the ages of 14-17. Senior licenses for those 65 and older and who have been residents of Idaho for at least five years, is \$4.50.

If playing games of chance is more your style, the Fish and Game also offering lottery tickets for Super Hunts (individual tags for deer, elk, antelope or moose)

and Super Hunt Combos for deer, elk, antelope, and moose.

These tickets help your sportsman in two ways: first it gives them the opportunity to hunt their favorite big game animal in any hunting unit they wish, and the money for the tickets is used to purchase access to private land for all the sportsmen in the state.

Super hunt tickets cost \$4.95 each, \$19.95 for six and \$49.95 for 13. Super Hunt Combos cost \$19.95 each, \$99.95 for six and \$99.95 for 13.

The drawing for the all super hunts will be held June 15, 2005.

If you want to let your sportsman choose their own combination of licenses and tags, purchase them a gift certificate. Certificates are available from any Idaho Department of Fish

and Game Regional Office. Please note: certificates can only be redeemed at Idaho Fish and Game Regional Offices.

For more information, call the Magic Valley Regional Office in Jerome at 324-4359.

CSI will hold ski class

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TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will hold a hands-on class, "Skiing on Pomerelle Mountain," from noon to 7 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 17 through March 10, at Pomerelle Ski Resort.

from the Pomerelle Ski School and will progress at an individual pace. All participants must fill out release forms before the first class. Meet in aisle 13 of the CSI parking lot before departure.

Cost is \$125, which includes instructor fees, lift tickets and transportation. Equipment is available at an additional cost.

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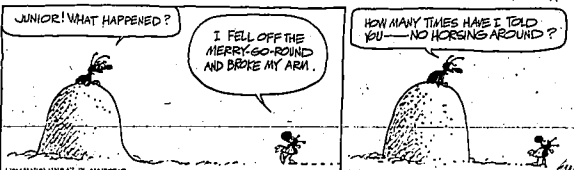
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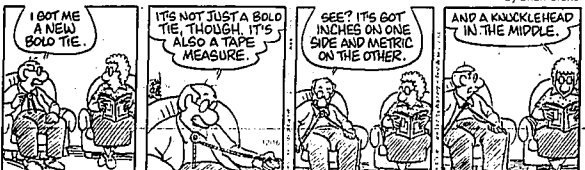
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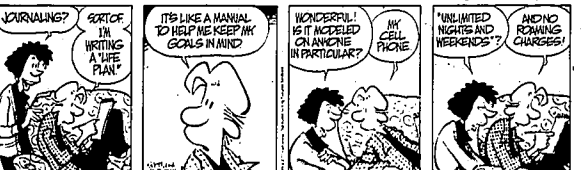
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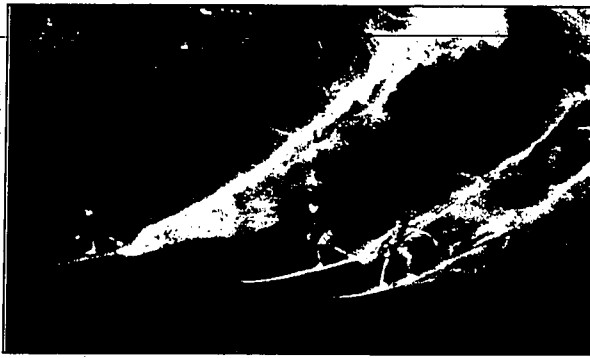
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OUTDOORS

LARGE WAVES, IMMENSE DANGER

Giant surf in Hawaii draws warnings, but also surfers



Big wave surfing experts warm up for the In Memory of Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational on Waimea Bay in Haleiwa, Hawaii Wednesday. 'The Eddie' is a one-day event held when waves are 30 feet or higher.

HALEIWA, Hawaii (AP) — Giant waves crashed along the North Shore of Oahu Wednesday, leaving sand and debris on roadways and prompting officials to close beaches amid fears that some waves could reach as high as 50 feet.

But amid the debris, world-class surfers gathered for a rare big-wave surfing competition that occurs only when such enormous waves sweep the island's coast.

The water began coming ashore before dawn, crossing roads and leaving sand and debris in its wake, prompting officials to close a portion of Kaneohe Bay Highway in the North Shore town of Haleiwa.

The seaside Surf 'N Sea surf and dive shop had minor flooding, but still opened at its normal time of 9 a.m.

"There's a lot of sand on the road," sales clerk Jake Gomez said. He helped clean the water off the store floor. "Business is going to be kind of slow today until they open the road."

The National Weather Service warned of high surf on north-facing shores of all islands except Lanai until Wednesday

night. But the exact height of the waves coming on shore was difficult to gauge.

"When it's this big, it's hard to tell for sure exactly how big the waves are because they tend to break out off shore on outer reefs," said Vin Birchard, a meteorologist with the federal agency.

A buoy 200 miles northwest of Kauai recorded an open ocean swell of 26 feet, he said. By the time that swell gets closer to the islands, waves can top 35 to 50 feet, he said.

In the past, such high surf has damaged beachfront homes and left beachside roads and highways littered with debris.

