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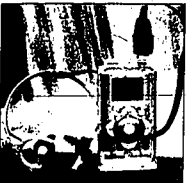
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## Bush assesses Iraq war

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a sobering assessment of the Iraq war, President Bush acknowledged Monday that Americans' resolve has been shaken by grisly scenes of death and destruction and he pointedly criticized the "performance" of U.S.-trained Iraqi troops.

"No question about it," he said, "The bombers are having an effect."

At a year-end news conference, the president also refused to say whether his strategy for overthrowing Social Security

would entail cutting benefits, raising the retirement age or limiting benefits for wealthier workers.

"Don't bother to ask me," Bush said, adding that he would not put his hand until he starts negotiating with Congress next year.

Bush declined to criticize Russian President Vladimir



President Bush

Putin despite concerns that he has strengthened authoritarian controls and backtracked on post-soviet democratic reforms.

Bush said he has a good personal relationship with Putin and "I intend to keep it that way." The United States and Russia have disagreements, the president added, but he said the relationship is good.

The president also offered a

warm testimonial for Defense Secretary Donald H. Burnsfield in the face of spreading expressions of no-confidence by GOP senators. Burnsfield appears "tough and gruff," Bush said, but "he's a good, decent man. He's a caring fellow."

For 53 minutes, Bush fielded questions on international and domestic affairs. It was his 17th formal news conference, held one day before he flies to the presidential retreat at Camp David for a vacation that will stretch into early next year and include a stay at his Texas ranch.

## Man lays blame on city for his bankruptcy

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Businessman Ken Stevens says he's on the verge of losing everything he has because of city staffers.

The reason is they distracted him from unmaking through their insistence that he install landscaping on his corner lot at Kimberly Road and Blue Lakes Boulevard South, he says.

"I've already declared personal bankruptcy," Stevens told City Council members at their regular weekly meeting on Monday. The next step will be a business bankruptcy, he said.

"I can't focus," he said. "And it's all because of a two-year argument between him and the city's planning and zoning department. Employees insisted he had to have landscaping on the corner lot he bought for his pickup spray-liner business, he says."

Stevens brought his gripes to the City Council Monday for a second time in an unscheduled visit after confronting them on Nov. 29. He claimed city staffers deliberately tried to force him to put in landscaping while hiding from him language from the city ordinance that would exclude him from having to put in landscaping.

In response, City Attorney Fritz Wunderlich said city staffers were only doing their job by requiring landscaping because of a recommendation by the city Planning and Zoning Commission. Members of the commission instructed the staff to follow city code in regard to landscape installation, City Attorney Fritz Wunderlich said.

"They really wanted landscaping, but they wrote the special-use permit in such a way that the city was to follow the city's ordinance," he said.

It turned out the ordinance did not require a new business taking over an old location on a major artery to install new landscaping unless there was a remodeling situation, Stevens pointed out. Eventually the city staff recognized the mistake in requiring him to have landscaping, and members of the City Council agreed he had been misled.

But that doesn't mean the city can replace what Stevens claims has been taken from him. Councilman Shawn Barigar said.

"Continually complaining about this for two years isn't solving anything," Barigar said. "To continue to raise this every two weeks is a waste of time."

Barigar told Stevens that his energy would have been more effectively spent focusing on making a request to install City Hall. That would have

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## WINTER ADVENTURE



Dustin De Mello, 18, of Filer, crashes after trying to negotiate his way down a slope at the Diamondfield Jack Snow Play Area in the South Hills Monday afternoon.

## Family gives South Hills sled slope good reviews

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

HANSEN — Yep, southern Idaho folks have pizza delivery and cable television. Leo Jaramillo assures his Los Angeles relatives.

Still, the relatives in California aren't entirely convinced that Jaramillo and his family can live comfortably and safely here. Jaramillo and his wife — because of the settings they choose for holiday family photos — are partly to blame for the Californians' worries.

"They always freak out

about the snow, so I always want to send them a picture with snow," Lisa Jaramillo said.

On Monday afternoon, with nary a flake falling in Twin Falls to greet today's beginning of winter, that meant an outing to the South Hills for the Twin Falls family.

At a picnic spot in the Diamondfield Jack Snow Play Area, Lisa arranged her husband, their three bundled-up children and the family dog atop a small snow pile. All but little, the golden retriever Please see SLEDDING, Page A2



Five-year-old Logan Jaramillo, left, of Twin Falls, and her sister Katelynn, 6, carry their sled up the hill for another run.

## Police followed digital trail to find suspect in pregnant woman's killing

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — In the end, it wasn't a fingerprint or a blood spatter that led authorities to the woman suspected of strangling a mother-to-be and cutting the baby from her womb.

It was an 11-digit computer code.

Police zeroed in on Lisa Montgomery in the most 21st century of ways, by trolling computer records, examining e-mails, messages, beach and most important — tracing an IP address, 65.150.168.223, to a computer at her Melvern, Kan., home.

"That in and of itself led us to the home," Jeff Lawton, an FBI spokesman here said of the IP or Internet protocol, address, the unique number given to every Internet-connected computer.

Investigators say that just before the slaying, Montgomery had corresponded over the Internet with the victim, Bobbie Jo Slinnett, about buying a dog from Slinnett. The same technology that makes instant



Missouri State Highway Patrolman Jeff Owen works at his desk at the Heart of America Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory Monday in Kansas City, Mo.



Lisa Montgomery and Bobbie Jo Slinnett. Missouri communication possible enabled authorities to crack the case in a matter of hours and

## Ice and wind cause multiple power outages

By Karin Kowalski  
Times-News writer

HAZLETON — Melting ice buildup on power lines coupled with strong winds led to multiple power outages Monday across Magic Valley, said Idaho Power spokesman Russ Jones.

Outages started at about 9:30 a.m. and continued until about 3:45 p.m., affecting approximately 800 people in Hazelton, Eden, Shoshone, Dietrich, Paul and Murtough, Jones said.

Some of the outages were caused by ice building up on power lines and then melting, causing the wires to bounce and trip each other, Jones said.

Other outages were caused by winds snapping wires.

Dietrich City Clerk Iva Lee Green said power in Dietrich went out at about 6:45 a.m., then came on at about 8:45. It soon went back out and returned while she was out of town.

Students at Valley School got a taste of winter break when they were dismissed early because of the outage.

Secondary — Principal — Rod

Malone said the power went out in some parts of the school at about 11 a.m., then it was totally out during the lunch hour. Malone said teachers were able to use emergency lights to keep classes going.

The power outage also shut down the school's water system, and that led school officials to dismiss school at 1:30 p.m. and to relocate a basketball game to Oakley High School.

Malone said the power came back on at about 2:30 p.m. Last year, the school had a water-line break right before the holiday vacation, so this continues a tradition of spms. School will let out today at 1 p.m.

Murtough High School had the power blink on and off several times during the day.

Schools in Minidoka County, Shoshone and Dietrich are already out for the holiday.

More outages are likely if the frosty weather continues, Jones said.

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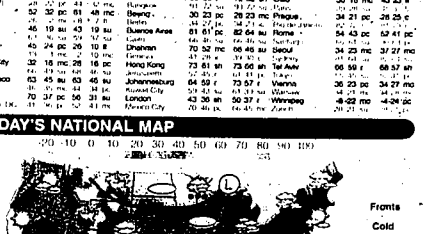
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9th Circuit reinstates terror indictments

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A federal appeals court Monday reinstated indictments against seven defendants accused of raising money for a terror organization with links to ousted Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein...

City

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Pregnant

Continued from A1. is on me. I sure hope they get as much support from their church as I'm getting as I have because we are all going to need it.

Sledging

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Authorities say Reed remains in Funk's care

An article in Sunday's newspaper about a woman facing attempted first-degree murder charges misidentified the source of information provided by the family. Twin Falls' Brenda Reed, 66, remains in the care of Christine Funk and is in good condition, according to authorities.

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NATION/WORLD

# Bush calls for guest worker plan again

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Monday renewed his call for a guest worker program for immigrants seeking employment in the United States, saying the Border Patrol shouldn't be chasing "goodhearted people who are coming here to work."

Bush has wanted such a program since taking office four years ago. But the idea was sidetracked by the Sept. 11 attacks and then left on the sidelines because the White House did not want to tackle such a controversial issue during an election year.

Bush faces a tough fight in Congress. He will have to persuade Republicans that his program does not amount to amnesty for the estimated 8 million to 12 million illegal immigrants, and negotiate with Democrats who want any plan to provide workers a path to legal status.

"I fully understand the politics of immigration reform," Bush said at a news conference.

"I mean, I was governor of Texas. Right there on the front lines of border politics."

# Allawi accuses insurgents of trying to ignite civil war

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's interim prime minister warned Monday that insurgents are trying to foment sectarian civil war as well as derail elections, while thousands of mourners turned out for funerals in the Shiite holy cities of Najaf and Karbala a day after car bombs killed 67 people.

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said the mainly Sunni Muslim insurgents, blamed for Sunday's bloody attacks, want to "create ethnic and religious tensions, problems and conflicts — to destroy the unity of this country." "These attacks are designed to stop the political process from taking place in Iraq," Allawi told reporters. He added that his administration would not be deterred despite expecting more strikes before key Jan. 30 parliamentary elections — the first free vote in Iraq since the overthrow of the monarchy in 1958.

In a new attack in Karbala on Monday, a bomb exploded at a police checkpoint, but inflicted no casualties, police said, they arrested the attacker.

Shiite Muslims, who make up around 60 percent of Iraq's people, have been strong supporters of the electoral process, which they expect to reverse the longtime domination of Iraq's Sunni minority. The insurgency is believed to draw most of its support from Sunnis, who provided much of Saddam



Iraqis carry the coffin of a victim of Sunday's car bomb explosion in the Shiite holy city of Najaf on Monday.

Husseini's former Baath Party leadership. Shiite officials and clerics blamed Sunnis for Sunday's bombings, which caused the worst carnage in Iraq since July. The strikes appeared designed to cause heavy casualties, and provoke reprisals by Sunnis against Sunnis.

The bombings — aimed at a funeral procession in Najaf and a packed bus station in Karbala — again highlighted the capability of the guerrillas to strike. Their attacks have undermined confidence in repeated claims by U.S. military commanders that the capture of the insur-

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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

## ALL WET

Waterproof housing for the iPod mini takes a dive

By Ron Harris  
The Associated Press

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. — After you've joined the music revolution and plunked down \$250 for an Apple iPod mini, it's easy to become quite protective of the little gizmo.

The device has got all of your Sheryl Crow and U2 tracks tucked safely inside and heaven forbid you should drop it in the ocean as you jog along the shore. Or consider the possible digital disaster if the iPod slips out of your jacket and into wet slush while you're snowboarding.

The folks at San Diego-based H2O Audio have come out with a sealed waterproof housing that they claim will make your iPod mini a little more robust and waterproof without a loss of access to the player's many functions.

In the final analysis, the product didn't live up to its billing. The SV Mini (\$149.99) is made of rugged clear plastic. The iPod mini fits snugly inside, held in place by some well-positioned rubber pins. A headphone jack inside the housing plugs into the device, and a set of white, waterproof earphones that ship with the sheath connect to the outside.

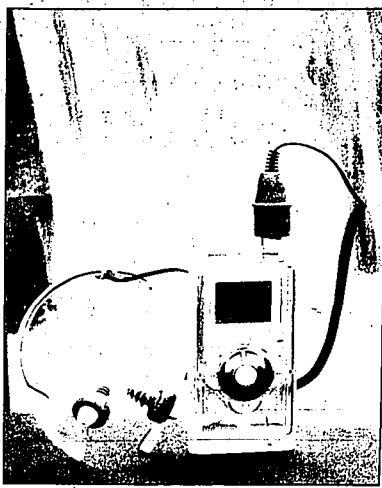
That connection is protected by a gray rubber flitting that prevents water from touching the earphone plug contacts.

Apple's click wheel, which allows the user to select songs, adjust volume and create playlists on the fly, can be manipulated when inside the SV Mini. Five buttons on the outside of the housing depress little plastic nubs inside that make contact with your iPod.

The manufacturer says this airtight solution will keep an iPod mini dry down to 10 feet of water. We'll see.

I first tried the unit by stuffing a loaner iPod mini with tunes and heading for the ski slopes. I'd planned a little snowboarding at South Lake Tahoe's massive Heavenly Mountain Resort, and a few turns worth of tunes would be ideal for the session.

Even with thick snowboarding gloves on, I could power on the iPod mini and scroll through the songs to set up a playlist. I



The Apple Mini iPod is seen encased in a H2O Audio SV Mini, a fully waterproof housing and headphone set made for the digital music player. The unit allows for full use of the iPod mini's controls.

had it flubbed and the earphones on before I slid off the first ski lift.

I cranked up the volume and headed down the hill. The sound quality with the provided earphones, which have funnel-shaped nubs that go deeper into the ear for underwater excursions, was passable but no substitute for Apple's original earphones.

About halfway down the hill I pulled over, took the SV Mini out and stuffed the whole unit deep into the snow for about two minutes. Would it keep the expensive little iPod mini safe and dry? I had my answer a little while later when I removed the iPod from the housing at a lodge restaurant.

Yes, it was bone dry. I also tried the unit underwater, thanks to the hot tub at my local health club. I sat in warm water for about 20 minutes with the SV Mini unit holding the iPod mini submerged about half

the time. Oddly, the sound quality underwater using the "waterproof" earphones was better than the sound quality above the surface. Go figure.

I dried off and checked the iPod to see if it needed the same. Unfortunately, it did. The unit wasn't soaked by any means, but there were three or four large drops worth of water on the Apple unit. Even one drop is too much when you're talking about a \$250 digital music player.

I dried off the player and took it home. A few days later I repeated the underwater test, this time in the tub. Again, water had accumulated inside of the housing after only five minutes.

