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Farmland may be dried up

State makes move to buy back water rights

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — In an historic move, the state of Idaho signed on Wednesday a letter of intent to buy 98,826 acre feet of water near Hagerman.

It is the first time Idaho has bought rights instead of issued them.

However, the deal isn't done

in the eyes of all.

The only thing farm manager John O'Connor was willing to say late Wednesday was that a deal between the state and the Bell Rapids Mutual Irrigation Co. to buy water rights was still in the tire-kicking stage.

There are two things that have to happen before a sale is finished, O'Connor said. "You have to have a check to cash, and you have to have a title transfer."

O'Connor hadn't seen either. He had just heard a lot of talk that a deal had indeed been struck between the Idaho Water Resource Board and the Irrigation company that since 1971 has made farming possible on the 25,000 acres of land.

O'Connor inherited his farm from his father, who was one of



the original desert-entry members of the project. In the beginning, the plan was farmers would pump their irrigation water from the Snake River that is immediately below the

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Many older Americans choose not to retire

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After decades working in financial and real estate management, 61-year-old Bill Copeland retired to his version of the American dream — not full-time leisure but a less-taxing job.

He's hardly alone. Close to two-thirds of Americans who have not yet retired say that when the time comes they will work for pay after retiring. The reason given most often has nothing to do with money — they simply want to stay busy.

For Copeland, after years of 60- and 80-hour work weeks, that means "only" 40 hours a week at a job selling power tools and advising people on how to use them.

"I'm doing something I want to do that I know about and I can help people," said Copeland, who works in Falls Church, Va., at a Home Depot, a company that makes a special effort to attract older workers.

The political debate on the future of Social Security has focused fresh attention on retirement and how older Americans make ends meet.

As they live longer, healthier lives, work is an option for an increasing number.

In a recent Associated Press-Ipsos poll, 63 percent of those who have not retired said they thought they would work for pay after they retired. The reason given most often was "to stay busy," followed by "to make ends meet" and "to have enough money for extras."

People find various ways to stay in the work force — working past retirement age, cutting back to part-time, or retiring and then taking a new job, often with less stress, fewer hours and less money.

Joseph Quinn, an economics professor and dean of the college of arts and sciences at Boston College, has studied retirement patterns and believes people "tend to retire in stages, which I think is a healthy thing."

"For many people, retirement is not an event but a process," he said.

Dennis Bady, a 47-year-old high school teacher from Richmond, Ind., reflects the views of many who plan to keep working.

"It would be nice to have a little bit of extra money," he said, adding he also wants to "stay active." Too many times, you see people who become retired just seeming to fade away.

An ongoing Rand Corp. study of retirees has found that about half who retired, were still re-employed five years after a quarter had gone back to work — either part time or full time. The remainder either partially retired and kept working or retired in stages — first partially and then completely.

Nicolas Maestas, an economist who led the "unretirement" study for Rand, found men were more likely than women to retire and then go back to work.

Her research used data from the Health and Retirement Study done by the University of Michigan in cooperation with the National Institute on Aging.

Interest in working longer is related to many factors, researchers say. Some of it has to do with people living longer. The average life span for people now is just under 78 years, an increase of almost a decade in the last 50 years.

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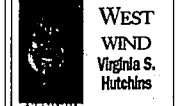
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PLACE FOR PRETEND

Pond-side tree house brings family together

TWIN FALLS — March wind whistled through the knot-holes of unshined boards as 12-year-old Bonnie Detweller swept winter'savings down the steps of her family's tree house this week.

She paused to help her 2-year-old sister, Kennedy, dress a doll in blue gingham.



That elaborate tree house rifling a weeping willow has seen a good deal of camaraderie among the Detweller family seven siblings, ages 2 to 20. On the edge of an irrigation pond, the tree house is a fitting place for pretend, a site for teenager sleep-overs, a diving platform, a sanctuary.

"I've chosen this tree because it's the birthplace for her litter. A neighbor brought his girlfriend there for a furzan-themed marriage proposal, while the Detwellers watched from the house with binoculars and video camera. And the tree house is a magnet for the family's young visitors, who lobby for David and Lynda Detweller to host all holiday get-togethers."

