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SkyWest will add flight

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Starting in March, travelers flying from Twin Falls' airport will have another flight option during the work week.

Delta Connection carrier SkyWest Airlines - the only commercial carrier that services Twin Falls' airport - will add another Sunday through Friday round-trip flight to and from Salt Lake City SkyWest spokeswoman Allison Gemmell said Monday.

The new flight will bring in passengers from Salt Lake City at 8:36 p.m. and depart at 8:55 p.m., making it ideal for business travelers or commuters looking to make a red-eye connection in Salt Lake City, said Bill Carberry, manager of Joslin

Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

For example, a business person traveling to Seattle could put in a full day at work in Twin Falls and take the newly scheduled flight. They could arrive in Seattle by midnight - thanks to the one-hour time change - and get a good night's sleep for a morning meeting, Carberry said.

"There's certainly an attractiveness in late departures," he said. "For travelers going to Salt Lake City, there are more options."

Also part of the schedule change is the elimination of a 12:25 p.m. Saturday departure, Gemmell said. That means only four departures on Saturday rather than five.

"(Twin Falls is) more of a business market," Gemmell

said. "Saturdays are days that business people aren't traveling as much."

The changing schedules in Twin Falls are part of St. George, Utah-based SkyWest's plan to increase service between Salt Lake City and several communities in the West, including Twin Falls, Gemmell said. The airline considers Magic Valley a developing market with potential for more flights to be added in the future, she said.

Times-News business writer Megan Hinds can be reached at 735-3238 or megan.hinds@lee.net.

SkyWest's daily flights

Twin Falls to Salt Lake City		Flight	Frequency
Depart	Arrive	3733	Daily except Sunday
6:35 a.m.	7:34 a.m.	3733	Sunday only
8:20 a.m.	9:19 a.m.	3736	Daily except Sunday
9:38 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	3735	Daily except Saturday
12:25 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	3734	Daily
3:08 p.m.	4:08 p.m.	3737	Daily
6:03 p.m.	7 p.m.	3739	Daily except Saturday
8:55 p.m.	9:52 p.m.		

Salt Lake City to Twin Falls		Flight	Frequency
Depart	Arrive	3736	Daily except Sunday
8:21 a.m.	9:23 a.m.	3735	Daily except Saturday
11:05 a.m.	12:06 p.m.	3734	Daily
1:55 p.m.	2:53 p.m.	3737	Daily
4:45 p.m.	5:46 p.m.	*3739	Daily except Saturday
7:35 p.m.	8:36 p.m.	3738	Saturday only
8:40 p.m.	9:40 p.m.	3738	Daily except Saturday
10:30 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	3738	

* Flights start March 2
Source: SkyWest Airlines

Iraq prime minister calls for unity

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq - A day after Iraq's first free election in half a century, incoming Prime Minister Ayad Allawi called on his countrymen to unite and promised to reach out to the country's alienated Sunni Arab minority. The Sunni reaction may determine whether the electoral euphoria can be translated into the stability that has eluded Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003.

Iraq officials and leaders abroad sounded a "do-or-die" call, saying they hoped the vote and an inclusive government could prove a turning point for a country that has endured 35 years of dictatorship, as well as bloodshed and hardship in the U.S. occupation that followed.

"The terrorists now know that they cannot win," Allawi said in a speech broadcast on state television. He said he would lead a coalition government that would include all Iraqis, including those who voted or not - should stand side by side to build their future.

In a day of relative calm nationwide, U.S. troops shot dead about inmates during a riot at a military prison in southern Iraq, U.S. military officials said. Six other prisoners were injured, but no serious injuries among Americans were reported. The officials said U.S. guards opened fire after detainees threw rocks and made weapons during a 45-minute riot at Camp Bucca Theater Internment Facility.

The need for national reconciliation emerged as a theme in the wake of Sunday's elections, as Iraqis awaited the results and the naming of a 275-member parliament that will appoint a government and write a constitution. In Baghdad and some other parts of Iraq, the vote generated scenes of jubilation. But it apparently failed to draw large numbers of Sunnis, especially in rural areas. Many stayed away in protest or because of intimidation.



An Iraqi election officer empties a ballot box for absentee votes at a counting center in Tehran, Iran Monday.

Teenager faces new charge in shooting

Robbery charge gets dismissed

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A 15-year-old charged in connection with an armed robbery of a convenience store is facing an involuntary manslaughter charge, while the robbery charge against him was dismissed.

Victor B. Caputo, from the Phoenix area, was arrested on the robbery charge Thursday after police questioned him about a shooting at 659 Washington St. N. earlier that morning. Salva Dor Michael Hernandez, 19, of El Mirage, Ariz., was in the face in the house's kitchen.

Meanwhile, Twin Falls police have charged Manuel Rodriguez, 26, of Phoenix, in connection with Wednesday's robbery of the Oasis Stop-N-Go at 515 Washington St. N. "While we were interviewing people on the shooting, some facts came to light about the robbery," said Sheriff-Sgt. Please see CHARGE, Page A2

Goodbye INEEL, hello INL

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

AICO - The days of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory have ended.

The time of the Idaho National Laboratory has begun. Today, the 890-square-mile site in southeast Idaho receives not only a new name but also a new research contractor, said Tim Jackson, a spokesman for facility.

"Basically, the energy department consolidated Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory with Argonne National Laboratory West facilities, which are also out at the site," Jackson said. "The combination of those two sites forms the new Idaho National Laboratory."

In 2003, U.S. Department of Energy officials decided to split management responsibilities at the site between research and cleanup activities. Last November, DOE selected Battelle Energy Alliance as its research contractor. The decision to divide research and cleanup contracts

NewsTracker

- **Last we know:** The Department of Energy announced its decision to give the management contract for the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and change the facility's name. DOE awarded Battelle Energy Alliance with a \$4.8 billion, 10-year contract to run research operations.
- **The latest:** Today, Battelle assumes management of the Idaho National Laboratory.
- **What's next:** In mid-March, DOE is expected to announce the new cleanup contractor to begin May 1.

also reflects DOE's intent to restructure the facility to its historic mission of nuclear technology development. "It allows the new laboratory contractor to focus on building the energy, national security and science research on site," Jackson said.

Site history

- **1949:** The National Reactor Testing Station served as the largest concentration of nuclear reactors in the world for years.
- **1974:** The facility was renamed to the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory to capture its expanding mission into areas like biotechnology and renewable energy.
- **1997:** The laboratory's focus on environmental solutions for the nation led to another name change: Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.
- **2005:** The DOE anticipates a return to the facility's historic purpose of nuclear energy and national security research and thus opting for the Idaho National Laboratory.

The department is creating this laboratory to serve as a premier facility for nuclear energy and national security research, he said. "Please see INL, Page A2

Official: Military will see death benefit raise

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush will propose a dramatic increase to \$250,000 in governmental payments to families of U.S. troops killed in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and in future combat zones.

The plan to increase the tax-free "death gratuity," now \$12,420, to \$100,000 and provide an extra \$150,000 in life insurance payouts will be part of the 2006 budget proposal submitted to Congress next week, the Pentagon's personnel chief said in an interview. Veterans groups have been pushing for such increases. "We think the nation ought to make a larger one-time payment, quite apart from insurance, should you be killed in a combat area of operations," David Chu, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, said in the interview. "We can never in any program give someone back their loved one," he added. "There is nothing we can do about the hurt, to make it go away. But we can

make your circumstances reasonable, in terms of finances." Chu is to unveil the administration's full proposal in congressional testimony today. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., who is sponsoring a bill with the same provisions, said that the first-year budget cost of the increased benefits would be \$409 million, including more than \$200 million in retroactive payments of the higher gratuity and the extra life insurance settlements. "The American people want to be generous to the families of service people who give their lives for their country. It's not a nickel-and-dime issue," he said. In addition to the higher gratuity, the Pentagon would substantially increase life insurance benefits, Chu said. The current \$250,000 coverage offered to all service members at a subsidized rate, under the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance program would be raised to \$100,000, and for troops in a combat zone the government would pay the premiums on the extra \$150,000 coverage.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy with patchy clouds and some early fog. High: 36, low: 24.
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with areas of fog developing. Lows: 18 to 24.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with patchy fog developing. Lows: 19 to 30.

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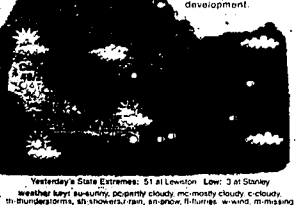
Today: Partly cloudy with patchy clouds likely today. High: 36, low: 24.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with areas of patchy fog developing. Lows: 19 to 30.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with patchy fog possible. High: 36 to 44.

IDAHO FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
Mornings and late nights are likely to be chilly by fog. After the fog burns off, partly to mostly sunny skies and pleasant temperatures are expected most days this week.

BOISE
Mornings and late nights are likely to be chilly by fog. After the fog burns off, partly to mostly sunny skies and pleasant temperatures are expected most days this week.

NORTHERN IDAHO
Comfortable temperatures and mostly dry conditions will be accompanied by frequent valley fog development.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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

MOON PHASES

Today: Waxing Crescent. Tomorrow: First Quarter. Wednesday: Full Moon. Thursday: Waning Gibbous. Friday: Last Quarter. Saturday: New Moon.

REGIONAL FORECAST

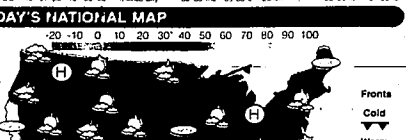
Table listing regional forecasts for various Idaho cities including Boise, Pocatello, and Idaho Falls.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table listing national forecasts for various states including California, Texas, and Florida.

WORLD FORECAST

Table listing world forecasts for various countries including Canada, Mexico, and Europe.



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table listing Canadian forecasts for various cities including Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver.

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Test may help detect Alzheimer's earlier

WASHINGTON (AP) - A highly sensitive new test could lead to a different way to diagnose people with Alzheimer's disease, possibly helping find the illness in its early stages when there might be time for treatment.
While as many as 3 million Americans are thought to suffer from the memory-destroying illness, the only way to diagnose it definitively is by studying brain tissue during an autopsy.
'It is important to have some way to diagnose the disease while the patient is still alive, especially by using an early stage, non-invasive test that can be evaluated, and to catch it at a time when the disease might be treatable.'
'If you can't diagnose it, you're not going to have a therapy for it,' said Chad A. Mirkin of Northwestern University.

Many companies have experimental therapies, he said. 'But those therapies aren't very good if you can't definitively diagnose and follow a disease,' explained Mirkin, a lead researcher - along with William L. Klein - on a team that developed the new test, which can detect small amounts of proteins in spinal fluid.
The team's findings are reported in Tuesday's issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Science.
The new test, called a bio-barcode assay, is 100,000 times to 1 million times more sensitive than other available tests, Mirkin said in a telephone interview.
'It was first used last year in testing for a marker for prostate cancer, and Mirkin said he invited other investigators to suggest subjects for further testing.

Dems seek exit strategy rather than a timetable

WASHINGTON - Democratic congressional leaders distanced themselves Monday from Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's call for a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq, but urged President Bush to present a detailed exit strategy in Wednesday's State of the Union speech.
Remarks by Sen. Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., reflected the dilemma Democrats have faced in their 2004 presidential nominee could not resolve - since the United States toppled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein but then confronted a violent insurgency.
'The party has grappled with how to criticize the administration's handling of the ongoing violence in Iraq without appearing to undercut the U.S. effort to bring democracy to the Iraqi people,' the Democrats' task group member commented Sunday, both Democrats and Republicans said, when Iraqis conducted their first free elections in a half-century.
'When a party establishes a position where they win politically by things working out poorly for the U.S., that creates a conundrum,' said Mike Franc, a vice president for governmental relations at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. 'It is a political strategy, not a policy strategy.'
In his remarks Monday, Reid praised Iraqis for voting, noting that 'million of Iraqi citizens risked bloodshed in order to raise their ink-stained fingers in a powerful symbol of democracy.'
But he gave little credit to the administration for helping Iraqis hold the elections and said, 'We all know that these brave men and women will never be truly freed until they can walk through their cities and towns without fear.'
The American people, he said, need an 'exit strategy' for Iraq to be used as a litmus test, he said, and how we can get there - so that we know what we need to do, and so that we know when the job is done.'
Still, setting a timeline for a troop withdrawal would not be a 'wise decision,' he said.
Kennedy, in a speech Thursday, urged Bush to begin negotiations with the Iraqi government immediately after the elections for a withdrawal timetable. 'At least 120,000 American troops, probably more, should leave at once, to send a strong signal about our intentions and to ease the pervasive sense of occupation,' Kennedy said.
The Massachusetts Democrat was one of 23 senators who voted against the authorization to use force against Iraq more than two years ago; and he has been one of his party's most outspoken critics of Bush's Iraq policy.
Pelosi sided with Reid in discussing Kennedy's withdrawal proposal.
Ending the U.S. military presence in Iraq, she said, 'is not about a calendar, it's about performance - you have to establish the goals, and you have to work toward them, and you have to recognize the milestones when you reach them,' she said.

Charge

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Matt Hicks.
Police Lt. [Name] learned that witnesses may have fled to Arizona, Hicks said.
'Two investigators went to Phoenix and located two people who claimed to be inside the bathroom in 5th District Magistrate Court Friday on the robbery charge.
'Based on those interviews, we realized it was appropriate to dismiss the robbery charge against Capado and file an involuntary manslaughter charge.'
Hicks said police believe Capado and the shooting victim were involved in the shooting, which was accidental.
Hernandez was shot with a 9mm gun just beneath the left eye, Hicks said.
'Police are not sure what the Arizona residents were doing in Idaho.'
'We're still trying to figure out what the draw was to Twin Falls,' Hicks said.
Capado made an initial appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court Friday on the robbery charge.
Robbery is an automatic waiver crime, meaning Capado had to be arrested at the site. He was booked into the Twin Falls County Jail on Thursday.
After the robbery charge was dropped, however, officials transferred him to the Snake River Detention Center in Twin Falls, where juveniles are kept.
Capado's possible involvement in the Jan. 26 robbery is still being investigated, police say.
'Both investigations parallel each other primarily because of people residing at 659 Washington Street,' Hicks said. 'A lot of people had information about both crimes.'
Police are waiting for forensic evidence to come back from the state crime lab as well as private labs.
'That can take anywhere from two days to several weeks,' Hicks said, and you have to reinterview people based on interviews we conducted over the weekend.'