My verdict for the SV Mini — splash and snow proof, maybe. Waterproof at minimal depths for a very short period of time not.

There remains only one certain way to keep your iPod mini dry. Don't get it wet.

U.S. wireless use lags the rest of developed world

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — On a trip on the Tokyo subway last year, almost everyone ignored the young man talking on one wireless phone, messaging with another and juggling a third.

Such cell phone overload would almost certainly go unnoticed in the United States, which lags the rest of the developed world in wireless use. An estimated 57 percent of the U.S. population chats on wireless phones — not much greater than the percentage of wireless phone users in much poorer Jamaica, where 51 percent of the people have mobile phones, according to the International Telecommunications Union.

By comparison, in Hong Kong there are 105.75 mobile subscribers for every 100 inhabitants. In Taiwan, there are 110.

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## Adware file that uses Windows as a shield is hard to find, delete

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Q. I run Windows XP with Norton virus protection. When I do a scan of my computer, it shows that I have one infected file, which Norton identifies as MediaTicketInstaller.exe, an adware file. Norton asks if I want to delete the file, but when I respond "yes" it fails to delete it. Other files will be deleted properly if they are detected as possible infections.

Norton tells me that the file is in the Windows/Downloaded Programs folder. However, I cannot find it in that folder when I use Windows Explorer, nor can I find it using Start and Search and then plug in the file name.

So how can I find the file since Norton keeps telling me it is in my computer?

—Roy Messer @pacbell.net  
A. Did it ever occur to you that Symantec Corp.'s wanted Nor-

### Computers in brief

ton AntiVirus could be wrong? It didn't occur to me either. Mr. M. At least that was the case until I hunkered down to research your problem and found that it's bugging a lot of folks.

They all say the antivirus program does a first-rate job of finding this nasty bit of spyware/adware but, like you, they can't find it and delete it.

That's because the authors of this bit of vandalism apparently found a way to use the Windows System Registry to cloak the file so it cannot be found even if users set their computers to show all hidden and system files and do searches as you did.

Here's the drill for making registry files. First make a backup of this utterly essential Windows file that handles a huge proportion of everything a computer does. Click on Start and then

Run and type the command regedit to open the registry.

Now look under the File commands for Export and pick it to send a copy of the intact registry to your hard drive. If you get in trouble following my advice you can restore the registry by clicking on that backup icon.

Now highlight the first line in the registry and tap Control + F and type the search term media-ticket. Using Find Next will take you to up to a half-dozen instances of the file in the registry and you will find that each of them has been assigned a value, which you can find by clicking on the entry. Use the edit box this brings up to remove the value, which is a code that hides the files even if your machine is set to find hidden files.

Now go back to the Start/Search button you had been using and search again. This time MediaTicketInstaller.exe will be visible for deletion.

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## EDITORIAL

### ISIMS project may start better on a smaller scale

The \$35 million effort to get public school teachers and parents on the same computer frequency was shut down last week. Given the long-term expense over the short-term application, Idahoans can't blame the decision.

Given the long-term costs and the need for better technology, the IA and Kathryn A. Albertson Foundation pulled the plug on the Idaho Student Information Management System last week, so that it can be re-evaluated.

ISIMS was introduced in 2002 by the Albertson Foundation as a statewide student data system to collect student attendance, assignments, progress reports, lesson plans, test scores and related information. It was promoted as an easier way to link parents with teachers and school curriculum.

The discontinuance is frustrating for those school districts that were implementing the first phase of ISIMS this year. The foundation had already spent a hefty \$21 million implementing ISIMS in 29 districts, including Bliss, Buhl, Filer, Jerome and Kimberly school districts.

Given the uncertainty of the program's future cost, however, the foundation's decision to freeze ISIMS is understandable. Cappellini, the company managing the project for the foundation, said it would require approximately \$180 million over the

next five years from the Albertson Foundation, and \$1.1 billion annually from state taxpayer support.

Albertson's generosity to Idaho education over the years can't be understated. But given the tenuous stock market, which fuels the foundation and its ability to distribute grants, the prospective amount was too much.

The same could be said for the state, which is wrestling with its own budget uncertainty for the coming fiscal year and beyond. It's doubtful that the Legislature would have paid the \$11 million yearly tab.

**Our view: The decision to suspend a Albertson Foundation student-tracking program was reasonable given its long-term costs. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.**

Idaho Superintendent of Instruction Marilyn Howard told district superintendents last week she still supports a scaled-down version of ISIMS and wants to use \$5 million of her budget request to install the first phase of student information systems. Given the number of districts still using the School Administrative System information, or SAS, system, which tracks student data just as effectively as the ISIMS software does, her goal is probably more realistic.

But spending so much so fast on student tracking systems probably isn't the way to go for Idaho, or the Albertson Foundation. In the future, the entire scope of a tracking system, which shares testing data, student information, and even homework assignments, may come to fruition.

For now, a bare-bones system will have to do.

## Islam, democracy are compatible

As Iraq moves toward elections in a few weeks, it's time to explore the insistent myth that Islam and democracy are incompatible. The myth is just that. It has never been true. And it won't be true even if Iraq eventually is ruled by a dictator like Saddam Hussein. Yet the myth persists. In the last month, in fact, Islamic scholars gathered in Jakarta, Indonesia, to combat the alamy and discuss its implications.

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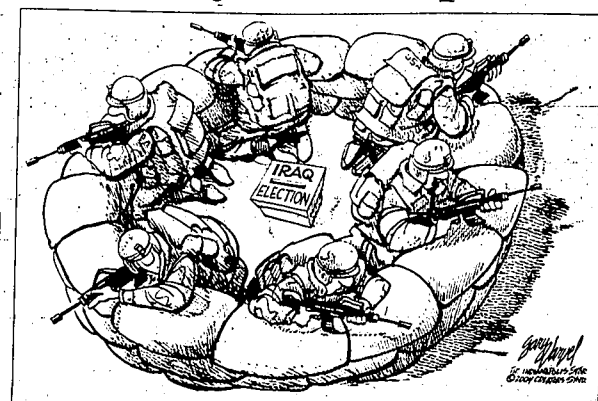
The Jakarta Post quoted Ahmad Rifaat Khalil, a Pakistani scholar, this way: "Democracy is compatible with Islam because according to the Qur'an all men are created equal."

I attended a recent seminar here in Washington on America's role in the world, and I asked various scholars about the Islam/democracy myth. No matter their political leanings, they demurred if not actively pressed support for President Bush's general vision while arguing in many of his speeches of standing up for democratic reform throughout the world, including in many Islamic countries that have been ruled by oppressive regimes.

"I completely reject the idea that Islam and democracy are incompatible," said Peter Brookes, director of the Asian Studies Center at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

"That's just ridiculous. All you have to do is take a trip to Indonesia," he said of the world's most populous Islamic nation, which has had a democratically elected government for decades. "Democracy and freedom is not an Eastern or Western value. It's a universal value."

Robert C. Boonstin, a senior vice president at the Center for American Progress, a liberal think tank, agreed: "I don't say that democracy and Islam don't



fit together in some way. But it's important to get Americans to recognize that it won't be our way."

Brookes described the Islam/democracy myth as "a bunch of nonsense, and we shouldn't give any quarter to it at all." He pointed out that after World War II people also said the Germans and Japanese could never live under democratically elected governments.

Peter Khalil, a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution's Saban Center for Middle East Policy, also agreed with Brookes: "I don't think Islam is incompatible with democracy. I think that's quite insulting."

The Shites of Iraq, who constitute a majority of the population, are "committed to an equal representation of all the people of Iraq," said Khalil. An Australian who served for nine months in Iraq last year as director of national security policy for the Coalition Provisional Authority.

Barbusha C. Tucker, who helps direct an Iraqi reconstruction study at the Center

for Strategic and International Studies, noted that millions of Iraqis are registered to vote, and most Iraqis think elections can and should happen in Iraq. However, he said, Iraq's minority Sunnis "are marginalized and have been from the beginning."

But why the continuing debate over the idea that Islam and democracy are in fact in tension? One reason is what some leaders of Islamic nations have said - often to protect their own hides.

"For instance, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, who runs one of the most oppressive regimes in the Arab world, has gone out of his way to insist that any reforms of Saudi political life are not moves 'toward Western-style democracy, much less an imitation of Western-style democratic reform' - so if that would be poisonous."

The reality is that most of the 22 nations in the Arab League are run by autocratic regimes that have oppressed their own people in disastrous ways. They criticize democratic reform be-

cause it may lead to their own political demise, not because democracy can't live comfortably with Islam.

The scholars in Jakarta pointed to other factors that have slowed progress toward democratic reform in the Islamic world. Masud, for instance, said the ruling elite in such countries often believes the masses aren't qualified to govern themselves.

In addition, he said, "since only experts in Islamic tradition can properly interpret sharia (Islamic law), they alone can represent the sovereignty of God." That, he said, falsely gives rise to a rejection of popular participation in politics.

Other scholars noted that tribal, affinity and other cultural traditions have made it difficult to introduce democracy into Islamic lands.

But to say the religion of Muslims is inherently hostile to self-government is a lie that must be defeated.

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## LETTER

### Something missing from the real Christmas story

It's December and I'm a bit confused.

I received a favorite story of mine, a couple of days ago. It's a tale that has been around longer than Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream." It's a short story, about a three- or four-minute read - one every kid in school used to perform this time of year.

This particular story, I think, is exciting. It pictures a brilliant scientist, like the Northern Lights, that he of angels singing (I think of the awesome cantatas that are performed in December).

Here is a riddle like the ones my family enjoyed in the Sawtooth Mountains. There are shepherds and sheep in common sight on the road to Copper Basin. And Kings I have to depend on films for an image. I've never been in the presence of a King.

Understand the story has been borrowed from American legends and replaced by stories about "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and "The Three Kings."

I also heard and found it true that the United States Postal Service has December stamps commemorating these latter stories. Here are two for you:

also, that there are two December stamps commemorating "some American legends" - one honoring Santa Claus and one honoring the story that used to be an annual production in schools - Jesus Christ.

That's six stamps for strangers and one for a real friend. There is also a word, "Christmas," that went along with the December story. I understand that word is now in use in schools and conversations outside my home. The word, I've heard, has been replaced by "holidays." There are no "Christmas" trees or ornaments anymore; they have been replaced by "holiholly" trees and ornaments.

I searched around a bit and was chagrined. I find newscasters and newspaper articles call those of us who enjoy the story and believe it to be a true one "bigots." We are unloving, uncaring, intolerant, neighborhood naysayers. I read about judges who deny us our enjoyment of the story because these media images create all sorts of angst in society.

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RICHARD H. HAGERMAN  
Wendell

### You shouldn't really care who's No. 1 in BCS

In case you haven't read the sports page or watched ESPN lately, the greatest problem facing the world today is something called the BCS, which is not a disease or a bomb or a rebel group in western Sudan, but the Bowl Championship Series.

The BCS was started in 1998 to settle the ridiculous annual controversy over which college football team is the best in all the land. This question may not be urgent in Missouri or Illinois, but in states like Idaho, people who usually get excited only about potato blight get excited when their teams get hosed.

The people who are most apologetic are sportswriters and broadcasters, who connect by point out that the BCS has been as successful in predicting football fans as the American invasion of Iraq has been in pacifying the Middle East.

Sports gurus curse the BCS with words like "hypocrisy" and "greed," saying it has created a "firestorm" and that it "reaps a whirlwind," as if somehow the earth will tilt from its axis because one of three unbeaten teams will not be allowed to play for the national

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Championship.

Personally, I like the fact that no one really will know if Auburn could have been beaten in Oklahoma or the University of Southern California. Herrigan's Iron Rule of Ambiguity states that not knowing is sometimes better than knowing, because it keeps open a lot of possibilities. If I'm Auburn, it's better to not know if you could have been No. 1 than to run the risk of getting waded by OJ or USC.

Actually, there are two other unbeaten teams that won't be playing for the championship, but they are Ohio and Boise State, and according to the BCS ranking formula, which is no more complex than quantum physics, neither of them could beat Hogeboad East.

The Iron Law of Ambiguity is closely related to Herrigan's Law of Ambiguous Dining, which was formulated in 1972 at Gasper's Truck Stop in Kingdon City, Mo. Gasper's served its last meal last week, a victim

of the fast-food homogenization of American culture. People would rather have the comfort of the familiar than run the risk of the unknown at a hole-in-the-wall restaurant.

The Law of Ambiguous Dining states just the opposite: Anybody can get a good meal at a decent restaurant, but the unknown carries a special reward.

My first trip to Gasper's took place in 1972 at the company of Bob Boskiewicz, a one-time Jefferson City bureau reporter for the late Globe-Democrat of sainted memory. Boskiewicz insisted that Gasper's was the best restaurant in central Missouri, well worth the 30-mile trip up Highway 54 from the state capital.

I was new to Missouri and didn't know whether Boskiewicz was kidding or whether the Globe-Democrat meal allowances really were "tight." It turned out he was right: Gasper's was a revelation, with excellent fried chicken and meatloaf, real mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables and great pie.

For the next 20 years, working between St. Louis, Kansas City, Jefferson City and Colum-

bia, I ate a lot of meals at Gasper's. I learned what the specials were and to avoid the place at noon on Sundays, when the other-church crowd in mid-Missouri descended en masse. I took my wife there on our wedding anniversary.

Once,

I developed a theory. If two of the best restaurants in Missouri were a truck stop and Arthur Bryant's Barbecue in Kansas City, then surely there were equivalents in the unknown and unloved. I repeated these rewards in the fried chicken at the Stroud's in Kansas City, over terrific vegetable soup at a truck stop in Fenton, over magnificent ribs in Dexter, over throwed rolls in Silkeston, and over aluminum-egg pork tenderloin in Chillicothe.