"It's like a favorite place for all the cousins to come," Lynda said.

In the countryside just west of Twin Falls, the tree house on the Detweller place is visible to drivers on Pole Line Road. The 15-foot in diameter, completely roofed and lighted by glass windows. Sixteen steps spiral up the weeping willow trunk. The sixth and 11th have loose boards.

About six years ago, David and Lynda and their children opted to stay home for spring break and spend their vacation money instead on building something the children — and future grandchildren — could enjoy for years.

The tree house is still a work in progress, with shingles, stair railings, insulation and interior walls yet to come. Maybe a bunk bed someday. And David will have to pay attention to those loose steps, his children say.

The weeping willow and its companions line the banks of a large pond dug close to a century ago to supply ice for Twin Falls townfolk. Lynda said, "In later years, when Twin Falls canals still carried water year-round, the pond attracted 'ice skaters'."

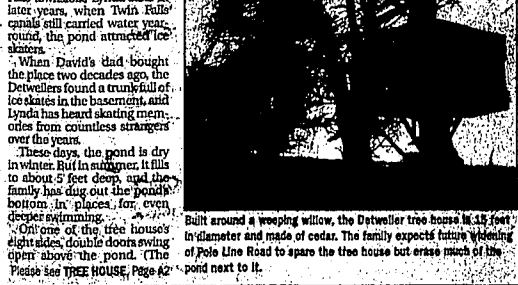
When David's dad bought the place two decades ago, the Detwellers found a trunk full of ice skates in the basement, and Lynda has heard skating memories from countless strangers over the years.

These days, the pond is dry in winter. But in summer, it fills to about 5 feet deep, and the family has dug out the pond's bottom — in places, for eye-deeper swimming.

"One of the tree house's eight slides, double doors swing open above" the pond. (The Photo see TREE HOUSE, Page A2)



With a bowl of afternoon cookies beside them, Bonnie Detweller, 12, left, and her 2-year-old sister Kennedy, play in their family's tree house this week in rural Twin Falls County.



Built around a weeping willow, the Detweller tree house is 15 feet in diameter and made of cedar. The family expects future widening of Pole Line Road to spare the tree house but erase much of the pond next to it.

Defense rests its case; relatives say they didn't abandon Sarah

By Patti Murphy
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — After more than a month of emotional and often gruesome testimony, the defense in the Sarah Johnson murder trial rested its case Wednesday, allowing the prosecution another opportunity to convince the jury that the 19-year-old girl killed her parents.

Johnson is accused of shooting her mother, Diane, in the head while she slept, then turning the high-powered rifle on her father, Alan, who she shot over. Prosecutors say Johnson, who was 16 at the time

of the Sept. 2, 2003, murders, was motivated by her parents' disapproval of her relationship with a 19-year-old undocumented immigrant.

Some of the more compelling testimony

Wednesday came from Sarah's relatives, who told the jury during the prosecution's rebuttal that they continued to love and supported her even after the shootings. Their testimony was an at-

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NATION

Rather signs off as anchor

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Rather echoed a word he once used every night to sign off of the "CBS Evening News" — courage — in anchoring the program for the final time after 24 years on Wednesday.

In a brief statement at the end of the broadcast, Rather paid tribute to Sept. 11 terrorist victims, tsunami survivors, American military forces, the oppressed, those in falling health and fellow journalists in dangerous places.

"And, to each of you," he said. "Courage."

He seemed to savor each word of his signoff: "For the 'CBS Evening News,' Dan Rather reporting. Good night."

The reporting career spanned from the Kennedy assassination to this winter's tsunami, and he's been the public face of CBS's legendary news division since replacing Walter Cronkite on March 9, 1961.

His first newscast included a Johnson



Dan Rather

Street. He's the second of the three men who dominated network news for more than two decades

"Sixty down" in four months. NBC's Tom Brokaw stepped in November, leaving ABC's Peter Jennings remaining at 'World News Tonight.'

Bob Schieffer is Rather's temporary replacement starting Thursday, CBS expects to name a permanent anchor team to succeed Rather in the coming months.