Oahu Civil Defense advised residents to avoid the beaches and stay out of the water, but crowds began gathering before dawn at Waimea Bay Beach Park for the Quiksilver In Memory of Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational.

The competition is held only when the waves reach giant proportions — only six times in the

last 19 years. Only 24 elite surfers are invited to participate.

"We're just concerned that there will be a lot of people out on the North Shore and it impacts our ability to provide emergency services," said lieutenant Lt. John Hoogsteden.

The competition is named for Eddie Aikau, a big-wave surfing legend, who was lost in 1978 when an ocean-going canoe he was on capsized. Aikau attempted to swim for help and was never seen again.

Montana commission will vote on bison hunting

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The state wildlife commission is expected to take a final vote Thursday on whether to allow bison hunting to resume in Montana this winter for the first time in more than a decade.

Chris Smith, chief of staff with the state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, said the agency will ask the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission to approve only five bison hunting permits this winter.

That is what the agency originally proposed because of

logistics, but the commission is a tentative vote in October upped the number to 25.

"There will likely be a fair amount of discussion," he said.

If approved, this would be the first time in over a decade that the state has allowed hunting of bison that wander from Yellowstone National Park each winter in search of forage.

The hunts, justified by the state as part of a strategy to keep diseased bison from infecting Montana cattle, were canceled in the 1990s because they

sparked protests and resulted in negative publicity for the state.

In those hunts, game wardens would lead a hunter to an animal, which sometimes was peacefully grazing when it was shot at close range. Officials say a new hunt would not include assistance from wildlife officials.

The commission gave tentative approval in October to an abbreviated hunt that would begin about Jan. 15 and run for a month. Because the hunt would be much shorter than future hunts and time for organizing it

would be limited, state game officials recommended that just five permits be issued the first season. The commission voted for 25 instead.

Future hunts would run from about Nov. 15 through Feb. 15, with the number of permits to fluctuate each year.

Josh Osher of the Buffalo Field Campaign said the advocacy group of bison defenders opposes any hunting right now and would protest the action at Thursday's commission meeting.

Jerome educator receives honor

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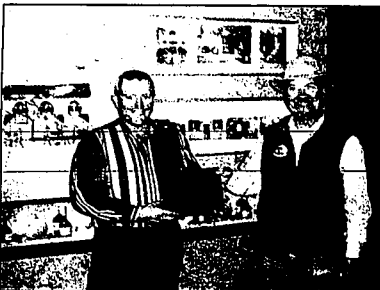
JEROME — Rick Hartley, of Jerome, was named "Hunter Education Instructor of the Year" for 2004 by the Magic Valley Region Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Hartley has been teaching since 1999, and has helped more than 400 students to obtain hunting licenses.

"I enjoy doing something good for the future of hunting," Hartley said. "My goal is to put safe, responsible hunters in the field who respect nature."

Hartley is an avid big game hunter, and loves pursuing elk with either his rifle or bow. He is a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and is also a reservist for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game since 1999.

Rick is employed by the Gooding Seed Company as a crop consultant. He and his wife Debbie have three children, Cammie, Kirsten and Chadron.



Hunter education instructor Rick Hartley, left, is congratulated by Clayton Nielson, Idaho Fish and Game Hunter Education Coordinator.

Hartley is one of 106 regional volunteer instructors in the Magic Valley Region. Volunteer instructors certify nearly 2,000

students each year. To become a volunteer Hunter Education Instructor, contact Clayton Nielson at 324-4359.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Trailways Express holds grand opening

BURLEY — A grand opening and ribbon-cutting will mark the availability of Trailways Express in Magic Valley at 10 a.m. today at the Wal-Mart store in Burley.

Trailways Express has operated a shuttle service from southeast Idaho to Salt Lake City for more than six years and now has expanded its service to Magic Valley. Two shuttles are available every day to the Salt Lake City airport and downtown Salt Lake City along with transportation to Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Rexburg. Reservations are available 24 hours a day online at TrailwaysExpress.com, or by calling (800) 856-9786 between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. any day.

Vans depart and arrive twice each day at the Jerome Wal-Mart store near Interstate 84. Exit 168 from the I184 restaurant in Twin Falls (south of Exit 173) at Phillips 66 at Exit 208 in Burley; and at the Shell station at Exit 216 in Rupert.

A similar grand opening and ribbon cutting was held Wednesday at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

Edge Wireless helps children call Santa

TWIN FALLS — Edge Wireless LLC will connect local children with Santa Claus — via cellular phones.

Edge employees will visit the Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley in Twin Falls today, giving ages 3- to 8-year-olds an opportunity to talk with Santa on wireless phones. Donning Santa hats, residents of the Chaparral House assisted living center will answer the calls with cellular phones provided by Edge.

Edge Wireless will supervise the calling from the Boys & Girls Club, at 999 Frontier Road, to Chaparral House residents, from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. today. The company will present gifts to the children, as well.

Business celebrates one-year anniversary

BURLEY — Over the Top Performance, at 2833 Overland Ave. in Burley will celebrate its one-year anniversary with Aftico snowmobile riders going on a big screen movie promotion Friday. The business, owned by Colin Bouscaw and Kyle Heavitt, offers motorcycles, snowmobiles, vehicle and snowmobile repairs, performance specialties, outdoor wear, avalanche gear and parts. It also carries Redline Racing Oil and lubricants for trucks, cars, bikes, snowmobiles and racing. Boondockers liquid nitrous, Timbersted products and Simmons skis, and it is an authorized Parts Unlimited dealer.

