

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Cloudy with developing showers. High 41, low 30
Page A2

MAGIC VALLEY

Duck and cover: Dodgeball makes a comeback.
Page C1

MONEY



Exercise young: Health club industry sees growing market in catering to children, teens.
Page E1

OUTDOORS



Celebrate discovery: The Lewis and Clark expedition's bicentennial in Idaho arrives in 2005.
Page D1

SPORTS



And the winner is ...: The top 10 area sports stories of 2004 are announced.
Page B1

OPINION

Library progress: Twin Falls can thank longtime library director for a stellar facility, today's editorial says.
Page A6

COMING UP

Cheers!
 Everything you ever wanted to know about champagne.
Friday In The Times-News

INDEX

Centennial C8
 Classified E5-16
 Comics D3
 Community E4
 Comunalidad C7
 Crossword C4
 Dear Abby C5
 Horoscope C5
 Magic Valley C1
 Money E1
 Movies B3, C4
 Nation A2, E5
 Obituaries C2
 Opinion A6
 Outdoors D1
 Random facts C4
 Sports B1
 Weather A2
 West C6
 World A2, A8, E5

USDA will open border



Bearing an ear tag, a cow, one of 10 taken from a farm in Mabton, Wash., peers out of a trailer as it arrives at a slaughterhouse in Wilbur, Wash. The first U.S. case of mad cow disease was found December 2003 in Mabton. Earlier that year, the United States closed the border to Canadian cattle and beef products. On Wednesday, the USDA announced plans to reopen the border in March.

Industry debates the risks of Canadian cattle

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Ag Weekly editor

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Wednesday the United States will open its borders to Canadian cattle on March 7.

More than 19 months after a mad-cow scare closed U.S. borders to Canadian cattle, USDA said it will allow limited imports. The new policy will permit imports of cattle younger than 30 months and certain other animals and products from Canada. The long-awaited announcement came in the form of a final rule that now faces

processors contend their products are safe and are adequately tested for BSE. U.S. cattlemen have taken sides with some supporting the border opening and others contending it puts U.S. herds, markets and consumers at risk.

"From our perspective, No. 1, which is important for everyone to keep in mind, the products affected by the rule are safe," said Jay Truitt, acting vice president of governmental affairs for National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "No. 2, the rule is just a step in ... resuming global trade."

Losses from bans on U.S. beef products by nearly 60 countries

following the BSE discovery in Washington state are estimated at \$5 billion annually.

"Everybody's watching how we handle this," Truitt said of foreign markets. "This sets the framework of how we're going to negotiate worldwide."

The dichotomy has been the United States expects foreign markets to recognize the safety of its products and protocols despite the one BSE case here, yet it is banning product from Canada, which makes the same claims.

"What we're getting from all those Pacific Rim countries is Please see **BORDER**, Page A2

processors contend their products are safe and are adequately tested for BSE. U.S. cattlemen have taken sides with some supporting the border opening and others contending it puts U.S. herds, markets and consumers at risk.

"From our perspective, No. 1, which is important for everyone to keep in mind, the products affected by the rule are safe," said Jay Truitt, acting vice president of governmental affairs for National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "No. 2, the rule is just a step in ... resuming global trade."

Losses from bans on U.S. beef products by nearly 60 countries

Meat cutter pins blame for theft on dogs

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

RICHFIELD — Townsfolk on Wednesday continued their search for a thief, casting about in corners of Richfield for the culprit and his booty.

The victim: Piper's Shopping Center & Custom Meats, which is Richfield's grocery store, deli and meat-cutting operation.

The loot: a plate from Piper's meat-grinding machine. The plate was snatched after business owner Mike Piper took it outside the store for cleaning with pressurized hot water. Deciding he was chilly, Piper put down the plate, returned inside

for a stocking hat and got involved in a few minutes' conversation with a potato chip vendor.

The suspects: any and all neighborhood dogs.

The motive: irresistible smell, no doubt. And perhaps a touch of confusion.

The hamburger grinder plate is a disk about an inch thick and 5 inches in diameter. It's made of heavy steel, but still something a dog could hold in its teeth.

In a hurry, a dog might not distinguish the grinder plate from the bones that Piper is in the habit of tossing out for Richfield dogs.

"Until you really got serious about gnawing on it," he said.

Despite no solid evidence, Piper and his staff have reason to suspect a dog was responsible. Piper actually witnessed a similar heist a couple of years ago.

"Mike went and had to chase the dog down for three blocks," said Betty Piper, Mike's mom.

That time, the grinder plate was recovered.

The store wasn't so fortunate last Thursday. A few dogs were hanging around the scene at the time of the crime — a dingy cross and his pup, plus one or two Labradors — and store workers followed them home to

search their yards.

"We were out there two or three hours chasing around looking for the dogs and looking for the grinder plate," Mike Piper said.

But no luck. Piper's Shopping Center posted a handwritten sign on its door pleading for the return of the plunder. "I need, desperately," Mike Piper wrote.

"Richfield folks' response? 'They all just laugh at us,' Betty Piper said.

But they also comb their homes and lawns.

One Richfield dog owner reported finding stolen boots and Please see **THEFT**, Page A2

Internet helps families locate loved ones

The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — On hundreds of Web sites worldwide, the messages are brief but poignant: "Missing" continues to climb. "Disappeared" in Khao Lak" or "Where are you?"

Some are nothing more than names, ages, nationalities. Others list details. Some have pictures of the missing.

All convey the desperation of people from Italy to the United States seeking news about family or friends caught in the earthquake and tsunami waves that ravaged southern Asia.

Web sites and blogs have become the announcement boards and lost and founds for a disaster that has left many thousands of people unaccounted for, including 2,000 to 3,000 Americans and thousands more Europeans and other non-Asian visitors to the region.

Cheryl Boehm of Houston searched for her father, Jesse L. Adams. "He is an American citizen and is retired living on South Pattaya Beach. Please



A 2-year-old Swedish boy is reunited with his father in a Phuket hospital in Thailand on Wednesday in this image taken from television. The boy was found alone on an island in Khao Lak, southern Thailand, contact me with any information as I have no way to find or communicate with him right now! Please help me find my Dad!!

In Sweden and Denmark, mobile phone operators stopped charging for mobile calls to and from Southeast Asia for 48 hours to make it easier for survivors to get in touch with their families.

On Wednesday, a Swedish toddler, Hannes Bergstrom, was reunited with his father at a Thai hospital, days after being found wandering in the wreckage. The boy's uncle had spotted the child's photo posted on the Web by another hospital and thumbed him Tuesday, setting up the reunion with Hannes' father, Marko Karkkainen.

But Hannes' mother, Suzanne Bergstrom, was among some 5,000 people still missing in Thailand.

Army seeks to save marriages in wartime

The Associated Press

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — When Sgt. Jose Bermudez returned from Iraq early this year, he came home to a new baby and a troubled marriage.

See page **A3**

"We were on the brink of divorce," Mandy Bermudez acknowledged as the couple ate lunch recently with their three children, all under age 3.

The Bermudezes were among 300 couples with the Fort Campbell-based 101st Airborne Division who have attended "marriage enrichment" seminars put on by the Army in hopes of saving war-ravaged relationships.

With studies showing divorce rates as high as 21 percent among couples where one spouse has been sent off to war, the Army is spending \$2 million on a variety of marriage programs, including vouchers for romantic getaways to places like

Please see **MARRIAGE**, Page A2

Iraqis can vote in five U.S. cities

At least 11 countries plan to help with upcoming election

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Iraqi citizens in the United States are getting a taste of the hope — and the logistical headaches — created by the upcoming Jan. 30 elections in Iraq with the news that five U.S. cities will serve as polling sites.

The International Organization for Migration said Wednesday that it will organize registration and election facilities in the five cities as part of an ambitious, last-minute effort to let expatriates vote in at least 11 countries.

Iraqis in the selected cities — Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Nashville and Washington — view the plan as finally satiating their thirst for democracy.

But Iraq immigrants in other areas are upset that their distance from polling sites threatens the legitimacy of the election, as voters must both register and cast ballots in person.

Jeremy Copeland, spokesman for Iraq's Out-of-Country Voting Program, said election organizers realize the logistics aren't perfect. The Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq chose the IOM, a Geneva-based international governmental group, to run the election about two months ago.

"We're trying to include as many people as possible, given the limited time frame and resources that we have, to make this as clean and transparent as possible," Copeland said. "This is an Iraqi election. Even though we could not be completely inclusive, they felt like it was important to include this 'expat vote.'"

Election organizers said they focused on the largest Iraqi population centers abroad by consulting extensively and meeting with immigrant leaders.

To participate in the election, which will select representatives to Iraq's National Assembly, residents must be at least 18 and be eligible for Iraqi citizenship.

That includes naturalized U.S. citizens and the U.S.-born children of Iraqi citizens, said Copeland, who estimates that up to 210,000 U.S. residents might be eligible.

By casting his vote, Aladin Khamis, who lives in Chicago, said he will prove that his country's history of oppression has finally been swept away.

Khamis, 52, said he never had a chance to vote before leaving Iraq in 1977. Since then, the elections under Saddam Hussein's rule have not been exactly fair, that "the voter would get 99.9 percent," he said.

"I think we were all born to live free. When you vote, that means you are free," Khamis said.

Please see **VOTING**, Page A2

Marriages hurt in times of war

With statistics showing divorce rates as high as 21 percent among couples where one spouse has been sent off to war, the Army is spending \$2 million on different marriage programs.

Marital status of the military, 2002

Category	Active duty	Selected reserve
Married	~700	~400
Never divorced	~47	~82
Divorced	~10	~10
Other	~10	~10

Includes enlisted, non-enlisted, unlisted active duty by service branch

Service Branch	1995	2002
Army	~40	~40
Navy	~30	~30
Marines	~20	~20
Air Force	~10	~10

SOURCES: Military Family Resource Center

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and breezy with developing showers. Highs in the lower 40s.
Tonight: Breezy with occasional snow. Lows near 30.
Tomorrow: More snow expected. Snow may change to rain during the afternoon. Highs upper 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo Prep. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Breezy winds and developing showers. Highs near 40.
Tonight: Periods of snow. Lows in the lower 30s.
Tomorrow: More snow expected. Snow may change to rain during the afternoon. Highs middle 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Wintry weather will be expected over the next several days. Snow will fall each day and temperatures will gradually turn colder. Travel conditions could become difficult.

BOISE Stormy weather is expected through the next few days. Periods of rain and snow can be expected. High temperatures will hold in the 30s on most days.

NORTHERN UTAH Clouds and showers will be expected over the next few days. Heavy snow will be possible on Friday.



Yesterday's State Estimate: 44 at Deer Flat Dam. Low: 15 at Chalk. Weather key: ar = sunny; pc = partly cloudy; m = mostly cloudy; oc = cloudy; thundersnow = thundersnow; s = snow; sh = shower; f = fog; w = wind; m = mixing.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 2 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and daily data.

MOON PHASES

Table with 2 columns: Jan 3, Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 25. Lists moon phases like Last, New, First, Full.

MOONRISE and MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists moonrise and moonset times.

U.V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: Low, Moderate, High. Shows UV index levels and their effects.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

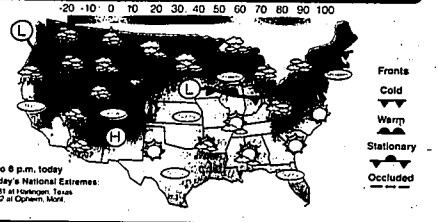
NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Canadian cities.

VALID TO 8 P.M. TODAY

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo W. Lists forecasts for major US cities.

CREDIT EXPRESS logo and text: 'GOOD CREDIT' - 'NO CREDIT' - 'NO CREDIT'. We can help you! (208) 756-9599 or 454-1701.

The Times-News Publisher

Brad Hurd 735-3345

News Editor

Chris Steinbach 735-3255
Community desk 735-3284
City desk 735-3204
Letters to the editor 735-3266

Advertising

Advertising director
Mike Smit 735-3253
Retail manager
Janet Coffin 735-3254
Classified & online manager
Deby Johnson 735-3326

Missed paper

If you do not receive your paper by 7 a.m., call the number for your area:
Burley-Rupert
Paul Oakley 677-4042
Twin Falls
and other areas 733-0931
Circulation phone lines are open between 7 and 10 a.m. only.

Circulation

Circulation director
Daniel Walick 735-3252
Home delivery manager
Jeni Busick 735-3302
Single copy sales
Jim Dalos 420-1259

Subscription rates

Home delivery daily and Sunday, \$4.35 per week. Saturday and Sunday only, \$2.50 per week. Mail subscriptions must be paid in advance and are available only where delivery is not maintained. All rates: All Idaho rates: daily and Sunday \$6.00 per week, daily only \$4.00 per week, Saturday and Sunday only \$3.00 per week. Out of state rates: daily and Sunday \$7.00 per week, daily only \$5.00 per week, Saturday and Sunday only \$4.00 per week. Sales tax included in all above rates. A \$15.00 charge will be levied for all returned checks.

Mail Information

The Times-News (HPS 631-080) is published daily at 132 Fairfield St. W., Twin Falls, by Lee Publications Inc., a subsidiary of Lee Enterprises. Postmaster: Please send address changes to The Times-News, Official City and County newspaper pursuant to Section 66-108 of the Idaho Code. Thursday is hereby designated as the day of the week on which legal notices will be published. Postmaster: please send change of address form to: PO Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

The Times-News Information Line

735-3350
Lottery and Weather Information are just a phone call away!

Lottery Information Press 2, Weather Information Press 3. Or check out our website: www.magicvalley.com

Wolf kills generate \$139,000 compensation

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Defenders of Wildlife paid out more than \$139,000 in 2004 to Western ranchers whose sheep or cattle were killed by wolves, the group said Tuesday.
That's more than twice the \$68,000 reimbursed in 2003, due to a huge increase over the \$7,480 sheeled out in 1996, the first year after wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone National Park.

With nearly 300 wolves now in the greater Yellowstone area and more than 400 in central Idaho, the number of livestock killed grew accordingly, said Ed Bangs, head of wolf recovery for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Helena.
That's the price you pay when you have more wolves running around," he said.
While the wolf kills get a lot of attention, Stone noted they amount to a tiny fraction of the sheep and cattle killed by predators each year. In Montana, for example, coyotes killed 12,700 sheep and lambs in 2003, according to the Montana Agricultural Statistics Service, which

and six other animals this year, the group said.
In 2003, that tally was 55 cattle, 210 sheep and 15 other animals.
With nearly 300 wolves now in the greater Yellowstone area and more than 400 in central Idaho, the number of livestock killed grew accordingly, said Ed Bangs, head of wolf recovery for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Helena.
That's the price you pay when you have more wolves running around," he said.
While the wolf kills get a lot of attention, Stone noted they amount to a tiny fraction of the sheep and cattle killed by predators each year. In Montana, for example, coyotes killed 12,700 sheep and lambs in 2003, according to the Montana Agricultural Statistics Service, which

Border

Continued from A1
"You're asking us to do something you're not willing to do with Canada," Trullitt said.
USDA said Wednesday's announcement came after determining Canada is a "minimal-risk region," the first country recognized as such.
Canadian cattle imports will be subject to certain restrictions, including ensuring the cattle are slaughtered by the age of 30 months, they are transported in sealed containers to a feedlot or slaughter, and they are not allowed to move to more than one U.S. feedlot. Among other Canadian imports to be allowed in limited measures are sheep and goats, as well as meat and other products from those animals.

detected in cattle younger than 30 months.
He also challenges USDA's claims that this rule stands up to guidelines by the World Health Organization for Animal Health, commonly referred to as the OIE. In particular, OIE standards allow low-risk status to any country where a ban on ruminant product in ruminant feed has not been in place for eight years. Canada's ban went into effect in August 1997.
In addition, USDA has failed to investigate reports generated from Canada that the feed ban had not been adequately enforced, he said. The agency has also failed to "determine the prevalence of BSE in Canada and has not required more testing."

Marriage

Continued from A1
The O'pryan and Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.
"I've been in the Army 20 years, and I've never seen the Army pay for programs like this," said Lt. Col. Chester Egert, chaplain for the 101st.
One program being implemented "rmy-wide" teaches couples forgiveness and the skills to communicate.
It includes a 40-hour course with lessons on the dangers of alcohol and tobacco and how to recognize post-traumatic stress. Soldiers who complete it are rewarded with promotion points and a weekend retreat with their spouse.
"If you learn those skills, you can make an impact on the number of divorces, and the number, we think, of reports of physical violence," said Col. Glenn Bloomstrom, director of military initiatives for the Chief of Chaplains.
To make the program more desirable, commanders are en-

couraged to give their soldiers time off to attend. Baby-sitters often provided.
"Whatever you're trying to do is change the culture, that it's OK to work on your marriage and take some time, and invest in your lifelong relationship — especially now when we're asking so much of your military spouses," Bloomstrom said.
Jose Bermudez said it seems as if everyone he knows at Fort Campbell is either getting a divorce or contemplating one. Many couples were split up because the division has been alerted it could return to Iraq as early as mid-2005.
At Fort Campbell and elsewhere, many couples got married right before one spouse left for Iraq. Others, like the Bermudezes, have been married longer but still have spent little time together.
The Bermudezes met in 2000 and married six months later. He was later sent off to Kosovo and Iraq. "We didn't know each

other that well. That's part of the problem," Mandy Bermudez said.
Their second child was born while he was in Iraq, and she became pregnant with the third while he was home on a two-week leave.
The Bermudezes said part of the problem with their marriage was that he had trouble adjusting to the routine she had established for herself while he was in Iraq.
Finding affordable day care has also been a major source of stress, she said.
She said the two joined a church, and "it turned our marriage around." He and his wife decided to stay together.
The Army's recent foray into marriage counseling was started in the late 1990s by a chaplain in Hawaii working with a unit with a high number of divorces.
In 2001, laws were changed to allow the Army to pay for lodging and meals for the retreats.

After conducting an extensive review we are confident that imports of certain commodities from regions of minimal concern occur with virtually no risk to human or animal health," Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said in a statement.
Bill Bullard, chief executive of R-CALF USA, widely disagrees. A grass-roots cattlemen's organization representing more than 11,000 cattlemen in 46 states, R-CALF has submitted 450 pages of comments to USDA over the past year decrying the proposed rule for its departure from sound science.
"The USDA is exposing the U.S. cattle industry and our consumers to unnecessary risks in its actions," he said. At first blush, he added, this final rule appears to be no different than the proposed regulations USDA released in November 2003, which USDA responded to with comment following the BSE discovery in the United States.
"It does not appear USDA has incorporated the most recent science regarding BSE, and that is of great significance to us," he said, adding that BSE has been

That could introduce BSE into the United States, he added. The United States allows ruminant blood meal and chicken litter in ruminant feed, it also allows ruminant product in chicken feed. Bringing in potentially infected cattle could start a cycle of BSE in this country, he said.
Trullitt, however, said he is confident in the safety of both U.S. and Canadian product and in the USDA's assessments. He also disputes R-CALF's contention that the rule is not based on sound science and is globally accepted standards. "We just don't see it that way," he said.
In addition to OIE guidelines, the USDA has utilized specifics from an international review team and from the extensive Harvard Risk Analysis report on the risk of BSE in the United States.
"The Harvard Risk analysis is the benchmark. The world community accepts it," Trullitt said.

IDAHO LOTTERY. Wednesday, Dec. 29. Numbers available 8 P.M. Wild Card: King of Spades. Wild Card: King of Spades. Wild Card: King of Spades.

Theft

Continued from A1
Piper's Shopping Center couldn't grind meat for three days, until a Boise vendor's special trip on Monday — to deliver a replacement part — put Richfield back in hamburger.
Over the weekend, the vendor made do with the supply that was ground Thursday before the theft.
"I stretched through, it just wasn't looking so good by Monday," Mike Piper said.
He still hadn't received the bill for the replacement grinder plate.
Imagine it's probably close to a hundred dollars," he said.
Still, the folks at Piper's Shopping Center can laugh along

with the rest of Richfield. A reporter's request for an interview was greeted by an explosion of mirth from the meat-cutting staff.
"It's funny, but it's not funny. We have no idea what it's going to cost us," Betty Piper said.
Mike Piper acknowledged some of the blame was his own, because of his long-standing practice of tossing out, tasty turkey.
"I throw bones to my own dogs, so the rest of the town shows up to gather up the spares," he said.
Indiscriminate bounty is bound to go wrong sometimes.
"That could be part of the problem, I feed too many dogs bones out the door," Mike Piper said. "We're kind of dog lovers around here."

Voting

Continued from A1
Because no voter lists exist for the Iraq election, U.S. residents will have to register between July 17 and Jan. 25 at any of the five U.S. voting sites.
Voters will have the chance to challenge names on the registration lists if they believe aspiring voters are not eligible.
The voting will take place Jan. 28-30. Copeland expects the city to have multiple voting locations, but organizers have not finalized sites yet. The ballots will be offered in Arabic, Kurdish and English.
While some Iraqis in the United States had hoped to vote by mail or the Internet, Copeland said organizers did not have enough time to set up a system that would work.
Some Iraqis, meanwhile, are beginning to grumble that their areas were not included among the polling sites.
Bishop Sarah Y. Jammco of the Chaldean Diocese of St. Peter the Apostle said he is outraged that his community in San Diego, part of Iraq's Christian minority, will have to travel to Los Angeles twice — to regis-

ter and to vote.
Jammco said he is considering urging Iraqis in San Diego to boycott the elections.
If you treat certain people unfairly, you have a very serious concern about the validity and legitimacy of this representation," Jammco said. "I don't see why when you see a defect, you don't fix it."
Copeland said organizers hope to set up polling sites in Orange County, a shorter drive from San Diego. But he acknowledges hurdles for pockets of Iraqis in places such as Texas, Nebraska and Kentucky.
"Some of these people have waited their whole lives to take part in this election. They feel left out and hurt. It's very understandable," Copeland said.
"We're doing the best we can," Eric Bjornlund, a principal with Democracy International, a Washington-based election consulting firm, said overseas casting often is flawed.
But because of the relatively small number of expatriates, any exclusions should not compromise the legitimacy of the Iraq election, Bjornlund said.

Insurgents kill at least 28 Iraqis in explosion

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents lured police to a house in western Baghdad and then set off a powerful explosion that killed at least 28 people, including three families whose homes were completely flattened, Iraqi officials and witnesses said Wednesday.



SOURCE: ESRI AP

The unusual attack Tuesday night stunned a capital city used to roadside bombs and suicide car bombs. This appeared to be a house bomb.

Col. Adnan Abdul Rahman, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry, said neighbors called police to the house after an armed man began shooting from the roof.

"When the police came, the house blew up," Rahman said. "It was an ambush. He meant to kill the people and the National Guard and police."

The blast killed six police officers and 22 civilians, according to the Iraqi government. Four police officers were still missing as a crane operator pried through the rubble of the destroyed houses in the Ghazaliya neighborhood. Twenty-one people also were injured.

Ten buildings were damaged by the blast, the U.S. military said in a statement. "Initial findings from explosive ordnance disposal experts indicated that 1,700 to 1,800 pounds of explosives were used in the attack," the statement said.

It said Iraqi police, National Guardsmen, local citizens and U.S. soldiers from Task Force Baghdad, which is made up mostly of the Army's 1st Cavalry Division, "worked together through the night to identify potential survivors from the rubble."

Neighbors said a group of foreign Arab men moved into the house four days ago. One was

minibus driver whose house is about 700 yards from the site of the explosion, said he heard the police officers calling out through the loudspeakers and "then there was firing and a loud explosion that shook the whole house."

Ashour said a family of 13 who lived next to the house that exploded were buried under the debris. Rescue workers retrieved nine bodies, five adults and four children. The youngest child was 5.

The attack came at the end of a deadly day for Iraqi security forces. At least 26 police officers and National Guardsmen were killed in other attacks on checkpoints, police stations and convoys elsewhere in Iraq. Most of those attacks took place in the area known as the Sunni Triangle, north and west of Baghdad.

The area of Baghdad where the house bomb went off Tuesday night is a low-income residential neighborhood with unpaved roads still muddy from the rain that fell on Christmas Day. Water pooled in the street, and to reach the site, people had to wade through it. The neighborhood is occupied mostly by former Iraqi soldiers and traders.

Mohammad Jawad, 38, a sergeant in a disbanded Republican Guard who now drives a private bus, said that about two months ago neighbors noticed masked men driving around.

"A few days ago I heard that the house was rented by some Arabs," he said. "One of them was Sudanese for sure."

Afraid that the new occupants would cause trouble, one of the neighbors decided to check up on them.

"He was welcomed with two bullets fired near his feet," Jawad said.

Hospital moves closer to losing federal funds

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center failed an inspection by federal regulators this week, moving the beleaguered public hospital closer to losing \$200 million in federal funding.

Barring a last-minute change, the Los Angeles County-owned hospital just south of Watts is tentatively slated to lose its federal money Jan. 19, county health officials wrote in a memo late Wednesday to the county Board of Supervisors. Without that funding, King/Drew could be forced to close, imperiling the largely poor black and Hispanic population it serves.

officials have said.

County health officials said King/Drew would have one more opportunity to prove it has corrected its problems before the Jan. 19 cutoff date.

King/Drew had pledged to

make changes earlier this month after the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services faulted it for allowing county police officers to use "taser stun guns to subdue psychiatric patients."



LORDY, LORDY
Hillari's
40!
Love
Skip, Whitney and Heavelee

...PUBLIC NEWS BULLETIN!...

Attention Magic Valley ~ this is a public news bulletin from Banner Furniture.

Banner Furniture will be closed tomorrow, December 31st, to slash the prices on their entire Million Dollar Inventory.

Banner Furniture will reopen on January 1st from 10am to 5pm with special **12 MONTH SAME AS CASH FINANCING, O.A.C., AND 0 PAYMENTS UNTIL 2006.**

NOTICE: FREE hourly drawings for One Hundred Dollar Gift Certificates each hour 11am till 4pm

This is Banner Furniture's biggest sale of the year and you don't want to miss it!



The Largest Furniture, Appliance & Floor Covering Store in Magic Valley
BANNER
201 MAIN AVE. E., TWIN FALLS • 733-1421
OPEN JANUARY 1ST 10AM-5PM **12 MOS. SAME AS CASH, OAC**

Suicide bombers target U.S. troops, injuring 15 soldiers near Mosul

Newspaper

MOSUL, Iraq — Suicide bombers rammed a dump truck packed with 1,500 pounds of explosives into a combat outpost Wednesday and then detonated a car loaded with bombs into an Army patrol on its way to respond to the first attack.

Fifteen U.S. soldiers were injured, military officials said.

Within minutes of the afternoon attack, U.S. troops retaliated. Three F-18 fighter jets zoomed overhead, firing Maverick missiles and shooting at suspects in a western neighborhood of Mosul where for weeks insurgents have been trying to wreak havoc on U.S. and Iraqi forces with rocket-propelled grenades, gunfire and booby-trapped cars.

The defenses dived in and out of a thick, black mushroom cloud that hung on the horizon of Camp Marez, the site of a

dining tent suicide bombing on Dec. 21 that killed 22 people and wounded dozens.

Wednesday's attack sent nine soldiers from the 1st Brigade, 24th Infantry Regiment, to a nearby military hospital, the same one that also treated the scores of patients in the mess tent blast, said Col. Paul Hastings, a spokesman for commanders stationed in Mosul and other areas in north-west Iraq. The rest returned to duty with minor injuries.

Hastings said 25 insurgents were killed and that soldiers were able to detonate six roadside bombs and as many as three vehicle bombs. "We effectively saved dozens of lives," he said.

Wednesday's battle started when a militant drove the truck filled with explosives into concrete barricades surrounding the military outpost, a small four-story building. The blast put a hole in the barricades, which had recently been shored

up, said Col. Erik Kurilla, commander of the 1st Brigade, 24th Infantry Regiment. Fighters then barged the outpost with mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, he said.

Kurilla responded with his team of Stryker armored vehicles. As the group neared the combat outpost, another bomb-filled vehicle rammed into one of the Strykers rumberling down the road.

"It was a complex attack," Kurilla said. "There were some incredibly heroic actions by our men."

Kurilla and other commanders have been expecting violence to escalate with upcoming elections at the end of January. Mosul has been the site of increasing insurgent activity, and intelligence officials suspect ringleaders moved their operations here after the Marines attacked their former stronghold in Fallujah.

Deer hunter accused of six murders pleads not guilty

HAYWARD, Wis. (AP) — A man accused of shooting six fellow deer hunters to death and wounding two others after he was caught trespassing in the woods pleaded not guilty Wednesday.

Chai Soua Vang, 36, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and will stand trial on six counts of murder and three of attempted murder. A judge set a trial date of Sept. 12.

Vang's lawyer, Steven Kohn, said the defense was considering whether Vang should change his plea to not guilty by reason of insanity. Kohn would not elaborate.

The gunfire broke out Nov. 21 after some hunters discovered the Hmong immigrant in a tree stand — a platform used to watch for deer — on their land.

Vang has suggested he acted in self-defense, telling investigators the victims fired a shot at him first and berated him with racist slurs.

The St. Paul, Minn., truck driver is behind bars on \$2.5 million bail. He could get life in prison. Wisconsin does not have a death penalty.

Prosecutors added the third count of attempted murder Wednesday, accusing Vang of two distinct attempts to kill one hunter.

Congratulations!



Ron Brown
30 Years Dedicated Service



Nelda Reynolds
24 Years Dedicated Service

To Ron Brown & Nelda Reynolds
On Their Retirement!

Join Us December 31
9:30am To 6pm
in our Buhl office
To Celebrate!



We Love You,
"Chief Iron Belly"
&
"Dirty Sally"



"A Tradition You Can Count On"

Jerome 324-3800 Buhl 543-4351 Twin Falls 734-1500 Wendell 536-5271
100 S. Lincoln 914 Main St. 890 S. Idaho St. E 1097 Blue Lakes Blvd. 160 S. Idaho St.

NATION/WORLD



This is an aerial view taken on Wednesday of the village of Meulaboh, Indonesia in Aceh province which was destroyed by Sunday's earthquake and tsunami. Officials have recovered 3,400 bodies in the village so far, but they said they expect to find at least 10,000 died here from Sunday's 9.0 magnitude under-water earthquake and massive tidal waves.

Desperation felt in Indonesia as relief effort bogs down

Tsunami death toll could pass 100,000 mark

By Chris Brummitt
Associated Press Writer

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — As the world scrambled to the rescue, survivors fought over packs of noodles in quake-stricken Indonesian streets Wednesday while relief supplies piled up at the airport for lack of cars, gas or passable roads to move them. The official death toll across 12 countries soared to near 77,000 and the Red Cross predicted it could pass 100,000.

Bodies were piled into mass graves in the belief that burial would ward off disease. Paramedics in southern India began vaccinating thousands of survivors against cholera, typhoid, hepatitis A and dysentery, and authorities sprayed bleaching powder on beaches where bodies have been recovered. In Sri Lanka, reports of waterborne disease such as diarrhea caused fears of an epidemic.

President Bush announced the United States, India, Australia and Japan have formed an international coalition to coordinate relief and reconstruction of the 3,000 miles of Indian Ocean rim walloped by Sunday's earthquake and the tsunami it unleashed.

"We're facing a disaster of unprecedented proportion in

nature," said Simon Mishri, a top Red Cross official. "We're talking about a staggering death toll."

On hundreds of Web sites, the messages were brief but poignant: "Missing: Christina Blume in Khao Lak," or simply, "Where are you?" All conveyed the aching desperation of people the world over whose friends and family went off in search of holiday-season sun and sand and haven't been heard from for four days.

But even as hope for the missing dwindled, survivors continued to turn up Wednesday in Sri Lanka, where more than 22,000 died, a lone fisherman named Sidi Mohammed Surifudeen was rescued by an air force helicopter crew after clinging to his wave-tossed boat for three days.

Indian air force planes evacuated thousands of survivors from the remote island of Car Nicobar. Some of them had walked for days from their devastated but functioning airfield where they were shuttled out 80 to 90 at a time.

Journalists were not allowed to leave the base to verify reports that some 8,000 people were dead there, but at the base alone, 67 officers and their families were missing and

feared dead.

India's death toll rose to nearly 7,000, while Indonesia's stood at 45,268, but authorities said this did not include a full count from Sumatra's west coast, where more than 10,000 deaths were suspected in one town alone.

In Sumatra, the Florida-sized Indonesian island close to the epicenter of the quake, the view from the air was of whole villages ripped apart, covered in mud and seawater. In one of the few signs of life, a handful of desperate people scavenged a beach for food. On the streets of Banda Aceh, the main town of Sumatra's Aceh province, the military managed to drop supplies from vehicles and fights broke out over packs of instant noodles.

Maj. Gen. Endang Suwarya, military commander of Aceh province, said after flying over the stricken region that 75 percent of the west coast of Sumatra was destroyed.

Footage shot by an Associated Press Television News cameraman on the military helicopter showed town after town covered in mud and sea water. Homes had their roofs ripped off or were flattened.

A solitary mosque and green trellises were all that broke the line of water in one town.

COULD IT HAPPEN HERE?

Scientists say a tsunami could hit the West Coast

By Joseph B. Verrengia
Associated Press Writer

"Tsunami scientists and public safety officials are closely watching an earthquake-prone nation with thousands of miles of crowded coastlines for signs of an imminent disaster.

Indonesia? Japan? Try the United States.

Experts say the West Coast could experience it calamity similar to the one they have been watching unfold half a world away.

"People need to know it could happen," said geologist Brian Atwater of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Scientists say grinding geologic circumstances similar to those in Sumatra also exist just off the Pacific Northwest coast. They are a loaded gun that could trigger a tsunami that could hit Northern California, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia in minutes — too fast for the nation's deep-sea tsunami warning system to help.

In fact, Atwater said there was a 9.0 earthquake under the Pacific more than 300 years ago that had devastating consequences. He and other scientists last year reported finding evidence of severe flooding in the Puget Sound area in 1700, including trees that stopped growing after "taking a bath in rising tide waters."

The danger rests just 50 miles off the West Coast in a 680-mile undersea fault known as the Cascadia subduction zone that behaves much like one that ruptured off Sumatra. The 1700 quake occurred along the Cascadia fault. Scientists say a giant rupture along the fault would cause the sea floor to bounce 20 feet or more, setting off powerful ocean waves relatively close to shore. The first waves could hit coastal communities in 30 minutes or less, according to computer models.

Seattle, Vancouver, British Columbia; and other big cities in the region probably would be relatively protected from deadly flooding because of their inland locations. But other smaller communities could be devastated.

And while buildings in the



A mother stands watch as her child plays in a puddle of water near her earthquake-shattered home in Kodiak, Alaska in this March 1964 photo. The water was left by tidal waves caused by an earthquake. Scientists say grinding geologic circumstances similar to those in Sumatra also exist just off the Pacific Northwest coast.

United States are far more solid than the shacks and huts that were obliterated in some of Asia's poor villages, few structures could withstand nearby tremors as powerful as those that occurred Sunday in Sumatra.

Moreover, such a quake would be way too close to shore for the nation's network of deep-sea wave gauges to be of any help.

Even in the case of quakes happening farther out in the Pacific or in Alaska, the U.S. warning system might not be adequate.

The network — which consists of six deep-sea instruments in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Hawaii and near the equator off the coast of Peru — is thin and scattered, and at least two of the gauges in Alaska are not even reporting daily wave readings. Also, predicting where a tsunami is likely to come ashore cannot be done with the kind of precision seen in hurricane forecasts.

Eddie N. Bernard, who directs the network for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said the

six sensors are the "bare minimum" for adequate warning. He said there are plans to expand the system to 20 sensors in the next five years, including 10 gauges for the seismically active Aleutian Islands.

Whether the continental United States is vulnerable to tsunamis from Asian earthquakes is another question. Hawaii and parts of Alaska certainly are exposed, but whether earthquake fault lines in Japan and Southeast Asia are oriented in the right directions to send tsunamis all the way to the Lower 48 states is debatable.

As for the Atlantic Coast, a tsunami is considered extremely unlikely.

Some computer models suggest East Coast cities are vulnerable to a large tsunami if there were a huge volcanic eruption and landslide in the Canary Islands, off northwest Africa. But other researchers say such an event would happen only once in 10,000 years, and such a disruption is unlikely to occur all at once.

Rossi calls for 'do over' in Washington governor race

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — The night before Washington's secretary of state was scheduled to certify Democrat Christine Gregoire as the governor-elect, her Republican rival Dino Rossi called for a complete re-do of the longest, closest governor's race in state history.

"The uncertainty surrounding this election process isn't just bad for you and me — it is bad for the entire state. People need to know for sure that the next governor actually won the election," Rossi said Wednesday evening, reading from a letter he sent to Gregoire.

"A revote would be the best solution for the people of our state, and would give us a legitimate governorship," the letter added.

Gregoire, the three-term state attorney general who fought America's tobacco industry, internet porn and schoolyard bullying, won a hand recount by a scant 129 votes out of more than 2.8 million cast.

Gregoire's spokesman Morton Brilliant said she would not be joining Rossi's call. "It's irresponsible to spend \$4 million in taxpayer money on a new election just because you don't like losing this one," Brilliant said.

More than eight weeks after Election Day, the Republican secretary of state, Sam Reed, on Thursday planned to certify the results of the unprecedented third vote tally. The statewide hand recount put Gregoire ahead for the first time, by just a tiny fraction of 1 percent.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER BUFFET

(Regular menu available)

- Prime Rib
- King Crab
- Lobster Alfredo
- Shrimp Scampi
- Scallops

JAKER'S
STEAK, RIBS
FISH HOUSE

Opening at 4pm for dinner.
Reservations accepted, but never required.
Dress is casual.
(The Lounge is always open for walk-ins.)

1498 Blue Lakes Blvd N
733-8400

DON'T MISS!

BLACKER'S

1/2

OUR INVENTORY

1/2

PRICE SALE

11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1!

12 MONTHS! NO DOWN! NO INTEREST O.A.C.!

NO PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS!

THIS IS THE SALE YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!

SATURDAY 11 A.M.-5 P.M.

BRAND SOURCE
YOUR MICROSOFT
EXPERT

Blacker's

223 2nd Avenue East
Twin Falls
Mon-Fri. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
(Closed Sunday)
Phone 733-1804

Shop online at...www.brandsource.com

Space crew lost pounds from rationing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The two crewmen aboard the international space station lost a few pounds during the five weeks they were forced to ration their dwindling supply of food, but they said Wednesday that they were no worse for wear.

U.S. astronaut Leroy Chiao and Russian cosmonaut Salizhan Sharipov cut back on meat, potatoes and vegetables by half and made up for the lost calories with sweets.

"Both of us ended up losing a few pounds, but I guess that's nothing we can really complain about," Chiao said during a news conference from space. "A lot of people would be happy to lose about five or 10 pounds."

The need for rationing ended a few days ago after a Russian cargo ship arrived last weekend with 440 pounds of food for Chiao and Sharipov. Also packed into the cargo ship were Christmas cards and photographs.

If the Russian ship had failed at liftoff or had been unable to dock, the space station would have had only enough food to last seven to 14 days, and the

crewmembers would have had to abandon the orbiting outpost and return to Earth, according to NASA.

"That's something that neither of us, nobody really, wanted to have happen," Chiao said. "All throughout this whole thing, we kept real good spirits. Salizhan and I have been keeping each other up, joking around and it's been very pleasant even with some of the shortages."

One reason for the food shortage was that ever since the shuttle fleet was grounded by the Columbia disaster, NASA has relied on Russian cargo ships to deliver supplies to the space station. And the Russian ships cannot carry as much as the shuttle.

Chiao also blamed the shortage on the previous crew members, who had permission to take some of the current crew's supply because they were lacking food variety.

"The last crew had gotten into our food and had failed to actively report to the ground what they had taken out of our allotment," Chiao said.

The food supply had never



In this image from NASA television, International Space Station Expedition 10 Commander Leroy Chiao waves at the start of a news conference Wednesday as flight engineer Salizhan Sharipov stands by. The slim food supply was among the topics the crew discussed.

gotten so low before, and no mandatory dieting had ever been implemented before during the four years that the space station has been occupied permanently.

The crew members were forced to reduce their daily intake of 3,000 calories by 5 percent to 10 percent.

"There were lots of desserts and candies on board that we could kind of snack on during the day," Chiao said. "It was not an unhealthy diet, but not an ideal diet."

Jeopardy! gives Jennings shot at stiffer competition

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If winning more than \$2.5 million wasn't enough, "Jeopardy!" will give Ken Jennings a shot at winning an additional \$2 million — but the competition will be tougher this time around.

A "Super Tournament" will pit Jennings in a final match against two survivors of a competition among nearly 150 past five-time winners, producers of the game show announced Tuesday.

Host Alex Trebek called the tournament the "quest for Ken."

"Ever since Ken started his

amazing run, people have been speculating on how some of the past 'Jeopardy!' players would do against him," Trebek said in a statement. "We're answering that question."

Jennings, too, was anxious about the challenge.

"I can't wait to see who I'll be up against in the finals," he said. Jennings earned \$2,520,700 after a 74-game winning streak. He was beaten by California real estate agent Nancy Zeng.

The matches will begin airing in February or March, and the finals will air in May, said "Jeopardy!" publicist Jeff Ritter.

Up to 4,000 get call for Jackson jury

Los Angeles Times

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Court officials here plan to summon up to 4,000 prospective jurors for Michael Jackson's child-molestation trial, with notices going out as early as this week in a case likely to draw global attention not only to the pop superstar but also 12 of his neighbors.

With jury selection set to begin Jan. 31, panelists will report to the courthouse in shifts of about 150 each.

When they do, attorneys will be on the lookout for a lot more than whether anyone has heard about Jackson's child-molestation charges on the news.

Under the direction of Superior Court Judge Rodney S. Melville, prospective jurors will be probed for telltale attitudes on a spectrum of issues, including racial prejudice, divorce and plastic surgery.

Many of them will be excused simply because they can't afford to stay off the job for the five months the trial may take. Others will ask to be exempted because of sexual abuse they or people close to them suffered as children.

According to legal experts, the panelists will almost certainly be asked whether celebrities in trouble get the justice they deserve or the justice they can buy.

Test drive this!

AUTO LOANS

as low as **3.69%** APR OAC

Approved in minutes!

- Give us a call,
- Apply online, or
- Come in today!

Give Us a Call! 733-4777 or Come in Today!

Open Saturdays! 10AM-2PM

Yes

www.iccu.com

IDAHO CENTRAL CREDIT UNION

GOOD BUY TODAY!

The Super Wash® Token Sale Is Almost Over!

Get your tokens today, because winter weather equals winter washes.

8 Tokens for \$20
25 Tokens for \$50

(Regular price \$4.00 each. Sale ends 1/2/05.)

Kimberly Super Wash®
140 South Main
Near Center Street

see red. save green.

find these and other select vehicles red-tagged with incredible deals.

<p>2005 CHEVY SILVERADO® HALF-TON 4WD CREW CAB*</p> <p>\$4,000 RED TAG TOTAL CASH BACK WITH GMAC FINANCING</p>	<p>2005 CHEVY SILVERADO® HALF-TON 4WD EXT. CAB</p> <p>\$4,000 RED TAG TOTAL CASH BACK WITH GMAC FINANCING</p>
<p>2005 CHEVY MALIBU® LT</p> <p>\$3,500 RED TAG TOTAL CASH BACK WITH GMAC FINANCING</p>	<p>2005 CHEVY MALIBU MAXX® LT</p> <p>\$3,500 RED TAG TOTAL CASH BACK WITH GMAC FINANCING</p>
<p>2005 CHEVY COLORADO® EXT. CAB</p> <p>\$3,500 RED TAG TOTAL CASH BACK WITH GMAC FINANCING</p>	<p>2005 CHEVY IMPALA®</p> <p>\$3,500 RED TAG TOTAL CASH BACK WITH GMAC FINANCING</p>

SEE YOUR NORTHWEST CHEVY DEALER TODAY

<p>Con Paulos Chevrolet 901 S Lincoln Jerome (208) 324-3900</p>	<p>Sutton & Sons Auto Center 711 Main St. N Halley (208) 788-2226</p>	<p>Kim Hansen Chevrolet 1221 W Main St. Burley (208) 678-2221</p>	<p>Chevrolet of Twin Falls 1654 Blue Lakes Blvd North Twin Falls (208) 733-3033</p>
---	---	---	---

See participating dealer for details. Includes all applicable Bonus Cash. Residency restrictions apply. Take delivery by 1/3/05. GMAC is a registered service mark of the General Motors Acceptance Corporation. ©2004 GM Corp. Buckle up, America! 1-800-950-2438 or chevy.com

EDITORIAL

City library thrives today thanks to Call's hard work

Say what you want about erecting shopping malls, skyscrapers, parks or factories. But when measuring a community's most valuable assets, it's hard to top an impressive public library.