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new contractor is to grow those areas.'
For the past 84 days, Battelle has been in the process of re-situating basic management from the site's current contractors, said John Lindsay, director of communications for Battelle.
Since 1989, Bechtel BWXT, which served as the contractor for the INEL site while the University of Chicago managed the Argonne National Laboratory West facility, Battelle plans to have management over the two consolidated by Sept. 30, Lindsay said.
'Our primary focus is nuclear research and development,' Lindsay said.

Battelle Energy Alliance is comprised of Battelle and four other contractors: Washington Group International, BWX Technologies, Inc., Electric Power Research Institute and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
By mid-March, DOE is expected to announce its new cleanup contractor-to-take-over management in May.
'It's very important for the public to remember the department has a commitment to clean up,' Jackson said. 'We made a great deal of progress with accelerating the cleanup at the site. The goal is to have most of the cleanup project complete by 2012.'

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MORNING BREAK

Hospital gowns inspire jokes, fun

DEAR READERS: Believe it or not, I'm still getting mail regarding the letters I printed about hospital gowns.

Some of you gave me a chuckle, and I thought I'd share them with you. So pour yourselves a cup of coffee or tea, sit back, and as they say, "Bottoms up!"

DEAR ABBY: Your column about hospital gowns reminded me of an item that appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Green Sheet a few days ago.

"Did you know that hospital gowns come in three sizes? 'Short, shorter, and don't bend over!'"

—A. BEYERSDORF, MILWAUKEE

DEAR A. N.O. but that sounds like good advice to me.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters about hospital gowns, I wondered if your readers know that the first hospital gown was designed by a man named Seymour Heiny.

—R. M. A. JOHNSTOWN, PA.

DEAR R. A. true visionary.

DEAR ABBY: I am a nurse who works in intensive care. We have a saying where I work:



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne
Phillips

"That's why they call it an J.C.U." —KEN THE RN

DEAR KEN: And I'll bet you've seen more than your share.

DEAR ABBY: Twenty years ago, I was in the hospital going through a miscarriage, wearing a hospital gown. My roommate was a large woman who complained to the nurse that hers barely covered her. I told them we were wearing designer gowns. My roommate responded that it couldn't be true — hers looked like a regular gown to her. I told her ours were made by "Jordans."

Once she stopping laughing, the nurse said she thought I'd emotionally and physically survive the miscarriage if I could make a joke at a time like that. Two years later, I became pregnant with my son, who's a high school senior this year. Even if you can't print this, I thought

you would get a laugh from it. —YOU CAN LAUGH OR YOU CAN CRY

DEAR YOU: I did — and I want you to know I admire your strength in the face of adversity.

DEAR ABBY: Feel free to use all or part of this story from my latest book, "The Dog Ate My Things to the List — What a Good Dog!" A brief history of the hospital gown: "There is the strajlacket, the bullet-proof vest, the lead apron that wards off stray X-rays, and then there is the 'just put it on backward hospital gown.' Some say that Betty Barebottom invented this product. Betty, according to 'this account,' checked out each man burglar. One: It isn't easy to wear a skirt and not expose your anatomy to a gawking world. Two: Men should understand how difficult it is to fasten things behind your back.

"Others claim that the designer of this impossible gown is a man named Seymour Butts. ... Although he considers the hospital gown the culmination of his life's work, Seymour currently works as a fashion designer. His line of unusual designs bears the label 'Butt First.'"

—DEAN CHAPMAN, CONCORD, CALIF.
DEAR DEAN: Whether Seymour's clothing line is famous, or infamous is debatable, although no one can deny its popularity. The low-slung hip-hugger is "hot" from coast-to-coast regardless of the weather or the sex of the wearer. But that's another column.
ES. Anyone interested in purchasing books by Mr. Chapman can get ordering information by contacting him: deanchap@aol.com.

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Virgo: Remain focused on goals

IF FEBRUARY 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... Recent inspiration and uplifting energies have given you a new lease on life as idealistic Neptune passed through your area of the zodiac. With your sympathies aroused, there may have been a shift of focus in your life. Watch for opportunities to make important progress and receive a helping hand in April and August. Make important plans for the future and watch them unfold as promised in 2005.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Though it is good to enjoy romantic interludes, don't get so carried away with pleasure that you neglect your work. Too much generosity on either side could cause awkward situations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may be feeling like having your own touch sugar and spice and everything nice, and sin your diet. Others might take you at your word, so be careful not to exaggerate your abilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Although loved ones might go to great lengths to curry favor with you, remain immune to flattery or insincerity. Be good-natured and understanding toward those who merely want to win favor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Like a mother hen you may wish to share the biggest worms with your loved ones at home. Be clinical and save one for yourself. Inventiveness can win you appreciation in the career arena.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Too much time spent socializing can put your work into a tailspin. Broad generalizations could be resented and you may need to tiptoe around others with conflicting religious or

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Jeraldine Saunders

philosophical beliefs.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put your job ahead of pleasures today even if wallowing in the lap of luxury seems more attractive. It is very easy to waste your resources on frivolous pastimes... so remain focused on goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Purchases made now could prove unsatisfactory as tastes run toward the ostentatious. Hold off on making drastic changes in appearance or decorating until more favorable celestial aspects are in place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You could be up against someone with an insincere streak at work, so take offers with a grain of salt. Fight off the urge to splurge on items requiring refinement, as you won't get a bargain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Jupiter, the ruler of your sign, turns retrograde today, so avoid reinforcing bad spending habits. Fight off the impulse to go on indulgent buying sprees or to keep up with the Joneses.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep focused on financial goals and don't get caught up in schemes to advertise your talents or earn recognition. Real friends will remain true blue, so keep the lines of communication open.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Being wise about your possessions could mean getting the oil changed or just staying within the budget. Don't feel obligated to yield to saccharine attempts by others to influence your opinion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Good deals are hard to find; steer clear of the mall and don't trust your judgment where finery or expensive items are concerned. Flattery and insincerity may make social events tiring.

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RANDOM KINDS OF FACINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

This day in history: On Feb. 1, 1708, sailors discovered Alexander Selkirk on the island of Juan Fernandez, near Chile, where he had survived for four years after being abandoned by his ship. His story inspired Daniel Defoe to write Robinson Crusoe.

In 1915, Babe Ruth became famous, a slicker named Otto Schneringer rushed out the "Baby Ruth" candy bar. When challenged by the Babe's lawyers, Schneringer disingenuously claimed that he'd named the bar after Grover Cleveland's pretten daughter who had died 17 years earlier. Then the audacious Schneringer successfully sued Ruth for using out with a "Babe Ruth Home Run Bar."

Doggy IQ testers say herding dogs are the most intelligent. That group includes the retrievers, cattle dogs, collies, poodles, border collies, sheepdogs and shepherds. The least intelligent are the hounds and toy breeds.

There's nothing wrong with being an oenophilic lover of wine, as long as you avoid oenophylgia (drunkenness).

NATION/WORLD

Settlers protest Israel's planned pullout from Palestinian areas

Jerusalem — Jewish settlers and their supporters protested outside a government building Monday. They say Israel's planned withdrawal from Palestinian territories is undermining that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's bid to reestablish an interim peace between Israel and Palestinians. Top security officials from the Israeli cabinet Monday criticized the thousands of security forces in West Bank towns to be Palestinians.

Testing the national ceasefire, a 13-year-old Palestinian was fatally shot in the head at a United Nations school in Gaza's Rafah refugee camp, Palestinian and U.N. officials said.

The circumstances of the death were unclear. She was standing near a building at the courtyard when she was shot.

The U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees said the fire came from an area under Israeli military control, but could not say who fired the shots.

World in brief

Sudan: U.N. report sees no genocide in Darfur

AMUJA, Nigeria — Sudan's foreign minister said a U.N. report confirmed that no genocide was committed in his country's Darfur region, where tens of thousands of civilians have died in a nearly two-year crisis.

At U.N. headquarters, diplomats confirmed that the report did not find that Sudan had committed genocide, but they said it was critical of southern government actions. The report was expected to be circulated in New York on Tuesday.

The United States has accused Sudan's government of directing militia who attack civilians in what Washington has called a genocidal campaign in the western region.

"We have a copy of that report and they didn't say that there is a genocide," Sudan Foreign Minister Ahmed Osman Ismail said on the sidelines of an African Union summit in the Nigerian capital, Abuja.

ment announced more than \$91 million in aid Monday for the country's struggling wine industry, but by falling consumption at home and increased competition in export markets.

The government will also allow the destruction of vines in overproducing regions and apply for EU permission to distill millions of surplus bottles into alcohol. Agriculture Minister Dominique Bussereau said, "Bussereau said \$15 million would be paid out to winemakers in extra grants and tax breaks, along with \$7.7 million in loans to producers and cooperatives in financial difficulty."

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— compiled from wire reports

Hillary Clinton faints



Hillary Clinton

BUENOS AIRES, CAPU — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton fainted Monday after complaining of a stomach virus before a scheduled speech on Social Security.

She received medical attention at the scene and then went on to give another speech at a Catholic college Monday afternoon.

"It wasn't as dramatic as it sounds," Clinton said after the 30-minute speech.

Clinton aides said doctors be-

Pope comes down with flu; audiences suspended

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II has the flu, leading him to cancel scheduled audiences Monday, the Vatican said.

The 84-year-old pontiff came down with the illness Sunday and doctors advised him to cut back on activities, papal spokesman Leopoldo Navarro-Valls said.

"He has joined the more than a million Italians who have come down with the flu," Navarro-Valls said.

The Italian Health Ministry recommended flu shots, particularly for the elderly, but it was not known if John Paul had one.

The Vatican makes brief announcements when the pope takes ill, but rarely provides details on the extent of the illness or any medicine he may be taking.

He has Parkinson's disease and knee and hip ailments."

France announces plan to help wine industry

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Men's Club auction raises money for community

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — It was a record breaker.

Sales totaled more than \$41,200 at the 32nd annual Castleford Men's Club auction on Saturday.

"I think this was a larger crowd than I've ever seen and they stayed," auctioneer Lyle Masters said. "They had a lot of good quality items to sale."

Record-breaking auctions began in 1994, when the proceeds totaled about \$15,000 to \$2,000 over the 1995 sale. That trend continued for 10 years, with the 2003 auction raising \$40,759. Last year, auction sales totaled \$38,000.

The event also raised \$2,507 to help the city to keep a deputy

in the community. The proceeds came from a silent auction, cash donations and some auctioned items designated for the deputy fund.

The city and county split the cost of a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy's salary, plus benefits. The cost to the city is \$20,000 annually. A total of \$10,000 was budgeted for the deputy's salary. Another \$10,000 needs to be raised.

More than \$4,400 has already been donated. With the auction proceeds, the fund amounts to about \$7,000.

"We had wonderful items, wonderful buyers so it turned out great," president Terry Kramer said of the auction. "I think historically we are good stewards of our money. People keep the money all goes back

into the community."

The highest dollar items were springer hiders donated by local dairymen that netted \$14,000 for the event.

The Saturday event started with a cash donation of \$500 from the West End Men's Association.

"Everybody does get involved, does something for the auction and support it," club treasurer Reagan Hatch said. "This was definitely another fun year."

Todd Wells of Castleford was one of several area residents who made items for the auction.

"I grew up here and benefited," Wells said. "Now, I'm back and I want to help. It's a good cause."

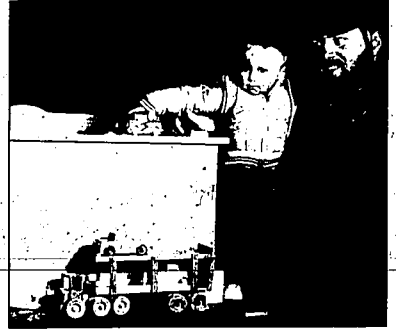
Wells, a graduate of Castle-

ford High School, resides in Castleford and practices veterinary medicine in Buhl. His wife, Genauna pickled asparagus for the auction and was one of 12 women who will provide a dessert of the month. The high bidder picks one day each month to have a dessert delivered to his or her home.

Until Saturday morning, nobody knew what was for sale. Then, club members and supporters started showing up with donated items.

In past years, the auction items have included everything from wrenches, jerky, aligners, quilts, savings bonds, sports equipment, ditch tires and anti-freeze to pine trees, snow shoes, socket sets, hats, T-shirts, photographs and more.

Castleford Men's Club mem-



Todd Wells made a toy box for the annual Castleford Men's Club Auction held Saturday. His son, Travis plays with wooden toy trucks and cars that were donated by Pauline Parker.

bership is open to everyone, including women.

For more information, call Kramer at 537-6895, Don Graybeal at 537-6647 or Todd Wells at 537-9157.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center

Allyson Mayra Orihuela, daughter of Ines and Noe Orihuela of Halley, was born Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005.

Karlee Susanna Nelson, daughter of Jennifer and Garth Nelson of Halley, was born Monday, Jan. 10, 2005.

Francisco Gerardo Trejo Jr., son of Patricia Estrada and Francisco Trejo of Halley, was born Friday, Jan. 14, 2005.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to:
Jami Whited
The Community Page
The Times-News
P.O. Box 548
Twin Falls, ID 83303
Or fax to: 734-5538.
Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper, and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper.

Robert Gibson of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Jan. 24, 2005.

Payton Cecelia Perkins, daughter of Crista Ann and Zac William Perkins of Jerome, was born Thursday, Jan. 24, 2005.

Sydney Meredith Preull, daughter of Janice Leigh and Troy Jon Preull of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Jan. 24, 2005.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Amber Lynn Patterson, daughter of Ted and Beth Patterson of Burley, was born Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2004.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Zayde Michael Barba, son of Michael and Kimberly Barba of Jerome, was born Friday, May 28, 2004.

Brandon Taylor Cavillio, son of Jose Angel and Janie Cavillio of Jerome, was born Saturday, May 29, 2004.

Aaliyah Lynn Maxine Madrid, daughter of David and Randi Madrid Sr. of Jerome, was born Monday, Jan. 24, 2005.