Over the Top's hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. It can be reached at 678-1277.

Cold Stone's grand opening benefits kids

TWIN FALLS — The grand opening of Cold Stone Creamery's franchisee-owned Twin Falls store will benefit the Safe Kids Coalition.

From 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, members of the Mix 103 radio team will mix ice cream at the store, at 799 Cherry Drive, and 100 percent of sales will be donated to the Safe Kids Coalition.

The national nonprofit Safe Kids Coalition aims to prevent unintentional injury to children by educating communities on preventing common injuries from household fires, car accidents and swimming.

PETSMART declares quarterly dividend

TWIN FALLS — Phoenix-based PETSMART Inc., a specialty retailer with a Twin Falls store, on Wednesday declared a quarterly common stock cash dividend of 3 cents per share. The dividend is payable Feb. 18 to shareholders of record Jan. 28.

PETSMART operates more than 700 pet stores in the United States and Canada, as well as a catalog business and www.petsmart.com, an online provider of pet products and information.

— compiled from staff reports

Sprint acquires Nextel

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Telecommunications giant Sprint Corp. is acquiring Nextel Communications Inc. in a \$35 billion deal that would create the nation's third largest wireless telephone service provider.

The widely rumored transaction, announced Wednesday, would create a company called Sprint Nextel with about \$40 billion in combined yearly revenue and more than 35 million wireless subscribers, trailing only Cingular Wireless and Verizon Wireless.

Sprint would get access to Nextel's 15.3 million subscribers, many of whom are business customers and Nextel would avoid a costly upgrade of its own network. The companies — which both have customers in Magic Valley — estimated the merger would save them \$1.2 billion in operating costs and network upgrades.

The combination comes as the cost of wireless calls continue to drop and the industry begins to look like the long-distance business did five years ago. Three big competitors constantly undercutting each other's prices.

The deal has a break-up fee of roughly \$1 billion, executives said. That means if another buyer emerges for one of the companies, say Sprint, that suit-or would have to pay the fee to Nextel, the party left out.

The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday that Verizon Communications Inc. was interested in merging Sprint with the wireless service. It was a joint venture with Vodafone Group PLC. Vodafone denied it had discussed the matter with Verizon.

At the completion of the deal, which the companies described as a merger of equals, Sprint's local telecommunications business would be spun off to the combined firm's shareholders. The local telecom business accounted for about \$6 billion of their combined revenues.

The company expects the local business to have roughly 22,000 employees and the combined wireless company to have about 55,000 employees.

While these numbers match existing employee totals for both companies, executives said Wednesday jobs would be about rationalizing and downsizing, said Gary D. Forsee, Sprint's chairman and chief executive.

Sprint Nextel will have its executive headquarters in Reston, Va., where Nextel is now based, and its operational headquarters in Overland Park, Kan., where Sprint has its headquarters.

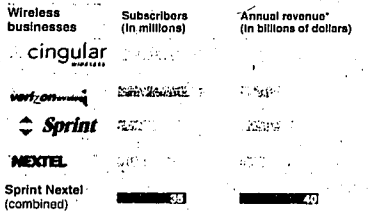
Forsee, 53, will become president and CEO of Sprint Nextel. Timothy M. Donahue, 55, who is currently president and CEO of Nextel, will become chairman of the new company.



Louis Lo holds up the Nextel 1830, left, and the Samsung Sprint 680 phones at World Communication in San Francisco on Wednesday. Telecommunications giant Sprint Corp. announced it is acquiring Nextel Communications Inc. in a \$35 billion deal that would create the nation's third largest wireless telephone service provider.

Merger creates new challenge to top two

Sprint's acquisition of Nextel would create a wireless company that could rival the nation's two leaders in wireless subscribers — Cingular and Verizon.



The new company's board would consist of 12 members with six from each company. "We will be a Fortune 50 company and I expect we will be quickly moving up the list in coming years," Forsee said at a news conference. Sprint currently ranks as the

nation's third biggest wireless company as well as the third largest in long-distance service. Nextel ranks fifth in U.S. wireless service.

Roughly three-quarters of Sprint's customers are consumers, while roughly three-quarters of Nextel's clients are businesses. Wireless companies prize business customers, who tend to spend more and require less customer service than consumers.

Nextel's "push-to-talk" feature, which allows the phones to be used like a walkie-talkie, has won over business customers. Consumers with Nextel phones will not need new phones and the combined company will offer "push-to-talk" features. The combined company expects to introduce a Motorola Corp. phone with both push-to-talk and broadband connection by late 2006.

Nextel agreed last month to move its network to a more expensive band of broadcast spectrum because of fears of in-

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Delta looks to win back customers with changes

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Struggling Delta Air Lines Inc. announced a raft of changes to its frequent flyer program on Wednesday, ranging from making it easier to get upgrades to simplifying fees, in hopes of winning back customers angered by previous changes to the program.

