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Pumpers make offer

Proposal falls short of what canal companies asked for

By Julia Penco
Times-News writer

BOISE — Seven groundwater pumping districts responded Wednesday to a Magic Valley surface water coalition's January call for full appropriation of their senior water rights.

The districts, which are under the umbrella of the Idaho Groundwater Appropriators Inc., offered up to 65,000 acre feet of water for this coming growing season to the

canal companies.

"For groundwater users, that's enough water to irrigate 30,000 acres," said Lynn Tominga, a spokesman for the Groundwater Appropriators.

The 65,000 acre feet comes from 850,000 acres under groundwater irrigation from Blackfoot to Buhl, he said. The water would come in the form of actual "wet" water. Some wells would be shut down. Also included in the amount would be purchased water from other en-



titles — "that is, if there's water to purchase," Tominga said.

Five years of drought, decades of pumping and changing irrigation practices along the 10,000-square-mile Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer have contributed equally to water shortages. And now surface users, or canal companies, and groundwater pumpers are at logger heads. In mid-January seven Magic Valley canal com-

panies banded together and asked the director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources to restore their senior water rights. While the surface irrigators acquired their water rights in the early 1900s, it wasn't until the 1940s that groundwater rights were proliferating along the plain. And in Idaho, as throughout the West, those who got their water rights last are the first to be shut down when there are shortages.

Tominga said groundwater pumpers realize they bear some responsibility to restoring water that used to flow back into the river to which surface users had

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Photos prove too much for Johnson

Judge allows the defendant to leave the courtroom

By Patti Murphy
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Sarah Johnson broke into sobs for the third day in a row Wednesday as prosecutors introduced into evidence one photo after another of the bloody crime scene where the teen's parents were murdered almost a year and a half ago.



Sarah Johnson

Johnson's emotional anguish was so lengthy on the third day of her double-murder trial that Judge Barry Wood at one point warned her to stop crying because she was becoming disruptive.

Johnson, 18, faces two counts of first-degree murder in connection with the deaths of her parents Alan and Diane Johnson, who were found in their bedroom on Sept. 2, 2003. Sarah Johnson was 16 at the time of the crimes and is being charged as an adult.

After asking the jury to leave the room, Wood turned to Johnson and her attorneys and told them that the "moaning, crying and nose blowing" would have to stop so the trial could be conducted in a "manner that is not disruptive."

Johnson's attorney, Bob Paughburn, asked the judge if he would allow Johnson to be voluntarily removed from the courtroom, at least during the presentation of the gruesome exhibits showing the crime scene.

Wood asked Johnson if she wanted to be removed, to which she answered, "Yes, your honor." She was then taken out of the courtroom until the conclusion of the graphic evidence session.

Starting with pictures of blood splatters and brain matter on the carpeting, walls and ceilings, the exhibits intensified to include photos of Alan and Diane Johnson. They had been killed, as well as the pillow Diane had been sleeping on when she was shot through the head.

Detective Stuart Robinson, an investigator with the Idaho State Police, described the

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COOL SKIES



The afternoon sun warms the western half of a patch of cattles near the canyon rim trail Wednesday. The Twin Falls weather forecast calls for continued clear to partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the low 40s through the weekend.

Debate ensues over Yucca Mountain progress

Idaho delegation says its confident project won't effect INL cleanup

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Recent wrangling over the status of the high-level radioactive dump at Yucca Mountain in southern Nevada hasn't dampened the outlook of Idaho's congressional delegation for removing the state's nuclear waste.

On Wednesday, Lindsay Nothorn, press secretary for the

Sen. Mike Crapo, gave assurances that the senator would press for progress on the Yucca Mountain facility.

"The senator remains confident about the project," Nothorn said.

Under an agreement between the state and the Department of Energy, Idaho's high-level waste and spent nuclear fuel is scheduled to be removed from the cleanup site at the

Idaho National Laboratory by 2035. The waste would head to the Yucca Mountain site, said Kathleen Trever, the state's oversight administrator for INL.

"There is no other home for spent nuclear fuel or high-level waste at this point," Trever said.

On Tuesday, Robert Loux, executive director for the Nevada state agency for Nuclear Projects, expressed concern over whether Yucca Mountain would open at all.

"The project is limping along," Loux told Nevada legislators. "We believe the project is dead."

Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman told lawmakers Wednesday that while progress on a nuclear waste project in Nevada will be delayed, the government is "very focused and committed" to building the facility. Bodman was questioned about the Bush administration's commitment to the program two days after the Energy Department said it would ask for only \$651 million for the Yucca Mountain program for the budget year that begins in October.

Loux noted the request

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Reagan stamp debuts across the country

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's famous smile and blue eyes shine from a new postage stamp issued Wednesday in ceremonies across the country. It's the latest in an already high stack of honors bestowed on the former president since his death eight months ago.



The new stamp shows Reagan's smile, tilt of head and twinkle of eye in a way that captures the warmth, personality and humanity of Ronald Reagan," James Miller, chairman of the Postal Service board of governors, told a crowd of about 200 at an unveiling ceremony at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

The celebrants were shown a video tribute to the former president that noted he wrote more than 10,000 letters during his lifetime. Lee Greenwood sang the national anthem and his hit "Proud to be an American" and Crystal Gayle sang a medley of patriotic songs.

The official first-day-of-issue site for the commemorative stamp was at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and



U.S. Post Office Sales and Service Associate Jerry Carlton, wearing a Ronald Reagan mask, hands change back to Lon Alexander after Alexander bought a book of Ronald Reagan stamps Wednesday at the 21st Street Post Office in Clovis, N.M.

But, while a single site suffices for most new stamps, official ceremonies were also being held at the California state Capitol in Sacramento and in Dixon, Ill., childhood home of the 40th president, as well as at the Reagan building in Washington. Stamp dedication events were also taking place in Florida, Missouri, Montana and Texas.

The post office has 170 million of the new 37-cent stamp on hand and is also offering a series of Reagan collectibles. Miller, who served as head of the Office of Management and Budget under Reagan, recalled the former president as a down-to-earth man who could help others break the tension. "Once, when Congress and the president couldn't agree on a budget and the government was faced with a shutdown, Miller said, "he turned to me, put his hand on my shoulder, and said, 'Jim, Jim, just settle down. Let's close 'er down and see if anybody notices.'"

Researchers urge HIV tests for almost everyone

The Associated Press

Urging a major shift in U.S. policy, California health experts contend that virtually all Americans be tested routinely for the AIDS virus, much as they are for cancer and other diseases.

Since the AIDS epidemic began in the 1980s, the government recommended screening only in big cities, where AIDS rates are high, and among members of high-risk groups, such as gay men and drug addicts.

But two large, federally funded studies found that the cost of routinely testing and treating infected adults would be outweighed by a reduction in new infections and the opportunity to start patients on drug cocktails early when they work best.

"Given the availability of effective therapy and preventive measures, it is possible to improve care and perhaps influence the course of the epidemic through widespread, effective and cost-effective screening," Dr. Samuel A. Bozzette wrote in an editorial accompanying the studies, in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

A failure to institute such screening at doctors' offices and clinics would be "a critical disservice" to patients with the

AIDS virus and "the future health of the nation," wrote Bozzette, who is from the University of California at San Diego and the Rand Corp. think tank in Santa Monica, Calif.

Dr. Robert Jenness, director of HIV/AIDS prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said that he would evaluate its guidelines over the next two years, and will consider the findings as well as the availability of rapid HIV tests that produce results in a half-hour instead of the usual week or two.

Who would bear the cost of expanded testing — and the cost of the treatment, which runs to at least \$15,000 a year — amid a sticky question until now: How much should the federal government fund? However, Jenness said the studies' findings could lead to some private insurers to encourage more HIV testing.

One of the studies by researchers at Duke and Stanford universities and the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, estimated that routine one-time testing of everyone would just over 20 percent, and that every HIV-infected patient identified would gain an average of 1.5 years of life.



TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A breezy and nice winter day. Highs from 38 to 44. Tonight: Breezy with partially clear night-time skies. Lows from 18 to 24. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and pleasant. Highs from 39 to 45.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny with a light breeze. Highs from 38 to 44. Tonight: Dry with patchy night-time clouds. Lows from 16 to 22. Tomorrow: Breezy at times, partly cloudy and comfortable. Highs from 38 to 44.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Dry weather and fair auras will prevail through Friday. The next storm will bring clouds and a slight chance of rain and snow showers to the area this weekend.

BOISE Highs 37 to 38. Tonight's Lows -2 to 8. Today: Seasonably mild temperatures will linger out the week and continue through most of the upcoming weekend. A small chance of showers may surface this weekend.

Table with columns for Today, Tomorrow, Saturday, and Sunday. Rows include Boise, Burley, Caldwell, Coeur d'Alene, Elgin, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Madras, Pocatello, Power, Rupert, Shoshone, Teton, Twin Falls, and Yellowstone.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast table for Twin Falls showing Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday with High/Low temperatures and weather icons.

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Table for Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, and Barometric Pressure with monthly and yearly statistics.

MOON PHASES

Table showing Moon Phases for Feb 10, Feb 24, Mar 7, and Mar 21.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Burley, Caldwell, Coeur d'Alene, Elgin, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Madras, Pocatello, Power, Rupert, Shoshone, Teton, Twin Falls, and Yellowstone.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table showing Yesterday's Weather for various Idaho cities including Boise, Burley, Caldwell, Coeur d'Alene, Elgin, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Madras, Pocatello, Power, Rupert, Shoshone, Teton, Twin Falls, and Yellowstone.

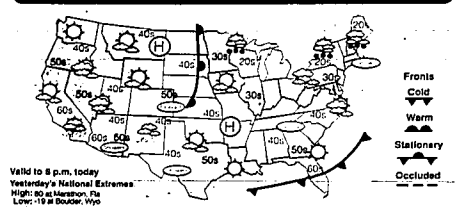
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various US cities including Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New York, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Raleigh, Richmond, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, St. Louis, Tampa, Tucson, and Washington, DC.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for various international cities including Adelaide, Auckland, Beijing, Bogota, Buenos Aires, Caracas, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hong Kong, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New York, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Raleigh, Richmond, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Antonio, San Diego, San Francisco, St. Louis, Tampa, Tucson, and Washington, DC.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CREDIT EXPRESS advertisement with contact information and services offered.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for various Canadian cities including Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon, and Winnipeg.

The Times-News Johnson advertisement listing staff members and contact information.

Study finds broken hearts can be fatal

WASHINGTON — As Valentine's Day approaches, scientists have confirmed the lament of love addicts and romance novelists: People who can't die of a broken heart, and the researchers now think they know why. A traumatic breakup, the death of a loved one, or even the shock of a surprise party can unleash a flood of stress hormones that can stun the heart, causing sudden, life-threatening heart spasms in otherwise healthy people, they reported Wednesday. The phenomenon can trigger what seems like a classic heart attack and can put victims at risk of a sudden death. Complications and even death, the researchers found. With proper care, however, doctors can mend the physical aspect of a "broken heart" and avoid long-term damage. When you think about people who have died of a broken heart, there are probably several ways that can happen," said Alan Wittstein of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, whose findings appear in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. "A broken heart can kill you, and this may be one way." No one knows how often it happens, but the researchers suspect it's more frequent than most doctors realize — primarily among older women — and is usually mistaken for a traditional heart attack.

Water

Continued from A1. At one time the canal companies were asking for up to 450,000 acre feet, said Sen. Chuck Collier, R-Twin Falls, who formerly negotiated for the canal companies. The two sides had worked on deals for almost three years, but when surface users insisted on a "high six-digit number and all rights" deal, the canal companies broke down, Tomlinna said. He also said the latest mitigation plan, which has been filed at the Department of Water Resources, is the most comprehensive because IDWR Director Karl Dreher is now required by law to consider the pumps' explanation for how much water they can pump. Though a date hasn't been set for negotiations to resume, the pumps' mitigation plan signals another round of talks that will likely take place within days. Noting he hadn't had time to study the mitigation plans, the attorney for the surface users, John Simpson, said the pumps' numbers don't make sense to him. The groundwater pumps say a new water model upon which all the water users are relying shows there would only be 65,000 acre feet available in one year if all the irrigation wells from Buhl to Blackfoot were shut down. But Simpson rejected the model shows there would be about 150,000 acre feet. Surface users contend that most of the injury from which they are suffering comes from pumps in the American Falls reach of the aquifer, or the region near the reservoir at American Falls northeast to Blackfoot. But Tomlinna said his group thinks anyone who is junior to the most-senior holders is subject to a call, no matter where they are located or whether they are surface or junior users. While he agrees that the

Yuca

Continued from A1. showed a 54 percent decrease in the department's original \$1.3 billion request. Department officials have delayed plans to submit a license application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the project and acknowledged the new target date for opening the facility — if it gets an NRC license — is 2012, four years later than originally planned. The delay shouldn't affect Idaho's shipments, Trever said. The DOE has an accelerated cleanup date of 2012 for the other waste at the site. The waste scheduled to be transferred to Yucca Mountain — about 270 metric tons of heavy metal of spent nuclear fuel and 9,000 cubic meters of high-level waste — would be in that accelerated effort and should be removed by 2035, Trever said. Potential problems that could delay the project, Bodman said, are court rulings that

Sanjos scheduled to testify later in the trial

Sanjos is scheduled to testify later in the trial. During cross examinations, Johnson's defense team raised questions about the thoroughness of the evidence collection by investigators. At one point, Mark Rader went through a list of items while questioning Robinson, asking whether or not they had been collected for evidence testing. Robinson testified that many items were not collected, including towels and carpeting from the bathroom, the lids of garbage cans that had contained the pins, tiles from the bathroom shower, the comforter from Alan and Diane's bed and blood from the wall above where Diane was found. Earlier, Robinson had testified that he believed it was a mistake to not collect evidence such as the comforter and items from a night stand. He said he didn't collect the blood from the wall because "because it was pretty evident where it came from." Investigators also did not collect a sample of the blood and brain tissue on Sarah Johnson's bedroom wall because "common sense tells you where it came from," Robinson testified.

The Times-News Information Line advertisement with phone number 735-3350 and lottery information.

IDAHO LOTTERY advertisement with logo and information.

Teen escaped from development center

An item in Wednesday's edition of the paper indicated that a 15-year-old boy had escaped from the development center at American Falls. The boy, who was identified as a patient at the center, was seen near the center's entrance. The center's staff is currently searching for the boy. The center's director, James Anderson, said the boy had been at the center for several months. The center provides care for individuals with developmental disabilities.

CORRECTION

Correction notice regarding an error in a previous article.

Medicare drug benefit cost climbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Wednesday Medicare is next on the government's list because the program is the largest and most costly, and because it is facing financial stress with the retirements of baby boomers.

Administration officials said earlier that the new Medicare prescription drug benefit will cost taxpayers \$720 billion over its first full 10 years, a far higher estimate than the \$400 billion the administration promised lawmakers when Congress narrowly approved Medicare legislation in 2003.

The estimate also exceeds the most recent estimate of \$534 billion that the White House issued two months later, after the law was enacted.

"There's no question that there is an unfunded liability inherent in Medicare that Congress and the administration is going to have to deal with over time," Bush said. "Obviously I've chosen to deal with Social



President Bush

Security first and once we accomplish — once we moderate and make Social Security for a young generation of Americans — then I'll be able to deal with the unfunded liabilities of Medicare."

Bush noted that the prescription benefit that he signed into law last year doesn't take effect until next year.

"I'm convinced they'll have cost savings for our society," Bush told reporters during a meeting with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski. "And I know I'll make the life of our seniors better."

The original estimates for the drug program ran from 2004 to 2013 — two years to ramp up the program and then eight years in which the government will pay some drug costs for Medicare

beneficiaries. The new projections cover 2006 to 2015, the first decade in which the drug coverage will be operational the entire period.

The drug benefit begins in January and the \$720 billion includes the years 2014 and 2015, Medicare spokesman Gary Karr said.

"Of course the costs go up when you add in more years at the end and more people are on Medicare," Karr said.

Drug costs, which have been rising far faster than inflation, also are expected to be higher in those years.

White House budget chief Joshua Bolten said Wednesday the new price tag reflects \$134 billion in savings the government expects over the period because states are paying some drug costs; \$145 billion more from beneficiaries' premiums; and \$200 billion in savings the program will create for Medicare.