By that standard, Twin Falls residents have plenty of reasons to be proud. The facility is a sparkling asset that has as much new as there is charm as it has information.

While there are many city officials, both past and present, who are responsible for the Twin Falls library, much of the praise belongs to 34-year library director Arlan Call.

In that span of time, the Twin Falls library has expanded from an older red brick incarnation to its current version, with a 21,000 square-foot addition made in 1990. The three-floor facility is considered not just a dazzling facility for this city and region, but also a truly progressive library for any community our size.

The library's expansion and vitality are largely due to Call's quiet, steadfast determination. Thanks to an information campaign that set the standard on bond issues, the library's \$2 million bond issue election passed with 71 percent of the vote in 1990.

Later on when the construction costs exceeded the bond issue, Call went back to

work. He made cuts and revisions where possible, and raised more funds to complete the project.

Those who have worked with Call will tell you he resembled the building and its character in more ways than one. His gentle demeanor invited patrons from all backgrounds to appreciate the library and contribute to

its success. He helped make library committees and boards a diverse mix of avid readers with a variety of interests and views, not because of politics, but because it would make the library a much stronger public asset.

Today, the library is working on another hold expansion. And again, the inclusive process of gathering public feedback has Call's fingerprints all over it.

Last September, Call announced his intention to retire in February. But it was just before Thanksgiving that Call stepped away as calm and succinct as a Dickinson poem. As one former City Council member said, "He leaves a legacy, and yet he doesn't leave with a parade."

Before he departs Twin Falls to settle near family in Washington state, Call deserves many thanks for his 34 years of diligence with the public library.

Well, done, Arlan, and may the next chapters be as rewarding as the ones you've written for Twin Falls.

Our view: The success and strength of the Twin Falls City Library is due mostly to the efforts of outgoing director Arlan Call. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The wisdom and errors from 2004

Thanks to the Internet, I now receive chastisement for the errors and misjudgments committed in this column faster than ever before. So I have corrected some of the obvious factual mistakes promptly — just to stem the flow of e-mails. For example, when I wrote back in August that "the (baby) boomers are now in their sixties," so many rushed to point out that the oldest of them — those born in 1946 — would be only 58, that I had to make amends at once.



DAVID BRODER

So this year-end "goofs column" focuses on larger errors of judgment. I have no idea what made me believe back in March that congressional Republicans had "sobered up" about budget deficits and were ready to declare that "the fiscal binge is over." I should have known better. By May, I was writing about the phronesis of the House budget resolution and later, the collapse of the whole budget process. Some sobering!

The presidential campaign provided most of the opportunities for mistakes. I had a brief moment of perspicacity when I realized as early as a Jan. 7 column that Howard Dean was likely headed for "the gaffe of all gaffes, the one for which no repairs are possible." It came 12 days later in his incoherent shouting reaction to the Iowa caucus results.

Post-Dean, I started wrestling, as everyone did, with the puzzle of John Kerry's mind. All year long, I blew hot and cold on his chances. In early February, I thought he could mount "a serious challenge" to President Bush, but noted that "he has yet to demonstrate that he can expand the playing field" into Republican-leaning states. By April, his vulnerability to charges of "flip-flop" had become obvious, and in mid-May I saw another weakness less commented on by others: His decision to emphasize his



From the start of the year, in voter interviews and conversations with Republicans such as South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, I heard anxiety about jobs and the economy — an issue that Bush ultimately, to my surprise, managed to overcome.

combat-honed toughness and compete with Bush for the title of "strong leader" threw him into battle on the president's turf — not the place he wanted to be.

Still, I swooned — absolutely swooned — when he picked John Edwards for his ticket, but less than two weeks later had to admit that the choice had not moved his polls. "As a booster rocket for the ticket," I wrote, "(Edwards') fuel is mostly spent."

The biggest mistake I made was believing that Kerry had learned from Michael Dukakis' mistakes and would allow no attack to go "unanswered" for more than a few hours. Instead, Kerry sat back day after day and allowed the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth to smear him — without an answer.

I was not wrong in writing, against the grain, that Kerry's convention acceptance speech was a bomb and that the failure to indict Bush's record was a major omission in the bland

convention program. But I believed Kerry did better in the fall, especially in the debates, and I thought Bush was vulnerable.

From the start of the year, in voter interviews and conversations with Republicans such as South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, I heard anxiety about jobs and the economy — an issue that Bush ultimately, to my surprise, managed to overcome. I thought and wrote that Iraq was a growing disaster, one compounded by Bush's reluctance to acknowledge error or to discipline those like Donald Rumsfeld and George Tenet on whom he had relied. But he overcame that problem as well.

I understood his strengths — his tenacity and the clarity of his moral and policy views. My final pre-election column said the Republicans "could be very vulnerable to conditions today." Were it not for "the powerful emotional bond formed" between millions of citizens and their president in those

scary days after the terrorists struck New York and Washington.

That column also forecast that the lineup of states in the 2004 election would mirror that of 2000, except that "maybe New Hampshire will join the rest of the Northeast in voting Democratic ... (and) maybe New Mexico will tip to the GOP." Both did, but I missed Iowa switching narrowly to the Democrats.

But let me close on a brighter note: The Christmas column in 2003 expressed a wish for only one present: baseball in Washington, or, as I put it, "the sweet rapture of having a home team."

This Christmas, I found under the tree a neatly wrapped jersey of the Washington Nationals.

Happy the new year that promises such an Opening Day!

David Broder's e-mail address is davidbroder@washpost.com

The Times-News

Brad Hurd ... Publisher Chris Steinbach ... Editor

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, Chris Steinbach, Steve Crump and David Cooper.

LETTER

Theft was discouraging, but cop was helpful

To the person who stole my mountain bike at the Oasis Stop & Go on Dec. 23 on Blue Lakes Boulevard North:

I called the police department and the officer came to me and filled out a police report about the theft and I brief description of the person who stole my bike.

I hope you needed it more than me. I am a disabled person with heart and lung disease. I use the bike for paying bills and exercise to help my lungs and to help reduce fat in my blood vessels. I have arteriosclerosis and disease of the right lung which hurts when I have to walk long distances. It takes forever to get

home. I have to take a lot of medication to live the life. My bike made it a little easier for me to get around town. It was my only transportation.

Sir, you have destroyed my faith in the Christmas spirit. Thanks to you, I would never help people like you. I now have no faith in anyone anymore, thank you, I don't have money to buy another bike. I would like to tell the officer assisting me thank you. I really appreciate his help in my time of need. Thank you, sir, and bless you and your family. Have a safe and happy new year. God bless you and your fine family. You, sir, I'm proud to know you. Thanks again.

LARRY J. BRANNON
Twin Falls

Write to us

The Times-News welcomes letters from readers, on subjects of public interest. Because of space constraints, please limit letters to 400 words. Include your signature, mailing address and telephone number. Writers who sign

letters with false names will be permanently barred from publication. Letters may be brought to our Twin Falls or Burley office, mailed to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303; faxed to (208) 734-5538; or e-mailed to letters@maglevalley.com.

A Texas table holds news legends

Workers carted away a slice of history last week. Piece by piece, they took out the 20-foot wood table that sat in The Dallas Morning News' boardroom for the last half century.

Normally, tables don't become the stuff of columns. But this walnut veneer plank was something else. The only way to describe its magnificence is in military terms: This piece of craftsmanship possesses a shock-and-awe quality. Sen. Jay Rockefeller literally gaped when he walked in and saw it. He later said the boardroom and its table had a majesty that even the august New York Times lacked. His reaction wasn't unique. Eyes usually widened when people came in for an interview. Since it easily sat 20 people, the 9-foot wide table made you feel like you were part of something greater than yourself.

And if this table could talk, what kind of history it would share. Since it can't, here are some recollections: • George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush all sat at the head of Shock-and-Awe. I missed the Bush 41 interview, but Bill Clinton's session remains vivid. It was like being around a dining room table during a family argument.

The interview came soon after the Gonimeter Flowers scandal hit the tabloids. Texas was a

big Democratic primary stop for the Arkansas governor. We knew we had to quiz him about the revelations, but debated how to do it. Our then publisher/editor, Burl Osborne, drew the lucky bean, and as I recall, asked Clinton something about the importance of family values.

Seated next to Burl, I got to see the white heat flashing from Clinton's eyes. It seemed to chime down the table toward me. He stared at Burl and then each of us as he replied. Then he licily asked, "Did I answer your question?" I felt like ducking under Shock-and-Awe. A young George Stephanopoulos was seated next to his candle. I dated, and I later wondered if that was the treatment he got when the man with the famous temper lost his cool.

The first time George W. Bush came in, he was just Jim. George W. Bush. He was running for the GOP gubernatorial nomination, and was far from becoming a two-term president.

It showed. The more he talked, the louder he got. He started burling his hands on the table in a broad circular motion, going on about what a great experience this run was for him. A couple of us later chuckled that we could have

Normally, tables don't become the stuff of columns. But this walnut veneer plank was something else. The only way to describe its magnificence is to think in modern military terms: This piece of craftsmanship possesses a shock-and-awe quality.

sat at the far end and heard him just fine. Most of us probably wouldn't have bet on him becoming President Bush.

As governor, Bush often came by for interviews, usually with Karen Hughes tagging along. Always, we sat around the big table. Many of his conversations were engaging. But I most remember how his foot often tapped energetically. We all have heard about how much energy this guy has, and it's true. His tapping feet prove it.

Ann Richards was one of the Texas governors to sit at the head of Shock-and-Awe. My strongest recollection is when the Democrat was running for re-election in 1994. She was relaxed, and funny as always. She even curled one foot underneath herself as she sat in a big green chair. As she answered questions about her re-election, she was just plain wandering. So I asked her what

she wanted to do with a second term.

She couldn't answer for the longest time. She swayed in and around, and I remember thinking, please, say something, just anything. Finally, she settled on a theme, but it struck most of us that she really didn't know exactly where she was going. Many experts later speculated her heart wasn't in the race. I don't know, but it was clear she had the vision thing.

Al Gore, Tom Landry, Condi Rice, Jesse Jackson, Vicente Fox. They were among the other famous and interesting people who sat around Shock-and-Awe, which is going to the University of Texas. I hope my alma mater understands what a valuable historical relic it will soon have. That table has stories, plenty of them.

William McKenzie is an editorial columnist for The Dallas Morning News.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



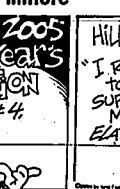
By Bruce Tinsley



Hillary:



THAT VOTERS REJECTED JOHN KERRY...



LETTERS

Wolf-rancher compromise doesn't require buyouts

How sad that groups such as Marvel's Western Watershed Project tries to play off ranchers as wolves as a water-take-all game (Michelle Dunlap, "Group values wolves over livestock," Dec. 27).

Truth is, there's plenty of room for both, and I think most Westerners want both. Aldo Leopold was right about wolves and other large predators being the essence of intact, healthy landscapes. At the same time, however, we live in a working landscape where ranching represents some of our best values. Ranching can help maintain healthy landscapes and economic sustainability in ways that alternatives such as subdivisions and suburban sprawl cannot.

We've been inhabiting this land for well over a century now, and we are still learning how to mesh our economic use of the land with the creatures that are native to it. Cooperation among environmentalists and ranchers is possible, and it will achieve results far better than environmentalists and ranchers gouging each other's eyes out in the courts and through the Legislature. The wolf management strategies developed by Idaho and Montana are proof that ranching and environmental values can co-exist.

Now, if we can only get the radical environmentalists and reactionary ranchers on board ...

PAT MUNDAY
Walkerville, Mont.

Christmas' true meaning was lost this season

The reason for this letter is because it seems to me that nowadays, people have forgotten what the meaning of Christmas is and the reason for the season.

I have been in busy stores where customers are chewing each other out for taking parking spaces they wanted or the last one of something they intended to buy gets picked up and put into the cart of the person in front of them. They are more intent on using hurtful words in anger than they are in just letting it go. Yes, it was discouraging and yes, it makes you angry, but taking it out on someone else is not the answer.

Do as the savior did and turn the other cheek. Telling someone they are fat or calling people names is hurtful, and it's called bullying and it's hateful and not the spirit of Christmas. It's not what the holidays are about. Hurting another human being to make yourself feel better is never the answer, so think about your actions next time and think about your words before you speak them. Would you say them to your own child or a family member? Then why should a total stranger be any different?

We're all part of God's family. Christmas is about giving and being friendly and caring with one another, about truly loving one another regardless if that person made you angry or not. It's about following what the savior taught: "If ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

JULIANNE PRATT
Twin Falls

Prepay ordinance protects consumers

I love you, Twin Falls! You are full of friendly businesses and courteous drivers. You have a clean, progressive city that hasn't lost its hometown feeling. I did a lot of business there.

It's hard to realize that there are some naughty people who would steal from good, honest people. But they are among us. Prepaying for gas is a blasted inconvenience for the customer. The station owners and especially the clerks at the fuel desk are acutely aware of this. Yet, it is the most effective way to choke the supply of stolen fuel off from the naughty people. When we walk in to prepay,

we can approach the counter knowing that we are joining together to cut off the thieves. Those thieves and my solution to put into place a prepay policy nearly cost me my business. I tried holding licenses, writing down plate numbers, etc. Nothing was effective. The complaints and tinders of my good, honest customers made it very difficult at first. But, thankfully, we learned how to better approach it, and we are still in business.

Take heart, Twin Falls. Stay with it. Your city is protecting your vital interest as well as that of the gas station. Except for a meal in a restaurant, we all have to pay for a product before we take possession of it. And if you're like me, an extra step or two a day won't do you much harm.

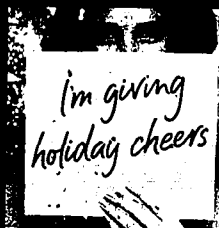
CHAD FRIDAL
Malta
(Editor's note: Chad Fridal is the owner of Fridal's Truck Stop at Exit 245 off Interstate 84.)

Twin Falls takes on too many bus costs

I have followed with interest the "Trans IV" taxi system in Twin Falls and very much dislike what I am seeing. It seems that the buses are getting larger and the riders are fewer in number. Some of the buses are so large they can hardly make right-angle turns at the intersections in Twin Falls city. I am not opposed to transportation for students and the

elderly, but I am opposed to a government-sponsored (losing money) enterprise competing with private individuals in the same business. I see private taxi cabs around town, and I am sure they are having a struggle financially. If there is a need for transportation for students and the elderly that cannot pay, maybe the city or the state should help in this matter. The federal government can't pay for everything. I'm not sure who is picking

up the tab for the Trans IV buses, and I hope someone will come forward and tell me how many buses are operating in this area and what the cost is. If all cities throughout the United States have as many buses as Twin Falls, the cost of operation would be staggering. We need to start eliminating some of our wants to help reduce a federal budget that is awash in red ink.
JOHN L. HOUGAARD
Twin Falls



NEW YEAR'S SALE
Storewide savings and values, including

60% off original prices

- For the entire family: Outerwear, Sweaters & Fleece
- Women's Holiday Apparel • Handbags & Minibags
- Women's & Men's Designer Collections • Women's Boots
- Men's Shoes • Men's Sleepwear • Flannel Sheets
- Holiday Decor • and more

Bon-Macy's card perk:
now through Sunday on sale and just reduced purchases to save an
extra 15% off*
extra 10% off* in home departments

★ **BON-macy's** way to shop™

Invest in your future
Read the Money pages in The Times-News

NEED HELP WITH QUICKBOOKS??
Call Lisa at 737-0087
TRAINING, SETUP & SUPPORT

HOLIDAY HOURS: AREA STORES

REGULAR AND/OR ORIGINAL PRICES ARE OFFERING PRICES AND MAY NOT HAVE RESULTED IN ACTUAL SALES: SOME EXPIRE JANUARY 2, 2005. *MAY NOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT OFFER. MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO Regular Price or Clearance, Door Busters, Buy 1, Get 1 Offers, Super Buys, Everyday Values, Cosmetics and Fragrances, Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilf, 7th Floor Collections, Calvin Klein Collections, DKNY/DONNA KARAN, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, LIZZY, American Rag, Dakin, Berry, J. J., Hildt and Patti Bares, Janice Brown, Men's Kenneth Cole, Huggies, Levi's, Ecko, Marc Ecko, Coach, Dinosaur & Boutique, Easy Spirit, Shoes, Huggies, Watches, Small Electronics, Waterford, Vera Wang, Home Collections, Oriental, Costa Boda, Swarovski, All Clad, J.A. Henckels, Vitrolite, Tumi, Holiday Lane Collections, Godiva and FRANGO! Products, Furniture, Mattresses, Area Rug, Home Furnishings Clearance Center, Wine, Fine Jewelry, Bed, Bath, Watches and Special Collections, Lenses, Service and Non-Merchandise Dept. macyswednesday.com, Mail, Phone and Special Orders, and Bon-Macy's Gift Card/Merchandise Certificates. Intermediate markdowns may have been taken. Prices are as marked or signed.

WORLD

Protesters demand prime minister to concede

Group again blocks access to Ukraine Cabinet building

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Beating drums and chanting "resign," supporters of apparent presidential winner Viktor Yushchenko blocked access to a Cabinet meeting Wednesday as tensions persisted in this former Soviet republic.

Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich showed no signs of cracking, refusing to surrender his post and telling journalists he would challenge the results of Sunday's runoff vote before the Supreme Court. Parliament passed a no-confidence vote for Yanukovich on Dec. 1, but the law gives him 60 days to submit his resignation, and he has called parliament's move illegal.

"It is a matter of my principles not to submit a resignation," Yanukovich said. "I know why they insist on that ... they are shivering with fear."

Yanukovich was declared the winner of a Nov. 21 presidential vote, but hundreds of thousands wearing Yushchenko's orange campaign color massed in Kiev for day after day to protest election fraud. The Supreme Court eventually annulled the ballot, forcing Sunday's rerun.

Yanukovich wanted to preside at a Cabinet session Wednesday, but about 1,000 protesters blocked the entrances to the government headquarters building. The ministers met later without Yanukovich at the Finance Ministry, said Vitaliy Lukianenko, spokesman for Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Mykola Azarov.

Abbas calls on Israel to tear down West Bank barrier

TULKARIM, West Bank (AP) — Interim Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas made a campaign run Wednesday through West Bank towns living in the shadow of Israel's separation barrier, urging Israel to tear down the huge structure that he said would never help peace.

Abbas, the front-runner in the Jan. 9 presidential election, made the appeal in Tulkarem, a town of 40,000 on the line between Israel and the West Bank, blocked on two sides by the 25-foot-high concrete slabs of the barrier. Israel began building it to stop a wave of Palestinian suicide bombers who were infiltrating unguarded from the West Bank.

"I say to our neighbors ... no fence will bring peace or bring you security," Abbas told a rally at a Tulkarem stadium just 500 yards from the barrier.

The complex of walls, fences, trenches, barbed wire and electronic devices, still under construction, roughly follows the "Green Line," the 1949 cease-fire line that divided Israel from the West Bank until 1967, when Israel captured the territory.

In some places, however, the barrier is designed to dip into the West Bank to include Jewish settlements, taking West Bank land and cutting Palestinians off from their farmland and services.

Palestinians say if the Israelis want to build a wall, they should keep it on their own side of the "Green Line." But Israel doesn't recognize the cease-fire line as a border.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon cites a letter earlier this year from President Bush, saying that borders should take into account population changes — a reference to Israeli settlement blocs.

International opinion about the barrier, however, almost unanimously backs the Palestinians. In July, the U.N. world court ruled the structure is illegal.



Interim Palestinian leader and presidential front-runner Mahmoud Abbas waves to the crowd prior to a speech during a rally in the northern West Bank town of Qalqilya, Wednesday. Palestinians will go the polls Jan. 9 in elections to choose a successor to the late Yasser Arafat.

and must be dismantled. Israel ignored the advisory ruling. The barrier, expected to run about 425 miles, is about one-third complete. Israeli courts have delayed construction, delivering opinions forcing planners to move it closer to the Green Line to reduce hardships on Palestinians.

Several thousand people in Tulkarem greeted Abbas warmly. Many held pictures of Abbas and Yasser Arafat and cheered for both.

Later, Abbas traveled to the nearby town of Qalqilya, which is almost entirely cut off by the barrier. Abbas toured the wall and addressed a crowd of several hundred supporters.

"We hope the Israelis will take the wall down," he said. "If the Israelis want to reach a fair and just peace, they will take down the wall."

Though polls show Abbas is far ahead of his only serious challenger, Mustafa Barghouti, Abbas does not command the respect of Arafat, the legendary leader who died Nov. 11.

BUHLER AGENCY

Financial, retirement and insurance planning based on your wants... since 1965.

Interest Rates Too Low?
Stock Market Too Uncertain?
Call Twayne to Learn About Advantages on Annuities...

MIDLAND NATIONAL 733-5923

Life Insurance • Costly • Buy

MSF BUHLER AGENCY-3017

Militants set off car bombs in Riyadh

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Militants in the Saudi capital launched coordinated car bombings against the police ministry and a troop recruitment center and battled security forces in attacks that caused oil prices to jump and signaled that Muslim extremists are keeping up their fight despite the kingdom's crackdown on al-Qaida.

Seven militants were killed in the gunbattle with police in a northern district of Riyadh. Al-Arabia television reported. The clash broke out about the same time as the two car bombings — a remote control blast near the Interior Ministry and a suicide attack on the recruitment center.

One bystander was killed in the ministry blast near the ministry, Saudi TV said.

While damage to the Interior Ministry was minor, it was a bold assault on the government body that leads the security forces at the center of the kingdom's war on al-Qaida and other Islamic extremists. The attacks came two weeks after al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden called on his followers to focus attacks on his homeland.

The attacks sparked a jump in oil prices in afternoon trading in New York, helping push the price of a barrel of light crude up nearly two dollars to \$43.64.

The violence began with an explosion at about 8:35 p.m. in central Riyadh near the Interior Ministry. Two militants detonated a car bomb by remote control in a traffic tunnel near the ministry, police said. A limousine driver was killed, Saudi TV said.

Shattered glass littered the ground near the ministry, and several damaged cars.

A half hour later, a second explosion shook the city. Two suicide bombers tried to drive a troop recruitment center about five miles away, but they came under fire from police and set off their explosives prematurely. The two bombers were killed, but there were no other reports of casualties.

The gunbattle in northern Riyadh broke out when militants opened fire with small arms and threw grenades, police said. Militants later fled into a building that police surrounded as six armored cars sealed off the area.

Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40!!!

Happy Birthday HILLARI WALKER

Love, Bill and Anne

SELECTIONS IS GOING FAST!

BIG RED RIOT!

TODAY, 9AM TO 7PM!

10

REMARKABLE HOURS!

YES! BIG RED PRICE TAGS WILL BE CLEARLY MARKED AT IMPORTANT PRICE REDUCTIONS ON EVERYTHING IN THEIR VAST INVENTORY!

RED TAG!

The Ultimate Savings Offer!

<p>SUPERB! NICE OAK ENTERTAINMENT CENTER With Audio Storage SR \$379.95 \$276⁹²</p> <p>ASTOUNDING! SOFT BLACK PASSION SUEDE SOFA SR \$679.95 \$462⁸⁶</p> <p>OUTSTANDING! MODERN BLACK 5-PIECE BEDROOM GROUP Headboard, Dressing, Mirror, Chest, Nightstand SR \$969.95 \$657¹⁴</p>	<p>FABULOUS! LARGE BANANA CHAIRS \$39⁹⁵ SMALL BANANA CHAIRS \$29⁹⁵</p> <p>AMAZING! HEAVY DUTY WASHER & DRYER \$499⁹⁷</p> <p>WANTED! SUPER 30" SELF CLEANING ELECTRIC RANGE SR \$399.95 \$325 <small>*After Mtg. Robote</small></p> <p>ASTONISHING! GORGEOUS HALL TREE WITH STORAGE SR \$629.95 \$311²⁵</p>
---	---

IT'S LIKE FINDING DIAMONDS! THOSE BIG RED TAGS SIGNAL PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT PRICE REDUCTIONS YOU'VE EVER SEEN ON EACH ITEM!

BUY NOW AND SAVE!

EVERY ITEM IN THEIR INVENTORY WILL BE REDUCED!

EXTRA SPECIAL OFFER!

BEAUTIFUL 7 PC. WOOD DINING SET
With Butterfly Leaf
SR \$949.95 **\$662⁹⁵**

EXTRA SPECIAL OFFER!

REMARKABLE WALL PICTURES
SR \$299.95 **\$199⁹⁵**

EXTRA SPECIAL OFFER!

NEW & EXCITING! GORGEOUS BROWN OVERSTUFFED SOFA
SR \$529.95 **\$359⁹⁵**

EXTRA SPECIAL OFFER!

IMPORTANT VALUE! 1PCS 5 PC. DINETTE SET WITH 4 CASTER CHAIRS
SR \$499.95 **\$499²²**

BIG BARGAIN!

4 PC. OAK BEDROOM SET
Headboard, Chest, Dressing, Nightstand, Oak with Brass Trim
SR \$469.95 **\$291⁹⁵**

CERTIFIED RED TAG REDUCTIONS ON FINE, NEW APPLIANCES & ELECTRONICS

- LIVING ROOMS!
- YOUTH BEDROOMS
- SOFAS!
- TRUNDLE BEDS!
- LOVESEATS!
- DAYBEDS!
- TABLES!
- BUNK BEDS!
- MOTION FURNITURE!
- DESKIS!
- LOVESEATS!
- SECTIONALS!
- WALL UNITS
- SLEEP SOFAS!
- CURTOS!
- ROCKERS!
- LAMPS!
- RECLINERS!
- ACCESSORIES!
- FAMILY ROOMS!
- PICTURES!
- DINING ROOMS!
- PLUS MUCH MUCH MORE!
- BEDROOMS!
- CHESTS!
- MATTRESS SETS!

• England • Douglas • Sleep Therapy
• Good • RCA • Best Chair
• Frigidaire • APA • JVC

THAT ENTIRE HOUSEFUL...
...of fine furniture you need can be yours!
Buy 3, 4, 5 or more roomfuls of new furniture, and you'll save hundreds and hundreds of dollars now.

TODAY, 9AM TO 7PM!

furniture & appliance

outlet

127 Second Avenue West • Twin Falls • 736-2622

SORRY, NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED BEFORE THE OFFICIAL 9:00 AM OPENING!

Boise State prepares for the Liberty Bowl.

SPORTS

NBA, College hoops . . . B2
Scores and stats . . . B3
Year in Review photos . . . B4

Sports Editor: Joe Paisley, 735-3239 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

The NHL season may be canceled when the league meets Jan. 14. That means you have only 17 more days to not care about the sport before your utter disinterest becomes moot.

- Greg Cote of The Miami Herald

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Time magazine included thoroughbred Smarty Jones as one of its 19 "people who mattered" in 2004, but which horse denied the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner the Triple Crown?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

HS Boys Basketball
Christmas Tournament, Glenns Ferry, 5 p.m.
Flora at Jerome, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bronco Boosters meet Friday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Bronco Boosters will gather to watch Boise State take on Louisville in the Liberty Bowl at 1 p.m. on Friday at The Press-Box Sports Bar in Twin Falls. Those wearing orange and blue attire will receive drink specials. BSU gifts will also be given away.

T.F. Rec announces holiday gym schedule

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Parks and Recreation and Twin Falls School District will hold a holiday open gym at Robert Stuart Junior High School. The gym will be open from 6-9 p.m. today, and again on Monday, Jan. 3 from 6-9 p.m. Call (208) 736-2265 for more information.

Bruin camp will take place in January

TWIN FALLS - Registration is currently being held for the Bruin Basketball Little Dribblers Camp. The boys and girls grades K-3 camp will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15 and Saturday, Jan. 22 from 10 to 12 p.m., and on Monday, Jan. 24 from 6-7 p.m. at Baun Gymnasium. The K-2 campers will perform at half-time of the final Bruin girls game on Thursday, Jan. 27. The boys and girls grades 4-6 camp will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15 and Saturday, Jan. 22 from 8-10 a.m. in Baun Gymnasium. Competition finals will be held on Monday, Jan. 24 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Every camper will receive an award. Cost of the camp is \$25. There is a 200-camp limit for each session. All Little Dribblers will receive a camp T-shirt and a custom Bruin basketball. For more information, contact Matt Hurr at (208) 737-5208, Ext. 3050.

Jerome Rec holds open gym today

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District will have an open gym for basketball today. Call (208) 324-3389 for more information.

Minico Boosters set January meeting

RUPERT - 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 (208) 436-5670 for more information. Compiled from staff reports.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Birdstone, who won the Belmont as a 36-1 outsider.

TOP STORIES OF 2004

Twin Falls football reigns supreme

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It was so obvious, even a sports editor could figure it out. The top story in the area this past calendar year was undoubtedly the Twin Falls high state football title, the schools' first in 53 years.

The Bruins downed Coeur d'Alene 41-35 on Nov. 19 at Pocatello's Holt Arena before 2,500 Twin Falls faithful.

Bruins junior running back Brody Miller pounded the ball in from 2 yards out with 34 seconds left to cap the scoring in this high-octane high school thriller.

The scoring play was setup by a 19-yard pass from Mike Smith to Tyler Anderson to the Vikings 2 with 39 ticks remaining.

A bobbed PAT kick snap kept things interesting, but the Twin Falls defense stilled Coeur d'Alene with sacks by Nate Robertson and Andrew Wilkins in the final moments.

It was only the third time Twin Falls played Coeur d'Alene in football, losing 55-13 in the A-1 state title game at Bruin Stadium in 1982. The Bruins beat the Vikings 41-21 in the state semifinals in 1991 before falling to Capital 25-19 in the championship game.

The most recent state title came in 1951 when Twin Falls 11th beat Boise High 21-0.

Even people who don't follow sports were abuzz about the game. When you consider the turmoil the kids overcame with three head coaches in three years, the result was impressive.

And while this historic title remains No. 1, plenty of other stories merited consideration.

No. 2

CSI volleyball sanctions

This one climbs to No. 2 because the repercussions for the CSI volleyball program could be felt for several years to come.

The National Junior College Athletic Association national office declared the seven-time national champion Golden Eagles ineligible for postseason play only days before the Region 18A tournament. The organization ruled CSI had used an ineligible player for the first 34 matches this past season.

The sanctions include a ban from the 2004 postseason and the loss of one scholarship to a foreign player for the 2005 and 2006 seasons. CSI will still be allowed the maximum of 14 scholarships overall for the next two seasons.

"It's a devastating blow," CSI head coach Ben Stodard said at the time. "I mean, I feel bad for our kids. Our sophomores have worked hard for two years to get a shot at winning a national championship, and they had a legit shot. It's just not going to happen. They're totally devastated."

CSI, ranked third nationally and 40-3 before the verdict, must also forfeit the first 34 matches it played this season, leaving the team's record at 7-36 overall.

Please see STORIES, Page B4



Twin Falls High School quarterback Mike Smith throws a pass during the Class 5A state championship game against Coeur d'Alene at Holt Arena in Pocatello. Twin Falls won 41-35 to win its first state title since 1951.

CSI camp fun for all

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - True, the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team won't be playing again for another week.

Still, sneakers were squeaking and CSI coaches and players were instructing at CSI Gymnasium during the College of Southern Idaho Junior Eagles Basketball Camp on Wednesday.

About 130 young athletes converged on the campus for the first day of the two-day camp. Through all the organized chaos that can come with carloads of children in kindergarten through eighth grade, at least one common thread was shared by all in attendance.

"I just love basketball," said Skye Axelson, a sixth-grader from Shoshone.

The campers have a chance to learn the basics of shooting, ball-handling, passing, defense and rebounding from the CSI coaching staff and players. And while the three hours at the camp include plenty of instruction, there was also plenty of fun to be had.

"You just meet a lot of different people from a lot of different places," said Jordann Hollifield, an eighth-grader from Jerome.

Hollifield, who is attending the camp for the first time, has attended other camps in the past and noticed one difference between Wednesday's session and other camps in which she has participated.

"There are more stations," she said. "Usually, they didn't have stations (at other camps)."



Golden Eagles sophomore Abdoulaye Ndlaye, left, gives a high-five to Tyler Boyd, right, and McKaden Tigau during the College of Southern Idaho Junior Eagles Basketball Camp on Wednesday at CSI Gymnasium.

The stations are key, according to CSI men's head coach Gib Arnold, in providing proper instruction to all age groups while also giving the athletes a change of pace throughout the day.

"We have nine different stations dealing with anything from passing, rebounding, defense, shooting, all the different fundamental stations," Arnold said. "Then, we rotate the coaches. Hopefully, the kids leave here not only having fun, but learning something."

The camp is also fun for the CSI players.

"I love kids, I really do," said sophomore center Abdoulaye Ndlaye, from Senegal. "Every time I go back home, I have five nephews that I play with all the time. I just really love playing with them all."

Ndlaye, at 6-foot-11, dwarfs all of the campers. But he still gave a few of them a chance to experience life above the rim, much like he does during CSI games by lifting them up in the air and giving them a chance to dunk for maybe the first time in their lives.

"They love it," Ndlaye said. "Especially the little first-graders. They love it when you do that. They don't want you to quit. They want it you to do again for them."

Colorado completes comeback on UTEP

By Joel Anderson
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON - Joel Klatt threw for 333 yards and two touchdowns and Mason Crosby kicked four field goals, leading Colorado to a 33-28 victory over Texas-E Paso in the Houston Bowl on Wednesday night.

Klatt keyed a fourth-quarter comeback by the plodding Buffaloes (6-5), who tried to keep pace with UTEP, which is ranked eighth in the nation in scoring offense. Colorado led 3-0 midway through the first quarter and trailed until seizing the lead late in the game.

Facing a fourth-and-3 at its

own 35, Colorado used a bit of trickery. Quarterback John Torp riced 22 yards around the left end on a fake punt for the first down. Two plays later, Klatt threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to a wide-open Evan Judge for the go-ahead score with 8:43 left.

Klatt was flattened by UTEP defensive end Ibok Ibok as he released the ball and didn't see the touchdown. He got up off the turf slowly and wobbled off the field into the arms of celebrating teammates.

Klatt completed 24 of 33 passes, five to Joel Klopfenstein for 134 yards. Bobby Purify Please see COLORADO, Page B2

Warner plans to leave Giants

By Tom Canavan
Associated Press writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Two-time MVP quarterback Kurt Warner plans to leave the New York Giants after this season rather than remain a backup to Eli Manning.

"I am not going to be content being a backup, that's just the bottom line," Warner said Wednesday. "I loved my year here, but I am not content being a backup. I think I showed people and did things here and won games and that I have proven I can play and start in this league."

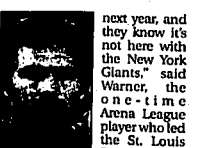
Warner, 33, said the Giants know how he feels.

"I think that everybody's thought process right now is I want to be somewhere starting

next year, and they know it's not here with the New York Giants," said Warner, the one-time Arena League player who led the St. Louis Rams to two Super Bowl appearances, including a championship after the 1999 season.

While Warner signed a two-year contract with the team in June, he has met the criteria necessary to void the final year of the deal.

Giants general manager Ernie Accorsi refused to comment on Warner's contract status.



Kurt Warner

SPORTS

Glenns Ferry holds off Melba

The Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY - Glenns Ferry used a 23-9 spurt in the second quarter to put away Melba 57-49 in a non-conference boys basketball game at the Glenns Ferry Christmas Tournament on Wednesday night.

Glenns Ferry (3-5 overall), used full-court pressure in the second quarter to take a commanding 35-19 lead at halftime. "We got into setting our press, and we got a whole lot of steals down at our end of the floor and converted almost every steal into a layup," Glenns Ferry coach Jeff McHone said. "It was just a four-minute spurt that was the key for us."

Scott Gridley paced a balanced attack with 12 points while teammate Tanner Shrum finished with 10 and hauled in nine rebounds. Cam Kenney connected on four 3-pointers on the way to a

Local sports

game-high 27 points for Melba. The Christmas Tournament continues today with Glenns Ferry hosting New Plymouth at 5 p.m.

Glenns Ferry 57, Melba 49

Glenns Ferry 10 8 14 16 - 49
Melba 10 12 19 27 - 49
Quarter 1 2 3 4 Total
Glenns Ferry 10 8 14 16 49
Melba 10 12 19 27 49
Glenns Ferry 10 8 14 16 49
Melba 10 12 19 27 49

Wendell 47, New Plymouth 37

GLENN'S FERRY - Wendell defeated New Plymouth 47-37 in the first game of the Glenns Ferry Christmas Tournament. No further information was available at press time.

NBA's best beats its worst

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Quentin Richardson broke a franchise record by nine 3-pointers and finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds, leading the Suns to a 107-96 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Wednesday night in matchup of the NBA's best and worst.

Richardson's final 3-pointer came right after a 3 by rookie J.R. Smith had pulled New Orleans to 98-93 with 56 seconds to go.

Steve Nash, stifled a night earlier in San Antonio, got back in form with 22 points and 11 assists for the Suns. Amare Stoudemire scored 15 to help Phoenix improve its NBA-best record to 25-4.

Smith, who scored a career-high 23, hit three jumpers early in the third quarter, two from 3-point range, as the Hornets opened the second half with 20-11. Brown capped it when Dan Dickau hit him underneath to give the Hornets - who trailed by 13 late in the first half - a rare lead at 64-63.

Richardson quickly turned the game around, however, hitting three 3-pointers in a 16-Phoenix run. Five quick points from Steven Hunter gave Phoenix an 80-70 lead heading into the final period.

Baron Davis and Brown each scored 18 points for New Orleans, while Lee Nelson added 12 as the Hornets fell to a league-worst 2-26.

Knicks 100, Timberwolves 87

NEW YORK - Stephen Marbury took over down the stretch and finished with 32 points and 11 assists for the Knicks.

Marbury scored 15 of his points in the final quarter, including a personal 9-2 run that gave New York a 94-85 lead with 1:46 to go.

Nazr Mohammed added 19 points, and Kurt Thomas limited Kevin Garnett to 17 - more than six below his average. Latrell Sprewell added 22 points and Sam Cassell 20 for Minnesota.

Grizzlies 117, Celtics 109

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Pau Gasol had 24 points and 17 rebounds, and Memphis rallied in the final period.

After trailing most of the game, the Grizzlies launched an 18-3 run to begin the fourth quarter and take a 101-97 lead. Memphis also got 18 points from Bonzi Wells.

The Celtics were led by Raef LaFrentz with 28 points. Paul Pierce and Walter McCarty added 18 points apiece.

Rockets 98, Cavaliers 87

CLEVELAND - Tracy McGrady scored 34 points, Yao Ming added 20 and Houston clinched a win to contend with the Bron James after halftime.

James didn't play after bruising a bone near his left eye when he was accidentally



Phoenix Suns' Quentin Richardson (3) goes up for a shot over New Orleans Hornets' Baron Davis (4) in the second half in New Orleans Arena on Wednesday night.

struck by Houston's Dikembe Mutombo late in the first half. James was coming off a 40-point performance at Atlanta on Tuesday. He scored just three before being hurt Wednesday night.

Drew Gooden led Cleveland with 21 points and 17 rebounds.

Pacers 74, Bobcats 71

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Jermaine O'Neal hit 24 points and 17 rebounds, and Indiana won back-to-back for the first time in December.

In the three games he's played since an arbitrator reduced his 25-game suspension to 15, O'Neal has 61 points and 35 rebounds. He will go before a federal judge Thursday in New York, to learn if he can continue to play or must sit out the final 10 games of the suspension for his part in the Pacers-Pistons brawl last month.

Emeka Okafor had his 17th consecutive double-double with 16 points and 15 rebounds for Charlotte.

Pistons 107, Wizards 105

WASHINGTON - Chauncey Billups hit a career-high 14-point game, and the Wizards scored 10 of his season-high 32 points in the final five minutes, and Rasheed Wallace had 12 of his 23 in the final quarter.

The Pistons overcame a 19-point first-half deficit and trailed by as many as 15 in the third quarter. Billups scored 10 of his season-high 32 points in the final five minutes, and Rasheed Wallace had 12 of his 23 in the final quarter.

The Pistons overcame a 19-point first-half deficit and trailed by as many as 15 in the third quarter. Billups scored 10 of his season-high 32 points in the final five minutes, and Rasheed Wallace had 12 of his 23 in the final quarter.

Bucks 111, Magic 105

ORLANDO, Fla. - Michael Redd scored 29 points and short-handed Milwaukee got 15 rebounds from Dan Gadzuric.

The Bucks had only 11 players in uniform because of injuries. Desmond Mason added 21 points. Steve Francis had 14 points for Orlando with 24 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists. Grant Hill added 26 points for the Magic, undone by 23 turnovers.

By Tom Reed Knight Ridder News Service

SAN ANTONIO - Controversies persist. Opportunities for distraction abound. Adversity becomes their 12th Man just minutes into the game.

And the Buckeyes roll merrily along.

The more trouble accumulates off the field, the better they seem to play on it. The No. 22 Buckeyes proved it again Wednesday night with a 33-7 victory over Oklahoma State in the Alamo Bowl before a sellout crowd of 65,265 fans at the Alamodome.

Highly focused and lethally efficient, Ohio State (8-4) authored a dominating performance in blocking out 10 days worth of controversy surrounding suspended quarterback Troy Smith and legal cash payments he accepted from a Dayton-area booster.

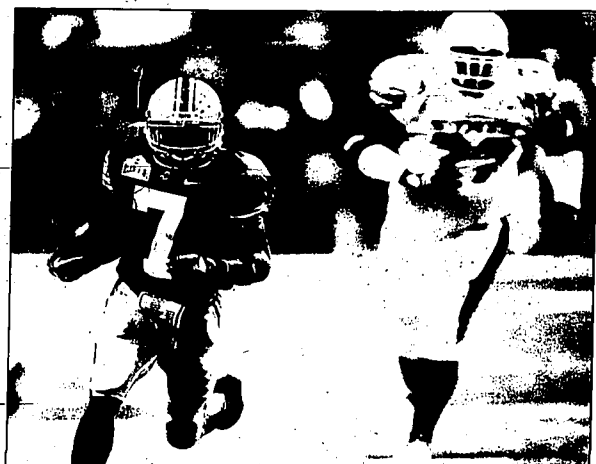
Massillon graduate Justin Zwick, playing for the first time since Oct. 13, overcame inactivity and a first-quarter hamstring injury to throw for 180 yards and a touchdown in the help of Ohio State build a 23-0 halftime lead.

Multi-talented freshman Ted Ginn Jr. added to his budding legend by taking five snaps at quarterback and setting up a TD with a spectacular 42-yard reception.

The Buckeyes' defense, meanwhile, forced two turnovers, battered quarterback Donovan Woods and held running back Vernard Morey to 20 yards on eight carries. The all-around effort was made complete by All-American kicker Mike Nugent, who contributed four field goals and became Ohio State's all-time leading scorer.

Even senior Lydell Ross, who served a one-game, misdemeanor suspension, had 99 yards on 12 carries.

Not a bad outing for a team supposedly in turmoil. Of course, Jim Tressell's bench has become proficient in handling distractions since Maurice



Ohio State receiver Ted Ginn Jr. (7) runs upfield after a reception as Oklahoma State defender Walter Thomas (77) pursues during the second quarter of the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Wednesday.

Clarett was suspended a year ago for accepting improper benefits and then accused the Buckeyes program of wide-ranging improprieties.

The team with the nation's best turnover margin gave away the ball on two of its first three possessions, leading to 10 Ohio State points. Two shanked punts - perhaps the result of trying to keep the ball out of

Ginn's clutches - added to glorious first-half field position.

Zwick took full advantage in his first appearance since separating his shoulder at Iowa. The redshirt sophomore completed 17-of-27 passes and looked competent directing an offense that has made substantial strides since he last played. He even threw a crushing block on a fourth-quarter Ginn reverse.