Justin Chapple Egbert, son of Lon and Melanie Egbert of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Brooke Lynne Black, daughter of Amber and Corey Black of Kimberly, was born Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2005.

Malya Jean Piercy, daughter of Alisha Lee Omaha and Beau Bryan Piercy of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 18, 2005.

Bryan Robert Shipp and Allison Rosette Shipp, twin son and daughter of Anne Jo and Daniel Clinton Shipp of Shoshone, was born Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005.

Kaden Allan Deason, son of Natalie Renee and Lucas Allan Deason of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 21, 2005.

Jaydyn Blane Debra, son of Britney Michelle D'Amra and Stephen Lane Debra of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Jan. 21, 2005.

MGR Information? Call Jami at 735-3278

Lily Anne Stanger, daughter of Leejean and Kip Even Stanger of Hansen, was born Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005.

Ryleigh Madison Ferguson, daughter of Amy Leann Koonece of Filer, was born Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005.

Julien Vashun Lopez, son of Katherine Anne and Alfredo Rubio Lopez III of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005.

Michelle W. Walker Gottle, son of Michelle Lynnette and Brian Michael Gottle of Filer, was born Saturday, Jan. 22, 2005.

Kayden Duane Richardson, son of Kayla Rae Richardson of Twin Falls, was born Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005.

Maysie Jean Gibson, daughter of Carol Ann and Collin



Kimberly students who won a national scholarship and award are, from left, back to front: Thomas Marvin, Trevor Barrott, Kody Krieger, Kayla Gardner, Emily Fowers and Jayde Graham.

KHS students win national scholarship

KIMBERLY — Six seniors from Kimberly High School have been honored with a national scholarship and award, Project Lifesaver, for helping families of military personnel of the 116th Idaho Army National Guard being deployed to Iraq.

Kayla Gardner, Jayde Graham, Kody Krieger, Emily Fowers, Thomas Marvin and Trevor Barrott came together in March and have worked throughout the last 10 months, providing help and support for military families.

Michelle Stangel with the school. Their project is "Dare to Care — Idaho kids caring for Idaho military families." Their adviser is Sharon Meeks.

Their project has grown into

school and community-wide involvement. They had a Dutch oven booth during Kimberly Good Neighbor Days, a Mother-Daughter Pollock, the Dare to Care Book Party, dinner baskets, letters written by various groups, a movie and pizza party for Halloween and a Christmas gathering.

The community has helped provide school supplies, winter clothing and Christmas gifts for the project.

Upcoming events include a Valentine party and Easter egg hunt.

On Monday, Trevor Barrott, the team leader, accepted the award and presented the project at the annual dinner for the Chapel of Four Chaplains in

Philadelphia, Pa. a nonprofit organization which encourages cooperation and selfless service among all people. It sponsors the scholarship for senior students, encouraging them to identify a problem or need in their community and work toward helping individuals within their community.

The Dare To Care project, submitted in December, was judged on the team's organizational abilities, involvement of community members, the team's selfless service, compassion and humanitarian efforts.

For more information or to become part of the Dare to Care program helping Idaho military families, call 423-4729.



FFA digs into soil for competition

BURLEY — The 34th annual Idaho State FFA and 4-H Land and Soil Evaluation Event, hosted each year by the West Cassia and East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation Districts, allowed students the chance to dig deep into the soil to learn valuable lessons.

The Burley High School FFA team won second place and qualifies to represent Idaho FFA members in the National competition held annually in Oklahoma City, Okla. Members David Gochneur of Burley fills out his evaluation form at the Land and Soils Career Development Event.

included Aubrie Ward, David Gochneur, Cade Mendenhall, Shelby Gochneur, Mollie Nelson and Kyle Bowers. The adviser is Lex Godfrey.

FFA and 4-H members learn to "evaluate soil" and gain practical knowledge of the soil resource, by learning to look deeper than the plow layer to make determinations about the soil, organizers said.

Regional Field Days are held throughout the state and involve about 450 young people and 50 advisers each year. FFA and 4-H teams winning at regional contests advance to the state contest. About 90 young people compete at the state event for the opportunity to advance to the International Land

and Soil Evaluation Event.

This year, 16 FFA teams and one 4-H team participated at the state level. The 2004 FFA teams competing included Burley, Gooding, Murtatugh and Jerome.

Rigby FFA took top honors in the 2004 state event with three team members placing in the top 10 individual awards. Burley FFA placed second; Melba FFA, third; Murtatugh FFA, fourth; and Genesee FFA, fifth. The top five FFA and 4-H teams at the state contest are eligible to attend the international event with the top two receiving scholarships.

Top individual award winners included: second, Aubrie Ward, Burley FFA.

M.V. Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners:

Jan. 20: first, Lonnice and Beverly Burns; second, Jessie Lingnaw and Sue Skinner; and third, Renee Bulcher and Marilyn Bokkin.

Jan. 23: first, Mike Noss and Max Thompson; second, Estelle Plankley, third, Marilyn Bokkin and Jessie Lingnaw; and fourth, Beverly Reed and Sandy Sexton.

Jan. 24: first, Doris Finney and Betty Silver; second, Sandy Sexton and Mary Tucker; and third, Dick and Carmen Kewan.

Jan. 25 for north/south: first, Jim Holden and Dick Kewan; second, Betty Grant and Maxine Watkins; and third, Doris Miller and Mary Lee Pfeifferle.

East/west: tied for first/second, Doris Finney and Joyce Johnson with Joann Jackson and

Beverly Reed; and third, Madeline Sawaya and Mary Ann Siegel.

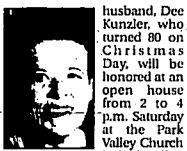
Jan. 26 for north/south: first, Linda Fix and Ruby Grimes; second, Herb Burgess and Sue Skinner; and third, Beverly Burns and Mary Kienlen.

East/west: first, Elaine Boven and Ruth Skeem; second, Lonnie Burns and Jessie Lingnaw; and third, Bonnie Aspitarte and Jennie McCormis.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 324-2000.

Couple celebrates 80th birthdays together

ROSETTE, Utah — Melva Tracy Kunzler of Rosette, Utah, which is located near the Idaho border, will celebrate her 80th birthday Thursday. She and her



husband, Dee Kunzler, who turned 80 on Christmas Day, will be honored at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Park Valley Church in Park Valley, Utah.

The family requests no gifts.

Birthday greetings and well-wishes can be sent to HC 63 No. 001, Park Valley, UT 84329.

Melva Tracy was born Feb. 3, 1925, in Yost, Utah, to Abe and Clara Smith Tracy, the oldest of five children. She graduated from Box Elder High School in 1943. She and Dee Kunzler, her high school sweetheart, married July 10, 1946, and settled in Rosette on the family ranch where they have lived for the last 58 years.

She spent many years helping

COMMUNITY EVENTS

on the ranch, and has held services from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

They are the parents of four children: Cheryl (Glen) Leak of Rexburg; Marilyn (Stan) Moncur of Burley; Tracy Kunzler (deceased); and Dee Ebe (Kellie) Kunzler of Rosette; they have 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of American Contract Bridge League-sanctioned open pairs play for Jan. 25:

North/south: first, Howard Tucker and Mary Tucker; second, Vera Mal and William Goodman; and third, Patricia Stephenson and Mildred Wolf.

East/west: first, Nancy Gibson and Trudy Carter; second, Beth Thomas and Lesla Karstetter; and third, Dot Creason and

Norma G. Odman.

The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. Refreshments are served during play. All area bridge players are invited.

For more information, call 878-3957.

Back-to-school workshop takes place

TWIN FALLS — A "Back to School" workshop will be offered from 1-3:30 p.m. Thursday through the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho.

Participants will learn about the services available at CSI, financial aid resources and college procedures. Participants will also explore the myths, which prevent adults returning to college from reaching their goals. This free workshop is designed for any person who is considering college classes and unsure of where to start or what

Mary Time Club members meet today

TWIN FALLS — The Mary Time Club meets at 2 p.m. today at the home of Rose Marie Crawford. Marie Webb is hostess.

The roll call is a Valentine card, funny story or show and tell.

The club met Jan. 4 at Betty Sliker's home. Ten members attended and Florence Sheridan won the white elephant.

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LETTERS

Kindergarten teacher deserves district support

I am writing in support of the kindergarten teacher, Debbie Soran, who refused to leave her classroom and test. I taught kindergarten for six years and spent three years teaching first grade. I am still a teacher and devoted to my students.

When I taught the early grades, I was asked to test the children and always delegated individual testing to my aide. I felt the children needed me in the classroom. They need that stability. They are still tender little souls. Things can be scary, and having your teacher gone and a substitute come in is very scary. I also felt they needed someone familiar for testing and that is why I released my aide from her duties to do the testing. Who could do it better than her? The students knew her, were comfortable with her, and were also comfortable having her come in to pull others out, so it was not a disruption to the classroom environment. I would think the administra-

tors would be supportive of this teacher who wants to maintain the integrity of her classroom through the testing process. By maintaining this integrity she is likely to have her students score closer to their true abilities. The purpose of the testing is to know where a child is and to ascertain what direction they need to go. It would seem to me that the administration would want the most accurate results possible and would do all to ensure that.

We need to remember that education is not driven by tests, though sometimes it sure seems to be. Education is driven by children. We will best educate if we meet the needs of those children.

Best of luck to the teacher, the administration, the parents and, most of all, the children who are suffering.

DEBRAH ROUNDY
Rupert
Stations should cater to prepaying customers
The Times-News asked for

opinions on this prepay gas ordinance.

I really don't mind the ordinance, but I have a question for the station owners: Why not build a booth out by your pumps to pay for gas so the elderly and disabled don't have so far to walk to pay? Yes, I know you want everyone to buy your donuts, pop, hot dogs and such, but there are people who just want to buy gasoline.

You have claimed that this ordinance will save you thousands of dollars each year in drive-offs, so why not build a booth? You might be surprised how profitable one would be.

If the city can pass a gas ordinance, then it can pass a "no talking on cell phones while driving" ordinance too. You aren't concentrating on your driving. You are a driving hazard to all around you. Why can't you pull off and talk then continue safely down the road? And yes, I have a cell phone. Some states already have an ordinance, and it works great.

Another annoying thing is these cars that go around with

blaring music. Twin Falls has a "noise ordinance." And what about our "unmarked-police car" handing out a few tickets for blaring music. I don't make you listen to my kind of music while I'm driving around; why the heck should I have to listen to yours? You would never hear a siren behind you trying to get through traffic to assist another person, so turn it down please.

We have to wear our seat belts to operate a motorized vehicle and have a driver's license, so why do these little electric scooters go around on the streets without a helmet or a license? You kids that don't wear a helmet are asking for a big headache or, God forbid, worse, when you pull out in front of a car without looking.

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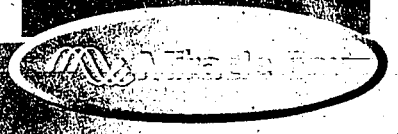
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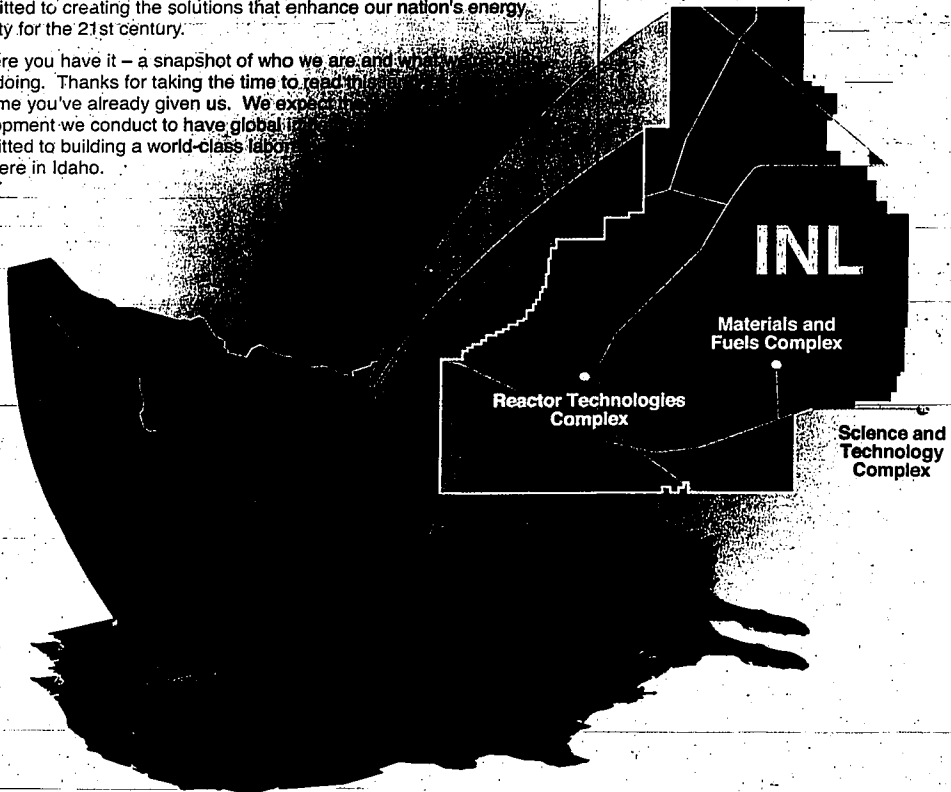
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AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. district holds planning meetings

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls School District will hold community work sessions today, Wednesday and Thursday to start updating its strategic plan. The district created its 10-year strategic plan for 2000, and beyond—the update will be mid-plan reevaluation of how well the district is meeting the plan and how the plan might need to change.

Growth in the district is part of the plan, including the idea of building a new high school to house more programs and possibly create four-year high schools. The plan also addresses accountability, curriculum, expanding opportunities, school to community relations and facilities.

The meetings will be from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Obendorf Insurance Building at 264 Main Ave. S. The meetings are open to the public to observe. To join the committee, call Linda Baid or Denise Backus at 733-6900. The district will hold public forums on the draft plan once it is created.

Idaho Power seeks efficiency rider hike

BOISE—Idaho Power customers have until Feb. 16 to comment on the company's proposal to increase an energy efficiency rider on customer bills.