Added to the \$720 billion price tag the administration is

using, that would bring the drug program's gross 10-year cost to \$1.2 trillion before the savings.

The \$400 billion and \$534 billion figures used earlier included the effects of projected savings and are comparable to the \$720 billion estimate.

Bolton told the Senate Budget Committee that other than the different decade now being measured, the White House's cost estimates are "completely consistent with the numbers the administration has produced before."

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., the new budget panel chairman and a long-time critic of its cost, said the new numbers did not diminish his concern.

"I do think we are going to have to go back and re-address it," he told Bolten.

Based on the numbers released Tuesday, the program's costs are estimated at roughly \$740 billion annually in 2014 and 2015, or more than a third of what the Medicare bill was projected to cost in its first 10 years.

Iraq delays final election results due to problems

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi officials said Wednesday they must recount votes from about 300 ballot boxes because of various discrepancies, delaying final results from the landmark national elections.

Hundreds — perhaps thousands — of other ballots were declared invalid because of alleged tampering.

Postelection violence mounted, raising fears that the Jan. 30 balloting had done little to ease the country's grave security crisis.

An American soldier was killed Wednesday and another wounded in an ambush north of the capital, the U.S. military said. Two other American soldiers died earlier in the week, the command said Wednesday.

Gunmen ambushed a convoy of Kurdish party officials in Baghdad, killing three and wounding two. And in the southern city of Basra, gunmen killed an Iraqi journalist working for a U.S.-funded TV station and his 3-year-old son as they left their home.

Officials had promised final results from the elections by Thursday, the end of the Iraqi work week. On Wednesday, however, election commission spokesman Farid Ayar said the deadline would not be met because of the recount.

"We don't know when this will finish," he said. "This will lead to a little postponement in announcing the results."

No partial tallies have been released since Monday in the contests for the 275-member National Assembly. 18 provincial

councils and a regional parliament for the Kurdish self-governing region in the north.

The most recent figures showed a coalition of Kurds parties in second place behind a Shiite-dominated ticket endorsed by Iraq's most revered Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani. The ticket of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite, was a distant third.

Allegations of voting irregularities, especially around the tense northern city of Mosul, have complicated the count. Some leading Sunni Arab and Christian politicians alleged that thousands of their supporters were denied the right to vote.

Election officials blamed the problems in the Mosul area on security, which prevented fever duty a third of the planned 330 polling centers from opening. Gunmen seized some ballot boxes, officials said.

The commission would not say how many ballots had been declared invalid and whether they had come from the Mosul area, which has a mostly Sunni Arab population. Many Sunnis are believed to have stayed home on election day either because they feared insurgent reprisals or opposed a ballot as late as U.S. and other foreign troops were on Iraqi soil.

Commission official Adel al-Lami said the ballots in 40 boxes and 250 bags would not be counted because they appeared to have been stuffed inside them in some cases, improperly folded.

Bush seeks to reward war allies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$80 billion war funding request President Bush will send to Congress next week includes \$400 million to help nations that have troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Poland, a staunch ally in Iraq, is earmarked to receive one-fourth of the money.

The White House announced the fund, dubbed the "Solidarity Initiative," after Bush's meeting Wednesday with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski.

"These funds ... reflect the principle that an investment in a partner in freedom today will stand united with stronger partners in the future," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said in a statement. "This assistance will support nations that have developed troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as other partners promoting freedom around the world."

Poland has taken command of a multinational security force in central Iraq that currently includes about 6,000 troops — among them more than 100 Polish soldiers. Currently Poland has more than 2,400 troops in Iraq, Polish officials said that a reduction this month will leave them with some 2,000 troops in Iraq.

Rice: Iran can't delay nuclear accountability for much longer

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice warned Iran on Wednesday that it risks U.N. action if negotiations with Europe over its nuclear program don't progress.

"Nearing the end of a fence-mending tour of European allies, Rice also said she encountered "a kind of common purpose" on another troubled front: Iraq. Several countries committed to help train Iraqi forces and participate in an upcoming NATO training mission.

"I heard devotion to helping more on the reconstruction side and, most importantly, to helping with the training of the security forces in Iraq outside of Iraq, in the NATO training mission," the secretary said.

Rice said the United States had set no deadline on the Iraq issue but that they can't go on forever. She added the Bush administration had not changed its view that the United Nations should step in to get tougher on Iran.

In Washington, President Bush said the Iraqis needed to know that the free world was working together to send a clear message. "Don't develop a nuclear weapon."

"And the reason we're sending



U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, center, waves before entering her car after a visit at a Paris music school on Wednesday. Rice is nearing the end of a tour through Europe and the Middle East.

that message is because Iran has a very destabilizing force in the world," Bush said.

"I think the message is there," Rice said at a news conference at NATO headquarters. "The Iraqis need to get that message," she said, adding that "Tehran should know that there are other steps" the international community can take.

Iran says its program is for nuclear power, not weapons. In

Tehran, President Mohammad Khatami said Wednesday that no Iranian government would ever abandon the progress the country has made in developing peaceful nuclear technology.

The comment did not augur well for negotiations with three European countries that are trying to persuade Iran to cease permanently the enrichment of uranium and have promised economic and technological aid in return.

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U.S. rejects meat from older cows

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department will not allow meat from older cattle when it expands U.S. imports of Canadian beef on March 7, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said Wednesday.

The United States had been planning to allow meat from animals of any age and from live cattle younger than 30 months. Now the age limit will apply to beef as well as live cattle.

But lawmakers and Johanns himself questioned whether that was contradictory, and U.S. meatpackers worried it would flood their market with cheaper Canadian cuts of beef.

Johanns said he remained confident that resuming trade in live cattle would not harm U.S. consumers and livestock. He directed Agriculture Department officials to start moving toward lifting all restrictions on Canadian beef.

Johanns met Wednesday morning with Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Andrew Heilbrunn.

Two new cases of mad cow disease turned up in Canada last month after the Bush administration decided to reopen the border. The United States banned all cattle and meat from Canada in May 2003 after the discovery of a cow infected with mad cow disease.

Nation in brief

basement of the grandparents' home.

Three had been killed about five weeks ago, authorities said.

"It's the most horrific thing I've ever seen," Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi said.

Kenneth Allen, 29, and Kari Allen, 18, were pulled over for speeding Tuesday in Missouri. In the car, officers discovered bloody clothes and bedding, as well as jewelry, cash, credit cards and the driver's licenses of two other people in Indiana, police said.

School official charged with money laundering

NORFOLK, Va. — A school administrator pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges alleging she laundered profits made by a multimillion-dollar narcotics ring. Court papers allege that Nancy V. Holler-Bidick, 43, a regional assistant superintendent for Prince George's County schools in Maryland, deposit large sums of money into banks and credit unions for the drug ring.

She declined to comment on the charges as she left the court-

room Wednesday.

She was charged with five counts of money laundering, which carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine for each count. Trial was set for July.

Law enforcement officials said Holler-Bidick had an association with another defendant, who enlisted her to take out loans for real estate and a vehicle for a key player in the drug ring. The loans were repaid with drug proceeds, the indictment said.

Man captured after slaying of sheriff's deputy

PUNLSKY, Fla. — A felon accused of gunning down one sheriff's deputy and wounding two others was captured Wednesday in the Ocala National Forest after a daylong search by hundreds of law enforcement officers.

Jason Lee Wheeler, 29, was wounded in a gun fight with the officers who captured him in piney woods six miles from his home in rural Lake County, about 30 miles north of Orlando, officers said.

Wheeler allegedly ambushed three Lake County deputies outside his home at about 9 a.m. as they responded to a domestic battery call.

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Siblings charged with killing family members

INDIANAPOLIS — A brother and sister were charged Wednesday with murder for allegedly killing their mother and grandparents, burying their bodies in a basement and heading off to Las Vegas with the victims' cash.

The siblings were charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder and two counts of robbery.

Authorities removed the dismembered bodies of the mother and grandfather and the intact body of their grandfather from under concrete in the

Pet of the Week

They and Lowry-not their real names-were found at the Depor Grill January 31. Does anyone recognize them? They are older, neutered, male medium-size dogs.

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Assailant shoots Nampa officer

BOISE (AP) — A Nampa police officer remained in critical condition Wednesday afternoon after undergoing surgery for multiple gunshot wounds he sustained earlier that day.

Cpl. Allen Williamson, a 10-year veteran of the department, was shot several times after a routine traffic stop turned into a pursuit. Lt. Lefroy Forsman said.

Investigators were following up several leads from the public, Forsman said, and were still looking for the suspect. Mari-

ano Perez.

They claim Williamson tried to stop Perez at about 3 a.m. Wednesday when Perez allegedly fled in his car, driving several blocks before running into a fence.

When Perez allegedly fled on foot, Williamson followed but dispatchers lost contact with him moments later. Other policemen arriving on the scene found Williamson lying on the ground with serious injuries.

"They didn't lose contact with the officer for a very long period, but right after they did there were citizen reports — phone calls, 911 calls — of shots fired. The second officer on the scene found him just a couple of minutes later, found him down with multiple gunshot wounds," Lt. Lefroy Forsman said.

A protective vest deflected at least two of the bullets, Forsman said, but Williamson was struck by several more. Police would not release exactly where the officer was hit.

"It's hard to believe that this occurred," Forsman said.

Health fund runs out of money

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An Idaho health fund that pays hospital bills of the state's uninsured is broke and is again asking for more money from the Legislature to cover growing costs.

Remediating a shortfall at the Catastrophic Health Care Fund could lead to an increase in property taxes or taxes on beer and wine, said officials looking to change how Idaho pays for

medical care for some of the state's poorest residents.

Idaho Falls attorney Blake Hall, who administers the fund, told lawmakers Tuesday it needs at least \$4 million more this year.

This is the fourth year Hall has asked for extra cash to cover bills and he expects to return next year unless something changes.

"We're broke," Hall said. "We don't have any money left."

Idaho's counties pay the first \$10,000 to treat those without health insurance. If treatment exceeds \$10,000, the state pays the rest. That's been the formula since 1984, meaning the state has borne most of the costs of medical inflation.

Some lawmakers want counties to boost their payments to \$15,000 before the state steps in.

Scalping suspect faces felony charges

BOISE (AP) — A woman suspected of scalping a teenage girl has been charged with felony aggravated battery.

Marianne Dahle, 36, was arraigned by phone from Boise on Wednesday afternoon, several hours after surrendering to authorities.

We d e s - day evening she remained at the Ada County Jail on bond of \$25,000.



Marianne Dahle

Dahle is accused of tying up a 15-year-old acquaintance and cutting away a 6-inch by 6-inch section of her scalp as punishment for a perceived slight against women.

Boise County Chief Deputy Bill Braddock said Dahle was alone when she turned herself in. She spent much of the day being interviewed by detectives.

The victim — who has only released her first name, Sheila, to news outlets — said she spent two weeks in the hospital while doctors grafted skin from her thigh to cover the circular patch of missing skin on her crown. She said she still has one surgery left, and is wearing hats to hide the healing patch of skin.

Police would not release many details for fear it would harm the prosecution's case.

Study: Restoring fish would boost economy

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's economy could be pumped up by more than \$500 million if salmon and steelhead fishing were fully restored, according to an industry study released this week.

An economic analysis prepared by Ben Johnson Associates, a Florida-based research firm, predicted that direct spending by anglers could be as much as \$195 million annually.

Indirect spending would account for the remainder, with the combined total economic benefit of \$544 million, the report says.

Last year, a separate Idaho Fish and Game Department survey showed anglers spent \$438 million on fishing trips in 2003.

The Clearwater region saw the most benefit, where anglers spent \$87 million on food, lodging, guides and equipment. Clearwater is a haven for salmon and steelhead anglers, who fish the Salmon and Clearwater rivers.

Tourism spending is critical to small communities like Riggins, where fishing is just slowing down after a busting two months of spring and summer Chinook salmon fishing.

Riggins Mayor Bob Zimmerman said his community has seen first hand the benefits of an open salmon season since 1997. He said that in 2001, in an eight-week season, the town's businesses earned \$10 million as anglers lined the riverbanks and lined up at the town's hotels, restaurants and outfitter shops.

"Actually, we became reliant on salmon seasons and it would be a loss for us to lose the salmon season at this point," Zimmerman said. "It's the difference between finishing the year in the black or finishing the year in the red."

The report was released at a Statehouse news conference Tuesday and organized by Idaho Rivers United, an environmental-fishing group that is often at odds with traditional Idaho industries such as mining, grazing and timber harvesting.

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Adopt a 'business before pleasure' motto, Libra

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Your optimism is restored when others demonstrate faithfulness. If pocket money seems tight, you have the promise that hard work will bring positive results and reverse the trend soon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The combination of ambition and a wise assessment of circumstances can put you in the driver's seat. Employ resourcefulness and creative energy to be successful. Get down to brass tacks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Exert influence at work or take control of your health. Your good judgment and wisdom can be used to make your home more secure or improve work-related relationships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "Business before pleasure" is a good motto to adopt. Your optimism and honesty will draw others closer, but you must keep prospective suitors at arm's length if professionalism is at stake.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): When filled with burning pas-

sions and a lust for success, career-minded Scorpios could take huge strides forward. Where social affairs are concerned, you are all business and exercise wise restraint.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Aid crystal-clear vision to incredible luck and there is no holding you back once the desire for success is lit. Spread your enthusiasm everywhere you go and others will be supportive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's a good time to take a critical look at plans and find loopholes and flaws. The up-look ends but wait to make important decisions. Your hunger for financial success makes you a dynamo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Minor setbacks or criticism only make you more vividly aware of who your true friends are as truth-detecting mechanisms are in high gear. People behind the scenes are working hard to make sure you get the recognition you deserve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may become so critically aware of who your true friends are as truth-detecting mechanisms are in high gear. People behind the scenes are working hard to make sure you get the recognition you deserve.

Woman needs to be warned of man's manipulative ways

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of 2 1/2 years, "Neil," broke up with me last August. At the time, I couldn't understand why he suddenly changed so drastically. Early in our relationship he had been accepting of my two children, but toward the end he became distant and cold to them. Then he told me he didn't want to raise another man's children and wasn't interested in being a mentor to a teenage boy.



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

Neil was also angry that I refused to end my relationship with my best friend, who happens to be a gay man. Neil said there is no place in society for gays and he didn't want a person calling his house.

Neil works for a company that he has always had an interest in owning. Last spring, the owner died suddenly and left shares of the business to his widow, "Nancy," and their children. Neil told me he intended to borrow money from his family and buy out the youngest

sons interest — but his family didn't have the money to loan. About a month after that, in the midst of complaining to me about his financial woes, Neil commented, "Maybe I'll get me, a rich older woman to take care of me ... someone like Nancy."

Over the next few months, I saw him less and less. Little did I know Neil had already manipulated a relationship with her.

Abby, Nancy is a very nice, classy person. I like the woman. I want to her home for her husband's wake. Should I tell Nancy what Neil is up to, that he's conniving to lose it all if I do, she won't believe me!

Neil can be very sweet when he wants to be, and I'm sure she hasn't glimpsed his hateful, controlling side. His only real love is money and power.

My motive is not spite. I don't want Neil back. I have a new boyfriend who is everything Neil could never be. I just feel Nancy should know what's ahead. She has a gay teenage son. I'm sure when Neil gets what he wants, that boy's life will be hell.

So, you tell me: Should I talk to Nancy and risk looking like a sour grape, or let her find out what a lawless, gold-digging scumbag Neil is for herself?

-TORN IN SAN DIEGO
DEAR TORN: Honestly, I would tell you to stay out of it. However, because of Nancy's son, I'm reversing myself. Make a date with Nancy (if she'll see you) and without calling names, tell her about Neil's longtime interest in buying into her business, his

cash-flow problem and his homophobia. If she has a legal adviser, I'm sure that person will discuss with her the advisability of a prenuptial agreement should she decide to remarry. And your conscience will be clear.

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 years old. At home, when I do something wrong, I am usually threatened with a loss of my allowance, but lately it has gotten more severe. I took some food off my sister's plate. I was warned against it, but I continued to take her food.

My father threatened me with a \$20 deduction from my allowance. I don't get that much money in a month. Was that unreasonable of him, and furthermore, is this blackmail?