Zwick's performance likely will quell talk of a possible transfer. On the first drive, he found Anthony Gonzalez for a 23-yard TD. Zwick gave fans and the coaching staff a scare on the next series when he tweaked his left hamstring while scrambling. Tressell had feared an injury to Zwick might force him to burn the redshirt

of freshman Todd Boeckman.

But Zwick recovered and did his best Lance Armstrong impression riding an exercise bike on the sideline to keep the hamstring loose. Ginn filled in admirably, running mostly quarterback draws, and never throwing a pass. He scored on a 5-yard run to make it 30-0 midway through the third quarter.

Ginn was typically explosive in his role of receiver. He set up a second-quarter TD by catching a short pass on the left sideline, faking out two defenders and reversing his field for a 42-yard gain. He raced 28 yards on a third-quarter drive that he capped with the 5-yard run. He caught six passes for 78 yards.

Wisconsin stymies No. 18 Alabama

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Alando Tucker scored 21 points and the Wisconsin Badgers extended the nation's longest home winning streak to 36 games with a 76-62 win over the No. 18 Alabama Crimson Tide on Wednesday night.

Wisconsin (9-2) took a 33-22 halftime lead over Alabama, which came in averaging better than 86 points per game.

Chuck Davis and Kennedy Winston each had 18 points for the Crimson Tide (10-2).

The Badgers haven't lost at Kohl Center since Dec. 4, 2002, when Wake Forest beat them 90-80.

No. 8 Kentucky 82, Campbell 50

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Freshman center Randolph Morris had a career-high 25 points on 11-of-14 shooting and coach Tubby Smith won his 200th game as Kentucky.

Kelenna Azubuike added 14 points for the Wildcats (9-1), who won their fifth straight game.

Anthony Atkinson had 14 points for the Fighting Camels (2-7), who have lost 39 of their last 40 road games.

Smith is 200-53 in eight seasons at Kentucky and 324-115 in 14 seasons overall with the Wildcats, Georgia and Tulsa. He is the fourth coach to win at least 200 games at Kentucky, joining Adolph Rupp, Joe B. Hall and Rick Pitino.

No. 10 Pittsburgh 72, South Carolina 68

PITTSBURGH - Chevon Troutman scored 20 points, including the go-ahead basket

College basketball

with 2:37 remaining, to keep the Panthers unbeaten.

Carl Krauser had six free throws in the final minute for Pittsburgh (10-0), which won its 48th straight non-conference home game.

Carlos Powell and Josh Gomer each scored 15 points for the Gamecocks (7-3), who were 2-of-11 from 3-point range.

No. 15 Texas 100, Texas-San Antonio 82

AUSTIN, Texas - RJ Tucker scored 19 of his 21 points in the second half and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Longhorns.

Texas (9-2) tied the school record with 13 blocked shots led by Jason Klotz's seven.

Justin Harbert led the Roadrunners (4-5) with 25 points. He was 10-of-12 from the field, including 5-of-7 on 3-pointers.

West Virginia 71, No. 20 G. Washington 65

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. - Mike Gansey scored 19 points and D'or Fischer added 14 as the Mountaineers improved to 9-0 for the first time in 44 years.

JJ Thompson and J.R. Pinckock each had 14 points for the Colonials (8-2), who had their eighth game winning streak snapped and were held below 70 points for the first time this season.

No. 23 Michigan St. 92, N.C.-Asheville 63

EAST-LANSING-Mich. - Paul



Wisconsin's Mike Wilkinson shoots past Alabama's Jermaine Davis during the second half of Wisconsin's 76-62 win Wednesday, in Madison, Wis. Wilkinson had 15 points.

Davis and Kelvin Torbert led a balanced offense with 15 points each for the Spartans (8-2), who shot 56.4 percent from the field and led by as many as 37 points in their only game in a

15-day span. Omar Collington and Steven Rush each had 14 points for the Bulldogs (3-7), who committed 21 turnovers, 13 on Michigan State steals.

Colorado

Continued from B1

rushed 80 yards on 22 carries. The Miners (8-4) still had a chance to win the game in the final minutes.

On third-and-4 from the UTEP 25, Jordan Palmer completed a 15-yard pass to Johnnie Lee Higgins, keeping a late drive alive. But Palmer misfired badly on his final four passes, and the comeback try fizzled.

Colorado coach Gary Barnett

was doused with a Gatorade cooler in the waning seconds, and dozens of players came over to embrace their embattled leader.

Colorado's first bowl victory since the 1999 Insight.com Bowl capped an improbable turnaround for the Buffaloes, who went through an off-season of scandal and turmoil.

Barnett's program was the target of sexual assault claims dating to 1997, followed by an

investigation that discovered sex, alcohol and drugs were used as recruiting tools, although there was no evidence that university officials sanctioned it. Then, Barnett was put on three months of administrative leave for making insensitive remarks about two accusers, including a former kicker who said she was raped by a teammate in 2000.

Barnett was reinstated May 28, and began building the

foundation for a turnaround from a 5-7 record in 2003.

Colorado won its last three games of the season to earn a share of the Big 12 North title, and Burnett was voted the Big 12 coach of the year.

UTEP came very close to pulling off its first victory over a Big 12 opponent in 12 tries, but couldn't hold off the faster, stronger Buffs in the second half after holding a 21-13 halftime lead.

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL

NBA

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists Eastern Conference and Western Conference teams.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball

- Heat at Pistons, TNT, 6 p.m.
Goat at Missouri, ESPN2, 6 p.m.
Denver at Colorado State, FSNW, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Utah, FSNW, 8 p.m.
Spurs at Trail Blazers, TNT, 6:30 p.m.

Hockey

- College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Football

- Continental Tire Bowl, Boston College vs. North Carolina

Area ski report

Upper Basin - The 11,839 acre...
Lower Basin - The 11,839 acre...

Syracuse fires football coach Paul Pasqualoni

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Syracuse fired football coach Paul Pasqualoni on Wednesday...
"Sometimes you just know you need to make a change," athletic director Daryl Gross said.

N. Illinois, Troy make intriguing matchup

SILOES, Calif. - Northern Illinois and Troy are set for a rain-soaked, mostly empty stadium thousands of miles from home in a game stretching well past most of their players' bedtimes.

Texas, Brown agree to new 10-year contract

LOS ANGELES - Football coach Mack Brown and Texas agreed to a 10-year contract worth more than \$25 million that would keep him at the university through 2014.

Cal cuts on happy bowl face after BCS snub

SAN DIEGO - There have been countless seasons where the California Golden Bears would have been ecstatic to be invited to the Holiday Bowl. Any bowl, for that matter.

Legislation brings big league ball to capital

WASHINGTON - Beaming like a kid who just met his favorite sports star, Mayor Anthony A. Williams signed legislation Wednesday to bring major league baseball back to the nation's capital.

Hornets suspend Jim Jackson for not reporting

NEW ORLEANS - The New Orleans Hornets suspended Jim Jackson last Wednesday for not reporting to the team, two days after he was acquired from Houston in a trade.

Navy players prepare for life after football

SAN FRANCISCO - Navy coach Paul Johnson downplayed the differences between football and a statement Wednesday that he would not report to the team, two days after he was acquired from Houston in a trade.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists Western Conference teams.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists Eastern Conference teams.

Football

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists football teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists hockey teams.

College Football

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college football teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Baseball

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college baseball teams.

Hockey

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists college hockey teams.

Carolina, ESPN2, 11 a.m.

Emerald Bowl, New Mexico vs. Navy, ESPN2, 2:30 p.m.

Holiday Bowl, Texas Tech vs. California, ESPN, 6 p.m.

Silicon Valley Bowl, N. Illinois vs. Troy, ESPN2, 9 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Football

Continental Tire Bowl, Boston College vs. North Carolina

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Hockey

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

College, Great Lakes Invitational, FSNW, 2:30 p.m.

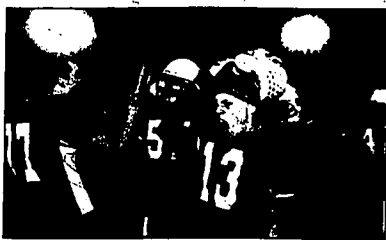
Hockey

SPORTS

TOP STORIES OF 2004



College of Southern Idaho forward Mohamed Kone dunks in a basketball game during the 2003-04 season. Kone and the Golden Eagles advanced to the NCAA men's national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. after winning the Region 18 title.



Raft River junior Paden Baker celebrates with teammates after the Trojans defeated Garden Valley 44-20 in Class 2A Division 1 state semifinals. Raft River went on to beat Genesee for the state title.

Stories

Continued from B1 and 6-4 in the scenic West Athletic Conference.

No. 3 CSI's 'Skip' Walker retires

He knew almost everybody. Anyone he didn't know certainly had heard of legendary CSI baseball coach Jim "Skip" Walker, who retired as head coach this past spring.

"You almost can't imagine Skip not being around baseball in the spring," Dixie State College head coach Mike Littlewood said at the time. "It wouldn't be natural."

Skip compiled a career record of 1,091-407 in his time at CSI, good for a .723 winning percentage. He guided the Eagles to 12 region titles, nine JUCO World Series and a national title in 1984. He's also been the U.S. Olympic baseball team hitting coach in 1987 and 1988 and coached the U.S. Junior Olympic team in 1989.

He's essentially built Walker Field on the CSI campus from the ground up, making it one of the finest fields in all of junior college baseball.

"It's easy to say he is the program," CSI athletics director Jeff Duggan said. "It's so much of the program that all the trees you see around the ballpark were saplings when he planted them."

Skip's work hasn't gone unnoticed, especially in the scenic West Athletic Conference.

"He is the conference," Littlewood said. "When I came in eight years ago, we learned from Skip. We saw how he ran his program, how he did things, his organization, how his team carries themselves."

"We tried to pick up on those things and implement them into our program," he continued. "He's helped me run my program just from watching him. When you say, 'What is his legacy?' I think he is the league."

No. 4 Raft River wins second title in three years

Raft River scored three touchdowns in the second half to break a 22-all halftime tie for a 44-22 victory in the state 1A Division 1 football championship game over Genesee.

Raft River (11-0) won it with big plays, including a 31-yard fake punt run by Baker in the first half.

It was the Trojans' second state title in three seasons. Raft River won the final 1A 11-man title in 2002.

The Genesee Bulldogs (10-2) came into the game averaging 53.5 points per game, but the Raft River defense shut them down in the second half.

No. 5 CSI men and women travel to nationals

The College of Southern Idaho women made only their fourth ever trip to the national junior college tournament while the men made their first trip to "Itch" since the 1998-2000 season and 20th overall.

The men lost out in two

games while the women rallied to take the consolation championship.

No. 6 Jerome girls win 4A basketball title

Since losing the 2003 state title game in a buzzer-beating heartbreaker, the Jerome girls were on a mission. The Tigers capped off their undefeated season with a 54-30 domination of Vallée to claim the first girls basketball title in school history. Jerome (25-0) fell to Caldwell in the title game in 2001, but this time it wasn't even close.

No. 7 Wendell wins boys 2A state basketball title

The Wendell Trojans finished their 25-0 season with a 79-46 shellacking of the Ririe Bulldogs in the 2A state championship game. It was arguably one of the most dominant performances in Idaho state championship history.

No. 8 Magic Valley claims both state Hellsman winners

Jerome's Jena Bubak and Murtaugh's Trent Cummins both won the 2004 Idaho Wendy's High School Hellsman awards. The awards are given to high school students who excel in academics and athletics and contribute community service.

No. 9 Goodbody takes third at national Junior Olympics

Jaynie Goodbody went from knocking down a hurdle to stepping up onto the podium the next night.

The Stanford track scribe took third place in the girls age 17-18 heptathlon at the USA Track and Field national Junior Olympics meet on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene this past summer.

No. 10 Lee surprises at state 4A cross country meet

Jerome Tigers sophomore Carissa Lee upset regional champion Stephanie Johnson of Burley in the state 4A cross country meet for the individual girls title.

Chances are the first to celebrate with Lee was Johnson.

Red Sox victory selected top sports story in AP poll

By Jimmy Golen Associated Press writer

There was no Commissioner's Trophy last time the Boston Red Sox won the World Series.

No commissioner, in fact. So when the Red Sox won it all for the first time since 1918 they didn't think it would be right to stick their trophy on a shelf somewhere to gather dust.

Instead, they took it to every state in New England, to a fan hangout in California and the team's academy in the Dominican Republic, to Christmas tree lightings and churches and nursing homes, where octogenarians have waited all their lives to see their favorite team win just once.

At the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where they treat sick children thanks in part to the Red Sox and the Jimmy Fund, the trophy caused such a hubbub when pitcher Tim Lincecum brought it by last week that order, finally, had to be restored.

"I just want to get some kids up here," activities coordinator Lisa Scherber shouted as patients, too young to understand, watched their parents pose for pictures with the prize. "We've got a lot of adults."

The World Series trophy has been a much-welcomed and well-traveled guest this offseason. And how it got to be that way is the sports story of the year, according to a vote by the newspaper and broadcast members of The Associated Press.

Boston's first World Series title since 1918 and the unprecedented comeback against the Yankees that made it possible was a runaway winner with the first-place votes and 1,325 points.

Lance Armstrong's sixth straight Tour de France title (seven first-place votes, 785 points) finished second and the Indiana Pacers-Detroit Pistons brawl was third (six first-place votes, 662 points).

Merely winning the Series

after an 86-year drought probably would have been enough to make the Red Sox the year's top story. But the way they did it was one for the ages.

It seemed like Boston would be New York's number-one once again.

No major league team had ever rallied from a 3-0 deficit to even tie a seven-game series, let alone win it. But the Red Sox, self-proclaimed "idiots," insisted they were too stupid to be intimidated by the gravity of their predicament.

Things got more dire when the Yankees took a 4-3 lead into the ninth inning of the fourth game, with star closer Mariano Rivera on the mound. But he walked Kevin Millar and Roberts, pinch running, stole second before Bill Mueller singled to tie it.

Boston won in the 12th on David Ortiz's homer, then won Game 5 less than 24 hours later on his 14th-inning single. The series moved back to Yankee Stadium, where 2003 had ended so disastrously.

The Red Sox sent Curt Schilling to the mound only after season-ending surgery was postponed in favor of a radical and unprecedented procedure to keep him in the rotation. After testing the technique on the mound, Dr. Bill Morgan stitched a loose tendon in Schilling's right ankle in place so it wouldn't pop around when he pitched.

With blood soaking through his sock, Schilling beat the Yankees and forced a decisive seventh game. But the only pitcher the Red Sox had left was Derek Lowe, who pitched so poorly in the regular season that he was bumped from the playoff rotation.

Lowe pitched six innings of one-hit ball, Ortiz homered and Johnny Damon hit a grand slam to help Boston open a 10-3 lead — too big even for the Red Sox to budge.

They were going to the World Series, in which they swept the St. Louis Cardinals in four games.

Phelps will serve 18 months probation for drunken driving

By Randall Chase Associated Press writer

SALISBURY, Md. — Olympic swimming champion Michael Phelps was sentenced to 18 months' probation Wednesday after pleading guilty to drunken driving.

Judge Lloyd O. Whitehead granted Phelps probation before judgment, meaning his record will be expunged if he follows the terms of probation. Phelps pleaded guilty to driving while impaired, and prosecutors dropped charges of driving under the influence, underage drinking and failure to stop at a stop sign.

"I recognize the seriousness of this mistake," Phelps told the judge in a packed courtroom. "I've learned from this mistake and will continue learning from this mistake for the rest of my life."

The 19-year-old Phelps was fined \$250, must attend a meet-



Michael Phelps

ing sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and must give speeches to students at three schools by June 1, advising them about making choices and warning them about the dangers of alcohol.

Whitehead also ordered Phelps to abstain from alcohol and illegal drugs during his probation.

As he left the courthouse, Phelps was beset by people seeking autographs.

Under the terms of his probation, Phelps must report to a probation supervisor once a month by telephone or in person by the court.

"The reason for that is because of his travel," State's Attorney Davis Ruark said.



Former College of Southern Idaho forward Jennifer Pond attempts a shot against Seward County Community College (Kan.) during the NJCAA women's national basketball tournament in Salina, Kan. Seward defeated CSI 78-57, but the Golden Eagles won their next three games to claim the consolation championship.



College of Southern Idaho sophomore Ellane Santos prepares to tip a ball against Albertson College earlier this season. CSI was declared ineligible for postseason play in 2004 and stripped of a foreign scholarship for the next two seasons after the NCAA declared the team used an ineligible player.

New beginnings

On New Year's Day, how to start fresh.

Saturday in Religion

AutoPride
 • Full Service Car Wash • Complete Store Center
 • 4x4 Accessory Shop • Quick Lube
 • Bull N' Shine • Detail Shop

Clip and Present this coupon and receive:
#1 FULL SERVICE at Lube Center
\$24.95 Reg. Price \$27.95
 Expires 12/31/04

- Change Oil & Filter
- Free Vacuum & Wash
- 15 Point Inspection

Gift Certificates Available

For More Coupon Specials Check Out Our Website:
www.autoprize.us

808 Cheney Dr. • Twin Falls
 733-WASH (2574)
 (Just off Blue Lakes)

Put the Happy in someone's Birthday

Make more of any celebration with a Times-News Happy Ad!

- Anniversary
- Birthday
- Birth Announcements
- Graduation
- Thank You
- Memorials
- Engagement & Wedding
- And More...

Prices starting at \$20, includes photo scanning and artwork. (Private Party Rate)

For more information contact Ull, Karen, Sherry, Lacy or Randi

733-9731 or 733-FULLAD SV
 The Times-News
 230 E. Main

AROUND THE VALLEY

Site will recycle Christmas trees

TWIN FALLS — For those ready to let go of Christmas, the city of Twin Falls has begun accepting trees for recycling. Twin Falls residents can participate in the city's ongoing waste reduction program by having their Christmas trees chipped into mulch. The program helps reduce waste ordinarily deposited in a landfill.

"The parks department will use the mulch," said Sherry Jeff, sanitation inspector. "It'll all be put to good use. It's much better than going to the landfill. We're really hoping people won't put their trees in their garbage cans."

Trees need to have all ornaments, wire, lights and plastic bags removed.

The drop-off site is on the 100 block of Sixth Avenue West, east of the former animal shelter and across from the Maverik Country Store.

The site will be open through Jan. 18.

For information, call Sherry Jeff at 735-7264.

Many businesses will be closed on Friday

TWIN FALLS — Many offices, agencies and places of business will be closed Friday for New Year's Eve. Here's a rundown of what's closed and open:

- City and county offices will be closed.
- State and federal offices will be closed.
- Social Security Administration office will be closed.
- U.S. Post Offices will be open, but some will close early.
- Most banks will be open during regular hours.
- Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
- YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be open for regular lap swim and also open swim from 1 to 4 p.m.; the pool will close at 4 p.m.
- College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
- Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

Idahoans join education advisory committee

BOISE — Three Idahoans are helping to shape the state's No Child Left Behind Law for the United States Department of Education.

Karen McGee, a member of the State Board of Education; Susan Williamson, principal of Taft Elementary School in Boise; and Wendy Horman, a board member from Bonneville School District, will represent Idaho on the National Regional Advisory Committee.

It is one of 10 committees nationwide and represents Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

The committees are meant to search for input and develop solutions for their regions' educational needs.

The next committee meeting will be 11 a.m. Jan. 5. The meeting will be online and it is open to the public. To register, go to: <http://registration.intercall.com/go/cnacaw>.

The committee will submit a final report to the Secretary of Education and Director of the Institute of Education Sciences by the end of March 2005.

The public can also give input by sending e-mail to comment@nochildleftbehind.gov or by mailing to: Northwest Region, P.O. Box 300, Attn: Dr. Arthur Sheeks, The CNA Corporation, 4825 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311-1850.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Salmon	71%	27%
Big Wood	76%	29%
Little Wood	74%	28%
Big Lost	76%	28%
Little Lost	75%	30%
Henry Fork/Teton	75%	28%
Upper Snake Basin	71%	28%
Oakley	97%	35%
Salmon Falls	88%	33%

As of Dec. 29

Man on probation will face more felony charges

TWIN FALLS — A man on probation for methamphetamine delivery has been charged with four drug-related felonies after probation officers conducted a routine check of his home.

Ricky Lewis Allen, 40, made an initial appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court Tuesday to face four counts of possession of a controlled substance.

On Nov. 23, probation and parole officers with the Idaho Department of Correction performed a search of Lewis' home at 252 Hankins Road, according to an affidavit written by Detective Jerry Martinez with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

In various places around the house — including a bedroom night stand, a silverware drawer in the kitchen, a bathroom sink drawer and the freezer — officers found a plastic baggies containing what they believed

2001 power crisis may affect rates

The Times-News

BOISE — By the summer of 2005, Idaho Power Co. customers could find themselves paying for revenues the company says it lost in 2001.

An energy crisis four years ago left the power company scrambling to meet the demands of its customers without tapping into a record-high wholesale market. Instead it relied on a power buyback program with irrigators.

On Wednesday, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission authorized Idaho Power to recover \$1.58 billion in lost revenue in addition to \$1.9 million in carrying charges from its customers. The total of \$13.48 million won't immediately impact rates but will be included

NewsTracker

- **Last we knew:** The Idaho Supreme Court authorized Idaho Power Co. to collect revenue the company asserts it would have made during the power crisis of 2001. The state utilities commission accepted comment on the amount Idaho Power could collect.
- **The latest:** On Wednesday,

the commission authorized Idaho Power to recover \$13.48 million in lost revenue from customers.

- **What's next:** Interested parties have until Jan. 19 to petition the commission's decision. Idaho Power will include the lost revenue in its annual cost adjustments this spring.

implemented a load reduction program in which irrigators were paid 15 cents per kilowatt hour, said Fadness said. Irrigators involved in the program had to reduce their energy consumption by at least 100,000 kilowatt hours. Prices on the

wholesale market during the same year reached 30 cents per kilowatt hour.

A dispute between Idaho Power and state regulators delayed the power company from collecting the lost revenue. In 2001, when Idaho Power proposed its load reduction program, state regulators said the power company may collect direct costs and lost revenue. During the past four years, the company and utilities commission have debated the use of the word "may."

State regulators approved the company's request to charge customers the \$74 million it paid irrigators to reduce energy requirements. However, the commission challenged Idaho Power's petition for \$12 million in revenues the company said it

would have earned from irrigators had the buyback program not been in place.

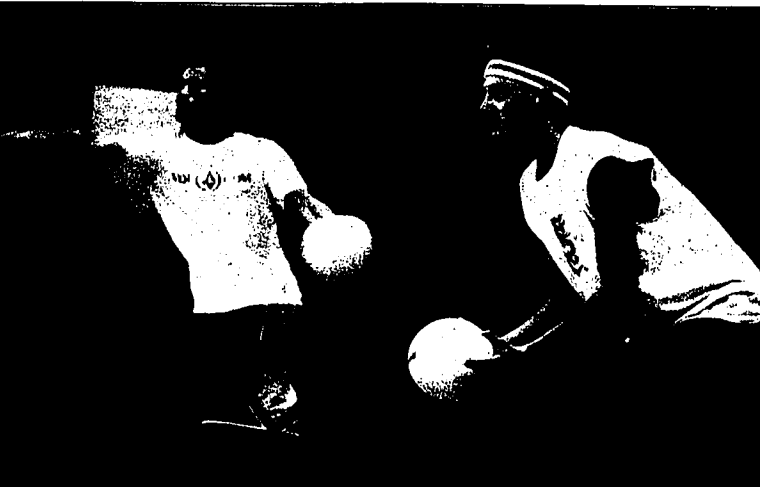
"To charge rate payers for lost revenue is unreasonable in the context of the crisis that existed," the commission said. "Requiring rate payers to pay for energy they did not consume, but avoided, due to this program is also unreasonable."

The Idaho Supreme Court decided the matter in October when it granted Idaho Power's petition.

The utilities commission requested public comment on whether the sum of Idaho Power's request was reasonable.

Interested parties may petition the commission, located at 472 W. Washington St., in Boise, for reconsideration by no later than Jan. 19.

LOOK OUT!



Cleveland Steamers dodgeball teammates Brandon Cary, 15, right, and Brandon Denney, 17, play a game at the Radio Rodeo in Twin Falls Tuesday night. The dodgeball league consists of six person teams that battle one another each week.

Dodgeball bounces back to popularity

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The gym class six-ball free-for-all is back: a dodgeball league is in its first season at the Radio Rodeo Event Center.

Shannon Clinton's children, Britnie, 13, and Kyle, 9, of Twin Falls are hooked on the game and play on the same team.

"They love to come," Clinton said. It also gets her son away from the PlayStation for a while.

Said Britnie: "It's really fun. It's different."

This version of dodgeball has two teams of six to 10 players face off in a rectangular court. They throw foam balls until one side is "out," from either being hit or when the other team

catches a ball.

Tuesday night's \$10-per-player games drew 14 teams, said Gus Bowman, who owns the Radio Rodeo at 241 Main Ave. W.

Twin Falls' league is a part of a national craze inspired by the film, *Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story*, starring Ben Stiller, which came out in June. With a parent's permission children can bounce around, while adults relive their gym classes.

Tuesday night, players sported shirts advertising the film, its slogan, "Grab life by the ball," and Average Joe's Gymnasium, another part of the movie.

Austin Davis, 13, of Twin Falls said his team won every week but the last one. Their secret? It's also from the movie: the five D's of dodgeball — dodge, dip,

duck, dive and dodge.

The Radio Rodeo league is in its ninth week and a tournament is scheduled for Jan. 22. Each week there's a mini-tournament with players advancing by winning two out of three games.

Dan Fuchs of Twin Falls saw the movie with his family and they started playing dodgeball in their backyard. Bowman saw them from over the fence and the league grew from there. He registered with the National Amateur Dodgeball Association, installed recessed lighting in the event center and attendance boomed from word of mouth. He's had as many as 18 teams of children and adults.

Jeff Jardine of Twin Falls is designing a Web site for Bowman to help spread the word about

the event center's new emphasis on sports. Bowman is also starting a volleyball league Jan. 11. He plans to continue dodgeball next year. He's also looking at basketball and indoor soccer.

Jardine's children play dodgeball, but Tuesday was his first night playing the game.

He said he wasn't worried about being hit by the balls. "They sound like they hurt, but they really don't," Jardine said.

He played for several rounds with a pickup team of adults.

"I'm tired," Jardine said afterward. "It takes a lot more energy than you'd think."

Man on probation will face more felony charges

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A man on probation for methamphetamine delivery has been charged with four drug-related felonies after probation officers conducted a routine check of his home.

Ricky Lewis Allen, 40, made an initial appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court Tuesday to face four counts of possession of a controlled substance.

On Nov. 23, probation and parole officers with the Idaho Department of Correction performed a search of Lewis' home at 252 Hankins Road, according to an affidavit written by Detective Jerry Martinez with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

In various places around the house — including a bedroom night stand, a silverware drawer in the kitchen, a bathroom sink drawer and the freezer — officers found a plastic baggies containing what they believed

to be methamphetamine and marijuana.

Police also found a scale with white powder residue on it, according to the affidavit.

Outside the house near the front entrance, officers spotted a surveillance camera that was hooked up to a 13-inch TV, as well as night vision equipment, the affidavit says.

Lewis declined to talk with police until he had an attorney present.

The evidence was sent to the state crime lab for further testing, the affidavit says.

Possession of methamphetamine is a felony, said Grant Loeb, Twin Falls County prosecutor.

The maximum penalty for a felony count of possession of a controlled substance is 7 years imprisonment. That could be added to any withheld-sentence stemming from Allen's original charge.

Lewis' preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 7. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Scientist asks for governor's help

Idaho native wants disease rates related to nuclear fallout

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At his 40th high school reunion in Twin Falls this summer, a career scientist became intrigued by the growing debate over diseases related to nuclear fallout in Idaho.

"These things have a tendency — especially when there aren't very many facts associated with them — to get carried away," said Dr. Arthur Vandenberg. "We just need to know what the facts are."

In order to get the facts, Vandenberg sent a letter to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne earlier this month requesting his assistance. Insurance companies, Vandenberg said, could provide records for the incidence of diseases suspected to be caused by fallout. Examining those records would give researchers a better idea about the relationship between

radiation and various diseases.

On Wednesday, a spokesman for Kempthorne said the governor's office is in the process of investigating Vandenberg's request. The office will look into ways to collect disease rates before commenting on the matter.

"I just think as a public servant the governor's office should take the lead in trying to figure out what the damage is," Vandenberg said.

Vandenberg, who now resides in Portland, Ore., studies autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis. Currently, autoimmune diseases have not been linked formally to the ionizing radiation that fell across the western United States as a result of atomic bomb testing in Nevada during the 1950s and 1960s.

In North America, one person in 1,000 is diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, Vandenberg said. However, some residents believe the rates in the Magic Valley could be much higher. Former CSI basketball coach Fred Trenkle has conducted private research on the frequency of multiple sclerosis around his

hometown of Shoshone. Trenkle testified at the National Academy of Science hearing for downwinders in Boise this November and asked the panel to consider studying the possible connection between multiple sclerosis and fallout.

"It's a big question in the scientific community as to how MS really starts," Vandenberg said. "A member of Vandenberg's own family succumbed to multiple sclerosis. Other family members suffered thyroid diseases and cancers now linked to nuclear fallout."

Vandenberg hopes the state will assign someone with proper training to conduct the research.

"It's really important to have a trained expert conducting the data," Vandenberg said.

"Can you ever get the true number?" he said. "I'm not sure you have to as long as you can get an approximation."

NewsTracker

- **Last we knew:** A federal judge jury indicted Daniel Ben Noga on Jan. 11, alleging unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **The latest:** The defendant and the U.S. government reached a plea agreement, the details of which are not available to the public.
- **What's next:** A change of plea hearing was set for Jan. 10 in U.S. District Court in Boise.

Parties reach plea agreement in drug case

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A man indicted by a federal grand jury has reached a plea agreement with prosecutors, but the terms of that agreement are not being disclosed.

Daniel Ben Noga, 26, of Twin Falls was charged with one count of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. Prosecutors were also seeking forfeiture of all firearms and ammunition involved in the alleged crime.

A change of plea hearing was set for Jan. 10 in Boise in front of Chief Magistrate Larry Boyle. That hearing replaces a jury trial that was set for that day.

In the motion to seal documents, U.S. Attorney Thomas Moser requested the judge seal the agreement because "the plea agreement contains information that, if disclosed to the public, could result in harm to the defendant."

The document also states that defense attorneys did not oppose the plea agreement.

On Aug. 11, a federal grand jury indicted Noga, who was already on federal probation.

The charge stems from the discovery of weapons at Noga's home last summer. According to the terms of his plea see AGREEMENT, Page C3

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Town scraps street name honoring Indian massacre commander

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) — The City Council will rename Chivington Drive after protests that the street honors Col. John Chivington, who is blamed for the slaughter of more than 150 Indians in the Sand Creek massacre of 1864.

Longmont is a historic precedent tonight, activist Glenn Spagnuolo said after the 6-1 vote Tuesday. "I've never been so proud of my city and City Council. It was racist and insensitive to the Native American community."

Militarism under Chivington's command launched an unprovoked attack on a Cheyenne and Arapahoe encampment on Sand Creek about 160 miles southeast of Denver. Most of the dead were elderly men, women and children.

Mayor Julia Brinck said she was not convinced the street was named after the colonel, but she said she supported the change to end the years-long debate.

The issue appeared to have been settled more than a year ago when the council decided to keep the name and erect an explanatory plaque along the street. The council was supposed to discuss the wording of that plaque Tuesday, but about 100 people attending the meeting urged scrapping the Chivington name.

The dissenting vote was cast by Councilman Mary Block, who brokered the compromise calling for the plaque.

Weather and regulations trap passengers on plane for 28 hours

SEATTLE (AP) — A 10-hour flight from the Netherlands stretched into 28 as passengers diverted from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport by fog sat on the ground at a central Washington airport, stuck on the plane because of custom regulations.

Food and water ran short for the approximately 300 passengers aboard Northwest Airlines Flight 83, and the toilets stopped working as the hours dragged on. At least two passengers were treated for medical conditions before passengers were finally allowed to stretch their legs late in the evening.

"It's like we're hostages without being in any kind of hostage situation," passenger Misha Shmidt, a violinist with the Seattle Symphony, told The Seattle Times while on the plane Tuesday night.

The flight finally arrived at Sea-Tac at 6:26 a.m. Wednesday, 18 hours after its scheduled 12:30 p.m. Tuesday arrival.

The crew of the DC-10-30 to circle the Seattle airport until fuel ran low and the plane had to be diverted across the Cascade Range to Grant County International Airport in Moses Lake. Since enplaning on what was supposed to be a 10-hour non-stop flight from Amsterdam, passengers had already been on the plane for roughly 12 hours by the time it arrived at 2:20 p.m.

Passengers had to wait until another crew arrived from Northwest headquarters in Minnesota. The flight was delayed further after the plane carrying the crew suffered mechanical problems. Airline spokesman Mary Stank said. The crew finally arrived, but then the plane still wasn't able to leave because of bad weather in Moses Lake, Stank said.

As passengers waited, food ran out and water had to be rationed. Pizza and soda were finally brought on board around 8:30 p.m., and the toilets also were eventually serviced.

Passenger John Castle, who was traveling with his family, described the atmosphere as "stale, foul and we're all tired."

"It's just horrible — with a 3-year-old and a 7-month-old, it's just ludicrous," he told The Seattle Times. "We've run out of games to play, and we've run out of baby food."

Despite the Grant County airport's "international" moniker, passengers initially weren't allowed to leave the plane because the airport, a former Air Force Base, isn't equipped to screen so many international travelers. They were finally allowed off the plane late in the evening, after airport officials temporarily cleared an airport terminal and posted sheriff's deputies at the entrances, effectively making it an international terminal.

Stank said passengers would receive a gift basket that included phone cards and vouchers for a free airplane ticket anywhere Northwest flies in the United States and Canada.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication. The mail address for obituaries is obits@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day. To view or submit obituaries online, or to place a message in an individual online guestbook, go to www.magvalley.com and click on "Obituaries."

William (Bill) J. Hopkins



William (Bill) J. Hopkins, also known as Hoppy, passed away on Dec. 25, 2004, in Yuma, Ariz.

Beloved husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, great-grandfather and great friend, he will be missed by many, many folks.

Hoppy was born Jan. 11, 1906, in Wootsy, S.D.

He had five brothers and sister and five step-brothers and sisters all of whom have preceded him in death. Eleven of his childhood years were spent in the Odd Fellows Home in Del Rapids, S.D.

As a young man, Hoppy worked in the Oklahoma oil fields. At times during the depression he was known to hop a freight train and ride the rails to another job site. He married his first wife, Jewell Greathouse, in Oklahoma. To that union a daughter, Rosemary Hopkins (Nancolas) was born.

The young family moved to California where he worked as a roofer for several years. During that time he became an official in the farm union. In that capacity, he solved many disputes without resorting to heavy handed tactics.

His apt use of storytelling made him skilled in the art of persuasion. The family then moved to Idaho where Hoppy farmed for a short time and took a maintenance position with Jerome School District

working there for more than 30 years. Student assistants "volunteered" to work with Hoppy in order to pay off disciplinary debts to the school. His patience and work ethic straightened out a good number of young people. Working with them helped to keep him young in spirit. His second wife, Ruth Owens Hopkins, preceded him in death in 1978. After that loss, he came to Yuma to visit relatives and met Sarah Parker. A whirlwind romance resulted in a third marriage that lasted another 26 years.

Fishing and baseball were Hoppy's favorite pastimes. As an ardent Atlanta Braves fan, Hoppy could be found watching any game broadcast. He also loved fishing from a float tub. Nary a fish was safe when he entered a waterway. Tying his own flies, teaching

others and instructing them on the finer art of casting, he passed his legacy on to a great number of beneficiaries.

He leaves his wife, Sarah in Yuma; daughter, Rosemary and husband, Bob Nancolas, of Lake Havasu City, Ariz.; grandchildren, Julie and husband, Dale Burris, of Blanchard, Idaho; grandson, Bill Nancolas and wife, Jody, of Nampa, Idaho; four great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

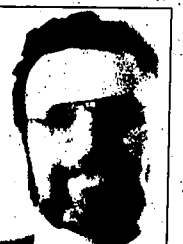
Ruth's children, Max Owen and Betty Hamba, both preceded him in death.

Sarah's children succeeded him, a daughter, Alta and husband, Bill Thomas, of Kennewick, Wash.; son, Raymond Parker and wife, Ruth, of Puyallup, Wash.; grandchildren, Christi and Tracy Thomas, Lisa (Thomas) and husband, Mark Julson, Richard and Ryan Parker and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service in his honor will be held at 3:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at Sunset Funeral Home, 11327 E. 14th St., Yuma, AZ 85307. Following the service there will be a reception at the Fortuna Palms Community Club, 14th Ave. E. in North Foothills, Yuma.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either the American Heart Association or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Richard "Rick" Lee Halman



Richard "Rick" Lee Halman slipped peacefully away on Dec. 26, 2004, after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

He was born Feb. 20, 1945, to Zachary and Patricia Halman in San Bernardino, Calif., the youngest of three children. He grew up in Santa Ana, Calif., where he raised hell and played sports in school.

In 1966, he married Marilyn Atchugh, and they moved to Jerome, Idaho. In 1967, he was drafted by the U.S. Army, where he served his country for six years. He traveled the world three times, as he loved to tell anyone who would listen cold beer. He and Marilyn had two children. They were later divorced.

On Dec. 21, 1975, he married his soulmate, Andrea McClannahan, and they had two children together.

Rick loved to be outdoors and would often go hunting with his faithful hunting dog, Burch. His passions included cooking and playing music, and he expressed himself through both. He was part of many local bands, including

Cobalt Blue, Sweet Country Air and Kan-Do-Kountry. He was also a damn fine cook and he cooked for many at places like Woods Café, Eddie's Café, and McClannahan's.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Tim Griggs; a grandson, Ed Griggs; and his faithful hunting companion, Burch.

He is survived by his wife, Andrea; his daughters, Gretchen (Eric) Nicholson, of Jerome, U.S. Navy Second

Class Petty Officer Courtney Halman of Grand Cay, and Tiffnee (Barr) Chisham of Sandpoint, Idaho; his brother, Bob (Merrilee) Halman of Garden Grove, Calif.; sister, Shirley Halman of Anaheim, Calif.; four grandchildren, two grandsons, nieces, nephews and many, many friends who love him.

"Death makes Angels of us all and gives us wings where we had shoulders. Smooth us raven's claws. No more money. No more fancy dress. This other kingdom seems fit for the best."

I prefer a feast of friends to the giant family" From "An American Prayer" By James Douglas Morrison A celebration of Rick's life will be held between 5 and 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at 509 W. Ave. D, Jerome. Please call 324-9638 if you have any questions. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343-S, Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Carol (Allen) Condie of Rupert, Brent (Marilyn) Whitesides of Rupert, DeAnn (Calvin) Bulby of Rupert and Steve (Abby) Whitesides of Rupert; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren and one sister, Kathleen Jenkins of Ogden, Utah.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a daughter-in-law, one brother, one sister and a great-grandson.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at the Acequia LDS 2nd ward building with burial to follow in the Rupert Cemetery, Blythe, Idaho. Tim Ennes officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church. The family wishes to publicly thank the owners and staff of Autumn Haven Assisted Living Center for the respect and care of their mother.

Marjorie Joan Whitesides



Marjorie Joan Whitesides, 84, of Rupert, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at Autumn Haven Assisted Living Center of natural causes.

Marjorie was born May 19, 1920, in Par, Cornwall, England to William Edwin and Sarah Alice Roseaver. With her family, she immigrated from England in 1929. She lived in Seattle, Wash., Ogden and Layton, Utah. She graduated from Ogden High School and on June 26, 1942, she married George Dee Whitesides and in 1943 they moved to Rupert, Idaho, where they homesteaded on the Northside. In 1978, George and Marjorie's marriage was solemnized in the Ogden, Utah, LDS Temple.

Through her life, she served others in many ways: first being a homemaker and a loving mother and grandmother and as a member of the LDS church serving as a Relief Society Worker, Family History Extractor and a Temple Worker

in the Logan Temple. To her community and prior to her illness she served many years as a Plink Lady. Marjorie loved to do many thing like traveling, ceramics, knitting and other handwork, but most of all she loved serving and spending time with her family. She is survived by her children, Paul (and the late Janice) Whitesides of Gilbert, Ariz.,

Governor-elect Huntsman recognizes rural Utah with first official speech

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Governor-elect Jon Huntsman Junior will take his first official address to rural Utah — the Fillmore territorial statehouse.

Huntsman will be in office for just a few weeks when he has to deliver his first State of the State address. Usually governors give the address at the Utah Capitol, but the structure is closed for renovations that are expected to take four years.

The Utah Legislature will open business next month in a wing built behind the Capitol. The Fillmore statehouse in central Utah was used for just one pre-statehood session in 1855 before lawmakers moved to Salt Lake City. Fillmore's red sandstone statehouse was never fully completed, and its

chamber holds only about 100 people.

Huntsman said he plans to bus legislators and a select group of dignitaries and family members to the Territorial Statehouse. The event is expected to cost between \$7,000 and \$10,000.

Legislators will start their 45-day session the week Huntsman gives his speech, and some lawmakers are expected to skip the address. Huntsman hasn't scheduled the speech day yet, but it will happen during the third week of January, it will be televised.

Huntsman, who traces his family roots to Utah, said holding the speech there could help dampen claims of an urban-rural divide in Utah.

There's "endless" carping about politics today being driven by the needs of the Wasatch Front," Huntsman said. "We've got 29 counties and we need to recognize our friends in rural communities."

Residents of Fillmore, a town of about 2,200 located just off Interstate 15 in Millard County, are happy to oblige.

"This will be the biggest thing that's happened for quite a while," said Larry Paxton, owner of Larry's Drive In, a 65-seat hamburger and shake hangout where Huntsman says he plans to take lawmakers to dinner after his speech. "It (is) neat that he comes back and honors the community and himself."

Besides, he adds, "Utah doesn't end at Provo."

SERVICES

Sharon K. Federer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at Rock Creek Community Church/Seventh Day Adventist Church. A reception will follow at the church (Serenity Funeral Chapel).

Evaline L. Halman of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Vivian Irene Maltz, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Demary Funeral Chapel in Wendell. A reception will follow the service at

the American Legion Hall in Wendell.

Faith C. Johnson, celebration of life at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2531 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301, with graveside service to follow at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Verne Zitzke of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St. E.

Candida "Kandy" Madarieta,

Gabiola, Mass of Christian burial celebrated at 11 a.m. today at St. Catherine's Catholic Church (Demary's Funeral Service).

Simon Eugene Balles of Twin Falls, prayer vigil with Rosary recited at 6 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Eva Dorothy Bishop of Twin Falls, memorial graveside service at 2:30 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

DEATH NOTICES

Benton Jones

MERIDIAN — Benton Jones, 82, of Boise and formerly of Jerome, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at his home in Meridian. Arrangements will be made by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Wanda Sutcliff Chermak

TWIN FALLS — Wanda Sutcliff Chermak, 85, died Dec. 10, 2004, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

A family memorial is planned for Sun Valley in August 2005. Donations are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

George Kerr

TWIN FALLS — George Kerr, 91, of Twin Falls, died Dec. 28, 2004.

A services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park.

Richard 'Dick' Dale Beeson

TWIN FALLS — Richard "Dick" Dale Beeson, 54, of Twin Falls, died early Tuesday morning, Dec. 28, 2004, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls following a lengthy battle with Parkinson's

Disease.

A celebration of Dick's life will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Steelman Borden officiating. Military honors by Area Veterans and Auxiliary. Private inurnment will take place at Sunset Memorial Park.

The family suggests memorials be given in Dick's name to the Parkinson's Foundation. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

A full obituary will appear in a later edition.