The company seeks an increase from 30 cents a month for the average residential customer to 85 cents. The rider would become effective June 1. Idaho Power's proposal further requests an increase to \$1.36 per month for an average residential customer beginning in June 2007.

If approved, the energy efficiency rider would help fund six major conservation programs designed to offset the growth in demand for power plants and to prevent the company from expanding power, from more expensive sources to meet growing customer demand.

The current plan estimates \$2.6 million annually. Costs for implementing the six programs from this year through 2009 increase from \$5.5 million to \$10.8 million, the company claims.

Comments should be sent by Feb. 16 to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

Area senior center holds arthritis class

TWIN FALLS—The Arthritis Foundation's People with Arthritis Can Exercise class is being held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Twin Falls Senior Center.

New participants can register on-site at their first class. Donna Wavner from Bridgeview Estates is the instructor. Participants are led through a series of specially designed range-of-motion and muscle-strengthening exercises. Increased flexibility, reduced pain and stiffness, increased muscle strength and a better sense of well being are among the health benefits reported by those who have taken the class.

It meets from 1:30-2:30 p.m. For further information, call Susie Beebe, arthritis program coordinator at the South Central District Health Department, at 735-3204.

The senior center is located at 530 Shoshone St. S.

—compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season pool
Salmon	68%	40%
Big Lost	77%	46%
Little Wood	68%	53%
Big Lost	64%	49%
Little Lost	81%	47%
Hensley Fork/Teton	63%	51%
Upper Snake Basin	78%	47%
Oakley	64%	54%
Salmon Falls	89%	55%

A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the winter season, which peaks in spring.

Gunman robs restaurant

By **Rebecca Meany**
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—A restaurant was robbed at gunpoint Monday as employees were preparing an early-morning catering order, police say.

Officers with the Twin Falls Police Department were called to Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., at approximately 5:30 a.m.

Two people were inside when a man came to the back door of the restaurant, said Staff Sgt. Matt Hicks.

"He displayed what the owner described as a shotgun," Hicks said.

Inside, the perpetrator demanded money.

"The owner said his policy to deposit checks and cash the night before," Hicks said.

The robber left with money, but Hicks declined to say how much.

Witnesses described the suspect as a Hispanic male in his twenties, 5-foot-9 and about 160 pounds. He was wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt with a blue or black bandanna over his face.

The last major crime to occur at Idaho Joe's was a burglary in October 2001, Hicks said.

Someone gained entry into the business in the middle of the night while a bakery worker was in another room.

This latest robbery is one of many such crimes occurring recently in Twin Falls.

On Jan. 28 the Oasis Stop 'N Go at 515 Washington St. N. was robbed at gunpoint. An Arizona man has been charged in that crime.

On Jan. 6 the D.L. Evans' bank at 215 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. was

robbed. No weapon was displayed in that incident. Police are still seeking an arrest in that crime.

The Oasis Stop 'N Go at 890 Washington St. S. was robbed three times within a month and a half last fall.

If anyone has information on the Idaho Joe's robbery, they are asked to contact the Twin Falls police at 735-4357.

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Group gets grant to help the homeless

By **Sandy Miller**
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—South Central Community Action Partnership will soon have \$55,708 more dollars in its coffers to help homeless families with children.

The grant will allow the organization to help women with three children who lived in their van for two months so they could save enough money for a down payment on a small house. People like the battered woman who had no place to go after fleeing a violent relationship. People like the family of five who had to live with relatives because they couldn't afford a place of their own.

"When we talk about homelessness, it's not just people sleeping in abandoned buildings or caves, though there are those," said Bill Lehman, housing director for South Central Community Action Partnership. South Central Community Action Partnership was one of 23 agencies in Idaho that will receive a record \$3.4 million in funding from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to the agency.

More than 4,400 local homeless programs across America will receive \$1.1 billion in grants by the Department of Housing and Urban Development—the largest single commitment of federal funds designed to provide shelter and care for those without a home of their own, the agency said.

South Central Action Partnership will use the grant funds to help people in its transitional housing program. There's currently a waiting list for the agency's 11 units in which families can live up to two weeks. The 11 units include one home, one duplex and three apartments in Twin Falls, two homes in Jerome, and one home each in Chubbuck, Burley and Rupert, said Ken Robinson, the agency's executive director.

People in the agency's transitional housing program get more than just a roof over their heads. They also get help in putting together a plan that not only helps them get back on their feet, but helps them avoid falling back into the ranks of the homeless. There are case workers to help them make a list of their goals, which can include everything from getting a high school diploma, continuing an education at the community college, to getting a license to get the ball rolling on child support. People in the program also get help with budgeting, nutrition and advice on how to avoid predatory loan agencies that charge high interest rates. There is also help for those unexpected things that come up, such as car repairs.

Lehman said 14 percent of Idaho will use the grant money and in Minidoka County it's as high as 16 percent. It places a lot of it on the state's low wages. It's difficult, if not impossible to support a family on \$6 to \$8 an hour, Lehman said. It's often money to buy a home.

Robinette said the agency won't receive the funding until the end of the year. He said hopefully, the additional dollars will result in more transitional housing program success stories, such as the family that recently purchased their first home and a young woman who is getting her diploma from the College of Southern Idaho's nursing program.

"Those are successes and we measure them one at a time," Robinette said.

Help for the homeless

The South Central Community Action Partnership, located at 550 Washington St. S., offers help for the homeless with food, shelter, clothing and a number of other needs. If the agency can't help, it can refer people to other agencies that can. To learn more or find ways to help, stop by the agency between 8 a.m. and noon or 'between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or call SCCAP at 735-3204. SCCAP outreach locations:

- Jerome: 300 N. Lincoln, 1st to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
- Burley: 314 E. Fifth St., 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 678-3514.

WHAT MAKES A PARK?

North Park Advisory Committee members, Marla and Bill Jensen, left, Gladys Esquivel, right, and Esperanza Garhardt, give Oregon Trail Botanical Garden Foundation Treasurer, June Tilley, center, their ideas for improvements for North Park. The foundation has sent out a survey to all city electric customers asking what they would like to see done to improve the park. The foundation will pay for the improvements out of proceeds from its Arts-In-the-Garden tour.



Foundation asks public for ideas

By **Laurie Welch**
For The Times-News

BURLEY—A local garden club wants to beautify North Park in Burley and make it more usable, asking the public what it wants.

The Oregon Trail Botanical Garden Foundation wants to improve the park located at 10th Street and Oakley Avenue for its Burley Centennial project. The group has sent out a survey inside city electric bills asking residents what features they would like to see in the park.

All the park has in it is one basketball hoop, a few tables, trees and some playground equipment," the foundation's Treasurer June Tilley said, adding

that the park is heavily used.

"We have done improvements at the East Park and Storybook Park," Tilley said. "This is the only one left."

Esperanza Garhardt, a member of the advisory committee for the park, said there needs to be more picnic tables and perhaps some tables with shelters.

"I used to come and eat lunch here and I would sit in my car because there were not enough tables," she said.

Gladys Esquivel, another member of the advisory committee, said the park also needs more lighting.

Other suggestions included putting in some perennial plants and upgrading the basketball court.

Members of the advisory

committee plan to distribute surveys to surrounding homes to find out what features are most important to the park's neighbors.

The survey asks residents to rank various improvements, including trees, shrubs, picnic tables, basketball courts, park benches, gardens, playground equipment, walking paths and sidewalks, in order of importance.

The group will analyze the surveys and then make a decision about which projects will be completed, Tilley said.

The foundation will fund the project with proceeds from its Arts-in-the-Garden Tour, which will be held June 23.

Businesses and individuals can donate labor and equip-

ment for the project, Tilley said, and the foundation will also accept donations of benches or other equipment as memorials.

Foundation Secretary Karen Marie Whiting said there are many projects that would be perfect Eagle Scout projects.

After the survey is completed, the foundation will hold a contest to rename the park and a dedication ceremony will be held during Centennial Week July 9-17.

The survey can be returned along with the utility bill by mail or dropped off at Burley City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave.

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Advisory commission hears complaint

By **Rose Marie Parsons**
South Idaho Press

RUPERT—Five Burley residents have filed a complaint with the Citizen Advisory Commission against a Rupert police officer they say was disrespectful and unprofessional.

The complaint follows an incident in which officer Travis Wages served Roberta Smith with a citation for battery—a charge that has since been dismissed. Smith, her husband, parents and brother have filed the complaint against Wages. The purpose of a commission meeting last week was to gather information by listening to both sides in the conflict. Commission Chairman John Cooper said he did not determine whether Smith is guilty of battery.

After hearing conflicting versions of the incident presented by police officers and by Smith and the family, commission member Frank Rodriguez said, "It sounds like there was a lot of miscommunication." Smith said a Cassia County Sheriff's deputy knocked on the door of her residence in Burley

about 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 23, to notify her and her husband, Silas Smith, that Wages wanted to talk to them.

Silas Smith said he had talked to Wages on the telephone and told him he would like to postpone meeting until the next day because he needed to go to work at 5 a.m.

Wages said he would have a Cassia County officer serve the citation if the Smiths would not come to the Rupert police station to talk to him. Silas Smith said they would be there right away.

The Smiths picked up Roberta Smith's parents and brother, Robert, Coleen and Richard Duncan, on the way to Rupert. "Because they did not trust the Rupert Police Department (the Smiths) had asked that a Minidoka County Sheriff's deputy be present," Wages said in the written statement he gave the commission.

Roberta Smith said when she asked "What's the consequences of filing a false report?" Wages told her "That's not why we are here." Silas Smith said Wages did

not want to hear Roberta Smith's side of the story.

Acting Police Chief Eric Snarr, said it is common to serve a citation at 10:30 at night.

Wages said he began his shift at 9 p.m. and met with the woman who signed the citizen citation against Roberta Smith just before 10 p.m. He said he then asked a Cassia County deputy to contact the Smiths.

"Why did you need to serve the citation then since you have a year to serve a misdemeanor citation?" asked commission member Elizabeth Burr-Jones. Wages said he needed signed statements from Roberta and Silas Smith, telling their side of the story to include in his report, which needed to be completed by the end of his shift at 7 a.m.

Department policy is to get both sides of the story to go with the citation when it is sent to the prosecutor, Sgt. Bob Lovder said.

Commission member Santos Garza suggested that Wages could have avoided the problem with clearer communication. "You've got someone

with no record and it's almost 'Christmas, Eve,'" Garza said. "Wages" needed to lead into the situation with 'I have a report to file.'"

Wages said he did not think Silas Smith was angry when they finished talking on the telephone. He said he expected taking their statements to take about half an hour. Instead, he said he found himself trying to calm down five individuals at the police station.

In written statements, several officers said Wages acted professionally.

Although the Citizen Advisory Commission has no power to take action on the complaint, it can make recommendations to the City Council. City Attorney Kelly Anderson said.

Cooper said the commission will meet again to prepare its recommendations after its members have had time to study the written statements.

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Two people die north on highway near Shoshone

The Times-News

SHOSHONE—Two people died north of Shoshone Friday night, but authorities are not releasing details surrounding their deaths.

Torres, 22, of Shoshone and Carlos Munoz, 31, of American Falls were driving on Idaho Highway 75 around 11:30 p.m., according to

a news release issued by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.

The news release does not say which person was driving nor who died first. It also does not say what the causes of death were.

One of the occupants was immediately determined to be dead. The other died at the scene after attempts at resuscitation failed, the release says.

Sherriff's deputies and a Shoshone police officer were responding to a disturbing-the-peace call in the area. As they were driving, they spotted a small white car that had veered off the road in response to the emergency lights of the patrol vehicles, the release says. The car came to a halt in the borrow pit. Inside the vehicle, police found two people, later identified as Torres and Munoz. One of the occupants was immediately determined to be dead. The other died at the scene after attempts at resuscitation failed, the release says.

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Utah student discovers she's not a legal resident

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Until she returned from a brief visit to Mexico, Utah State University student Heili Martinez thought she was a 20-year-old legal resident of the United States. But since being detained by border officials, she has learned she is 18 and an illegal resident. "When I was in junior high, I felt the way most Americans do about the Mexicans crossing the border," said Martinez. "I felt all the illegal aliens should be deported. My parents would laugh when I said that."

her she was a legal resident. "I look like everyone else. I have no accent when I speak English. I know as much U.S. history as the average Joe, if not more. I've been singing the national anthem since my lungs let me. I know the words," Martinez said. "I've just always felt I'm American." She had a Social Security card from her father. When she asked about her alien resident card, he told her it was lost, she said. At USU, she landed a job as a resident assistant in Valley View towers. In October, she attended a conference in New Mexico for resident assistants and she and the other USU student made a quick trip across the border to Mexico. When they returned and were questioned by U.S. border agents, she said she was a German citizen. The border officials could not find her listed in a database of permanent foreign residents. She was taken into custody and was told she was in the United States illegally.

"They said, 'Right now we are waiting for your passport to come to deport you. You don't belong here, you have no right to be here,'" Martinez recalled. Martinez said she tried to call her parents and they hung up on her. She then contacted a sister and an uncle, who told her the immigration officials were right. Sen. Orrin Hatch has introduced a bill that would give her an immigrant visa or otherwise make her a legal resident. If the bill doesn't pass, the 18-year-old Martinez will be deported, possibly to Germany or Venezuela. Meanwhile, she still attends USU, but can't legally work. Though she still carries on with her day-to-day activities, she knows her future is not in her hands. "Now I realize there's more to each situation," she said. "I see so much more to this picture."

Senate slams door on courthouse renovation

—BOISE — A proposal to begin a \$20 million renovation project at the old Ada County Courthouse failed in the Senate on Monday, clearing the way for another bill that would tear down the Theodore Roosevelt-era edifice and replace it with all-new construction. The Senate voted 18-16 against the measure, which would have preserved the history of the old courthouse and greatly expanded the building to about 80,000-square-feet of usable floor space. During committee testimony earlier this month, Boise Mayor Dave Bleter warned the State Affairs Committee that if the Legislature moved to raze the old buildings, historic preservation groups would surely file a lawsuit to stop it. All four Ada County Republican senators voted against the proposal, while all three Democratic Ada County senators voted for it. The legislation was sponsored by President Pro Tem Bob Geddes, R-Soda Springs and backed by Republican Floor Leader Dan Davis.