The overhaul followed a campaign by some of Delta's highest level frequent flyers, who launched a Web site in protest of changes in 2002 to the SkyMiles program, as well as other policies, at the nation's No. 3 airline.

The movement led by the airline's Platinum Medallion-level frequent flyers included ads in USA Today, a roving billboard outside a stockholders' meeting and a negotiating session with Delta executives.

Delta, which came close to filing for bankruptcy before winning \$1 billion in concessions from pilots in November, expressed optimism the moves announced Wednesday would benefit customers.

"Before making these changes, we listened closely to customers and employees and focused our attention on areas with the most customer value," Paul Matser, Delta's chief marketing officer, said Wednesday. At the same time, chief executive Gerard Grinstein said

Wednesday during a speech in New York that Delta has to do a better job giving customers what they want — low prices. "One of the goals we have is to gain that trust," Grinstein said. "From our passengers' perspective, we would fail that test."

Starting Jan. 1, SkyMiles members will earn one Medallion mile for every mile flown while first-class flyers will get 1.5 Medallion miles for every mile flown.

Two years ago, when the airline previously revamped the program, SkyMiles members earned half a Medallion mile for every mile flown, but first-class flyers received 2 Medallion miles for every mile flown.

The changes should make it easier to upgrade tickets to business or first-class. The airline said it also is making the formulas used to calculate elite SkyMiles membership easier to understand. SkyMiles members must fly at least 25,000 Medallion miles each year to qualify for the upgrades.

Additionally, the fee structure for special services is being simplified. For example, all customers will only pay \$50 for ticket changes instead of \$100.

Delta for years attracted customers with its SkyMiles



Harvard students from China, Suwen Wu, left, and Shanqun Jiang shop for video cameras at Best Buy in the CambridgeSide Galleria in Cambridge, Mass., in this Nov. 26 file photo.

Best Buy earnings grow 22 percent on strong sales

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Consumer electronics retailer Best Buy Co. Inc. on Wednesday reported a 22 percent increase in earnings for its third quarter, bolstered by strong sales of digital gadgets like cameras and MP3 players.

The Minneapolis-based company with a Twin Falls store said it recorded earnings of \$148 million, or 45 cents per share, up from \$122 million, or 37 cents per share, during the same period last year.

Best Buy saw a 10 percent increase in revenue compared with the third quarter of 2003, from \$6.03 billion to \$6.85 billion, which the company attributed to the addition of 75 new stores and a same-store sales increase of 3.2 percent.

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"Our employees did an outstanding job of meeting customers' needs this quarter, and we believe that we gained market share as a result," said Brad Anderson, vice chairman and CEO of Best Buy. "Our ability to deliver double-digit revenue and earnings increases in a more modest growth environment demonstrates how well we execute the business."

Best Buy also updated its earnings forecast for the upcoming fiscal year. The company said it continues to expect revenue for fiscal 2005 of about \$27.5 billion, an increase of 12 percent.

State guards unclaimed property

The Times-News

PAUL — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Idaho Legislature in 1997 changed state law governing unclaimed property. Now after property that's safeguarded by the tax commission remains unclaimed for 10 years, it will transfer to state ownership and be deposited in Idaho's general fund.

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

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Paul, Richfield and Shoshone.

The tax commission said each person or business listed today — or the person's heir — owns unclaimed property worth more than \$100.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

Paul
Laura Arthur
Heather Austin
Robert Blacker
Salvador C. Camacho
Jose Canas
Benito Ruiz
Carabeo
Esteban Chavez
Charles Curtis
Edward Darveau
Margaret Darveau
Antonio Enriquez
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Martha Z. Garcia

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Doris Kroeger
Lawrence Kroeger
Russell & Eling Land & Cattle Co. Inc.

Shoshone
Dolores Bledsoe
Richard Brown
Kathy E. Brown
James A. Downs
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Christopher Embrey
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Randy Hamaker
Gudalupa Herrera Hernandez
JC Burger & Sons
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Anne Kelly
Kiri S. Portrait
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Nancy J. Lish

Maggie Mallon
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Jane H. Scott
Edward Shaw
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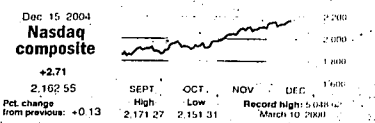
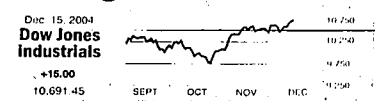
What to do
See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do these:

- Call 1-800-972-7660, ext. 7623 or ext. 7627.
- Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0036.
- Send e-mail to lostandfound@tax.state.id.us.
- Log on to www.tax.idaho.gov and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and links to other states' unclaimed-property listings.

MONEY

Stocks creep higher as investors weigh climbing oil prices against M&A news

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks extended their rally with modest gains Wednesday as Wall Street investors continued to focus on strong results from Lehman Brothers and Sprint's \$3.5 billion deal to acquire Nextel Communications.



The markets are a little bit flat, it's nothing rip-roaring. Normally when you get to a significant trading level... there's a natural inclination to take profits," said Brian Pears, head equity trader at Victory Capital Management in Cleveland.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 15.09, or 0.14 percent, to 10,691.45, just 16 points off its 10-year high.