-BIG SIS IN SILVER SPRING
DEAR SIS: It was neither unreasonable nor blackmail. It was an expensive life lesson. Your father was telling you that the price for ignoring his warning would be steep, and he did it in a way that got your attention. In the future, I'll bet you won't ignore your dad when he gives you a warning.

James Bond — spy or ornithologist?

Novelist and birdwatcher Ian Fleming needed a name for a spy character, so he scanned his bookshelf. His eyes fell on one of his favorite bird guides, written by an ornithologist named Bond, James Bond.

This day in history: Happy birthday to author, singing telegram! A musical employee of the Postal Telegraph Co. of London delivered the first one on Feb. 10, 1933.

Although mostly land animals, platypuses mate in water. In a stunt to publicize that Glenn Miller's "Chattanooga Choo-choo" sold a million copies in 1942, RCA Records spray-painted a record gold and presented it to Miller during a radio show. A decade later, the Recording Industry Association of America borrowed the idea and started issuing gold records for sales of 500,000.

The first official gold records? In the single category, tenor-tenorboat Perry Como won for



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"Catch a Falling Star" in 1950. In the album category, it was the soundtrack recording by the cast of "Oklahoma."

\$18.43 a ton. That's how much an English fertilizer company paid for 300,000 cat mummies uncovered at an Egyptian burial ground in 1888. "Formication" is not to be confused with something pleasant. It's the sensation that bugs are crawling all over you. When Ben Franklin died in 1790, he left 500,000 pounds sterling to Boston and Philadelphia to split. There was a catch, though. They had to wait 100 years to withdraw part of the

money and another 100 to withdraw the rest. In 1990, the two cities split a windfall of \$6.5 million.

Cats couldn't legally be exported from ancient Egypt. As a result, cat smuggling became a huge industry.

Like many American vice presidents, William Rufus DeVane King isn't well-known. Specially bred for his main claim to fame is that he was the only vice president sworn into office outside the country (he was deathly ill in Havana, Cuba) to die within months of being sworn in, and to never make it to Washington, D.C., while in office.

If you were in the British Navy in its heyday, you'd know that the only time the ships bell was struck 15 times was to mark midnight of New Year's Eve.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at unread@unread.companion.com

Tiny Texas town attracts romantics

VALENTINE, Texas — Love is getting stamped out in this tiny West Texas town.

Valentine's Day cards and letters have been coming to the town's adobe-style post office for weeks as romantics from across the world send millions of messages to get stamped with the distinctive postmark of Valentine, Texas.

With 7,000 cards already being handled Monday, Postmistress Maria Elena Carrasco and her part-time assistant Leslie Williams were greeted with a dozen brimming baskets of cards and letters left by the daily delivery truck that traveled 150 miles from El Paso.

They stamped each piece by hand, and by nightfall, another truck making the return trip picked up the cards and letters for routing to cities coast to coast, border to border. By Carrasco's count, they've gone to 28 countries, including Saudi Arabia, Iceland and Switzerland.

It reinforces my belief that there is a lot of love and a lot of people do believe in God because that's what love is," said Carrasco, who has run the post office since 1980.

The holiday postmark tradition grew from the 1880s, when the previous postmaster, Doris Kelley, offered the postmark to some friends and the favor spread by word of mouth.

Good Samaritan returns bag of money to city
— ROTHSCCHILD, Wis. — Jon Jazdzewski made a valuable dis-

Odds and Ends

covery while driving out of town for business.

Jazdzewski, 52, an employee of Wausau Supply, was leaving town around 4 a.m. on Jan. 28 when he spotted something on the road near the Rothschild Village Hall.

"I knew it was a money bag, and I picked it up. But there was no doubt in my mind that this thing was going back to (the village)," said Jazdzewski, of Keweenaw.

More than \$850,000 in cash and checks was inside the locked bag, according to city officials.

A police officer had set the bag on the trunk of a squad car and then was called to an emergency. Jazdzewski said. The bag apparently slipped in, and he never made it out when the officer pulled away.

Rothschild Police Chief Bill Schremp declined to discuss the contents of the bag, but he said he was grateful.

"Someone that found the bag was very honest. We are planning on doing something for him," Schremp said.

— compiled from wire reports

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EDITORIAL

Second deregulation try should pay off for Qwest

When Idaho's largest telephone service provider came up one vote short of passing a deregulation bill in 2004, you just knew it would come calling again.

But the new deregulation bill sponsored by Qwest Communications Inc. appears to strike a fair balance for the company as well as the state's consumers. Having listened to the concerns of legislators from rural districts, Qwest's new proposal makes a much better case for deregulation.

For the past few years, Qwest has been asking the state to drop regulation of the company's landline services. Deregulation would give Qwest the freedom to increase prices without state oversight and gain more revenue to compete with the enormous field of cell phone service providers.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission ruled against Qwest's petition in late 2003. The commission found that cell phone services were not the "functional equivalent" of landline services, fax-lines, and high-speed Internet lines.

As a result of that decision, Qwest went around the PUC and lobbied the Legislature to change state deregulation laws. Qwest's bill stoked fierce debate in Boise, and passed the Senate 18-17. But one senator eventually changed his vote, killing the bill for that session.

Rather than play political hardball, Qwest officials went back to the drawing board. The company's new and improved deregulation bill includes some key provisions to alleviate the concerns of legislators, consumers, and rural districts.

• Rural rate provision — The company would follow a requirement that its basic service rates in rural areas can't exceed the maximum rates in urban areas. That way, if the competition in Boise keeps rates low in that city, the rates stay the same everywhere else, too.

• Three-year price control — To assure that the transition period remains affordable for customers, the company would lock its basic service rates at the current level for three years. The PUC also has the option to extend that price control for two more years — for a total of five years of price caps.

• Additional PUC oversight — The PUC would continue to exercise its authority over non-price related issues such as service quality, billing practices and customer relations.

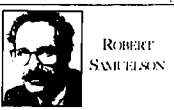
• Keeping it simple — If customers want to keep their plan simple, or as the company calls it, "plain old telephone service," the bill would require Qwest to keep that conservative type of plan.

Given the fact that Qwest fell just one vote short last year, the company very well could have used other political tactics to pass the bill. But the company did the wise thing working with legislators and rural customers in order to make it a better bill. The main question, however, is still whether Qwest's wireless competitors pose the same threat and offer the same services as Qwest. The vast changes to the telecommunications industry suggest to us that they do.

That key factor, along with the sound and fair improvements made to Qwest's bill, should lead legislators to pass the idea of landline deregulation.

Our view: Changes in the Qwest phone service deregulation bill should earn legislators' endorsement. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

I am 69 — and Congress should cut my future Social Security and Medicare benefits. The same goes for people 58, 40 and even 68. Plenty of people over 65 could afford to have their benefits cut. The chances of this happening soon are, of course, about nil. If President Bush and his critics agree on anything in the Social Security debate, it's that existing retirees and "near retirees" shouldn't be touched. This is all about politics. The moral and economic case for shielding these people — people like me — is nonexistent.



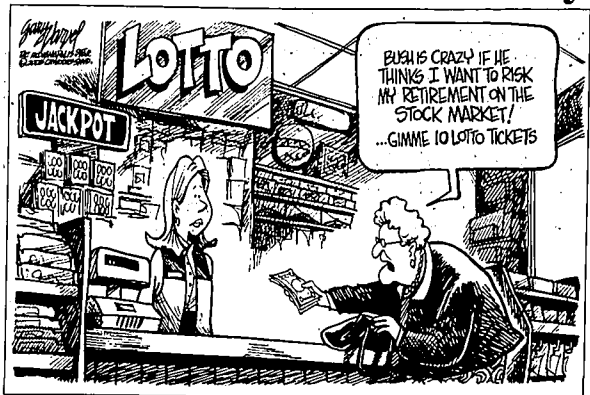
ROBERT SAMMELSON

Give Bush credit for broaching, however indirectly, these sensitive issues. Critique the Democrats for their limp "how dare you" response. But recognize that Bush's chosen vehicle for overhauling Social Security — "personal" investment accounts — distracts from what ought to be the central question: How much should young and prosperous taxpayers be forced to pay for older and richer beneficiaries?

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government, meaning taxpayers — to stop working and to enjoy themselves. How? Well, about 20 percent of cruise ship passengers are retired; so are 17 percent of casino gamblers. In its magazine, the AARP offers its 35 million members motorcycle insurance. "It's time to ride," says the ad.

It's doubtful that Franklin Roosevelt had casinos and motorcycles in mind when signing Social Security in 1935. We ought to judge these programs back toward their original purpose as safety nets — and not retirement subsidies. The consequences of subsidizing retirement are increasingly undesirable. It penalizes the young, threatens the economy with higher taxes (or deficits) and drains capable workers from the labor force.

Indeed, many elderly realize they're better off in surveys. The National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago asks respondents whether they're satisfied with their financial situation. Among those 65 to 74, 52 per-

cent said "yes" in 2002. The next highest group, those from 50 to 65, had 33 percent satisfied.

How, these achievements wouldn't exist without Social Security and Medicare. They are triumphs. Social Security provides about 40 percent of the total income of the 65-and-over population. Among the poorest fifth, it provides about 80 percent. But their very successes should not insulate them from change. Along with being safety nets, they are also increasingly exercised in reverse. Robin Hood—Younger and (relatively) poorer taxpayers are supporting older and wealthier retirees.

Harring calamity, I will retire comfortably, probably in the richest fifth of the old. I don't deserve to be subsidized by someone younger and poorer. The same can be said — to a greater or lesser extent — of millions of present-and-future retirees. They can afford to pay more for Medicare. They can get along with less Social Security. These realities are obvious. Our unwillingness to admit and discuss them for decades is why we have a problem.

Robert Sammelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

LETTERS

We can't ignore the impact of alcohol

It is 10:14 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, and I am watching C-Span and Marion Wright Edelman, president and founder of the Children's Defense League, talking about the need for federal budget and its perceived shortcomings. Various leaders of different religions are speaking and faulting the funding for children's issues — food, housing, education, etc.

The talks are going on, and I am sitting there, but you know about the most destructive child abuse — the early, easily ignored, overwhelming adolescent use of alcohol and drugs and its impact on family units.

There is no discussion of our present phony war — the war on some drugs — and I expect the same upcoming disaster like 1933-46, in a culmination of disasters. We were told on April 12, 2002, by the president of Notre Dame that we lost 1,400 students in 2001 from alcohol tragedies, and there was no public response. That is still going on, but you pay no attention; our concern is for the casualties in Iraq. We have deserted a segment of our young people, and they know it.

In focus attention on this situation, we might copy from the entertainment world to the annual award given to the group, business or endeavor that kills more Americans than the terrorists. Call it the "Obama bin Laden" award, and the alcohol industry would win

Vote with purchases in prepay debacle

Many people in Twin Falls are asking why the City Council, with the exception of Councilman Tullington, enacted the anti-compensation ordinance of Dan Willie rather than supporting the interests of Twin Falls residents.

Remember when a majority of Idaho's citizens three times voted for term limits? The Idaho Supreme Court ruled the vote valid and the Republican-controlled Idaho State Legislature with Rep. Leon Smith passed one exception simply declared the "people's law" void? Every one of these local legislators were re-elected. This may explain by the City Council has little worry or concern about what the residents of Twin Falls think, need or want. As for all the handicapped people who will suffer as a result of the ordinance, unfortunately, even if you all voted your numbers would not be sufficient to worry any City Council member seeking re-election.

Since you and I have little or no influence over the City Council, unless you happen to be a big-business owner or un-

less we all organize and vote the incumbents, with the exception of Councilman Tullington, out of office next election, there remains one form of protest each one of us can use to demonstrate our anger and frustration and promote free enterprise.

We do not have to buy to Filer, Kimberly or Jerome to buy our gas. We can all take back to the station owners who were not in favor of the ordinance.

Also, Jean Emerson wrote a recent letter to the editor mentioning a full-service station in Twin Falls where the gas is the same price and customers do not even have to get out of the car or wait in line to pay.

Why stand in line twice before a long line of truck food buyers to purchase gas at a convenience store-gas station when we can all do business with a full-service station with no lines for the same price? MITCH CAMPBELL Twin Falls

Follow the money, and SpongeBob, on sales

Are children raising funds for organizations by selling magazines to get Computers for Education? Will you become a sponsor when you order? Will you get a long line of truck food buyers to purchase gas at a convenience store-gas station when we can all do business with a full-service station with no lines for the same price? MITCH CAMPBELL Twin Falls

Amendment dissenters ignored the voters

Are we being represented by our elected officials or are they listening to something else? Idaho has long subscribed to conservative ideology and has elected men and women to represent those values in our local, state and federal government.

I am very concerned that eight Republicans have voted against amending the Idaho State Constitution to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

Yes, Idaho does have a law banning marriage between partners of the same sex; however, we have seen appointed judges striking down laws enacted by our legislators. How can it not be appropriate to protect this law from appointed judges with an agenda different from our elected officials? EDWIN HENSON Twin Falls

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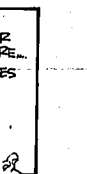
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—LETTER—

Democrats hurt themselves with their constant pessimism

Dems use sneaky alternatives in elections

"Of with their heads," said the Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland. That might be the solution to all the hypocritical squawking by the Democrats over the election results in Ohio. If it had been Washington state where they could eke out a victory after a few recounts and a few boxes of "heavily found" ballots, it would be different, but in Ohio, the vote was not even close. There needs to be a much more severe penalty for voter fraud—and that is what the Democrats have been practicing for the past 50 years. Eyewitness accounts of what the Democrats tried to pull off in Ohio leave no doubt that fraud was attempted. The strategy to challenge the vote count was initiated before the vote was even taken. Polls indicated that the Dems were not going to win, and they knew that Ohio would be critical to their chances of electing a president.

Unfortunately, a party that cannot win by advancing its ideas must seek another route to prevail. If the majority of Americans wanted more permanent control and less personal responsibility, Democrats would own the country. Fortunately, that is not the case.

Amidst an beginning to see that liberal programs cause real problems, like abortion, for instance. Social Security is failing because there will not be enough new workers pay into the system to cover those retiring. Over the past 20 years, we have aborted roughly 40 million lives, mostly for convenience. Would 40 million more workers make a difference? You bet it would. The fact that the politicians who set up the system have looted the legality of course, is another part of the problem. The idea that there is a "lockbox" protecting Social Security deposits is a myth. The money has been spent on social programs to buy more votes. Perhaps it is time to initiate a class action lawsuit against the congressmen and women who have taken the sweat from our working years and given it to others in order to perpetuate their own careers. Voter fraud can and has changed the course of countries, including ours. If the penalty was more severe, there would be fewer headless chickens running around squawking about it. What say you?

MAX COVINGTON
Burley

Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kerry spent much of last year telling voters how badly off they were.

The economy had tanked, jobs had fled and George W. Bush (aka Herbert Hoover) "has caused these things to happen," the Massachusetts senator told the Detroit Economic Club in September.

As it turned out, there were at least three drawbacks to this line of argumentation.

One was that it wasn't true. Yes, Bush had inherited an in-cipient recession and the subsequent recovery had been slower than previous bounces, but the numbers came in last month, the U.S. economy turned out to have grown in 2004 by a very healthy 4.1 percent, producing a respectable (though far from record) total of 2.2 million jobs.

Second, misdiagnosis led Kerry to a number of misguided prescriptions, many of them centering on "Benedict Arnold," chief executives.

But worst, at least from a political perspective, the hectoring made Kerry look like a grump. A challenger can run on a bad economy if people really feel bad. If he seems to be trying to convince them that they should feel bad, he's in trouble.

All of which has some relevance for the Democrats' dilemma in 2005.

It's never easy to be in opposition. You're always reacting. You can't present a unified message. You have a responsibility to criticize the government and speak up for the neglected, but criticizing can easily be depicted as carrying. None of this is news to Democrats, which is why they sandvich every grumpy speech between declarations of optimism and paeans to the resilience of the American spirit. But a little Ronald Reagan rhetoric doesn't turn you into Ronald Reagan.