Idaho in brief
The path of the floodwaters through the four states 15,000 years ago.
Sens. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, and Gordon Smith, R-Ore., are among co-sponsors of the Senate bill.
Albertson Foundation execs quit the charity
—BOISE — Two Albertson Foundation executives are quitting the charity after it decided to scrap a program that would have created a statewide system to track the grades of students at Idaho public schools. President Craig Olsen and program development officer Wayne Rush resigned, effective last week. The so-called Idaho Student Information Management System was abandoned in December because it would have cost five times the \$35 million Albertson committed. The project had already gotten \$21 million. In the wake of that decision, the foundation has opted to focus almost solely on helping the 29 Idaho school districts that were chosen as pilot projects for the tracking system and may now be facing problems. That left Olsen and Rush with few prospects for developing new projects, said foundation spokeswoman Chris Luter.

year, indicating the decline may leave the city budget \$50,000 less than expected. The state bases its payments to cities on population. The City Council recognized other communities have grown faster than Pocatello, so it budgeted to receive \$100,000 less this fiscal year. But the decline may be closer to \$150,000. Councilman Harry Neuhardt said if the checks continue to be smaller than expected, the city will have to cut projects from its paving program to offset the unexpected shortfall. The Greater Pocatello Chamber of Commerce lobbied state lawmakers and Governor Kempthorne in Boise this week to hopefully change the formula the state uses to divvy the funds. It also has asked the state to consider implementing a floor to prevent cities from losing if current gas funding levels drop. **Sales of sticker will benefit wounded officer**
COEUR D'ALENE — A magnetic circular sticker that resembles the Coeur d'Alene Police Department shoulder patch will be sold as a benefit to the police officer who was shot in the face in December. Police are taking orders for the sticker, expected to arrive in March. Proceeds from the \$10 sticker are going to fund for Mike Krallack, who was shot with a .357 Magnum during a gunfight in Hayden on Dec. 28. While at Spokane's Harborview Medical Center after the shooting, the 35-year-old Krallack underwent a tracheotomy and surgery to repair his carotid artery and jaw. He was unconscious for about two weeks. —compiled from wire reports

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Crystal M. Torres

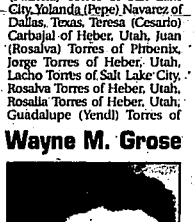
AMERICAN FALLS — Crystal M. Torres, 22, of American Falls and formerly of Shoshone, died Jan. 28, 2005, in American Falls. She was born Dec. 25, 1982, in Farmington, N.M., the daughter of Jesus Arturo Torres and Belinda Colunga. She was raised in Idaho and graduated from Wood High School in 2000. Crystal worked as a probation officer for Power County. Her life was her children. She was a wonderful mother, daughter and friend who will be missed by all who knew her. Crystal is survived by her children, Sabrina Ramos, Carlos and Giovanni Torres all of American Falls; her mother and stepfather, Belinda Colunga and Emilio Silva of Shoshone; four sisters and one brother, Rebecca Tarango serving in Iraq, Luis Tarango, Emilio Torres, Irma Silva and Ana Silva, all of Shoshone; grandparents, Willy (Ella) Colunga of Twin Falls and Jesus and



Heber, Utah, Danny Gonzales of San Antonio, Andrew (Anita) Colunga of Oceanside, Calif., and William Colunga of Farmington, N.M. She is also survived by many extended family members and friends who loved her dearly. Crystal was preceded in death by her father, Jesus Arturo Torres, and her grandmother. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at the Shoshone LDS Church, 507 N. Greenwood, Shoshone. A visitation will be held where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday evening at the church and again one hour prior to the service on Friday, February 4, 2005, at the Shoshone Cemetery. Donations in her children's name may be made to the Wells Fargo Bank in Shoshone. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Wayne M. Grose

CHELAN, Wash. — Wayne M. Grose, 69, of Chelan, Wash., lost a short battle with cancer on Jan. 29. He was born May 2, 1935, in Hazelton, Idaho, the son of Elene and Edward Grose. He graduated from Valley High School in 1954. After graduation he served in the U.S. Army and the Reserves in Idaho. Upon returning home to Idaho, he married Lois Buschhorn. Together they had two sons, Mike and Mark. They were later divorced. He moved to North Bend and Washington where he worked construction on various dam projects including the Grand Coulee Dam project. He met and married Lexie in 1967. They had one daughter, Carole. He worked for Beebe and Dole Orchards as a carpenter until his retirement. He loved horses and competed in amateur rodeo. He was a longtime active member of the Chelan Rustlers Saddleclub. He lived out his passion for rodeos by attending the National Rodeo Finals in Pocatello, Idaho, each spring with family members. Being a farm boy at heart, he enjoyed returning to Hazelton each fall to drive his tractor and work the fields during harvest for his family. He is survived by his mother, Arlene Grose of Twin Falls, Idaho; his wife, Lexie of



Rosaura Tarango of Heber, Utah; aunts and uncles, Isidro (Parrilo) Torres of Salt Lake City, Yolanda (Pep) Navarez of Dallas, Texas, Teresa (Cesar) Carbajal of Heber, Utah, Juan (Rosalia) Torres of Phenix, Jorge Torres of Heber, Utah, Lacho Torres of Salt Lake City, Rosalba Torres of Heber, Utah, Rosalba Torres of Heber, Utah, Guadalupe (Yendi) Torres of



A tribute service will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005, at North Shore Bible Church in Manson, Wash. A reception will follow the service Wednesday at the Best Western Inn at Lakeside. Donations may be made in honor of Wayne to the Chelan Rustlers Saddleclub. The life you lived was true and honest. Always glad to meet a friend. Happy hearted and contented. Faithful to the very end. Now your earthly strife is over. No more sorrow, no more care. Yet your hearts are sad and lonely. For we miss you everywhere.

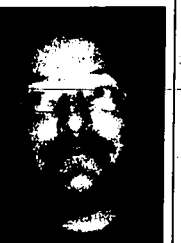


Chelan; one daughter, Carmen of Olympia, Wash.; two stepdaughters, Debbie of Chehalis, Wash., and Crystal of Chelan, Wash.; three sons, Mike of Port Angeles, Wash., Mark of Enumclaw, Wash., and Dick of Coos Bay, Ore.; four sisters, Shirley Prett (Joe), of Castleford, Idaho, Colleen Henry (Bob Sr.) of Jerome, Idaho, Betty McDonald (Lion) of Ross, Idaho, and Kathy Deahl (Buss) of Twin Falls, Idaho; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents. Wayne, also known as Doc, was much loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed by all.

John (Jack) E. Rioux

MEXICO, Maine — John (Jack) E. Rioux, 43, of Mexico, Maine, formerly of Gooding, Idaho, died on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005, at the Rumford hospital in Maine. Jack was born Sept. 20, 1961, in Saco, Maine. He lived in many places in Maine and Idaho. His family moved to Idaho. He was well known for his jolly laugh and husky frame. He was a DJ, bartender and bouncer for the Lincoln Inn; he was an avid and even did tattoos on one time. He was a jack of all trades and lived up to all his name. We will miss him greatly.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Bruce. He is survived by his sister, Cynthia Blazie; his wife, his three brothers, Arthur (Joe) Rioux of Bliss, Bruce Rioux of Bliss and Brian Rioux of Twin Falls, a niece and nephew of Bliss and his children in Florida. There will be no services held. All arrangements will be done in Maine. If you would like to send any correspondence you may send it to his brother, Bruce Rioux, 304 U.S. Highway 30, Bliss, ID 83314.



Lawmakers again propose route through flood path

WASHINGTON — Washington state lawmakers have renewed their push to establish an Ice Age Floods National Geological Trail through portions of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Democratic Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and Republican Rep. Doc Hastings introduced similar legislation last year to create a trail that would stretch from Missoula, Mont. to the Willamette Valley in Oregon and tell the story of the Ice Age floods. The four-state auto route would be managed by the National Park Service and follow

Pocatello portion of state gas tax revenue drops

POCATELLO — Pocatello's portion of the state's state gas tax revenue dropped 3.5 percent compared to last year, which may indicate a more dire situation than city leaders thought. The quarterly check was about \$18,000 less than last

Environmental groups sue national forest

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two Utah environmental groups are suing the Ashley National Forest to stop a massive timber sale that they say will remove valuable old growth forest in the Uinta Mountains. The Environmental Congress and the Fish Uintas Preservation Council filed a lawsuit last week in federal court to stop the Trout Slope West timber sale — a \$2 million, 40-acre board-foot sale big enough to

fill about 8,500 log trucks. The sale is scheduled to take place in August. "They're going to decimate hundreds, if not thousands, of acres of forest," Utah Environmental Congress spokesman Kevin Mueller said. "It will damage the habitat for any species that need old, secure forest." The area, which provides key habitat for elk, deer, goshawk, three-toed woodpecker and lynx, is already dotted with

patches of 40 acre clear-cuts. The Trout Slope West sale focuses on removal of the old growth forest between these clear-cuts. The Ashley National Forest's plan and the National Forest Management Act both limit the amount of clear-cut openings to 40 acres. "The Forest Service also has accounted for only 60 percent of clear-cuts," Mueller said. "The rest have not been accounted for."

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SERVICES

John Bennett of Hansen, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Kimberly LDS Chapel, 222 S. Birch St. Viewing will be held one hour before the service Tuesday at the church (Hove, Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Elmore Plocher of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 908 Eighth St., Rupert; family and friends may call one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

hour before the service Wednesday at the funeral home. Jesus "Jess" Maria Eliseo Archuleta of Rupert, rosary at 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802

DEATH NOTICES

Edgar F. Rosecrans — BURLEY — Edgar F. Rosecrans, a 91-year-old Burley resident, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at the Warren House in Burley. Arrangements will be made by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

John Austin — TWIN FALLS — John Austin, 77, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Boise. A service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at White Mortuary. A viewing and family call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at White Mortuary.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, at the Lady of Snow Catholic Church. The rest have not been accounted for.

Phyllis McInturf Gillenwater of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Catherine Estelle Davis — KEIGHTUM — Catherine Estelle Davis, 96, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one

hour before the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Council considers merit increase for police officer

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — City police Sergeant Jay Gardner, who has 20 years of service with the Jerome Police Department, is being considered for a 2 1/2 percent merit increase. The Jerome City Council will consider the pay hike at its meeting tonight.

Gardner, serves as the school resource officer and supervises the school resource program. If approved, Gardner's raise will cost the city \$70.89 per month or \$851.84 annually.

Police Sergeant Patty Ward, who has 20 years with the Jerome Police Department, is

Meeting time

The Jerome City Council meets at 7 p.m. tonight in council chambers, 101 East Avenue A. The public is welcome.

also being considered for a 3 percent pay increase. According to City Council agenda materials Ward "probably possesses more knowledge about the community of Jerome than anyone else in the police department." Sgt. Ward's knowledge of the community and participation in community events significantly enhances the police department's public relations." If approved Ward's raise will cost the city \$80.74 per month or \$969.92 annually.

Also on the agenda is consideration and possible passage of a pay request in the amount of \$1,242.76 from Sunrise Engineers for work completed on the 8th Avenue and Date Street Project. The 8th Avenue and Date Street Project will resurface and widen 8th Avenue West from Lincoln Street North to Date Street and from Date Street to Main Avenue West — install curbs, gutters and sidewalks along the route and build a new bridge over the irrigation canal on Date Street North between 6th and 7th Avenues West.

Projects may have to vie for funds

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The idea of a library expansion was shelved for two months by the City Council Monday, and it may see further delays if other city projects are deemed more urgent.

"How much capital debt can the community support?" asked City Manager Tom Courtney.

If a library bond issue were put on November's ballots, it could be squeezed in among many others.

"There are a number of capital projects that could be completed," Courtney said. "Only the highest priorities should be offered."

Arsonic issues, the canyon rim trail project, Auger Falls and other items in the long-term, 10-year city plan are competing for dollars.

Courtney estimated a \$5.5 million library bond could increase taxes for a \$14,000 home by an additional \$26.50 per year. An \$8.2 million bond issue could raise that to \$39, he said.

Councilwoman Elaine Steele noted that other projects were a part of the city's strategic plan, while the library's expansion was not.

Expansion supporters, though, said the library should always be on the city's radar.

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"It takes time for a project like this," Courtney said.

While a bond issue can wait until next year to be put to voters, Kleinkopf said that, by getting started earlier they were more likely to get a lower interest rate.

City Council members agreed to decide later whether to take action on the bond issue so they can study forthcoming reports on other projects that might need funding.

The 60-day waiting period, however, may not be enough.

"I really doubt (the 10-year plan) will be back in 60 days," Courtney said. "We're pushing it at 90."

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CSI tables smoking ban

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Board delayed a decision Monday about a possible smoking ban on campus.

The board is waiting for formal feedback from the faculty senate and the Professional and Classified Employees organization.

President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said a vote on the issue of a smoking ban within the college's circular road would likely come up at next month's meeting.

"We will be a trendsetter," Meyerhoeffer said.

within 30 feet with smoking huts, 167 covered a 30-foot ban with no huts and 84 asked for no change.

Student Body Vice President Megan Thom said a ban within the circle would exclude the dormitory, the Expo Center, the Harret Center, baseball fields and several other facilities.

"We tried our best to accommodate everyone's needs," Thom said.

Before the meeting, student senators voted 10-3 to recommend the ban, which was the result of months of discussion. The original recommendation was to ban smoking within 30 feet of building entrances and provide designated smoking huts around campus, but senators reconsidered it after taking student feedback.

Stephanie Sandley, student body vice president, presented results from two surveys on the issue. A paper survey garnered responses from 60 smokers and 428 nonsmokers. Sandley said 76 percent favored a nonsmoking campus, but smokers were split in their willingness to use smoking huts. The second survey, done online, received responses from 138 smokers and 660 nonsmokers. From that group, 333 favored a ban within the circle, 213 favored the ban

and Associates, the engineering company working on the project. The original plan was to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Falls Avenue and Quincy Street this summer. The delay comes from federal rules and bureaucracy attached to the funding. Reconfiguring the entrance will allow both entering and exiting traffic to line up with Quincy Street. That will create a teardrop-shaped area of grass where the rectangular field is now.