Our focus is the best individual care for your hearing period. Call Today for a Free Hearing Evaluation. Digital Hearing Aids Starting at \$749. HEARING AID SPECIAL. FRITZ KIPPES H.I.S. 260 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, ID 734-2900 1301 E. 16th St., Boise, ID 578-7600

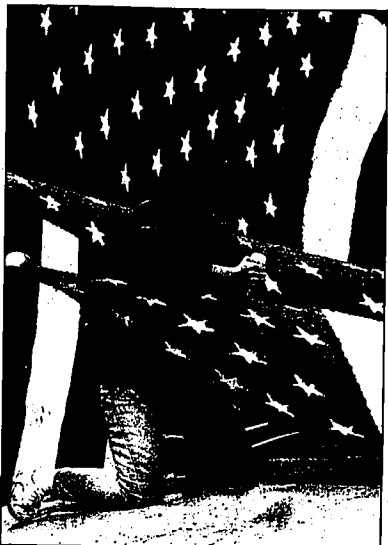
The Family of Linda Abbott-King. We would like to express how grateful we are for all the beautiful acts of kindness that were given to us, during the loss of our beloved Linda. A special thank to St. Benedicts, Farnsworth mortuary, and the LDS 7th/2nd Ward. For all you have done and for all it meant to us. "Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves." We thank you, Randy King and family, Cecil and Beth Abbott and family, Vernon Carter and family.

CALL TODAY FOR YOUR FREE HEARING SCREENING!

HEARING COUNSELORS AND AUDIOLOGY. Southern Idaho's Preferred Hearing Clinic. 2508 Addison Ave. East • Twin Falls, ID (208) 733-0601 or 1-800-922-4442. Offices also in Burley, Gooding & Hailley. Rick Hall Jim Gibson Bob Schroeder

SETTING UP

Airport relocation meets opposition in Fairfield



Volunteer Laura Noguichi works to complete the city of Alhambra's Rose Parade float entry entitled "The Proud Americans" on Wednesday in Pasadena, Calif. The 116th Rose Parade will make its way through Pasadena on Jan. 1.

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — Actor Bruce Willis' offer to donate land near Fairfield for a new regional airport was met with jubilation by some people — and pangs of dread by others.

Nearly 60 residents of Fairfield, population 499, have signed a petition requesting a public meeting to talk about the airport proposal.

"We've almost had unanimous opposition to the airport here in eastern Camas County," said Dave Konrad, who helped his neighbors gather the signatures.

"With airplanes flying so closely over the homes here, our quality of life as we know it would be negatively impacted," he said. "With such a huge development, the number of airplanes they're proposing would be a catastrophe, especially for this end of the county."

On Jan. 10 the Camas County Board of Commissioners will host an informational meeting on the state of the Friedman Memorial Airport relocation project.

"The reason we haven't had public meetings up to now is that there was no information we could convey," said Fairfield Mayor David Hanks, a primary member of the site selection committee. "No studies have been done yet. I agree we need to get together and we need to talk. But until you have concentrated information, it's just a

“ I agree we need to get together and we need to talk. But until you have concentrated information it's just a bunch of angry people. ”

— Fairfield Mayor David Hanks

bunch of angry people."

Concerned residents are not about to let any airport discussion exclude them.

Konrad said he and his neighbors want to demonstrate that there is a grassroots movement at work, and they hope to name success garnered by their northeastern neighbors.

"Citizens in the Bellevue Triangle got involved and voiced significant opposition to having the airport in their area, and they were successful in getting it removed from the proposed site list," Konrad said. "The Bellevue Triangle is a rural area similar to Camas County. We're looking for the same treatment as was given to the people there."

At an Airport Authority meeting earlier this month in Hallett,

Call for comments

The Camas County Board of Commissioners will host an informational meeting on the state of the Friedman Memorial Airport relocation project. On hand to answer questions will be: Rick Baird, airport manager of Friedman Memorial Airport; members of Mead & Hunt, the group charged with the airport study; and the site selection committee. The town meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at the American Legion Hall in Fairfield.

Willis told attendees he would donate for an airport a portion of land he owns at the eastern end of Camas County. Property along Highway 20 near the border with Blaine County is part of one of three sites being considered for a new airport.

Konrad was skeptical about the gesture.

"It seemed like his motives were self-serving," he said. "He had no consideration for the impact on residents."

Hanks called Willis' offer premature.

"It filed some people," he said. "We're not at that point yet."

Before anyone gets to that point, he said, the Airport Authority Board will come up with questions to ask the site selection committee.

So far, he said, the discussion has centered around the geography of various sites rather

than how a new airport would affect an area geographically.

At a meeting Jan. 25, three preferred sites will be chosen. In February the final preferred site will be selected. After that, the board will start asking questions about the geopolitical impact on the area.

Two sites expected to make the cut are in or near Camas County.

"We still get hushed because we have four representatives present at the meetings," Hanks said. "Sun Valley has eight. I've had to stick up for us quite a bit. If people think their politicians aren't involved in this, they're grossly mistaken."

Estimates of the percentage of county residents who support the airport are only guesswork at this point.

Cynthia Costanza, a Willow Creek resident who helped curate information and the petition, said only about one percent of the people she spoke with had made up their minds in favor of the airport.

"More people felt they didn't have enough information and wouldn't go either way on it," she said. "People who were against the airport were really eager to sign."

Hanks said he believes the majority of Camas County residents support the airport. "But the jury's still out for me," he said.

Times-News correspondent Amy Ballard can be reached at 764-3631.

Idaho plans co-pay for some children's health care

BOISE (AP) — As the state prepares to institute its first co-payment requirements for government health insurance, some state lawmakers already want to take it a step further.

By February, the Department of Health and Welfare intends to prepare a strategy of co-payments for parents of children on Idaho's CHIP B insurance plan.

But lawmakers are already talking about expanding the idea to other state-funded medical programs.

Children's Health Insurance Program, or "CHIP" is the children's component of Medicaid, the federal-state program that gives free or reduced-cost health care to low-income adults and children and the disabled.

Currently, qualified low-income Idaho residents get health care for free. However, co-payments are increasingly seen as one way to curb abuse and to encourage people to be more-frugal consumers of health care than they are when the care is free.

But some national studies suggest the opposite — that co-pays might change the way low-income people get health care.

Idaho is one of just six states without some kind of co-pay in

Medicaid — and lawmakers are increasing the pressure to join the majority.

"It actually, to me, is a little bit frightening," said Kris Elston, a 29-year-old mother in Garden City.

Elston has turned to CHIP for her youngest son and as a supplement to her older boy's private insurance, which requires a deductible and a 20 percent co-pay.

Sometimes, Elston said, the money simply isn't there, even if the children need to see a doctor.

A former home health worker, she left her job to care for her two boys. The oldest has asthma and can require frequent doctor visits.

"Two dollars for one class (of incomes), it's nothing," Elston said. "But \$2 to another class is like \$30."

But Medicaid is growing faster than any other part of the state's budget, lawmakers say. It has jumped from less than 4 percent of the state's budget in 1987 to more than 14 percent today.

And the Department of Health and Welfare said it needs a double-digit increase to pay for growing demands next year, too.

Lawmakers say that kind of growth is out of hand. They fear

that some people are abusing the system and they know that they can't pay for the growing program much longer without raising taxes or cutting other budgets.

"We have to get this part of the state's budget back to a manageable level," Oakley GOP Rep. Scott Bedke said.

The CHIP B program was created this past summer, along with the Access Card, designed to encourage families to switch from state-sponsored programs to private insurance.

CHIP B serves families who earn between 150 and 185 percent of poverty — the high end of incomes for state health services.

Parents have a choice between general state coverage and a \$100-a-month Access Card they can use to buy private insurance.

But since the two programs began, about 85 to 90 percent of Idaho residents eligible for both have decided to stay with CHIP. Those people who may soon have a co-pay.

Although the new system is expected to be ready by February, the Department of Health and Welfare doesn't know how much a co-pay might cost or which services will require a co-pay.

If people had to pay a share

of their costs, legislators say, they wouldn't be so casual about their use of the system.

Idaho Falls Republican Sen. Mel Richardson wants the small fees attached to at least some Medicaid services, even though he said the co-pays won't by themselves bring in any money.

"That's not the objective at all," Richardson said. "You don't pick up enough from the co-pay to make it work at all."

Although the federal government restricts how high co-pays can be for traditional Medicaid, states can offer extra programs with higher cost-sharing from the clients.

Since CHIP B is this type of extra program, Idaho has more freedom in setting the co-pay.

Even nominal charges like 50 cents or \$1 will change the way low-income people access health care, according to national studies cited by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Richardson said he hoped that whatever Idaho does, people will still get the care they need.

"If a person doesn't have the money, we're not going to forbid the service," he said. "We want to make the service available to the people who need it."

Searchers rescue lost climber from snowy Mount Shasta

MOUNT SHASTA, Calif. (AP) — When the snow on Mount Shasta became much heavier than James Aldrich expected, the experienced mountain climber knew he was in trouble.

Aldrich, a 46-year-old from New York, hunkered down in his tent on Christmas Day and waited out the storm before finally being saved by a Siskiyou County sheriff's team Tuesday.

"It was an experience. One of a lifetime," Aldrich said. "There were a lot of things that happened that I believe were not attributed to my skill. Some people call it luck. I saw the grace of God."

Aldrich climbed down about 2,000 feet when the storm began to clear Monday afternoon and then made contact with rescuers Tuesday and was recovered.

Aldrich was resting at his sister's house in Medford, Ore., Tuesday evening.

Aldrich began his climb at

about 4 a.m. Saturday. By noon the next day, a fierce snowstorm and high winds had collapsed his tent and made the climb too difficult.

"It got fiercer and fiercer later that afternoon I thought I might be in trouble," he said in a phone interview. "I was in my tent for 46 hours and 40 of that was pretty much a storm. The tent finally collapsed after two days. I had plenty of food and water and was rationing it."

He called authorities Monday afternoon from his cell phone and was advised to stay where he was on the mountain's southwest side, said sheriff's spokeswoman Susan Gravenkamp.

But Aldrich didn't know how much longer he could take it on the mountain and saw an opening when the storm cleared a bit Monday afternoon.

"At times it was so bad I was trying to bug out," he said. "I

looked at their window of opportunity and mine and felt like 3 o'clock Monday afternoon was it for me. It gave me two hours to descend to a safe level. I felt like I could not last one more night at that level the way the storm was."

When officials hadn't heard from Aldrich on Monday night, they sent three climbers up onto the mountain to find him.

Aldrich had built himself a snow cave to spend the night in. By 8 a.m., he had signal on his cell phone and reached authorities to tell them where he was. He was then rescued later in the day.

"It's a real bad time to climb the mountain and there was a big storm predicted for the weekend and he went by himself," Gravenkamp said. "That's all the wrong things to do."

Aldrich said he had checked the weather reports before leaving for his climb but the storm was much more severe than

had been forecast.

"I took a calculated risk that did not go as planned," Aldrich said. "A major storm came in and I got trapped up there—I had foresight enough to say, 'I'm in a bad spot and I need help to get out.' Fortunately I got help."

Aldrich said he spent most of his time on the mountain thinking about his family. Now that he's safe, he plans to relax for the rest of his vacation before heading home next week.

BSU student learns his family is safe in Sri Lanka

BOISE (AP) — After hours of waiting and worrying, a Boise State University student from Sri Lanka has learned his family is safe following Sunday's deadly tsunami.

Shortly after 10 p.m. Tuesday, Sujanvan "Max" Nagendran heard from his mother in Sri Lanka that the family including two younger brothers were fine and uninjured.

Nagendran says his parents and second-youngest brother

were safe in the family's hill-country home in Sri Lanka.

The 14-year-old brother, who was in the family's seaside town in the capital city of Colombo, slept through the tidal wave, which mostly spared their home.

"He woke up and discovered the kitchen was underwater," Nagendran said Tuesday. "Our house got a little bit flooded but not as badly as many of the others."

Agreement

Continued from C1

probation for a federal conviction on drug paraphernalia charges, he was not allowed to possess firearms.

The indictment also alleges an aggravating factor: On June 17, the defendant possessed a Bersa, Firestorm, .380 semi-automatic pistol, that had no serial number.

Unless he possesses of a firearm by a felon carries a maximum 10-year sentence, plus three years' super-

vised release.

In September 2003, a grand jury indicted Noguera on multiple drug-related charges, including conspiracy to sell and offer drug paraphernalia for sale and conspiracy to transport drug paraphernalia in interstate commerce.

In December 2003, Noguera pleaded guilty to three of the counts in the conspiracy indictment. U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge sentenced Noguera to four years' probation.

CENTURY CINEMA 5 & BURLEY THEATRE www.centurycinemas.com	
P = Profanity N = Nudity V = Violence S = Sexual Situations	None Mild Moderate Extreme
MEET THE FOCKERS OCEAN'S TWELVE	
FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX NATIONAL TREASURE	LEMONY SNICKETS SHARK TALE

CHRISTMAS SAVINGS

Local Edge Only 1100 DAYTIME \$44.99

- Unlimited nights & weekends
- Free Mobile to Mobile
- Free Nationwide Long Distance

Receive \$30 back in mail when you purchase and activate a mobile phone with Edge Wireless!

MOUNTAIN STATES WIRELESS
Giving you the "Edge" on Cellular Service
1021 E. Main • Burley, ID 208-S78-EDGE (33-43)

Twin Falls Canal Company

NOTICE of Regular STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular meeting of the Stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday, the 11th of January, 2005. The meeting will be called in order by the Director's at 9:00 a.m. in the Rick Allen Room in the Herret Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

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

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

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

The polls shall be open at the office of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. on January 11, 2005.

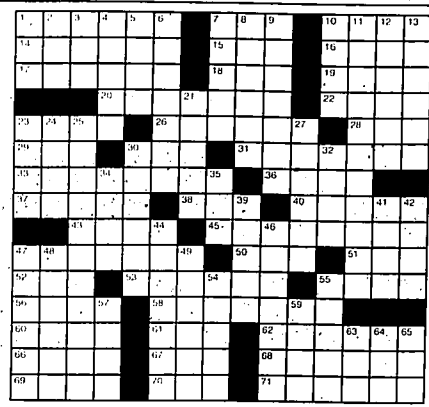
Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company Office on or before January 7, 2005.

DATED this 8th day of December, 2004.

TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY
Brian Olmstead, Assistant Secretary

MORNING BREAK

- ACROSS**
- Blanketlike cloak
 - NASA orbiter
 - Mongolia's place
 - Cleveland native
 - Wildbeest
 - Coin channel
 - Magnate's purview
 - Actor Chaney
 - Color shade
 - Bedeck with floral swags
 - Mayberry clan
 - _____ of Cancer
 - Mas' men
 - Long period
 - Body of water
 - Eden tempter
 - Long movie, with "The"
 - Was sorry for 37 "N.Y.P.D. Blue" co-star Jimmy
 - Place to surf
 - Nehi and Pepsi
 - Crub
 - Fire starter
 - Shot
 - Winter driving hazard
 - Sault __ Marie
 - Ginger __
 - Composer Gustav
 - 32-card game
 - Having all one's marbles
 - Alter again
 - Actress Louise
 - Scout Carson
 - Nebraska river
 - Seth's son
 - Samuel's teacher
 - More uncanny
 - Erotic
 - Flowed
 - 71 Sock fixer
- DOWN**
- "Annabel Lee" poet
 - Resistance unit



12/30/04

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

S	A	L	A	D	A	S	E	A	C	A	S
O	P	I	N	E	S	W	A	G	A	W	O
L	E	N	D	L	P	O	S	E	F	A	R
E	S	T	E	E	M	R	E	N	D	E	R
S	T	E	A	D	O	E	T	E	R	S	
A	R	C	E	T	C	L	A	N	E		
L	O	O	P	E	Q	U	E	S	T	R	I
P	O	M	E	S	U	S	A	S	I	N	G
S	T	A	R	C	H	I	E	S	T	A	C
S	M	O	A	T	E	R	A	A	D	S	
O	S	C	A	R	S	E	D	I	C	T	
P	H	O	N	E	T	I	C	P	E	O	L
T	A	L	E	I	D	O	L	T	R	U	E
T	R	O	N	E	L	L	A	T	S	L	E
C	E	N	T	R	I	Y	E	S	C	O	P

©2004 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All rights reserved. 12/30/04

Kansas city plans 'Little Apple' celebration

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — New York, eat your heart out. So goes the message from this heartland town known as the Little Apple, where a New Year's event modeled after the one in Times Square is planned.

Organizers of the second annual Little Apple New Year's Eve Celebration and Ball Drop expect

attendance to balloon this year. Their "eat your heart out" slogan goes along with a marketing strategy focused on locals accustomed to celebrating the holiday wherever Kansas State University is playing in a bowl game. For the first time in 11 years, the Wildcats football team is absent from the New Year's Day bowl lineup.

A five-foot-diameter aluminum ball will be lowered at the New Year's Eve celebration from a 20-foot-tall marquee at a Manhattan bookstore. It's reminiscent of the ball drop in the Big Apple, a Times Square tradition for nearly a century. But the crowd is expected to be just a fraction of that in Times Square.

Santa's Helpers stand accused of drug smuggling

CLEVELAND (AP) — The packages were labeled as toys for good girls and boys and the business was called Santa's Helpers. But authorities say the packages were nothing more than a naughty ruse to cover a large-scale drug smuggling operation.

The bogus business tried to smuggle \$7.8 million worth of cocaine from Los Angeles to nearby Willoughby, authorities said. Drug agents seized about 175 pounds of cocaine Monday in the largest seizure in Cleveland this year.

Four 55-gallon steel drums used as shipping containers raised suspicions. Billing information said the barrels contained toys, novelties and games.

Federal prosecutors charged Edward Boynton, 35, of Inglewood, Calif., with intent to possess cocaine. Boynton appeared in U.S. District Court on Tuesday. His attorney, Mary Jo Tipping, had no comment.

Authorities say police learned Friday of suspicious packages at the Roadway Express offices. Officers brought in a police dog which picked up the scent of drugs. Officers confiscated the drums and called the Drug Enforcement Agency.

"WHEN YOU BRING BOTH YOUR HOME AND AUTO COVERAGE TO ALLSTATE, YOU CANNOT SAVE UP TO 20% ON HOME AND 10% ON AUTO."

DUSTY TENNEY
201HARSEN ST E
TWIN FALLS
(208) 724-1279
dustytenney@allstate.com

Discount and insurance offered only with select companies and subject to availability and qualifications. Discount amount may be lower. Allstate Insurance Company, Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Company and Allstate Indemnity Company. Northbrook, IL © 2004 Allstate Insurance Company.

Business to Business

Jump on Board with Southern Idaho's fastest growing marketing and information tabloid.

Southern Idaho Business is mailed monthly to all businesses in Twin Falls, Jerome, Minidoka and Cassia counties.

Topics include monthly community business highlights, professional services, community profiles, market trends, labor, retail and growth and much more.

To reserve your ad space or for information about advertising call Barbara at (208) 735-3210

Entrepreneur Under Age 40

Business to Business

Russian noblemen murder 'Mad Monk' Rasputin in 1916

This day in history: On Dec. 30, 1916, Russian noblemen, alarmed at the "Mad Monk" Rasputin's control over the last czar and czarina of Russia, poisoned, shot, shot again, beat and then finally drowned him.

Aristotle insisted that the liver was the seat of all human emotions.

Chalk is the remains of tiny ancient sea creatures. But don't worry about the world's supply, out there are huge chalk deposits in the western United States and southern British Isles. The White Cliffs of Dover alone could keep classrooms supplied for millions of years.

What are mohair and cashmere? Merely fancy names for fabrics made from goat hair.

If you fear crossing bridges, you suffer from gephyrophobia.

The largest freshwater lake in the world is Lake Superior. The largest saltwater lake is the Caspian Sea.

Some of our favorite royal



RANDOM KINDS OF FACINNES
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

to Charles VI (France, 1380-1422).

To the rest of the animal world, humans are pretty stinky. Anthropologist Louis 'Leakey' believes there's a good evolutionary reason for the stench: to mark their territory and to ward off predators.

"Cluck cluck" is how hens speak in English. It's "cot cot cot codet" in French, "gak-gak" in German, "gut gut gudak" in Turkish and "pak pak pak" in Hebrew.

The world's record for a non-stop chicken flight is a little more than 230 yards. It's not much for a bird, but it sure beats the best flight by a penguin, erou, kagu, kiwi or ostrich.

It was Harry Truman who installed the regulation bowling lane in the basement of the White House.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at uuu@bathroomcompanion.com

To place a classified ad, call 733-0931

Interstate Amusement Movies
December 29, 30, January 1, 2005
100 Eastland Drive • Twin Falls 733-2400

Historic Orpheum
164 Main Avenue • Twin Falls 733-5570

Aviator (13) Daily 4:00 - 7:30

Twin Cinema 12
160 Eastland Drive • Twin Falls 733-2400

National Treasure (PG)
Today 12:15 - 3:30 • 6:45 - 9:30

Lemony Snicket's (PG)
Today 12:15 - 3:30 • 6:45 - 9:30
6:45 - 7:15 • 9:30 - 9:55

Polar Express (G)
Today 12:15 - 2:30 • 4:45 - 7:00 • 9:15

Flight of the Phoenix (13)
Today 1:00 - 4:00 • 7:45 - 9:45

Christmas with the Kranks (PG)
Today 12:45 - 3:00 • 5:15 - 7:30 • 9:45

Incredible's (PG)
Today 1:30 - 4:30 • 7:15 - 9:55

Ocean's 12 (PG)
Today 12:15 - 3:30 • 6:45 - 9:30

Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou (R)
Today 1:30 - 4:15 • 7:25 - 9:55

Fat Albert (PG)
Today 12:45 - 3:00 • 5:15 - 7:30 • 9:45

Meet the Fockers (PG)
Today 12:30 - 1:30 • 3:45 - 4:30
7:00 - 7:30 • 9:30 - 9:55

Jerome Cinema 4
965 West Main • Jerome 324-8874

NATIONAL TREASURE (PG)
IN STEREO SURROUND
Today 12:30 - 3:30 • 7:00 - 9:30

Polar Express (G) Today 12:30 - 3:30

OCEAN'S 12 (13) Today 7:00 - 9:30

MEET THE FOCKERS (13)
IN STEREO SURROUND
Today 1:00 - 4:00 • 7:10 - 9:45

LEMONY SNICKET'S (PG)
IN STEREO SURROUND
Today 1:00 - 4:00 • 7:10 - 9:45

Odyssey 6
Magic Valley Mall • Twin Falls 736-8369

Finding Neverland (PG)
Today 12:15 - 2:30 • 4:45 - 7:00 • 9:15

Spongebob Squarepants (PG)
Today 12:15 - 2:30

Alexander (R) Today 2:30 - 7:30

Spanglish (13)
Today 1:00 - 4:00 • 7:00 - 9:30

Closer (R)
Today 12:30 - 2:45 • 5:00 - 7:15 - 9:30

Blade: Trinity (R)
Today 5:00 - 7:20 • 9:45

Darkness (R)
Today 12:45 - 3:00 • 5:15 - 7:30 • 9:45

MATINEES EVERY DAY AT ALL THEATRES DURING THE HOLIDAYS

VICKERS WESTERN STORE

Best Sale of the Year!

Dec 29th thru Jan 8th (closed Jan. 1-2)
Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9-6 • Sun. 11-4

Buy Any in Store Regular Priced Item and Get Second Item of Equal or Lesser Value at 50% off

All Christmas Cards & Ornaments 50% off

All Felt Hats 20% off

All Men's & Ladies Shirts 25% off

All Saddle Pads 20% off

Select Montana Ladies Watches Values up to \$149.99 **Your Choice \$49.99**

Double H Ladies Clogs Reg. \$89.99 **Blowout at \$32.99**

Lots of Saddles on Sale and Yes we Trade

BACKROOM SALE RACKS
Already up to 50% off - Now Take **Additional 15% off!**

Jackets - Boots - Shirts - Blouses - Belts - Hats
Sale prices do not include saddles, consignment goods or used tack. Prices good only on purchases made from Dec. 29th-Jan 8th. No Exceptions!

All Major Credit Cards are accepted

2309 Addison Ave. E. • 733-7096
If you didn't buy your boots from Vickers, you paid too much!

Funerals can have happy endings for some individuals

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "J.H. in Yonkers," who fell in love on a trip to a friend's funeral. I agree with you, Abby; it's a great story. Mine is similar.

I dated Mike for 2 1/2 years and then we broke up. For eight months I couldn't forget him. On a whim, I called his mom during one of the many Midwestern blizzards of 1979. She told me her mother had died and the visitation was the next night. I made it through the snowdrifts to the visitation — the only non-family member because of the weather. Mike invited me to the house afterward.

The next day, I met him in the church parking lot, where he told me guiltily he had whistled all the way to his grandmother's funeral because he knew I'd be there! We knew we were meant to be together and we were convinced his grandmother had a hand in it.

If we can believe that there are pennies from heaven, we can believe someone was looking out for I.H. and her love, Mike and I will celebrate our 25th anniversary in a few months.

—RUTH IN ROCK ISLAND, ILL.
DEAR RUTH: Your letter gave me goose bumps. Thank you for sharing your beautiful story. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: My parents met at a funeral 60 years ago. My mother, who always hated fu-



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

nerals, went because the deceased had been a close friend of her mother's. After the service, Mom was very impressed by a tall, handsome, older man she met. The rest is history.

—ESTHER IN KEMORE, N.Y.
DEAR ESTHER: What proves that sometimes an ending can also be a beginning.

DEAR ABBY: In 1997, I met the love of my life at a funeral of a mutual friend who had been murdered. I met Jim — so I say that Jim was sent from heaven.

DEAR MAUREEN: And I believe it.
DEAR ABBY: I met a wonderful woman, who later became my wife, at her grandmother's funeral. I knew her parents, but she and I had never met before. We became friends and went out casually at first. Then we started dating. We were married Nov. 5. When anyone asks how we met, we tell them her grandmother set us up. Which is true, in a way.

—PEGGI IN PENNSAUKEN, N.J.

DEAR PEGGI: That kind of tragdy can make the survivors grow up very quickly.

DEAR ABBY: My father died on Dec. 19 the year I turned 20.

My mother was only 48, and I had four younger brothers and sisters. Our family was devastated that Christmas. All the neighbors knew about it — and were very nice to us.

A girl up the street invited my two sisters and me to her birthday party on Jan. 11. She said if we didn't come, she would come and get us.

The girl who was giving the party had a younger brother, who had asked his best friend, "Jim," to the party. Jim and I started dating that week. We knew by summer that we would marry and were engaged the next year. On Oct. 22, we celebrated our 27th wedding anniversary.

When people ask how we met, I am not reluctant to tell them. I had never dated anyone before I met Jim — so I say that Jim was sent from heaven.

DEAR MAUREEN: And I believe it.

DEAR ABBY: I met a wonderful woman, who later became my wife, at her grandmother's funeral. I knew her parents, but she and I had never met before. We became friends and went out casually at first. Then we started dating. We were married Nov. 5. When anyone asks how we met, we tell them her grandmother set us up. Which is true, in a way.

—DAVID IN COMER, GA.
DEAR DAVID: I wish you both a long and happy life together.

Orbach, star of TV's 'Law & Order' dies

Knigh Ridder News Service

Jerry Orbach, the popular Broadway star whose later career in television and movies boasted a virtuoso versatility that ranged from the crusty cop



Jerry Orbach

Lennie Briscoe in "Law & Order" to the beguiling voice of the candleabra in "Beauty and the Beast," died Tuesday of prostate cancer in Manhattan after undergoing several weeks of treatment. He was 69.

Despite his illness, Orbach had started production on "Law and Order: Trial by Jury,"

a spin-off show he joined after a dozen seasons playing Briscoe.

On the stage, Orbach was a star long before "Law and Order" and enjoyed a steady string of hits both on and off Broadway. He won a Tony Award in 1969 as Chuck Baxter in "Promises, Promises." Neil Simon's musical version of Billy Wilder's movie "The Apartment."

He provided plenty of that old razzle-dazzle as the first Billy Flynn, the lawyer in "Chicago." And he also starred as director Julian Marsh in "42nd Street."

Orbach first made his mark singing "Tie to Remember" as the first El Gallo in the long-running Off-Broadway hit "The Fantasticks." To his dismay, Hollywood didn't remember his talent when casting decisions

were made.

As his theatrical career flourished, he became the victim of own success. Movie producers, he thought, had him pigeon-holed as a musical star rather than an actor of untapped potential. It took him many years to break through the stereotype.

As the scowling, wisecracking but somehow still endearing detective Lennie Briscoe, and in a variety of movie roles — from the shady brother in Woody Allen's "Crimes and Misdemeanors" and Jennifer Grey's father in "Dirty Dancing" to a superb turn as Billy Crystal's agent in "Mr. Saturday Night" — he demonstrated his wider range.

Orbach joined "Law & Order" in 1995, its third season, and was nominated for an Emmy.

In 2005 I resolve to build my dream bath...

Dream it. Make it real.

to make your dream come true.

Design Life. Begin Here.

High Desert TILE
FLOOR TO CEILING
Interior Design Showroom

Decorate Now... Pay Later.
Let us finance your dream.

(208) 732-5216 • 355 4th Ave. W. • Twin Falls • www.tile4u.com

Leo: Exercise body and brain

IF DECEMBER 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... You can easily break free of limitations that hold you back and shine brightly within your own sphere in the coming year. Uranus, the planet of dynamic change, will be influencing your sector of the zodiac off and on all year. Grab any opportunities that appear in February to permanently improve some part of your life and use them as a springboard to dive into a more exciting way of living. New people in your life may come and go, but they will touch you in some dynamic and electrifying way. You will emerge from 2005 with an altered perspective and a new set of exciting motivations.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are more forceful than you realize. A desire to make changes or take a walk on the wild side can stir up animosity. Walk away if you feel the urge to deliberately argue the opposite view just to make a point.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Make smart decisions by gathering the right information from the most appropriate sources. Joint resources can benefit from creative ideas and tweaking from behind the scenes. Brilliant ideas are in the stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Good judgment and strokes of genius can bring you the applause you desire on the career front. Valuable creative ideas

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

are in abundance, so listen to others and write down your thoughts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you are preoccupied with financial matters you may find the magic wand to solve at least one problem. People who rub you the wrong way may have the crucial answer, so take help when it is offered.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Prodigal and pushing, if others may be required to get you up and moving, but once you get going you will find fresh reserves of enthusiasm. Exercise both brain and body to derive the most benefit from the next few days.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Two heads could be better than one if money is at stake. You may be inspired to take a chance on a wild idea and run with the ball. Words of wisdom could appear out of the blue to guide you in an important decision.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Lightning-fast mental reflexes can keep you out of hot water. If you need an answer, seek advice. Significant others could be pushy or restless for excitement. Do something unexpected to keep that lover's interest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Good advice can feed your piggy bank and make it just a bit fatter, so keep your ears and your eyes open. An unexpected stroke of luck can prevent you from making a mistake.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Reach your goals by jumping to brilliant conclusions and acting on inspired hunches. Teamwork is the key to making big strides in business and career. Don't let pleasant personal amusements distract you from finishing your chores.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Enhance your public image by chatting up those in the know and being inspired by worthy role models. That wild urge to go on a shopping spree is best left unsatisfied as you are likely to buy something that breaks quickly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Others may find your free-wheeling ways threatening or take offense if you insist on doing things your way. The smallest stirring of the pot can create a lot of agitation. Slow down and avoid acting impulsively.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let someone else carry a fair share of responsibility today and you might receive a happy surprise. Wise advice is in the stars, so call your favorite advisers. Act on the ideas of others and be assured of beneficial results.

To place a classified ad, call 733-0931

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

Crossword puzzle & Random kinds of factness. See page C4.

Happy 50th Birthday, MOM

We Love You, Corey & Jennifer

This Christmas, PROJECT MUTUAL TELEPHONE Gives you the world for FREE!

SIGN UP NOW AND GET TWO MONTHS FREE INTERNET SERVICE OR FREE HIGH SPEED DSL INSTALLATION!*

*A \$49 VALUE! (Where service is available.)

Hurry this offer is only good until December 31, 2004 **CALL NOW!**

Bonus! PLUS RECEIVE A FREE GIFT FOR SIGNING-UP! CALL FOR DETAILS.

pmt PROJECT MUTUAL TELEPHONE

Rupert 436-7151 507 G Street
Burley 878-7151 1458 Overland Ave.
Twin Falls 933-7151 308 Shoshone St. E.

WEST

Powerful storm batters roads, forces evacuations in Arizona

SEDONA, ARIZ. (AP) — A powerful storm battered the West for a third straight day Wednesday, forcing hundreds of people out of a scenic region of Arizona, sending recreational vehicles floating down a flooded creek and turning Southern California freeways into a virtual demolition derby.

The storm spawned a tornado in Southern California and blacked out more than 140,000 customers in the area while making for treacherous driving conditions. The California Highway Patrol logged 220 crashes between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning — more than three times the normal amount.

Police reported hundreds of traffic accidents around Las Vegas, where firefighters rescued several drivers from cars stalled in deep water. No serious injuries were reported.

At least 300 people were evacuated because of flooding in low-lying areas of Sedona, where Oak Creek rose 11 feet during the night, reaching 14 feet by late morning. It was likely to crest at 16.5 feet, the National Weather Service said.

"I've been here since 1977. ... This is the worst," said Alan Spector, owner of the Hildeaway Restaurant, which is perched on a cliff overlooking Oak Creek.

Some homes had minor flooding and people were stranded in water-logged vehicles in Sedona, where about 10,000 people were surrounded by towering red rock formations that draw hundreds of thousands of tourists.

Large RVs were seen floating down Oak Creek, the closest of Sedona. Elsewhere, 400 people were evacuated from two mobile home parks in Black Canyon City about 40 miles north of



Highway workers stand by the closed Oak Creek Bridge on Wednesday near Sedona, Ariz. At least 300 people were being evacuated in the area after a winter storm caused Oak Creek to rise 11 feet overnight. Phoenix. The rain also caused rock slides, authorities said. Up to 2.1 inches of rain had fallen on parts of the rugged area of central Arizona, the weather service said.

Family of Utah girl missing in tsunami continues search

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The family of a 15-year-old Utah girl missing after being separated from her relatives by southern Asia tsunami continued their search for her Wednesday.

The girl, Kall Breisch, was vacationing with her father, his girlfriend and two siblings, according to Tom Glynn, the girl's aunt. Glynn said Tuesday that

the girl's father, Stuart Breisch, was planning to return to the area where Kall was last seen to search for her.

A vigil for Kall was scheduled for Wednesday night.

The family had been in Thailand for about a week before the tsunami hit, she said.

Friends said that Stuart Breisch, his girlfriend and his 18-year-old daughter were on a

diving boat when the waves rushed in from the coast.

She said Kall and her 16-year-old brother Jal were in the family's bungalow on the beach, which was nothing more than a concrete slab after the water crashed ashore.

Kall Breisch is a sophomore at Skyline High School in Salt Lake City.

Thieves steal prized Indian artifacts

DAGGETT, Calif. (AP) — A break-in discovered Christmas Day has robbed the museum in this Mojave Desert town of its most prized possessions, including antique dolls and American Indian artifacts on loan from local families.

The thieves methodically cleared out glass display cases in the Daggett Museum, said curator Beryl Bell, who discovered the burglary when she went to feed her goldfish over the holiday.

"It's really heart-breaking for a small museum," Bell said Wednesday.

The stolen Indian artifacts include a basket appraised at \$3,500, a Navajo sash and two large clay Acoma pots that had never been appraised but are very valuable, said Leslie Lloyd, the president of the Daggett

Historical Society, which runs the museum.

The thieves also took antique dolls, model trains and other toys, farming implements and examples of rocks from the area, Lloyd said.

The thieves ignored the computers and copy machine in the office of a local government agency that shares the low-slung modular building with the museum, but they stole \$2 in coins from Lloyd's desk and a museum donation jar that contained about \$10, she said.

Despite the theft of the change, Lloyd believes the burglars were experienced since they left no fingerprints and took steps to disable the alarm system — even though it wasn't operational at the time of the break-in.

"This appeared to be a very

neat operation and it appeared they had a shopping list," she said.

The historical society has notified the Antique Tribal Art Dealers Association, which plans to post news of the break-in on its Web site and will inform its 250 members by e-mail to look out for the stolen artifacts, said Alec Kaufman, the organization's executive director.

The historical society is offering a \$500 reward to anyone who can provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the theft.

"What we're hoping is that if we raise enough fuss it will at least raise their tail feathers some," said Lloyd, 47, who has lived in the desert town of about 400 people all her life.

Magic Valley Mall Holiday Hours 12/26 thru 1/1/2005							
	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mall Stores	86	109	109	109	109	106	106

Officials review plan for 11 national forests

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Agriculture Secretary Mark Rey will review the U.S. Forest Service's management plan for 11.5 million acres of Sierra Nevada national forests officials said Wednesday, as the debate continues over preventing catastrophic wildfires.

The plan for 11 national forests is being challenged by both the logging industry and environmental groups, but Rey offered no indication of his concerns with the wide-ranging blueprint approved with minor revisions last month by Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth.

The Forest Service and the Agriculture Department, its parent agency, each presented the decision as a routine review that might not bring any significant changes.

They made a courtesy call to Regional Forester Jack Blackwell Tuesday, but provided no reasons for his decision, said regional spokesman Matt Mathes.

They could uphold Blackwell's decision, uphold it while offering guidance, or remand the decision for changes, said Dan Iron, a national Forest Service spokesman who talked with Rey and was acting as his spokesman. Rey's decision was formally made Tuesday, giving him until Jan. 28 to make any changes.

"We haven't a clue why he did

it," said Phil Aune, vice president for public resources at the California Forestry Association. But he called the review "a good step in the right direction."

The association was the first to sue over Blackwell's plan, contending it doesn't allow enough logging.

Environmental groups and California Attorney General Bill Lockyer also are threatening to sue, alleging the plan allows too much logging.

"We think they ignored their responsibilities ... that one of the purposes (of national forests) was to provide a continuous supply of timber for the U.S. people," Aune said.

In addition, the plan doesn't go far enough to reduce the threat of wildfires, Aune said.

While it allows forest thinning in 25 percent of the forests, much of it is around communities and to create fire breaks.

The means 75 percent will never be thinned, Aune said, and the plan doesn't account for disease and insect damage that could turn Sierra forests into tinder of the sort that fed last year's catastrophic fires in Southern California.

"That's going to happen in the Sierra — it's not if, but when," Aune said.

By contrast, environmental groups say the plan permits too much thinning in remote areas while allowing the cutting of too many immature trees.

NEW YEAR'S

MAGNUM

GIVEAWAY

WIN A 2005 DODGE MAGNUM

REGISTER TO WIN BETWEEN

DECEMBER 1 & DECEMBER 30, 2004

REFERENCE NEW YEAR'S EVE GIVEAWAY GROUP AT THE BUFFALO CLUB DESK

DRAWING TO BE HELD

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT MIDNIGHT

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Gifts Galore!

over \$20,000 in Prizes

December 7 - 23

Every Tuesday and Thursday within the hours of 10AM, 12PM, 4PM, 8PM, 10PM

Fort Hall Casino reserves the right to cancel and/or alter any of their promotions at anytime with or without notice.

BIG FUN. BIG WINNERS!

Just north of Pocatello • Exit 80 off I-15 • 800-497-4231

The Fort Hall Casino reserves the right to cancel and/or alter any of their promotions at anytime with or without notice.

Ryan Showers...

High School Dropout until...

he discovered Adult Basic Education at CSI.

Now Ryan says:

"I'm overwhelmed with possibilities."

Ryan and others who have earned their GED or High School Equivalency Certificate through the College of Southern Idaho have discovered opportunities they would not have otherwise.

Make It Happen!

Call GED Intake Office 732.6526 or stop by 2nd floor of Meyerhoeffer Building at the College of Southern Idaho

For and about the Latino community

Comunidad

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Comunidad editor: Pat Marcantonio - 735-3288

Student works to interpret

By Tena Tegan Times-News writer

POCATELLO — A former Burley resident has become a state-certified Spanish interpreter.

Mike Blauer, a 1999 graduate of Burley High School and the son of Dan and Cheryl Blauer of Burley, also has endorsements as a Spanish court interpreter for the state.

Although he took Spanish in high school, serving a mission in the Dominican Republic for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was his strongest language influence because he had to learn to use the language in conversation rather than in class, Blauer said.

Following his mission, Blauer enrolled at Idaho State University in Pocatello. Test scores allowed him to register for upper division classes in Spanish. There, a Spanish professor pointed him in the direction of interpretation, he said.

When taking the screening test for the state's Spanish interpreter program, he was one of two out of more than a dozen people who passed the screening, he said.



Mike Blauer, a certified Spanish interpreter, works on his computer translating documents. The Burley graduate also is a college student at ISU.

Photo courtesy of MIKE BLAUER

From the time of the initial screening to the exam was 18 months.

His study methods included listening to Spanish tapes, and reading and interpreting court and medical cases on the Internet to develop pertinent vocabulary.

"I did everything I could to pick up new word words I might have to use in translating," Blauer said.

During the summer, he traveled to Boise for two three-day training sessions in preparation for the exam. He also spent six weeks in Madrid, Spain, on a National Spanish Honor Society scholarship. The study in Spain was the most effective learning experience, Blauer said.

The exam is a four-part test and includes sections on ethics and three forms of translation. Ethics involve matching word and inflection of the person being interpreted and using the exact translation without paraphrasing or enhancement. In other parts, the interpreter speaks on top of the speaker's words and takes notes on the speaker's words and then translates.

Blauer said his skills have already been used by the American Falls courts and a local FBI office.

At ISU, he is working on a double major in business management and Spanish and spends three to four hours a week working as a Spanish court interpreter, he said.

STAR POWER



Actress Penelope Cruz, left, and Salma Hayek promote their new movie 'Banditas' in Mexico City.

CELEBRATING IN STYLE



A police officer fixes his hat near trees decorated with Christmas lights on Mexico City's Reforma Avenue.

New Latina rockers earn artistry points

By Jordan Levin Knight Rider News Service

The Latin music scene is filling up with a new kind of female artist.

"We (women) as musicians have been working for a long time," says Mexico's Ely Guerra, a critically acclaimed solo artist who has been writing songs about everything from isolation to sensuality for more than a decade. "But I really believe the world is asking for a female side at the moment. People are the ones who are buying the records and developing a taste for this."

The mega success in the 1990s of Mexico's Gloria Trevi known as "The Outrageous One" even before the sex scandal that landed her in jail and Colombian crossover star Shakira helped open doors for a new style of female artist.

Some are getting attention after years of work, like pioneering Mexican rocker Julieta Venegas and Colombian singer-songwriter Soraya, both of whom won Latin Grammys this year.

Others, like Miami's punky, passionate JD Nashua, teenage Mexicana Natalia Lafourcade and Spanish flamenco-hip-hop artist Bebe, are newcomers

rushing into the new space on the commercial spectrum.

In Miami, talented unsigned artists like Sacha Nairóbi and Alma y Nurka have built loyal followings.

Mexican producer Aureo Baquero, who has worked with Guerra and Lafourcade, says that as Latina women's roles and options have expanded, they have begun looking for artists who represent that experience. And record labels and TV networks are starting to notice. "For a long time in music it was perceived that if women were going to be successful you had to be pretty, sexy, and just with that you would make it," Baquero said from his studio in Mexico City.

Not anymore. "Women can be anything they want now," Baquero said. "The new generations are the ones who make movements happen, who buy records, go on the Internet. If you go to hip areas in Mexico City, that reality has nothing to do with the stereotype of the Latin woman that we've all become accustomed to. And that has definitely helped with the success of artists who are closer to the reality in the streets and in the clubs. We still have divas in gowns, but you don't have to be

that to be successful."

But it's still not easy if you choose jeans instead of a gown. Latin culture still tends to be conservative about women's roles and sexuality. And often there's still an assumption that female artists should be babes first and musicians second.

"It isn't easy for a woman who knows what she wants and can defend herself in the studio," says Soraya, a classically trained violinist and accomplished guitarist who writes songs in both English and Spanish. "There's a double standard that permeates many things, not just music. Women with convictions are called difficult. Men with convictions are called brilliant."

There's nothing wrong with looking good. But I'm gonna worry more about playing instruments onstage than synchronizing dance moves."

For female artists, musical and personal respect are intertwined. Guerra got so frustrated in the late 1990s by journalists telling her she was too cute to write her own songs or belong to the rock scene that she shaved her head. "I did it to show I didn't give a damn about my appearance, even though you do," she says. "I was making music, not modeling."

three of the force's undercover agents, apparently mistaking them for kidnappers, and then burned two of them to death as TV news cameras rolled. Backup squads didn't arrive for 3 1/2 hours — the reality of a police force incapable of protecting even its own.