Rather, 73, is returning to full-time reporting for CBS's '60

Minutes' broadcasts. He flashed a steadfast defiance in reminding viewers of the phrase "courage." He was mocked by some for using that to end his broadcasts and then gave up on the idea.

His exit came at a low ebb for his career. Rather took much of the public blame for a discredited "60 Minutes" story last fall about President Bush's military service, and he's distant third in the ratings behind NBC's Brian Williams and Jennings.

He was a target of conservatives who accuse the media of bias for more than three decades, since his coverage of the Nixon White House during the Watergate era, and many have exulted in his recent misfortune.

But he had supporters, too. Marian MacNeil of Windsor, Calif., said she watched Rather regularly and admired him. "I feel terrible the way he's being treated now," MacNeil said.

Committee proposes '06 budget

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The House Budget Committee passed and sent to the House floor Wednesday a \$2.57 trillion budget for fiscal year 2006 that would cut domestic programs slightly more than President Bush had proposed but left room for increased defense spending and tax cuts.

The committee's Republicans defeated a Democratic amendment to require that legislation to increase spending or cut taxes include provisions to neutralize the impact on the deficit. Republicans also shot down a series of Democratic amendments to restore spending on

such domestic programs as the environment, education, veteran benefits and Medicaid — and to pay for the additional spending by increasing taxes on foreign subsidiaries of U.S. companies.

The vote on the budget was a party-line 22-15, with Republicans in favor and Democrats opposed.

Meanwhile, the Senate Budget Committee started work on its version of the budget, which would cut domestic spending somewhat less than Bush's proposal. As on the House side, Democrats on the Senate Budget Committee prepared a host of amendments reversing some of Bush's cuts, and the committee

planned to vote on the amendments Thursday. Congressional leaders hope to bring the respective budgets to the House and Senate floor next week and to work out a compromise between the two versions soon after the two-week spring recess ends in early April.

Both versions of the budget would bring to bear on the large federal deficit a procedure designed to cut growth in programs such as Social Security and Medicare, that entitle people to federal benefits if they meet certain qualifications, such as age. The special procedure, known as reconciliation, was last used in 1997.

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On cross examination, defense attorney Bob Pangburn and Kolash got into an exchange concerning Kolash's motives in testifying.

Pangburn pressed Kolash: "Isn't it fair to say that you are in an effort to convict Sarah Johnson?"

"That would be an unfair statement," Kolash answered. "I'm here to tell the truth."

"You're here to convict her," Pangburn insisted.

"That's their job," Kolash said, referring to the jury.

Linda Vavold, Sarah's aunt and former legal guardian, also took another turn on the stand Wednesday. She said Sarah had never been ostracized by the family.

"People consoled her and talked to her about her parents' death," she said.

Before she was arrested, Sarah moved in with Vavold for about six weeks, during which time Vavold said she tried to do all she could for her.

Sarah was kept busy with football games, family gatherings, birthday parties and trips to the gym, Vavold said.

Sarah's driver's license had been confiscated and we drove her around and gave her spend-

ing money," Vavold said. She said she also made appointments with two different grief counselors and allowed Sarah to choose which one she felt more comfortable with.

"I told Sarah I loved her and I knew she was going through a difficult time," Vavold testified. "I said to her, 'I don't know how to help you but I will find someone who can.'"

She said Sarah told her and her husband, "you're my mom and dad now."

Vavold said she kept close watch on the medication Sarah was taking. She bought a lock box where all of Sarah's medicine was stored.

It included the sleeping pill Ambien, and Zolof, an anti-depressant.

Vavold also said she had never spoken to Nelson — the attorney — and had not made any attempts to hire a lawyer for Sarah. "I didn't think she needed an attorney," she said, alluding to her initial belief that Sarah was innocent.

"An hour and a half after proceedings began — and with no explanation — defense attorneys requested the courtroom be cleared of family friends, media and the prosecution team so they could confer with their client."

When asked by a reporter if he knew the reasons behind the move, Scott Birch, a state criminal investigator assisting the prosecution, said he had never seen anything like it before, nor did he know why it was done.