Recreation center — The board reviewed finalized plans for the recreation center that will be added to the gymnasium. The original plan was for an expansion will include basketball courts, exercise areas, an elevated track, offices and other facilities. Construction is slated to start in late March, with the center being finished in spring 2006.

Fish hatchery — CSI is in the process of acquiring the W.R. Priebe Fish Hatchery Property from the Twin Falls Wildlife Federation, which is disbanding. CSI has leased the facility from the federation since 1977. Pending the receipt of a deed, CSI will acquire the property with severance conditions, including continuing to use it as a hatchery or for other education purposes.

Construction delay — It will likely be at least a year before the college can have \$530,000 from Congress for an overhaul of its front entrance, said Dale Riedesel, president of Riedesel & Associates.

Times-News writer Karin Kowalski can be reached at kowalsk1@magicvalley.com or 735-3231.

Department offers radon test kits

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Division of Health is offering free radon test kits to the first 1,000 callers during the month of February.

Radon is a radioactive gas that occurs naturally from the decay of uranium in soil. It is odorless, tasteless and invisible, according to a news release from the Department of Health and Welfare. It is also the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Elevated levels of radon gas have

been detected in all parts of Idaho, the news release said. It seeps into homes and other buildings through gaps in walls and foundations.

Radon test results reported to Health and Welfare's Indoor Environment Program indicate 37 percent of homes tested in Idaho had levels of radon equal to or greater than the Environmental Protection Agency's action level of four picocuries per liter, a level where steps should be taken to reduce radon in homes or buildings. The average indoor radon level for Idaho is 6.3 picocuries

per liter.

Testing for radon is easy. Homeowners simply set the kit in their home for two to seven days and then mail it to a lab for analysis in a mailer supplied with the test kit. If a high level of radon is discovered, it can be fixed through a variety of techniques, depending on the home. Radon is an environmental hazard that can be corrected.

To order your free test kit, or for additional information about radon, call the Indoor Environment Program at 1-800-445-8647.

Court: County isn't responsible for migrant worker's medical bills

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court has upheld a federal district court ruling that Mindoka County is not responsible for the medical bills of a migrant worker who died after a car accident.

The worker, Efrén Bermudez, was not a permanent resident of Mindoka County, the court should not be held responsible for the medical bills he incurred before his death, the court ruled.

"The counties in Idaho do not have unlimited funds with which to pay medical providers for services rendered to indigent patients. The payment of medical-indigent benefits only to persons who are physically present in Idaho for at least thirty days and intend to remain or do not intend to move is a rational policy related to the legitimate state interest of allocating limited funds," Justice Linda Copple

Trout wrote for the unanimous high court. The ruling upheld a decision by 5th District Judge Joha Melanson.

State law defines a resident as someone who lived in the state for at least 30 days and who is not in Idaho temporarily. The law reads in part "A resident does not include a person who comes into this state for temporary purposes, including, but not limited to, tourism, vacation, or seasonal labor."

Bermudez moved to the county in March 2002 as a seasonal migrant worker, and planned to leave after the 2002 farm season. But after he lived in the county for more than a month, he was seriously injured in a car accident and was taken to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, where he died the next day.

"The hospital billed the county \$30,000 for the emergency treatment, claiming Bermudez

was a resident under state law because he lived in the region for more than a month. But the county contested, saying the law holding counties responsible for indigent residents' medical bills did not apply to temporary residents such as migrant workers.

The courts agreed, and went on to say the law does not violate equal protection for migrant workers. Bermudez was not denied medical care, Trout wrote — the debate was over who should pay for the care, not if it should be given.

In this case, EIRMC seeks payment for emergency medical care on behalf of Bermudez; this is not a situation where medical care was denied. Although emergency medical care is certainly as significant as non-emergency medical care, denial of payment is a separate issue from denial of treatment," Trout wrote.

Police look for suspects in shooting of Nampa man

NAMPA (AP) — Police are looking for three men in the killing of a Nampa man Sunday in an area of southwestern Idaho that's been wracked by gang violence for months.

Andrew Clair, 25, was shot three times in the chest with a handgun just before 5:30 p.m., authorities said.

Police have identified one "person of interest" in the case.

Beyewitnesses at the home where the man was shot said three men came to the residence and began arguing with

the victim. A fight ensued and one man pulled out the gun and opened fire.

Gang activity has been an ongoing concern in Canyon County where there have been at least two gang-related killings and nearly two hundred reports of gunfire since last summer as members battle over turf and drugs, authorities say.

Police on Sunday were unable to determine a motive for the shooting, but Assistant Nampa Police Chief Tim Vincent said neighbors and other

witnesses would help with the investigation.

"We've just got a lot of people to interview," Vincent said, adding it's not clear if the victim knew the suspect.

Four other people were in the apartment with the victim at the time of the shooting, but nobody else was hurt.

After the killing, the gunman and the other two men fled.

Safe Harbor will meet on February 10

TWIN FALLS — Safe Harbor Inc. will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10 at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N.

The agenda will include a review of the bylaws of Safe Harbor Inc., which primarily will be to consider adopting, amending or repealing portions of two sections of the bylaws in articles 2 (directors) and Section 2 (qualifications) and Section 5 (term of office).

The public is welcome. For more information, call Phyllis Berg, president, at 735-9787.

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Officials postpone execution again

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — State officials canceled plans Monday to execute a serial killer after new evidence emerged that the attorney said raises questions about his mental competency. Michael Ross had been scheduled to become the first person in 45 years to be executed in New England. The execution was first scheduled for Wednesday and was postponed three times as new

court challenges emerged. It was set for 9 p.m. Monday before being canceled. Ross, a 45-year-old Cornell University graduate, has confessed to eight murders in Connecticut and New York in the early 1980s. He has said he wants to die to end the pain for the families of his victims. But the attorney hired by Ross to expedite his execution now says the new evidence raises

questions about his competency to "volunteer" to be executed. "On Friday, new information was revealed to me that made me question Mr. Ross' competency," attorney T.R. Paulding said in a motion. "The last 48 hours have reinforced my belief that the execution of Michael Ross should be delayed to determine whether he is competent. New and significant evidence has come to light that I simply

cannot ignore." Chief State's Attorney Christopher Morano also filed a motion with the state Supreme Court to halt the execution. It is unknown when the issues surrounding Ross' competency will be resolved. "He took a U-turn," said Christopher Morano, the Chief State's Attorney. "And that is why we are doing what we are doing today."

Officials will now have to go back before a state judge and obtain a new death warrant. Ross was about an hour from execution Saturday morning when Paulding announced he had requested a postponement of the lethal injection. The decision came after U.S. District Judge Robert Chaingy accused Paulding of not adequately investigating new evidence in the case.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Magic Valley Leads meets Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Leads Group — a business networking organization — will meet at 7 a.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's conference room, at 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

To attend, or for information about Leads Group membership, contact Jill Sherman at 732-5677 or jillshe@yaho.com. Business people do not have to be chamber members to attend.

CSI offers free career planning workshop

TWIN FALLS — A free career planning workshop will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday (Part I) and Friday (Part II) by the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho.

This workshop is for those who are interested in learning more about the labor market, training programs and wage potential.

In this workshop participants will also identify their interests, investigate different careers and make a plan for success.

For information or to sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-680-0274 Ext. 6680.

Best Buy will open 75 new stores in 2005

MINNEAPOLIS — Electronics retailer Best Buy Co. Inc., which operates a Twin Falls store, plans to open 75 new stores in the United States and Canada under its Best Buy and Future Shop brands during its next fiscal year.

For the company's fiscal 2006 beginning Feb. 27, Best Buy expects the new stores to add more than 8,700 jobs in management, sales and services.

By the end of fiscal 2005, the company said it will operate 687 Best Buy and Megabest stores in the United States and 144 Future Shop and Best Buy stores in Canada, employing more than 105,000 people.

Hilton profit slips amid price increases

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Hilton Hotels Corp. said its profit fell 3 percent in the fourth quarter, as the company pushed up high prices in areas at many of its big-city hotels.

However, the Beverly Hills-based hotel operator — which operates a Twin Falls Hampton Inn — said it expects to be helped next year by a boom in travel and an industry shortage of first-class hotel rooms in most major cities.

Net income fell to \$65 million, or 16 cents a share, from the prior year's \$67 million, or 17 cents a share.

Success in Iraq spurs buying on Wall Street

NEW YORK — Successful elections in Iraq and a heavy merger and acquisition deals pushed stocks higher Monday in moderately heavy trading, with beaten-down tech stocks enjoying the largest gains.

The success of the Iraqi elections despite attacks on 38 of the nation's polling centers, along with OPEC's decision to maintain current oil production levels, removed a pair of obstacles that had prevented many investors from getting into the market.

The news out of the Middle East led to a rise in oil prices, however, with a barrel of light crude settling at \$49.20, up \$1.02, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The flurry of new deals, meanwhile, showed corporate America's confidence in the economy, which further cheered Wall Street. Among the deals announced Monday, Medline Inc. said it would purchase Citigroup Inc.'s Travelers Life & Annuity division for \$1.5 billion.

Iowa-based newspaper publisher Leas Entertainment Inc. said it agreed to buy Pulitzer Inc. for \$1.6 billion in stock. Pulitzer, slated to be bought by Leas subsidiary, climbed 55 cents to \$63.45 on the news.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

HASSLE-FREE BUYING



CEO of Dave Smith Motors in Kellogg, Ken Smith, presides over a busy sales floor in Kellogg, in this 2004 file photo.

Nation's top Dodge seller operates out of tiny Idaho town

The Associated Press

KELLOGG — The nation's top Dodge dealer is about as far as one can get from the freeways of car-happy Southern California and the showrooms of Detroit.

Yet Dave Smith Motors Corp. in Kellogg is frequently the destination of car and truck buyers drawn from as far away as Florida by a price quote from the Internet sales department.

Dave Smith's "no hassle" sales philosophy has made the family-owned company DaimlerChrysler Corp.'s top Dodge dealer for the past two years. It is also the largest General Motors dealership in the Northwest.

From this former mining town of 2,400, the company chalked up \$356 million in revenue last year selling new and used cars and trucks, parts and accessories, Smith said.

"Even though we've grown substantially, we still operate as a family business," said Ken Smith, the chief executive officer of the dealership that bears the name of his late father.

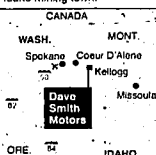
Ward's Dealer Business, an industry tracking publication, placed the dealership seventh in its list of the top 500 dealers. That should climb to third or fourth when the list comes out again in June, Smith said.

Growth in Internet sales is pushing the numbers higher. The company last year sold more than 5,300 new and used cars over the Internet, making it the nation's top Internet dealer, with \$158.7 million in sales, according to Ward's.

About 45 of 70 showroom salesmen make their pitches

Top car seller in tiny town

The nation's top Internet car dealer, Dave Smith Motors Corp., is based in a tiny northern Idaho mining town.



Top Web now-and-used car dealers, as of April 2004

Dave Smith	5,307
Tyson's Toyota	6,305
Tuner's Auto Complex	2,894

SOURCES: Ward's Dealer Business; ESRI

over the Internet, and there are plans to expand, Smith said.

The company's Web site, www.usautosales.com, had 4 million hits last year, Smith said.

Last year, 94 percent of new car dealers had Web sites, and 68 percent of those completed a sale over the Internet, according to the National Automobile Dealers Association. Ward's Dealer Business reported 2003 Internet sales nationally totaled 125,198 vehicles.

But whether they find a quote on their computers, or visit the

company's showrooms, Smith credits the company's reputation for hassle-free buying.

"A lot of people don't like the hassle of going from dealer to dealer," Smith said. "If they can go to one dealership and get a great price every time, then yes, it is worth it and they do save the money and the frustration."

Dave Smith Motors has 17 lots around town, where more than 2,500 cars and trucks are grouped by make, model and color and accessory packages.

The company is the largest employer in Shoshone County, with 320 workers in its dealership, sales floors, parts and accessory stores and shops.

"What he's doing is, he's moving profit from selling the vehicle to other areas. That's pretty astute," said Art Spinella, president of CNW Marketing-Research, a Bandon, Ore., auto industry analyst and publisher. "The family has been in the car business a long time. They understand it."

Across the street from Smith's office in the GMC showroom are the company's Chrysler showroom, as well as a Mopar parts store — one of the largest in the nation — that shares a building with the Internet sales department, which is expanding into an old elementary school the company has been using as a parts warehouse.

That building's second floor will be dedicated to launching a software product, Lead Rocket, that will track Internet leads, inventory and sales.

Across the street is the service area, detailing shop and a new parts warehouse. The company

also owns an accessory store and truck spray-on bellender shop.

Company founder Dave Smith began selling Chevrolet to miners and smelter workers in Silver Valley from a small dealership in Wallace in 1965, offering cars for \$49 over invoice.

In 1970, he moved to Kellogg and bought a Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership. When the valley's mines shut down and the economy soured in the early 1980s, Smith bought up failing dealerships, bringing several name brands under one roof.

Now, former miners are salesmen, accountants and mechanics at the dealership run by Ken Smith, who became CEO after his father died in 1994.

Operating from a small, rural town has its drawbacks. Getting here can be an adventure.

Customers fly to Spokane, Wash., about 75 miles west, and hop into a Dave Smith courtesy van at the airport. Salesmen tell customers they can pay air fare and motel costs and still save money on the deal.

The dealership's customers come from all over the country, but mainly from Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Montana.

Smith's prices even sparked a political flap in Montana last year, when Democratic gubernatorial candidate Brian Schweitzer bought two trucks from the dealership. Republican Bob Brown criticized Schweitzer for buying out of state.

Schweitzer said he saved about \$5,000 per vehicle after a local dealer could not match Smith's deal. Schweitzer won the election and kept the trucks.

Delta ends hub at DFW airport

GRAPEVINE, Texas — Two dozen gates at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport are up for grabs with financially-troubled Delta Airlines shutting down one of its four airport hubs.

The Atlanta-based carrier on Monday was to end three decades of hub operations at the North Texas airport, leaving a dramatically reduced number of flights at DFW. The move also meant elimination of about 3,600 jobs at Delta and its regional affiliate.