The gray-uniformed force, known by its Spanish initials, PFB is now under federal investigation, the latest problem child of Mexico's beleaguered law-enforcement system. Mexicans say rampant crime and weak rule of law have undermined faith in the democratic transition under way since President Vicente Fox's election in 2000 ended seven decades of single-party domination.

Calling crime fighting "the most difficult battle" of his term, Fox fired the commissioner and seven other top officials of the force last week and ordered its restructuring. "We will not stop until we have completely cleaned up the police forces," Fox said.

Mexicans say they have seen numerous such "cleansups" in recent years but little sustained headway against violent crime, official corruption and impunity. "The system is so rotten that it no longer matters whom they put in as the maximum chief," said Tania Lara Ortiz, a 27-year-old accountant who was assaulted and robbed on a Mexico City bus this month.

Digame! (Tell me!)

Comunidad means "community" in Spanish and that's what this page is all about.

Send your news items, quinceañeras, tips and notices to: Pat Marcantonio, Comunidad

editor at: E-mail: patm@magicvalley.com

Write: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303 Or call: 735-3288 or our Burley office at 677-4042.



Pat Marcantonio

To advertise here call Leticia at 735-3207

Esta Semana...

Patrocina los siguientes negocios!



¿Pérdida Auditiva o Solamente Cera?

Los invitamos para un test auditivo gratis con Harry Leibovich. Que puede ser realizado y explicado. En su lengua materna.

Llame para solicitar una cita al 733-3340.

SEARS HEARING AID CENTER Magic Valley Mall 208.733.3340 Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Satisfacción Garantía Nacional

Police force's golden child becomes problem

By Richard Boudreaux Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — Look up in the sky! It's the federales, rapping down tall buildings to thwart the criminals.

At least that was the portrayal in slick television spots touting Mexico's Federal Preventive Police force and its Spiderman-like skills. Conceived six years ago as an elite corps of college-educated, tightly paid young officers, it boasted of being insulated from corruption and committed to an ideal: "Intelligence and Discipline Against Delinquency."

That self-promotional image went up in flames last month. A mob surrounded and disarmed



Marty Guzman

First Federal esta orgulloso de introducir a Marty Guzman como Administrador de Prestamos. Marty esta dedicada a servir a toda la comunidad de Cassia, Minidoka y el Valle Mágico, ofreciendo una selección de productos, y servicios de alta calidad. First Federal es miembro del FDIC asegurando sus depósitos hasta \$100,000.00. Los invitamos que llamen a Marty al 878-8302.

Se habla español en todas las localidades de First Federal.





High hopes

IN 1905,

IDAHO HAD MUCH CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM AS THE NEW YEAR DAWNED

A century ago, Idaho entered a new year with rapid growth and what was hailed as unparalleled prosperity.

That New Year's Day, in 1905, was the first for the fledgling city of Twin Falls, where buyers in recent months had snapped up town lots and farm ground on a promising irrigation project. The completion of Milner Dam and the first trickle of water into the south-side canal system were still two

months away, but newspapers of the day were already brimming with praise of the Twin Falls tract.

As 1904 gave way to 1905, southern Idaho's fertile agricultural lands, watered by the Snake River, were cause for optimism in Idaho and neighboring states.

Here we reproduce a *Salt Lake Herald* article as it appeared reprinted in the Jan. 6, 1905, edition of the *Twin Falls News*. We have designed the text here to look much like that original newspaper page, now a century old.

—Virginia S. Hutchins

TWIN FALLS NEWS

VOLUME I. TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1905

IDAHO'S STAR IS RISING

Experienced a Year of Prosperity Unparalleled in Its History.

LAND VALUES INCREASED

State Occupies the Unique Position of Possessing Within Her Borders the Largest and Most Fertile and Well-Watered Valleys in Intermountain Country.

The Salt Lake Herald, in its New Year's edition, has the following good things to say about the future of Idaho:

Idaho's Products in 1904.

Gold	53,226,243
Silver	9,000,000
Lead	6,199,000
Sheep and wool	7,913,050
Cattle, horses and hogs	6,721,446
Wheat	12,784,435
Hay (estimated)	9,000,000
Fruit	3,821,543
Other farm products	7,500,000
Manufactures	7,122,867
Miscellaneous	3,000,000
Total	\$76,288,593

A year of prosperity without parallel in the history of Idaho is drawing a close. In every county of the state the population has increased substantially; new industries have started up and old ones have thrived. Only two business failures were reported in Boise, the capital and largest city in Idaho, and these were not due to lack of patronage. Agricultural, mining, lumbering and other industries have received a wonderful impetus, particularly during the last quarter of the year, and the prospects for 1905 are exceptionally bright. Laudable projects which had been in the air for years were financed, and it now requires little effort on the part of promoters to induce capital to invest in the Gem state.

Land values have increased to a remarkable extent. This is shown by the returns received from auction sales of state lands held from time to time in different counties. Government statistics show that cultivated lands in Idaho return double the average revenue for the United States. Not only is the yield of grain, fruit and hay greater than elsewhere, but the quality of the product is superior. These statements are borne out by the fact that Idaho won the grand prize in agriculture at the World's Fair and made a remarkable show in horticulture as well. Prohibitive express rates and lack of funds prevented the state commission from maintaining the fruit exhibit in first-class style. In the New York market Idaho pears brought the highest price on record, not for a sample shipment, but for several consignments aggregating nearly 1,000 boxes.

POPULATION'S INCREASE

The population of the state, according to the United States census, has increased as follows: in 1870 there lived within its boundaries 14,999 souls; in 1880, 32,610; in

1890, 84,385; in 1900 (the last official census), 161,772. These figures show that Idaho's population has more than doubled every decade. It is now five years since the last census was taken; and it is safe to estimate the state's present population to be over 250,000, because the rate of increase during the last five years has been two or three times as great as any like period before.

Idaho occupies the unique position of possessing within her borders the largest and most fertile and well-watered valley that exists in the intermountain country — the great valley of the Snake river. This valley is so wide at places that it is difficult for one standing therein to realize he is not on the plains of Kansas or Nebraska. Following the mighty Snake river in its broad sweep down the eastern side and across the entire southern part of the state, the valley spreads out and abounds in rich bottom land, which, with the life-giving water applied, only mountain valleys can boast. Thus Idaho possesses more agricultural land in one valley, watered by one stream and its tributaries, than any of her sister mountain states contain.

The climate of southern Idaho is what might be termed semi-tropical, especially in the western part, where the Snake river unites with the Salmon and forms the Columbia. Here the finest fruits of all kinds, except the tropical, flourish. The fame of Idaho fruits has gone abroad, even to European countries. But as the valley is ascended to upper Snake river valley, the climate becomes very similar to that of Utah. The thermometer along the river bottoms registers from zero to 20 and 30 below in the winter time, according to location and elevation. In the summer time the weather gauge registers as high as 94 and 98 in the shade, which are rare cases, however.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

Governor Gooding, during his campaign of the state, persistently urged the necessity for encouraging the construction of a railway which would connect north and south Idaho. His advocacy of the road seems to have had good effect and already a movement is on foot to form a company, backed by Idaho capital. It is generally believed that the road will be built within the next two years.

A company was recently incorporated to build a railroad from Payette lake to Roosevelt. This road will connect with the Pacific & Idaho Northern, which will be extended from Council to the lakes. The leading mine owners in Thunder mountain are behind the enterprise and there is little doubt that it will be carried through.

The Boise Traction company will build an electric road from Boise to Pearl and have it in operation before the close of 1905.

The construction of the Minidoka & Southwestern from Minidoka to Rock Creek, through the Twin Falls tract, is already under way.

It is not improbable that a railway will soon be built down Snake river from Huntington to Ballard's Landing. This may prove to be the first link in the north and south

road, but the prevailing impression is that the Roosevelt railway will be extended northward.

Idaho's Progress.

The year that ended last midnight brought much of prosperity and good cheer to Idaho, "Gem of the Mountains." Utah has always been and always will be interested in the welfare and progress of Idaho. That state, though it became a state before Utah, will always be regarded by Utah people as a sort of daughter, rather than a sister, of this commonwealth. Utah was settled long before Idaho. It was in Utah largely that the Idaho pioneers outfitted; it was from here that many of them went to become residents of Idaho.

There is a tier of counties in Idaho, the southeastern tier, in which the population is made up almost entirely of Utah people and their descendants. It is but natural, therefore, for Utah to be interested in everything that pertains to Idaho. The states are so closely related that one cannot prosper without sharing in some degree its prosperity with the other. Idaho had its full measure of blessings last year.

The figures tell the story so well that they cannot be too often repeated. Last year Idaho produced gold of the value of \$3,226,243, silver worth \$9,000,000 and lead that brought \$6,199,000. And yet Idaho is not considered a mining state. Her manufactures, agricultural and farm products, including cattle, sheep, horses and hogs, were worth last year \$57,863,350. Idaho raised fruit and wheat and hay in vast quantities. Of fruit alone 2,200 cars were shipped to points east of the Mississippi river. Fully as much more was used within the state and shipped to points between Idaho and the Missouri river.

Reliable statistics gathered by Herald correspondents in Idaho disclose the fact that the state has 21,000 farms, that are worth in the aggregate \$200,000,000. And their value is steadily growing. Immigrants of a most desirable class are pouring into Idaho from various sections of the country. They are making homes for themselves there, and each is doing his part toward the upbuilding of the state.

In the mining line the steady growth of Idaho's mineral production shows that the full story of the state's resources has not been told. Nor will it be told for many years to come. In Idaho that is a vast extent of mineral-bearing territory that has never been touched by the prospector's pick. Some day this territory will be opened and made to yield its share of the treasures now locked within the earth.

On the threshold of the New Year the Herald congratulates Idaho upon its achievements in the past and its prospects for the future. We are sure the year 1905 holds for it much that is good, much that will advance its material welfare, much that will add to its credit and its standing in the muster roll of the intermountain states. — Salt Lake Herald.



Early start:
Snowy weather
lets resorts open.
Page D4

OUTDOORS

INSIDE

Ask the OfficerD2
Outdoors in briefD2
ComicsD3

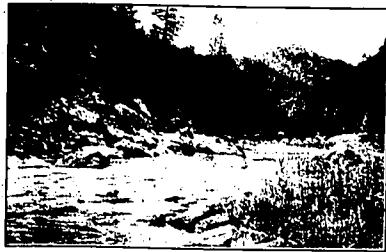
Outdoors Editor: David Cooper - 733-0931, Ext. 246

The Times-News

Thursday, December 30, 2004

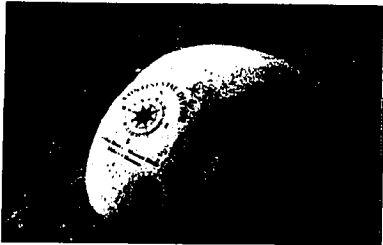
Section D

LOOKING BACK TO THE CORPS



The Salmon River near the point where William Clark abandoned his idea of paddling downstream.

Photos by MARK COOPER



A large boulder marks Lemhi Pass.

Make plans to celebrate Lewis and Clark's bicentennial in Idaho

Mike Cothran
Times-News correspondent

The several years and thousands of miles covered by the Lewis and Clark expedition resulted in much to study and describe. Numerous places along the route are highlighted, but the Corps of Discovery's entry into Idaho must arguably be one of the most unique in terms of scenery, geography and drama.

Looking ahead to next year's bicentennial observation of their August arrival, I made an autumn visit to eastern Idaho for a glimpse of the expedition. And one doesn't receive just a snapshot of the travelers themselves and the land that they passed through; an examination of the expedition must also include that area's local inhabitants, the Shoshone Indians.

A good approach to a present-day exploration of the country first involves a stop at the Sacajawea Center just outside the town of Salmon. This interpretative center provides insight on the noted guide's life and details her integral involvement with the expedition.

The center also takes a comprehensive look at her native

people. The facility's programs, interpretive trail, library, and other features paint the setting for the Corps' arrival into the Shoshoni country. Most important to the westward travelers, the center documents the assistance provided in the form of food, horses, and route finding.

Finally, the Sacajawea Center provides a wealth of information for present-day travelers who want to retrace the expedition's steps. Brochures, maps, and directions to noteworthy locations are provided.

One of those required visits is to Lemhi Pass, which is approximately an hour's drive southeast of Salmon. Now accessed by two different gravel roads, Meriwether Lewis reached the Continental Divide full of expectations.

Hoping to see an easy water route that would lead them to the Pacific Ocean, he was sorely disappointed. His view consisted primarily of snow-capped mountain ranges that blocked their westward route.

The day after creating the pass, however, Lewis did make his first successful contact with three female Shoshoni. Lewis described the initial anxious meeting: "I instantly laid down



The Sacajawea Center in Salmon has an impressive sculpture that serves as a focal point for visitors.

my gun and advanced towards them. They appeared much alarmed but saw that we were too near for them to escape by flight ("Today, one can look at the foothills above the Lemhi

River and envision that first interaction.

After spending time at the pass and the Lemhi Valley below, it's quite pleasant to just meander down the Lemhi and

Salmon Rivers. Several highway markers indicate points of interest, including several of the Corps' campsites.

In retracing the expedition's route, it's worthwhile to make

If you go

The year 2005 is the actual bicentennial year for the Corps of Discovery's arrival in Idaho. Many areas of the Corps' path through the Gem State are closed in winter. But planning now for a spring and summer excursion is wise, considering the large crowds expected this year.

The Sacajawea Center is located one mile east of Salmon on Highway 28. The park portion of the center is open year-round. The interpretative portion opens in May. Likewise, Lemhi Pass is not accessible until late spring.

Take a copy (there are numerous editions) of Lewis and Clark's journals. In retracing the expedition's route, the experience is much more rewarding when matching up journal entries with corresponding locations.

the same side trip that William Clark made north of Salmon. Not wanting to take the Indians' counsel, he insisted on scouting the Middle Salmon as the river heads west through the heart of Idaho.

Clark traveled by horseback down the drainage to near present-day Shoup. His discovery remains largely unchanged: a scenic canyon with a river not favorable to canoeing. In describing the rapids, Clark wrote that "...the passage of either with Canoes is entirely impossible, as the water is confined between huge Rocks & the Current beating from one against the another for some distance below."

More challenges awaited the expedition after Clark's view of the river. And today, following the route out of and back into Idaho would be well worth the effort. But in a limited amount of time, by concentrating on the Salmon River country, today's explorer can receive a rewarding glimpse of the past.

Sleep with your glasses on

A man was standing in the murk of night at the curb in front of a once-trendy brownstone tenement; before him a street led into a canyon of the city, and no one dared pass him. He turned and his face became larger until it alone was within my view. It began spitting vile phrases and contorting his muscles as if to give proof to his actions. In this I recognized the image of a rap-singer.

RON YATES

I watched the mouth incredulously as the lips curled back, exposing the teeth. Ugly, rhythmically gnashing teeth, so close that I could see nothing else. That's when I woke up; it was a dream.

I was not prepared for this dream; reality is what I had planned for. I was in my sleeping bag at 9,800 feet on a rocky ridge 24 hours before deer season opened and frankly I had known this could happen.

Instead of a man, there was a mountain lion. Instead of a rap rhythm, there was a snarling, hissing, spitting, roar. And I'm sure reality's teeth were larger and sharper too.

I did as planned; I yelled, "Aaaaagh!", and hunkered under the sleeping bag flap, covering my face with my arms. Awake now, I listened carefully. Yes, it was a lion and no it wasn't on top of me killing me (yet). I listened closely, determined to act. SNARRRRRL HISS! SPTT!

The previous evening as I was taking the last step to where I mistook this place, a small saddle on the ridge. I saw a black-tipped, brown-curling tail disappear behind some pines 30 feet away. Surprised and anxious I stood waiting for the lion to re-emerge.

Soon I removed my pack, loaded my rifle, and crept slowly over to where the lion should have been. I studied its tracks and determined that it had turned just after I spotted it, and descended into the canyon via a steep rocky chute, probably to hunt during the night.

Well, I thought this is where I wanted to be;

'Calls from the Wild'

This feature is a first-person experience, submitted by Times-News readers about their outdoors adventures. To submit your Call from the Wild, contact Outdoors editor David Cooper at 733-0931, ext. 246, or e-mail him at dcooper@magjvalley.com

I'll stay and glass for bucks tomorrow. Nearly were several mountain goat beds. I enlarged one of them and I prepared my sleeping bag in it. Behind where my head would be, there was a slight trail leading around the edge of the tall rock outcropping that paralleled my bag, this I blocked with some dead tree branches.

I had unlearned, several times, 20 feet from the foot of my bed, somewhat of a territory marker and a lion alarm system. Before I slid into my bed, I chambered a round into my rifle with the muzzle pointed in a safe direction; the safety on it was firmly placed against a tree at arms reach. I'd never done this before.

As I watched the star-filled sky, a bull elk began to bugle. It sounded odd, as if it had a clogged sinus. I was awakened later by a mountain goat snort from around the rock behind my head. Its hoof steps, soon faded away. Falling asleep again I began to dream.

It's difficult for me to see attacking mountain lions in the dark at 6:30 a.m. and without my glasses, I could hear well enough that it was 20 feet in front of me on the rock a few feet higher and to my left. I reached for my snoot'n iron and pointed it towards the nearest snarling sound. I sensed that I was actually in no danger and the cat was only fussy because a menacing intruder (me) was in its day spa. I decided to run the varmint off. Swinging the rifle to my right and pointing it towards a known backstop (a nearby mountain), I squeezed the trigger.

I think I actually heard the firing pin strike the primer, the primer detonate and the powder

Please see GLASSES, Page D4



A look to the west from the ridge where Ron Yates bedded down to scout for elk, and met a mountain lion.

Photos by RON YATES

OUTDOORS

Deer meat provides low-fat protein

Question: "What's a deer worth?"

Answer: This is the last in a series of columns exploring the value of deer and the various legal and illegal industries that have evolved around deer hunting.

Hunting started out as a basic necessity to provide food for survival. Through the years, hunting and the meat provided helped sustain families from the pioneers to the present.

With recent increases in costs for fuel, ammunition, firearms, vehicles and equipment the efficiency of hunting deer to provide meat to raise a family is not near so apparent. When comparing the costs associated with deer hunting to the quantity of meat obtained, in many cases a more economical decision would be to purchase a domestic animal for slaughter.

Nevertheless, deer remains a valuable source of low-fat protein. Some medical patients have been instructed by their physicians to seek out low-fat wild game meat in favor of domestically raised animals.

The sale of wild game meat is



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

against the law, but domestically raised elk or fallow deer can be purchased lawfully in Idaho from a licensed facility. The financial incentive for poachers to launder unlawfully taken wild deer and elk as domestic meat products is obvious. For a poacher, there is very little investment and tremendous profit potential, all from the public resource.

In some areas deer and elk meat is being sold over the counter at specialty meat markets and exclusive restaurants. Domestic elk farms and deer farms are outside the authority of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game so few resources are spent monitoring this activity.

Deer meat is also being unlawfully bought and sold at

custom-exempt meat cutters. There are very few laws governing custom-exempt meat cutters preparing wild game.

Some unscrupulous meat cutters do skin meat from their clients or at least unlawfully sell wild game meat. Several years ago, Bill Sowers of End of Road Packing in Burley was convicted for unlawful possession of several mule deer. A search warrant at the packing plant in July uncovered 19 frozen deer carcasses. Mr. Sowers was processing the deer into jerky products and salami that he later sold at gun shows. A second charge of the sale of unlawfully possessed game meat was later dismissed by the prosecuting attorney. The origin of nearly a ton of deer meat was never discovered.

The prosecutor modified the charge to include only 4 deer, but it was sufficient for a felony conviction. For this part of his crime Sowers was sentenced to 18 months in the Idaho State Penitentiary.

At the time of this investigation captive raised fallow deer headquarters were work ap-

proximately \$75 each or about \$1 per pound. The jerky and salami was selling for many times that. This is not the only instance of custom-exempt meat cutters selling game meat but it is dramatic example of the value of deer meat.

It is interesting to reflect back onto wildlife conservation, where we've been and how far we've come. In the early 1900s market hunting and commercial exploitation of public wildlife resources caused many populations to decline.

It seems we've come full circle; the commercial and economic value of our public wildlife resources is again driving down game populations and controlling the harvest in many instances.

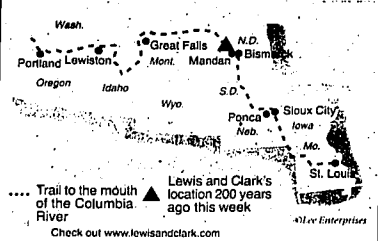
Reference Idaho Code 25-3501.

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

'pleased at the Dancing'

The big change at Fort Mandan this week 200 years ago was the setting up of the blacksmith shop. The blacksmith shop meant the expedition could trade metal work, tool repair, weapons and cooking ware, for corn, squash and beans. That trade was an important factor in the survival of the expedition that winter.

Although the members of the expedition found themselves confined in Fort Mandan by winter weather, they were not without entertainment. There was, as expected, fiddle music, singing and storytelling. The captains also noted playing backgammon.



Trail to the mouth of the Columbia River

Check out www.lewisandclark.com

January 1, 1805 - The Day was ushered in by the Discharge of two Cannon, we Suffered 16 men with their musick to visit the 1st Village for the purpose of Dancing, by as they Said the particular request of the Chiefs of that village, about 11 o'clock I with an interpreter & two men walked up to the Village (my views were to alay Some little mis understanding which had taken place thro jellousity and mortification as to our treatment towards them) I found them much pleased at the Dancing of our men, I ordered my black Servent to Dance which amused the Crowd very much, and Some what astonished them, that So large a man should be active &c.

—William Clark (Journal excerpts of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, edited by Gary E. Moulton, will appear each Thursday. Copyright Lee Enterprises.)

Sign-ups begin for Fish and Game's Access Yes!

Fish & Game notes

views the bids submitted by landowners and advises the department which ones should be accepted for funding. Idaho Fish and Game coordinators then determine which of the properties will best serve the sportsmen.

Selected properties are required to have Access Yes signage, and will be listed on the internet with maps and access restrictions.

Funding for the program is provided through sportsmen license fees, voluntary donations, and the raffle of Super Hunt tags.

Super Hunt tags allow the hunter to hunt, in any open hunt in the state, for the species listed on the tag. Deer, elk, antelope, and moose Super Hunt tags are available. The public can purchase these raffle chances at any vendor that sells

hunting and fishing licenses.

A license is not required to purchase the Super Hunt raffle tickets. Two drawings for the Super Hunt tags and game packages will take place each year.

Landowners interested in participating in the Access Yes program should contact Steve Elliott, Idaho Fish and Game Landowner/Sportsmen Coordinator in the Magic Valley Region at 324-4359.

Access Yes!

hunting and fishing licenses.

A license is not required to purchase the Super Hunt raffle tickets. Two drawings for the Super Hunt tags and game packages will take place each year.

Landowners interested in participating in the Access Yes program should contact Steve Elliott, Idaho Fish and Game Landowner/Sportsmen Coordinator in the Magic Valley Region at 324-4359.

A trend that deer hunters don't like

By Eric Sharp Knight Ridder News Service

NEWBERRY, Mich. — Hunters are complaining about drastically reduced deer sightings in northern Michigan during the firearms season, yet the state's Department of Natural Resources estimates the deer kill in those areas was down only about 10-12 percent from last year.

"The numbers were way off from some recent seasons, though,"

The firearms deer kill is down nearly 50 percent in the Upper Peninsula since four years ago — 25 percent in the northern Lower Peninsula. That includes a 12-percent decrease from last season for the UP and 10 percent in the northern Lower.

Andy Perich, who hunted near Newberry, said this season was the worst he had seen in 25 years of deer hunting in the UP.

"I have never seen so few deer, so few buck rubs, even so few deer tracks as we did this year," he said. The Midland area, who spent seven days on public land in a camp with five friends. "All of the guys I hunt with have been deer hunters for 20-30 years, and all of them have killed a lot of deer. But every day this year it was the same story — six of us would go out, and we'd be lucky to see four deer before we knew."

"I know the DNR says that the take was down about 10 percent in the UP this season, but I think it had to be a lot more. The numbers in the bridge count were down 23 percent. How do they account for that difference?"

Tom Lentz of Saginaw, Mich., who hunted near Gladwin, 220 miles to the south, described his deer season as "awful. Just awful." I hunt on public land near Gladwin, and I only saw three deer the first five days I hunted and one the last three days" on Thanksgiving weekend.

"I talked to at least 20 other hunters, and they all were asking the same thing: where are the deer? I don't know what the DNR has done there, but the deer have just disappeared. Five years ago, you'd see 20 deer a day. Now you mostly don't see at least you know there were deer out there, and if the does were around, there had to be a few bucks. Now we don't even see does."

The northern Lower Peninsula deer kill was down about 7 percent from last year. The decreased kill in northern Michigan reflects an effort by the DNR to bring down the deer herd, but the decrease in the southern Lower Peninsula during the Nov. 15-30 firearms season was the product of weather factors and agricultural practices.

"I don't think I've ever heard as few shots on opening day as I did this year," said Edward Johnson of Tomulus, whose family leases hunting rights on a farm in Hillsdale County. "I drove over from the house about 4

a.m. on opening morning, and usually I see a bunch of cars and trucks on the back roads when I get off the freeway. This year, there weren't anywhere near as many as I normally see.

"I guess, it was the Monday before we came out during the season open on weekdays other years and there were still lots of people out there.

"I know a lot of guys were complaining about all of the standing corn that was still out there. They said that they could see where deer had gone into the corn, and even see deer looking out of the corn rows, but there was no way those deer were coming out during the daytime. I figure that means we should be able to get some of them in the muzzle-loader hunt."

The muzzle-loading season ended Dec. 19 in the Lower Peninsula.

The DNR estimates that hunters killed about 285,000 deer during the firearms season. The regional breakdowns are 30,000 in the UP (26,000 bucks and 12,000 antlers), 97,000 in the northern Lower Peninsula (54,000 bucks and 43,000 antlers) and 150,000 in the southern Lower (78,000 bucks and 72,000 antlers).

"This was the second year the year the southern third of the state produced more deer than the two northern zones combined.

According to hunting license sales, interest in the two-zone season is still high. The DNR said 727,744 individuals bought firearms deer licenses this season, about 4 percent fewer than a year ago.

"The small decrease could easily be explained by the miserable, rainy weather that prevailed Nov. 20-21, the first weekend of the season, when a number of hunters get out for the first time.

"Our problem is that the good old days of deer hunting were the late 1980s and early 1990s," said Rod Clute, the DNR's big-game specialist. "We've started hunting 10, 15 years ago and remember the years when we had so many deer that you could go out and sit on a stump just about anywhere and there was a good chance you could shoot one."

Many people who hunt in the northern zones refuse to accept the DNR's statewide deer population estimate, which has remained about 1.7 million to 1.8 million for a decade. Clute said that's because he wants to understand that while the total number of deer in Michigan hasn't changed, the distribution in 1995, three-quarters of the deer live in the northern Lower Peninsula and the UP and in 1995 those areas still held two-thirds of the state herd.

But today more than half of Michigan's deer live in the southern Lower Peninsula, which means the number of deer per square mile in the northern zones has decreased dramatically.

Winter hikers must use caution on Bald Mountain

KETCHUM — People who are climbing the Bald Mountain in search of a brisk, early morning or mid-day workout need to be extremely careful.

Snowmobiles, ski snow-makers, lift mechanics and ski patrolers to various locations on the mountain. Groomers work their way up and down the slopes, putting finishing touches on the mountain's ski runs.

Once the lifts open, skiers and riders are traveling downhill, some at significant speeds, others out of control as they fall. And the number of hikers and their dogs climbing the mountain all through the day is increasing.

Uphill hiking on Baldy has increased significantly in recent years, according to Ketchum District Snow Ranger Joe Mizcuzski. "Where there used to be six or eight folks hiking up the runs at dawn, now there are as many as 100 on a busy morning — and many of the folks have dogs with them," Mizcuzski said.

Forest Service briefs

"We really encourage hikers... to strongly consider other locations for uphill hiking, because let's face it, a lot of activity takes place through the day on Baldy," Mizcuzski said.

But if hikers continue making the trip up Baldy, Mizcuzski advises them to use extreme caution after 9 a.m., when the lifts open.

Hikers need so stay well to the side, when walking up or down ski runs any time of day. We also urge hikers to leave dogs at home, or have them on a leash and carry off any waste the dog may drop on the trail."

The forest Service says it's also imperative that hikers heading up the runs in the dark wear light colored, reflective clothing and carry flashlights or headlamps so that ski area workers can see them.

Early morning hikers should always avoid the mountain after heavy snows so they don't inter-

fere with avalanche control. "On avalanche control mornings, the mountain will be posted 'closed' at both the River Run and Warm Springs base areas," Mizcuzski said. Hiking a closed area violates a Blaine County ordinance.

Soldier Mountain earns extended permit

FAIRFIELD — Guided backcountry skiing will resume at Soldier Mountain Ski Area, north of Fairfield and as a result, approximately 1,500 acres west of the ski area will be closed to snowmobiles beginning Jan. 1.

Soldier Mountain Enterprises has been issued a temporary special-use permit for the 2004-05 ski season allowing it to outfit and guide skiers in the backcountry access to Soldier Mountain Ski Area.

The permit is similar to one issued last year, according to Ann Frost, winter sports administrator for the Fairfield Ranger District. "They have met all the

requirements in our 1995 decision and environmental assessment as well as requirements in the most recent biological assessment for threatened and endangered species."

The area has been closed for the past nine winters to preserve the area for guided, snow-cat skiing operations offered by Soldier Mountain Enterprises.

The closure will last until the end of April, or earlier if snowcat skiing operations cease. A 100-foot wide corridor is marked and signed through the center and end of the closure area. This provides snowmobile access through the closure area to the South Fork of Soldier Creek, a popular snowmobiling area.

The closure order, with maps, are displayed at the Fairfield Ranger District office on Highway 20 in Fairfield and at the Sawtooth Forest Headquarters in Twin Falls. — compiled from staff reports

Cross Country Idaho sponsors offer free ski lessons

HAGERMAN — Sponsors of Cross Country Idaho are offering free cross-country ski rentals and lessons from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jan. 8 at Magic Mountain Ski Resort.

Ski poles and boots will be provided, and lessons on skiing techniques and safety will be given. Participants will be able to use the equipment for one hour. Anyone wanting to learn anything about cross-country skiing is invited.

To find Magic Mountain Ski Resort, from Interstate 84, take

Outdoors in brief

Exit 182 at the Traveler's Oasis and go south through Hansen and proceed on Rock Creek Road to the resort.

The event is held in cooperation with the Magic Mountain Ski Resort, High Desert Nordic Association, Mix 103 Radio, Idaho National Forest and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

For more information about

Cross Country Idaho, call Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505.

T.F. Recreation sells ski package to Pomerelle

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and Pomerelle Ski Resort are offering a four-day ski package on Jan. 16 and 30 and Feb. 13 and 27.

The package includes a one-hour ski or snowboard lesson and a lift ticket for each Sunday. Cost is \$50, and rental equipment

is available from Pomerelle or Claude's Sports for \$10 to \$15 each.

Registration is not included but is available directly from Northside Bus Co. for \$8 per person.

Children ages 7 to 11 must be accompanied by a parent; ages 12 and up may travel alone.

Registration deadline is Jan. 10. To register, call 736-2265 or stop by 136 Maxwell Ave. in Twin Falls. — compiled from staff reports

The Times-News: Your guide to Magic Valley

Take it from SPOT... BABELS CLEANERS is doggone good at removing spots, bring us all the "old friends" hanging out in your closet!

THURSDAY ONLY Bring In This Ad & Your Order On Thursday & Receive 20% Off. Coupon Expires December 30, 2004.

BABELS CLEANERS 228 Southone St. Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 733-2258

These books help you discover more about outdoors

By Eric Sharp Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — Anyone who has lived through a couple of hunting seasons in Michigan knows that to many people in this state, the whitetail deer is more than a mere piece of the outdoors scenery. It's a totem animal that is studied and revered much as it was by the American Indians who depended on it for survival long before white men arrived.

Yet the whitetail deer is only one of 51 deer species around the world, depending on whether you lump the musk deer in with the cervidae family that includes our whitetails. And nowhere have I seen the story of the evolution, distribution and natural history of this remarkable family told better than in "The Encyclopedia of Deer," by Dr. Leonard Lee Roy.

Rue has been studying and writing about deer and other game animals since 1939, and this latest book is a distillation of everything he's learned about deer in more than 60 years. It's an oversized hardcover of 160 pages that includes dozens of excellent

color photographs and maps.

From the pudu, a South American animal that at 12-30 pounds is the smallest deer in the world, to the moose, who can weigh 1,800 pounds, Rue documents how deer fill a remarkable variety of biological niches, and the role they play in the lives of humans. "The Encyclopedia of Deer" is published by Voyager Press and sells for \$35.

A lot of people who hunt in northern Michigan complained that this was the worst season they had ever seen in terms of deer numbers. But the State Department of Natural Resources says that what we see in those areas is a pretty much what we will get when I see the answer to filling a deer tag will be to hunt smarter.

One way to do that is to read Richard Smith's "Stand Hunting for Whitetails," a 253-page paperback by a Marquette University and writer. Smith offers practical advice on everything from how high to go in a tree stand to dressing for the woods to tricks that make waiting for whitetails more productive. He also has chapters on subjects that are still

controversial among hunters — hunting over bait and the importance of killing antlerless deer. "Stand Hunting for Whitetails" (Stackpole Books) costs \$14.95. "I'll be better off identifying them from now on, though, thanks to "The Encyclopedia of Tracks & Scats" by Len McDougall, who lives in the Upper Peninsula town of Paradise.

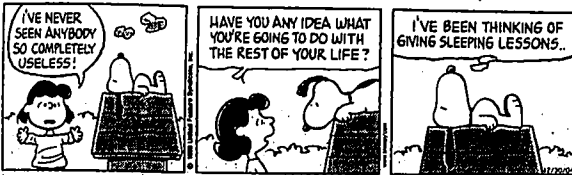
Subtitled "A Comprehensive Guide to the Trackable Animals of the United States and Canada," this oversized, 429-page paperback is a great field guide to the prints and poop left behind by nearly 60 species of mammals, birds and reptiles, along with detailed information about their behavior, biology and range.

This is one that's going into my truck's book box along with my trail guides and field guides for identifying birds, trees and wild plants. There are a lot more likely to see tracks and scat than we see the animals that made them, and this book will help me know what animals are around. "The Encyclopedia of Tracks & Scats" is from Lyons Press and costs \$24.95.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



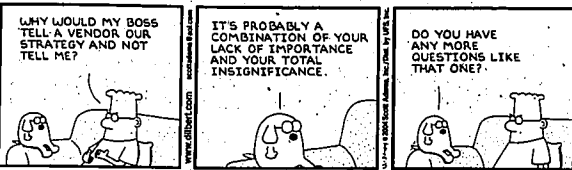
For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



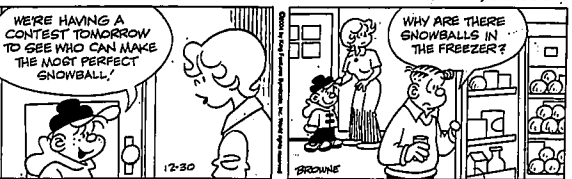
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



"I KNOW, JOEY... HOT CHOCOLATE IS KINDA LIKE ANTI-FREEZE FOR PEOPLE."

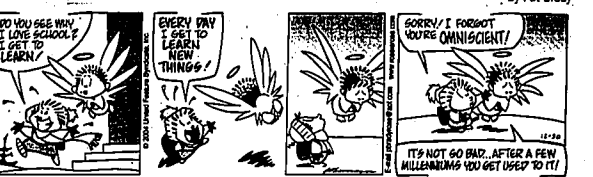
The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Luan

By Greg Evans



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Non Sequitur

By Wiley



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



OUTDOORS

AN EARLY START

Snowy weather allows Arizona resorts to open

PHOENIX (AP) — After years of crippling drought, steady winter snowstorms have brought Arizona its best ski season in recent years, allowing ski resorts to open early while boosting sales for winter sports businesses.

"The forecast calling for snow showers through the weekend and snow storms next week, skiers and snowboarders will likely see a white winter beyond the holidays."

"We've had a good winter so far. There is snow in the right places and people are happy," said David Eichler, a spokesman for the Arizona Office of Tourism.

Flagstaff has received 37 inches of snow so far this season, compared to 1.2 inches of snow for the same time last season, said Ben Peterson, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service.

Last year's lackluster ski season caused the Arizona Snowbowl in Flagstaff to open Jan. 9 and miss the crucial holiday weekends that draw large crowds.

"This year, Snowbowl opened Thanksgiving weekend, the first time it has been able to do that since 2000. The ski resort, which has no snowmaking equipment, suffered its worst season in 2001-2002 when it was open just four days."

Sunrise Park Resort in eastern Arizona and Mount Lemmon Ski Valley near Tucson were also



Chuck Speck catches some air on a homemade jump at the edge of the Hart Prairie ski run at the Arizona Snowbowl, Nov. 23, near Flagstaff, Ariz. Steady winter snowstorms in 2004 have brought to Arizona its best ski season thus far in recent years, allowing ski resorts to open early while boosting sales for winter sports businesses.

able to open a couple of weeks earlier than usual this year.

Sue Bermingham, of Phoenix, was one of many who hit the slopes Christmas weekend at Sunrise Park.

"Sunrise was fantastic. I loved it. I'm so dedicated, I have been to Sunrise when it's been rocky, but I always go every year no matter what," said Bermingham. "I will definitely try to make a run this weekend."

Even for those who aren't winter sports enthusiasts, a good ski season could motivate first-timers to drive out to the mountains, buy or rent equip-

ment and learn to ski or snowboard, said Larry Ruppe, general manager of the Ski Pro Inc. in Mesa.

For businesses that specialize in winter sports, beginners could mean the difference between a great year and a mediocre one.

"We could have a decent year relying on a certain type of customer who's willing to fly and go out of state," Ruppe said. "For us to have a good season, we need the local ski areas to be going to."

(Major League Baseball) spring training in the afternoon.

"This season, the shop has already seen a 15 percent increase in sales from last year."

While skiing makes up a small part of the state's tourism, the activity makes Arizona a versatile tourist attraction, Eichler said.

"One of the things that makes Arizona so unique is the range of options that tourists or locals have. One of the things we joke about is that come spring, you could ski in the morning and go to (Major League Baseball) spring training in the afternoon."



Artist John Ruthven sits in front of a work in progress, Dec. 10, in his studio in Georgetown, Ohio. Ruthven received the National Medal of Arts in November for his work as a wildlife artist and naturalist.

Artist receives recognition for portraying wildlife and nature

GEORGETOWN, Ohio (AP) — As a child growing up in Cincinnati in the 1930s, John Ruthven would sit on the banks of the Ohio River sketching wildlife and imagining journeys with famed naturalist John James Audubon.

Today, the 80-year-old artist is a National Medal of Arts recipient.

"It was the crowning moment for what I have tried to accomplish with my work," Ruthven says of the honor he received in November from President Bush. Ruthven, often called by peers and fans a "20th century Audubon," began his career illustrating containers of Play-Doh.

His Redhead Ducks painting, selected as the 1993 winner of the federal Duck Stamp competition, started a wildlife art career that has earned the respect of fellow artists and world leaders. His work has been exhibited in galleries from the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History to the Smithsonian Institution's Conservation and Research Center.

Besides the White House, his work has been displayed in the Hermitage Museum in Russia and the President's Palace in the Philippines.

Ruthven has created paintings for foreign heads of state, the U.S. government and major corporations. His studio in the 19th-century farmhouse he shares with his wife, Judy, in this rural southwest Ohio community features photos of him with the former U.S. presidents who co-signed some of his original paintings.

"The artist who still leads students on nature hikes through the fields and woods of his 150-acre farm has trekked through jungles, mountains and rain forests in search of rare species and subjects for his art. And he once was even forced to flee rebel guerrillas in a remote area of the Philippines."

"I've been so lucky to see so much of the world while doing what I love," he says, sitting amid paintings and sketches in the studio he maintains above his gallery and office in downtown Georgetown. "But I still want to go to the Poles, especially Antarctica, and I still have a lot of work to do since I've only painted about 2,000 of the 8,000 species of birds."

Ruthven can't remember a time when he didn't want to draw and paint wildlife. He also dreamed of seeing as much of the world as possible while capturing the wildlife and nature he loves on canvas. "I would lie in bed at night and hear the whistles of the trains and steam boats and long to be on them, and I spent hours roaming the fields and woods," he says.

As an 18-year-old sailor

aboard a U.S. Navy destroyer in World War II, he visited foreign ports and drew cartoons for shipmates.

"I might have ended up a commercial cartoonist doing wildlife art on the side, if I had just had a more creative mind," Ruthven says. "I just couldn't come up with the right words to go with the cartoons."

Ruthven began a commercial art career upon his return to Cincinnati, drawing the boy that appeared on the first cans of the popular Play-Doh, a children's modeling compound created in Cincinnati in the 1950s. He earned as much as \$50 for his early work. Now, he gets as much as \$75,000 for a single painting.

He has frequently promoted conservation and preservation of wildlife and natural resources.

Designated its first Artist of the Year in 1972 by Ducks Unlimited, Ruthven has contributed paintings for print that have raised nearly \$2 million for the Memphis, Tenn.-based organization's efforts to protect and preserve wetlands in North America. His painting of a cardinal for Ohio's most popular license plate has raised more than \$5 million for the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

Jim Berry, president of the Ron Yatey Peterson Institute of Natural History in Jamestown, N.Y., compares Ruthven's work with that of Audubon and Peterson, another world-renowned artist and naturalist.

"Their styles are very similar in their depiction of birds in their natural habitats and their attention to the botanical side," Berry says. "Like Audubon and Peterson, John always has a right biological and artistic eye."

A former president of the Society of Animal Artists, the New York City-based international organization that promotes excellence in the field of animal art, said Ruthven's composition and vibrant use of color show his depth of talent.

"John also puts a lot of himself in his art, and you instantly know his work when you see it," said Yatey, the society's president emeritus, said.

Ruthven, who stays in touch with nature during daily four-mile walks, has been known to draw initial sketches for future paintings on scraps of paper when nothing else is handy. "I've even drawn on the back of my hand," he says.

DeVere Bur, a wildlife artist and a former director of the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, considers Ruthven a mentor.

"He constantly encourages other artists, telling them to 'paint what you know and paint what you love,'" Bur said. "It certainly has worked for him."

Strong ski season expected following healthy start

DENVER (AP) — The snow is falling along with the value of the dollar, bringing the promise of a strong ski season to Rocky Mountain resorts.

Many have seen healthy numbers of skiers, even though Christmas and New Year's both fell on Saturdays this year, prompting many people to book shorter stays than they do if the holidays are separated by a weekend.

"Some people are coming for five to seven days instead of 10, but we're still packed," said Kristen Rust, spokeswoman for the Aspen Skiing Co., which operates Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass ski areas.

Several resorts reported they were on pace to meet or exceed numbers from last season, which the National Ski Areas Association said was the third-busiest in history.

The trade group Colorado Ski Country USA said its member resorts recorded 11.2 million ski visits last season, down from 11.6 million the previous year.

The group's early-season numbers won't be available until next month, but preliminary reports show business is up, particularly among international visitors taking advantage of the relatively weak dollar to

make their trips more affordable and for out-of-state, said spokeswoman Ashley Boyden.

"In-state, Coloradans can be fickle depending on snow conditions," she said. "They go when conditions are prime. There's great snow now for groomers and families to ski together, but a lot of people on the Front Range wait for the next big storm."

A strong storm system that brought heavy rain to northern California was moving through Utah toward southern Colorado. The Brian Head Resort near Cedar City, Utah, got about 19 inches of snow by Wednesday morning but couldn't start chairlifts because of 70-mph wind gusts.

Up to 3 feet of snow was forecast for Utah's northern mountains. "Snow is not our problem," said Ski Utah president Kip Pitou. "At the moment, we're in fat city. Let's hope it stays that way."

Colorado's resorts expected new snow through the rest of the week. Much of southwestern Colorado was covered by a winter storm warning Wednesday with the National Weather Service predicting up to 16 inches of snow around Telluride.



The rocky ridge in the foreground is the area Ron Yates camped on to scout for elk.

Glasses

Continued from D1
 Don exploded: sort of a flame bang, boom if you will. Click, bang from the rifle barrel and the sound slowly rippled across both canyons, thundering as it rose to the surrounding peaks.