No explanation was given for the 20-minute interruption. Of the eight witnesses called in the rebuttal, the prosecution did not use any surprise witnesses on the stand to offer testimony supporting the idea that Diane Johnson's head had been covered with a comforter when she was shot.

Iris Dalley, a crime scene investigator with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations, testified that the comforter would have blocked the explosion of blood.

This would explain why Sarah Johnson had no blood on her if she was the shooter, Dalley testified.

Under cross examination by defense attorney Mark Rader, Dalley testified that she would have investigated the crime scene differently because "the bed comforter beside lamp, table and other items weren't collected for testing."

Closing arguments are expected to take place Monday, after which the jury will be sequestered for deliberations.

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Iraqi authorities find 41 corpses

Bomber kills four, wounds 30 contractors

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi authorities found 41 decomposed bodies some bullet-riddled, others beheaded — at sites near the Syrian border and south of the capital, and said Wednesday they included women and children who may have been killed because insurgents thought their families were collaborating with U.S. forces.

In Baghdad, a suicide bomber driving a garbage truck loaded with explosives and at least one other gunman shot their way into a parking lot in an attempt to blow up a hotel used by Western contractors. At least four people, including the attackers and a guard, were killed.

The U.S. Embassy said 30 Americans were among 40 people wounded in the blast. No Americans were killed. In an internet statement, al-Qaida in Iraq purportedly claimed responsibility for the attack on the Sadeer hotel, calling it the "hotel of the Jews."

While Sunni Arab insurgents have repeatedly targeted Westerners in Iraq, Shiite Muslims, top-Iraqi officials and civil servants, even Muslim women are no longer safe.

Decapitated bodies of women have begun turning up in recent weeks, a note with the word "collaborator" usually pinned to their chests. Three women were gunned down Tuesday in one of Baghdad's Shiite neighborhoods for being alleged collaborators. A maid in the northern city of Kirkuk, a woman identified as Nawal Mohammed, who worked with U.S. forces, was killed in a drive-by shooting police said.

The decomposed bodies were found Tuesday after reports of their stench reached authorities.

Twenty-six of the dead were discovered in a field near Rumayna, a village 12 miles east of the western city of Qaim, near the Syrian border. Each body was riddled with bullets. The dead were found wearing civilian clothes and one was a woman, police Capt. Muzahim al-Karoubi said.

The bitter site was south of Baghdad in Latifiya, where Iraqi troops found 15 headless bodies in a building at an abandoned army base, Defense Ministry Capt. Sabah Yassin said.

The bodies included 10 men, three women and two children.



An injured woman shouts for her daughter as she runs from the scene after a garbage truck exploded at dawn near a hotel used by western contractors in central Baghdad, Iraq, on Wednesday.

Their identities, like the others found in western Iraq, were not known, but insurgents may have viewed them, or their relatives, as collaborators.

Yassin said some of men found dead in Latifiya were thought to have been part of a group of Iraqi soldiers who were kidnapped by insurgents two weeks ago.

The gruesome discoveries were among 58 new killings in Iraq announced Wednesday, including the death of a U.S. soldier in a Baghdad roadside bombing, Iraq's interim planning minister, Mahdi al-Hafidh, a Shiite narrowly escaped death Wednesday after gunmen opened fire on his convoy in the capital. Two of his bodyguards were killed and two others were wounded.

"I'm fine, just sorry about the death of the guards, who we will keep going for the sake of Iraq, to get rid of terrorism and build a democratic country," Qataa Abdul Nahl, the director general of the Shiite Endowment, was shot to death Tuesday as he drove home — the second high-ranking member of the Shiite charity to be killed in a week.

A car bombing targeted an American checkpoint outside a base in Habaniyah, 50 miles west of Baghdad, and another exploded near U.S. troops close to Abu Ghraib, just west of the capital.

No other details were available, and the U.S. military could not be reached for comment. It was unclear if the dead U.S. soldier was killed in any of the attacks. The U.S. military said only that a soldier was killed and another was wounded by a bomb as they were patrolling around Baghdad.

three. Lt. Col. Karim Al-Zaydi said.

Two police officers were killed and two others wounded in clashes with insurgents in the northern city of Mosul.