And Bush has been particularly skillful at pushing Democrats into the corner with the dreaded "Pessimist" sign hanging overhead. Iraq is, for many Democrats, the most maddening example. They believe Bush made a terrible mistake by starting the war and then that he went on to execute it incompetently. Yet, by virtue of that very failure, he has put them in the position of supporting his policy as the only

reasonable way out. Their response has been to seek an irresponsible way out—or to go along with the president, knowing that he will give them neither credit for their support nor the satisfaction of admitting any of the errors that seem so obvious to them.

Which, in turn, makes them grumpy. When Kerry kicked off his 2008 presidential campaign on "Meet the Press" eight days ago, Tim Russert's first question was about the Iraq election. The voting was at that moment unfolding on American television screens, a festival of democracy that—whatever comes next—would be seen as an ironic moment in the history of people's yearning for self-determination.

"I think it's gone as expected," grumped Kerry.

And when House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi delivered her response to the State of the Union address Wednesday, she described a "plan" for Iraq that was essentially identical to Bush's—train the Iraqis faster, speed up economic development, work with neighbors—but with so much negative language. "We all know that the United States cannot stay in Iraq indefinitely and continue to be viewed as an occupying force" that she sounded grudging and morose.

On domestic affairs the Democrats find themselves in a similar box. Since for the most part they cheerfully drank Bush's tax-cut Koal-Aid in 2001, you may not have much sympathy for their quandary. But the fact remains that if they criticize the president's fiscal irresponsibility, they cannot

FRED HIATT

then propose a raft of glorious Democratic programs; if they defend the programs, they can't very well complain about the deficit; and while they try to figure this out, Bush proposes new spending, blames Congress for the deficit and pays no political price. It's enough to make anyone grumpy.

Now comes Social Security, which might appear to be the Democrats' chance to walk on the sunny side. After all, it seems as though Bush is the one playing Gloomy Gus this time, with all his talk of imminent collapse and bankruptcy.


In fact, though, Bush is offering younger voters something that seems quite appealing: a personal savings account that they will control, a 401(k) plan in every pot.

The Democrats are putting

themselves in the position of telling those voters that they don't want that shiny present as much as they think they do, or that they'll be disappointed when they tear off the paper and see what's inside the box.

This is as much a winning strategy as telling them that they ought to feel worse than they do.

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Quake creates panic in Indonesia

HANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — A strong earthquake struck Indonesia's tsunami-ravaged Aceh province Wednesday, shaking buildings as terrified residents fled for higher ground in one of the main two-line thoroughfares. Some headed to mosques, whose sturdy foundations and upper floors offered protection from the killer waves in the Dec. 26 disaster. Women screamed and sobbed.

The 6.2-magnitude tremor struck about 8:30 p.m. and was centered beneath the Indian Ocean island of about 65 miles southwest of the provincial capital of Banda Aceh. The Banda Aceh Geophysics Center said. The U.S. Geological Survey registered slightly different readings, estimating the quake's magnitude at 5.7 and its epicenter about 50 miles southwest of Banda Aceh. A magnitude-6 quake can cause widespread damage if it is centered in a

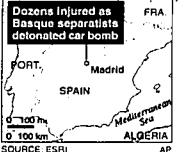
densely populated area. The shaking lasted less than five seconds and was felt across a wide swath of Aceh, on the northern tip of Sumatra Island. Even before the tremors subsided, police officers and soldiers began shouting "tsunami" and "tsunami," causing mayhem for about a half hour. Panicked residents evacuated buildings and raced in cars and on foot for the highest ground, a hill on the outskirts of the city. At one mosque, where dozens of frightened residents had gathered, officials urged calm. "Do not panic. God willing,

nothing serious has happened," a voice said over the loudspeaker. Aftershocks have hit the region frequently since the December earthquake, which registered a magnitude of 9.0 and the following tsunami that killed more than 160,000 people in 11 Indian Ocean nations. Most of the victims were in Aceh province, closest to the epicenter. Also Wednesday, a powerful earthquake rocked the Pacific seabed near Vanuatu island, but there were no immediate reports of damage.

Israel will lift travel bans on some West Bank towns

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israel will lift travel restrictions on Palestinian parts of the West Bank and abandon several major checkpoints as part of its withdrawal from five towns in the coming weeks, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said Wednesday. Free travel would be the most tangible improvement yet in the lives of ordinary Palestinians, sending a strong message that a cease-fire with Israel is beginning to pay off. Abbas had the announce-

ment a day after meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon at a Mideast summit in Egypt. A senior Israeli military official confirmed that several roadblocks would be removed as part of the handover of security responsibility for the five towns to the Palestinians. The handover of Jericho, Tulkerem, Qalqilya, Bethlehem and Ramallah will occur during the next three weeks, according to a timetable agreed to by Abbas and Sharon on Tuesday.



Car bomb explodes in Madrid

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A car bomb blamed on Basque separatists exploded in a Madrid parking Wednesday near where King Juan Carlos later appeared, injuring at least 43 people in the worst terrorist attack in the Spanish capital since last year's bombing of commuter trains.

The bomb exploded at about 9:30 a.m., less than an hour after a warning call purportedly made by the Basque separatist group ETA.

It shattered thick panes of glass in buildings — spraying shards over a wide area — and damaged cars. Police did not have time after the call to the Basque newspaper Gara to fully cordon-off the area or fully evacuate workers and visitors at the sprawling convention center nearby, where the king later met Mexico President Vicente Fox to inaugurate an art show that includes Mexican works.

The latest bombing came hours after police arrested 14 suspected members of ETA and a week after Spain's Parliament overwhelmingly rejected a plan giving the Basque region broad autonomy bordering on independence.

In recent years, police have weakened the separatists with arrests, but the bombing is a reminder they retain the ability to use violence.

Pope misses Ash Wednesday public prayers

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II marked Ash Wednesday with a Mass for doctors in his Rome hospital room as he recovered from the flu and breathing troubles, missing public prayers ushering in the sacred Lenten season at the Vatican for the first time in his 26-year papacy. Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the pope's vicar for Rome, visited the 84-year-old pontiff and said he found him "very well" more than a week after he was hospitalized.

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Pat Haden, NBC Arena Football League commentator, talking about the high salaries in sports while working Sunday's game between the Philadelphia Soul and Chicago Rush.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What position did Frank Gifford play at USC after transferring from Bakersfield College in 1949?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School BOYS BASKETBALL
Gooding at Filer, 6 p.m.
Declo at Buhl, 6 p.m.
Postseason
Magic Valley Northside Conference Tournament, Shoshone District vs. Community School, 5 p.m.
Shoshone vs. Camas County, 6:30 p.m.
Bliss vs. Carey, 8 p.m.
Magic Valley South Side Conference Tournament, Murtaugh vs. Hagerman, 5 p.m.
Oakley vs. Rafi River, 6:30 p.m.
Cassieford vs. Hansen, 8 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Postseason
Region Four-Five-53 Tournament
Twin Falls at Highland, 7 p.m.
Canyon Conference Tournament
Glenns Ferry at Valley, 7 p.m.
WRESTLING
Gooding at Wood River, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Magic Mountain plans Snyok Race
KIMBERLY — Magic Mountain Ski Patrol is holding a Snyok (kayak on the snow) Race at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Magic Mountain Ski Resort.
The entry fee is \$30 and entry forms can be found at River Rat White Water Toyz, Claude's Sports, Elevation Sports, Mix 103 or at Magic Mountain.
This will be a timed event, best two out of three runs. Helmets are required.
Contestants under 18 must have parental permission and signature. There will be an auction and raffle following.
For more information, contact Cindy Spencer at 423-5140.

Mnico wrestling registration begins
RUBERT — The Mnico U.S.A. Freestyle and Greco Roman Wrestling Club will begin registration on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Mnico High School wrestling room.
The age group for the club is 5-18 years. Parental supervision is required at each practice for all participants ages five through eight.
Cost will be \$40, which includes a shirt.
Participants must have a copy of their birth certificate and a guardian present to fill out all forms. Participants must live in Minidoka County.
Practices will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-7:30 p.m.
For more information, contact Cooper at (208) 436-1359 or Steve Barnes at (208) 436-0509.

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Defensive back. As a sophomore in 1949, Gifford had only 12 carries as a halfback for a minus-seven net yards. Gifford, mainly a defensive back in 1950, was an All-American halfback as a senior in 1951, after Jess Hill replaced Jeff Cravath as the Trojans' coach.

Duke defense stymies UNC



Duke's J.J. Redick, left, is guarded by North Carolina's Rashad McCants during the second half at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C. Wednesday. No. 7 Duke defeated the No. 2 Tar Heels 71-70.

No. 7 Blue Devils beat No. 2 Tar Heels by forcing turnovers

The Associated Press
DURHAM, N.C. — Duke slowed the pace and made North Carolina play a halfcourt game. Under those circumstances, nobody plays better defense than the Blue Devils.
J.J. Redick scored 18 points, freshman DeMarcus Nelson added 16 and No. 7 Duke forced 23 turnovers to hold off the second-ranked Tar Heels 71-70 Wednesday night.
North Carolina squandered a chance to win in the final seconds, never getting a shot off after inbounding with 18 seconds left. David Noel dribbled the ball out of bounds just as the buzzer sounded and the Cameron Crazies raced onto the court, celebrating the Blue Devils' 15th victory in the past 18 games in this Tobacco Road rivalry.

Daniel Ewing finished with 15 points and helped the Blue Devils (18-2, 8-2) move into a first-place tie with North Carolina in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Wake Forest trails both by one-half game.
Duke finished 21-of-22 from the free throw line and made 10 3-pointers. All but one of the Blue Devils' baskets in the second half were 3s — only a layup by Nelson with about 10 minutes left came from inside the arc.
Sean May had 23 points and 18 rebounds for the Tar Heels (19-3, 8-2), who couldn't overcome their shoddy ball control. Point guard Raymond Felton had eight turnovers and May added five, and the top assist team in Division I finished with only 10, 11 below its average.
Felton scored 13 points and

freshman Marvin Williams had 12 for North Carolina.
But Nelson was the better first-year player in this one. He came up big when it counted, switching two 3-pointers in a span of about 90 seconds in the second half to help Duke take a 49-42 lead. Williams helped the Tar Heels rally, powering over Shawlik Randolph for a layup that turned into a three-point play to tie it at 53 midway through the second half.
Ewing connected on consecutive 3s. Nelson added four free throws and Redick had another 3-pointer to give the Blue Devils a nine-point lead. Still, North Carolina didn't give up.
Felton scored six quick points to offset two more free throws for Nelson, and May knocked down two at the line to bring the Tar Heels within

three. Randolph increased the lead to five with Duke's final points — again coming on free throws — and it was 71-66 with less than 2 minutes left.
May worked inside to tip in a miss by Rashad McCants, and Williams stuffed a layup by Nelson to set up McCants' layup that cut the margin to one point. Redick then was forced to launch a shot from about 28 feet with the shot clock winding down, and the Tar Heels took possession with the game on the line.
Felton passed up an open shot to look down for Williams or May and he finally passed to Noel. But with time running out, Noel couldn't get a shot, and Duke survived.
McCants, the leading scorer for North Carolina, was only 5-of-13 from the field and had 11 points.

Richfield grinds out win over Pirates

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Richfield senior Brooke Norman is headed to the IA state girls basketball tournament.
She made sure it was on a winning note.
Norman's driving lay-up in the paint with 1:06 remaining gave the Tigers a 30-29 lead, proving to be the eventual game-winner in a 32-29 District IV tournament win over Hagerman Wednesday night in Shoshone High School's gym.
"I saw the opening and took it," Norman said.
There were few openings inside for Richfield thanks to Hagerman senior post Sarah Jackson, who finished with 14 points. 12 in the second half. Jackson's 5-foot-10 frame was too much for the younger and smaller Tigers, who live and die by the 3-pointer.
Richfield had to rely on its defense down the stretch. With 3:41 remaining and Hagerman up 27-25, Tigers coach Steve Kent put freshman Moe Hubbsmith on Hagerman senior Shannel Knight and sophomore Cassie-Wood matched up with Jackson.
The defensive change worked. Pirates junior Sheli Smith rattled home a second of offense rebound as both teams' intensity went up a notch. Smith's bucket, the only Pirates points not scored by either Jackson or Knight, made it 29-28 with 1:53 remaining. The teams traded turnovers before Normans' eventual game-winner.
Hagerman wasn't done, but the Pirates were unable to sink one of two tries off offensive rebounds on the next possession. "It got real scary there," Kent said.
Breanna McAllister eventually corralled the ball for Richfield with 44.3 seconds left.
"It was a great opportunity," said Pirates coach Luanne Axelsson. "It just wasn't meant to be."
The Tigers played keepaway to milk the clock before Wood scored with 7.5 seconds remaining.
She hit both free throws to make it a 3-point game. Hagerman rushed down court, eventually drawing a foul with 0.7 seconds left. The Pirates got a potential tying shot off, but it was well off-target.
Wood scored 10 of her game-high 18 points in the first quarter as Richfield jumped out to a 13-6 lead. The Tigers were hot from long range, hitting three of the team's 3-pointers on the game.
But a cold spell in the second quarter allowed Hagerman to crawl back into it, making it 13-12.
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Conquerors hope to roll to state

**By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer**
TWIN FALLS — Someone should have seen this coming.
The Magic Valley Christian Conquerors had a prime-time senior point guard in Cody Griffith and a 6-foot-5 senior center in James Jarvis heading into the 2004-05 boys basketball regular season. At season's end, they have a 17-3 record and the top seed in Friday's Magic Valley Southside Conference Tournament at Murtaugh High School.
Thanks to solid team speed and Jarvis' presence at the end of their press, the Conquerors have been able to ramp up the pace of games and run teams off the floor. Griffith's ability to create his own shot and force other teams to collapse on him has opened up shots on the perimeter for Jon Fulcher and Jeff Sweet. The combination of an up-tempo attack and a patient halfcourt offense has proven too much for the other Southside teams.
"They've earned the top seed and they've weathered the storm," Hansen head coach Mike Pfeiffer said. "They're playing some good basketball."
The Conquerors' top seed earns them a first-round bye Thursday and a Friday date with the winner of the first-round Hagerman versus Murtaugh game.



Conquerors are looking up to the Conquerors. The 14-4 Trojans are led by senior post Braden Barrett and senior guard CJ Buckett. Though they lack the firepower of last year's state tournament team, the Trojans are dangerous with players like Paden Baker, Landon Hanson, and Brent Klett adding offensive punch. The Trojans will face cross-

NBA star's mosque donated money to alleged terror fronts

By Matt Kelley
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A mosque established and funded by basketball star Hakeem Olajuwon gave more than \$80,000 to charities the government later determined to be fronts for the terror groups al-Qaida and Hamas, according to financial records obtained by The Associated Press.

Olajuwon told the AP he had not known of any links to terrorism when the donations were made, prior to the government's crackdown on the groups, and would not have given the money if he had known.
"There is no way you can go back in time," Olajuwon said in a telephone interview from Jordan, where he is studying Arabic. "After the fact, now they have the list of organizations that are banned by the government."
A Treasury Department spokeswoman, Molly Miller, declined to discuss Olajuwon's contributions but said, "In many cases donors are

Contributions in question

Tax records show that a Houston mosque founded and funded by basketball star Hakeem Olajuwon gave more than \$80,000 to charities that the U.S. government later determined to be fronts for terrorist organizations. Olajuwon says he did not know of any links to terrorism when the donations were made.
Islamic Da'Wah Center contributions to charities the U.S. government says have links to terrorists
Islamic African Relief Agency \$81,250 in 2000
Holy Land Foundation \$43,430 in 2000
U.S. branch of Islamic African Relief Agency \$20,000 in 2002
SOURCES: Tax returns for Islamic AP Da'Wah Center; Treasury Department. being unwittingly misled by the charities.
Federal law enforcement officials said they were not investigating Olajuwon, a 7-foot center born in Nigeria, who Please see TERROR, Page B4

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Sex offender faces new charges

TWIN FALLS — A 52-year-old man has been charged with three counts of sexual abuse of a child under the age of 16 years. Kevin Clyde Sillin, with recent addresses in Twin Falls and Paul, made an initial appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court last week in connection with the inappropriate touching of a minor. Authorities were alerted to the alleged incidents by the victim, who said they occurred in 2003 and early 2004, according to an affidavit written by Detective Michael Steen with the Twin Falls Police Department.