Delta's Salt Lake City hub is air travelers' only nonstop destination from Twin Falls.

Delta was reducing its DFW Airport schedule from 250 daily flights to 66 cities to 21 daily departures going to its three remaining hubs in Atlanta, Cincinnati and Salt Lake City.

At Salt Lake City, Delta has expanded its former sole percent of its regional carrier, Atlantic Southeast Airlines.

More than a dozen new cities will have direct flights from Salt Lake City, including Tampa, Fla., New Orleans and Austin, Hawaii. Delta also is adding 30 more flights to the existing schedule for 20 other cities.

The airline, which formerly served 100 percent of all DFW traffic, flew just 16 percent last summer. The reduced schedule means Delta will have about three percent of DFW's traffic.

Passengers traveling through DFW will have fewer nonstop choices, but air fares should remain competitive.

Delta has been a DFW tenant since the airport opened in 1974, but traffic has dwindled since the airline announced last year that it was abandoning 24 gates. Security employees in DFW's Terminal E have encountered passengers in many areas.

"I always connect through their hubs, so I'll still fly Delta," said Scott Chamberlin, a Dallas-based engineer who has flown a Delta customer for nearly 20 years, as he breezed through security. "Their service has always been head-and-shoulders above anyone else."

The airline will keep only four gates at DFW, Delta had leased the gates through the end of 2003. But, instead of forcing Delta to make good on the future rent, the airport said earlier this month that it would reimburse Delta for costs of physical improvements, it made at Terminal E.

Airport officials will pay Delta \$1 million for the 24 gates that the troubled carrier is abandoning and will offer other airlines a year's rent free and up to \$22 million in aid to take Delta's place.

Learning to live on a shoestring

**South Central
Community Action
Partnership holds
budgeting classes**

By Candace Baltz-Smylie
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Beverly Carter lives on less than \$600 a month.

That covers part of her rent, some of her food, her satellite money left over — I take myself out to lunch at the Golden Corral as a reward for doing so well."

Carter, 40, has a roommate but no family. She used to work for her father until he died a few years ago, and has had trouble maintaining a job since. She doesn't own a car, and rides a bicycle to run her errands, which saves her money on gas, insurance and car payments.

"I save everywhere I can," Carter said. "And at the end of the month — if I have some money left over — I take myself out to lunch at the Golden Corral as a reward for doing so well."

But Carter wants to do better. She wants to have enough money left over at the end of every month to eat at the type of place where sales people take



Beverly Carter of Twin Falls stands in WinCo Foods recently. Carter, who plans to participate in a series of money management workshops offered by South Central Community Action Partnership, shops at WinCo to save money on groceries.

If you go ...
A three-part series of money management classes begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday at South Central Community Action Partnership Inc., 550 Washington St. S.
The remaining classes will be held Feb. 23 and March 2. The class will travel around Magic Valley through Sept. 30.

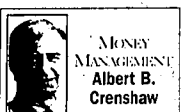
their clients for business lunches. But first she has to get a job. Carter worked as a cook Wendy's, but left the job because her co-workers were

mean to her, she said. But that experience won't keep her from looking for another fast-food position.

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'Tax gap' could be as high as \$300 billion

By Albert B. Crenshaw
The Washington Post



**MONEY
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WASHINGTON — To Americans, taxes are a lot like speed limits: necessary in principle for the public good, but when it comes to us personally, well, no, do you see a car around?

"That it is the defining feature of the economic landscape is the "tax gap," the difference between the amount of money the government collects every year and the amount it would get if people paid everything they owe.

"Nobody knows how big this gap is. After all, the perfect crime is one that no one knows took place. That applies to tax evasion as much as to murder. And tax evasion is a lot easier to hide.

One recent estimate put the gap at more than \$300 billion annually, but no one has any confidence in its accuracy. The head of the Internal Revenue Service, asked last year for his "best guess" as to the size of the gap, told the Senate Finance Committee he didn't have one.

Congress is becoming increasingly worried about the gap, both for the good and principled reason that failure to enforce laws undermines people's respect for them, and for the less lofty reason that, having

cut taxes now than perhaps was wise, lawmakers are really hungry for revenue.

Last year, Finance Committee Chairman Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, and ranking minority member Max Baucus, D-Mont., asked Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation to begin making periodic reports to Congress on ways to close the tax gap. The first of those reports came in last week, and for Americans who pay what they owe and would like to see others do so, before lawmakers start repeating legal breaks, it was a disappointment.

While the report did suggest a number of modest changes that would increase enforcement, many of its proposals would simply make compliant taxpayers pay more.

Now, it can certainly be argued that many of the legal ways taxpayers are allowed to reduce what they owe are bad policy.

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Taxes

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The agency's budget hasn't come close to keeping up with the growth of the economy, and that's not even taking into account the increased complexity of both economic life in this country and the tax law itself.

Part of the underreporting is the result of confusion and complexity, but the professors note that there is effectively no sanctionable duty for taxpayers to maintain their basic records, and courts have allowed taxpayers, in the absence of such records, to estimate their basic records to estimate their basic records.

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But the joint tax report has other ideas. Congress could impose Social Security and other payroll taxes on students working on campus, the report said. It could eliminate the deduction for home equity loan interest, and it could limit the income-tax exemption for short-term capital (15 days or less) of a residence.

It could also extend the federal excise tax on telephone service to all voice and data communications, and it could cap the first three long-distance tax to domestic segments of international flights.

These and numerous other proposals could be found throughout the report. The report also calls for more support for them if it first did more to ensure that everyone pays the taxes they owe.

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Dodge of Florida State University and Jay A. Soled of Rutgers University, estimated last week in the journal Tax Notes that underreporting of capital gains is likely to be about the government's \$21 billion a year, or \$210 billion, over a decade.

"On the sale of investments, taxpayers inflate their tax basis and do so with impunity," the report says. The basis, generally speaking, is the cost of an asset — the amount a taxpayer subtracts from the sale proceeds to calculate taxable gain.

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It's hard," Carter said. "I'd like to find a job where I can work behind the counter and where the people respect me."

Carter says she knows some of the answers to her financial problems would be solved if she were employed. But she's sure there are other ways to stretch her dollars until then. That's why she's signed up for a three-part series of budgeting workshops through South Central community Action Partnership.

The workshops start Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the organization's office at 550 Washington St. S. "I don't know what they're going to say, but I think it will help," Carter said.

If the class suggests giving up satellite TV or clipping coupons to save money on groceries, she'll do it. But she draws the line at giving up her pets.

"They are everything to me, and if I have to save more money somewhere else to make up for what I spend on them, I'll do it," Carter said. "But Biscuit and Mitsy aren't going anywhere."

Ken Whiting, South Central Community Action Partnership's workshop coordinator, said it probably won't come down to that for Carter. He said many people, regardless of their income, simply spend more money than they can afford.

Whiting says they do have frivolous spending habits, like buying soda or cigarettes, Whiting said.

Whiting pointed out that the dollars and cents many people spend on a daily basis could turn into a small fortune if saved over 40 years.

"If you save \$4.81 every day and put it in a money market (account), over 40 years it will grow to about \$200,000," Whiting said.

To be eligible to participate in the class, students must qualify under federal poverty guidelines, with a household income of 125 percent below the poverty line. That's less than \$23,563 for a family of four, and includes more than 35 percent of households in south-central Idaho.

"So we won't spend much time on stocks and bonds, but we will discuss basic budgeting," Whiting said.

One of the strategies Whiting teaches for keeping in the black is to keep a daily money log. "Every time you buy something for two weeks, no matter how much they spend, they will have to write it down," he said. "The goal is to get them to know where every penny in their house is."

Whiting will also teach the difference between wants and needs. "Food is a need, but you can live without that soda every day," he said.

Many people in Magic Valley also fall into a vicious cycle with short-term loans. Just taking out a loan to pay for a loan is a vicious cycle.

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MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, DIARY, INDEXES. Includes Most Active (in or out), Gainers (20 or more), Losers (40 or more), and various market indices.

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Here are the 255 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter list.

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Table with columns for market type (Commodity, Metal, Energy, etc.), price, and change. Includes sub-sections for Beans, Grains, and Potatoes.

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Class

Continued from C2... Whiting wants all his students to come away from his classes with more confidence in their business. And Carter says she can't wait to get started.

BEANS

Table listing various bean prices and changes.

GRAINS

Table listing various grain prices and changes.

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Table listing various potato prices and changes.

SUGAR

Table listing various sugar prices and changes.

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Table listing various livestock prices and changes.

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Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"That white horse you see in the park could be a zebra synchronized with the railings."
—Ann Jellicoe

On today's deal, taken from "The Monster Book of Basic Dealer Play," it would be easy to get an idea fixe about the right way to play in four hearts as declarer. Many players here would surely draw trumps and enter dummy with a club in order to lead a spade, hoping to guess right if East plays low. But suppose both spade honors are badly placed for you, or you guess wrong. In either eventuality you would survive if the defense placidly continued with two rounds of diamonds. BUT LESS than 10 percent of the time would West miss shoot back a club, knocking out your only other stopper in that suit before you have established a useful discard for yourself. In that case, you would find yourself ending up losing two spades, one diamond and one club.

The spade finesse is a rather subtle snare and a delusion. Instead of guessing spades, you can build a 10th trick by force from dummy's spades to find a home for your losing club. However, to do that, you must preserve dummy's top clubs. So, after drawing trump, simply play the spade king out of your hand. I know this breaks the rules about finesses — but holding your spade losers to one is not your target here. The defenders will win their spade ace, cash a diamond, and lead a club, but you win and play the spade 10, setting up a spade jack in dummy for a discard.

"The Monster Book of Basic Dealer Play" can be obtained from www.chrysalisbooks.co.uk.

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

SOUTH ♠ K 10
♥ A K Q J 9 6
♦ A 5
♣ 7 5 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ 8 7
♦ K Q J 2
♣ 10 9

South West North East
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

ANSWER: Respond one spade. It might be tempting to raise diamonds, but, as responder, bid your four-card majors rather than raising a minor suit. Although you have no honors in the suit, it would be more misleading to raise the minor here. In competition, you might feel different, though.

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Coming Wednesday
The girls hoops
postseason hits high gear.

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Tuesday, February 1, 2005

Section D

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“A great coach like me, a historic coach in Portuguese soccer history, has to coach the national team. My career will only make full sense when I coach the team one day.”

— Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho

TRIVIA

What is the record for most points scored by one team in an NFL championship game?

answer below.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High School**
Boys Basketball
Hagerman at Castleford, 6 p.m.
Dietrich at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Christlan at Carey, 6 p.m.
Lighthouse at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.
The Community School at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Carnas at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
Dietrich at Twin Falls Christlan Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Hansen at Raft River, 6 p.m.
Oakley at Magic Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- Girls Basketball**
Postseason
5A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament
see related story
4A Great Basin Conference Tournament
see related story
3A SCIC Tournament
see related story
2A Canyon Conference Tournament
see related story

IN BRIEF

Minico Boosters to meet Monday
RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 in the Minico High School Library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are urged to attend. Call 436-5670 for more information.

Spring mixed tennis league starts Feb. 25
TWIN FALLS — TheUSTA plans a 2005 Spring Mixed League Tennis season for combined NTRP of 5.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 level players. The local league begins Feb. 25 with weekend indoors play at the YMCA.

For further information, contact Lia Naillon at 734-8556.

Gooding will sponsor volleyball tourney
GOODING — The Gooding High School Volleyball team will be sponsoring a coed volleyball tournament, starting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Gooding High School and Middle School gymnasiums.

There will be A, B and C divisions. T-shirts will be given to the champion and runner-up teams. The entry fee is \$80. Sign up by Thursday, Jan. 27. For information, call Jenny Kasli at (208) 934-4941 or (208) 934-8516, or Joleen Toone at (208) 934-5771.

Soldier Mountain hosts youth ski race
FAIRFIELD — The Soldier Mountain Youth Ski Team will be hosting a youth ski race on Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. at Soldier Mountain Ski Resort.

Cost will be a lift ticket to the mountain and a \$5 donation to the Soldier Mountain Ski Team. Awards will be given to the top three in each age class. For more information, contact Jake Cowden — at 212-0125 — or Heather Cowden at 539-6842.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

73, by the Chicago Bears, who shut out the Washington Redskins, 73-0, in 1940.

Hagerman advances to state

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — Luanne Axelsson expected a close game and the Hagerman coach got it.

Despite beating the Raft River Trojans handily in the teams' two regular-season meetings, Hagerman needed to survive a shot at the buzzer to escape with a 38-36 Magic Valley Southside Conference tournament victory and move on to the Class 1A state tournament.

Raft River had a chance to win at the buzzer. Trojans freshman Nicole Harper uncorked a 37-foot heave as time expired that clanged off the front of rim, allowing the Pirates to live another day.

"I thought she got a great look at the basket, took a great shot," Raft River coach Jeremy Qualls said. "Got a great look but just came up on the front end of the rim."

The game appeared to be a mismatch on paper, as Hagerman (18-5 overall) had defeated the Trojans (16-6) by an average of 18.5 points per game in two regular-season matchups. But as the Pirates learned, paper burns under the hot, bright lights of tournament play.

"I told the girls in the locker room, 'If you think you're just going to walk out on the court and Raft River's going to lay down and die, you've got another thing coming,'" Axelsson said.

The Pirates put the finishing touch on the win at the free throw line, ironic for a team that shot just 5-of-16 in the game. Senior guard Shannel Knight, who was playing with the flu, hit both ends of a one-and-one, giving Hagerman a 38-36 edge with 1:19 remaining. It's a good thing she made them, as the Pirates went 0-for-4 from the line the rest of the way.

Hagerman didn't claim its Please see HAGERMAN, Page D2



Hagerman's Megan Vallez huge Shannel Knight, foreground, after the Pirates won their state play-in game against Raft River, 38-36, in the Magic Valley Southside Conference Tournament at Murtaugh High School on Monday.

POSTSEASON PREVIEWS

Bruins prep for intense tourney



Twin Falls High senior point guard Jamie Edwards fires up a shot between two Highland defenders earlier this season in Bain Gymnasium. The Bruins are the No. 2 seed entering the Region Four-Five-Six tournament.