Police said the attack on the Sadeer hotel began when insurgents wearing police uniforms shot at a guard at the Agriculture Ministry's gate, allowing the truck to enter a compound the ministry shares with the hotel. Guards fired on the vehicle and it exploded.

The explosion carried a hole in the parking lot that was at least 30 feet wide and more than 10 feet deep. It shattered most windows in the hotel and set cars on fire.

Al-Qaida in Iraq posted an Internet statement addressed to its leader, Jordanian-born terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, claiming it carried out the attack.

It said: "we have fulfilled our vow to take down the Jews and Christians." In an alleged response to the same site, someone purporting to be al-Zarqawi replied, "you have relieved us by killing the enemy of God. God bless you."

Another militant group, the Islamic Army in Iraq, purportedly posted an Internet video showing what it said were two Shiite hostages abducted in Baghdad. The authenticity of the video could not be verified.

Slain agent had U.S. military permission

ROME (AP) — The prime minister on Wednesday disputed Washington's version of the events leading to the killing of an Italian intelligence agent by U.S. troops in Baghdad, saying the agent had notified the proper authorities that he was on his way to the airport after winning the release of a hostage.

The top U.S. general in Iraq said he had no indication that Italian officials gave advance notice of the route the Italian's car was taking. In a statement released after the shooting, the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division, which controls Baghdad, said the vehicle was speeding and refused to stop.

The statement said a U.S. patrol tried to warn a driver with hand and arm signals, by flashing white lights and firing shots in front of the car. But in his first major address since Friday's shooting strained relations between the United States and Italy, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi told lawmakers the agent carrying the intelligence agent Nicola Calipari and jour-



Silvio Berlusconi

nalist Giuliana Sgrena was traveling at a slow speed and stopped immediately when a light was flashed.

Berlusconi said Calipari had notified an Italian liaison officer, waiting at the Baghdad airport, along with an American officer, that they were on their way.

However, he added, "I'm sure that in a very short time every aspect of this will be clarified."

The idea that Calipari was killed by friendly fire is "painful" to accept, Berlusconi said. But he reassured lawmakers: "The United States has no intention of evading the truth."

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EDITORIAL

Dems jump in to protect credit industry

Senate chose public trust over a dishonest colleague

Added the name of Sen. Jack Noble, R-Kuna, to the long list of politicians who ignore the golden rule of investigations.

For the sake of the Senate and the state, Gannon, Coliner and the others chose wisely to pursue a punishment beyond censure.

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Our view: Some

Idaho senators' refusal to accept censure was the key reason for Jack Noble's resignation.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

It's not the crime that matters — it's the cover-up.

Noble resigned his Senate seat Monday night after seeing that he was about to face the political guillotine.

A Senate ethics panel voted last Friday to recommend censure for Noble's effort to pass self-serving legislation, and his ensuing lies to cover it up.

Noble's colleagues, however, knew that punishment wasn't big enough to repair the damage.

Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, a sophomore senator who arrived with Noble in 2002, led the effort along with Sen. Chuck Coliner, R-Twin Falls, to expel the troubled lawmaker.

Gannon gathered 25 votes for expulsion — more than enough to meet the two-thirds requirement. It would have been the Legislature's first case of expulsion in recent memory.

Gannon applauded the Ethics Committee for getting to the facts of the case. "But the final conclusion fits the definition of perjury, and I feel expulsion is more appropriate," he said.

Making the situation even hotter was the threat of criminal charges. Had the censure measure prevailed, Coliner was ready to ask Sen. Chad leadership and Ada County officials to pursue perjury charges against Noble.

Noble saw he couldn't survive the mounting revolt, and resigned his District 21 seat.

Not long ago, I was listening to Joe Biden, D-Del., being interviewed, and I was struck at how intelligent and morally serious he was.

JONATHAN CHAIT

All in all, he came across as just the sort of person you'd like to have as president.

There's just one issue that's the exception. And that's what's wrong with most of the Democrats. There's always one issue that's the exception.

Biden supports a bill in Congress that would make it harder for people to declare bankruptcy.

This is one of those abysmal pieces of legislation that exists only because businesses with a vested interest in it have lobbied hard for its passage and that would have no chance of success if more than a tiny fraction of the public were aware of its existence.