According to a report provided to Twin Falls police by the Minidoka County Sheriff's Department, Sillin is a registered sex offender. Sillin's criminal history includes arrests for rape, failure to register as a sex offender and probation violations, the affidavit says. A preliminary hearing in the case has been set for Feb. 14. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Hubble telescope will be subject of talk

TWIN FALLS — The Hubble Space Telescope, which has been a significant and controversial news item lately, will be the topic of this month's "Astronomy Talk" at 7:15 p.m. Friday at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science. Chris Anderson, manager of the Herrett's Centennial Observatory and production assistant at the Faulkner Planetarium, will present the program, "The Hubble Space Telescope: Past, Present and Future." Anderson was a member of the Hubble ground support team from 1988 to 1994. His presentation will detail Hubble's technology and achievements, as well as the latest news about whether NASA will maintain it or just let its batteries and equipment go dead over the next several years. He also will give tips on how to spot Hubble in the sky above southern Idaho. A telescope viewing will follow, weather permitting. Cost for the presentation is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and \$5 for families, which includes admission to the observatory. Admission for the sky viewing only will be \$1 per person. Children 6 and under are free.

Man faces multiple rape charges

TWIN FALLS — Prosecutors have filed rape charges against a Bull man in connection with the abuse of a woman. Clay Curtis, 47, of Bull, made an initial appearance in 5th District Magistrate Court Monday on three counts of rape, a felony. After being arrested by Bull police, Curtis looked at Officer Karen Trent "in a threatening manner and said, 'I know where you live,' according to an affidavit written by Trent. Curtis' preliminary hearing was scheduled for Feb. 18. Bond was set at \$75,000.

Minidoka district mulls school calendar

RUPERT — A public hearing concerning the 2005-06 calendar for Minidoka County School District will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Minidoka County School District Office, 633 Fremont Ave., Rupert.

Snowpack levels

Table with 2 columns: Location and % of Avg. 1998-2002. Includes Salmon, Big Wood, Little Lost, Henry Fork/Teton, Upper Snake Basin, and Cottonwood.

A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average. The number in parentheses shows the number of basins measured. The asterisk means snowpack is less than average.

Immigrants' health care up for debate

Bill would free counties from paying the medical bills of undocumented workers

By Julie Pence Times-News writer



BOISE — It was a nervous looking crowd that showed up Wednesday to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee to hear why county commissioners don't want to pay the health care bills of illegal immigrants. Their apprehension was shattered for just a moment when lawmakers pointed out to lobbyist Dan Chadwick that he had made a typographical error in his proposed legislation. "The provisions of this bill," the printed version of the bill

read at the beginning. People on both sides of the issue shared a heavy laugh. After regaining his composure, Chadwick said the purpose of the bill is to find out who is responsible for indigent health care for people who are not U.S. citizens. "Are we responsible for the

failed immigration policies of the federal government?" asked Chadwick, who lobbies on behalf of the Idaho Association of Counties. Twin Falls County commissioners, who were in Boise, say they support the proposed legislation. "I'm on the legislative committee for the Idaho Association of Counties, and we'd decided to support the bill just to see what would happen," said Twin Falls County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff. Last year Twin Falls County paid \$2.2 million for indigent

health care for both legal and illegal residents. Commissioners said they don't have the figures for how much went for illegal residents. Any time the county has to pay over \$10,000 per indigent patient, the state picks up the rest of the cost in a special fund set aside for catastrophic indigent health care. In the last fiscal year, that amounted to about \$15 million for the state, Chadwick said, with about \$2 million paid out for illegal immigrants. Throughout the state, counties paid up about \$22 million for indigent

health care. Twin Falls County commissioners pointed out that hospitals are charging the Medicaid rates for those services, which run at about half what is charged to the insured or the uninsured working poor. The proposed legislation county commissioners are backing would include residents who are not citizens who are not in the United States legally in the definition of who will not be covered by the counties or the state. The way the law reads now, those in Idaho on visas Please see IMMIGRANT, Page C3

MORNING MEAL



Taking his morning meal, a horse grazes in a pasture southwest of Twin Falls Wednesday.

Nez Perce agreement will have full hearings in Legislature

The Associated Press

BOISE — State lawmakers got their first look Wednesday at the legislation necessary to allow Idaho to approve the multimillion dollar water agreement between the government, the Nez Perce Indian Tribe and water users. The agreement would settle a court order that has been in effect since 1998, directing all the parties to negotiate in-stream flow water rights, fish ways to protect fish habitat and preserve water rights for existing water users. Congress has already signed off on the deal and appropriated more than \$45 million to mitigate the cost. The 30-year agreement will be sealed if the state and the Nez Perce Tribe sign off on it. Rep. Dell Raybould of Rexburg has been developing the legislation under the guidance of numerous state water user groups. Top Republican leaders in both the House and Senate are list-

ed as co-sponsors of the bill. However, two members of the House Resources and Conservation Committee voted Wednesday against holding a hearing on the three bills to be considered. Republican Rep. Lenore Barrett of Challis and JoAnn Wood of Rigby continue their staunch opposition, saying the deal gives away too much water and authority to the federal government and the Nez Perce Tribe. They also say it was crafted in secret and does not include the input from smaller operations and irrigators in their huge central Idaho district. "It was really very hush-hush," Wood said after Wednesday's introduction. But Raybould said they had to get the legislation written and printed before it could be debated. Two hearings have been scheduled on Feb. 22 and 23 in a building next to the Capitol with room enough for a large crowd and lots of testimony. "That's one thing I don't understand. How could we be doing it in secret if we are going to have all this testimony?" Raybould said. "We have to get the bill printed to see what we're

A place to heal

Church women raise dollars for halfway house

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

Jubilee House fund-raiser

TWIN FALLS — Women coming out of prison often have no place to go. Or they have the wrong place to go, which often leads them back to prison. "Prison doors are pretty much revolving doors," said Beverly Mills. Mills, along with some others in the church community, want to do something about that. Vicki Adams said she saw the need for a halfway house for women coming out of the prison system about a year ago after a chance meeting with a woman at her church who had no place to go. That was the beginning of a dream called Jubilee House, a spiritually based, nonprofit halfway house where women coming out of prison could stay for up to a year. Jubilee House would be much more than just a place to sleep at night. It would be a safe, structured environment in which women get counseling to help them heal and help them overcome their drug addictions. Drugs, said Mills and Adams, are often the women's downfall and that's why there's an especially great need for a program in Magic Valley. "We have a huge drug problem here," Adams said. "We need a long-term program to help them get over their addictions. Residents in the program would also get help in furthering their education and job skills. They would also learn how to be better parents. Residents would be able to bring up to three children ages 7 and younger with them into the program. The way Jubilee House supporters see it, such a program would save more lives than one because it would help break the cycle of addiction. And keeping mothers and children together is healing in itself, Adams said. "It calms their fears to have their children with them," she said. The program is being modeled after City Light, a halfway house in Boise. Describe?

Supporters of Jubilee House, a proposed halfway house for women coming out of the prison system, will hold a fund-raiser at 7 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. The evening will include music from church bands and guest speakers who will talk about City Light, a halfway house in Boise on which the Jubilee House program is being modeled. Admission is free, but donations will gladly be accepted. Supporters of Jubilee House would love to talk with your group. For more information, or to make a donation, call Vicki Adams at 734-9514 or Beverly Mills at 733-5501.

on its Web site as a "one-year discipline/recovery program," the City Light program consists of individual counseling, Bible study and church involvement, personal studies, educational training, support groups, work therapy, cultural and recreational events, family values, employment, housing and child development. Mills said City Light has an 80 percent success rate. "That's how come we want to be as much like them as we can," Mills said. But before Jubilee House can become a reality, organizers must raise at least \$40,000 in order to have enough financial stability to apply for government grants, Adams said. "We have to get a financial base," she said. In the long run, spending money to open Jubilee House will end up saving taxpayer dollars, its backers say. Treatment, Mills said, costs a lot less than keeping someone in prison. "It's a cost-effective solution," she said. Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3261 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

State will publish initial MS analysis in upcoming weeks

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

NewsTracker

BOISE — On the heels of two plans for multiple sclerosis research in Idaho, state epidemiologist Dr. Christine Hahn announced recently that a rough analysis of the disease's rate will be available in the coming weeks. "We are doing what we can," said Hahn, who heads the Cluster Working Analysis Group. "It's really early." The study, which would compare up to 100 cases of MS in Idaho to other Western states, comes after the request of two Magic Valley natives. In November, former College of Southern Idaho men's basketball coach Fred Trenkle posed the question of a possible link between nuclear fallout and MS to the National Academy of Sciences Board of Radiation Effects Research at its hearing for Idaho downwinders in November. "We are gathering data about MS cases in the Magic Valley," Trenkle said. The second request came in December from MS scientist and Twin Falls native Dr. Arthur Vandenberg, whose interest in Idaho's disease rates was piqued due to the ongoing discussion over the effects of nuclear fallout. Vandenberg, who now resides in Portland, Ore., sent a letter to Governor Dirk Kempthorne asking for as-

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■ Last we knew: A multiple sclerosis researcher requested the governor's help in obtaining disease rates in the state. ■ The latest: State epidemiologist Dr. Christine Hahn, in concert with the Cluster Working Analysis Group, will examine death certificates in the state to determine whether Idaho's rate of MS occurrence is higher than that of other states. ■ What's next: Preliminary analysis of the death certificate data should be available in the next few weeks. The group will also gather and study MS cases through Medicaid claims. Hahn and colleagues have picked a starting point: death certificates in Idaho. Hahn will study the cause of death information from death certificates and compare the rate of MS in Idaho to that of other states. An initial analysis of the data will be ready in the next few weeks, Hahn said. "The challenges to looking at this are so great," Hahn said. "We don't have a quick database." Hahn conceded that looking at information from death certificates alone might not paint a complete picture. An effort to gather information from Medicaid claims is also being made, Hahn said. "If the rates look higher, that is when we go to some of our research experts," Hahn said.



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OBITUARIES

Jesse Michael Woolley

FILER — Jesse Michael Woolley, 16, of Filer, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

He was born on May 30, 1989, in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was raised in Twin Falls with his mother and father. He was a member of Filer High School. He was active in Future Farmers of America, winning a district welding competition his sophomore year. He also went to state both as a freshman and sophomore. Pushing the rules with his smile, Jesse made many friends and was known as a good-hearted person.

Jesse spent half of his time having loads of fun and the other half working on being grounded. Jesse was in the Filer Junior Riding Club for three years with his horse, "Burdy." He loved to ride and travel with family and friends but his greatest love was hunting with his dad and special hunting pals. Jesse was full of life and never knew a stranger. He was a great cook and was famous with his family and friends for his barbecue ribs.

Jesse is survived by his parents, Ray and Jerry Woolley of Filer; one brother, Joe Woolley of Nashville, Tenn.; his grandparents, Mike and Nancy Barron of Twin Falls; one aunt,



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Donald Dean Hill

GOODING — Donald Dean Hill, 72, of Gooding, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at his home with his family at his side in Gooding.

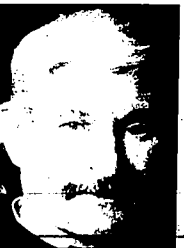
Don was born Dec. 27, 1932, in Melrose, N.M., to Emmett Lawrence and Martha Lillie Bryant Hill.

Don went to school in the small New Mexican town of Quamada, where he was on the high school basketball team. He spent most of his younger years riding the range, herding cattle and training horses.

He served his country for three years in the Korean conflict in the Marine Corp. as a staff sergeant. He received an honorable discharge from the armed services.

He loved the sport of rodeo and his favorite events were team roping, bronc riding and bull riding. He guided hunting parties in the Sawtooth area of Idaho with his horse and a mule string.

He met Gloria June Harms in 1959 and they were married in Elko, Nev., July 1, 1960. From this



union was born six children, Donna June-Hill-Oglesbee (Wayne) of Buhl, Martha Jean Summers of Seminole, Fla., Rebecca Dawn Hill O'Brien (Denny) of Buhl, Amy Lee Hill Ferrin (Cary) of Rupert, Adam Reed Hill (Kim) of Gooding and Donald Aaron Hill (Christi).

Don spent most of his years in ranching and working with horses and cattle. He raised registered Quarter Horses for a

SERVICES

John "Jack" Parish Smith of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Eastland L.D.S. Church. Friends may call and one hour before the service at the church (Parke's Funeral Home).

will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary and one hour before the service.

Robert Gene Clayton of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday in the First Church of God, 131 E. Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Melvin Johnny Coleman of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Amazing Grace Fellowship (Farmer Chapel).

Clair T. Robinson of Malta, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Malta First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday at Ramsussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Helen Pritchard of Wendell, graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

MaryAnne V. Morrison of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Friday at Hanson Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St. A private family burial will be at noon Saturday at the Rupert Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends

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Police charge elderly man with murder

LEWISTON (AP) — A 70-year-old man has been charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of his 74-year-old wife.

Joseph Engen is accused of shooting his wife Louella, Tuesday morning at their home east of Lewiston in rural Nez Perce County.

The sheriff's office said the woman died of a single gunshot wound to the head. Officials say a .357 Magnum revolver with one spent round was found at the scene.

Agreement

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The agreement would resolve the water claims of the Nez Perce Tribes, establish river stream flow standards to help salmon and steelhead, and protect existing water uses.

In 1999 Idaho District Court Judge Barry Wood ruled against the tribe's claims and also said the tribe's reservation had been diminished.

The tribe appealed the case and it was scheduled to be heard by the Idaho Supreme Court. But the tribe and state reached this tentative settlement agreement in May.

Raybould has a three-page list of groups that support the agreement, including the Idaho Water Users Association, numerous big corporations and agribusinesses, irrigation districts, municipal governments and some county farm bureau organizations.

But the bills have at least one powerful opponent — the Idaho Farm Bureau — which seldom loses fights in the Legislature.

The Farm Bureau opposes the agreement because it says property rights of landowners in northern Idaho will be taken away without compensation.

The organization also argues that the agreement's reclassification of miles of land along streams and rivers effectively takes away certain property uses.

The Idaho Farm Bureau has more than 62,000 members statewide, with more than 15,000 working farms and ranches.

There are other smaller groups that oppose the agreement, particularly from north-central Idaho communities.

But Raybould said much of the opposition boils down to a misunderstanding about what the deal actually does — it stops potentially damaging litigation, establishing a truce and preserving water use as it stands today.

"I think it's a philosophy they have held for a long time, they just don't want the federal government or the Indians to have any say," Raybould said.

Immigrant

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Continued from C1. Those who are not citizens but are attending Idaho education institutions and those who are seasonal workers are not covered by local and state government bills.

The proposal wouldn't leave undocumented residents completely out in the cold. In case of an emergency, they would be allowed services — but only until they were stabilized. Then money would be provided to transport them back to the country of origin. And counties would only pay up to \$5,000 for emergency health services, not the \$10,000 they are required to pay now.

Employers who know they have hired illegal aliens would also be subject to punishment in the courts if it could be proven they knowingly hired an undocumented worker.

María Torres, a representative of the Idaho Community Action Network, spoke against the proposal in a written statement, calling it a "token of hate and racism."

"It alienates the 64,000 immigrants living in Idaho," Torres said.

Lawmakers on the committee were uncomfortable when it came time to vote. Twin Falls Republican Chuck Gohmert hesitated. But Chairman Dick Compton, R-Coeur d'Alene, forced the issue, and Compton voted to print the bill. Compton had to break the tie vote, and so it will get a full hearing at a later date. Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Beck, sits on the committee but was not present to vote.

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SCARROW'S BUILDING SUPPLY AUCTION advertisement for Saturday, February 12-13, 2005. Location: Messorsmith Blue Building, Jerome Fairgrounds.

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A manly feast of squirrel

"Alice Lake, 5 miles" read the Forest Service signs. 12-year-old, fledgling mountain man I couldn't say for sure how far five miles was, but I did like the sound of it.

"You think we can make it?" I asked my sidekick.



COUNTRY LARKS
Sam Hutchins

Our morning hunting expedition through the campgrounds around Petit Lake had resulted in a fine, plump squirrel and now we needed someplace to hide out so we could cook it.