On the other hand, when you try to expose a good meal - or your team to be No. 1 - and it happens anyway, you're way ahead. It is the triumph of hope over experience, and it comes with age.

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MORNING BREAK

# Sagittarius: You can make a few extra clams today

IF DECEMBER 21 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... There is smooth sailing ahead in the coming year, but you will need to stifle a tendency to be negative. Carry your responsibilities proudly and you will make the right decision in July when important choices appear. Love relationships may take precedence in March and late fall. Singles may find a new love, while the happily married could reach a joyous new plateau. Your hard work and attention to duty will reap rewards in October and November when several opportunities to release the past permanently will arrive.

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**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Celebrate the winter solstice by rubbing shoulders with friends in high places while a warm, friendly tone ranks supreme. Let your fingers do the walking through the phone book to easily find that perfect last minute holiday gift.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Santa may have brought you the gift of gab a few days early, so use your special powers to chat up potential prospects or discuss your views with key people. You may find the magic key to unlock a special door.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** A party animal follows you like a puppy wherever you go. Make the most of the openhanded generosity in the air and ask for favors. Address those holiday cards or send out email to keep in touch.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Take a few hours out of the day for personal errands. Time spent with your favorite companions will be hours well spent. And last-minute gift buying may prove fortunate as something special could pop into view.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** The world is your oyster and you can make a few extra clams today by making new connections. Others close can offer pearls of wisdom, where business is concerned, so keep your ears open.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Fun and games in the air may tug at your purse strings.

Be generous toward good causes and indulge your own passions. The treats you choose today may please a significant other as well as your self.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A secret is being plotted behind your back - but that is probably someone hoping to surprise you with something special. Be forgiving toward partners who can't match your limitless exuberance due to a heavy workload.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Sparkling conversations might brighten up the day. Make those necessary contacts barterous by keeping a phone close by and the fax machine warmed up. Send out inquiries and gather information to stay at the head of the pack.

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## Historic St. Louis bowling alley will close soon

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AMF Bowling Worldwide Inc. says that next month the 36-lane bowling alley will end a run that began in 1962. The Western is offering customers \$1-a-game bowling until Jan. 30 closing.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Authorities recover detective's pistol

**TWIN FALLS** - A stolen police-issued Glock pistol is back in custody of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Just before noon on Monday, officers located the gun at a Twin Falls residence, said Staff Sgt. Steve Henkula.

He declined to say whose residence it was.

On Friday, police arrested Jake I. Degarmo, 18, of Twin Falls in whose possession they found a detective's badge.

Degarmo was charged with burglary and possession of stolen property.

On Dec. 14, someone broke in to a detective's home and took a badge, gun and \$500 worth of personal items, police said.

"We were following up leads obtained through the public which led us to the arrest of Mr. Degarmo," Henkula said. "From that point and speaking to other people, we were able to recover the stolen weapon."

One other stolen-weapon was retrieved from the residence, he added.

Police are still investigating the case and are trying to determine the whereabouts of the detective's stolen personal items, he said.

### Man faces charges in sexual abuse case

**KIMBERLY** - A 22-year-old man is facing felony charges in connection with the sexual abuse of a minor girl.

Garrett Omar Carley, of Kimberly, made an initial appearance in 5th District Court Friday on one count of lewd conduct with a minor under the age of 16.

The alleged rape occurred on Dec. 16 at a residence, according to an affidavit written by Kimberly police officer Tim Miller.

Carley's preliminary hearing was set for Dec. 23. Bond was set at \$25,000.

### Customers take burgers, landscaping

**TWIN FALLS** - The dining public "take out" involved in an unfortunate manner last weekend at a local drive-thru.

About 3:30 a.m. Sunday, a white Dodge Ram with a camper shell pulled into the drive-thru at Jack-in-the-Box 1301 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., according to a police report.

Employees staffing the window noticed that the vehicle was too tall for the clearance and watched as it skinned the top.

One employee asked if the driver would pull around the front and wait for his order to be brought out to him.

The driver said he would try to back up and pull closer to the curb in order to get through.

Upon backing up, however, he drove over a curb and got stuck.

Customers in a car behind the Dodge got out to help push the truck over the curb. With their combined muscle, the truck jolted over an embankment, taking out bushes and part of a landscaping wall, the report said.

Damage was estimated at approximately \$1,000.

Rather than making another go at the drive-thru, a female passenger got out of the pickup and went inside to get her order.

The female, got back in the truck and the group left without paying for property damages.

- compiled from staff reports

# BLM moves cautiously on wind farm

**The Times-News**  
BURLEY - Under pressure to complete a draft Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed wind farm in Cassia County, Bureau of Land Management officials are covering all their bases.

Monday that the agency has received pressure from Windland Inc., which is proposing the wind farm, to step up the process.

"They want a more ambitious schedule but there's too many steps we can't circumvent," Reynolds said.

Officials from BLM have held five meetings so far with representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game

looking at alternatives that meet the needs of the project while protecting the natural resources. Reynolds said.

# THE RIGHT STUFF



Robert Stuart Junior High teacher James Siggaard explains how to paint cars to his ninth-grade students in the technology education class at the school Monday. Siggaard, along with seven other teachers in the state this year, received certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

# Teachers earn rigorous certification

**By Karln Kowalski Times-News writer**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Two Magic Valley teachers and six others around the state are taking their work up a notch by earning National Board certification.

James Siggaard, who teaches at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls, and Douglas Walrath, who teaches at Wood River Middle School in Halley, both earned certification specializing in career and technical education. There are 14 teachers in Idaho with that subject certification.

Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is a rigorous process that requires candidates to submit teaching portfolios, student work samples, videotapes and an analysis of their teaching and student learning. Teachers also have to do written work on the subject matter they teach and their understanding of how to teach it. The process can take up to three years and is open to teachers with four-year degrees

and three years of classroom experience. There are 40,205 teachers in the United States who have earned the honor. Blaine County has three nationally certified teachers counting Walrath. Twin Falls has 15 people with the certification, said Linda Baird, the district's human relations director. They are some of the 317 educators around the state who have the National Board certification.

Siggaard was honored with a cookie basket from district administrators during his Monday morning freshman technology education class. "And no, I don't share," Siggaard said. Siggaard teaches technology education for all three grades at the school. A Montana native, he has taught in Twin Falls for 10 years. He studied at Montana State University and later earned a master's degree from the University of Idaho. Monday morning, he was instructing students in the finer points of improving the aerodynamics of wooden canoes. Siggaard said the hardest parts of the certification program were following the steps exactly and reflecting on what he needed to change to make his teaching better.

# Local soldiers get settled in Iraq posts

**The Times-News**  
**KIRKUK, Iraq** - All of the soldiers of the 116th Brigade Combat Team have arrived safely at their various posts in the 1st Infantry Division's area of responsibility in northeastern Iraq, according to a unit spokesman. Teachers also have to do written work on the subject matter they teach and their understanding of how to teach it. The process can take up to three years and is open to teachers with four-year degrees

convoy leaders were possible attacks by insurgents who have used improvised explosive devices, rocket-propelled grenades and small arms to attack coalition forces in the area, the news release said. "Where the convoys were traveling through unfamiliar territory, I think the primary goal was to ensure that the navigation was correct," said 116th Commander Brig. Gen. Alan Gaylor. "Due to the excellent planning of the staff, we had negligible problems."

Soldiers are now focussing on setting in, getting to know the area and learning as much as they can from the 25th Infantry Divisions 2nd Brigade Combat Team soldiers they're replacing. Due to the recent three-month extension of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, soldiers of the

116th will have more time to learn what it takes to survive in Iraq from the area's veteran force, the news release said. The 116th Brigade Combat Team will remain under operational control of the 1st Infantry Division until the official transfer of authority sometime after the planned January elections. "We are prepared to support the Iraqi National Guard and the Iraqi government as required to make this a safe and peaceful election," Gaylor said.

"I don't like the fact that the state's being paid off by the feds," Newcomb said. "But there's never been an agreement negotiated that didn't have points each party isn't happy with." The economy is expected to be the other big issue during the session, but the legislators said they were confident that a recovery is under way.

# Emergency light diverts plane to Twin Falls

**By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer**  
**TWIN FALLS** - A United Airlines 737 that took off from Boise made an unscheduled landing at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport Sunday morning.

Denver-bound flight 1220 was carrying 110 passengers at the time, said Airport Manager Bill Carberry. "They had something on the left engine on departure from

Boise," he said. "They notified the tower here." The Twin Falls Fire Department responded with three trucks and 10 firefighters, said Battalion Chief Gary Earl. "The plane landed without incident in the late morning," Carberry said. "People deployed and mechanics looked at it. It was a precautionary type of thing."

Its flight just after 3 p.m., said Jenna Obluck, a spokeswoman for United Airlines. "Basically, there was a warning light indicating engine generator fault. They needed to investigate that immediately," she said. "They safely landed," she added. "It wasn't an emergency landing."

On the ground, mechanics conducted standard safety tests. "They examined the problem and determined they could safely continue on to Denver," Obluck said. "It was not a flight safety problem." "The most important thing is that everyone was OK and got to where they wanted to go," she added.

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# Legislators: Economy, water are top issues

**By Chip Thompson Times-News**  
**HEYBURN** - The two issues paramount in the minds of Idahoans appear to be the same two issues most important to the Mini-Cassia community: water and the economy.

Those topics are expected to dominate the upcoming legislative session in Boise, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said Monday during a lunch meeting with elected officials from throughout Minidoka and Cassia counties. The water issues revolve around the potential passage of an agreement with the Nez Perce Tribe and establishment of a law to limit the amount of water taken from the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, which has been crippled by years of drought.

"In all my time with the Legislature, I have never seen two bigger issues," Newcomb said. The Nez Perce Agreement, which has yet to be signed by the tribe, guarantees the tribe set flows from the Clearwater River and millions in cash and land in exchange for dropping claims to nearly all water in the Snake River and its tributaries. It also requests a biological opinion on the needs of salmon fisheries that make the agreement attractive to state officials. "What's at stake here is a 30-year biological opinion," the good news is that the agreement includes some points that make even its supporters uncomfortable, but Newcomb said passage of the agreement is in the states best interest.

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# Snails won't halt construction

PARKER (AP) — A recent survey shows no endangered Utah valais snails are likely to impact the Parker-Salem Bridge, opening the way for construction, officials said.

In the past the rare snail has put many projects on hold in the region, including replacement of the bridge, which spans the Henry's Fork of the Snake River. But Dick Dyer, an engineer with The Dyer Group in Rexburg, said a survey taken in October 2004 found eight types of snails within 100 meters from

the bridge, but none of them were the Utah valais.

The study, conducted by Forsgren Associates of Rexburg, was presented to the Fremont County Commission last week.

Replacing the bridge on the busy main road to Rexburg was put on hold in 1997 when 50-foot bridge had seven pier, Reynolds said the new pier would be down to lay bedrock 24 feet below the bottom of the river.

The cost of the project was estimated at about \$1.5 million in

the beginning, the county has seen it as a point of safety for the public. It is time to get it fixed, and with this report we can do it."

The project would raise the road and bridge four feet, with just one supporting pier in the middle of the bridge. The current bridge has seven piers. Reynolds said the new pier would be down to lay bedrock 24 feet below the bottom of the river.

The cost of the project was estimated at about \$1.5 million in

1997, when the county first applied for funds. It has likely risen with inflation, but Reynolds said he did not have a current estimate.

The delays have cost the county about \$150,000 in studies and engineering, he said.

But the county will be reimbursed for some of the costs when the project is finally under way, Reynolds said. The other studies have been for the bald eagle, osprey, Canadian lynx and Ute ladies tresses, a type of orchid.



Mark Myhre inspect damage to his shop after high winds blew off part of the roof at his business, J & M Manufacturing, south of Longmont, Colo., on Monday.

# Border Patrol gears up to treat cold-weather migrant injuries

FOIT HUACHUCA, Ariz. (AP) — The Border Patrol is equipping agents in southern Arizona with blankets and "heat packs" to treat illegal immigrants who falter in the cold during border crossings.

Officials say they have seen a rising number of hypothermia cases among migrants who try to sneak through southeastern Arizona mountain ranges, where nighttime temperatures can dip below freezing. The agency had no specifics on the numbers Monday.

The Border Patrol is also responding to an increasing number of injuries in the mountains during this time of year.

Don Bellavia, commander of 45 agents trained as emergency medical technicians, said he doesn't know why the mountainous parts of Cochise County are favored in the winter, but

that's where search and rescue agents conduct more cold-weather rescues.

The problems represent the other side of the dangers immigrants face while trying to cross treacherous terrain in Arizona, the busiest illegal entry point on the U.S.-Mexico border.

During the summer, scores of illegal immigrants die of dehydration and other heat-related maladies in Arizona's deserts.

The Border Patrol has expanded its medical response operations in recent years in response.

Officials recognized the need for stepped-up cold-weather response after one-week spans during April 2003 and then 2001, when Border Patrol agents rescued more than 300 immigrants caught in bad weather on the Tohono O'odham Indian Reservation to the west.

Part of the winter initiative is to equip every Border Patrol agent with blankets and packets called mini hand warmers.

The warmers are small packets containing a substance that warms when unwrapped. The packs can then be placed on a person's body to help warm them up.

The patrol's trained search and rescue agents carry more extensive equipment.

On Monday, the Border Patrol took reporters into the Huachuca Mountains to demonstrate the conditions migrants might face.

The morning was chilly but sunny and it took maybe 10 minutes on a steep foothill trail for them to get in and for reporters to start getting winded.

"These people (migrants) aren't any more prepared than you," said Bellavia.

# Mounties get stranded in Idaho's backcountry

BOUNDARY COUNTY (AP) — Two Canadian Mounties who apparently strayed south of the border were rescued in Idaho's rugged, snowbound backcountry.