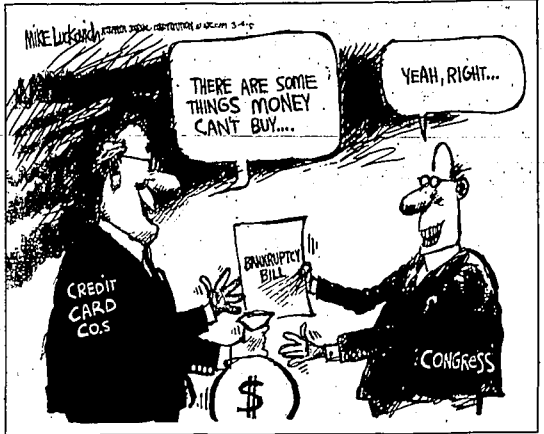
Bankruptcy rates have risen slightly in recent years. Credit card companies argue that it's because people are gaming the system, going on irresponsible spending binges and then not repaying their credit cards.

The more likely explanation is that the rise in health insurance costs has driven more people into bankruptcy.

A recent Harvard study found that half of Americans who declared bankruptcy did so because of illness or medical bills. Regardless of why you go bankrupt, the new bill would make it easier for creditors to seize your assets.

This isn't a tax that there aren't about in the bankruptcy code. The bill simply does nothing to stop them.

The worst abuses are loopholes allowing corporations or



wealthy individuals to declare bankruptcy and keep millions of dollars safe from creditors. One such device is something called an "asset protection trust" — a kind of savings fund that can't be touched by creditors.

The most popular state for such trusts is corporate-friendly Delaware.

The law is littered with abuses like the bankruptcy bill measures that benefit a narrow economic interest at the expense of the broader public good.

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When the Enron scandal broke, for instance, it came out that a few Democrats had joined Republicans to help the accounting and financial industry stave off sensible regulations during the 1990s.

New York's Charles Schumer helped fight off efforts to bar accounting firms from receiving lucrative consulting deals from the same firms they audit — a practice whose inherent conflicts were made notorious by the misdeeds of the firm Arthur Andersen.

Connecticut Democrats Joe Lieberman and Chris Dodd shamelessly do the insurance industry's bidding.

There's plenty more. Rural Democrats can always be relied on to support giveaways to

agribusiness. Washington Democrat Henry "Scoop" Jackson, an old New Deal liberal, was known in his day as "the senator from Boeing."

The trouble here is that the relationship each Democrat has with in-state business interests is the relationship every Republican has with every business interest.

The bankruptcy bill enjoys unanimous GOP support in the Senate. It's a familiar pattern: Noxious laws enjoy support from a coalition of all the Republicans plus a rotating handful of Democrats who have ties to interested parties.

The ultimate problem is that even liberal Democrats consider being in the pocket of a home-state industry an acceptable price for a long, long run.

Jonathan Chait is a senior editor at The New Republic.

JFAC budget cuts take a toll on districts

This year, the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee will recommend \$89.6 million for public schools.

JFAC's figure is \$13 million short of the governor's recommendation. This reduction equates to \$165,000 in lost revenue to the Jerome School District.

JFAC's figure is below last year's Consumer Price Index increase of 2.7 percent and the estimated 2005 increase of 3.4 percent.

Did you know that Idaho ranks 45th in per-student expenditure? In 2005, 54 districts approved \$68 million in supplemental levies to make up state cutbacks.

In most cases, this was to keep schools going at current levels. In schools, we have students that struggle and fall behind. Districts can receive federal dollars to help pay for some of these costs in schools that are disadvantaged.

Superintendent Marilyn Howard asks for \$5 million to help "regular" students. Her idea is to fund the strugglers early and earmark the money for them. The earlier students catch up, the better their chances.

READER COMMENT

Kelly Bangerter

When we talk about "No Child Left Behind," we need to ensure that classrooms have high-performing teachers.

We should also recognize the fact that the teachers in the "new to the profession" age group are declining.

This will mean bigger class sizes and fewer electives. Districts across the state are spending \$93 million more on teachers' salaries than what the state pays.