I could just imagine sitting by the shore of this mountain lake next to a crackling fire, tearing into the fresh roasted flesh of our day's kill and enjoying a hearty laugh as the meat juices ran down the grizzled beard that I could just imagine I would someday wear.

We hadn't gone far when around a bend we came face to face with two women I can picture vividly to this day. They were tall, blonde and beautiful.

The next thing that registered on my stunned brain was that they wore the distinctive uniforms of the U.S. Forest Service. With a deer squirrel in one hand and a pellet rifle in the other, I could almost hear the clang of the prison door, but then I had a rush of inspiration. I hoisted the squirrel and with the most charming little hoy grin I could muster I said, "Hey, look at what I got."

"Wow!" said the nearest woman. "What are you going to do with it?"

"We're going to eat it," I said, trying to imply in my tone that I was the type of man who believed in eating what he killed. She wrinkled her nose.

"Are you sure they're good to eat?"

"Oh yes," I replied confidently. "Lots of people eat them. The mountain men used to have 'em all the time." I was about to tell her that I planned to make a cap out of the hide and save the tiny claws for a necklace when she reached up to straighten her hair. Her smooth brown arm was better muscled than both my legs put together. I began to sense a new dimension, fort rapidly replacing my fear of being arrested for squirrel poaching. The *coup de grace* to my tender, young ego came when I noticed the chainsaw strapped to the other woman's pack, a pack that looked to be about the size of my dresser. I was trying to hold my shoulders as square and broad as possible but I could sense the futility of it.

After a little more small talk the women moved on. We had escaped incarceration but my enthusiasm for roasting our fresh kill was gone. At the moment I wished more than anything else to be home, lifting weights, but I had told them we were going to eat the squirrel.

"Let's just make a fire and eat it right here," I said.

I took out my pocketknife and tested the blade. I'd spent quite a while honing it on the sidewalk and I thought at the time that it had a pretty good edge. After much saving and stubbing I finally made it through to the squirrels' entrails and was greeted with a burst of stench. It ceased to represent food by any stretch of the imagination. Completely defeated we left it on an open rock for the ravens and tridged back to camp.

Fortunately the young male ego is as easily revived as it is crushed. Back at camp, after completing half a dozen pushups, I was relieved to detect the unmistakable beginnings of some genuine biceps.

Sam Hutchins is an outdoors writer in Twin Falls who does not specialize in squirrel recipes.



Yurt campers have the perfect views of the Boulder Mountain Range.

Photo by BILL STUDEBAKER

SERENITY

under the stars

Yurts make winter camping an easy activity

By Bill Studebaker
Times-News correspondent

I DIDN'T RENT A YURT

just to go camping in the snow. I went for the serenity, and I wasn't disappointed.

Like me, folks from all over the globe came to the Boulder Mountains to play and hunker down in a winter landscape that has a singular beauty.

Some came just for the day to cross-country ski, to skate-ski, to snowshoe, or to run, pulling erratic sleds loaded with babies. I saw one enthusiastic mother, hooked to the sled harness, slapping her hands, and dancing down the trail, entertaining her child as she loped along.

Eight friends and I wanted to spend not the day but a night in the Boulder Mountains. So we rented two "Mongolian style" yurts from Galena Lodge. Based on air miles, the yurts are just a few hundred yards away, but on foot they seemed a bit farther away.

We left the parking lot — backpacks loaded, sleds stacked high — and began our trek straight up the ridge behind the lodge.

Given the snow conditions, icy and hard, the hike took about 25 minutes. I suspect after a storm, in a foot of powder, the climb would take a bit longer, unless you're experienced on snowshoes, in good shape, and the thin air at 7,000 feet isn't a bother to your lungs.

The climb is worth it. These yurts are strategically placed to make a winter, over-night visit to the woods easy and delightful.

There are three yurts. The farthest is the Honeymoon Yurt tucked into the trees for privacy. Well, it must be because I didn't see it.

We rented Stars. Perch

To reserve a yurt

In the Boulder Mountains:
Phone Galena Lodge at (208) 726-4010.

In the Sawtooth Wilderness or Sawtooth Valley:
Phone Sawtooth Mountain Guides, (208) 774-3324 or Sun Valley Trekking, (208) 788-1966. Sun Valley Trekking also has yurts in the Wood River Valley.

Yurt. It is backed up against the forest, but out the door you can look east and (in early February) see Orion and Pleiades.

Pleiades is the Shoshoni winter constellation by which they marked winter's progress. In mid-winter (early February) around 8:30 at night, the Pleiades is nearly straight overhead, at the center of its arch. On a clear mountain night like the one we shared, the seven stars of Pleiades were visible. In the valley and in the city one can seldom see seven stars. Normally only the brightest six are visible — so often so that Pleiades is passed off as a six-star constellation.

Also, the Big Dipper (or as Shoshoni lore will have it, the Rabbit's Nety) was standing on its handle. Folklore has it that when the Big Dipper is on its handle, water will pour out and there will be more snow.

We also rented Senate View Yurt. Senate View gets its name from a portion of the view to be gleaned as you look westward. You will look out over Senate Meadows, down the hill and across Highway 93.



Senate View Yurt offers scenic views of natural surroundings.

And beyond the meadows and up Titus Creek, you can see the high ridges beyond which are the headwaters of the Salmon River.

The views are spectacular, and they contribute to the larger experience, camping out on a crystal-clear winter's night.

Setting up a high mountain camp in a round, ingeniously conceived tent has a delectable charm. The air tastes good, and the food, well we hoped it would taste as good.

The group I traveled with arrived late, and slowly. By the time we reached the yurts, Rod Burks and Michelle Walsh had the fires going and the appetizers laid out. We just dropped our backpacks, stacked our snowshoes, stashed our skis into the snow, and set about quenching our thirst and staving off starvation.

As evening came on, we chopped wood for the stove, melted snow, and prepared dinner. Camp dinners are always good, but in this case, the cooking conditions were excellent.

The yurts are stocked with a propane cook stove and lantern, cooking utensils,



Leaving the yurt are: (bottom to top) Chris Huddleston, Michelle Walsh, Rod Burks, Susan Huddleston, Judy Studebaker.

tableware, tables, chairs, futons, and bunk beds. You just need a few extra clothes, a sleeping bag, and something to eat. And with this set up, exotic meals can be prepared easily.

Still there are a few camping inconveniences. You have to get up several times during the night and stoke the fire if you don't want the yurt to drop to outside temperatures.

Our night low was 9 degrees Fahrenheit. That was good, a sensation of the wild.

We discovered that if you can get a yurt that faces east, get it. The one I slept in faced west, and the slight but constant breeze pushed its way in. Since the stoves are opposite the doors, an east facing yurt is easier to keep warm.

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OUTDOORS

Belay on: Climbers clamor for indoor rock walls

ESCAPE FROM THE CITY

Despite proximity to San Francisco, Point Reyes offers wilderness refuge

By George Lauer
The Press Democrat

viewing stage for an elephant seal breeding colony. Once nearly extinct, elephant seals are in the midst of a remarkable comeback. And many of them come back every year to this skinny white beach to breed.

POINT REYES STATION, Calif. (AP) — There's a reason Point Reyes National Seashore has national in its name, putting it in the heady company of places like Yosemite and Yellowstone. With more than 32,000 acres of wilderness in the park's 100 square miles and a wide array of wildlife, Point Reyes offers lots of ways to lose your modern self and maybe find your elemental self in the process.

"You never know exactly what you're going to see or hear but you always see and hear something," says Kristin Danner of Oakland, who hikes in Point Reyes nearly every weekend. "This place is fantastic for views and animals and the winter might be the best time to see them both."

Adult males, some of them weighing up to 5,000 pounds, are the first to arrive in December when they lay claim to a part of the beach. Pregnant females arrive next and give birth to a single pup. Younger seals are the last to arrive.

When things get crowded, it can be a loud, action-packed show. Females and pups make distinctive vocalizations but they're drowned out by the powerful trumpeting of bulls that can carry as far as a mile. The flip-side of the elephant seal show is less than stirring, however. Before the crowds form, big males look and act like giant banana slugs lounging in the sand.

You can identify them by their prominent overhanging brows. They're dressed in black like an elephant's trunk, but enough to give the critters their name.

The second trail from the parking lot leads to Chimney Rock at the eastern tip of the point. The mammal and raptor from the Point Reyes Light-house. You'll probably see lots of birds and more elephant seals. On a clear day looking landward, you'll see spectacular views of curving white cliffs, bays, Drake's Beach and maybe whales to the south.

Another good bet is Bear Valley Trail, probably "the" most popular throughout the park. It starts at the main visitors center near Olema and heads south five miles to the beach. The relatively flat trail takes you through meadows, along streams into a deep old-growth redwoods and finally to Arch Rock on a wilderness beach.

During the first third or so of the Bear Valley hike you'll probably see white deer, often mistakenly called albino deer. Whether you expect them and seek them out or you come upon them unexpectedly, they are a memorable sight.

"They're fallow deer, and for many years a rancher near here selectively bred them to create a white strain," said ranger Chris Lish. "Eventually their numbers will decline but there will probably always be some out there."

About 50 years ago, two deer species were introduced at Point Reyes — fallow deer with a wide range of colors from dark red and brown to all white and axis deer with white spots in a reddish-brown coat. Fallow bucks can grow impressive moose-like racks. A white buck with full antlers on a foggy day is a sight you'll not forget.



Wearing a safety harness with a belaying rope, Jan-Nell Mott, 11, reaches the top of the wall at the Electric City Rock Gym in Shenandoah, N.Y., Feb. 2. In 1997, there was one climbing gym. There are now 600 now.

Andy Gilpin, who opened the Electric City gym in 2001, lets children begin starting at 13, depending on maturity. The equipment has an automatic lock on the belayer's harness so

climbers will stay suspended even if the person on the ground isn't paying attention.

Johnston says the number of injury claims nationally is "pretty minor."

Growth in outdoor climbing has been flat the past several years while the indoor version has taken off as a youth recreation, fitness pursuit and even competitive sport. The activity, which emphasizes conserving strength to reach a summit, has been shown to produce physiological responses similar to cycling and tread-mill running.

In one 1992 study, 20 beginners got stronger from two weekly sessions of 15 to 20 minutes on a 12-foot vertical climbing treadmill over seven weeks, said Wayne Westcott, fitness director for the South Shore YMCA in Quincy, Mass., where the study was done. On average, they lost 2.1 pounds of fat while increasing hip-trunk flexibility, leg strength and upper body strength. Their average heart rate nearly doubled to 156 after 10 minutes. Climbing skills and speed also improved.

"They were pretty much doing steady climbing for 15 minutes," Westcott said. "We assume that would be likely to happen if someone were to climb in a climbing gym or a mountain for similar frequencies or durations."

A study in the January 2000 Journal of Exercise Physiology noted higher heart rates in beginners than more experienced recreational climbers, citing anxiety and the novices' greater reliance on their arms as likely factors.

Gym operators say only a fraction of their climbers take their skills outdoors.

"I've got tons of kids who come through here and use it as an activity," Gilpin said. Maybe 15 percent to 20 percent of his clients are committed climbers, using the gym to train for the summer season on rock faces.

"The motions are similar," he said. "The body demands, the physicality... are the same."

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — Kip from ski lessons by substitute school, the teen- and children were climbing the walls.

But that's allowed at a rock-climbing gym.

Watching her 12-year-old scale a 38-foot wall for the third or fourth time, Adelle Ward said he'd probably swell well that night.

"It was cool," Robert said, after coming down slightly sweaty and flushed.

Most days, the Electric City Rock Gym hosts an after-school group, fun seekers and a core of climbing enthusiasts keeping in shape for the outdoors.

The sheltered verticals have grown in popularity from a single gym in 1987, to 300 a decade later, to more than 600 now.

"Basically it was just a climber hangout," said Seattle mountaineer Rich Johnston, who opened that first gym in the '80s. "It was pretty rough. There were no handholds on the market, so you just glued rocks on the walls."

Now there are several wall-building companies feeding a demand from universities, recreation centers, parks and other operators, Johnston said.

An Outdoor Industry Association's survey showed 6.4 million Americans climbed on an artificial surface at least once in 2003, up from 4.9 million when they started tracking it three years earlier, spokesman Mike Lee said. Of those surveyed, 4.6 million said they climbed outdoors.

The rapid growth isn't all good, Johnston said.

"The industry's at a big crossroads right now because it's an indoor activity and a lot of people are treating it almost as an amusement setting, which is very, very dangerous to the sport," he said. "It's an inherently risky sport."

Ward was started two years ago at her scouting he 5-year-old daughter the son of the wall in Schenectady. She said some mothers-worry about kids' attention spans when holding safety ropes for each other.

But Johnston believes it's safer than a lot of things they do. Gyms use belaying ropes,



A bull elk rests in an open field in Benazette, Pa., Jan. 14.

crows and, if the weather cooperates, the opportunity to see and photograph them in their winter coats against the white snow.

During peak tourism time, "Sometimes you'll see bulls in town ... There's an opportunity to see elk everywhere," said Carol Mulvihill, of Bradford, who has become fascinated with the animals.

Mulvihill's Oldsmobile Bravada SUV bears the license plate "ELK LADY." Her leather cowboy hat is decorated with a small elk pin carved from a deer antler, and she wears gold earrings shaped like elk. She wrote and self-published a book, "Elk Watching in Pennsylvania," which sold out of more than

1,000 copies, and even bought a second home in Elk County.

"I'm real interested in what's going on with the elk here," she said.

Majestic elk cows can weigh 500 or more pounds and stand at least 4 feet high at the shoulder. Bulls can grow to 800 or more pounds and stand 5 feet at the shoulder. By contrast, a whitetail deer weighs 120 to 150 pounds and stands 3 feet tall at the shoulder.

Elk once roamed throughout Pennsylvania, but by 1867, logging, human settlement and hunting had eliminated them.

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to the Teton Wilderness.

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Population decline again became a concern, and in the 1930s, the commission curtailed elk hunting. That allowed the population to grow and the herd now contains 600 to 800 elk in a 835 square-mile area in Elk, Cameron, Clearfield, Clinton and Potter counties.

"The Game Commission has allowed limited hunting of elk, by lottery, since 2001; hunters have killed 190.

In addition to the 20 state-sponsored viewing areas, the state also has created a 127-mile "elk drive" along State Routes 153, 555, 120 and 144 in Clearfield, Elk, Cameron and Clinton counties in an area designated as "Pennsylvania Wildlife."

In Benazette, population 250, there are more elk than people most of the time — except when the tourists show up.

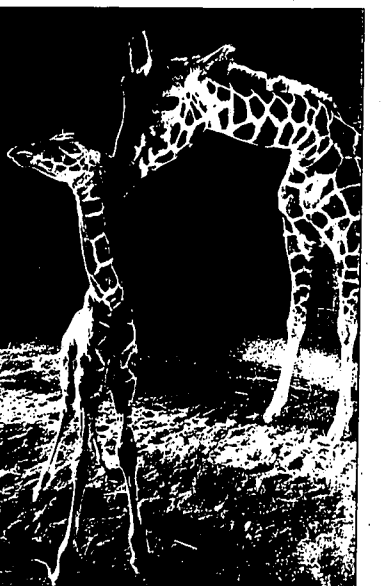
While the tourists drive around to find the elk, "sometimes the locals drive up to see the people," said Lydia Tuttle, a cashier at Benazette Country Store, one of the few commercial establishments in Benazette, the heart of elk-watching country.

The store doesn't include a final "E" in its name. "We're radical," says Tuttle. The store has a restaurant and sells elk souvenirs like shirts, hats, mugs and artwork.

WYDOT spokesman Cody Beers said the study could help direct the planned reconstruction of U.S. Highway 26/287 over Ingovette Pass.

"We want to rebuild the highway with the least impact on local wildlife," Beers said. "This moose movement study can help us to do that, while gaining valuable information about how the moose in Buffalo Valley react to the highway and highway improvement projects."

BABA'S BABY



'Baba' nuzzles her newborn baby giraffe Tuesday afternoon, in their barn at the Chaffee Zoological Gardens, in Fresno, Calif. The baby was born early Tuesday morning.

Tourists trek to Pennsylvania to view elk

BENAZETTE, Pa. (AP) — On a crisp, gray winter morning, two dozen elk graze on still-green grass.