By with the long bond closer to 4 percent, what's your alternative? Telecommunications giant Sprint Corp. shed \$1.08, or 4.3 percent, to \$24.02, on the widely expected announcement that it would acquire Nextel Communications in a \$3.5 billion deal. Nextel declined 1.21, or 4.3 percent, to \$28.70. Both stocks had traded higher earlier this week on speculation about the deal.

The broader gains also rose, boosting multiyear highs reached in the previous session. The S&P 500 added 2.34, or 0.19 percent, to 1,205.72.

Lahman Brothers Holdings Inc. was up \$2.25, or 2.6 percent, to \$87.90, after reporting a 22 percent rise in fourth quarter profits.

Oil prices trekked upward following the government's weekly inventory report, which showed a 100,000 barrel decline in crude oil stocks.

Earnings of \$1.96 per share about Wall Street estimates by a wide margin. A large part of its merger and acquisition business and record revenue and net income helped the brokerage's full-year earnings climb 33 percent.

U.S. government insurance remains in check. At least some of the strength in stocks was attributed to declining yields on the 10-year note, which slipped to 4.07 percent.

Best Buy Company Inc. gained \$2.42, or 5 percent, to \$58.86, after the nation's largest electronics retailer reported a 21 percent rise in third-quarter profits. Per-share earnings of 45 cents beat estimates by a penny.

The Washington Post

Every office seems to have a gossip to contend with, but...

Question: I have a co-worker who constantly gossips about me. I go to an office, then turns around and acts like my friend.

The problem is that I've got to work with this person on various projects, but I find it hard to take him seriously because of his childish ways. What should I do?

Answer: Sandra Crowe, a Rockville, Md., workplace consultant to corporations and government agencies, said this...

ON THE JOB

Kenneth Bremeder

work, as much as possible, "is going to have to compartmentalize his dealings" with the gossiping co-worker.

Crowe, author of a workplace relations book called "Since Strangling Isn't an Option," said the offending co-worker "just because he's not capable of doing" competent work.

She said that the worker ought to focus on the gossip's professional traits, divide up the work as best as can be done and probably otherwise limit his contact with the gossip.

But should the worker voice his concerns to the gossip about his off-limits behavior?

"The only time you want to speak on this is when it might have some impact," Crowe said. "You just mention the gossiping and this guy denies it, then you've got another problem. But, say if you witnessed something that morning you can say, 'I found that offensive. You've got to be incredibly specific' so the gossip will realize how his behavior was perceived."

Google wins in lawsuit over advertising policy

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) Google Inc. won a federal judge ruled that the search engine's advertising policy does not violate federal trademark laws.

District Judge Leonie Brinkema rejected a claim by auto insurance giant GEICO Corp., which argued that Google should not be allowed to sell ads to rival insurance companies that appear whenever Geico's name is typed into the Google search box.

Google derives a major portion of its revenues from selling ad space to businesses that bid for search terms — both generic and specific — and names protected by trademark — used by people looking for information online about products and services.

Geico claimed that Google's AdWords program, which displays the search ads under the "Sponsored Links" heading next to a user's search results, confuses consumers and illegally exploits Geico's investment of hundreds of millions of dollars

in its brand. "There is no evidence that that advertising causes confusion," Brinkema said, in granting Google's motion for summary judgment on that issue. The ruling, on what the parties considered the seminal issue in the case, came just three days after the trial had begun.

David Drummond, Google's vice president and general counsel, called the decision a victory for consumers.

Including American Blind and the National Federation for the Blind, the world's No. 3 insurer. Brinkema said the case would continue to move forward on one remaining issue, whether that pop-up and actually use Geico in their website search mark law. Google contends that its policies expressly prohibit advertisers from using trademark names in the text of their ads. The search engine says it does not prevent ads that violate the policy from sneaking in, and that the advertisers would be liable for any trademark violation, not Google.

The Geico lawsuit, filed in May, came just weeks after Geico filed a \$1.5 billion lawsuit against billions of dollars with an initial public stock offering. In filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the company said it would face financial disclosure costs that could limit sales of keyword ads to generic words.

Google is facing similar lawsuits from other companies in the United States and Europe, including American Blind and the National Federation for the Blind, the world's No. 3 insurer.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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FOSSIL FUELS

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Founder plans to sell Utah company to investment group

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Invited investor Health-side shareholder has agreed to sell the company to an investment group. The latest crossover involves a permit Envirocare received from the state Division of Radiation Control to receive so-called "hotter" class B and C nuclear wastes that expires in June 2005, though neither the governor nor the legislature have given their needed approval to accept the waste.

Lawmakers in October killed by a single vote a proposal to establish an outright ban on the acceptance of the hotter waste. The proposal would have prevented any entity in the state, which so far is limited to Envirocare, from accepting B and C wastes.

Lawmakers said then that such a ban wasn't needed because state law already prohibits it without express permission from both the legislature and the governor. But critics say without a ban, there is still a possibility hotter waste could be approved.

BEANS

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LIVESTOCK

Table with columns: Livestock, High, Low, Change. Lists various livestock contracts and their prices.

Sprint

Continued from E1. interference between its phones and emergency response radios.