The Royal Mounted Police officers were patrolling by snowmobile Friday afternoon when they became stuck in deep, soft snow near the Grass Creek area. The creek is a remote, heavily forested area north of Upper Priest Lake.

Despite the mild weather, 4 feet of snow covers parts of the high country.

Officials said it took more than an hour to dig the Mounties and their machines out of the snow.

"The snow is so soft and it breaks through so easy," said Dan Lockman, of the Boundary County Search and Rescue team.

Law enforcement agents from both sides of the border regularly work together.

The Border Patrol was notified in midafternoon that the Mounties were overdue from a patrol. The county's volunteer search and rescue team was dispatched and worked with U.S. Border Patrol officers to search for the Mounties, who were found safe about 5 1/2 hours later.

The area is remote, without many roads or formal border markers.

# High winds howl across Colorado, doing damage

DENVER (AP) — Wind gusting to nearly 100 mph swept across Colorado on Monday, forcing skiers off the slopes, closing highways and peeling the roof off a high school gym while a basketball team practiced inside.

No serious injuries were reported, but the gusty weather dominated everything from driving to walking for much of northern and central Colorado.

Gusts reached 90 mph in Breckenridge and forced the ski resort to shut down a chair lift.

"We generally get pretty high winds before a storm moves in," resort spokeswoman Emily Jacob said. "We really pay close attention to that. It's a safety concern for us."

The National Weather Service issued a high-wind warning along the heavily populated Front Range after 95 mph winds were reported in Superior. Gusts reached 98 mph at Carter Lake near Berthoud and ranged from 78 mph to 85 mph in Louisville, Boulder and Golden.

At Monarch High School in Louisville, several students escaped injury when a portion of the gym roof was torn off. The school was closed for winter va-

cation, though basketball players practicing inside had to be evacuated.

"I'm in the parking lot, looking at one-third of the roof that's peeled off the top of the gym," said Mack Clark, deputy superintendent for Boulder County School District. "Most of it has come down on a car."

The wind overturned a small plane at a Denver-area airport and knocked an empty tractor-trailer on its side in Littleton, State Patrol Trooper Don Mosseau said. The driver was treated for minor injuries and no one else was hurt.

Trees were blown down elsewhere in Louisville and a roof under construction at a new recreation center was peeled off, Lafayette police said.

Authorities closed Colorado Highway 93 near the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant northwest of Denver for about an hour after winds knocked down a power line.

The winds eased as a cold front began to arrive. Temperatures were expected to drop to about 30 degrees by Tuesday.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Edmond Felix Philippet**  
TWIN FALLS — Edmond Felix Philippet, 87, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004, at his home.  
Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary.

ner, 79, of Buhl, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.  
A private family service were

held. Cremation and private inurnment are under the direction of the Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

## SERVICE

Charles L. Johnson, memorial service at noon Wednesday at the Rock Creek

Community Church, 131 Grandview (Elmhurst Funeral Chapel).

**Robert Dean Fortner**  
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## OBITUARIES

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### Ethel Mae Starkey

Ethel Mae Starkey, 90, of Mountain Home, passed away Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004, in a local care center.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004, at Glenn's Ferry Methodist Church. A graveside service will follow at Glenn West Cemetery.

Ethel Mae was born on June 14, 1914, in Glenn's Ferry, Idaho, to Ernest and Florence (Newcomb) Belmore. She graduated from Glenn's Ferry High School. She then attended Lewis and Clark Normal School. She started teaching in Boise, Idaho, in a one-room schoolhouse. After grades first through 12th, after leaving Banks. Ethel Mae moved to Boise and began working as a secretary where she met Stephen Starkey. In 1938, they were married in Boise, Idaho. In 1942, Kenneth and Ethel Mae moved to Glenn's Ferry and she resumed teaching. It was the first in the fifth grade. Most of her teaching was spent in the first grade. In 1976, she retired from Glenn's Ferry school district.

Ethel Mae attended U of I, ISU, BSU and graduated from ISU with a degree in education.



Ethel Mae enjoyed traveling and vacations in New England, Washington D.C. and Europe and Asia. She enjoyed being with her family members and especially being with her grandchildren, Ken, Mike, Josh and Patrick.

Ethel Mae is survived by her son, Dr. Richard Starkey, and wife, Deb Hofer, of Mountain Home; her daughter, Kathleen and husband, Conrad Horn of Salem, Ore.; grandchildren, Patrick Starkey of Min. Home, Josh and Megan Starkey, and their two children, Matthew and Madison of Puyallup,

Washington, Kenneth Horn of Clarkmas, Ore., and Michael Horn of Boise.

Ethel Mae now joins her husband, Kenneth, both parents; brother, Howard Belmore; and sister, Marie Brewer.

Ethel would like any memorial to be made either to PEO Chapter Z 60 Mary Hall, 2975 W. Latta Lane, Glenn's Ferry, ID 83623 or Idaho Youth Ranch, 395 North Second E. Mountain Home, ID 83647.

Arrangements are under the direction of Host Funeral Home, Mountain Home.

### Linda Marie Abbott King

Linda Marie Abbott King, 53, of Jerome, passed away Dec. 19, 2004, in Jerome.

She was born July 15, 1951, in Wendell, Idaho, the daughter of Cecil and Elizabeth Hopworth Abbott. Linda was raised in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School. She married Vernon Carter in 1971. Together they had three children. They were later divorced. On March 14, 1980, Linda married Randy King in Jerome. Linda enjoyed hunting and fishing and cooking.

She especially loved and enjoyed her family.

Linda is survived by her husband, Randy King of Jerome; children, Vernon (April) Carter of Jerome, Sheila (Chad) Ripplinger of Jerome, Ray (Shylo) Carter of Jerome,



(Jesse) Slater of Filer. She is also survived by her parents, Cecil and Elizabeth Abbott of Jerome; brother, Alvin (Sue) Abbott of Jerome; sister, Cecilia Worthington also of Jerome; 13 grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and uncles, cousins, friends and special friend, Lila Rue.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004, in the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S. Jerome. A visitation will be held where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at Farward's Mortuary, 343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, and again one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment to follow in the Richfield Cemetery.

Amy King of Salt Lake City, Utah, Cheryl (Darren) Rademacher of Jerome, Melissa (Chris) Sellman of Brigham City, Utah, and Beryl Lynn

# BYU study: Oprah's picks are good as gold for publishers

IRVING, Utah (AP) — A new study from Brigham Young University confirms what many already knew: Oprah Winfrey's book club means big bucks to publishers.

The study published in the new issue of the Journal of Publishing Research Quarterly finds that Winfrey's recommendations had a bigger impact on book sales than anything else in history.

Professor Richard Butler says her picks rocketed books from obscurity, and in most cases, to the top of the best-seller lists. They stayed on top longer than other books.

"Oprah's recommendations had a bigger impact on the sales of books than anything we have previously seen in literature, or seen since," Butler said.

The idea for the study came when Butler was using data on book sales to demonstrate a concept in an undergraduate econometrics class and a student asked, "What about Oprah's books?"

Butler and his team of students went about examining the 45 non-children's titles Winfrey picked from the club's inception in 1996 until she announced its end in 2002.

Of those books, only eleven had been on the best-seller list before her recommendation, never going beyond No. 25. Butler says of the first eleven books that Winfrey picked, all went to at least No. 4 within the week of her recommendation.

Winfrey suspended her club in April 2002 because she didn't have enough time to keep up

monthly selections. She restarted the picks last summer but only recommends "classics."

Winfrey's real influence, Butler and his students found, was in her endorsements' staying power. They compared the duration of each of her picks on the list with how long other books spent in the top 150.

Among those most affected were "Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver, which was on the list for 137 weeks, and "Where the Heart Is" by Jille Letts that lasted 98 weeks on the list.

"It's not just an overall average," Butler said. "We're comparing the short-term, medium-term and long-term books with Oprah's short-term, medium-term and long-term books, and those are really distinct. Her average and below-average picks stayed on the list much longer than the average and below-average best-seller books."

When Winfrey-endorsed titles showed up on paperback best-seller lists a year after being on the hardcover lists,

they remained in the top 25 for an average of 6.5 weeks.

Butler says the Winfrey effect was "judged by thousands of book clubs around the country, according to an unpublished study his team conducted. One finding of that research, which has been submitted for review in the journal of Cultural Economics, is that Oprah's selections farred worse during the summer months and in December, when book clubs generally don't meet."

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# Department head faces suspension

By Chip Thompson  
The Times-News

RUPERT — Another city employee has been suspended in Rupert, bringing the total to seven since investigations began July 20 into possible criminal, ethical and employment policy violations.

Electric department head Jim Bowers was suspended with pay Dec. 16 pending an investigation, according to his personnel file.

When contacted Monday, City Attorney Kelly Anthon said he was unable to comment on the specifics of the suspension nor could he confirm that Bowers had, in fact, been suspended.

The other employees originally suspended include electric department workers

Larry Ford and Kenny Smith, former Police Chief Ken Fedders and police officers Todd McGhie, Juan Martinez and Lauren Jackson.

McGhie remains on paid suspension along with Bowers and all other city employees have either resigned, retired or are no longer employed by the city, according to personnel files.

Bowers said Monday night that his attorney, Keith Hutchinson of Twin Falls, had advised him not to discuss the suspension for the time being.

Initial allegations brought to Mindoka County Prosecutor Jason Walker were turned over to Attorney General Lawrence Wasden's office in July. Since then the office has been conducting an investigation into

possible criminal conduct on the part of one or more of the suspended employees. The office has refused comment on the ongoing investigation.

A separate investigation on behalf of the city concerning alleged ethical and employment policy violations was conducted by the Garden City Police Department and a final report was issued Nov. 23. City officials have declined to discuss details of the report pending completion of the attorney general's investigation.

"We have reviewed the report and were preparing to take the necessary employment actions by Jan. 1," Anthon said.

Employment actions, which could range from termination to minor discipline, were delayed because portions of the

final report were missing and had to be sent from Garden City, Anthon said.

Only McGhie and Bowers face employment actions because the city has no employer recourse against former employees. Each of the seven employees involved could be subject to criminal charges depending on the results of the attorney general's investigation.

If Bowers or McGhie decides to appeal employment action taken by the city, the hearings would be open to the public, Anthon has said.

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# Man faces charges in alleged meth delivery

TWIN FALLS — Prosecutors have filed charges against a man who police say was attempting to deliver methamphetamine.

Police charged Robert William Shekl, 46, of Twin Falls, at Third Avenue East and Idaho Street Thursday for failing to obey a stop sign, according to an affidavit written by Officer Ryan Ellis Hovey with the Twin Falls Police Department.

Inside Shekl's vehicle, officers found several plastic baggies containing more than 18 grams of a crystalline and powder substance, the affidavit says.

The substance was later determined to be an amphetamine-based substance.

Officers also found four sheets of paper in the vehicle that were booked into the Twin Falls County Jail on a charge of possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver.

His preliminary hearing was scheduled for Dec. 23. Bond was set at \$10,000.

## Magic Valley in brief

### Soldier Mountain waits for snow to fall

FAIRFIELD — Camas County skiers will have to hold out a little longer, said Larry Davener of the Soldier Mountain Ski Area on Monday.

"We're just waiting for more snow," Davener said. "We need another eight or 10 inches and then we could open. We've got a good base, but we need some snow on top of it."

Davener said snow has been predicted for early next week, but that can change rapidly.

### Christmas tree sales double this season

BURLEY — The Mindoka District of the U.S. Forest Service sold some 2,500 permits for Christmas tree harvesting this season, about double the yearly average.

District Ranger Scott Nunnega said Monday that dwindling snowpack at lower elevations has meant easier access to USFS lands and has likely caused the spike in sales.

Another factor in the sales increase, is that Bureau of Land Management officials referred customers to the USFS in most cases. In the past, the area was Wendy Reynolds said. The BLM sold only a handful of permits.

Permits are available from the USFS Burley office for \$6 each and allow the cutting of one tree on USFS land.

### Rupert considers lowering electric rates

RUPERT — The City Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution that would lower electric rates during their regular meeting at 7 tonight.

Other agenda items include a presentation by the Albion National School Foundation and discussion of the joint powers agreement for animal control.

"The council meets upstairs at City Hall, 924 1st St. The meetings open to the public."

### Burley City Council will meet tonight

BURLEY — The City Council is scheduled to meet at 7 tonight. Agenda items include presentation of a wastewater safety award, a get-acquainted meeting with the Burley City Council and a discussion of remote readers for water meters.

"The council meets at City Hall and the meeting is open to the public."

— compiled from staff reports —

# M-C police want a law to protect fetuses

By Chip Thompson  
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — Local law enforcement officials are pushing for legislation that will allow for felony prosecution of women who give birth to babies addicted to illegal drugs.

Idaho County Sheriff's Department Investigator Randy Kidd discussed the proposal with local legislators when they met with elected officials from Mindoka and Cassia counties for lunch Monday.

Kidd told legislators that a growing number of babies are being born addicted to drugs because their mothers used drugs during their pregnancies. He said there is nothing in Idaho law that specifically addresses the problem.

"The baby is taken away and placed in the foster care system and the mother walks out the door free," Kidd said.

Kidd, who also supervises the Mini-Cassia Drug Task Force, asked legislators to make a law criminalizing the use of drugs during pregnancy in order to establish the consequences for the mother.

Cassia County Prosecutor Al Barrus said he supports the law because his hands are often tied when it comes to prosecuting mothers.

Their children can be prosecuted under the Endangered Child Act, but you have to show there's been an injury and we don't know what injuries there will be," Barrus said.

Kidd said it's hard to tell what lasting effects the drug addiction could have on a child years later now showing specific injury to the newborn is difficult.