They wear winter coats of tan and brown and stand in two separate groups on a hillside near the tree line. A few hundred yards away, tourists watch and snap pictures from a designated viewing area, one of 20 elk-watching sites being created by Pennsylvania tourism officials.

Curt Leitbold, 23, of Oriskanyburg, brought along his girlfriend, Lori Muller, of Long Island, N.Y., to see elk on a recreation.

"They're awesome, really awesome," Leitbold said as he and Muller viewed a herd through his spotting scope at Winslow Hill, a popular viewing area on a reclaimed strip mine planted with grasses on which elk forage. Leitbold and Muller had seen about 80 elk that day, including a bull with massive, backspined antlers, standing just along a roadside.

Muller holds out her digital camera with the picture for proof. "I really enjoy seeing it all," she said.

Each fall tens of thousands of tourists pour into this rural Elk County township, where hunting camps seem to outnumber permanent homes, to see elk in mating season.

But the animals can be seen in all seasons, with winter offering a chance to avoid the

Study seeks to find cause of moose decline

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Moose populations in western Wyoming have fallen so low that the Game and Fish Department is considering closing the hunting season in parts of the region.

Now, the Game and Fish and the Wyoming Department of Transportation are teaming up to study why populations are falling, and what can be done about it.

Game and Fish spokesman Mark Gocke said biologists would fit between 40 and 45 moose with global-positioning-system-radio collars, so that biologists can study the animals' movements over the next two years.

"The bottom line is, there's still a lot of speculation out there as to why our moose population continues to decline ... I'd like to see the study," Douglas Brimeyer said in a statement.

"Some say it's predators, some say it's habitat, thought or poor nutrition, at this point we really don't know," Gocke said.

Game and Fish would like to see about 3,600 moose in the herds that live around Jackson. Right now that number seems a far cry from a goal.

An estimated 2,700 animals were in the herd around Jackson in 2003, up from an average of about 2,400 animals from 1998 through 2002.

"Despite that single-year rise, overall moose numbers in the region have gone down over the years, forcing Game and Fish to respond by reducing the number of hunting permits. A record 495 moose permits were issued in 1991; that number dropped to just 75 permits last year, and now Game and Fish is considering prohibiting moose hunting in areas 7, 14 and 32 in

the Teton Wilderness.

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Filer settles on centennial logo

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Filer High School freshman Acacia McNurlin's design was chosen as the official logo for the Filer centennial celebration in 2006.

In August, the city centennial committee announced a long contest to search for simple, unique artwork that reflected community identity. The centennial theme is "100 Years of Memories."

McNurlin said she came up with an idea after hearing about the contest from her art teacher.

"If you think of Filer, it's old cowboys and farming," she said. Her winning design is published here.

Competition was open to residents and students within the Filer School District boundaries, and four entries were received by the Oct. 28 deadline.

"We opened it to all the schools, including Hollister and Rogerson," said committee chairman Russell Sheridan. "We would have liked to see more, but this is about what was expected."

In late January, U.S. Bank Filer branch manager Mary Ann Stokesberry presented McNurlin and two other contest winners with savings bonds.

McNurlin plans to use her \$100 bond as part of a college fund and to major in art.

High school freshman Jeffrey Allred — whose second-place award of a \$75 savings bond will



also become part of a college fund — said he entered the contest as an extra-credit project for art class.

"I thought about the fair and agriculture and all the things we do around here," he said.

Bill Tyree, whose third-place win earned a \$50 bond, has worked in the city maintenance department for the past 11 years. His motivation for entering the contest came down to more basic human drives.

"I could tell you something else, but it's simply money and greed," he said.

Ely Sifer, a Filer High School junior, received honorable mention.

Rupert centennial needs support of the community

By Rose Marie Parsons
For The Times-News

RUPERT — Members of Rupert's Centennial Commission used old hats for thinking caps this week as they finalized plans and issued a call for volunteers.

Roughly two dozen pieces of historical "headgear" were brought to the commission's meeting, and each member picked a favorite to wear during the evening of planning.

"We need to get the whole community involved," said Mike Christensen, whose family will display steam engines as part of Rupert's birthday celebration.

Rupert's birthday party is set for April 21 and 22, 2006. The city's papers of incorporation were signed April 12, but next year that date is the Wednesday before Easter, so the party was moved back.

Centennial events will begin Dec. 31, 2005, with an opening ceremony and dance at Minico High School. Brian Farman and the Rupert Centennial Band have been booked to provide dance music, said event co-chairwoman Ileen Coats.

Local vendors will set up a food court in the back gym, and there will be fireworks at midnight, Coats said.

The ticket price for the opening ceremony and dance would need to be higher if it included the cost of food, said Fort Blair Coats' co-chairwoman.

Commission members said they would rather keep the price of the ticket at \$5 and let food vendors set their own prices.

Rob Newman has volunteered to perform the play "I do, I do" at the Wilson Theatre in February as a fund-raiser, Bair said.

Dore Stansbury, who is heading up a centennial luncheon and fashion show as part of the May 20, 2006, Heritage Days observance, distributed a list of jobs for which she will need volunteers.

How Rupert got its name

Rupert was originally known as "Wellfirth" because of a well located in what has become the Rupert Square. But the mail bag dropped off the train was picked up by John Henry Rupert, so "Rupert" was written on the bag. Eventually, the name took hold.

The role of the horse in Rupert's development will get special attention during the Minidoka County Fair in August, said Centennial Commission co-chairman Gary Schorzman.

Plans are also going forward to produce Christmas cards and calendars featuring Rupert scenes. Pamela Melanson said it will not be possible to get a price quote until the commission narrows its choices.

Becky Cook, who directs a foundation dedicated to preserving the history of family farms, said she would like to compile a centennial book for Rupert.

A reenactment of a mail drop is planned sometime during the centennial year, said Diane Nielsen, Schorzman's co-chairwoman.

Nielsen asked chairman of the various centennial events to organize their subcommittees by the commission's March 11 meeting, adding that she expects to set budgets by then.

To volunteer time or talent for Rupert's centennial celebrations, call Nielsen at 436-6225 or Schorzman at 436-3982.

Rupert's Centennial Commission members are ready to begin contacting businesses to line up sponsors for centennial events. Any donation to the commission — which was set up by city ordinance — is tax deductible, said Kelly Anthon, city attorney.

Rose Marie Parsons is a reporter for the South Idaho Press.

Magic Valley scrapbooks



H.F. Ramseyer drives a team digging early potatoes north of Filer in about 1937 or '38.

That Magic Valley's potatoes would be famous was evident early on. "The Twin Falls spud, or Irish potato, has come into nationwide prominence within the last three years, and hundreds of carloads have been shipped to all parts of the country," proclaimed a promotional booklet published in about 1913 to tout the wonders of Twin Falls to prospective settlers. "Eugene H. Grubb, known as the potato authority of the world, says that the Twin Falls country is one of the best potato-growing districts in the world."

Among these potato-farming photos from our readers' scrapbooks, you'll see one of the key promoters who helped to further that reputation for fine spuds. You'll also see a sample of the plentiful labor upon which the crop's fame depended. Also in this selection of old photographs you'll see a farmer who was injured — but not beaten — by that hard work.

These farmers and many others helped Twin Falls make good on some of the promises of that 1913 promotion.

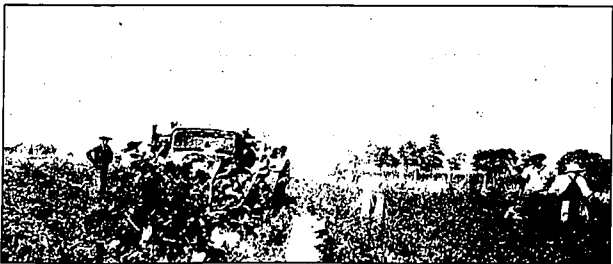
"Soil and crop experts, without exception, class the soils on the Twin Falls tract as perfect for growing potatoes," the 1913 booklet said. "The crops produced here have never been equaled in quality anywhere. The potatoes grown are smooth, clear skinned, contain a high percentage of solid matter, are firm, of excellent flavor, and when dry come out of the ground as clean as if washed."

I do, however, scrub my spuds before popping them in the oven, even if I know they're local.

— Virginia S. Hutchins



From left, Joe Marshall, Don Ramseyer and H.F. Ramseyer show off a potato field north of Filer in about 1937. Marshall, a spud promoter dubbed the 'Idaho Potato King,' had come to the Ramseyer farm for a publicity photo shoot. Marshall traveled to big cities in his farmer duds and took really large spuds to restaurants for publicity, says Duane Ramseyer of Filer, son of H.F. Ramseyer. 'Idaho's potato reputation was the direct result,' he says.



Workers load potatoes after digging in a field north of Filer in 1937 or '36.

Ephram Jones "E.J." Malone, pictured in

Twin Falls in 1927, visited Idaho

In 1906 and picked out a homestead site, returned to Illinois to sell his property there, then moved to the Twin Falls area for good

In 1907. In two years he cleared 290 acres in the Maroa district near Filer, where many other former Illinois residents also settled. He ended up owning more land there, as well as 80

acres in Twin Falls between Eastland Drive and Sunrise Boulevard. Malone's grandchildren say he never quit

— even though he suffered a broken back while riding on a load of potatoes coming out of a spud cellar.

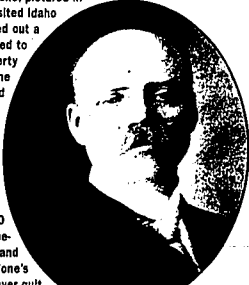


Photo courtesy of HAZEL ASBETT of Twin Falls.



In Magic Valley's early days, farming required a lot of hand labor. Here, Ed Vincent cuts potatoes for seed in Filer in May 1920. Each seed piece must contain at least one spud 'eye' to grow.

Photo courtesy of ROGER D. VINCENT of Twin Falls.

MONEY

U.S. shippers bring in flowers Reports

ATLANTA (AP) — The war of the roses is on. An expected surge in Valentine's Day flower purchases this year is proving to be a boon for both South America growers and major shipping companies.

Atlanta-based FedEx Corp. is bringing in extra workers and planes to handle all the flower shipments from Colombia and Ecuador, where the bulk of the roses sold in the United States are grown.

And demand is predicted to be high with roughly 175 million roses produced for Monday's holiday, according to the American Florists.

FedEx's work expects to carry 900,000 shipments of Valentine's Day gifts, including flowers, teddy bears and chocolates. UPS said it expects to move in excess of 20 million flowers alone.

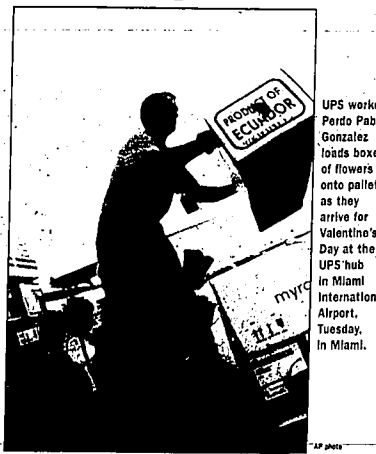
"While our total volume is roughly the same as last year, our peak day of Monday is going to be 30 percent higher than last year," said Jack Muhs, FedEx's vice president of global network planning.

FedEx doesn't deliver on Sundays, so that means more shipments of flowers this year will be made on Monday. Last year, the holiday fell on a Saturday.

Most of the husbands or sweethearts want to get the product there on Valentine's Day," he added. "This year, with the holiday falling on a Monday, we're focusing a lot of attention on the weekend."

The National Retail Federation estimates that consumers will spend less on average this Valentine's Day, though more people will be carrying the holiday, which could give a boost to overall spending.

It says 2005 Valentine's Day spending is expected to reach \$13.2 billion.



UPS worker Pedro Pablo Gonzalez loads boxes of flowers onto pallets as they arrive for Valentine's Day at the UPS hub in Miami International Airport, Tuesday, in Miami.

"Good roses always sell," Peter Sessler, director of purchasing for Los Angeles-based Mayesh Wholesale Florist Inc., which imports flowers and sells them to retail shops and party planners.

Retail prices have remained relatively stable in recent years, which has helped keep demand strong.

Last year, the average price U.S. florists charged for a dozen arranged roses was \$71.13, compared with \$68.64 in 2001, said Jennifer Sparks with the Society of American Florists. The Alexandria, Va.-based industry group says that prices will average until after the holiday but it is not expected to fluctuate much.

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expenses and boosting capacity. In March, the airline will add one daily flight to its Twin Falls-to-Lake City CityLink schedule on Sundays through Fridays.

Systemwide, SkyWest serves 119 cities in 32 states and three Canadian provinces with over 1,500 daily departures.

Applebee's International Overland Park, Kan.-based restaurant chain Applebee's International Inc. reported preliminary unaudited net earnings of \$2.6 million, or 29 cents per diluted share, for the fourth quarter, up from year-earlier net earnings of \$2.2 million, or 27 cents per diluted share.

For the year, net earnings were a record \$109.6 million, or \$1.31 per diluted share. That compared with net earnings of \$93.6 million, or \$1.10 per diluted share, for fiscal 2003, which included a special charge of about 6 cents per share.

Systemwide comparable sales for the year increased 4.8 percent — Applebee's highest annual rate of growth since 1993. Company-owned and franchised restaurants' comparable sales grew 3.8 percent and 5.2 percent, respectively.

A total of 109 new restaurants were opened systemwide, the 12th consecutive year of at least 100 new restaurant openings. As a result of these strong sales and continued rapid development, we continued to expand our market share with systemwide sales growing by nearly 11 percent," Lloyd L. Hill, chairman and chief executive, said in a statement.

Big 5 Sporting Goods

El Segundo, Calif.-based Big 5 Sporting Goods Corp. reported preliminary financial results for the fourth quarter and year that ended Jan. 2.

The fourth quarter sales increased 13.4 percent from a year earlier to \$217.6 million. Adjusting to a 13-week basis for both years, quarterly net sales increased 10 percent, and same-store sales grew 2.6 percent.

Big 5's net income for the fourth quarter increased to \$11.6 million, or 51 cents per diluted share, from year-ago net income of \$8.6 million, or 37 cents per diluted share. The most recent quarter's net income includes a 10-cent per diluted share charge associated with debt redemption, and year-ago net income includes a charge of 6 cents per diluted share, also for debt redemption.

For the full year, net income grew to \$34.2 million, or \$1.50 per diluted share, from 2003 net income — preliminarily restated — of \$24.9 million, or \$1.10 per diluted share. The full year also includes special charges of 6 cents for 2004 and 9 cents in 2003.

We are particularly pleased to have achieved our fourth-quarter results despite unseasonably warm and dry weather in the majority of our markets during the weeks preceding Christmas. As a result of these strong results, we continued to expand our market share with systemwide sales growing by nearly 11 percent," Lloyd L. Hill, chairman and chief executive, said in a statement.

Adolph Coors Co.

Adolph Coors Co. posted a 54 percent gain in profits for the fourth quarter, fueled by stronger sales in North America and Europe.

Coors released the results as it closed its \$3.1-billion acquisition of Canadian brewer Molson Inc. to form Molson Coors Brewing Co., the world's fifth largest brewer. Shares of the combined company, the world's fifth-largest brewer, began trading Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "TAP."

Molson Coors, which issued quarterly earnings separately, reported a sharp slide in profit for its third quarter on flat sales in its last quarter as an independent company.

Golden Colo.-based Coors reported net income of \$55.7 million, or \$1.45 per share, in the quarter that ended Dec. 26. That compared with net income of \$35.8 million, or 99 cents per share, a year ago.

Revenue totaled \$1.13 billion, up 11 percent. The latest results reflected a one-time gain on asset sales of \$18.2 million before taxes, a 10 percent rate and favorable foreign currency exchange rates.