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 16-2 Highland lead a couple weeks ago could serve as the needed wakeup call for the Twin Falls High Bruins as they enter postseason play tonight.

The humbling loss against an aggressive Rams squad dropped Twin Falls to the second seed in the 5A Region Four-Five-Six playoffs, setting up a potential rematch in Pocatello Thursday if the Bruins can defeat Idaho Falls tonight. Gametime is 7 p.m. The Tigers used a box-and-

one defense to contain Bruins leading scorer Army Bratvold (15.5 points per game) in a 50-43 Twin Falls road win in January.

"It was frustrating but you have to do other things to help the team win," Bratvold said.

"It's setting up screens and helping out. It's playing good defense."

Senior post Hannah Heidenreich is averaging a double-double this season while senior point guard Jamie Edwards averages five assists a contest.

Please see BRUINS, Page D2

Filer, Gooding are SCIC favorites

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

FILER — A single flip of the coin could have a huge impact. Yes, folks this year's Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament could be that evenly matched.

Filer won the toss and enters the tourney as the No. 1 seed after splitting the season series with last year's runner-up, Gooding.

Gooding will look to book its second trip in a row to the state tournament while Filer hopes to return after last making the trip west in 2003.

The key scorers for Filer are

Jennica Mecham and Lindsay Heimkes, but the play of sophomore point guard Kendra Koyle is the motor that propels the offense.

"She's doing great," said Filer head coach Joel Bate. "She's really matured. It's difficult for people to press us. People have tried different defenses out and she's found a way to get us going."

Filer guard Lacy Miller is a good passer that sets up Heimkes and Mecham while forwards Casey Scheer and Rachel Jaynes handle the rebounding duties.

Filer, like Gooding, is a deep Please see FAVORITES, Page D2

ABA coach fired after argument

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Ashley McElhiney, the first female coach of a men's pro basketball team, was fired Saturday night after an on-court dispute with the co-owner of the Nashville Rhythm of the ABA.

Co-owner and CEO Sally Anthony was unhappy that McElhiney was playing Matt Frolic after Anthony instructed that he be benched.

The argument over the former Vanderbilt star's playing time began during the third quarter and apparently escalated when Anthony attempted to remove McElhiney as coach during the team's 110-109 win over the Kansas City Knights. Anthony was eventually restrained by security guards and taken off the floor.

"I called my coach a couple of hours before the game and said, 'I don't want him playing,'" Anthony told The Tennessean after the game. "She ignored me. I walked onto the court and said I'm her boss and she needed to bench him."

McElhiney declined comment when reached at her home on Sunday by The Associated Press. The team is 18-7 so far this season under the 23-year-old, a former point guard for Vanderbilt who was taken in the third round of the 2003 WNBA draft by the Indiana Fever but released before playing a game.

Rhythm forward Adam Sonn said he was shocked by the situation.

"It was something that shouldn't happen at any level of sports," Sonn told WRNN-TV of Nashville. "It's something that's sad to see."

Anthony, a singer who also has her own record label and a Web site promoting female artists, had a message for members of her staff and players who might dispute her decisions.

"If they're willing to stick their neck out for Ashley, and that would be dumb, I would fold the team right now," she said. "If I say no it should be no. She's done. She's fired."

Assistant coach Scott Flaich said in a statement the team still considers McElhiney its head coach.

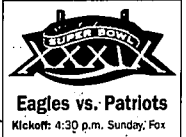
Owens returns to practice

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Terrell Owens practiced Monday for the first time since injuring his ankle last month, moving closer toward possibly returning for the Super Bowl.

The Philadelphia Eagles' All-Pro receiver took part in less than one-third of the team's 30 plays, getting a pass each time he ran a route. Just last week, Dr. Mark Myerson, the surgeon who operated on Owens' right ankle in December, said he would not clear him to suit up against the New England Patriots on Sunday.

"We limited what he did and he did it well and he did it with the team," Eagles coach Andy Reid. "He moved around pretty well. We'll see how he continues, how he feels tomorrow and the rest of the week."

Myerson inserted two screws in Owens' ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured against Dallas on Dec. 19.



Owens was told after surgery that he had only an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6.5 weeks away at the time. But he rehabbed vigorously, hoping to help Philadelphia win its first NFL championship since 1960.

The final decision on Owens' status will come down to the player, Reid and the team's medical staff.



Filer senior guard/forward Casey Scheer fires up a shot against a Kimberly defender Sarah Gunnell earlier this season. The Wildcats enter the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament as the top seed.

SPORTS

Spartans top seed in Great Basin

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minico will hope to bounce back from a late-season non-conference lull with the opening of the Great Basin Conference West Tournament tonight.

The stumble included a 45-39 loss at SA Idaho Falls, an upset against the 4A's third-ranked Spartans.

"The last couple games we haven't played well," said Spartans coach Clint Straatman.

"Idaho Falls played a real good game and we shot poorly (less than 20 percent)."

"Maybe the loss will be good for us. The girls can refocus on the second season."

The Spartans will set their sights tonight on the No. 4 seed Wood River Wolverines, which won the 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference title last winter.

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Maybe the loss will be good for us. The girls can refocus on the second season.

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— Minico head coach Clint Straatman

Syringa Sark and Alexa Alberdi led a capable Wolverines (3-15) backcourt. Freshman Lauren Morgenthaler is an improving post player.

"We expect them to try to slow things down and control

Great Basin West Conference Tournament

Tuesday's games
Jerome at Burley, 7:30 p.m.
Wood River at Minico, 7:30 p.m.

the tempo," Straatman said. "We play really hard on defense and hope it creates some offense."

Minico's Megan Whitlock has stepped up of late, leading the team in scoring after Amber Wirth shouldered the lead in the early going. Both are capable of double-doubles.

Megan Boetcher is another capable scorer while Amanda Otman is a consistent player.

"(Amanda) quietly does her job," Straatman said. "She is a good shooter and is second on the team in rebounds."

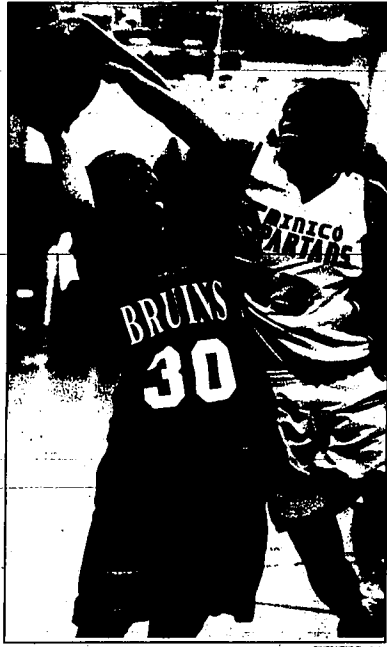
Burley's only conference losses were to Minico (16-4). Sophomore Mekal Baker is coming on during the second half of the season.

Two-year starters Jessica Brice and Amber Funk provide steady play as does junior post Kandace Dalton.

"They have the potential to play well," Straatman said.

The 10-8 Bobcats face Jerome, the defending 4A state champions tonight.

The 9-11 Tigers play hard each night out and are certainly capable of an upset. Junior forward Lindsay Williams and Jana Howe are capable rebounders while All German and Lindsey Kalm are solid scorers. Silvia Miramontes is a defensive gadfly who can pester you into a number of turnovers.



Twin Falls senior forward Amy Bratvold is defended by Minico senior Meghan Boetcher in a nonconference girls basketball game earlier this season. The Spartans enter the Great Basin Conference West tournament as the No. 1 seed.

Shoshone claims Northside girls title

The Times-News

Dietrich plays Richfield at 7 p.m. Wednesday for second place and a state berth.

SHOSHONE — Shoshone controlled the first three quarters on route to a 30-29 win over Richfield in the Magic Valley Northside Conference championship game Monday in Shoshone.

Katie Strunk scored 12 while Amanda Gulliford added seven for the Indians. Cassie Wood scored nine and Brooke Norman seven for the Tigers.

Richfield and Dietrich play Wednesday at 7 p.m. for second place and a state berth.

Boys basketball Lighthouse Christian 74, TFCA 63

— The Lions finally rounded. Lighthouse Christian broke through for its first win of the season, downing Twin Falls Christian Academy 74-63 Monday night.

Justin Manning 17 and Dezil Hernandez 14 to pace the Lions.

Blake Roemer scored 18 points for the Warriors. Lighthouse 1-1, 133 points. Next plays Mustang tonight.

Lighthouse Christian 74, TFCA 63

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Valley's five-year 2A state run in danger

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Glenns Ferry could be poised to end Valley's five-year girls basketball state tournament run, after entering the Canyon Conference playoffs as the top seed in the three-team double elimination tournament.

Valley head coach Brian Hardy doesn't see it that way. "It's in danger every post-season," he said Monday.

"This year we're in a better position. For Glenns Ferry, the pressure is on them. I'm hoping we'll be a bit more relaxed."

Regardless, all three teams have defeated the other at least once, giving all three confidence that they're going to garner the conference's lone state tournament berth.

"We all know we're capable

Canyon Conference Tournament

Tuesday's game
Wendell at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday's game
Tuesday winner at Glenns Ferry, 7:30 p.m.

of beating the other teams," Hardy said. "We also know we've lost to them."

Which means no one can be taken lightly. The tournament begins at 7:30 tonight with Wendell visiting Valley (8-12) in the first round. The winner plays at Glenns Ferry Thursday.

Junior Lindsay Wood leads Valley in scoring with 14.5 points per game followed by Candice Callen with 5.5.

"Lindsay has really stepped up and had a great season," Hardy said. "Her hard work

and leadership will hopefully take us a long ways."

Valley has struggled with consistency night after night. Hardy hopes the Vikings can string together a couple wins and make it six trips to state in a row.

A drive to make it to state has Glenns Ferry playing more consistent ball, and garnering homecourt advantage during the postseason.

"They have a lot of seniors that have been hungry to win the district title and make it to state," Hardy said. "You can't let what they're playing for."

Alisha Crane sparks a senior-laden Pilots squad that includes 3-point sharpshooter Kenzie King and Jamie Hurst. The Pilots are dangerous

with a lead, often going into a stall early to frustrate foes. Wendell is paced by Haillie

Kelsey but the player who might make the biggest difference is point guard Rosette Moreno. Her ability to jumpstart the Trojans offense against a good Valley defense could make the difference tonight. Whitney Gimes has also stepped up on offense at times.

Favorites

Continued from D1

team. Both have to be the favorites to meet in the district championship game scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday in Declo.

"The coin flip did set up a tough first-round game for the Senators against Declo.

The Hornets are playing good ball now, closing out the regular season with a win at 4A Jerome. "They're a team everyone would be aware of," Bate said.

"Holly Hurst is as good as anyone in this league. (Junior guard Kayla) Poulton and her are working well together.

"They have the talent to contend and they're starting to get it together."

Gooding has all the pieces for another state tournament run. The Senators offense goes through Brittanee Thorne while Ashley Abramowski is an explosive scorer.

Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament

Tuesday's game
Buhl at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday's games
Tuesday's winner at Filer, 7 p.m.
Declo at Gooding, 7 p.m.

going to be staying home," Bate said. The tourney opens with Kimberly hosting No. 5 seed Buhl at 7:30 tonight.

Sarah Gannell is a good scorer for Kimberly while Amanda Owen is Buhl's top offensive threat. Improved play by others on the squads in the second half of the season make both improved teams heading into the postseason.

"They've both made great strides," Bate said. "This is the second season after all."

including those away from the ball. That led to the early command and Twin Falls never recovered.

Foul trouble further exacerbated the problems. "Once they get a lead they are tough to come back on," Shepard said.

As a result, Shepard has had the girls working on body and ball control drills in preparation of a physical pressing defense.

"Don't expect the Bruins to be surprised this time. "They outchased us," Heldenreich said.

"We can't allow that against the better teams."

Bruins

Continued from D1

Both are capable of big games. Nicole Hovey and Heidi Reitsma came off the bench for big points in the road win.

Chelsea Lewis, Kelsey Jardine and Shakira Bandolin add to the team's depth. "We have to get other offensive contributors," Shepard said.

If we don't, teams can concentrate on Amy and Hannah and then we're in trouble."

Idaho Falls is led in scoring by standout Christine Collette. Tatum Dixey and Kolay

Region Four-Five Six Playoffs

Tuesday's games
Idaho Falls at Twin Falls, 7 p.m.
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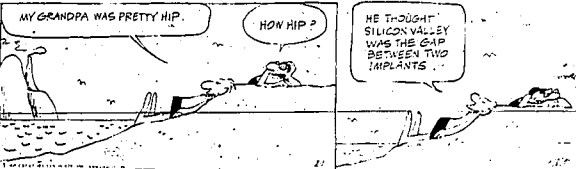
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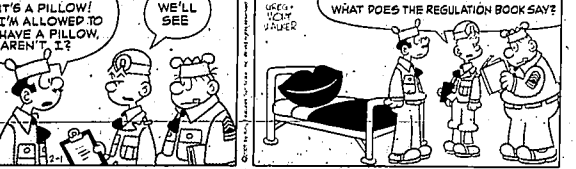
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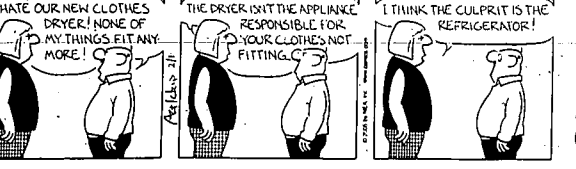
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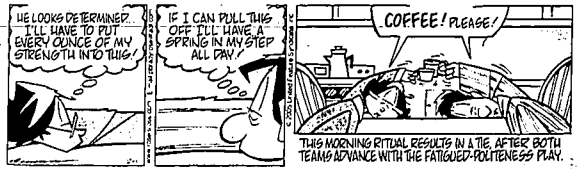
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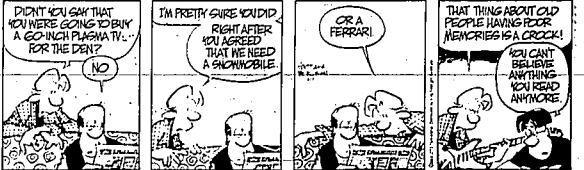
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