"Nobody knows what the long-term effects are, we know in adults that it changes the brain permanently," Kidd said referring to methamphetamine use.

The lack of a law targeting the specific issue represents a loophole.

"If somebody's delivering an illegal substance on the street they got sent to prison," Barrus said. "If they deliver it through their breasts there's nothing we can do to them."

State Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, said he would introduce legislation to criminalize drug use during pregnancy in the hopes it would get more addicts into drug court

programs for rehabilitation.

One of the challenges for the legislation will be convincing other legislators that the new law would not significantly increase the population of the already overcrowded prison system, Denton said.

Kidd said the law would make the offense a felony and, if the addiction was discovered during prenatal care, could allow the state to incarcerate expectant mothers until the baby is born in order to prevent further drug use. That decision would be up to the judge, Kidd said.

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# Jerome council mulls annexing 80 acres

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — The City Council will consider tonight the annexation of 80 acres located at the southeast corner of 100 North and Lincoln Street North.

The annexation is being requested by land owner Tim Thomason and developer Bret Kenfield of Vancouver, Wash. Thomason is investigating the city's boundary of the developer has requested city services.

The developer has submitted a preliminary plat that will be available at the council meeting. However, the council is not

being asked to consider the plat at this time. If annexed, the property would come into the city without a zoning designation. The hearing on the zoning of the property is set for Jan. 4 before the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

Also tonight, the council will vote on a proposed 10-year franchise agreement with Idaho

Power Co. that would give the company the exclusive right to supply electricity to residents of the city. In exchange for the franchise agreement, Idaho Power will pay the city — on a quarterly basis — 1 percent of gross revenue received from residents.

Also on tonight's agenda:

- **PSI contract** — The council will consider a five-year contract with PSI of Twin Falls for sanitation services for the city's residential areas. PSI is the current provider of sanitation services to city residents. The city recently requested proposals from sanitation companies and reviewed sealed bids. PSI

was the low-cost provider and met all specifications requested in the bid.

- **Museum** — The council will consider the renewal of a lease agreement with the Jerome Historical Society for the use of the Pioneer Hall and the historical society uses the building as a museum to house artifacts. According to the proposed agreement, the Historical Society would pay the city \$10 per year to use the building. The city will provide hazard insurance to the structure and the Historical Society will insure the contents.

# Family contradicts cop's version of shooting

BOISE (AP) — Family members of a 16-year-old boy who was fatally shot Saturday by Boise police say an officer never gave a warning before shooting, four rounds into the teen's body.

That contradicts the police version of events in the shooting in the north Boise neighborhood about 5 p.m.

The family says Matthew Jones, the teen who was armed with a World War II-era rifle, never got closer than six feet to officer Andrew S. Johnson before Johnson fired, according to a statement from the family.

The statement indicates the family is questioning whether deadly force was necessary to stop Jones, a sophomore at Boise

High School.

The reporting officer did not attempt to retreat before firing his weapon (dial) did not issue a warning to Matthew to drop the battery, the family said.

"Matthew did not touch the officer or come closer than a distance of between six and 12 feet," the family said.

Phone calls to Lynn Higley, a Boise police spokesman, weren't immediately returned for comment about the family's claims.

The shooting is under investigation.

As reported to police, Johnson had responded to the home near the Boise foothills after the boy's father, an attorney, called to re-

port the boy was stabbing holes in the walls of the family home with the bayonet.

Johnson, the first officer to arrive at the home, had said he noticed his vehicle on the boy's father, Bruce Jones, outside the family home. Police say the boy then jumped from the bushes with a World War II-era rifle outfitted with a 15-inch bayonet.

Police said Jones ordered Jones to drop the gun at least once before he fired.

Police say Jones rushed at Johnson with the rifle and hit him in the back with the bayonet. They maintain that Johnson felt contact with the bayonet and that his uniform showed a puncture where the bayonet

poked through to his bulletproof vest.

It was at that point that Johnson shot and killed Jones after the officer gave Jones a verbal warning to drop the weapon, police say.

"The officer tried to put some distance between himself and the suspect," Boise Police Chief Jim Tibbs said in a statement on Sunday. "In the process, the officer was hit in the back. The officer then turned back toward the suspect, and fired."

Officers say they later found evidence of drug and alcohol use in Jones' room in his home. They say they found additional weapons, including a sword and another rifle.

# Child with ties to cancer cluster has leukemia

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The toddler of a military family with ties to the Fallon area has been diagnosed with childhood leukemia, bringing the number of cases in the town's cancer cluster to 17, officials said Monday.

It is the first case to be diagnosed in more than two years. Three of the children diagnosed since 1997 died.

The latest case involves a 28-month-old boy whose father is a Navy hospital corpsman, according to officials at Naval Air Station, Fallon.

"The boy became ill earlier this month and initially was examined by doctors at Banner

Churchill County Hospital and the naval base, officials said.

He was flown last Thursday to Children's Hospital in Oakland, Calif., where doctors confirmed a diagnosis of acute lymphocytic leukemia, officials said.

Base spokesman Zip Upham said Navy officials alerted the state Health Division. The family's name is not being released.

"It's bad enough when it happens to any family at any time of the year," Dr. Randall Todd, Nevada's state epidemiologist in Carson City, "When it happens at Christmas time, it seems a double tragedy."

Upham said the boy's father wasn't based in Fallon but has

been attending surgical technician school in San Diego, Calif., since April. His wife and children were staying in Fallon near family members, Upham said.

Of the 17 cases involving children with ties to the Fallon area, 12 were residents at the time of diagnosis and five were living elsewhere but had previously lived in Churchill County, a rural agriculture community 60 miles east of Reno.

The last case involving a former resident was diagnosed in the summer of 2002. Todd said. Before that, the last involving a resident was confirmed in December 2001.

In a town the size of Fallon,

with about 8,300 residents, just one case of childhood leukemia would be expected in five years, according to health officials.

State and federal health experts — including the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Cancer Institute — survey Fallon's cancer cluster for more than two years, testing water, dirt and taking blood and urine samples from residents in their search for clues into why so many children were developing leukemia.

Tests could not find a cause. "We certainly knew going in that the odds of us finding a cause were very low," Todd said.

# Marine from Utah accused of desertion may seek civilian lawyer as well as military one

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A Marine charged with desertion after he disappeared from his unit in Iraq and contends he was abducted may seek a civilian lawyer along with his assigned military attorney, an officer said Monday.

A two-day pretrial investigation hearing, called an Article 32 in the military justice system, is scheduled to start Tuesday at Camp Lejeune for Cpl. Wissel Ali Hassoun. The

hearing is similar to a civilian grand jury and a military judge will recommend to a commander whether a court-martial will be held.

Hassoun's arraignment is scheduled to testify, but the hearing might be delayed if Hassoun wants to hire a civilian lawyer.

"Defense counsel is prepared to go, but Hassoun apparently has some issue with (his) defense," said Maj. Matt Morgan, spokesman for the 4th

Marine Expeditionary Brigade, a special unit formed for anti-terrorism deployments after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"He has a reasonable amount of time to retain counsel," Morgan said.

Hassoun was charged last week following a five-month investigation into his June disappearance from a U.S. military camp near Fallujah, Iraq. Hassoun, of West Jordan, Utah, is accused of taking

unauthorized leave from the camp when he served as an Arabic interpreter.

The Article 32 hearing will be overseen by Col. David Wunder, a career judge advocate with more than 20 years of experience in military law. Wunder was selected because he is not a member of Hassoun's command.

Hassoun also is charged with loss of government property and theft of a military firearm

# Lack of funds delays Pocatello development

POCATELLO (AP) — A project to revitalize downtown Pocatello has been pushed back a year over funding problems.

The Pocatello Development Authority Board voted unanimously to put off the second phase of a \$1.9 million construction project that was originally slated to start next summer.

Board and city officials said they are short about \$100,000 because AMI Semiconductor of Qwest successfully challenged their property appraisals, lowering their property tax obligations.

The assessed value of the entire downtown tax district was also slashed, creating an anticipated loss of revenue.

Delaying the next step of the project for a year gives downtown business owners time to recover after last summer's lengthy \$2.5 million first phase of construction led Main Street in ruins much longer than planned.

"We think we'll be in a better cash position in 2006," Neuhard said.

The delay has some support. "The Old Town Board of Di-

rectors say, 'We understand the cash flow problems. We still want the project to happen. I've had a few people say, 'Maybe in a way this is good because it will give us a break.' Neuhard said.

The delay will likely drive up the costs by about 5 percent because of inflation on materials.

Still, Mayor Roger Chase said the city plans to reduce costs significantly by using in-house management and engineering.

"We learned a lot last summer and think there are a number of ways we can reduce costs," Chase said.

Arlen Witrock, AMI spokesman, said the company's largest property tax reduction came more than a year ago, and was followed by a more recent and much smaller reduction.

Semiconductor manufacturers throughout the world have seen their property values drop since the industry-wide slump in 2001, Witrock said.

"We are business-property poor in this community," Witrock said. "We need to get in more good property tax-paying businesses. Right now the businesses who are here pay a very high rate of taxation, and so do homeowners."

If the commanding general of the 4th Brigade, Brig. Gen. Michael Robertson, were in uniform, he could face life imprisonment, Robertson has said he does not plan to pursue his case. Robertson is a capital case, which could carry a death penalty, Morgan said.

Hassoun was last seen in Iraq on June 19. He did not report for duty the next day and was listed as missing.

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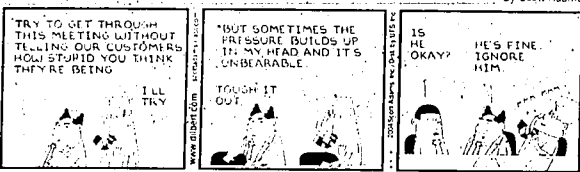
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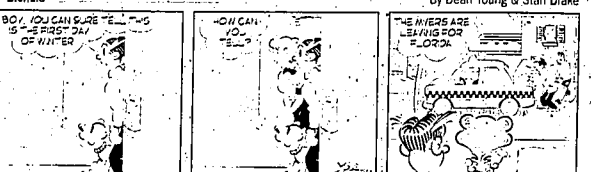
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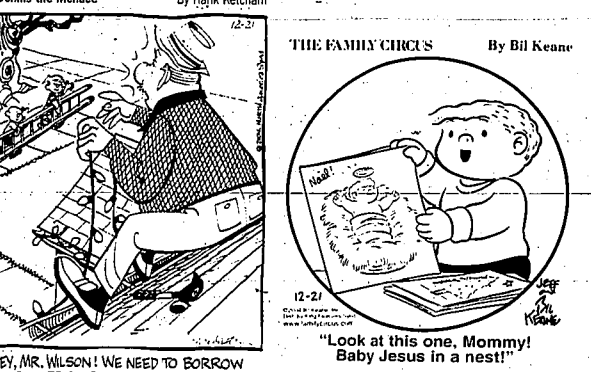
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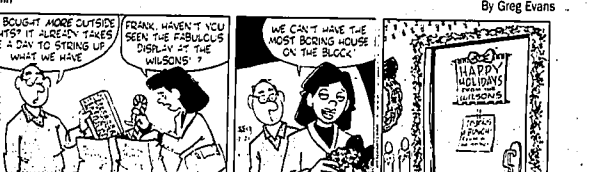
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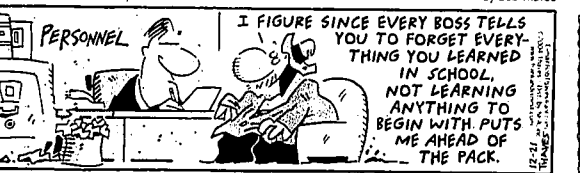
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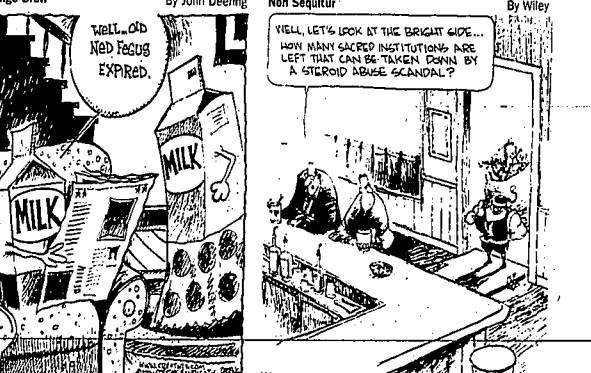
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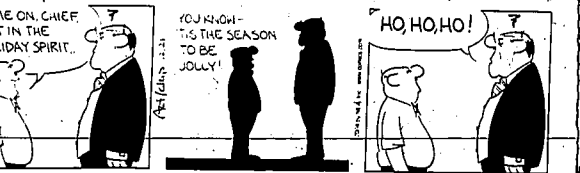
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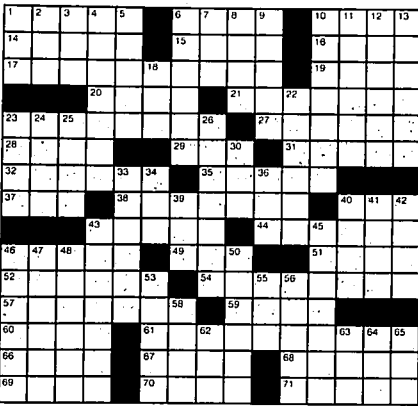
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- Lennon's Yoko
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- Be acceptable
- Assist
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- Cleveland's lake
- Fencer's foil
- Make into law
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- Put on the market
- Free from moisture again

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A villain was the inspiration for Batman

The original inspiration for Batman, said creator Bob Kane, was a villain from the 1926 movie, "The Bat." Kane loved the bat costume, but wanted the man inside the costume to be like his literary hero, Sherlock Holmes. Robin was meant to be something like Dr. Watson in tight.