For the full year, Coors reported net income of \$197.6 million, or \$5.19 per share, up from \$174.7 million, or \$4.77 per share, in 2003. Sales totaled \$4.31 billion.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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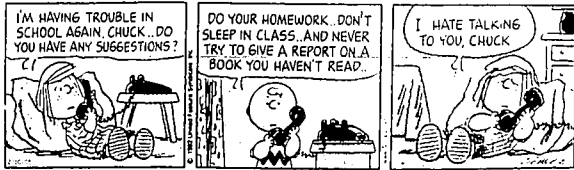
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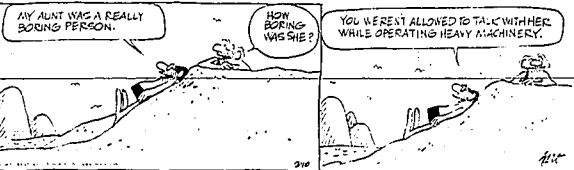
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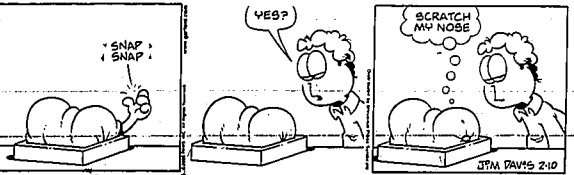
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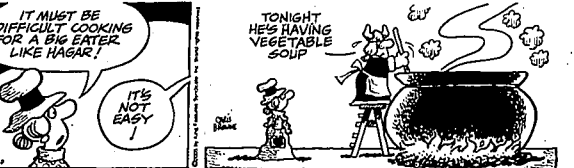
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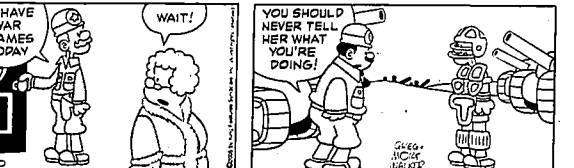
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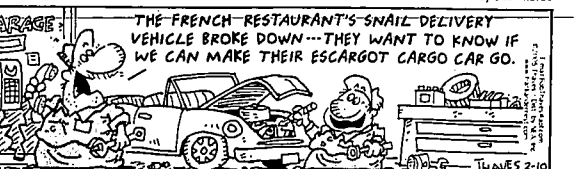
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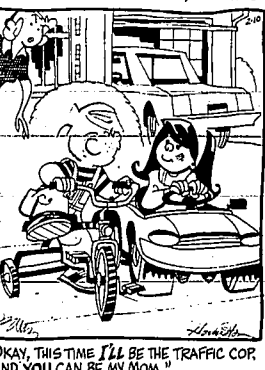
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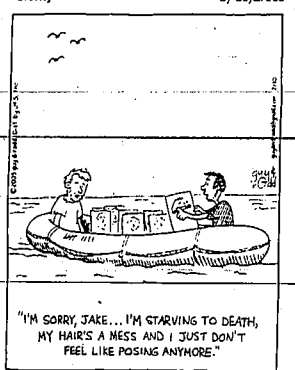
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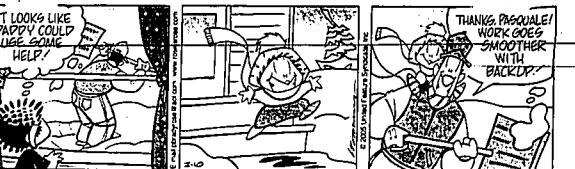
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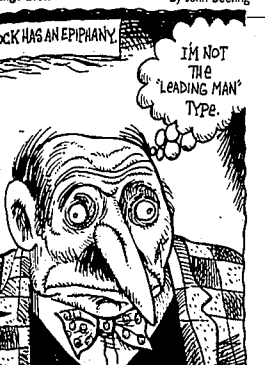
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State will publish business resource book in Spanish

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

BOISE — The Idaho Commerce and Labor Department is preparing for a second printing of a business how-to-do book, *en Español*.

"Starting A Business in Idaho" is good for both new and fledgling businesses, said Tony Tenne, an economic development analyst with the department. "It's by far the most popular publication ... and takes you step by step."

The department had printed 3,000 copies of the Spanish version the first time, said Tenne, who was gauging how many copies of the second printing should be produced. The free publication should be ready this spring and will also be available online.

The guide is published to foster "a thriving economy and a strong business climate," according to a foreword by Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

The publication includes a checklist for starting a business, ranging from how to do research for your business, viewed by business plan methods of organization (from sole proprietorship to corporations) and protecting products and services through patents, copyrights and trademarks. There's no information on registering with the secretary of state, taxes,

employer responsibilities, permits, licenses and regulations.

Included are a list of agencies and resources for new business owners.

The first Spanish translation came about under the administration of Idaho Gov. Phil Batt, said Georgia Smith, Commerce Department spokeswoman.

"It was a decision that was encouraged by Gov. Batt that we would create a Spanish edition of 'Starting a Business in Idaho,'" she said.

The reason was straightforward: Idaho had a rapidly growing Hispanic population and "they are entrepreneurs," she said. "We've always seen this need and we were lucky to fill it."

Costs on production of the Spanish edition were cut because of Spanish-speaking staff members in the department who translated the publication from English, Smith said.

Hispanics or people of Latin origin make up about 8 percent of Idaho's population. According to a 1997 U.S. Census Economic Census, of the 109,758 firms in the state, 2,847 were Hispanic-owned businesses. Those businesses had total sales and receipts of more than \$240 million and a total payroll of more than \$47 million. The Economic Census is conducted every five years and

For more information

Or to order copies of "Starting A Business in Idaho," call Tony Tenne at (208) 334-2650, ext. 2128, or e-mail him at tony.tenne@business.idaho.gov

Other resources: Idaho Hispanic Business Association — www.hbaonline.org

Small Business Administration — www.sba.gov/espano/

Small Business Development Center Network — <http://sbdcnw.usda.edu/dccc/espano.htm>

U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce — www.uschc.com

Women's Business Center Online — www.onlinewbc.gov/ices/espao

MANA: A National Latina Organization — www.hernana.org/honfrm.htm

an update is due in 2005. A majority of the Hispanic-owned businesses — 1,373 — were owned by people of Mexican descent.

Of the classified Hispanic-owned businesses, a total of 734, were in service industries, such as personal and business services, followed by retail trade (355 businesses) and construction industries and developers (333 businesses).

Immigration enforcement officer speaks at Hispanic network group

TWIN FALLS — The Resident Agent in Charge of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) based in Boise will speak at noon Monday at a meeting of the Hispanic Business and Professionals Network at the Azlun Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Blaine Dahlstrom will speak about changes to immigration enforcement because of homeland security measures, as well as about the role of the federal agency.

Anyone is welcome to the no-host lunch.

For more information, call Leticia Coronado at 735-3207 and Pat Marcantonio at 733-3288.

CSI offers 'Conversational Spanish for Ag Field'

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will offer another chance to take the zero credit class, "Survival Spanish for Farmers, Dairymen and Agriculturists."

This class meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, March 1-22 in Shields Room 109 on the CSI campus. The cost is \$55.



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The class will introduce the "street Spanish" used in this specific area or field of work and is specifically tailored for verbal communication with limited writing. Students will also learn about customs and culture to better understand co-workers.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Station holds dance to benefit health screenings

RUPERT — Spanish station, KPFT Radio, "La Fantasia 970," is holding a dance to fund free

heart and cholesterol screenings for Hispanics.

The station will sponsor a dance at 8 p.m. Saturday at J's Salon, 900 S. Oneida St. The bands, Grupo Ternura and Grupo Noblezta, will provide the music. The dance will continue until 1 a.m.

Tickets are available at the door for \$15 per couple or \$10 per person. Women get in free between 8 to 9 p.m.

A raffle will also be held for items such as a hand-crafted hat, compact discs and vacation to Jackpot. New raffle tickets are \$1. The bands and J's Bar and Grill are donating their services, reported KPFA manager Benjamin Reed.

Hispanics are more prone to heart disease and diabetes than other segments of the population, which also faces a higher per-capita rate of poverty and lack of health insurance, Reed said. Last year, the radio station held two benefit dances to benefit to the screenings, which are offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

For more information, call Reed at 436-4757.

Teenage trend of teardrop tattoos concerns community members

By Megan Twohey Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — When David Romo returned to Milwaukee last summer after 16 years in the federal penitentiary, he was surprised by how many young people in the city had teardrop tattoos.

Romo had been tattooed with the symbol in the early 1990s. At that time, he said, the marking was worn only by those who had committed murder, served time behind bars or lost a fellow gang member to violence.

The 52-year-old suspected that many of the teenagers he was seeing with the teardrop could make such claims.

"Since I've been out, I've seen a lot of kids with them," Romo said. "It's like they don't even know the real meaning."

They're the only one noting the growing number of

teardrop tattoos popping up under the eyes of youths.

Police and youth workers are alarmed by the trend.

They worry teens are wearing the decades-old tattoo as a fashion statement — without understanding that it can cause them harm.

"They are a very dangerousfad for young people to be getting involved with," said Richard Harris, a former-gang member and youth worker in Green Bay, Wis.

"There's an expectation among older gang members that you know what it means. At one time, I would have caused some serious harm to someone who had teardrops who hadn't gone through what I had."

Nailing down the origins of the teardrop tattoo is difficult.

Wes McBride, president of the California Gang Investigators, said it surfaced in California's

Hispanic gangs in the 1940s. Other gang experts said the marking began in Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Whatever the exact history, it has continued to be associated for the most part with Latinos, said law enforcement officials and former gang members who agreed with Romo's description of what the symbol has meant.

For decades, only hardened gang members and convicts wore the tattoo. That has changed in recent years.

"Ten or 15 years ago, you didn't see teardrops very much. Now you see it quite often," said Michael Young, captain of the Milwaukee Police Department's intelligence division.

"It's rampant on the south side," said Shaphan Coleman, a former gang member who does youth outreach in neighborhoods throughout Milwaukee.

Siblings reunite after separation

Family members come together decades after 'Dirty Wars'

By Richard Bourdreaux Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — Aleida Gallangos was 2 years old when a gunfire ripped the family apart and 28 years when she placed together what had happened: Her parents and an uncle were arrested and disappeared in police custody, as were hundreds of other leftists targeted in Mexico's underground conflict of the 1970s.

But the fate of 3-year-old Lucio Antonio Gallangos, who was wounded in the shooting and was away by police, remained a mystery for another three years — until an emotional reunion of the orphaned siblings last week.

In a rare story of closure to the conflict, Gallangos and her brother to Washington, D.C. found him living under the name Juan Carlos Hernandez, and convinced him of his identity, making the immigrant construction worker the first of Mexico's more than 500 "desaparecidos," the disappeared ones, to be found alive since the so-called "dirty war."

"I wanted to know what happened to my brother. I wanted to see him," said Gallangos, re-



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calling her "immense joy" at finally meeting him on Dec. 29. "I had gone through so much anguish, not knowing whether he was alive or dead."

With DNA tests still pending, the Mexican attorney general's office said this week it is convinced that Hernandez, 33, is the Lucio who vanished as a boy. Officials called the sibling reunion a result of Mexican President Vicente Fox's policies, which has led to opening of secret archives on the dirty war and criminal investigations into the atrocities of the war.

But as Gallangos tells it, her search is an exception that proves a rule of government ineptitude or indifference to the fate of the missing. She describes a tenuous battle to pry

information from reluctant bureaucrats and to use what little they offered to advance her own detective work.

A mid-level factory manager in Ciudad Juarez, Gallangos, 31, is one of hundreds of Mexicans trying to reconstruct family histories buried by government cover-ups and seeking justice for the killings of more than a generation ago.

The results so far have been disappointing. Of 11 arrest warrants issued, only three former officials have been arrested and face trial for dirty war crimes. The government appealed to the Supreme Court last year, after a lower court rejected its charges against former President Luis Echeverria for the slayings of dozens of student demonstrators in 1971.

And even though Fox appointed a special prosecutor in 2002 to investigate dirty war disappearances, Gallangos said it took her two years of hounding that office before it cooperated.

"The truth is they are not interested," she said. "They had all the power to locate my brother, but I had to keep after them, after them, after them. Apart from my case, what others have they resolved? None."

This photo released by American Girl shows Marisol Luna, the newest character in the popular doll maker's line. The book that accompanies the Mexican-American doll has drawn criticism from Chicago's Hispanic community because in her story line Marisol Luna and her family leave a 'dangerous' West Side community for a better life in the suburbs.

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NATION/WORLD

Bush faces fight on farm payment limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The idea behind President Bush's proposal to limit crop subsidies is to stop big corporate farming operations from gobbling up most of the government payments, but smaller farmers say they'd be hurt too.

"If you want to do away with family farms, do away with subsidies," said Daryl Burney, a cotton farmer with a 1,000-acre operation in Coffeeville, Miss.

"We're dependent on subsidies to survive. The profit margin on the farm is so narrow right now, you can't afford any mistakes."

Bush wants to lower the maximum amount that farmers may collect, which Burney said would cut into his income. Burney's subsidy checks don't always reach the current limit, but he said, they come close enough that "we would build up a cash slap off" under the president's new budget.

As part of his budget for the next fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, Bush on Monday proposed dropping payment ceilings from \$360,000 to \$250,000 and closing loopholes that have allowed some to claim millions of dollars in payments. He also called for an across-the-board cut of 5 percent for all farm payments.

"That will save the American taxpayer \$1.2 billion over the



A farmer works in a rice field in October 2004 in Ordley, Calif. Many small farmers believe President Bush's proposal to cut crop subsidies will put them out of business.

next decade," Bush said Tuesday in a speech to the Detroit Economic Club. "These are the kind of reforms that are necessary to earn the trust of the American people."

Southerners like Burney would feel new limits more keenly because their crops of rice and cotton cost more to grow and get higher subsidies. They're not alone. Growers of other commodities — wheat, corn, soybeans — say they can't withstand cuts of any kind now

that prices for many of their crops are falling.

The president already has a fight on his hands. Southern growers have friends in high places, among them Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Tom Cochran, R-Miss., and Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga. Cochran criticized the budget plan for attempting to cut Southern agriculture "while leaving other regions largely un-

touched by the budget knife." Chambliss said it's unfair to slash crop subsidies without reducing payments that other farmers get through conservation programs. "Does that treat all farmers fairly? I don't think so," he said.

Still, there is plenty of support in Congress for limiting payments. Both the House and Senate voted by wide margins for a strict \$275,000 cap when lawmakers debated the 2002 farm bill.

But with both parties at that time seeking a farm vote crucial to the outcome of the 2002 midterm elections, House and Senate negotiators upped the ceiling to \$360,000 and left loopholes that have allowed some to claim millions of dollars in payments, all with the acquiescence of the White House.

Now, those who have wanted to close the loopholes have a new ally in Bush. Sen. Charles Grassley, who has led the effort to limit payments, said the president is serious.

"The administration showed no interest in it until now. They're looking for ways to save money, and this is one of the most intellectually honest ways to save money," said Grassley, I-towa. "They came to us."

Guerilla group emerges as threat to cease-fire

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Hezbollah is emerging as the biggest threat to a fragile Israeli-Palestinian truce, with Lebanese guerrillas offering West Bank gunmen thousands of dollars to step up attacks on Israelis, the gunmen and Palestinian security officials said Wednesday.

The Iranian-funded Lebanese guerrillas, who have hundreds of West Bank gunmen on their payroll, have stepped up pressure on them in recent weeks, the security officials said.

One retired militant told The Associated Press that a Hezbollah recruiter called him just a day before this week's MidEast summit in Egypt, told him the cease-fire wouldn't last and offered a generous payment if he returns to violence. A squad of five or six militants typically receives \$5,000 to \$8,000 a month from Hezbollah for expenses, including bullets, weapons, cell phone calling cards and spending money.

Hezbollah leader Mahmud Abbas, whose political survival depends on making the cease-fire "stick, is trying to avoid confrontation with Hezbollah for the moment.

Israel eases travel restrictions for Palestinians.

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He has sent an envoy, former Palestinian Cabinet minister Abdel Fattah Hemayel, to Lebanon to try to urge Hezbollah to step back. Hemayel, who is delivering his message through top officials of Abbas' trust movement who live in exile in Lebanon and have ties to Hezbollah.

Majed Farraj, a top official in the Palestinian Interior Ministry, said Hemayel, to Lebanon to try to urge foreign parties who are trying create bases in Palestine, but he did not refer to Hezbollah directly.

"This has a political dimension, and the Palestinian Authority will not allow it," Farraj said. "Fatah leaders here and abroad are exerting efforts to deal with this."

Palestinian officials have also expressed concern in recent meetings with U.S. and European diplomats about Hezbollah's destabilizing influence, participants said.

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