The lion, now deaf and blind, left. Eight seconds had just after waking up; I put my glasses on (they promptly fogged up) and got out of the sleeping bag. Walking in my shirt and shorts I resisted the urge to call "here kitty, kitty" as I made sure that I was again, alone.

I did see three nice bucks that morning. The following morning, opening day, I spotted three

others, one with antlers about 28-inches wide and very even, I watched him for 90 minutes until he bedded down just below me. I remember being more nervous seeing him, than when I was being snarled at by Mr./Ms. Lion.

But that's hunting and hunting is never easy or it would be called killing. I had decided before I left the truck, now four miles away, a buck's antlers would have to be 30-inches wide before I shot. Next year they will be.

Ron Yates is an avid hunter and fisher who lives in Twin Falls.

Cheers!

Everything you ever wanted to know about champagne.

Friday in WeekEnd

"Our gift to you..."

FREE SHIPPING on all Farcountry orders placed through this ad!

Lewis & Clark

from Farcountry Press

Lewis & Clark's Green World: The Expedition and Its Plants
Ernie's and Revere's seasonal color photographs illustrate complete botanical descriptions of each plant.
 256 pages, 8 1/2" x 8 1/2"
 \$34.95

Meeting Natives with Lewis & Clark

By Barbara Fifer
 In pictures and story, Barbara shows us lifestyles and customs of Sioux, Cheyenne, Nez Percé, Tillamook, and dozens more American Indian tribes and nations.
 56 full color pages, 8 1/2" x 11" Softbound
 \$12.95

Or Perish in the Attempt: Wilderness Medicine in the Lewis & Clark Expedition

By David J. Peck, D.O.
 An urgent-care physician with a passion for the Lewis and Clark Expedition describes its medical aspects.
 360 pages, 6" x 9"
 \$24.95

SEND TO: FARCOUNTRY PRESS • P.O. BOX 5630 • HELENA, MT 59604
 OR CALL TOLL FREE 1-800-821-3874 • FAX: 406-443-5480

NAME	STATE	ZIP	PHONE
ADDRESS			
CITY			
PAYMENT: <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK ENCLOSED			
CHARGE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MASTERCARD <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN EXPRESS <input type="checkbox"/> DISCOVER			
SIGNATURE			
ACCOUNT NO.		EXP. DATE	
QTY.	TITLE	PRICE	TOTAL
	LEWIS & CLARK'S GREEN WORLD: THE EXPEDITION AND ITS PLANTS	\$34.95	
	MEETING NATIVES WITH LEWIS & CLARK	\$12.95	
	OR PERISH IN THE ATTEMPT: WILDERNESS MEDICINE	\$24.95	
	POSTAGE SHIPPING FOR EACH ADDITIONAL ITEM	\$2.00 EA.	
	ALL ITEMS ARE SHIPPED EITHER 1ST CLASS MAIL OR VIA UPS		
	*FOREIGN ORDERS PLEASE ADD \$5.00		
	TOTAL DUE		

Taylor's Convenience & Sporting Goods
 Quality Shell Fuel

End of the Year Holiday Clearance Up to 60% OFF

- Nikon Laser 400 - Range Finder... sale \$179⁹⁹ reg. \$239⁹⁹
- Bushnell Laser 800 - Compact Range Finder... sale \$247⁹⁹ reg. \$329⁹⁹
- Benelli Super Black Edge - Black Synthetic... sale \$999⁹⁹ reg. \$1079⁹⁹
- Francis Model 912 - 3 1/2" Semi-auto Black Synthetic... sale \$539⁹⁹ reg. \$569⁹⁹

All Guns 5% OFF Already Low Prices!
 Corner of Fair Ave. Hwy 30 in Filer • 326-4390

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Applications mailed for grocery refund

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho State Tax Commission is mailing more than 21,000 applications to Idaho residents who may qualify for a 2004 grocery credit refund of \$20 to \$70. The credit returns a portion of the sales tax paid on groceries by eligible applicants who are not required to file a regular Idaho income tax return. (Idahoans who file an income tax return receive the credit when they file the return.) Qualifying taxpayers may include the elderly, those who are blind and disabled American veterans.

"We want to give applicants the chance to file early and get their refunds before the necessary tax filing rush begins," said Steve Miller, revenue operations administrator for the tax commission. The agency is mailing the applications to people who filed a Form 24 (Idaho Grocery Credit Refund) last year.

Qualifying taxpayers who do not receive a form can get one by contacting the tax commission at 1-800-972-7660 toll free. They can also find the form online at tax.idaho.gov/forms_indiv_04.htm.

The deadline to file Form 24 refund claims is April 15. However, the state encourages applicants to return their forms as soon as possible to receive necessary income information, such as W-2s and 1099s.

The commission expects to refund about \$1 million.

Fannie Mae seeks to sell \$4B in shares

NEW YORK — Fannie Mae, the troubled mortgage giant, said Wednesday it may sell up to \$4 billion in preferred stock as soon as this week.

The announcement of a possible stock sale, which would be to qualified institutional buyers only, comes after the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, or OFHEO, said last week that the company has fallen below its minimum capital requirement as of Sept. 30.

Last week, Fannie Mae ousted former chief executive officer Franklin D. Raines and former chief financial officer Timothy Howard after the Securities and Exchange Commission's staff found Fannie had violated accounting rules and would have to restate results for the past four years. The executives were forced out Dec. 21 by Fannie Mae's board of directors. OFHEO — the company's chief regulator — pressured the board to act after SEC said the company must make accounting corrections that could erase \$9 billion of past profit dating to 2001.

Home Depot will sell appliances online

ATLANTA — Home Depot customers looking for a dishwasher or a refrigerator no longer have to visit their local big orange box to make the purchase.

The Atlanta-based home improvement giant will at Twin Falls store, in an effort to capture shoppers who already visit the chain's Web site to comparison-shop, said this week it had begun selling appliances online.

"More and more customers shop online for the convenience," said spokeswoman Karen Haggerty. "It just made sense that we would take our appliance sales to the next level."

Home Depot is a late entrant in the appliance shopping. Sears, Best Buy and Lowes — which all have or are building Magic Valley stores — are among competitors already offering Web-based shopping for appliances.

Home Depot was behind in selling appliances in stores, too. It still is growing its way into the sprawling market, which it entered in September 2001. By that time, archival Lowes' not only had appliances in its stores but also had been selling them online for a year.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Event highlights animal IDs

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Since the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, in a single dairy cow in Washington state last year, American cattle producers have felt pressure to develop more efficient ways of tracking their animals. The issue is even more pressing now as the U.S. government this week re-opened the northern border to Canadian beef imports.

Magie Valley beef producers can learn more about tracking systems and other industry topics at a Twin Falls conference next month. The 2005 Intermountain Cow Symposium scheduled for Dec. 12 and 13 at the College of Southern Idaho, is designed to bring together agricultural experts and producers.

Teen health

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lori Robinson was excited when she learned that her health club had another gym catering to children — she thought it was an excellent idea for her two teenage daughters, who were slightly overweight. "They are not overly involved in sports at school so this is a good way for them to get exercise," said Robinson, of Fairview, N.C.

Her daughter Britany, 15, has become a fan of Cardio Kids, the gym where she takes kick boxing and step aerobic classes. Her sister Kayla, also 15, was sidelined by an operation, but hopes to get back to the gym, too. "I had a weird feeling (at first) because I'd never done anything like this before," said Robinson, who has lost about 15 to 20 pounds since joining the gym. "You have fun when you lose weight."

The childhood obesity epidemic combined with cuts to schools' physical education budgets has inspired commercial gyms and health clubs to launch programs aimed at teens. The idea appeals to kids, and also to parents looking to help their children develop a healthy lifestyle or improve their chances of winning an athletic scholarship or slot on a sports team.

The programs are a growing source of revenue for the health club business. The number of gym members under the age of 18 rose 29 percent to 4.5 million in the five years ended in 2003, according to the International Health, Racquet & Sportsclub Association.

Kim Hreha started Cardio Kids in September of 2003 because clients at her other gym, Ladies Workout Express, said their children weren't getting enough exercise at school, and the mothers also worried about the kids' safety outside after school without supervision. "We want to give kids a safe

alternative (for exercise)," said Hreha, whose gyms are located in Asheville, N.C. "It is a relaxed atmosphere and kids don't even know they are working out."

Health club executives say marketing to the young makes sense because hooking people on fitness early can create lifelong habits. "We are in the membership business and we've been going about this backwards," said Lori Lowell, National Group Fitness Director for Gold's Gy, an international Inc. and owner of two Gold's franchises. "We should cater to young people."

Lowell said all of Gold's 40 company-owned clubs and some of its 500 franchise gyms in the United States offer activities for kids. She is trying to

develop children's programs that could be rolled out across the country.

But creating a program with nationwide appeal might be a challenge. For example, the Gold's Gym in Bee Caves, Texas, started a tumbling and gymnastic program for kids 3 to 7 in February that was successful, according to Tricia DeJarris, the company's group fitness director for the Austin, Texas, area. However, tumbling classes at three other locations haven't been as popular.

DeJarris said Bee Caves' location, in an affluent community with a fair number of stay-at-home moms who can drive their kids to classes, may account for the difference. Scheduling the classes later,

after parents get home, is one option, but DeJarris said programs can't be held too late in the evening because children won't be able to attend and the classes could cut into time slots set aside for adults.

"Timing kids' classes isn't the only obstacle. Instructors must have the right mix of patience and energy while classes must be tailored to children's needs. Children's yoga sessions tend to be more active and less static than those for adults, said Cheryl Jones, vice president for program and services for Town Sports International, which owns 140 clubs in the northeast and Washington D.C.

"The key is to keep kids engaged," said Jones. "Typically your top adult instructor is not your top kids' instructor."



Kim Hreha, right, helps Chelsea Sales with her workout at Ladies Workout Express, in Asheville, N.C., on Wednesday. Hreha started a program called Cardio Kids in September 2003 because clients at her gym said their children weren't getting enough exercise at school but worried about them playing outside after school without supervision.

AP photo

State guards unclaimed property

The Times-News

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

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

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

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

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

The Times-News on Thursdays' prints names of a sampling of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. Today's list is from Jerome, Ketchum, Oakley and Sun Valley. The tax commission said each person or business listed today — or the person's heir — owns unclaimed property worth more than \$100.

Watch for other towns in coming weeks.

Jerome

- Arline R. Baker
Levies Bellinger
Sherina Blunt
Mary C. Broun
Jennifer C.
Lynn Callahan
Rueben G. Galen
Benjamin H.
Chambers
Jody Ann Craig
Neddy M.
Aundrea
Woody Druis
Thomas A. Emis
Joseph Glawett
H. Abramson
Vivian
Vivone Huggan
Thomas M. Huber
Brian B. Kemmer
Julie Anne
Kermit
Kathy Kohlik
Mark Lamb
Roberta Lawrence
Samuel H.
Lawrence
Wendy Lawrence
Elizabeth
Layburn
Yash Levit
Sandra Lee
Daniel Radwin
Vivian Rogers
L. Fran Martinez
Scott McHume
Alvaro Nunes
W. Franklin Orr
Bertha S. Orr
Marilyn D. Orr
Dorina Rogers
Gary A. Seelhofen
L.V. Seelye
Jack Shin
Chris Strickler
Vivie Sullivan

Oakley

- Ray D. Andwin
Juan Octavio
Arenas Ramirez
Donald Heddie
Floyd B. Jeff
Janice Gelin
Marle R. Bell
Lae E. Amery
Annno Gasola
Steve Kerringer
Stephene Smith
Teresa Willyard

Sun Valley

- Rubalduz Tubs Inc.
Kathryn Busi
Douglas Shaver
Robert A. Slicker
Sun Valley Co.
Gerald Ballman
Debbie Trinton
Tommy L. Trimall
Alexander W.
Tucker
Michael Verse
Dave Webb
Terry Whitler
Lane Williams
Craig Woodward
Raimond
Muzrenbiter

What to do

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these:

- Call 1-800-972-7660, ext. 7623 or ext. 7627.
Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, PO. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.
Send e-mail to lostandfound@tax.state.id.us.
Log on to www.tax.idaho.gov and click on "Unclaimed Property" for instructions and claim forms that can be printed and mailed to the commission. The site also provides a search link for other names and a link to other states' unclaimed-property listings.

Higher oil prices seen as 2004's top story

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cheap goods for Christmas weren't the only things that flowed into the United States from overseas this past year — so did many of the biggest stories that dominated headlines on business news pages.

2004 marked a departure from recent years, when many of the biggest business stories were of home-grown origin, such as the collapse of Enron Corp., the bursting of the Internet bubble and scandals that wracked the mutual fund industry.

This year, the business world was acutely affected by what was happening overseas. Oil prices jumped to \$55 a barrel. In part because of soaring demand from China and fears of supply shortages in Iraq, Russia and elsewhere. China's own economy grew, as did its global role. The dollar tumbled against other currencies, jobs moved offshore and a foul-up in Britain led to a shortage of flu vaccine. Editors of U.S. newspapers and broadcast outlets voted

2004

those and other stories as the top business headlines of 2004 in a survey conducted by The Associated Press.

To be sure, there was plenty going on in the United States, too. The federal Reserve, confident that the economy was back on track, raised short-term interest rates five times. Pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co. suffered a huge black eye as it recalled its painkiller Vioxx because of safety concerns. Martha Stewart's conviction and prison term for lying to federal investigators also made the list.

Here, according to business editors polled by the AP were the top business stories of 2004 in the U.S.:
1. OIL PRICES. Even for those not old enough to remember gasoline lines from the oil shocks of the '70s, the

Analysts predict slower economic growth in '05

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite soaring oil prices and a slumping dollar, the United States enjoyed a banner year in terms of economic growth in 2004, but the new year is likely to see a significant slowdown, private economists say.

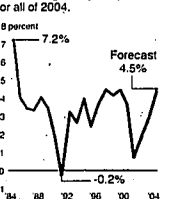
Analysts believe that rising interest rates, the lack of new tax cuts and the lingering effects of higher energy bills will combine to slow growth next year.

"The performance of the U.S. economy in 2005 will be good but not great, at least in comparison to 2004," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at Global Insight, a private forecasting firm in Lexington, Mass. But what a year 2004 turned out to be in terms of overall growth rates.

Many analysts believe that the gross domestic product — the total output of goods and services — grew by 4.5 percent for all of 2004. That would match the boom years of 1999 and 1997 and would be the fastest pace in two decades. But even with sizzling GDP growth, consumer surveys indicate that many Americans did

Sizzling GDP growth

Many analysts believe that the gross domestic product — the total output of goods and services — grew by 4.5 percent for all of 2004.



SOURCE: Bureau of Economic Analysis AP

not feel particularly prosperous. Analysts attribute that to a job market that still has not recovered all the jobs lost since the start of the 2001 recession as businesses pushed hard to get more output from existing employees rather than hiring new workers.

Please see ECONOMY, Page E3

Please see STORIES, Page E3

MONEY

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of Mutual Funds with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various fund details. Includes sub-sections for American Funds, Delaware Investments, and various equity and bond funds.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange activity with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various stock symbols.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market performance including NYSE, NASDAQ, and AMEX indices, along with active and gainers/losers lists.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table of NASDAQ National Market activity with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various stock symbols.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table of stocks of local interest with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, and various stock symbols.

INDEXES

Table of market indices including Dow Jones Industrials, S&P 500, and other regional indices.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Text explaining how to read the market report, including details on stock prices, volume, and market movements.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of American Stock Exchange activity with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various stock symbols.

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, and Oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

Table of 5,000 bushel minimum contracts per bushel for Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and Soybean Flour. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

Table of 5,000 bushel minimum contracts per bushel for Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and Soybean Flour. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

Table of 5,000 bushel minimum contracts per bushel for Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and Soybean Flour. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

Table of 5,000 bushel minimum contracts per bushel for Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and Soybean Flour. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

Table of 5,000 bushel minimum contracts per bushel for Soybean Meal, Soybean Oil, and Soybean Flour. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types including Pinto, Navy, and Broad beans. Columns include price and change.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices for Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans. Columns include price and change.

Table of grain prices for Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans. Columns include price and change.

Table of grain prices for Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans. Columns include price and change.

Table of grain prices for Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans. Columns include price and change.

Table of grain prices for Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans. Columns include price and change.

Table of grain prices for Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans. Columns include price and change.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices for various types including Cheddar and Swiss. Columns include price and change.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices for various grades. Columns include price and change.

METALS/MONEY

Table of metal and money prices for Gold, Silver, and various currencies. Columns include price and change.

SOYBEAN MEAL

Table of soybean meal prices for various grades. Columns include price and change.

SOYBEAN OIL

Table of soybean oil prices for various grades. Columns include price and change.

SOYBEAN FLOUR

Table of soybean flour prices for various grades. Columns include price and change.

Profit taking pushes stocks lower

NEW YORK (AP) — Surging oil prices and a weak dollar helped push profit taking Wednesday, pushing stocks slightly lower in light holiday-week trading. However, the minimal losses gave investors hope that Wall Street's extended rally would still extend into January.

Crude oil futures moved higher after the Energy Department's latest estimate of petroleum inventory report showed a drop-off in the nation's crude reserves, while reports of explosions in the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh prompted a sharp rise on top of that. A barrel of light crude settled at \$34.64, up \$1.87, at the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The dollar fell to its fifth straight lowest point against the euro — good news, in the short term, for American exporters and tourism, but problematic for inflation should the dollar fail to gain ground in the long term.

By The Associated Press Selected world gold prices Wednesday. The dollar is the base unit. London time. \$430.33 per \$387.

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday. The dollar is the base unit. London time. \$430.33 per \$387.

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Wednesday. The dollar is the base unit. London time. \$430.33 per \$387.

Stories

Continued from E1

sharp spike in oil prices this year was enough to get anyone worried. The climbing price of crude oil futures came to have such a rattling effect on the stock market that CNBC started including a box on screen with the current price per barrel along with other market indicators. Oil prices have since eased to about \$44 a barrel.

2. INTEREST RATES

Confident that the economy had found its footing, the Federal Reserve began in June a series of five quarter-point increases that boosted the benchmark rate, on overnight loans between banks, to 2 1/4 percent by year's end from a historic low of 1 percent. The Fed also has indicated more are on the way and that its monetary policy remains "accommodative" — Fed-speak for encouraging growth.

3. VIOXX PULLED

Merck withdrew its huge-selling painkiller from the market in September after its own study showed long-term use of the drug could increase the risk of heart attacks and strokes. As the results of the AP poll were being collected, Pfizer Inc. halted advertising of Celebrex, a drug that's in the same class as Vioxx, after its study found higher risk of heart attacks in patients taking Pfizer's drugs of the drug. So far, Pfizer is sticking by Celebrex, noting that other studies found it to be safe.

4. MARTHA, MARTHA

Did she do it? Does she deserve to go to jail? Even now, the conviction and incarceration of Martha Stewart for lying about a stock sale continues to be a focus of attention and controversy. Stewart, who founded a media empire and once served on the New York Stock Exchange's board of directors, is serving five months at a

minimum-security federal women's prison in West Virginia. Her company is already making plans to get her back on the air.

5. CHINA

Was Napoleon right? The French leader once said, "When China wakes, it will shake the world." While most countries are still worried about not enough economic growth, in China, they're worried about too much. Currently zooming along at an annual pace of 9 percent, more expensive economy might run off the rails if growth isn't brought down to a more manageable rate, Beijing officials fear.

6. Kmart BUYS SEARS

Financier Edward Lampert only became chairman of the discounter Kmart Holding Corp. last year, as it was emerging from bankruptcy. But he managed to turn the company's sales soaring after the retailer selling off unprofitable stores and banking the real estate gains. For his next trick, he orchestrated a stunning \$11 billion buyout of Sears, Roebuck and Co., one of the most storied names in American business.

7. CRISIS IN THE AIR

What's wrong with U.S. airlines? Plenty. Fuel costs are soaring, major carriers are seeking money pay and benefit cuts, and most of the industry is losing money. It's no wonder that three U.S. carriers — UAL Corp.'s United Airlines, US Airways Group Inc. and ATA Holdings Corp. — are in bankruptcy, while yet another, Delta Air Lines Inc., came close to filing. Just a few very efficient carriers — such as Southwest Airlines Co. and JetBlue Airways Corp. are making money.

8. FALLING DOLLAR

Experts have been saying for years that the dollar was headed for a fall against other currencies, and this year it came to pass. The dollar has fallen about 12 percent since September against the euro on persistent concerns about the mounting U.S. budget and trade deficits, as well as a perception that the Bush administration won't intervene in the existing market to support the dollar from weakening. It may well be good for the economy in the long run, as a number of economists argue, but in the meantime it makes foreign travel more expensive for U.S. tourists and could lead to higher prices at home for imported goods.

9. FLU VACCINE SHORTAGE

Another problem from overseas that came home to roost: The U.S. supply of flu vaccine was cut in half when a factory in a Liverpool, England, was shut because of contamination. The shortage set off a scramble to use the existing stocks to inoculate those who needed it most, namely the elderly, infants and people with chronic conditions.

10. JOBS MOVE OFFSHORE

The trend toward sending jobs overseas continues in 2004, causing worries among U.S. workers who fear they might have their jobs replaced by cheaper labor in other countries. Dell Inc., the giant computer maker with a technical-support call center in Twin Falls, quit routing corporate customers to a tech-support center in India after receiving a raft of complaints. But the company's new base has not put the working overseas than in the United States — is still looking well beyond U.S. borders for opportunities and growth. This fall Dell opened a brand new, round-the-clock support center for business customers in Xiamen, China, and plans similar facilities in Japan and Ireland.

Economy

Continued from E1. Economists think this boom in productivity may be coming to an end as rising demand is forcing companies to hire more employees. The latest survey of top economists done by the National Association for Business Economics is forecasting that 2.2 million jobs will be created in the new year, a slight improvement from 2004 with both years up significantly from the 61,000 jobs lost all of 2003.

Analysts believe the current unemployment rate of 5.4 percent will fall gradually to just above 5 percent by the end of 2005. One reason they're not predicting a more dramatic decline is their belief that people who had given up looking for work will re-enter the labor market as they see hiring pick up.

A falling unemployment rate and growing jobs should translate into at least slightly stronger wage gains, many analysts believe. "This could be the best year for the American worker since 2000 as the job market tightens up," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com. "For the first time in five years, workers should be able to look forward to bigger wage increases."

"The overall economy should grow next year by around 3.5, according to Global Insight and other forecasting firms. While that is a full percentage point below the expected 2004 performance, analysts said it will still be a decent year, especially if their forecasts for solid employment growth turn out to be correct. The additional workers will boost income growth and support continued strong consumer spending.

"The consumer, who accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity, has been the standout performer during the first three years of the current economic expansion, as President Bush's successive rounds of tax cuts and low interest rates from the Federal Reserve bolstered spending even as job growth lagged.

But for 2005, the impact of the tax cuts will be wearing off, and the Federal Reserve's tighter interest rates has been gradually raising 2004 has been gradually raising interest rates to make sure inflation does not get out of control.

COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marrantonio - 735-3288

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Eight scouts fly with new Eagle awards

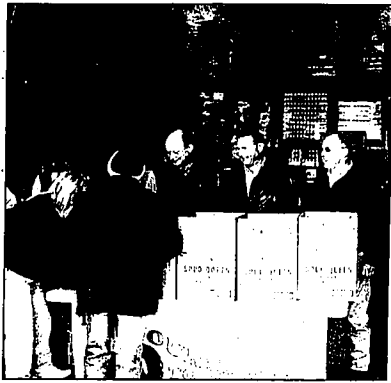


Photo courtesy of South Central Community Action Partnership

During the Thanksgiving holiday, the Twin Falls County commissioners, from left, Tom Mikseil, Gary Grindstaff and Bill Brockman, helped hand out turkeys with all the fixings to low-income families. Turkeys and canned goods were collected during MIX103's "Brandon and Karla's 60 Hours to Fight Hunger." The South Central Community Action Partnership reported that 2,020 turkeys were collected and distributed by the agency throughout the Magic Valley.

ALMO — Scout Troop 29 honored eight young men who received their Eagle Scout awards at a recent Court of Honor held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building.

Landon Hansson, son of Brian and Darla Hansen of Starrod, completed 22 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he installed a flag pole at the Starrod Cemetery. The project took 62 hours. He is a senior at Raft River High School.

Baden Henson, son of Larry and Jackie Henson of Almo, earned 21 merit badges. For his project, he installed a 25-foot stainless-steel flag pole at the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery in Almo. He was assisted by the other troop members and the project took 58 hours. Henson is a junior at Raft River High School, where he participates in football and track and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Steven Durfee, son of Bruce and Kay Durfee of Almo, has 24 merit badges. For his project, he raised money to help pay for



Photo courtesy of TOMMY WARD

Scouts receiving their Eagle Award are, from left, back: Steven Durfee, Reagan Ward, Blaine Packer and Ace Jones; front: Jonathan Durfee, Leland Lloyd, Payden Henson and Landon Hansen.

headstones for unmarked graves in Yost, Utah. He is a sophomore at Raft River High School, where he plays football and basketball and participates in drama and band.

Leland Lloyd, son of Clint and June Lloyd of Almo, completed

23 palms. For his project, extended the fence around the Starrod Cemetery by 100 feet. He was assisted by the other troop members and two leaders. The project took 83 hours. Lloyd is a junior at Raft River High School.

Reagan Ward, son of Ron and Vanna Ward of Almo, has 21 merit badges. For his 65-hour project, he built a fire pit at Almo Community Park. He is a sophomore at Raft River High School.

Blaine Packer, son of Brent and Shirene Packer of Almo, completed 21 merit badges. For his project, he repaired and restored a stream at Castle Rock State Park. The project took 73 hours.

Jonathan Durfee, son of Kent and Lois Durfee of Almo, has 21 merit badges. For his project, he built a kiosk at Almo Cemetery. It took 70 hours to complete and he was assisted by seven other Scouts. He is a junior at Raft River High School and involved in the Future Teachers Club.

Ace Jones, son of Brent and Tammy Jones of Almo, has 22 merit badges. For his project, he built a fence at City of Rocks National Reserve. The project took 59 hours. He is a sophomore at Raft River High School.

Scoutmaster were Steve Ward, Dave Hedges and Garth Steed.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Photo courtesy of KERRY KOOZT

Alysa Olsen, right, from the Junior Club presented a \$1,979 donation to the CARES (Children At Risk Evaluation Services) program a service of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The check was received by Kerry Koozt, CARES Program coordinator. The donation was from the Junior Club's annual Turkey Shoot fund-raiser. The Make-A-Wish program also received a donation of \$1,979 from the event.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Twin Falls student earns Congressional Youth Award



Kaylee Faurel has earned her bronze medal for the Congressional Youth Award. She performed 100 hours of community service, 50 hours of personal development, 30 hours of physical improvement and planned an overnight expedition. She is a sophomore at Twin Falls High School and daughter of Dan and Debbie Faurel of Twin Falls. Kaylee received her award from U.S. Senators Mike Crapo and Mike Simpson at an award presentation on Nov. 19 in Boise. She is involved in Key Club and currently working on her silver medal.

recipients receive between \$500 to \$1,000. This program, now in its second year, is funded by the association board of directors and the criteria is determined by each college.

Recipients include: Jerome: Karen and Laura Marshall, computer science majors in the College of Engineering.

UI students who represent the top 40 seniors were also honored. They must have at least a 3.5 grade point average or be in the top 10 percent of their class to be nominated.

Students chosen for their academic success, and extracurricular involvement are: Gooding: Elizabeth B. Herro, political science and English.

Jerome: Allison Marshall, environmental science. Mountain Home: Brian Dorgan, Jr., chemical engineering and mathematics.

Kimberly grad earns debate honors at college

Ely Garner, a Kimberly High School graduate, was a member of the Point Loma Nazarene University speech and debate team, which competed successfully in a Pacific States Conference Forensics Association Fall Championship Tournament hosted by Cal State Long Beach, Dec. 3-5. The team from Point Loma, located in San Diego, Calif., came in third place overall in the university division, and took first place in senior and novice divisions of debate and took top speaker in junior debate.

Debate results include: Garner and April Griffith, first place in novice debate. Individual events results: Garner, novice impromptu finalist.

Garner graduated from Kimberly High School last June. Her parents are John and Nancy Garner of Kimberly. Garner also used to write high school sports for The Times-News.

Knopp makes dean's list at Idaho State University



Tiffany A. Knopp, daughter of Steve and Cindy Knopp of Paul, has earned a place on the Idaho State University Kaniska College of Health Professions Dean's List for spring semester 2004 in Pocatello.

UI Alumni Awards Night Honors Top Students

The University of Idaho Alumni Association presented Awards for Excellence at its banquet Dec. 10 in Moscow. The 2004 UI Alumni Association Dean's Scholarship

CSI offers two levels of German classes

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will offer zero-credit enrichment classes in German and intermediate German on Mondays, Jan. 24 to May 9 in Shields Building, Room 104 on the CSI Campus, 315 Falls Ave. E.

Beginning students will meet from 6 to 8 p.m., and intermediate students will meet from 8 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$65 each.

"Beginning German" is designed to help adults learn the language without the pressure of a grade. The material is presented, explained and practiced so adults feel at ease and understand the foreign language experience.

"Intermediate German" is a continued study of the German

language with stress on verb tenses and higher-level conversations and language uses.

Instructor Eldora Miller has a bachelor's degree in German. For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6281.

Job's Daughters installs officers, choir on Sunday



Abby Waters

TWIN FALLS — The Job's Daughters Bethel 43 will have an open installation of Bethel officers and Bethel Choir on Sunday at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Masonic Tem-

ple, 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

The following officers will be installed:

Honored Queen Elect, Abby Waters; retiring Honored Queen, Jessica Lupton; and Marshal Elect, Shayla Churbonesta.

Photography course will take place at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer the zero-credit enrichment class, "Eight Weeks to More Dramatic Photography" from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 27 to March 17 in the Art Place Room 102 on the CSI Campus, 315 Falls Ave. E. The cost is \$74. Students will learn the found-

ations of taking pictures. Lenses, light meter, flash, filters, f-stops, shutter speeds and composition will be covered. Students should have a camera that has a fully adjustable shutter and lens aperture (f-stops).

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

T.F. Senior Citizens Center will hold dance

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center is holding a dance from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at 536 Shoshone St. W.

Music will be provided by Melody Masters. The cost is \$4. For more information, call 734-5084.

LETTERS OF THANKS

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

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

For more information, call 733-0931. Ext. 288

To express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Classified department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.

and it is my sincere hope that you will call on me again in 2005.

Also, a big thank you to those who had any part in accompanying me with songs or using their equipment for my performances. I am truly thankful to you.

A heartfelt thank you to those who came to my benefits and supported the causes. A total of \$1,000 was raised.

Thank you, Michael and Darci Clair, for allowing me to host my own variety show in 2005. For more information, call me at 436-0407 or visit <http://mygroups.msn.com/thom-singsinger/janitor>.

May God be with you all, and I look forward to 2005. THOM STIMPSON Rupert

Hundreds of families get a happier Christmas

The Mini-Cassia Christmas Council would like to express its gratitude and thanks for the support and generosity received from the community that helped more than 500 families enjoy a happier Christmas season. Thousands of cans and other food products found their way into the homes of thankful parents. Toys cheered the hearts of hundreds of children due to unselfish caring for others. Nothing filled the needs of young and old alike. Games, books and miscellaneous items of entertainment will give hours of pleasure.

Our hearts were warmed with offers of cash donations, new and good used items, food products, clothing, etc., which enabled us to assist with good quality items in all categories.

Thank you to those who helped set up, sort or repair items, pack boxes, clean up or assist in any other way with labor or project donations. Our appreciation extends beyond words.

DOLLY FREIBURGER
VERLIE FROST
JACKIE HANDIE
Mini-Cassia Christmas Council Inc.
Rupert

Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit appreciates support

The Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit would like to thank everyone who helped us with a great year.

Areas to practice in and volunteer victims are very important to our practice.

Thanks to the Girl Scouts of America, Boy Scouts of America, Twin Falls County Clinic, Bonanza Motors, Jerome County Search and Rescue, Dr. Chad Dobbs, Alan Davis at AEI, Magic Valley Mall, John Boling at the College of Southern Idaho and all other supporters.

Special thanks to Costco, Franklin Building Supply (Jerome), employees of Idaho Power, U.S. Cellular, LifeFlight, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, D&S Supply (Jerome), Wal-Mart, Twin Falls Veterinary Clinic, Bonanza Motors, Jerome County Search and Rescue, Dr. Chad Dobbs, Alan Davis at AEI, Magic Valley Mall, John Boling at the College of Southern Idaho and all other supporters.

DONNA JACOBSEN
Medical officer
Snake River K-9 Rescue Unit
Twin Falls

Honesty of employee makes Christmas brighter

The spirit of Christmas does exist.

My father's wedding ring was given to me when he passed away. I wear it as a reminder of him. I lost the ring while shopping at the Meyer. When I discovered this, it was a good hour before I retraced my steps back to the store. I was grief stricken and cried. I left my name and phone number in case someone found the ring.

At home, a call came saying an employee had found the ring and turned it in. My tears of grief turned to tears of joy.

To Andy Capps, who works in the meat department, I want to say thank you and let others know that there is still honesty and integrity in this world. You will never know how much you made my Christmas.

Thank you, Fred Meyer, for hiring outstanding personnel. RON DARCY Gooding

'Singing Janitor' enjoys entertaining others

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all that called on me to entertain in 2004. It was truly a pleasure to perform at your events this past year.

Magic Valley students make National Honor Roll

Several area students have earned a place on the National Honor Roll.

The Washington, D.C.-based program reported that it recognizes high school and middle school students who have achieved exceptional academic success.

Profiles of the students are included in the National Honor Roll Commemorative Edition.

The area students included this year are as follows by name, home town and school: Bryce Adams, Oakley, Oakley High School.

Leigh Erin Anderson, Twin Falls, Filer High School.

Burgie Lorenzandra, Heyburn, Minico High School.

Ubay Lorena Arroyo, Heyburn, Burley High School.

Jann Bell, Albion, Declo High School.

Ashley Brown, Twin Falls, Twin Falls Christian Academy.

Chandler Claphin, Burgeon, Filer High School.

High School.

Heather Ann Dockstadter, Burley, Filer High School.

Albina Elson, Oakley, Oakley Junior/Senior High School.

Steven Ertsevalin, Burley, Burley High School.

Andrea Francisco, Heyburn, Minico High School.

Brittany Elise Frintner, Twin Falls, Twin Falls High School.

Annalee Gidley, Murtaugh, Murtaugh High School.

Christine Gardner, Jerome, Jerome High School.

Heather Nichole Hall, Rupert, Minico High School.

Jason Hansen, Rupert, Minico High School.

Isaac Patrick Heath, Eden, Valley High School.

Kellen Hill, Jerome, Sun Valley High School.

Sarah Ann Fairfield, Camas County High School.

Hagerman Junior/Senior High School.

Melissa Koyle, Heyburn, Minico High School.

Dajana Kurzegovic, Twin Falls, O'Leary High School.

Megan Lammers, Jerome, Jerome High School.

Concord Lee, Jerome, Jerome High School.

Melissa Leija, Hagerman, Hagerman School.

Eduardo Maciel, Jerome, Jerome High School.

Janice Magana, Jerome, Valley High School.

Kenny McCre Jr., Gooding, Gooding High School.

Matthew Moon, Rupert, Minico High School.

Justin Muske, Heyburn, Minico High School.

Noemi Nava, Hazelton, Valley High School.

Katie O'Connor, Jerome, Valley High School.

Charles Robert Schabacker, Jerome, High School.

Leide Semler, Burley, Oakley High School.

Erica Serrano, Filer, Jerome High School.

Annalisa Studer, Rupert, Minico High School.

Misty Dawn Tucker, Filer, Filer High School.

Demita Udy, Hazelton, Valley High School.

Bryce Ashley Walter, Jerome, Jerome High School.

Kimberlee Ward, Jerome, Jerome High School.

Brendon Troy Young, Rupert, Minico High School.

Linara Jessica Zavalza, Burley, Castleford High School.

Rosio Zavala, Jerome, Castleford High School.

Heather Zollinger, Paul, Mini-Cassia Opportunity Center.

Timothy G. Tomlinson, PDM 1120 Montana • Gooding • 934-4500

EVERYTHING'S BIG IN TEXAS: Israeli police indict four on antiquities fraud

Lone Star State seeks to build megahighways

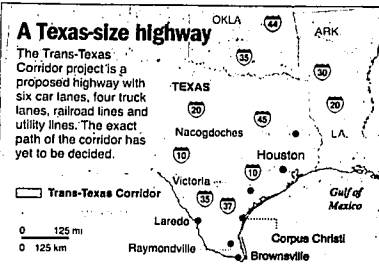
AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — In what sounds like another tall tale told by a Texan, the Lone Star State has embarked on an audacious project to build superhighways so big, so complex, that they will make ordinary interstates look like cowpaths.

The Trans-Texas Corridor project, as envisioned by Republican Gov. Rick Perry in 2002, would be a 4,000-mile transportation network costing an awesome \$175 billion over 50 years, financed mostly if not entirely with private money. The builders would then charge motorists tolls.

But these would not be mere highways. Proving anew that everything's big in Texas, they would be megahighways corridors up to a quarter-mile across, consisting of as many as six lanes for cars and four for trucks, plus railroad tracks, oil and gas pipelines, water and other utility lines, even broadband transmission cables.

Supporters say the corridors are needed to handle the expected NAFTA-driven boom in the flow of goods to and from Mexico and to enable freight haulers to bypass heavily populated urban centers on straight-shot highways that cut across the countryside.

The number of corridors and exactly where they would run have yet to be worked out. But the Texas Transportation Commission on Dec. 16 opened negotiations with the Spanish-based consortium Cintra to



SOURCES: ESRI; Texas Transportation Commission

start the first phase of the project, a \$7.5 billion, 800-mile corridor that would stretch from Oklahoma to Mexico and run parallel to Interstate 35.

Some thought the "Trans-Texas Corridor" was a pie-in-the-sky idea that would never see the light of day, said Perry, who has compared his plan to the interstate highway system started during the Eisenhower administration. "We have seen the future, and it's here today."

towns and big cities alike fear a loss of business when traffic is diverted around them.

Even the governor's own party opposes the plan. The GOP platform drafted at last summer's state convention rejected it because of its effect on property rights.

Perry is undeterred. "I think it will be a model for future infrastructure construction in the world," he predicted.

The tolls would represent a dramatic departure for Texas, which has traditionally relied on federal highway funding from gasoline taxes to build roads. But supporters say the combination of tolls and private money would allow Texas to pour concrete at a rate that would not be possible through

gasoline taxes alone.

Texas economist Jay Perryman said the corridors could generate about \$135 billion for the state over a 50-year span, and lure new industry by offering efficient shipping routes for goods and utilities. "Any time we can do something better, faster and cheaper it's going to give us an advantage," he said.

The new rail lines could also lower the risk of chemical spills in urban areas, said Perry spokesman Robert Black. "We have hazardous materials running through our city centers because of a rail system that was built 100 years ago," Black said.

For the Oklahoma-Mexico corridor, Cintra plans to spend \$6 billion for about 300 miles of four-lane highway from Dallas to San Antonio and give the state an additional \$1.2 billion for improvements along the route.

Other potential corridors could stretch east-west from Orange to El Paso, and north-south from Amarillo to Laredo.

The Texas Farm Bureau — generally regarded as an ally of Perry who grew up on a farm in West Texas — opposes the project.

"They're proposing going primarily through farm and ranch lands," said bureau President Kenneth Dierschke, a cotton farmer from San Angelo. "If someone comes in and cuts your property in half, that's no good."

HERUSALEM (AP) — Four Israeli antiquities collectors and dealers were indicted Wednesday on charges they ran a sophisticated forgery ring that spanned the globe and produced a treasure trove of fake Bible-era artifacts, including some that were hailed as major archaeological finds.

Police said the ring forged what were presented as perhaps the two biggest biblical discoveries in the Holy Land in recent years — the purported burial and a stone tablet with written instructions by King Yoash on maintenance work at the ancient Jewish Temple.

Shuka Dorfman, head of the Israel Antiquities Authority, said the scope of the fraud appears to go far beyond what has been uncovered so far.

"We discovered only the tip of the iceberg. This spans the globe. It generated millions of dollars," Dorfman said. The forgery ring was "trying to change history."

Investigators warned that collectors and museums around the world could be in the possession of fakes, and scholars urged museums to re-examine items of suspicious origin. The forgery ring has been operating for more than 20 years, Dorfman said.

conference of the Antiquities Authority and the police, capping a two-year probe.

The forgery would often use authentic but relatively mundane artifacts, such as a plain burial box decorated or shaded, and boost their value enormously by adding inscriptions, Dorfman said. Then the forgery would try to recreate patina, or ancient grime, to cover the carving, the indictment said.

The four men indicted were Tel Aviv collector Oded Golan, owner of the James ossuary and the Yoash tablet; Robert Deutsch, an inscriptions expert who teaches at Haifa University; collector Shlomo Cohen, and antiquities dealer Faiz al-Amaleh. The four are free on bail, police said.

Golan said in a statement Wednesday "there is not one grain of truth in the fantastic allegations related to me." He said the investigation was aimed at "destroying collecting and trade in antiquities in Israel."

Deutsch dismissed the indictment as "ridiculous." Hershel Shanks, editor of the Washington-based Biblical Archaeology Review, said in a telephone interview: "Either this is going to be proven a horrific scandal or the greatest embarrassment to the Israel Antiquities Authority."

Shanks disclosed the existence of the James ossuary at a November 2002 news conference. Additional indictments will be issued in coming days, said Shaul Naim, chief investigator of the Jerusalem police.

The Times-News

Magical Valley

In Print, Online, Anytime...www.magicvalley.com

To Place An Ad	In Person	By Phone	Online 24/7	By E-mail	By Fax
	Twin Falls 132 Fairfield St. W Burley • 230 E. Main	Twin Falls • 733-0931 ext. 2 Burley • 677-4042	"Place an Ad" online www.magicvalley.com	twinad@magicvalley.com	Twin Falls • 734-5538 Burley • 677-4543

100 Announcements	500 Real Estate for Sale	900 Recreation
200 Employment	600 Real Estate Rentals	1000 Transportation
300 Financial	700 Agriculture	Business Hours
400 Education	800 Merchandise	Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

1002.28930 (TS# 7023.28610)
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Idaho Code 45-1506
Today's date: November 23, 2004 Sale date and time (local time): April 08, 2005 at 10:00 AM Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Property address: 390 Highway 30 East Hansen, ID 83334 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009-0997 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust Information Original Grantor: Terri L. Reichel, an unmarried person Original Trust beneficiary: First Security Bank, N.A. Recording date: September 17, 1998 Recorder's instrument number: 1998-01628 County: Twin Falls Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 23, 2004: \$ 2,000.47 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with 80-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property number is 1998-01628 County: Twin Falls Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls Section 04, Idaho, Section 04. The parcel is in the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter more particularly described as follows: commencing at the North quarter corner (monumented by a 5/8" rebar) there North 89 degrees 30' 56" West for 593.80 feet along the North section line to a point; thence South 0 degrees 29' 04" West (recorded as East 170 degrees 29' 04" West) for 170.00 feet to a 7" rebar on the South right of way of State Highway 30 which shall be the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees 29' 04" West (recorded as West) for 154.00 feet to a 7" rebar. Thence South 89 degrees 30' 56" East for 170.00 feet to a 7" rebar, thence North 89 degrees 30' 56" East for 154.00 feet to a 7" rebar on the South right of way of State Highway 30; thence North 89 degrees 30' 56" West (recorded as North) for 170.00 feet along said South right of way to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. 1002.28930-FE1

April 13, 2005 at 10:00 AM Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Property address: 295 Madison Street Twin Falls, ID 83301 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009-0997 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust Information Original Grantor: Bryan S. Jensen and Kimberly M. Jensen, husband and wife Original Inmate: Alliance Title & Escrow Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Old Kent Mortgage Company d/b/a Republic Mortgage, Michigan Corp. Recording date: July 20, 2001 Recorder's instrument number: 2001-11082 County: Twin Falls Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 30, 2004: \$62,381.79 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with 80-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property number is 2001-11082 County: Twin Falls Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Boise

Loan No: 1003438480 T.S. No.: 04-122010
Notice of Trustee's Sale
On 4/26/2005, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time) in the lobby to First American Title 280 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Stewart Title, as trustee on behalf of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a Federal Reserve Bank, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in full payment of the secured debt, all payable at the office of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, as described as follows: Lot 14 in block 10B, Twin Falls Townsite, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the recorded record of the book of plats, page 7, record of said county. Except the northeast 22 feet thereof. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for the purposes of compliance with section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 445 2nd Avenue South Twin Falls, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with the said real property. 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: Dan E. Hogara, as grantor(s) of First American Title Insurance Company by Alliance Title Company, its duly authorized agent, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a Federally Chartered Savings Bank, as Beneficiary, dated 6/24/2003, recorded 7/27/2003, as instrument No. 2003-02769 and recorded 6/22/2003 in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible, for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust and Note dated 6/24/2003. The monthly payments for Principal, interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$515.41 per month from 7/12/04 through 4/6/2005, and all subsequent payments until the dates of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date is the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust in the amount of \$59,600.00 plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.375% per annum from 6/12/04. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accrued late charges and interest, together with attorney's fees, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security of the lender with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED: December 2, 2004 By: First American Title Insurance Company By: Andrew J. Adams, Vice President Authorized Agent Les Popplitt, Vice President P223799.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On Thursday, the 14th day of April, 2005, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 311 Gooding St., N. Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, James W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in full payment of the secured debt, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and assigned to the Idaho Trustee, Lot 9 in Block 124 OF BUHL TOWNSITE, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK OF PLATS (AT PAGE) 23, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.
The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 423 13th Ave. N, Buhl, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.
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: LARRY J. LAVERTU and SUSAN L. LAVERTU, Husband and Wife, Grantor, to Charles W. Fawcett, Beneficiary, as Successor Trustee, and security of THE IDAHO FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Beneficiary, recorded November 8, 1983 as Instrument No. 850218; Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, and assigned to the Idaho Trustee, Beneficiary, by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on November 10, 1983, as Instrument No. 850323, together with accrued interest and principal payments under the Deed of Trust recorded November 8, 1983, in the amount of \$321.00 each, for the months of April through November, 2004, inclusive; and for each year thereafter until date of sale or reimbursement and (2) the failure to occupy the premises as required by the Addendum to the Deed of Trust. The delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED This 9th day of December, 2004. CHARLES W. FAWCETT, Successor Trustee, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

1002.28938 (TS# 7278.20589)
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Idaho Code 45-1506
Today's date: December 8, 2004 Sale date and time (local time):

Have you checked out the classifieds lately?