This day in history: A national mania began on Dec. 21, 1913, when the New York World newspaper published the first-ever crossword puzzle. The fall led to cowboy philosopher Will Rogers' observation: "The best thing about the crossword puzzle craze is that they've taught the general public the difference between 'horizontal' and 'vertical'."

Simon & Schuster's founders initially started their venture for the sole purpose of publishing crossword puzzle books. The books made them rich.

The crossword puzzle fad became so widespread that B&O Railroad put dictionaries on all of its mainline trains for the benefit of its many crossword-addled passengers.

The town of Santa Claus, Ind., was so named in 1852. During the Christmas season, more than a million packages and letters come through its post office each year for remailing with a Santa Claus postmark.

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"Flying circus" was the disparaging name World War I



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bring geese in a V formation take turns flying in the leadership position. In his day job, amateur poet Francis Scott Key was a lawyer. He was trying to get a client released from a British ship when a major battle broke out and he got temporarily stuck there. The sights of the war inspired him to write a poem about the rockets' red glare, bombs bursting in air, etc., which he later discovered could be sung to the tune of a popular drinking song.

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# Man can lend a hand but not a dime to spendthrift brother

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**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

his decision, he wouldn't have written to you.

He should stick to his guns. The brother and sister-in-law will be siphoning money from here to eternity. Just like an alcoholic, if you give money to folks like that, they'll take and take until the money is gone. I know - I was one of those takers. I was never taught how to handle money. I'll bet you get a lot of letters

on that one, Abby!  
- **HOPEFULLY DOING BETTER IN FLORIDA**  
**DEAR DOING BETTER:** You're right. I did get mail from readers who felt I should have encouraged the writer to stand firm. Read on:  
**DEAR ABBY:** It's time for that brother and his wife to grow up and learn to budget

their own money. If "Able's" mother and sister aren't willing to put their money where their mouths are, they should keep quiet. It never makes sense to loan money to a bottomless pit. Strange how "Able," the responsible son, is criticized, while the spendthrift, spoiled son runs to Mom and Sis to buy

responsible brother. If the situation were reversed, would the big spender help his brother. I wonder? I don't think so. This selfish lifestyle should not be rewarded. The irresponsible brother should end the pity party and go to work!  
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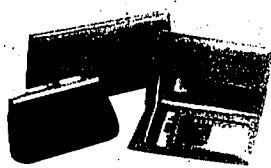
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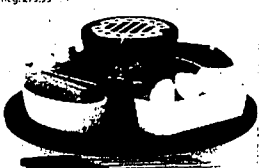
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When the Reformation took place, the new Protestants felt St. Nicholas was too closely connected to the Catholic Church and so each country or region developed their own gift-giver. He was known as Pere Noel in France, Father Christmas in England, Weihnachtsmann (Christmas man) in Germany and Grandfather Frost in Russia. He was also known as Sinterklaas to the Dutch which was later mispronounced as Santa Claus when they came to America.

The Santa we know today was developed when "A Visit from St. Nicholas" (now better known as "The Night Before Christmas") was written by Clement C Moore in 1823. Thomas Nast, a political cartoonist, drew a plump, jolly old fellow with a white beard and smoking a long-stemmed pipe forty years later for the cover of Harper's Weekly.

Finally, Haddon Sundblom created a new Santa each Christmas for Coca-Cola advertisements from 1931 to 1964. This is the Santa we know today with a red suit trimmed with white fur, leather boots and belt, long white beard and a pack of toys slung onto his back.

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Christian Henchey Age 9

Dear Santa, My name is Cinthia. I want a video now and a trip to the north pole ok. I'd love a nice Christmas.  
Cinthia Age 9

Dear Santa, This christmas I would like video now and a puppy. thanks santa.  
Stephanie A. Sanchez Age 10

Dear Santa, I want a xbox playstation 3 nintendo game cube, playstation 2, smackdown vs raw, I wanna \$1,000,000,000,000.  
Denise Sanic Age 10

Dear Santa, I would like a game called Pokemon colosseum, and a game called Zelda the Wild Waker, memory card, and red virson and green virsion thanks  
Michael Heubrock Age 10

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. This is what I want for Christmas anything Strawberry Shortcake and to have a good Christmas this year.  
Joy Sheen Age 9-10

Dear Santa, This is My list Oregon elgie, a book Platzer a Jublat, a good smiling, and that is all. Make shar no Col. thanks. Now and Shrek 2  
Mitchel Nielsen Age 10

Dear Santa, I would like a playstation 2 whitin a game and a brat boy for my brat girl. Thank you for the presents last year!  
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Megan-Jounsbury Age 9-12

Dear Santa, My name is Britney. Whims up? Are you working hard in the north pole? Merry Christmas. P.S. Be extra fat for me! Don't blush! Bye  
Britney Miller Age 10

Dear Santa, This is the list of the things I want Bratz, CDs, Playstation 2 with 70 games, 20 games for my Game, bop dance S.P., Portable CD player, moviesto.  
Bryanna C.N. Age 9

Dear Santa, I want a PlayStation 2, and a razor Motorcycle, and a nintendo DS, and a Game-Cube, thank You  
John Age 10

Dear Santa, I want a smack down Vs raw playstation 2 game, Paintball gun, GDI tank, Xbx, airsoft gun, A 65 inch T.V., a gots a resaling.  
Trell Dowd Age 10

Dear Santa, I want a hamster, a big screen T.V., a dog named rocky that lives next to are street that my neighbors are selling.  
Haley Rae Hutchinsson Age 9

Dear Santa, I want a bike, a helmet, Acemris toy car, computer gocart a puppy, skates, a big screen.  
Katalyn Fischer Age 10

Dear Santa, Hay santa waz up, you must be workin really hard up at the north pole. You better be fat for x-mas. Peace out. Dude.  
Emmie Stephens Age 9

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Jerome, ID • Age 5 1/2

Dear Santa, I love you. Sometimes you are funny. Your elves are cool. For Christmas I want a princess and the Pauper.  
-Alexandra  
Twin Falls, ID • Age 6

Dear Santa, I want a lot of books for Christmas. I also want a baby pig for Christmas. If you can't get me a baby pig I want a stuffed animal.  
-Aubrie  
Twin Falls, ID • Age 9

Dear Santa, I want a microscope and a telescope. Tyler my brother wants a walker and a new bottle. Merry Christmas everyone.  
-Alysa  
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-Amanda  
Jerome, ID • Age 13

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! My name is Alexis and I have been a good girl. I would like to have a rocking horse for Christmas.  
-Alexus  
Filer, ID • Age 10/10ths.

Dear Santa, Mostly I want my cousin Tad Fisher to come home safe from Iraq and maybe a Playstation 2.  
-Austin  
Gooding, ID • Age 11

Dear Santa, The only thing I want this Christmas is another wooden soldier. You are so good at giving me great ones. Thanks for coming each year.  
-Beau  
Three Creek, ID • Age 9

Dear Santa, I would like a baby and a big girl bike, and a make-up box, and a easy bake oven. Peace on Earth. Snow on Christmas morning. Nails, my little pony.  
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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND IN FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-04-0011 NOTICE OF HEARING IN RE RICARDO REYES THOMPSON d.o.b. Nov. 22, 1988 a Petition by Ricardo Reyes Thompson, born on November 22, 1988 in Las Vegas, Nevada and filed in District of Jefferson, Twin Falls, proposing a change in name from Ricardo Thompson has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change is that he being I never liked the first name of Ricardo. The petitioner's father is living.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government changes all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings. **IMPORTANT** The Times-News, PO Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548 email legals@magicvalley.com Contact for legal advice: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday, noon on Thursday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday. See and Hear. Holidai deadlines may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 735-3324.

### ALTERNATE DELIVERY

The Times-News is looking for individuals interested in delivering sample newspapers or alternative products to households in the Twin Falls and surrounding areas. These positions are independent contractor positions and are compensated on a piece basis. If you are interested in these flexible opportunities, please fill out an Independent Contractor Application Form at 100-200 Michigan St., West, Twin Falls.

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Busy shop needs experienced mechanic immediately. **Burn Implement** Call 543-8232

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T.S. No. ID-75321-C Loan No. 0547959505 A.P.N. RPT04810006040 Notice is hereby given that, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company the trustee, will on 2/23/05 at 10:00 AM (recognized local time), at the main entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow, 311 Second Street, Nampa, Twin Falls, Idaho, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the real property of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property and tract, situated in the County of Blaine, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 6 of Buena Vista Addition according to the Official Plat of Buena Vista Tract 2 of Page 23 Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of this notice, Section 4 of the Idaho Code. The Trustee is being informed that the address sometimes associated with said real property is 208 Buena Vista Street, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: Kambra Hayes, an unmarried woman, as grantors, to Alliance Title Insurance Company, as grantee, by Beneficiary, dated 6/5/2003, records 6/17/2003, as instrument No. 2003-015442, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is secured by said Deed of Trust, and Electronic Registration System, Inc. The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation, oral or written, by Beneficiary, presently responsible for this obligation. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the terms of Trust instrument, dated 6/5/2003. The monthly installment amount of \$364.26, plus interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$384.26, per month from 5/1/2004 through 7/30/05, and all subsequent payments in full, until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is 199.55, plus accruing interest at the rate of 5.2500% per annum from 4/1/2004. All delinquent amounts are now in default and with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing late, assessment, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this obligation. Dated: October 08, 2004 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, By: Beneficiary, Trustee Services Inc., its agent Candy Herzog, Trustee Sale Officer/Executive-Trustee Services, Inc. 1525 San Fernando Mission Blvd, #206, Mission Hills, CA 91105 (818) 637-2300 Sale Line: (818) 361-8998 ASAP#13883

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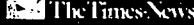
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Hobby Wolff

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John Dominic

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East-West's decision to compete for three clubs should perhaps have tipped the first declarer off to the danger of a bad trump split...

The moment of truth had arrived when West led the club 10. At another table, Larry Cohen made the winning play by discarding a heart and was in control...

Incidentally, the winning defense is for West to take his diamond ace at once, then lead a third round of clubs...

Bridge hand diagram showing NORTH, WEST, EAST, SOUTH cards and suits.

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: West The bidding: South West North East

BID WITH THE ACES South holds: A 7 6 3 2 K Q 6 4 A 10 8

South West North East Pass Pass 2 Pass 3 Pass

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Section D

**MORNING LINE**  
**SPORTSQUOTE**

It took a lot of hard work, a lot of belief in staff and ownership, to sign what we believe is the best free-agent pitcher in the marketplace. If you want to win, I'll go to war with Pedro Martinez on my team.

— Omar Minaya, Mets general manager, on the signing of Martinez

**TRIVIA**  
**QUESTION:**  
On Dec. 15, 1968, shortly after becoming the Dodgers' general manager, what player did Al Campanis trade to the Kansas City Royals?

...answer below

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

**HS Boys Basketball**  
Buhl at Kimberly, 6 p.m.  
Castledorf at Hagerman, 6 p.m.  
Coxey at Dietrich, 6 p.m.  
Mountain Home at Jerome, 6 p.m.  
Murraugh at Lighthouse, 6 p.m.  
Raff River at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.  
Oakley at Magic Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.

**HS Girls Basketball**  
Jerome at Pocatello, 6 p.m.  
Twin Falls at Minico, 6 p.m.  
Shoshone at Valley, 6 p.m.  
Burley at Century, 6 p.m.  
Murraugh at Castledorf, 6 p.m.  
Kimberly at Declo, 6 p.m.  
American Falls at Buhl, 6 p.m.  
Twin Falls Christian Academy at North Gen, 6:30 p.m.  
Oakley at Raff River, 7:30 p.m.

**High School Wrestling**  
Kimberly/Wood River at Burley 6 p.m.

**IN BRIEF**  
**CSI offers Junior Eagles hoops camp**

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will host the Junior Eagles Basketball Camp on Wednesday, Dec. 29 and Thursday, Dec. 30 at CSI Gymnasium. The clinics will run from 9 a.m. noon on both days. The camp is open to boys and girls in grades K-8. The cost is \$60 per person, with each additional family member costing \$40. The clinics will cover shooting, ball handling, passing, defense and rebounding, and will be taught by CSI coaches and players.

For more information, call Barrett Peery at (208) 732-6496 or Christi Ure at (208) 732-6496.

**Minico Boosters meeting set Monday**

The Minico Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3 in the Minico High School Library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are urged to attend. Call 436-5670 for more information.

**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 324-3389.

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
His son Jimmy.

## Dolphins stun Patriots

**Miami scores two TDs in final 2:07**

The Associated Press

**MIAMI** — Tom Brady threw a dumb pass and A.J. Feeley threw a beauty, finally giving the Miami Dolphins something to savor in this long, miserable season: an upset of the New England Patriots.

With Brady's ugly interception providing an opening, Miami scored two touchdowns in the final 2:07 to stun the Patriots 29-28 Monday night.

The much-maligned Feeley threw for the game-winning score, a 21-yard touchdown pass to Darius Thompson on fourth-and-10 with 1:23 left.

The stunning victory rivaled the biggest in Dolphins' history, because they've rarely been so successful. With the win, Miami (3-11) avoided being swept by AFC East opponents this season.

New England (12-2), which has already clinched the AFC East, lost ground to Pittsburgh (13-1) in the race for a first-round playoff bye and home-field advantage. The tie was just the second in 29 games for the defending Super Bowl champions.

The Patriots appeared to clinch the win when Brady threw his third touchdown pass, a 2-yarder to Daniel Graham for a 28-17 lead with 3:59 left.

But the Dolphins drove 68 yards to score on Sammy Morris' 1-yard run with 2:07 remaining, and then came Brady's uncharacteristic mistake. On third down, he threw as he was being sacked by Jason Taylor. The ill-advised, off-balance pass sailed directly to linebacker Brendon Ayanbadejo, giving Miami a first down at the Patriots' 21 with 1:45 left.