Now, according to a news release from the company, Sprint's next-generation technology will be used for the combined network.

After the takeover, the three largest wireless companies will carry about 75 percent of traffic according to telecom analyst Jeff Kagan.

At the top is Cingular Wireless, a joint venture between Research Corp. and SBC Communications Inc. that recently completed the \$41 billion acquisition of Alltel Wireless. No. 2 Verizon Wireless is a joint venture owned by Verizon Communications Inc. and Vodafone, the world's largest mobile-phone operator.

Delta

Continued from E1. which hurt air travel worldwide, and forced the airline to find new sources of revenue.

Delta last month, Delta avoided bankruptcy when its pilots agreed to the concessions. But some analysts say the deal, along with new financing from some creditors, only gives Delta about 12 months of breathing room. They say the airline still needs to increase its revenue and execute its broad turnaround plan.

Something missing?

We are able to customize our market reports. If you're interested in a stock, mutual fund or commodity that's not in our report, give us a call and we'll try to include it.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table with columns: Name, Sell, Buy, Change. Lists various mutual funds and their performance metrics.

COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marantonia - 735-3288

LIVE HISTORY



Fourth-grade students in Cassia County who attended the Live History Day at the Cassia County Historical Society and Museum were invited to submit essays on their experience. Each child who sent in an essay received a T-shirt and a Sacagawea dollar. Winners received a certificate, cash prize and loaf of homemade bread. From left are Logan Cook from White Pine Intermediate School, first place, and his teacher, Matt Larson; second, Jamison Jones from Oakley Elementary School and his teacher, Tim Archibald; and third, Katie Gonzalez; and fourth, Melissa Morrey, both of Rait River Elementary School and their teacher, Kris Udy.

COMMUNITY DONATION



The Snake River Bros donated \$1,000 to the like-Kistler Safe House in Twin Falls. The Safe House is a local group home for abused and neglected children. Pictured are, from left, Bob Smith, Snake River Bros president; Val Stotts, Safe House director; and Kevin Skelton, Snake River Bros member. For more information about the Safe House, call Stotts at 735-8087.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Residents contribute to Veterans Day dinner

Declo American Legion Post No. 144 would like to acknowledge the following for contributing to the Veterans Day dinner, program and fund-raiser held Nov. 11.

The Snake River Flats, Sue Ellen Keller, Gloria Amende West, Charlotte Rively, Larry Lane, Nick Durlex and Julie Hanch, Bar 4 Ranch, and JS Ferners, all of Declo; Project Mutual telephone; Ace Hardware and Home Lively, both of Rupert; Albertsons, Eva Hawks and Delbert Gieseman, all of Bunley; and Ray Bagby and Jared Schrenk for donating to the fund-raiser; and everyone who attended, contributed to the program and pitched in to help.

Your generous donations will be divided between Relay For Life and the Barbarian Wives Club. A total of \$500 was donated.

Thanks again to everyone. **RON AND DEB ANDERSON LEONARD AND BEITTY MARTIN** Alaska's Best Restaurant RUPERT

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
- Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.

For more information, call 733-0931, Ext. 288. To express gratitude of a personal nature, call Times-News Classified department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

shut-ins and those who couldn't attend. We served 210 meals, 80 of which were delivered to homes for shut-ins.

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Thanks again to everyone. **RON AND DEB ANDERSON LEONARD AND BEITTY MARTIN** Alaska's Best Restaurant RUPERT

Business helps woman with broken freezer

I wish to pass on the Christmas spirit of helping that I received from Blacker's Home Furniture and Appliance Store in downtown Twin Falls. I couldn't find a service man on such short notice late on a Friday afternoon. In a panic, I called Blacker's to inquire about a service man, and they sent over a loaner freezer until mine could be repaired. That was something nice — going out of their way to help.

Thanks for making me feel good to know that the "local" guys are still here in Twin Falls and willing to help this neighbor.

ALYSE LEMKE Hansen

Contributors held Firefighters Ball succeed

The Jerome Firefighters went to a successful ball on Friday, making our 2004 Firefighters Ball successful.

Allen's Photography, American Disposal & No. 1 Auto Parts, Animal Pharmaceuticals, Arlene's, Blamires & Sons, Cactus Petes, Choyette's Realty, Chevron, Choyette's, Clear Springs Foods, Con Paulos, Country Auto, Curves for Women, D&B Supply, DL Evans Bank, Domingo's Pizza, El Sombrero, Farmers National Bank, Franklin Building Supply, Gilmer Inc., Golf 93, Gypsy's Sun Bath & Body, Honker's Mini-Mart, Hair Connection, Hair Impressions, Idaho Pizza, Jerome Bowl, Jerome Cheese, Jerome Cany Search & Rescue, Jerome Fitness, Jerome Floral, John's Barber Shop, Johnson Chiropractic, Kazh West, Kwik Service, NAPA, North Side News, Narbisski's Implement, Pam Kelsey's, Peterson's Reliable Electric, Pizza Hut, Bidley's, Ron's American Car Care, Sawtooth Veterinary, St. Benedict's Hospital, Sheer Elegance, Sheppard's, Simplot, Suburban Propane, Subway, Tiger Stop, Tomato's, V&M Portland, Valley Co-Op, Wal-Mart, Washington Federal, Western Realty and numerous contributors of cash donations.