We have something for everyone.

The Times-News
Recreation in
Skiing, snowmobiling and
more...

1002.28938 (TS# 7278.20589)
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Idaho Code 45-1506
Today's date: December 8, 2004 Sale date and time (local time):

In the interest of ISABELLA SUZANNA LYNN RAMIREZ, a Child Under Eighteen Years of Age. A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on January 24, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the Magistrate's Court, Cassia County Courthouse, Burley, Idaho. The following individuals shall personally appear at the hearing: VERONICA RAMIREZ, Mother of Child FRANCISCO AGUILLON, Father of Child

PUBLISH: December 16, 23, 30, 2004 and January 6, 2005

PUBLISH: December 16, 23, 30, 2004 and January 6, 2005

50 LEGALS

continued from previous page

The above-named individuals are further notified that they are entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If they are financially unable to retain an attorney, they may apply to the Court prior to the hearing for appointment of counsel December 9, 2004.

PUBLISH December 23 and 30, 2004 and January 6, 2005.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-2004-009075
NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR PUBLICATION
IC § 15-3-801

In the Matter of the Estate of **IDA B. RICEY, Deceased**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kenneth W. Rickey has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

STEPHAN, KWANVING, STONE & TRAINOR, s/Russell G. Kwang Attorneys for Personal Representative
P. O. Box 83
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0083
208-733-2721

PUBLISH: December 23, 2004 and January 6, 2005

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
For Kiefer Buill, LLC

An informational meeting will be held at the Gooding City Hall, 308 5th Ave. West, Gooding, Idaho, 83330 at 7:00 PM, Wednesday January 5th, 2005.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the general public of Kiefer Buill's intention to modify an existing facility at 1045 April-Lane in Gooding, Idaho 83330 for the purpose of manufacturing horses and livestock trailers. This modification will involve the construction of a new building to house the trailers, as well as the installation of two paint booths and a paint kitchen for finishing trailer parts and assemblies.

PUBLISH December 25 and 30, 2004

MAGIC VALLEY STORAGE
1592 Elm Street North, Twin Falls, ID under provisions of Idaho Code 55-2306, will sell at public auction January 20, 2005 at 11 am, or otherwise dispose of the contents belonging to: **ALVAN GRAYBEAL**, last known address is: 6000 N. Glenwood #1828, Garden City, ID 83714. Contents consist of engine, engine dolly, torches, AC gauges, TV, turnmets, misc.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS
Notice is hereby given that four Applications for Transfer have been filed by **RIVER GROVE INC C/O PETER L. & JANE STUBBING**, PO BOX 800: HAILEY ID 83333-0808 with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for changes to water rights

PUBLISH: December 23 and 30, 2004

NOTICE
Pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 67-2343, you are hereby notified that Twin Falls Highway

within Gooding County; Transfer No. 70895 filed on 3/26/2004 and Amended on 10/29/2004 proposes to change the place of use for an existing fish-propagation facility. Portions of the original facility were destroyed and replaced with other ponds in other parts of the property. The re-designed facility does not exceed the volume of the original system. The B portion of this water right used to run directly from the Talbot fish ponds into the River Grove ponds, but now runs back into Billingsley Creek before being diverted through 2 headgates on the River Grove property. The C portion was already diverted this way. This is the last fish-propagation facility on Billingsley Creek, and the points of diversion are about 1/2 mile above the creek mouth. The applicants have also filed Applications for Transfer No. 70879, Transfer No. 70994, and Transfer No. 71587 proposing changes to water rights diverted from Billingsley Creek. For specific details regarding the applications, please contact IDWR Southern Regional Office at 208-735-3033 or visit www.state.id.us/water with email provided under "New Water Right Applications". Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 4-2-22, Idaho Code. Protests against approval must be filed with IDWR, Southern Region, 1341 Fillmore St., Suite 200; Twin Falls, ID 83301 with a protest fee of \$25.00 for RSG application on or before January 10, 2005. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

Karl J. Dreher, Director
PUBLISH: December 23 and 30, 2004

NOTICE
Pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 67-2343, you are hereby notified that Twin Falls Highway

District will hold all 2005 regularly scheduled meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 1:00 continued on next page

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
Case No. CV 2004-5651
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS
In the Matter of: **CHASE W. HEFFLEY, d.o.b. 01/24/93**
BREANNE M. YORSKY, d.o.b. 10/06/98
Children under the age of eighteen.
THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO: ROBERT M. YORSKY
Unknown

A Petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate's Division of the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging the above-named children come within the Court's jurisdiction under the Child Protective Act.

You are hereby directed to appear personally for a Review Hearing at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on March 17, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLISH: December 30, 2004 and January 6, 2005

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On the 6th day of April, 2005, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 280 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, state of Idaho.

First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for certified funds, or the equivalent, which is lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(f) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 15 in Block 2 of **GOLDEN SPUR SUBDIVISION NO. 5**, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 16 of Plats, page 4.

PUBLISH: December 16, 23, 30, 2004 and January 6, 2005

The Idaho Transportation Department, through the Division of Highways, District 4, is offering for sale on a "Sealed Bid Basis" the following items:

ITEM NUMBER DESCRIPTION
S405020 CHEVY LUMINA
S405021 2 WAY PLOW
S405022 1 WAY PLOW
S405023 1 WAY PLOW
S405024 1 WAY PLOW
S405025 1 WAY PLOW
S405026 1 WAY PLOW
S405027 1 WAY PLOW
S405028 1 WAY PLOW
S405029 2 WAY PLOW
S405030 SANDER
S405033 WOODEN POSTS
S405034 AUX FUEL TANK
S403023B AUX FUEL TANK
S403023C AUX FUEL TANK
S403023D AUX FUEL TANK
S403027 'LUCENT' PHONE SYSTEM
S403028 LINCOLN IDEAL-ARC R3R-40 WELDER (3 PHASE POWER)
S403040 3208 CAT ENGINE REBUILT

Contact for the items above will be Mike Praegitzer at 208-886-7880 or Shad Flores at 208-886-7890. These items can be seen at the Shoshone Yard

S405031. USED CATTLE GUARDS

The cattle guards can be seen at the Sublett Yard. Contact Tony Rigby at 208-312-3298. Each item will be sold on a successful bidder take all basis. **THERE ARE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AS TO THE ITEMS OFFERED.** All bids are considered offers to purchase as follows, may be accepted or rejected by the Idaho Transportation Department. Only cash, bank drafts or money orders will be accepted for the sale of these items. Removal of these items, in their entirety, from the premises must be accomplished within thirty business days following date of award. Upon notification of award a \$150.00 deposit, in addition to the amount bid, must be submitted to the Idaho Transportation Department by the successful bidder. The deposit will be returned to successful bidder when the District Business Manager is satisfied the items have been removed to the Department's satisfaction. If items are not removed as required, the deposit will be used to defray any expenses incurred by the Idaho Transportation Department to have the items removed from the premises.

ITEM NUMBER(s) being bid MUST be marked on the outside of the bid envelope, and the envelope must be marked "Sealed Bid."
Bids must be submitted to:
ATTN: Mark Johnson
Idaho Transportation Department
Division of Highways
PO Box 2-A
Shoshone, Idaho 83352
Bids must be received by noon, Tuesday, January 25, 2005, and will be opened at 1:30 p.m., on the same day.
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
BY: DEVIN O. RIGBY
Division of Highways
District Four Engineer

PUBLISH: December 16, 23, 30, 2004 and January 6, 2005

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of \$765.29 per month for the months of May through July, 2004 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$27.73, uncollected late charges are due in the amount of \$83.19, with interest accruing at 7.5% per annum, and continuing to accrue from April 2004. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$77,297.10, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Date: December 2, 2004
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC.
By: Jana M. Arla, Jr. Trust Officer
FA-18392/wm-tnm
First American Title Company of Idaho
Trust Dept. 1-208-375-0455

PUBLISH: December 16, 23, 30, 2004 and January 6, 2005

Knowledge is power
Incredible things happen every day. Reading a newspaper is a great way to experience the action together. With news, sports, weather and even comics, there's something for everyone. So save some time to read a newspaper!

The Times-News
magicvalley.com

It all starts with newspapers.
www.newspaperlinks.com

THIS MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS NEWSPAPER AND THE NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA®

The Walt Disney Company is committed to Reading Together. For more information, log on to www.disneyhand.com/readingtogether

107 LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2813 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, AMENDING TWIN FALLS CITY CODE §§4-1-1 AND 4-1-2 BY ADOPTING THE LATEST EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES WITH RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS...

WHEREAS, The City of Twin Falls must adopt the latest edition of the International Building Code as required by Idaho Code §§4-1-16 and 4-1-2, and the State of Idaho has now adopted the 2003 International Building Code as the latest edition pursuant to Idaho Code §§4-1-109 and 4-1-110...

Section 1. That Twin Falls City Code §4-1-1 is amended as follows: 4-1-1. ADOPTION OF CODES. The latest editions of the following documents are adopted as the official building codes of the city...

Section 2. That Twin Falls City Code §4-1-2 is amended as follows: 4-1-2. PERMITS. The following amendments shall be applicable to the codes adopted: Section 403.2.7.2 of the International Building Code is amended by adding the paragraph: 'Exception: Automatic sprinkler systems are not required in 3 or 4 unit Group B buildings.'

Section 403.2.7.3 of the International Building Code is amended to include that the minimum uniformly distributed roof design snow load shall be 25 psf. The live load of 10 psf in uninhabitable areas without a ceiling of residential areas need not be simultaneously applied with this minimum roof snow load.

108 PROFESSIONAL

BANKRUPTCY Competitive rates for Chapter 7 bankruptcies. Joli Stokert at 208-733-9453

BANKRUPTCY Inexpensive, Williams Law. 736-9999

BANKRUPTCY Affordable payment plan. Accidents, divorce & child support. Grad Rice at 208-734-3367

BANKRUPTCY Guaranteed, lowest price. Billing Issues. Call 1-866-888-2399

LITTLE TIGGERS CHILD CARE Location between Twin Falls and Filer. Call 208-316-2260

EMPLOYMENT

Customer Supplements to the IBC-IECC and the adopted parts of the IRC-IECC and the Uniform Code for Building Conservation. Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous International Mechanical Code, except sections 406 (Permits), 407 (Inspections and Testing)...

Section 2. That Twin Falls City Code §4-1-2 is amended as follows: 4-1-2. PERMITS. The following amendments shall be applicable to the codes adopted: Section 403.2.7.2 of the International Building Code is amended by adding the paragraph: 'Exception: Automatic sprinkler systems are not required in 3 or 4 unit Group B buildings.'

Section 403.2.7.3 of the International Building Code is amended to include that the minimum uniformly distributed roof design snow load shall be 25 psf. The live load of 10 psf in uninhabitable areas without a ceiling of residential areas need not be simultaneously applied with this minimum roof snow load.

ASKING QUESTIONS

DENTAL Dental Hygienist needed 3 1/2 days per week, possible full-time later. Salary DOE. Call for appointment 208-736-3907.

DRIVER Drivers needed. Must have Class A CDL. Local & 7 western. Experience preferred. Call Joe at 731-8400

DRIVERS Tanker drivers needed for the Twin Falls area, pulling doublets. Clean driving record. Local and long haul also needed. Circle A Construction 208-731-1045

DRIVERS We have the miles if you have the motivation! Sales, Rentals, 48 States. Walking floors 20 states. Health insurance, vacation pay & safety bonus are available. Solo, Team, Retail. Call 734-9062 between 8am-5pm

LAW ENFORCEMENT The Shoshone Police Department is now accepting applications for the position of patrolman. Applications are available at the Shoshone City Hall 207 S. 5th West, Shoshone, ID, 83352 or phone 208-886-2030.

Graphic Design The Times-News is seeking an individual with experience in computer graphics design to work in our Twin Falls office. The successful candidate will design advertisements and possess the ability to maintain quality control of ad production from start to finish, strong typing and creative design skills are a must.

DRIVER D&D Transportation Services GOODING, IDAHO Seeking qualified CDL/A drivers with clean driving record. Pay scale up to 35¢ per mile depending on experience and driving record.

DRIVER Gilmer Milk Transportation OTR - Flat rate of 35¢ per mile, Full-time, Class A CDL, required, vans & trailers. Family insurance and 401k. Call 324-3515 between 9-3 p.m. weekdays

Surprise Express 1-800-635-0925 COMPANY DRIVERS Owner/Operators Deluxe Late Model Equipment Weekly Settlements Holiday & Vacation Pay Health Insurance - 401K

109 LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2813 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, AMENDING TWIN FALLS CITY CODE §§4-1-1 AND 4-1-2 BY ADOPTING THE LATEST EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES WITH RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS...

Section 1. That Twin Falls City Code §4-1-1 is amended as follows: 4-1-1. ADOPTION OF CODES. The latest editions of the following documents are adopted as the official building codes of the city...

Section 2. That Twin Falls City Code §4-1-2 is amended as follows: 4-1-2. PERMITS. The following amendments shall be applicable to the codes adopted: Section 403.2.7.2 of the International Building Code is amended by adding the paragraph: 'Exception: Automatic sprinkler systems are not required in 3 or 4 unit Group B buildings.'

Section 403.2.7.3 of the International Building Code is amended to include that the minimum uniformly distributed roof design snow load shall be 25 psf. The live load of 10 psf in uninhabitable areas without a ceiling of residential areas need not be simultaneously applied with this minimum roof snow load.

WATCH YOUR INCOME RISE EVERY MORNING! Business Opportunities The Times-News has always dedicated itself to enhancing our delivery service for our customers. If you are very organized, self motivated, and enjoy working unsupervised, then we have the perfect business opportunity for you.

LOW, LOW, LOW USED CAR PRICES!

'98 PLYMOUTH BREEZE	STOCK #945T..... WAS \$4995 NOW \$1988	'00 FORD WINDSTAR	STOCK #H120..... WAS \$14995 NOW \$1188
'96 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN	STOCK #G993..... WAS \$5995 NOW \$2688	'99 CHEVROLET 1500 CLUB CAB 4X4	STOCK #H207..... WAS \$14995 NOW \$1888
'96 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER	STOCK #H253..... WAS \$5995 NOW \$2988	'99 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN	STOCK #G836..... WAS \$14995 NOW \$1288
'96 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER	STOCK #H303..... WAS \$6995 NOW \$3288	'00 VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE	STOCK #7761..... WAS \$14995 NOW \$1488
'99 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	STOCK #459T..... WAS \$6995 NOW \$3888	'04 CHEVY CLASSIC	STOCK #605T..... WAS \$15995 NOW \$1688
'00 FORD FOCUS	STOCK #779T..... WAS \$6995 NOW \$3988	'02 MERCURY SABLE	STOCK #4495..... WAS \$14995 NOW \$1788
'00 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER	STOCK #H373..... WAS \$6995 NOW \$3988	'01 CHEVY CAMARO	STOCK #227T..... WAS \$15995 NOW \$1888
'99 PONTIAC GRAND AM	STOCK #895T..... WAS \$7995 NOW \$4188	'99 DODGE DAKOTA CC	STOCK #G985..... WAS \$14995 NOW \$1888
'98 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN	STOCK #G979..... WAS \$7995 NOW \$4288	'03 DODGE CARAVAN	STOCK #G971..... WAS \$16995 NOW \$1888
'96 ISUZU TROOPER LTD.	STOCK #H347..... WAS \$7995 NOW \$4588	'02 FORD WINDSTAR	STOCK #G778..... WAS \$16995 NOW \$1288
'96 CADILLAC DEVILLE	STOCK #383T..... WAS \$7995 NOW \$4788	'01 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY	STOCK #G987..... WAS \$16995 NOW \$12788
'98 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY	STOCK #H285..... WAS \$7995 NOW \$4788	'01 CHEVY S-10 CC 4X4	STOCK #G845..... WAS \$16995 NOW \$13588
'99 BUICK CENTURY	STOCK #3565..... WAS \$7995 NOW \$4788	'02 VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE	STOCK #806T..... WAS \$17995 NOW \$13788
'00 CHEVROLET MALIBU	STOCK #684T..... WAS \$8995 NOW \$5188	'00 FORD F250 CLUB CAB DIESEL	STOCK #H283..... WAS \$17995 NOW \$14188
'99 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX	STOCK #7805..... WAS \$7995 NOW \$5488	'03 HYUNDAI TIBURON FX4	STOCK #902T..... WAS \$17995 NOW \$14188
'98 TOYOTA CAMRY	STOCK #947T..... WAS \$9995 NOW \$6188	'03 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE GS	STOCK #892T..... WAS \$18995 NOW \$14988
'00 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN	STOCK #G831..... WAS \$10995 NOW \$7188	'04 CHRYSLER PT. CRUISER	STOCK #807T..... WAS \$18995 NOW \$15288
'99 DODGE CLUB CAB DAKOTA	STOCK #G985..... WAS \$10995 NOW \$7288	'03 FORD WINDSTAR	STOCK #G833..... WAS \$18995 NOW \$15488
'98 CHEVROLET TAHOE	STOCK #H378..... WAS \$11995 NOW \$8688	'02 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE	STOCK #H161..... WAS \$18995 NOW \$15888
'03 PONTIAC GRAND AM	STOCK #737T..... WAS \$12995 NOW \$8988	'01 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE	STOCK #G789..... WAS \$19995 NOW \$16388
'04 CHEVY CAVALIER	STOCK #766T..... WAS \$13995 NOW \$9188	'04 CHEVY BLAZER	STOCK #G661..... WAS \$21995 NOW \$17488
'00 CHRYSLER 300M	STOCK #751T..... WAS \$13995 NOW \$9488	'03 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER	STOCK #H133..... WAS \$22995 NOW \$18788
'01 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY	STOCK #G987..... WAS \$12995 NOW \$9588	'02 DODGE DURANGO	STOCK #G52T..... WAS \$22995 NOW \$18988
'99 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4	STOCK #G992..... WAS \$14995 NOW \$9988	'03 FORD EXPLORER	STOCK #G673..... WAS \$24995 NOW \$19788
'00 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN	STOCK #G831..... WAS \$13995 NOW \$10188	'01 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY	STOCK #H126..... WAS \$23995 NOW \$19988
'99 CHEVROLET TAHOE	STOCK #G853..... WAS \$13995 NOW \$10488	'03 CHEVY 1500 QC 4X4	STOCK #H149..... WAS \$26995 NOW \$21688
'04 DODGE NEON	STOCK #809T..... WAS \$13995 NOW \$10788	'04 OLDS BRAVADA	STOCK #G659..... WAS \$26995 NOW \$21988

LATHAM

• CHRYSLER • DODGE • DODGE TRUCK • JEEP

510 2nd Ave. S. • Twin Falls, Idaho • 733-5776
Toll Free 1-866-298-2500 www.lathammotors.com

EMPLOYMENT

DRIVERS
Giltner Trucking.
Local milk haul
401K, medical & insurance. Attn Clyde.
Call 324-3516.

MECHANIC
Full-time experienced diesel mechanic position for local trucking company. Please call 733-7200 or 208-678-7600.

MECHANIC
Local farm needs experienced truck mechanic. Salary DOE. Please call or fax resume to 208-432-5472.

MEDICAL
Experienced qualified person to work with mentally handicapped individuals. 4 year degree required.
PERSONNEL PLUS
www.personnelinc.com
208-733-7200 or 208-678-4040

MEDICAL
Psychiatric Services is looking for the following position:
•Psycho Social Rotator
Must have 1 year experience and BS degree in related field. The above position offers flexible schedules and a competitive wage.
Please contact Julie Mon-Thurs at 732-0995 EEOC

NEED A PART TIME JOB?
Keep your civilian job or stay a full-time student, and be a part-time soldier in the Army National Guard.
•Earn extra money!
•We pay for college!
•Stay in your community!
•Serve your country!
Call today if you are willing to work part-time while attending high school, college, or pursuing a civilian career.
Call: SSQ, Issacs 208-288-3854 or 1-800-GO-GUARD

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY SUBSTITUTES
Would you like to earn extra cash delivering The Times-News, but not committed to a week?
The Times-News is currently looking for dependable, motivated people in the area to deliver routes as independent Contractors on an as-needed basis.
Call today for more information about this opportunity. 735-3302.

OFFICE
Office manager ag. related industry. Bilingual necessary. Must have accounting and bookkeeping experience. Truck books, refs. necessary. Salary DOE. Call 280-2943 or 208-653-2337.

PRESS TRAINEE
The Times-News is looking for a trainee to work part-time in the pressroom. This person will learn the set up and functions of our Urbanite press. Hours are primarily 8 p.m. to 3 a.m., including weekends.
Send resume and references to:
The Times-News, Attn: Mary Karren, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303
Email: mary.karren@tee.net

PROFESSIONAL
Psycho-social rehab specialists. B.A. in Social Science. \$18/hour to start. Call 208-878-9350

RECEPTIONIST
Full-time needed for local home building company. Must be organized able to multi-task and experienced in Microsoft office. Send resume to PO Box 5162 Twin Falls, ID 83303

RESTAURANT
Kitchen help needed, apply in person.
Montana Steak House
1828 Canyon Crest

RESTAURANT
Cocktail waitress & bartender needed. Must be 19 yrs. Bartender, need good must be 21 yrs. Apply Monday 10:00am-7:15am at 413 Main St. Gooding, ID. See Tarreska. PT & FT positions avail.

CURRENT WALKING ROUTES AVAILABLE

New Year Special
Sign on as a carrier now and receive a higher profit.

TWIN FALLS
RT 713
1100-1600 Juniper
1100-1300 Locust St. North
RT 716
800-900 Rimview
2200-2400 Filer Ave
RT 729
1000-1500 6th Ave
100-600 Ash St.
RT 743
100-300 Juniper St.
N
1700-1800 Maplewood Dr.
RT 754
1200-1500 Wilmore Ave.
700-900 Walnut St. N
RT 786
1500-2200 Falls Avenue East
1800-2000 Filer Ave
RT 787
1800-2000 Alturas Dr
1800-2000 Hayburn RT 794
1300-1800 Tarhe Dr
RT 833
100-500 Harrison St.
100-500 Van Bruen St.
N
841
100-500 Buchanan St.
700-900 Filer Ave
KIMBERLY
RT 554
300-800 Taylor St W
100-500 Elm St. N
RT 557
200-900 Center St.
200-700 Jefferson St.

SALES
Advertising Representative
Position Open Ag Weekly Farm Times Has an immediate opening for an sales representative. The ideal candidate will have sales & management experience and an agriculture background. Candidates with college degree in business, agribusiness or advertising will be preferred. If you would like to work for the Intermountain West's largest agricultural newspaper, send your resume to:
Ag Weekly
Attn: Janet Goffin
PO Box 548
Twin Falls, ID.
83303-0548
janet.goffin@tee.net

WELDERS
Barclay Mechanical in Paul, ID is hiring experienced Welders. Pipefitters and Mill Wrights. Apply in person. 400 S. Hwy 25 Paul, ID
All applicants subject to pre-employment drug testing

ROUTES AVAILABLE

The Times-News is currently looking for Independent Route Carriers

GOODING
Route 500
500-800 7th Ave. W.
300-500 Utah Street

Route 501
300-700 Oregon St.
300-500 Illinois St.

Route 503
200-700 Montana St.
200-700 Wyoming St.

Route 504
500-800 8th Ave. E.
500-800 9th Ave. E.

Route 507
100-300 Nebraska St.
100-200 Michigan St.

Route 508
1000-1200 Montana
700-1200 Main St.

Motor Route 609

JEROME
Route 522
300-800 E Avenue B
100-800 E. Main St.

Route 537
100-700 E. Avenue H
300-700 E. Avenue F

SHOSHONE
Route 413
200-500 S. Apple
200-500 W. S. St.

Route 416
200-700 W. 7th St.
100-500 N. Apple

SHOSHONE
Motor Route 660

If you live in these areas and are interested in being a newspaper carrier...
Please contact
Kathy, District Mgr.
735-3348

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Don't pay to find work before you get the job. For more information about avoiding employment service scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C., 20580, or call the Federal Trade Information Center, 1-800-876-7080.

217 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Federal employment information is free. Remember, no one can promise you a federal job. For free information about federal jobs, call Career America Connection, 478-757-5000.

218 TIMES NEWS CARRIERS

ALTERNATE DELIVERY
The Times-News is looking for individuals as interested in delivering sample newspapers or alternative products to households in the Twin Falls and surrounding area. These positions are independent contractor positions and deliveries are typically made during the day and require use of a personal car and transportation and are compensated on a per-delivery basis. If you are interested in these flexible opportunities, please fill out an Independent Contractor Application Form at 132 Fairfield Street West, Twin Falls.

NEW 2004 Volkswagen Touareg

Year End Clearance!

5 in stock

starting at \$34,988

• 16 Engine
• Cruise Control
• 81-Ton Hoodlamps
• 12-Way Power Seat
• Wood Trim
• Premium Sound System

Drivers wanted

1534 S. Blue Lakes • Twin Falls
735-3900
www.conpaulos.com
Source: M-F 9-7; Sat 9:30-6

Blue Lakes • Ford — Blue Lakes • Ford — Blue Lakes • Ford — Blue Lakes • Ford

The ONE PRICE SALE

All 2004's Must Go!

First Come, First Serve!

<p>Every</p>  <p>6 to Choose From</p> <p>\$19,993</p>	<p>Every</p>  <p>2 to Choose From</p> <p>\$21,993</p>
<p>Every</p>  <p>7 to Choose From</p> <p>\$21,993</p>	<p>Every</p>  <p>4 to Choose From</p> <p>\$26,993</p>
<p>Every</p>  <p>10 to Choose From</p> <p>\$30,993</p>	<p>Every</p>  <p>8 to Choose From</p> <p>\$31,993</p>

Does not include tax, title, doc fees. All prices after rebates. Pictures for illustration purposes only.

PICK YOUR PAYMENT ON THESE CERTIFIED USED VEHICLES

Your Choice Only \$169 Per Month			
2004 CHEVROLET CLASSIC 4DR #8202	1999 DODGE DURANGO #574189A	2004 FORD TAURUS 4DR #8189	2003 FORD WINDSTAR #9312A
2004 DODGE NEON 4DR #8203	1998 CHEVY MONTE CARLO #515011A	2003 FORD FOCUS 4DR #8198	2003 MITSUBISHI MONTERO SPORT #403014A
2002 FORD TAURUS 4DR #8166	1997 MITSUBISHI DIAMONTE #403001A	2004 FORD FOCUS V6 #644034A	2003 MITSUBISHI MONTERO SPORT #403014A
2003 FORD FOCUS 4DR #534041B	1997 FORD MUSTANG GT #634028B	Your Choice Only \$199 Per Month	
2004 PT CRUISER #9329	2004 FORD TAURUS 4DR #8189	Your Choice Only \$249 Per Month	
2004 FORD FOCUS 4DR #8198	2003 FORD WINDSTAR #9312A	2004 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER #9332	2003 NISSAN FRONTIER 4DR #574131B
2004 FORD MUSTANG V6 #644034A	2003 MITSUBISHI MONTERO SPORT #403014A	2004 MITSUBISHI MONTERO #9331	2002 FORD EXPLORER XLT #9330A
Your Choice Only \$249 Per Month			
2004 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER #9332	2003 NISSAN FRONTIER 4DR #574131B	2004 FORD RANGER X-CAB #554003A	2002 FORD F-150 X-CAB 4X4 #564048A
2004 MITSUBISHI MONTERO #9331	2002 FORD EXPLORER XLT #9330A	2004 FORD FREESTAR #9340	2001 LINCOLN TOWNCAR #404001A
2004 FORD RANGER X-CAB #554003A	2002 FORD F-150 X-CAB 4X4 #564048A	2003 TOYOTA CAMRY #564209A	2001 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE #9325
2004 FORD FREESTAR #9340	2001 LINCOLN TOWNCAR #404001A	2000 FORD EXPEDITION 4X4 #9337	
2003 TOYOTA CAMRY #564209A	2001 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE #9325	2000 FORD EXPEDITION 4X4 #9337	

Printed on 12/24/04 7:21 AM FAX# 208-736-5538 10/9 APR 1000 to 2000 © 2004 Ford Motor Company. All rights reserved. 2007 and 2008 are trademarks of Ford Motor Company. Pictures for illustration purposes only.

BLUE LAKES

1243 Blue Lakes Blvd., N., Twin Falls

208.736.2480

1.800.473.5797

Your Superstore and More

www.bigdirect.com

Blue Lakes • Ford — Blue Lakes • Ford — Blue Lakes • Ford — Blue Lakes • Ford

218 TIMES NEWS CARRIERS

EDUCATION

CURRENT MOTOR ROUTES AVAILABLE

BELLEVUE/HAYLEY KETCHUM
Both Carrier & Substitutes needed

If you live in these areas and would like to be a carrier. Please contact Kathy, District Mgr. 725-3348

Classifieds

It pays to read the fine print.

Call Twin Falls 733-0931 or Burley 677-4042

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE

Selling property? Don't pay any fees until it's sold. For free information about avoiding timeshare and real estate scams, write to: Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C., 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-676-7060.

NEWSPAPER

Earn extra \$\$ in your spare time. If you are a highly motivated self-starter looking to earn some extra money in your spare time, then this could be a great opportunity for you!

The Times-News is looking for individuals interested in selling newspaper subscriptions as Independent Contractors. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call Kent at 208-735-3302

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians; pregnant women and people seeking or securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD Toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The Toll-free telephone number for hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

ROUTES AVAILABLE

NEW YEAR SPECIAL

Sign on as a carrier. Now and receive a higher profit.

RT 623
Buhl Motor Route Available in January TWIN FALLS
RT 803
1100-1300 Valencia 100-300 El Camino Ave.
RT 822
Earns \$75-\$80
33 Customers
400-800 2nd Ave E
200-700 4th Ave E.
RT 823
Earns \$70-\$75
32 Customers
100-500 7th Ave E
200-600 8th Ave E
RT 824
Earns \$50-\$55
24 Customers
200-600 5th Ave E
200-500 6th Ave E
RT 832
100-400 Jackson St.
100-500 Quincy St.
RT 842
100-300 10th Ave N.
100-300 Lincoln St.
RT 852
700-900 Meadows Dr.
600-900 Washington St N.
RT 853
700-600 Quincy St.
700-900 Academic Dr.

FILER

RT. 553
100-200 Ransley Dr.
100-400 Davis
RT. 569
1400-1600 Enn Way
730-82 Midway St.
Please contact Amy District Mgr. 208-735-3347
Approximate 4 week earnings based on current customer count *

HOMES FOR SALE

FAX OR EMAIL

Your Ad To

THE TIMES-NEWS CLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT

Twin Falls 208-734-5538
mgvalley.com

INVESTMENT REAL ESTATE

3978 N.1500 E. \$54,000. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath.
422 Clover Ln. \$88,000. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, on acreage. 2354 E. 2600 W. \$75,900. 3 bedroom, 2 bath on acreage. 2222 E. 3250 N. \$68,500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath.
1758 Glendale Ave. Great Location! \$77,828. 3 bedroom 1 bath. 537 9th St. Burley \$49,900. 3 bedroom, 1 bath.
Suzie Richardson Associate Broker Canyonside Realty Call 208-420-3765. suzie@suzie richardson.com or suzie richardson.com*

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE

Big profits usually mean big risks. Before you do business with a company, check it out with the Better Business Bureau. For free information about avoiding investment scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C., 20580, or call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-676-7060.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

BUSINESSES AVAILABLE

Cooper Norman Business Brokers & Advisors

Keys to Success www.cnba.com 208-733-6581

CONCESSION Business. Turn Key. For information call 208-890-8971.

LIQUOR LICENSE for sale. Good in City of Burley and North Burley. Best offer. Call 208-436-4365.

DRACO INVESTMENT CORP. CASH for Deeds of Trust, Mortgages and Real Estate Contracts. Call today for a free, no-obligation quote. (208)733-3821

Read The Classifieds Every Day!

502 HOMES FOR SALE

BUHL COUNTRY SCENE
 • Beautiful country home, 3500 sq.ft. with 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, great room, covered patio/deck, 12.84 acres with 11 acres of alfalfa. GREAT PLACE FOR HORSE OWNERS! \$285,000
ROBERT JONES REALTY
 733-0404

BUHL Small 2 bdrm., 1 bath country setting-city sewer. Great starter or rental. 543-5908.

HANSEN 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large lot, fenced yard, newly remodeled. \$68,500. Call 208-423-5445 or 208-423-4565 or 208-538-6093.

HAGERMAN 2 bdrm., 1 1/2 bath cottage. 90x150 lot at edge of town. Call 208-837-6092.

SHOSHONE North, 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Mature trees, barn, corral w/ or w/ 150 acres. Lots of potential! Call 208-888-9845.

HOME INSPECTIONS 2000+ since 1993. Bill Baker. 208-326-5115.

516 MOBILE HOMES
BUHL & JEROME newer, manufactured homes for sale with financing for qualified buyers. 2 and 3 bedroom units. Must remain in our parks. Call 208-543-8342.

519 CEMETERY LOTS
SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK Twin Falls, (2) lots. Asking \$2,500. Current value \$3,650. Call 208-773-2862.

FILER One large bedroom, 2 bath. New carpet, windows and door. Call 208-543-8342.
GOODING 2 bedroom. \$475 month. First and last deposit included. \$475 mo. + dep. 208-734-3805. No msg.
GOODING 2 bdrm., clean, nice yard. No smoking/pets. Call 208-543-8342 or 208-773-9339 evenings.
GOODING 3 bdrm., \$500 + dep. 423 Montana. 4plex. 736-0322

magicvalley.com
 The Times-News

Visit us online and check out Magic Valley area homes. Click on Real Estate.



Paul DeMeule Century 21 Greater Valley Properties
 Judy Holland Magic Valley Realty
 Lynn Rasmussen Gem State Realty



MAGIC VALLEY REALTORS ONLINE

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm., 1 bath. 2 family rms., carport. W/D included. Corner lot \$109,000. 183 Caswell 208-420-1212.

TWIN FALLS Country acreage S of TF. 3 bdrm., 2 bath, woodstove, heat pump & AC, new paint, new flooring, beautiful view. Attached dbl. garage, on 1.25 acres. Nice shop, horse shed fenced area. Call 539-1877. \$129,900

TWIN FALLS 5/2 Like new! 2050 sq. ft. split level, 7 acres. Fenced with water, deck with view South Hqs. Won't last! Only \$156,900. 731-2033/738-4645.

TWIN FALLS FORECLOSURES FINDER UPERS From List www.TwinFallsForeclosures.com

TWIN FALLS \$175,000. Great North-east location on this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on extra large lot. Beautiful deck with new hot tub. Call Ron Freeman 420-8419 or Kathy Partridge 420-0084. M L S # 1 1 2 3 4 8 P C 0731

TWIN FALLS Great neighborhood. Morningside/O'Leary schools. 4 bdrm. 2.5 bath, 1850 sq. ft. seller will pay closing cost. \$149,900. 208-734-7107. 2853 Elizabeth Blvd

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm., 1 bath. 2 family rms., carport. W/D included. Corner lot \$109,000. 183 Caswell 208-420-1212.

TWIN FALLS 5/2 Like new! 2050 sq. ft. split level, 7 acres. Fenced with water, deck with view South Hqs. Won't last! Only \$156,900. 731-2033/738-4645.

TWIN FALLS FORECLOSURES FINDER UPERS From List www.TwinFallsForeclosures.com

TWIN FALLS \$175,000. Great North-east location on this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on extra large lot. Beautiful deck with new hot tub. Call Ron Freeman 420-8419 or Kathy Partridge 420-0084. M L S # 1 1 2 3 4 8 P C 0731

TWIN FALLS Great neighborhood. Morningside/O'Leary schools. 4 bdrm. 2.5 bath, 1850 sq. ft. seller will pay closing cost. \$149,900. 208-734-7107. 2853 Elizabeth Blvd

515 ACRES AND LOTS
BUHL 6+ Acres with a view. Call Corinne 208-5362 537,500.
BARKER REALTORS 543-4377.

HAGERMAN Building lot \$19,500. Call 208-539-7426.

KANSAS 23 irrigated 1/4 at \$1,400 an acre in 3 tracts. Good water, new systems. Good crop bases. Fax 805-925-2677 or call 316-841-3333.

SHOSHONE North 6.5 areas with irrigation, pond, \$26,000. Owner will finance with 10% down. Call 731-0103.

515 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
TWIN FALLS \$975,000. Commercial Investment! Must see to appreciate. Two 8000 sq. ft. buildings each with 4 overhead doors plus office. One vintage home currently rented, one more house, and one office building. Call Carolyn Cutler 420-3381 or go to CarolynCutler.com. M L S # 105136

RENTALS
THE TIMES-NEWS Department Classified Service Representatives are available from 8:00am - 5:30 pm Monday - Friday
 • Call our offices in Twin Falls 733-0301 ext. 2 or Burley 677-4042.

602 UNFURNISHED HOUSES

TWIN FALLS 1994 Firewood singlewide. COMPLETELY REMODELED. All new appliances. Already on wheels. ready to MOVE! \$15,900/dollar. Call 208-734-7393.

BUHL 3 bedroom, 2 bath, mobile homes, no pets, long term. \$500 month + deposit. Call 208-543-8342.

BUHL Cozy 2 bdrm., gas heat, W/D hook up, no appliances, storage, \$375. **TWIN FALLS** Quiet 3 bdrm mobile home, new carpet, appls., storage, \$550. **VERY NICE** neighborhood 3 bdrm., 2 bath, approx. 1500 sq. ft., garage, fireplace, gas heat, fenced yard, \$950. **CORNER LOT** 2 bdrm, appls, garage, fenced yard, \$550. The Mgmt. 733-0739.

JEROME Extra nice large, 3 bdrm., 2 bath, dbl. wide on quiet lot. \$495 mo. No pets. Rets. 208-326-5887.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm., 2 bath, mobile homes, nice family homes, good location & close to schools. *****
 2 bdrm., 2 bath, gas fireplace appl. \$600 month + deposit. Call Lyle 208-731-6589.

Read The Classifieds Every Day!

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm., 2 bath, mobile homes, nice family homes, good location & close to schools. *****
 2 bdrm., 2 bath, gas fireplace appl. \$600 month + deposit. Call Lyle 208-731-6589.

TOYOTA
 The Biggest Event is Finally Here
 #1 Passenger Car Brand In America

NEW 2005 CAMRY LE
 \$18,980
 1000 CASH BACK... 1.9% 36mos. 2.9% 48mos. 3.9% 60mos

NEW 2005 SIENNA CE
 \$23,980

NEW 2005 4RUNNER
 \$29,980
 1000 CASH BACK... 3.9% 60mos

NEW 2005 TUNDRA ACCESS CAB 4X4
 \$28,880
 1000 CASH BACK... 1.9% 36mos

NEW 2005 COROLLA CE \$228 MONTH*
 CD • AUTO • AIR • CRUISE
 • POWER LOCKS • 18 MPG

TOYOTA
 #1 Passenger Car Brand In America

CHECK OUT OUR SELECTION OF USED - ALL PRICED TO SELL!

1991 BUICK REGAL LTD 4DR • 3.8 V6 • PWR EQUIP! \$2,880	1990 FORD TAURUS SE 3.0L V6 • PWR WINDOWS • KEYLESS ENTRY \$4,880	1996 FORD WINDSTAR GL VAN 7 PASSENGER • REAR AIR • 16K MILES • VERY NICE! \$5,880	2000 DODGE STRATUS SE 4DR 4 CYLINDER • PWR WINDOWS \$6,880	1997 CHEVY BLAZER LS 4WD • A REAL NICE ONE! \$6,880	1999 TOYOTA CAMRY LE AUTO • AIR • PWR WINDOWS • CD • ABS \$6,980	1999 FORD TAURUS SE 24 VALVE V6 • LOADED • 70K MILES \$6,980
2001 OLDS ALERO 4DR AUTO • AIR • ALLOYS • PWR WINDOWS 4 CYLINDER • CRUISE \$7,980	1999 TOYOTA CAMRY LE AUTO • PWR WINDOWS, LOCKS & MIRRORS • TILT • CRUISE • AIR CONDITIONING \$7,980	1994 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4X4 LS • 5.7L V8 • ALLOYS • CD • SHARPI \$7,980	2000 TOYOTA COROLLA CE AUTO • AIR • CRUISE • PWR WINDOWS \$8,880	1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LTD V8 • LEATHER • THIS IS A NICE ONE! \$8,880	1991 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER SUNROOF • 8 PASSENGER • ALLOY WHEELS \$8,980	1998 DODGE DURANGO SIT LOADED! 3RD SEAT • SHARPI \$9,480
1996 GMC 1500 XCAB 4X4 SLE • SHELL • 5.7 VORTEC • ALLOYS \$9,880	2002 PONTIAC GRAND AM SE 4DR • 4 CYLINDER • AUTO • PWR WINDOWS \$9,980	1996 GMC SUBURBAN 2500 4X4 SLE • 7.4 VORTEC • LOADED! \$10,880	2001 PONTIAC MONTANA VAN 3.4 V6 • ABS • CD • KEYLESS ENTRY REAR SEAT \$12,880	2001 OLDSMOBILE AURORA FWD • TRACTION CONTROL • LEATHER • V8 \$12,980	2000 HONDA V6 ACCORD EX MODEL WITH SUNROOF AND LEATHER! \$14,980	2004 TOYOTA COROLLA LE AUTO • CD • KEYLESS ENTRY PWR WINDOWS • CRUISE \$14,980
2002 VOLKSWAGEN BUG TDI TURBO DIESEL • 33K MILES • 49MPG! \$15,780	2002 TOYOTA RAV4 FWD • AUTO • PWR WINDOWS • CD • 34K MILES! \$15,880	2003 TOYOTA CAMRY LE PWR SEAT • KEYLESS ENTRY • CD \$15,980	2002 FORD RANGER SCAB 4X4 XLT • AUTO • ONLY 4,000 MILES! \$15,980	2002 VOLVO S40 4DR TURBO SUNROOF • LEATHER • BEAUTIFUL! \$15,980	2004 SCION XB 210 CHOICE FROM "YOUR CHOICE!" \$16,980	2002 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO • 4.0 ACYCLINDER • PWR SEATS \$16,980
2003 MAZDA MIATA CONVERTIBLE SILVER METALLIC • 16K MILES • LOOKS NEW! \$16,980	2004 TOYOTA CAMRY LE'S CHOOSE FROM 51 • YOUR CHOICE! \$17,780	2002 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER 4X4 LS • CD • ALLOYS • CLEAN! \$17,980	2002 FORD F-150 S-CAB 4X4 XLT • 5.4 V8 • BEACH SEAT • 20K MILES! \$19,980	2001 TOYOTA 4RUNNER SR5 SUNROOF • CD • ALLOYS • VERY NICE! \$21,980	2004 GMC SIENNA XCAB 4X4 2002 DIESEL • SLE • SEE AND DRIVE! \$22,480	2003 TOYOTA TUNDRA SCAB 4X4 OFF ROAD Pkg • 29K MILES • 100K WARRANTY! \$23,380
2003 CHEVY SILVERADO LS 4X4 AUTO • 5.3 V8 • KEYLESS ENTRY • SHARPI! \$22,980	2000 LEXUS RX300 AWD LEATHER • SUNROOF • HAS IT ALL! \$23,980	2004 TOYOTA SIENNA VAN NEW BODY STYLE • 100K MILE WARRANTY! \$24,980	2004 HONDA PILOT 4X4 3RD SEAT • 12K MILES • ALLOYS • CD \$26,980	2002 FORD F-250 CREW CAB 4X4 SUPERDUTY • PWR SEAT DIESEL • 6-SPD • LOADED! \$30,980	2001 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER SHARPI TOYOTA'S ULTIMATE SPORT UTILITY! \$34,980	2004 TOYOTA SEQUOIA SR5 4X4 V8 • 8 PASSENGER • ONLY 13K MILES! \$35,980

"Real discounts from real prices."
WILLSTOYOTA
 "58 years of treating you, the customer, right."
 236 SHOSHONE STREET WEST • TWIN FALLS • 733-2891 • 1-800-621-5247 • WWW.WILLSTOYOTA.COM



Fall for These Savings

Classified Line Ads

4 LINES \$14

10 DAYS

For items under or adding up to \$1000 (Maximum of 4 items)
\$2 each additional line. Private Party only. Merchandise only.