Three plays later, on fourth and 10, Thompson beat Troy Brown — a receiver who doubles as a fifth cornerback — and made the winning catch in the end zone.

Brady's fourth interception, a desperation throw picked off by



Miami's Qarius Thompson (88) catches a 21-yard touchdown pass with 1:23 left in the game as New England's Troy Brown (80) defends Monday in Miami. The Dolphins defeated the Patriots 29-28.

Arturo Freeman with 58 seconds left, sealed the upset. New England lost after leading at halftime for the first time in 32 games.

The Dolphins wore orange jerseys for only the second time, and the uniform change altered their fortunes. Feeley overcame a slow start and four sacks to win for the second time in 17 seven starts since coming to Miami.

The victory fattens the resume of interim coach Jim Bates, who is expected to inter-

view for the coaching job Tuesday. Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga interviewed former Oakland Raiders coach Art Shell on Monday but is expected to offer the job this week to LSU coach Nick Saban.

The game was one of the coldest ever at Pro Player Stadium, with the temperature 52 degrees at kickoff and then falling into the 40s. But the Patriots were raring to go, as usual, scoring first in their 19th consecutive game to extend an NFL record.

Brady threw two touchdowns before they fell behind 17-14 midway through the third quarter.

The Patriots needed only five minutes to regain the lead, with Brady directing a 71-yard march capped by a 2-yard scoring pass to Corey Dillon.

Miami's first four possessions through the first 23 minutes netted minus 2 yards.

## Games show best, worst of sportsmanship

Dan Marino still holds the NFL record for touchdown passes in a season rather than sharing it with Peyton Manning. Robert Ferguson remains in a Green Bay hospital, grateful he now has feeling in his legs after a brutal hit in the neck by Jacksonville's Donovan Darius.

Thus were the best and worst of NFL decorum on display Sunday.



Green Bay receiver Robert Ferguson loses his helmet as he is hit by Jacksonville safety Donovan Darius (20) Sunday in the fourth quarter in Green Bay, Wis. Darius was ejected from the game after the hit.

**DAVE GOLDBERG**

The actions by Manning and his coach, Tony Dungy, deserve far more mention than Darius, whose clothesline tackle of Ferguson in the fourth quarter of the Jaguars' win over the Packers was a despicable throwback to long-gone decades when receivers were fair game for safeties.

Manning went into the Colts' game against the Ravens on

Sunday night needing two touchdown passes to tie Dan Marino's single-season record of 48. Even Dungy, one of the

classiest coaches in the NFL, acknowledged he wanted to get it out of the way just to get rid of the hype from fans and media.

especially the television networks that have roared openly for it to happen in a game they carry.

On Sunday, it was ESPN, when Mike Patrick, Joe Theismann and Paul Maguire — one of the best and most professional teams around, by the way — spent as much time talking about the record as about the outcome of the game, which had playoff implications for both teams.

They couldn't help it — the fans at the RCA Dome were hanging on every ball Manning threw.

But Dungy and Manning did the right thing, especially late, demonstrating their class and a healthy crowd.

With about four minutes left and a fourth-and-1 at the Baltimore 15, Dungy ignored what the crowd wanted — for Manning to go for it — and sent in Mike Vanderjag to attempt a field goal that would have expanded a 20-10 lead, forcing

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## Cabrera heads to Anaheim

**Houston cuts injured Miller**

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Anaheim gave shortstop Orlando Cabrera a \$32 million, four-year deal on Monday night, and the Houston Astros refused to trade the injured pitcher to offer the injured pitcher a 2005 contract.

On a busy day of deals among players eligible for salary arbitration, Minnesota outfielder Jacque Jones agreed to a \$5 million, one-year contract, and Toronto right-hander



free agents.

Among players who were already free agents, two left-handed relievers agreed to two-year contracts, with Steve Kline getting \$5.5 million from Baltimore and Kent Mercker \$2.6 million from Cincinnati. Texas also finalized its \$1.8 million, two-year deal to re-sign outfielder David DeLucci, and Los Angeles and left-hander Wilson Alvarez were close to a \$4 million, two-year agreement.

There were no developments in the big three-way trade that would send Randy Johnson from Arizona to the New York

Yankees, a deal that would have outfielder Shawn Green go from Los Angeles to the Diamondbacks. Los Angeles still has not signed off on the trade, which then must be approved by commissioner Bud Selig.

Once that happens, New York wants a 72-hour window to negotiate a contract extension with Johnson.

But the Yankees are moving ahead on another front. New York owner George Steinbrenner is scheduled to meet with free-agent center fielder Carlos Beltran on Tuesday in Tampa, Fla.

On the trade front, San Diego acquired outfielder Dave Roberts from Boston for outfielder Jay Payton, infielder Ramon Vazquez, minor league right-hander David Pauley and \$2.65 million.

Washington — With the deal to bring the Montreal Expos to Washington on the brink of collapse, the head of the District of Columbia Council put the stadium financing legislation on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting.

The agreement between the Expos and Washington expires Dec. 31 unless financing is put in place consistent with the September agreement between the team and Washington. Mayor Anthony A. Williams.

District of Columbia Council Chairman Linda W. Cropp pushed through an amendment last week that called for half the stadium finance money to come from the private sector.

The baseball commissioner's called the change unacceptable and suspended the team's promotional and business operations.

Williams met Cropp on Monday for

## With Expos' deal on rocks, city council may reconsider

The Associated Press



the first time in a week and said they were making progress.

Cropp has said she would not revisit the stadium financing plan in council chambers unless there was a way to save the city money.

The original bill called for the city to issue up to \$531 million in bonds to finance a ballpark and to refurbish RFK Stadium, where the team would be renamed the National and play its first three seasons.

Tuesday's council meeting is the last one scheduled until January when three new members join the body. One of councilman-elect joined four other council members to voice support for Cropp's efforts to demand private financing for about \$140 million of the project.

## QB keeps hitting the books

The way Peyton Manning goes about his work, no kid will ever grow up wanting to be a quarterback again.

He's short on swagger and long on modesty, just the opposite of what you're accustomed to from somebody who plays the position. He doesn't possess Brett Favre's charisma, Tom Brady's cool, Michael Vick's flair or Donovan McNabb's improvisational skills.

Manning might be having the kind of season all those other great quarterbacks knew was possible, but the only thing he does better than any of them is study. He does more reading on the sideline during games than some kids do in a week, and where's the glory in that?



JIM LURIE

Manning had a chance to show the Baltimore Ravens just how much he'd learned about their defense Sunday night. But he didn't bother studying it in. He came into the game, two touchdown passes short of the NFL single-season record of 48 set by Dan Marino, and though Manning threw once for a score, he twice passed up opportunities to make the mark his own.

The first chance came after a blocked field goal, when he drove the Colts to the Baltimore 3. To his like, everyone else in the building watched a pass and dropped six defenders in coverage. Instead, Manning handed off to running back Edgerlin James for the touchdown and a 20-8 lead.

That's a no-brainer, look-and-thats-the-way-I'm-always-going-to-play-it. They go down there and want to take away the run," Manning said, "then it's a different story."

He said something similar about his second chance at the record. A late interception and 71-yard run by Indianapolis linebacker Cato June put the ball at the Baltimore 4, and turned the electricity in the dome back on when the offense trotted back onto the field. But after Manning and Colts coach Tony Dungy made sure they were on the same page, he took the snap and dropped to one knee on successive plays, letting the clock run out to brass.

"That's the right way to play," Manning said.

But then he added, with just the hint of a smile, "If they'd called time out right there, maybe it would have been a little bit different."

Manning would never say as much, but you can be sure he did everything short of praying that Baltimore would give him a reason to throw just one more pass at the end. Nobody in the league is more competitive, and if Manning needed any more fuel, part of his exhaustive preparation last week involved watching his brother, Giants quarterback Eli Manning, get mauled by the Ravens over and

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SPORTS

CSI men improve to 15-0

The Times-News

MESA, Ariz. — The College of Southern Idaho men left little doubt who was going to win Monday night in Mesa, Ariz. ... The fourth-ranked Golden Eagles (15-0) scored 167 points in the first half to blow past the host Mesa Community College Thunderbirds, 108-85 in non-conference men's basketball.

The first 16-17 minutes were as good as over. Head coach G.H. Arnold told 1270AM KTHL, "We were really hitting on all cylinders."

CSI shot 52 percent from 3-point range with 12 trifectas in the first half alone. CSI finished at 47 percent for the game with 16 3-pointers.

Travis Gabbidon poured in 26 points, including six 3-pointers, while Jamaal Brown added 21 points and 11 assists.

The CSI men dominated the paint defensively, forcing the Thunderbirds to fire from outside. CSI out-rebounded Mesa 54-43. Guard Nate Perry of Racine, Wis. pumped in a game-high 29 points, including three sharp-shooter Quinn Barfield added 23 for Mesa.

For CSI, Mohamed Kone scored 20 points and hauled in 12 rebounds while Abdonkye Ndiaye added 10 points and 10 rebounds. Guards Shaun Davis added 11 points while Dani Hazut added 10, all in the first half.

CSI next hosts the College of Eastern Utah on Jan. 6 and Boise State Jan. 8.

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Manning

Continued from D1 Over on videotape. "They gave a neckie quarterback a lot of looks last week," he said heading into the Baltimore game, "and they're going to give me a lot of looks."

The difference is that the Manning needed only so much time to figure the Ravens out. After nearly seven seasons in the league, there are precious few schemes he can't decipher over the course of four quarters. Manning does so methodically — patiently probing weaknesses with the running game, then spreading the passes around — that his steady climb to become the best QB in the game is only being conceded as the record comes into focus.

But Manning was easy to see coming. He threw 26 touchdown passes as a rookie, and that total has increased just about every season. He came into this one with a few specific goals in mind — a completion percentage of 70 percent, 40 TD passes and no fewer than 10 interceptions — but didn't share them with many people.

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After blowing their big half-time lead, the Jazz used a 15-4 run in the fourth quarter keyed by Boozer and Carlos Arroyo, who finished with 11 assists.

Iverson hit a running layup and Kyle Korver, who had 16 points, drained his fifth 3-pointer to tie it at 101 in the final minute.

Suns 107, Nuggets 105

DENVER — Amare Stoudemire had 32 points and nine rebounds, and Quentin Richardson tipped in a shot at the buzzer to help the Phoenix Suns defeat their winning streak to nine games with a 107-105 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Monday night.

Richardson finished with 19 points and seven rebounds, and Steve Nash added 15 points and 10 assists to give Phoenix its second nine-game winning streak this season.

The Suns have won of 19 and eight straight on the road, one short of the team record.

Andre Miller had 23 points and 11 assists, and Kenyon Martin added 22 points and 11 rebounds for Denver, which played without starters Carmelo Anthony and Marcus Gamby.

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that featured many lead changes. Murtaugh defeated the host Lady Wolves 43-39 and claimed its first Magic Valley Sportsouth Conference win Monday night.

Junior Kristen Egbert — garnered game-high honors with 45 points and senior Iliia Roseborough followed with 13 for Murtaugh.

Brylee Cheney had 11 points and made five critical free throws in the fourth quarter to keep Castleford close. Senior Echo Frey and junior Melissa McEly both chipped in seven points.

Castleford (2-7, 0-5 Southside) next plays on the road at Oakley on Jan. 4.

Boys basketball Camas County 33, Shoshone 32

FAIRFIELD — Camas County moved to 5-1 for the season and 3-1 in the Magic Valley Northside Conference with a 33-32 win against visiting Shoshone Monday night.

Senior Travis VanGelder scored 11 points including two 3-pointers and Chase Lee matched his eight-point night with eight rebounds for the Mustangs.

Zach Shull of Shoshone scored 11.

The Camas County junior varsity hosts The Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind on Jan. 5.

Richfield 65, Rockland 54

RICHFIELD — Richfield senior guard Victor Vazquez pumped in 33 points, dished out five assists, and swiped 12 steals to lead the 7-1 Tigers past Rockland 65-54 in Monday's nonconference action in Richfield.

Tigers teammate Steven Ward added four points, seven rebounds, and 15 steals, while Harlie Amy scored 13.

"We dominated the second, third, and fourth quarters," Richfield head coach Curt Ward said. "We came up with good offense and were very disciplined and executed our plays."

Rockland got 16 points from "Mr. May and 15 from Andy Nelson in the losing effort. Richfield next travels to Murtaugh Jan. 3.

Valley 65, Oakley 57

OAKLEY — Thanks to electrical and plumbing problems at Valley High School, the Oakley Vikings played host to the Valley Vikings Monday night and fell 57-65 in nonconference play.

The Vikings were led by Joe Miller's 15 points, while Chad Anderson added 10.

Evan McBride scored a game-high 18 points for 1-4 Oakley while Elliott Thoms scored 12 in the loss. Oakley heads to Magic Valley Christian to take on the Conquerors tonight.

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Georgia Tech defense, Syracuse offense collide

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Syracuse ended the season with a rush, winning three of four behind a sizzling running game.

The Orange's potent ground attack faces a stiff challenge Tuesday night against Georgia Tech's stingy defense in the Champs Sports Bowl.

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So what even \$50,000? Clinton Harris and Sean Taylor of Washington were fined \$10,000 recently for wearing red socks instead of white. That's the same amount Taylor was fined for a hit on Terrell Owens that knocked him into the end zone and \$2,500 more than Taylor was docked for a late hit on Eli Manning.

Loose change for those guys. How about a two-game suspension? It would cost a team in the midst of a playoff race one of its important players and it would cost Darius more than \$500,000.