LT. DONNA REDDICK And the City Fire and Rescue Team Jerome

Christmas program benefits Wilson Theatre

RUPERT — The Snake River Flats will host "A Candy Cane Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Wilson Theatre in Rupert. The event will feature performances by several local groups. Admission is by donation and proceeds go to the Wilson Theatre restoration project. For more information, call 436-3082.

Area schools dismiss early for holiday season

RUPERT — Area schools will dismiss early for the Christmas holiday. Mindoka County Schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. Friday for the holidays and will resume Jan. 3. Cassia County Schools will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and resume Jan. 3.

Multiple Sclerosis Group cancels meetings

BURLEY — No more meetings of the Multiple Sclerosis Support Group will be held in December until further notice. For more information, call 809-7713.

4-H Wildlife Habitat Contest deadline nears

GOODING — Gooding County 4-H members interested in joining a team for the 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest must contact the office by the end of December. The contest will be held May 7 in Pocatello. The nationals are in Arkansas in late July/early August. For more information, call 934-4417.

First Presbyterian Church choir will perform

TWIN FALLS — The Hallelujah Handbell Choir of the First Presbyterian Church will perform Christmas music at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian Church, 209 1/2 Hwy. A. Students of Barbara Mix will

play the piano and organ. The public is invited to attend. There is no charge.

T.F. woman celebrates birthday at open house

TWIN FALLS — Laura Holman of Twin Falls will celebrate her 85th birthday with an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at the Willowbrook Retirement Center, 1871 Julie Lane. Laura Miller was born Dec. 20, 1919, the second baby born in 1919, then Magic Valley Hospital. She married W.C. (Bill) Holman on Dec. 24, 1936 in Jerome, where they lived for several years before moving to Twin Falls. She was the first woman school bus driver for Kirkman Brothers in Twin Falls. She also has been active in the First Presbyterian Church, holding about every office.

Holman has two children, Shirley (Ray) Harris and Wanda (Harry) Sanders, all of Twin Falls, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Her daughters are hosting the event and request stories and cards in lieu of gifts.

Children display art at M.V. Arts Council

TWIN FALLS — The artwork of more than 40 students of the Twin Falls Creative Arts Center will be displayed at the Magic Valley Arts Council from Saturday to Jan. 8. The children are in preschool to eighth grade. For more information, call Karen Hothengill at 737-9111.

Marine Corps League meets monthly

TWIN FALLS — The Marine Corps League Magic Valley Detachment group will meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the Disabled American Veteran's Hall, 459

Shoup Ave. For more information, call Skip Howard at 736-8299.

M.V. Singles Square Dance Club will meet

HERMIE — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall. Participants should bring a potluck dish and wear red or green for the Christmas dance. For more information, call 734-4617.

Snake River Elks Lodge holds annual charity ball

HERMIE — The Snake River Elks Lodge No. 2187 will hold its annual charity ball, steak fry and open house at 6 p.m. Friday at the lodge at the Highway 93 golf course. The cost is \$20 per couple, which includes dinner and dancing. For more information, call Roger Bolton at 733-0151.

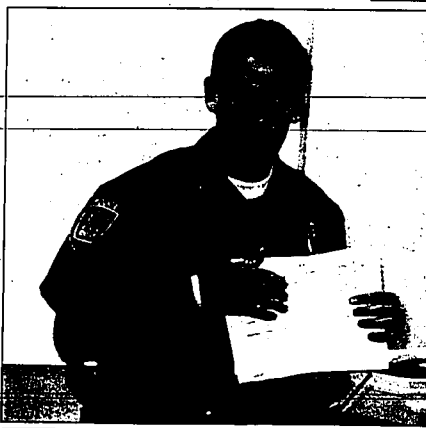
T.F. Senior Citizens Center serves dinner

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will serve a Christmas dinner from noon until 1 p.m. today at the center, 550 Shoshone Way. Santa will visit. The public is welcome. For more information, call 734-5084.

CSI speech, debate team places in tournament

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho speech and debate team placed first among 25 community colleges and 10th among all schools at the recent Linfield College Mahaffey Memorial Forensics Tournament in McMinnville, Ore. CSI was led by Kimberly sophomore Stephanie Fowers, who placed second in novice persuasive speaking, second in novice informative speaking and third in novice prose interpretation. Jerome sophomore LeRoy Santovul also competed for CSI.

DRUG SIGNS



Sgt. Kevin Halverson from the Hayden Police Department was the guest speaker for the October meeting of the Mindoka and Cassia Community Task Force Against Domestic Violence. He presented information about indicators of seven drug abuse categories, such as depressants and stimulants; the duration of the effects of these drugs; and signs of drug overdose.

SERVICE NEWS

Rupert man graduates from Navy school

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Ty S. Damsie, son of Karen S. and Ned E. Damsie of Rupert, has graduated from the Navy's Nuclear Power School at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Goose Creek, S.C.

During the six-month course, Damsie received fundamental training in several technical fields related to the nuclear power program.