The Times-News Call 733-0931 Ext.2 or 677-4042
magvalley.com

712 MISC. AG
Place your ad Online...
Now you can Log on to
www.magvalley.com
and place your classified line ad! Click on the Classified section.

Advertise your business in The AG Business & Service Directory and...
Grow your Business!
To find out more call Classifieds @ 208-733-0931 ext 2 or 800-858-3883

REFRIGERATOR FREEZER 2 door, 3125. Call 733-5913
REFRIGERATOR Amana, used, beige. Great condition. \$200/offer. Call 404-3574 to see.

809 FIREWOOD
COAL Stoker & Lump Delivered you haul. Moore's Inc. 423-5533.

810 FURNITURE & CARPETS
BED awesome! Love! Peds in canopy. King size. New \$1,200, asking \$600. Baker's Park, metal and wood. Pier 1 dish set. Call 208-420-1878.

812 AUCTIONS & AUCTIONEERS
BILL DOWNS AUCTION SERVICE (208) 467-1712
www.downdown.com
Committed to Excellence!

817 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
AMPLIFIER Peavey Bass Mark III series 400 BH, 1810 bass and closure, max power 200 watts. \$550/offer. 208-934-8966.

824 GUNS AND RIFLES
CHARLES DALY'S 1/2 12 gauge pump. \$300. Call 733-5938 days.
REEMING Woods-master model 742, semi automatic 30-06. \$300. Call 208-324-9516 or 208-339-0781.

716 AG BUSINESS & SERVICE
Place your ad Online...
Now you can Log on to
www.magvalley.com
and place your classified line ad! Click on the Classified section.

TELESCOPE See the Christmas comet Meade, Model DS-270AT, 70 mm (2.8") with Autostar computer controller. Perfect condition! \$275. 208-324-6554.

805 ELECTRONICS
TELESCOPE See the Christmas comet Meade, Model DS-270AT, 70 mm (2.8") with Autostar computer controller. Perfect condition! \$275. 208-324-6554.

810 FURNITURE & CARPETS
BED awesome! Love! Peds in canopy. King size. New \$1,200, asking \$600. Baker's Park, metal and wood. Pier 1 dish set. Call 208-420-1878.

812 AUCTIONS & AUCTIONEERS
BILL DOWNS AUCTION SERVICE (208) 467-1712
www.downdown.com
Committed to Excellence!

817 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
AMPLIFIER Peavey Bass Mark III series 400 BH, 1810 bass and closure, max power 200 watts. \$550/offer. 208-934-8966.

824 GUNS AND RIFLES
CHARLES DALY'S 1/2 12 gauge pump. \$300. Call 733-5938 days.
REEMING Woods-master model 742, semi automatic 30-06. \$300. Call 208-324-9516 or 208-339-0781.

***TOP GUN**
The best of the best Idaho's Finest and Certified "CDL" training facility. Now Training Farmers Under the University of Idaho's A.C.F. Program Don't Sit Idle This Winter! Get your CDL AT NO COST! For details Call 735-6656

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS
Have you forgotten to pick up your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you would want. They can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept.
If your HV has seen more driveway than open road, advertise with a classified ad today. 733-0931

THE TIMES-NEWS Classified Department
Classified Service Representatives are available from 8:00am - 5:30 pm Monday - Friday
Call our offices in Twin Falls 733-0931 ext. 2 or Burley 677-4042.

809 FIREWOOD
COAL Stoker & Lump Delivered you haul. Moore's Inc. 423-5533.

810 FURNITURE & CARPETS
BED awesome! Love! Peds in canopy. King size. New \$1,200, asking \$600. Baker's Park, metal and wood. Pier 1 dish set. Call 208-420-1878.

812 AUCTIONS & AUCTIONEERS
BILL DOWNS AUCTION SERVICE (208) 467-1712
www.downdown.com
Committed to Excellence!

817 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
AMPLIFIER Peavey Bass Mark III series 400 BH, 1810 bass and closure, max power 200 watts. \$550/offer. 208-934-8966.

824 GUNS AND RIFLES
CHARLES DALY'S 1/2 12 gauge pump. \$300. Call 733-5938 days.
REEMING Woods-master model 742, semi automatic 30-06. \$300. Call 208-324-9516 or 208-339-0781.

Professional Farrier
Butch Shields 20 years experience Accepting new clients. Performance horses & all breeds. Haul-in discounts. 731-9768

801 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
ETEREGRE, \$300. Marble tables. \$300. East-lake Heart settee. \$300. 208-324-5232.

805 ELECTRONICS
TELESCOPE See the Christmas comet Meade, Model DS-270AT, 70 mm (2.8") with Autostar computer controller. Perfect condition! \$275. 208-324-6554.

810 FURNITURE & CARPETS
BED awesome! Love! Peds in canopy. King size. New \$1,200, asking \$600. Baker's Park, metal and wood. Pier 1 dish set. Call 208-420-1878.

812 AUCTIONS & AUCTIONEERS
BILL DOWNS AUCTION SERVICE (208) 467-1712
www.downdown.com
Committed to Excellence!

817 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
AMPLIFIER Peavey Bass Mark III series 400 BH, 1810 bass and closure, max power 200 watts. \$550/offer. 208-934-8966.

824 GUNS AND RIFLES
CHARLES DALY'S 1/2 12 gauge pump. \$300. Call 733-5938 days.
REEMING Woods-master model 742, semi automatic 30-06. \$300. Call 208-324-9516 or 208-339-0781.

826 SPORTING EQUIPMENT
92CYCLE Lynn women, like new, \$40. Call 208-735-4077.

BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

You can advertise your business and reach over 50,000 potential customers every day! Call 733-0931, ext. 2 for information.

ANSWERING SERVICE
24 Hours - 7 Days a Week! Locally owned & Operated. Grand Opening! 12/26 to 12/28/04 Superior Answering Service 208-538-2000

COMPUTER REPAIR
In-home repair and tutorial. Guaranteed to fix your problem or we will call it free. (call) 420-2798

HANDYMAN
Dave's Home Improvements All types home repair and remodeling. Caring, drywall & home owner. 543-5010 / 490-0074

LAWN MOWER SERVICE
Repair & Service. Get your lawn mower ready for next Spring! Eldon's Small Engine 208-733-0666

ROOFING
License # 15375-B-3 Certified Bonded & Insured - Residential Commercial. Reasonable rates! Free estimates. 737-6058

STORAGE
Magic Valley Storage (Behind Shilo Inn) 208-736-0053

TREE SERVICE
At Jim's Tree Service Topping, shaping, removal, shrubs & stumps. Servicing fertilizer, lawn aeration & thatching. 208-578-3476

POOL LIGHTS (2) Budweiser, \$150 each. (1) Miller Drait light \$100. Call 208-733-5938 days.

CLASSIFIED LINE AD Winter Car Special
Sell your car, truck, cycle, RV, boat, snowmobile...
CONSIDER IT SOLD with the Winter Car Special!

BUSINESS SERVICE
Bergman Construction New construction & remodeling. 34 years experience. 208-420-8854.

CONTRACTOR
Magic Valley Design & General Contractors -New, Remodeling-Commercial/Residential Kitchens, Bonus rooms & baths. Call 208-734-1531 or 866-452-3152

HANDYMAN
K&K Handyman Home repairs, painting, drywall & fence repair. Window washing. Quality work. Quality price! 733-3478.

MANICURES
Will do Manicures, Pedicures & Acrylic Nails at your place or mine! 208-425340 or 208-731-3567

TREE SERVICE
At Jim's Tree Service Topping, shaping, removal, shrubs & stumps. Servicing fertilizer, lawn aeration & thatching. 208-578-3476

PRE-INVENTORY SALE
Storewide liquidation! Simpler Times Village 840 Addison Ave. 208-733-6737.

ROKENBOK Ultimate
World for sale, excellent cond., system incl. 4 controllers, several vehicles & accessories. extensive track, ramp, & building material/waterheaters/chargers. Value of \$1,000 asking \$500. 306-1648

SCOOTER
gas powered stand up 33cc, \$150/offer. Grand total \$1,000 adjustable height \$40/offer 737-9563

1966 Ford Mustang
This cute car is not for sale! Please check our auto photo ads.

MAGIC TOUCH
For All Your Home Improvements. NO JOB TOO SMALL 736-7494 208-1681 Ask for Lou

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Temporary-Permanent Looking for General/Professional employees Or looking for work. All employees, screened, drug tested & bonded. **Also Available** Payroll Service

HANDYMAN WORK
General home repairs, interior/exterior, plumbing, painting, & free estimates. 18+ yrs. currenty experience. Free estimates John 208-735-5179

PAINTING
ACTION PAINTING CO. Painting, texture, drywall repair, winter rates. free estimates, refs. 536-6243/539-9969

TREE SERVICE
Ray's Tree Service - Removal, Trimming, Snubs, Stumps, Firewood Insured. 738-2571

WASHER, \$70; dryer, \$70; refrigerator, \$65; stove, \$65; TV, 21"; \$60; dresser, \$35; loveseat, \$30; recliner, \$16; dining table w/chairs, \$30; coffee table and side tables, \$30; Macintosh computer, \$65; security monitor, 21", \$60; organ, \$125. 735-9370.

WOOD STOVE Blaze King, excellent condition, \$500 firm. Call 208-825-5209.

6 lines with photo for 30 days... \$49

1966 Ford Mustang
This cute car is not for sale! Please check our auto photo ads.

CHILD CARE
Little Tiggers Located between Twin Falls and Piler. Has 8 openings. Meals, snacks and preschool. Please call Jenn 208-316-2260.

PERSONNEL PLUS
www.personnelplus.com 208-733-7300 or 208-678-4040

HEATING
SAWTOOTH SHEET METAL A/C service and repair. Commercial and Residential 208-733-8546 or 24 hrs. 308-9444

PAINTING & DRYWALL
LUPHER PAINTING, INC. Painting, Remodeling, Texturing & Drywall Free estimates! Call Bill (208) 324-3476 or (208) 727-1267 cell

TREE SERVICES
TREES & STUMPS MAGIC VALLEY ISA Certified. Free estimates. Tim Abbott 208-677-7319

WEDDING & BRIDESMAIDS
WEDDING SHOP Christmas Dresses Rents & Sashes Shoes-Tailor-Changing Veils-Slips-Garters Napkins-Invitations 210 S Main 733-6858

WASHER, \$70; dryer, \$70; refrigerator, \$65; stove, \$65; TV, 21"; \$60; dresser, \$35; loveseat, \$30; recliner, \$16; dining table w/chairs, \$30; coffee table and side tables, \$30; Macintosh computer, \$65; security monitor, 21", \$60; organ, \$125. 735-9370.

WOOD STOVE Blaze King, excellent condition, \$500 firm. Call 208-825-5209.

Bring in, mail or email your photo and text to:
The Times-News Classifieds 132 Fairfield Street West Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 208-733-0931 ext. 2 800-658-3883 ext. 2 twinad@magvalley.com

CLEAN UP
Clean ups, weed cutting, painting and other odd jobs. Call Phil 208-731-7935

HANDYMAN & CLEANUP
Salazar's Solutions We fix problems Free Estimates, odd jobs, remodeling, removal of debris. We do it all + more Ruben 208-734-8506

HOME REPAIRS
Tony's HomeRepairs & Landscaping Faucets, drywall, painting, trash removal We do what you can't Tony-734-3322

RUBBER STAMPS
We make all types and sizes Address signature-Dale Notary-Bank Deposit Self-linking No set-up fee Fast Service EVERYBODY'S BUSY Call Pam 536-2051

TREE SERVICES
TREES & STUMPS MAGIC VALLEY ISA Certified. Free estimates. Tim Abbott 208-677-7319

WEDDING & BRIDESMAIDS
WEDDING SHOP Christmas Dresses Rents & Sashes Shoes-Tailor-Changing Veils-Slips-Garters Napkins-Invitations 210 S Main 733-6858

WASHER, \$70; dryer, \$70; refrigerator, \$65; stove, \$65; TV, 21"; \$60; dresser, \$35; loveseat, \$30; recliner, \$16; dining table w/chairs, \$30; coffee table and side tables, \$30; Macintosh computer, \$65; security monitor, 21", \$60; organ, \$125. 735-9370.

WOOD STOVE Blaze King, excellent condition, \$500 firm. Call 208-825-5209.

Bring in, mail or email your photo and text to:
The Times-News Classifieds 132 Fairfield Street West Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 208-733-0931 ext. 2 800-658-3883 ext. 2 twinad@magvalley.com

CLEANING
Happy Housekeepers Daily-weekly-monthly Commercial & residential Bonded & Insured. 733-7300 Twin 678-4640 Burley

HANDYMAN & CLEANUP
Salazar's Solutions We fix problems Free Estimates, odd jobs, remodeling, removal of debris. We do it all + more Ruben 208-734-8506

HOUSEKEEPING
Need help for the holidays? Fast, reliable housekeeping is just right for your Ussacka refs. at a reasonable price! Call Pam 536-2051

RUBBER STAMPS
We make all types and sizes Address signature-Dale Notary-Bank Deposit Self-linking No set-up fee Fast Service EVERYBODY'S BUSY Call Pam 536-2051

TREE SERVICES
TREES & STUMPS MAGIC VALLEY ISA Certified. Free estimates. Tim Abbott 208-677-7319

WEDDING & BRIDESMAIDS
WEDDING SHOP Christmas Dresses Rents & Sashes Shoes-Tailor-Changing Veils-Slips-Garters Napkins-Invitations 210 S Main 733-6858

WASHER, \$70; dryer, \$70; refrigerator, \$65; stove, \$65; TV, 21"; \$60; dresser, \$35; loveseat, \$30; recliner, \$16; dining table w/chairs, \$30; coffee table and side tables, \$30; Macintosh computer, \$65; security monitor, 21", \$60; organ, \$125. 735-9370.

WOOD STOVE Blaze King, excellent condition, \$500 firm. Call 208-825-5209.

Bring in, mail or email your photo and text to:
The Times-News Classifieds 132 Fairfield Street West Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 208-733-0931 ext. 2 800-658-3883 ext. 2 twinad@magvalley.com

Classified

can find your friend!

The Times-News
733-0931 ext. 2

RECREATIONAL

CHECK THE SERVICE DIRECTORY DAILY and find local businesses that can help you TO

Advertise in the Service Directory Please Call 733-0931 ext. 2*

901 ATVs/MOTORCYCLES

BMW '95 R1100GS Dual Sport, 41 cc, exc. cond. \$5,500 firm. Call 208-735-8151.

HONDA '01 400 EX new condition \$2500 Call 208-300-0047.

KATANA '93 GSX-F 750 low miles, good tires and paint, well maintained. \$2,000. Call 208-678-3029 or 850-349-9817.

OUTLANDER '04 MAX four wheeler, 2 passenger. \$5300. Call 208-490-1022.

902 BOATS AND ACCESSORIES

ARCTIC CAT '02 Mtn. Call 600 EP140 miles, like new. \$4,500. Arctic Cat Mtn. Cat 570, 180 miles, like new. \$3500. Both for \$7500. Bob 788-3548.

903 CAMPERS & SHELLS

"USED SHELLS" Fit most trucks. Selection-Quality-Low Prices-208-312-1525.

904 MOTOR HOMES & RV'S

INDOOR RV STORAGE APEX Warehousing 208-326-3388.

905 SNOW VEHICLES

POLARIS '94 440 (2) 1500 low miles. Polaris '91 500SP with trailer & lots of extras. All in good cond. \$7,000. Call 324-4134.

POLARIS '94 XLT SKS. 300 miles on rebuilt engine, good cond. \$1,250. Call 208-326-3388.

POLARIS '02 500 RMK. 680 miles. \$4200. 208-326-8340.

SKI-DOO '94 500. '94, exc. shape, spent most time on trail. \$1,600/offer. Yamaha '92 650 jet ski, must sell, \$650/offer. Call 208-539-2053.

906 TRAVEL TRAILERS

WILDFWOOD '02 BY Forest River. 25 foot w/ power slide-out. A.C. microwave, awning & more. Like new. Call 732-8099 or 734-3800.

CARSTORE

732-8099 or 734-3800

907 UTILITY TRAILERS

FRIESEN & SONS TRAILER SALES Now Goosenecks Car Haulers, Utility, Snowblowers & ATV Trailers. 280-6686 or 543-6688.

What a Deal Trailers 7' X 10 - \$820
7' X 12 - \$950
7' X 14 - \$900
With ramps.
Call 801-232-8400
www.whatadealtrailers.com

TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE TO Classified Advertisers Please check your ad for accuracy the first day it runs. The Times-News will not be responsible for any errors reported on the first day of publication. Please call Twin Falls 733-0931 ext. 2 or Butley 677-4042 Thank You

REMEMBER

That if easy as you placed some time ago in The Times-News? Now it's time to come pick up your pictures. Stop by the Customer Service Dept today!

1002 AUTO PARTS/ACCESSORIES

CHEVY '66 power glide. \$150. small block distributor, exhaust manifold, after. 537-9917.

FORD '89 Festiva parting out. Call 208-436-8001.

WHEELS (5) used Jeep aluminum alloy wheels & tires. \$300. Call 208-250-9068 lv msg.

1005 SEMI'S & HEAVY EQUIPMENT

CONNECT WITH CUSTOMERS WHO NEED YOUR SERVICE Advertise in the Service Directory 733-0931 ext. 2

ENGINE 350 Cummins. 9 speed trans. \$3500. For more information, call 1-208-670-5729.

1006 TRUCKS

CHEVY '77 3/4 ton. runs great. \$1,500. Also 1 1/2 ton, 5400. Call 208-678-1704 or 208-410-2429.

CHEVY '87 3/4 ton. and '88 Alpine lite 5th wheel. \$7,000 for both. Call 208-326-6018.

CHEVY '95 ext. cab 1/2 ton. 4WD, custom exhaust, tires & rims, new transmission. \$5600. Call 300-0047.

CHEVY '95 ext. cab. 2711, 4x4, 350, 5 spd, short box. \$5,000. 324-5813 or 420-7602.

CHEVY '96 S10. standard, good mileage, clean, no body damage. grey. \$24,500.

CHEVY '00 1500 ext. cab. 4x4, \$12,995. Call 208-789-2225 dir.

CHEVY '01 Silverado 1500. quad cab, 43K, level truck! Tow package. \$15,900. Call 208-734-3750.

CHEVY '01 Silverado Quad Cab. 1500, 4x4, 271. Exc. cond. loaded. \$16,000 539-9345.

CHEVY '02 1/2 ton Silverado. 47, 4x4, 80K. Call 208-300-0227 or 208-678-2729.

CHEVY '02 S10. crew cab 4x4, new tires, leather interior, tow package. \$14,500. Call 208-438-8181.

CHEVY '04 Silverado 2500. crew cab, short bed w/matching shell. Loaded! Exc. cond. low miles. \$28,995. Call 208-735-1619 leave message.

DODGE '00 1500 4x4. Quad Cab, 38,400 miles, red, 1 year, 110,000 miles, garged, never smoked in, floor trays over carpet, new tires, low master exhaust, 360 V-8, AT, towing pkg. all options, grill guard, nurb bars, tool box, like new \$17,850. 734-6749 420-4139.

FORD '02 F-350. 4x4, 7.3 power stroke, AT, crew cab. Lariat, heated seats, CD/cassette, new trans. 33,000 left on warranty, shipped, 4 inch exhaust, gauges, 98,600 mi. \$29,250. Must sell. Call 208-720-0158 or 208-578-2122 evenings.

FORD '02 F-350. 4x4, 7.3 power stroke, AT, crew cab. Lariat, heated seats, CD/cassette, new trans. 33,000 left on warranty, shipped, 4 inch exhaust, gauges, 98,600 mi. \$29,250. Must sell. Call 208-720-0158 or 208-578-2122 evenings.

FORD '02 F-350. 4x4, 7.3 power stroke, AT, crew cab. Lariat, heated seats, CD/cassette, new trans. 33,000 left on warranty, shipped, 4 inch exhaust, gauges, 98,600 mi. \$29,250. Must sell. Call 208-720-0158 or 208-578-2122 evenings.

FORD '02 F-350. 4x4, 7.3 power stroke, AT, crew cab. Lariat, heated seats, CD/cassette, new trans. 33,000 left on warranty, shipped, 4 inch exhaust, gauges, 98,600 mi. \$29,250. Must sell. Call 208-720-0158 or 208-578-2122 evenings.

FORD '02 F-350. 4x4, 7.3 power stroke, AT, crew cab. Lariat, heated seats, CD/cassette, new trans. 33,000 left on warranty, shipped, 4 inch exhaust, gauges, 98,600 mi. \$29,250. Must sell. Call 208-720-0158 or 208-578-2122 evenings.

FORD '02 F-350. 4x4, 7.3 power stroke, AT, crew cab. Lariat, heated seats, CD/cassette, new trans. 33,000 left on warranty, shipped, 4 inch exhaust, gauges, 98,600 mi. \$29,250. Must sell. Call 208-720-0158 or 208-578-2122 evenings.

FORD '02 F-350. 4x4, 7.3 power stroke, AT, crew cab. Lariat, heated seats, CD/cassette, new trans. 33,000 left on warranty, shipped, 4 inch exhaust, gauges, 98,600 mi. \$29,250. Must sell. Call 208-720-0158 or 208-578-2122 evenings.

FORD '02 F-350. 4x4, 7.3 power stroke, AT, crew cab. Lariat, heated seats, CD/cassette, new trans. 33,000 left on warranty, shipped, 4 inch exhaust, gauges, 98,600 mi. \$29,250. Must sell. Call 208-720-0158 or 208-578-2122 evenings.

FORD '02 F-350. 4x4, 7.3 power stroke, AT, crew cab. Lariat, heated seats, CD/cassette, new trans. 33,000 left on warranty, shipped, 4 inch exhaust, gauges, 98,600 mi. \$29,250. Must sell. Call 208-720-0158 or 208-578-2122 evenings.

ROB GREEN Count Down Spectacular

2004's Must Go! TWO DAYS ONLY!



<p>2005 HYUNDAI TUCSON</p> <p>MSRP Stock #H5037 \$21789 Rob's Discount \$4329 Value Owner OR \$1000 Competitive Owner \$3500</p> <p>Rob's Price \$16,440</p> <p>AS LOW AS</p>	<p>2005 HYUNDAI ACCENT</p> <p>MSRP Stock #H4006 \$13194 Rob's Discount \$2356 Rebate \$1000 Owner Loyalty \$750 Military \$300</p> <p>Rob's Price \$7,988</p> <p>2 to CHOOSE</p>	<p>2005 HYUNDAI TIBERON GT</p> <p>MSRP Stock #H4115 \$23632 Rob's Discount \$4144 Owner Loyalty \$1300 Military \$500</p> <p>Rob's Price \$15,988</p> <p>BRAND NEW</p>
--	--	---

<p>2003 CHEVY 2500 DURAMAX SLE 4X4</p> <p>Rob's Price \$32,788 WAS \$36,995 SK#H104-0</p>	<p>2001 CHEVY 1500 Xcab 4X4 LS</p> <p>Rob's Price \$19,988 WAS \$24,995 SK#2H161-0</p>	<p>2003 DODGE RAM 2500 Quad Diesel 4X4 SLT</p> <p>Rob's Price \$29,988 WAS \$36,995 SK#4H20-0</p>	<p>2003 FORD F-350 Xcab Lariat 4X4 LWB</p> <p>Rob's Price \$32,988 WAS \$37,995 SK#2H314-0</p>
---	--	---	--

<p>2004 NISSAN PATHFINDER</p> <p>Rob's Price \$26,488 WAS \$35,710 SK#H1079</p>	<p>2002 ACURA MDX</p> <p>Rob's Price \$30,988 WAS \$34,995 SK#H1024-1</p>	<p>2004 TOYOTA 4RUNNER</p> <p>Rob's Price \$26,488 WAS \$31,995 SK#4H51-0</p>	<p>2004 NISSAN X TERRA</p> <p>Rob's Price \$23,988 WAS \$31,590 SK#4H1738</p>
---	---	---	---

<p>2001 LEXUS 300</p> <p>Rob's Price \$18,988 WAS \$22,995 SK#H1152-0</p>	<p>2002 MERCEDES CLK 320</p> <p>Rob's Price \$34,988 WAS \$39,995 SK#H1111-1</p>	<p>2005 NISSAN ALTIMA</p> <p>Rob's Price \$17,788 WAS \$23,020 SK#N5046</p>	<p>1997 PT CRUISER TOURING</p> <p>Rob's Price \$14,988 WAS \$18,995 SK#4H145-0</p>
---	--	---	--

ROB GREEN HYUNDAI

1070 BLUE LAKES BLVD. N. 733-1825 1-800-390-8632 TWIN FALLS, ID • www.greenautogroup.com

Read The Classifieds Every Day!

1006 TRUCKS
 CHEVY '03 2500 diesel 4x4, \$28,995. Call 208-788-2225 dir.*
 DODGE '85 Ram 350 (1 ton), crew cab. New paint, Edelbrock carburetor, front brake pads. Extra set of (4) tires and rims. Grain rack avail. Looks and runs good! \$3,000. Call 208-764-2433.*

FORD '87 Ranger 2WD, 5 speed, lined glass, extras! \$1,700. Call 208-734-6834 after 10 am.
FORD '94 F-250 Mechanics special! Extended cab, camper special, 4x4, 5pin bearing, \$3,000 offer. Call 208-212-0901.*
FORD '95 F-250 Powerstroke, 4x4, loaded! Good cond., \$14,000. Call 208-536-4674 or 208-536-5612.*

DODGE '03 3/4 ton 4x4 diesel, \$30,995. Call 208-788-2225 dir.*

Place your ad Online... Now you can Log on to www.magicalvalley.com and place your classified line call Click on the Classified section.*

FORD '00 F-250 Quad cab, Long box 4x4, XLT, Auto-Super clean, 4 must see. Only \$16,456.
 732-8099 or 734-3800.
CARSTORE
PROBLEMS GETTING FINANCING? Call 733-1881 today. Latham's 1-800-CarLoan.*

TOYOTA '89, 4x4, V6, 5 spd., new tires, roll bar, custom bumpers w/light, \$3,400. Call 420-0012 or 539-7700.*
TOYOTA '90 4x4, shortbed, good cond., runs great, \$3,500 offer. Call 208-731-0304.*
TOYOTA '02 Tacoma, 38,000 miles, extra clean, 4 wheel drive, \$17,500. Call 208-622-8920.*

1007 TRUCK PARTS & ACCESSORIES
CHEVY '78 Four wheel drive, 454 engine, AT, 6 inch lift. For parts. 208-212-5495.*

1008 SUVs
CHEVY '92 Suburban 1500 4x4, \$3,995. Call 208-788-2225 dir.*
CHEVY '02 Suburban 4x4, \$22,995. Call 208-788-2225 dir.*

CHEVY '94 Suburban 150K, exc. cond., \$6,750. Call 208-726-4990 or 208-733-9212.*
CHEVY '95 Tahoe 4x4, Only \$7,995. Call 208-788-2225 dir.*
CHEVY '00 Blazer LS 4x4, good cond., silver, asking \$9,900. Call 208-577-5801.*
CHEVY '02 Suburban 4x4, \$22,995. Call 208-788-2225 dir.*

FORD '92 Explorer, Eddie Bauer, Mechanics \$10,995. Call 208-788-2225 dir.*
FORD '00 Expedition Eddie Bauer 4x4, loaded, low miles, above average cond. Call 208-404-9513.*
FORD '03 Escape 4x4, only \$15,995. Call 208-788-2225 dir.*
GMC '99 Jimmy 4x4, loaded, \$7,495. Call 208-788-2225 dir.*
GMC '99 Yukon SLE, 61K, 3.9, 99K. Call 208-788-2225 dir.*
ISUZU '93 Rodeo, 4WD, AT, PW, sunroof, CD, runs/good, \$3,600 offer. 212-6441.*
ISUZU '94 Trooper, 4x4 full power, V6, great runner. Only \$4877.*

1010 AUTOS FOR SALE
AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS Special \$359.95. Most American vehicles, parts, labor & installation included. Economical. Call 324-8780 for estimate.*

ROB GREEN GMC

Count Down Spectacular

2004 Must Go! TWO DAYS ONLY!



2004 GMC1500 4X4
 SK#G5037-1
 SAVE \$8,000
 Rob's Price **\$25,433**

2004 GMCENVOY XUV
 SK#G4174
 4X4 • SAVE \$9,000
 MSRP \$34,775
 Rob's Price **\$25,774**

2004 GMCYUKON 4X4
 SK#G4047
 SAVE \$9,577
 MSRP \$43,540
 Rob's Price **\$33,963**

1997 CHEVY CAVALIER
 WAS \$5,995
 SK#AU157-2
 Rob's Price **\$3,988**

2003 DODGE NEON
 WAS \$13,995
 SK#AU243-0
 Rob's Price **\$9,588**

2002 HONDA ACCORD
 WAS \$21,995
 SK#G4059-1
 Rob's Price **\$17,988**

2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
 WAS \$20,995
 SK#AU034-0
 Rob's Price **\$16,988**

2003 CHEVROLET BLAZER
 WAS \$22,995
 SK#AU015-0
 Rob's Price **\$18,888**

2004 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER
 WAS \$28,995
 SK#AU058-0
 Rob's Price **\$23,688**

2003 DODGE DURANGO
 WAS \$28,995
 SK#AU017-0
 Rob's Price **\$24,688**

2004 CHEVY SUBURBAN
 WAS \$36,995
 SK#AU037-0
 Rob's Price **\$31,588**

1997 CHEVROLET 1500 4X4
 WAS \$14,995
 SK#AU000-1
 Rob's Price **\$11,988**

2004 CHEVROLET 1500 4X4
 WAS \$27,995
 SK#AU028-0
 Rob's Price **\$23,188**

2003 DODGE RAM 1500
 WAS \$27,995
 SK#AU272-0
 Rob's Price **\$23,788**

2003 CHEVY CREWCAB
 WAS \$35,995
 SK#20881-0
 Rob's Price **\$31,988**

2003 FORD F-350 4X4
 WAS \$37,995
 SK#AU047-0
 Rob's Price **\$31,988**

ROB GREEN PONTIAC BUICK GMC
 1427 BLUE LAKES BLVD. N. 733-1823 1-800-333-2219 TWIN FALLS, ID • www.greenautogroup.com

Budget Auto Sales
 878-8874 or 800-574-1248 color photos @ www.budgetautofair.com

BMW '02 330i, power sunroof, AT, loaded, only 24K miles, \$25,500.

CADILLAC '92 DeVille, 4 door, 84K, \$3,995. Call 208-788-2225 dir.*

CHRYSLER '95 Laser XE turbo, PW, PL, electronic voice alert. Runs great! \$1000 offer. Call 734-1905.*

CHEVY '87 1/2 T30 LT Barone, runs good, AC, cruise control, new tires, body little rough, great starter car, \$1,000. Call 733-2418 or 420-2637.*

FORD '88 Escort LX, 4 door, AC, AT, new tires and brake, 40mpg, excellent condition, \$3,000 or best offer. 208-423-4135.*

FORD '98 Windstar GL, 3.8L, full power, exc. cond. 63K miles. \$6300 or make offer. Call 208-734-6874.*

FORD '01 Crown Victoria LX, full luxury. Only \$19,995.
 Call 208-878-9382 or 208-878-5611.*

FORD '03 Mustang, Fully loaded, only 24K. Like new, was \$15,999. Now \$12,877.

HONDA '88 Accord \$800. '88 Subaru \$600. '92 Mazda MPV \$1200. '90 Datsun 280 \$400. 733-1629.*

HONDA '97 Accord SE 4 door sedan, dark purple, sunroof, alloy wheels, every good condition, 123K, \$5600. 208-733-7690.*

HONDA '99 Civic, 60K, super charged, lots of extras. \$8900. Call 420-4970 msp.*

HONDA '02 Accord SE, AT, power sunroof, loaded, only 29K. \$15,200.

Budget Auto Sales
 878-8874 or 800-574-1248 color photos @ www.budgetautofair.com

Jody Osterhout GOODE MOTORS
 New and used vehicle specialists. Call 208-878-5611 or 208-878-9382.*

MERCEDES '02 C240, AT, power sunroof, loaded, only 16K miles, \$25,995.

Budget Auto Sales
 878-8874 or 800-574-1248 color photos @ www.budgetautofair.com

WARNING
 When purchasing a vehicle, make sure that the title is in the name of the seller. Under Idaho motor vehicle code, a vehicle cannot be sold unless the title is in the name of the seller (exception: Idaho licensed dealer). The seller shall provide the new purchaser a signed bill of sale showing the following: Full description of the vehicle, vehicle identification number, amount paid and name(s) and address of the new purchaser. The bill of sale must be signed, dated and show actual mileage at the time of sale. If you have any questions, please contact your local assessor's office.

1000 AUTOS FOR SALE

JEEP '98 Wrangler. 6 speed, hard top, 83K, new tires, stereo, exc. cond., \$11,000. Call 208-312-4860.

MERCURY '89 Grand Mariner. 4 dr., cond. 79K, \$3,495. Call 208-733-6743.

MERCURY '99 Cougar. AT, PW. AC. low miles. Only \$6,995.

GOODE MOTORS
Call 208-878-9382 or 208-878-5611

MERCURY '01 Sable GS. fully loaded. Only \$11,995.

GOODE MOTORS
Call 208-878-9382 or 208-878-5611

MITSUBISHI '01 Galant ES. AT, AC. PW. PL. cruise, moonroof. Only \$8,995.

GOODE MOTORS
Call 208-878-9382 or 208-878-5611

MITSUBISHI '99 Montero Sport. black, loaded, in good cond., 4x4, 69K, CD player and ski racks. \$12,500. 731-7747 or 308-8170.

MITSUBISHI '00 Eclipsa. GS. 5 speed, moonroof, loaded. Only \$11,995.

GOODE MOTORS
Call 208-878-9382 or 208-878-5611

MITSUBISHI '01 Eclipse. GS. 5 speed, moonroof, loaded. Only \$11,995.

GOODE MOTORS
Call 208-878-9382 or 208-878-5611

MITSUBISHI '03 Lancer ES. 4dr. PW. PL. AC. CD. Only \$8,995.

GOODE MOTORS
Call 208-878-9382 or 208-878-5611

NISSAN '85 Sentra. Mechanic special! Runs but needs work. New alternator & battery. Call 208-734-8332 or 208-420-1585.

NISSAN '92 Sentra E. 4 dr., CD player, 5 speed, great gas mileage, 174K, perfect college car! \$350. Call 208-731-6343.

NO Credit? BAD Credit?
Call 733-1881 today, same as 1-800-CarLoan!

NOTICE TO Classified Advertisers
Please check your ad for accuracy on the first day it runs. The Times-News will only be responsible for errors reported on the first day of publication. Please call: Twin Falls 733-0331 ext. 2 or 208-733-0312. Thank You!

OLDS '96 98 Elite. leather interior, exc. cond., 115K, \$6000 \$3500. Call 208-423-4559 or 208-420-6109.

OLDSMOBILE '98 Intrigue, sunroof, 58K, all power, CD, exc. cond., \$7,000. Call 325-8671 or 308-8380.

PONTIAC '92 Grand Prix, good condition, has new tires, brakes & installed, \$3,500. offer. 208-670-8705.

PONTIAC '00 Grand Prix SE. 4dr., AT, PW, PL, AC, cruise. Only \$16,750.

GOODE MOTORS
Call 208-878-9382 or 208-878-5611

PONTIAC '04 Montana, extended van, loaded, rear air. \$16,750.

Budget Auto Sales
878-8874 or 800-574-1248 color photos @ www.budgetburley.com

OLDS '02 Altara 4 door, 39K, \$7,995. Call 208-768-2225 dir.

SUBARU '02 Impreza RS, all wheel drive, AT, loaded, only 30K miles, \$13,995

Budget Auto Sales
878-8874 or 800-574-1248 color photos @ www.budgetburley.com

PONTIAC '00 Grand Am GT, only \$6,995. Call 208-788-2225 dir.

THE TIMES-NEWS Classified Department
Classified Service Representatives are available from 8:00am - 5:30 pm Monday - Friday
Call our offices in Twin Falls 733-0931 ext. 2 or Burley 677-4042.

SATURN '99 SC2, only 53K, Sunroof, cruise, sound system, loaded to the hilt! Extra wheels for snow tires included, \$7,950. Call 208-420-8164.

TOYOTA '01 Corolla, Black Sharp, Low Mileage, Must Sell, \$9,390, 733-6525 or 208-948-0815.

GOODE MOTORS
Call 208-878-9382 or 208-878-5611

PONTIAC '01 Grand Prix, loaded, exc. cond., 51K, \$8,250. Call 208-539-3283.

SUBARU '02 Outback, AWD, \$15,995. Call 208-788-2225 dir.

VOLKSWAGEN '01 New Passat GLS, turbo, loaded, Only \$13,995.

GOODE MOTORS
Call 208-878-9382 or 208-878-5611

SUBARU '03 Legacy L, all wheel drive, sunroof, spoiler, PW, power doors, 35K, extended warranty, and tires for life, \$16,000. Call 208-539-0511.

VW '98 Jetta GL, rad. local trade-in, \$5995.

Budget Auto Sales
878-8874 or 800-574-1248 color photos @ www.budgetburley.com

TOYOTA '90 Tercel 80K, AC, new muffler, great mileage, very dependable, \$1,800. 732-5391 or 731-5392.

VW '00 Beetle GLS, 1.8 turbo, power moonroof, loaded, only 50K miles, \$11,495.

Budget Auto Sales
878-8874 or 800-574-1248 color photos @ www.budgetburley.com

VW '99 Jetta GLS, 85K, great cond., new tires, fully loaded, \$8,500/offer. 208-420-5236.

VW '03 Jetta GLS, 1.8 turbo, power moonroof, loaded, only 12K miles! \$15,995.

Budget Auto Sales
878-8874 or 800-574-1248 color photos @ www.budgetburley.com

VW '71 Bug, new paint, new engine, \$3300. Call 208-830-1022.

VW '02 Jetta GLX, 1.8 Turbo-Full leather, sunroof, like new, Every option. Only \$14,477.

CAVALIERS
732-8099 or 734-3800

Classifieds Can!
733-0931 ext. 2
twnad@mpacvalley.com

ONLY 2 Days Left!

Year-End CLEARANCE!

Save up to 10% APR up to 72 MOS OAC ON SELECT NEW

CUSTOMER CASH up to \$6000 ON SELECT NEW



Stock No 227228

New! CHEVROLET AVEO
SUNROOF • AUTO TRANSMISSION • AIR CONDITIONING
• CD PLAYER • ALUMINUM WHEELS • HATCHBACK

ONLY **\$179** month



Stock No 155893

New! 2005 CHEVROLET 1500 SILVERADO
AIR CONDITIONING • DUAL ZONE • AUTOMATIC • CRUISE CONTROL
• TILT STEERING • CD PLAYER

Year End Clearance Price **\$15,988***

NOBODY DOES A CAR FASTER THAN **Nobody!**

Save Over **\$3100**



New! 2005 GMC CANYON
Was \$16130
Year End Clearance Price **\$12,988***

Save Over **\$6100**



New! CHEVROLET MALIBU MAXX
Was \$24775
Year End Clearance Price **\$17,988***

Save Over **\$6600**



New! CHEVROLET AVALANCHE
Was \$39645
Year End Clearance Price **\$32,988***

Save Over **\$11000**



New! GMC YUKON XL
Was \$49005
Year End Clearance Price **\$37,988***

AN EVENT YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!

2004 CHEVY CAVALIER 4-DOOR
Sticker New Nearly \$16000
Year End Clearance Price **\$7,988**

2004 CHEVROLET MALIBU
Sticker New Nearly \$20000
Year End Clearance Price **\$9,988**

2004 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GT
Sticker New Nearly \$26000
Year End Clearance Price **\$13,988**

2004 CHEVROLET BLAZER 4-DOOR
Sticker New Nearly \$30000
Year End Clearance Price **\$16,988**

Buy Used With CON-fidence!

DEALER WARRANTY INCLUDED! MONEY BACK GUARANTEE!

<p>1996 Chevrolet Caprice SIX #260793A Now \$5,988</p>	<p>2002 Honda Accord 4-Door SIX #213 Now \$13,988</p>	<p>2004 Chevrolet G3500 Express Van SIX #1520 Now \$19,988</p>
<p>2001 Chevrolet Malibu SIX #1499A Now \$8,988</p>	<p>2001 Dodge Durango 5.9L SLT SIX #270890A Now \$15,988</p>	<p>2003 Subaru Legacy Outback Ltd. SIX #1526 Now \$20,988</p>
<p>2004 Hyundai Accent THREE TO CHOOSE FROM... Now \$8,988</p>	<p>2002 Ford Escape 4x4 SIX #68797A Now \$16,988</p>	<p>2003 GMC 1500 Sierra Ex-Cab SIX #183189A Now \$23,988</p>
<p>2004 Kia Optima LX SIX AT THIS PRICE! Now \$9,988</p>	<p>2003 Toyota Tacoma Ex-Cab SIX #52394A Now \$16,988</p>	<p>2002 Dodge 2500 Quad Cab Diesel SIX #216 Now \$23,988</p>
<p>2000 Buick Regal LS SIX #1468 Now \$9,988</p>	<p>2002 Volkswagen Eurovan SIX #1521 Now \$19,988</p>	<p>2001 Audi Quattro Allroad Wagon SIX #1525 Now \$26,988</p>

90 I-South Lincoln Jerome
324-3900
Hours: M-F 8-7; Sat 8:30-6

www.conpaulos.com

*MSRP. Dealer's "Dealer Warranty and Money Back Guarantee" Excludes "As Is" Vehicles. Price Plus Tax, Title and Dealer Doc Fee of \$199. 1541 Price \$13,999. \$1000 Cash Down on 3 Year Lease. 72 mos. @ 0% APR on approved credit. Pictures for illustrative purposes only. Does Not Reflect Actual Equipment. Ad Expires 12/31/04.