Even for a guy that makes more than \$4 million, that sends a message.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Seminis sees Q4 profits return

**TWIN FALLS** — Onward, Calif.-based seed producer Seminis Inc., which has a research and customer-service facility between Filer and Twin Falls, reported Monday a net income of \$3.8 million for its fourth quarter, Seminis reported a net loss of \$31.7 million in the same period a year ago.

For its 2004 fiscal year, Seminis said it saw a net loss of \$16.3 million, compared with a wider net loss of \$31.7 million in 2003.

"In fiscal year 2004, we delivered solid performance throughout the company," said Alfonso Romo, Seminis' chairman and chief executive. "We saw revenue growth in every region and from an operational perspective, excluding the effects of purchase accounting — profitability was up significantly. Additionally, we experienced a dramatic improvement in the operating margin flow of the company."

Seminis said its total sales for its fourth quarter increased 5.1 percent, from \$124.7 million to \$131.1 million. Sales for the year increased 10.1 percent, from \$477.4 million to \$525.8 million.

### OfficeMax to probe false-document claim

**CHICAGO** — OfficeMax Inc. is delaying a planned stock buyback as it investigates allegations that workers inappropriately sought promotional payments and falsified documents involving \$3.3 million in claims billed to a vendor, the office products company with a Twin Falls store announced Monday.

The former Boise, Cascade Corp. took the name of the Cleveland-based office products seller it bought last year for \$1.2 billion in cash and stock. The sale of its paper and timber assets closed Oct. 29.

OfficeMax had earlier said it would use a portion of the proceeds of the sale to return equity to shareholders, according to Vince Hamann, a company investor relations spokesman. On Monday, the company said it intends to buy back \$775 million to \$815 million — its common stock — although that will be delayed during the investigation.

"The company wants to make sure that we've explored these allegations, thoroughly before we proceed with our business," Hamann said. Bill Boman, another company spokesman, said.

OfficeMax did not identify the vendor or the employees.

### Sprint expects growing revenues

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Sprint Corp. said Monday it expects its 2004 financial performance to meet expectation and revenues to grow slightly in 2005, but the forecast does not include any effects from the company's planned merger with Nextel Communications Inc.

Sprint and Nextel, based in Reston, Va., said last week they will combine in a \$35 billion deal that would form the third-largest wireless telephone provider in the country. As part of the merger, Overland Park, Kan.-based Sprint would spin off its local phone service into a separate company.

Sprint's wireless business has a store in Twin Falls — said its 2004 financial results should match predictions provided in October. At that time, the company said revenue for 2004 should increase between 4 and 6 percent and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization would be between \$6.1 billion and \$6.2 billion.

Nextel, whose wireless business has a store in Twin Falls — said its 2004 financial results should match predictions provided in October. At that time, the company said it expected revenues to grow at a low single-digit percentage, predicting that its wireless business would continue to grow.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

# CHOOSING A CHARITY

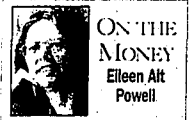
# COURT FILINGS

## Families find ways of picking worthy causes

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — As Christmas approaches, many families get buried under a deluge of solicitations from charities seeking money for everything from community activities to needy villages overseas.

What's the best way to choose among them?



ON THE MONEY  
Eileen Alt Powell

"Find a charity that matches your passions and beliefs," said Brent Stamp, executive director of Charity Navigator in Mahwah, N.J., which evaluates philanthropic groups. "That's rewarding to them — and to you."

He said that if environmental protection is a family's pet cause, they can contribute to a group like the Rainforest Alliance, which is involved in ecological projects worldwide, or to the Wilderness Society, which works across the United States, or to a community group dedicated to cleaning up a local river.

"There are too many good charities out there to settle for a loose fit," Stamp said.

Holiday giving decisions are especially important to philanthropic groups, because half of charitable donations by individuals and families are made between Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day. And it's a lot of money. Consumers account for two-thirds of the \$240 billion in charitable giving each year.

Families have found a variety of ways to deal with solicitation overload — and still have plenty of options for giving.

Tim Smith, director of public relations at InterStar Marketing & Public Relations in Fort Worth, Texas, said he and his wife, Lori, were being overwhelmed by holiday charitable campaigns.

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Tim Smith and his wife, Lori, stand in their home Dec. 11 in Arlington, Texas. Smith, director of public relations at InterStar Marketing & Public Relations in Fort Worth, Texas, said he and his wife were being overwhelmed by holiday charitable campaigns. They found a solution through their church, which selects 10 to 12 charities for members to make contributions.

## Tips for picking a worthy charity

Experts on charitable giving suggest that consumers check out philanthropic groups before pledging donations.

Tim Seiler, director of The Fund Raising School and public service at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, said to start by looking at a charity's Web site and at copies of its annual reports.

He suggests that consumers look at:

- How well the organization is governed, including who serves on the board and how often it meets.
- Whether the organization has a well-thought-out plan for future activities.
- The percentage of donations that go to charitable purposes.

Seiler urges caution here, noting that the size of an organization, its history and the kind of work

it does can affect overhead costs.

"And make sure the mission of the organization matches your personal values," he advises.

Tom Stamp, executive director of Charity Navigator in Mahwah, N.J., which evaluates philanthropic groups, said consumers should be selective.

"The No. 1 reason people give to a particular charity is that the charity asks them for money," he said. "That's rewarding the pushiest, not necessarily the best."

- Select the category you're interested in, such as animal rights or children's issues or public education.
- Decide if you want to support groups that work internationally, regionally or locally.
- Determine whether the group is effective and financially responsible.

Stamp believes a solid charity should spend at least 75 percent of its revenue on charitable programs, should have at least six months of reserve funds in the bank and should show annual growth.

Consumers may also want to check out the charity's privacy policy, Stamp said.

"Donors have been complaining bitterly that some charities are selling their names," he said. "If you don't want to be besieged, find out if they have a confidentiality policy in place and reward those that do."

Web sites where consumers can check out various charities include [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org), [www.charitywatch.org](http://www.charitywatch.org), [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org) and the Council of Better Business Bureaus' [www.give.org](http://www.give.org).

and make contributions in their own names or in the names of friends and relatives.

Donations small and large are welcome, with \$5 buying six months' meals for Habitat for Humanity International, \$10 purchasing a warm blanket for the local Presbytery Night Shelter and \$50 buying equip-

ment for the campaign to eradicate land mines.

"Now we sit down with the list every year," Smith said. "This year, we were interested in a door for Habitat for Humanity and perhaps clothing for an abused or neglected child. We also like the idea of a wheelchair."

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## Slow holiday shopping worries U.S. retailers

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — A much-hoped-for sales bonanza for American retailers appeared not to materialize on the last weekend before Christmas, despite an abundance of deals on toys and apparel.

Merchants needed a hefty sales surge to keep last business after a slow start this holiday season. Now, they'll have to rely even more heavily on the final days before Christmas and post-holiday sales to meet forecasts.

"We are not getting the kind of lift we need. Traffic and sales were below expectations" on Saturday, said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers. He serves as an adviser for ShopperTrak, which tracks sales results from 30,000 retail outlets. Sales were down 7 percent to \$6.7 billion on Saturday, compared with the same Saturday last year, according to ShopperTrak.

Niemira noted that luxury stores — which have enjoyed robust sales as their well-heeled customers have benefited from the economy's recovery — had the best performance. Stores like Sears and J.C. Penney Co., catering to the mid- to low-income shoppers, attracted big crowds with deep discounts and expanded shopping hours.

What is hurting merchants is that there is no must-have item, except in consumer electronics. iPod music players and the PlayStation 2 video game console have become difficult to find in many areas, accord-

ing to Marshall-Cohen, Senior Industry Analyst at NPD Group Inc.

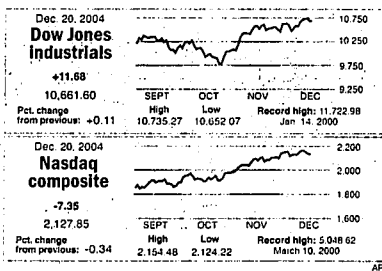
The increased popularity in gift cards and online spending could be helping to skew the holiday sales figures. Gift cards are only recorded as sales when they are redeemed at the stores. Online sales, which are expected to increase 20 percent to 30 percent this holiday season, are not included in ShopperTrak's sales figures.

Another factor that probably dampened sales over the weekend is that the season is two days longer, tempting shoppers to delay their buying even later to get the better deals, according to Scott Krugman, a National Retail Federation spokesman.

Catrice Smith of New Orleans said she'll be out buying shopping Christmas Eve just like she does every year. "That's when you get the slammier sales," she said.

Wal-Mart, which had stepped up discounting after a disappointing start to the holiday season, reported on Saturday an uptick in general merchandise sales the week that ended Friday, noting that sales of winter merchandise improved. Company officials reached late Sunday declined to say how sales fared over the weekend.

Wally Brewster, senior vice president of General Growth Properties Inc., which operates 220 malls across the country, expects that sales over this past weekend will be up a modest 2 percent to 5 percent over a year ago. But he said that gift card sales should rise 20 to 25 percent this season over the year-ago period.



## Uncertain investors keep stocks mixed

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Wall Street's holiday rally stumbled Monday with stocks finishing mixed as investors worried over the strength of the pharmaceutical sector. Another merger, between a pair of regional utilities, buoyed confidence in the overall economy and pushed blue chips higher.

Pfizer Inc.'s surprise announcement Friday, in which it disclosed serious health risks in high doses of its arthritis drug Celebrex, rolled the pharmaceutical sector. Pfizer, a Dow Jones industrial, once again took losses, while other drug stocks remained mixed.

The proposed \$12 billion deal between Illinois utility Exelon Corp. and New Jersey utility Public Service Enterprise Group Inc. gave investors reason to be confident, since continuing merger and acquisition activity bodes well for the stock market. That led analysts to conclude

that Wall Street's year-end rally still had momentum.

"I think it's a little bounce from the selling we saw on Friday," said Chris Johnson, manager of quantitative analysis at Schaeffer's Investment Research in Cincinnati. "Certainly Pfizer rattled some cages, and we had some of that knee-jerk selling across the board, today they're coming back."

The Dow rose 11.08, or 0.11 percent, to 10,661.60. The blue chips were up more than 70 points in morning trading.

Broader stock indicators were narrowly mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 0.45, or 0.04 percent, at 1,194.65, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 7.35, or 0.34 percent, to 2,127.85.

A drop in crude oil futures, which retreated after last week's large gains, also fed a large-cap buying. A barrel of light crude settled at \$45.64, down 64 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Times-News

**ROISE** — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Randy Evans, 2376 E. 3600 N., Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-42584.

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Kenneth Christensen and Teri Christensen, 560 S. 200 W., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-42574.

David Lee Locher, also known as Linda Bailey, 509 Eighth Ave. N., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-42585.

Robert A. Downey, also known as Bob Downey, and Roberta M. Downey, 828 Center St. E., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-42595.

Joseph G. Janney, 710 Georgia, No. 8, Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-42597.

James Jared Peck and Jennifer Suzanne Peck, also known as Jennifer Suzanne Frechurn, 1282 Wendell St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-42600.

Richard Adale Hollahan, 1444 W. 100 S., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-42613.

Jose G. Juarez, 710 Georgia, No. 8, Rupert, and Maria Guadalupe Carda, 310 Second St., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-42614.

### Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Antonio Guzman and Alejandra Guzman, 715 11 St., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-42575.

Janet Ellen Williamson, also known as Janet Greer, 1358 S. Mary Anne, Coalinga, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-42593.

Jody Osterhout and Mary Anne Osterhout, also known as Mary Anne Tombs and Mary Anne Osterhout, 407 Second St., DeLo, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-42612.

Arthur Phillip Schenk, also known as Phillip Schenk and Verlyn Schenk, 202 N. Fifth St. W., Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-42618.

### Chapter 12, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Curtis Eugene Hruza and Shirley M. Hruza, 1375 E. 780 N., Minidoka, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 12, 1-15 creditors, assets \$1 million to \$10 million, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-42576.

### Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Robert Lee Delaplane, also known as Robert L. Delaplane, and Lynn Marie Delaplane, also known as Lynn M. Delaplane, 1239 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-42611.

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Grocery giants reach labor agreement in N. California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Three major grocers have reached a new labor agreement with 10,000 supermarket workers in Northern California, averting a threatened strike and laying the foundation for a possible truce with thousands of other employees in San Francisco Bay area stores.

permarket workers fighting management's cost-cutting efforts. "Our challenge from the start was to protect the superior wages and benefits (supermarket workers) have enjoyed for decades," Lovell said Monday in a taped message. "I am pleased to report that we succeeded in that challenge."

Jack Lovell, the union leader who negotiated the tentative contract with Safeway Inc., Albertson's Inc. and Kroger Co., celebrated the agreement as a significant breakthrough for supermarket workers fighting management's cost-cutting efforts.

Charity

Continued from D4 row for construction in Honduras at a church-sponsored project. Smith often makes his donation in the name of others they get a gift certificate detailing the contribution.

"You have the pleasure of giving to a charity and knowing they'll do good work, and you're involving someone else," he said. "You love it, ton."

Sis Drotman and his wife, Michele, pack their children in the car during the holiday season to buy goods for Long Island Care, a charity that collects food and other necessities for needy children, the elderly, the unemployed and those with disabilities.

"The message is, you can help others by donating money or things," she said. "But it's more than that. It's sharing your time and your talents... It's learning that your actions can make a difference."

Advertisement for Dodge Magnum featuring a large image of the car and the text: 'WIN A 2005 DODGE MAGNUM REGISTER TO WIN BETWEEN DECEMBER 1 & DECEMBER 30, 2004'.

Advertisement for 'Gifts Galore' featuring a large image of a gift box and the text: 'Gifts Galore over \$20,000 in Prizes December 7 - 23'.

Advertisement for 'Happy in someone's yard' featuring a large image of a house and the text: 'Happy in someone's yard'.