He studied mathematics and physics for three months in preparation for hands-on training later in the course. Damsie also spent hours becoming familiar with nuclear reactor theory and operations. Damsie is prepared to operate a reactor on a nuclear-powered submarine or aircraft carrier. He is a 2003 graduate of Minico High School of Rupert and joined the Navy in July 2003.

Local Marine completes basic training at depot
Marine Corps Pvt. Christo-

pher R. Clugston, son of Paula J. Clugston and David A. Clugston, both of Hansen, has completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Clugston and fellow recruits participated in a physical conditioning program and spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments, which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training; performed close order drill; and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Clugston is a 2004 graduate of Hansen High School.

Shepard graduates from basic USAF training

Air Force Reserve Airman Bryant M. Shepard has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of train-

ing, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human resources.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Robert and Cathy Shepard of Twin Falls. Shepard is a 2004 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

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CLOVER IRRIGATION PUMPING COMPANY
NOTICE OF REGULAR STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT the regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Clover Irrigation Pumping Company will be held on the 20th day of December, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in the Twin Falls Canal Company Office in Buhl, Idaho for the purpose of electing one member of the Board of Directors and transacting such other business as may come before said meeting.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
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Case No. CV 04-5540
In the Matter of the Application of ALEXIS POLATIS
DOB 03/31/2001 as Minor Child for Change of Name.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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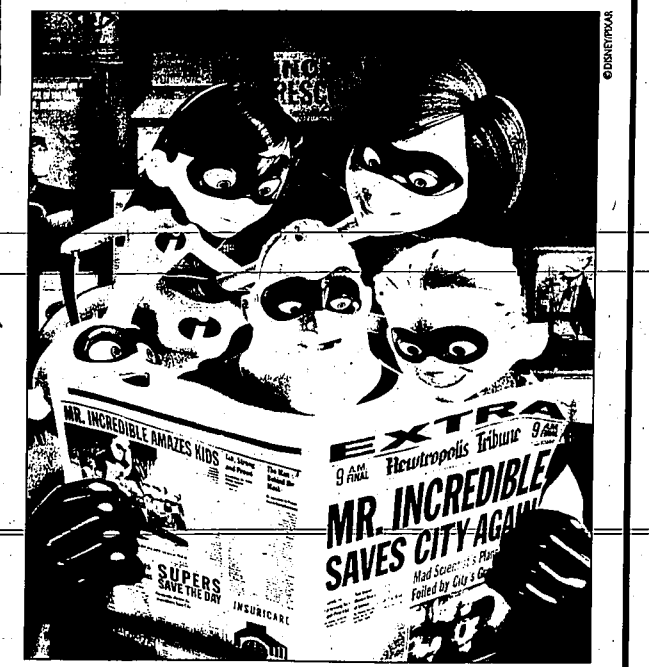
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"And silence sounds no worse than cheers After death has stopped the ears." — A. E. Housman

On today's deal at the Dyspeptic Club, North actually managed to silence South — one of the few times anyone has managed that feat.

South found an intelligent way to get both minor suits into play. When he bid a nonforcing four clubs and followed it with four no-trumps, he was showing both minors: North had no problem in selecting clubs as the best trump suit. When the diamond nine was led against the club game, declarer recognized it as a possible singleton. He followed with the diamond 10 from hand in a vain attempt to confuse the issue, but East was not fooled.

When declarer tried a club from dummy, West won his ace of trumps and thoughtfully shifted to the spade eight. East won his spade ace and gave West a diamond ruff for down one.

"It was just my luck that West had a singleton," said South. "If I could have found a way to hand, I would have taken a heart finesse and thrown the spade loser away. Anyway, it was a good sacrifice anyway, four spades."

"If I would have been a better sacrificer—if you had made your contract," said North bitterly. "Win dummy's diamond ace, cash the heart ace, then play the heart queen, throwing your spade away. West can win his heart king, but what can he do now? The communications between East and West have been cut — that is why it is called a scissors coup."

NORTH 12-16-A
 ♠ Q 4
 ♥ A Q 10 8 2
 ♦ A K
 ♣ Q 10 9 8

WEST ♠ K J 8 6 3 2
 ♥ K J 6 4
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A 2

EAST ♠ A 10 7 5
 ♥ 9 7 3
 ♦ J 7 6 4 3
 ♣ 5

SOUTH ♠ 9
 ♥ 5
 ♦ Q 10 8 5 2
 ♣ K J 7 6 4 3

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: West

The bidding:
 South West North East
 4 ♠ 1 Pass 5 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond nine

BID WITH THE ACES

12-16-B
 South holds: ♠ K J 8 6 3 2
 ♥ K J 6 4
 ♦ A
 ♣ 2

South ♠ West North East
 4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ All pass

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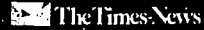
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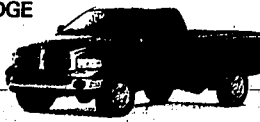
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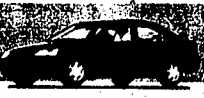


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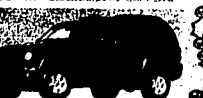
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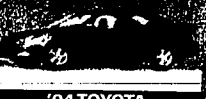
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