Looking at the increases in base salary for teachers over the last few years, we find 0 percent increase in 2004-05, 2003-04, and 2002-03.

The governor and Howard recommended boosting technology funding from \$8 million to \$12 million.

Reality is that if the state doesn't fund adequate salaries, districts will; if the state doesn't fund technology, districts will; if the state doesn't pay to help struggling students, districts will.

Since 1995, state technology funds have decreased 33 percent. When districts have to spend money on technology, this money is taken from other, equally important needs.

The Legislature's Office of Performance Evaluations reported that there isn't enough money to meet technology needs.

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teachers — and students — are called on to fix problems.

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This money is used to pay for utilities, textbooks, etc. This is an increase "on paper" only and only because so many areas are ignored.

Twice as much as if the state doesn't fund adequate salaries, districts will; if the state doesn't fund technology, districts will.

It's the chairman of the Jerome School District Board of Trustees.

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By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

LETTERS

New county building is the best option

This letter is about the county office problem.

Why not buy 40 acres and build a no-frills, plain county office and a new jail? This complex would have what we need but no more.

The jail would have a more expensive section for violent lawbreakers. The other section would be for non-violent criminals, used like our jail is now. Every prisoner would be required to go to work every day. If they did not have a job, they would go on work detail for the county and cities.

They would be required to pay for their board and room. The rest of their paycheck would go to their families. If there was no family, their pay would go into a savings account and when they get out. There would be rules they would follow.

If rules are broken, put them in a cell for 30 days with no phone, TV, radio, books, newspapers for visitors.

Now we sell all the county buildings except the present courthouse, jail and courtrooms. This complex we turn into a museum. All the old pictures, cases and things of the past that are around would make a great place to see.

Each room could be done to show a part and time of the past and when they visit, they could use a section to display their town's past.

A large map would be on display to direct visitors to the towns and points of interest in the county. Put another map at the bridge and Shoshone Falls telling about our museum.

Now the downtowners will say no, but if they use their brain for once, they would prosper.

You have someone like the Lee family have horse-drawn wagon rides down Shoshone Street to the Depot Grill around and down Main Street and back to the museum.

Cost would be, say, \$2 a person. With the little shops, sidewalk eating places and antique shops, plus some of the stores already there, Wal-Mart, Kmart or no mall could compete with you.

Who would use this? The tourists, schools and the people with friends from out of town.

The tourists, if you have a good museum, will go tell someone and soon that person will be spending money here.

For once, let's do something that fixes our problem for many years to come instead of the way you have been doing.

JOE BRADY
Twin Falls

Dowd's column smells like another subject

The Maureen Dowd, left-wing, hate-mongering opinion (Tuesday, March 1) would have been better suited in Section B under the headline, "Manure spreading."

I wish she would read the Cal Thomas column and realize how important the role President Bush is playing in facing the evil in the world.

DAVID BEAN
Rupert

Calling police on mother was justified move

Saturday, I found myself feeling badly for doing something that I felt was right and, more importantly, my civic duty.

Fortunately, next to a small sedan in a mall parking lot with the windows rolled up tightly and a young boy, maybe 2 years old, sleeping in the back seat.

The temperature was about 57 degrees outside. After talking to the manager of the closest store, I called the police for assistance. I stood beside the car for about 25 minutes, watching the young mother returned carrying shopping bags and another child.

I explained that I called the police because she left her child in the car, and, to the best of my knowledge, it is illegal and unsafe to do so. She told me, in no uncertain terms, that I was wrong and to mind my own business.

Fortunately, the police arrived at the same time, and I was allowed to leave the area.

Yes, I felt badly as I felt that mother loves her son and would do nothing intentional to harm him. Yes, I have raised four children and know the burden of hauling tired babies into stores they don't want to enter.

But the worst part was being confronted in the store by another mother and her teenage daughter who proceeded to tell me I was simply being nosy.

I attempted to share with them that vehicles warm up quickly and that the young child did not have the capacity to leave the car much less roll down the automatic windows.

The mother and teenage daughter both continued to loudly share that the child was fine and I just wanted attention.

Thanks to the manager of the store and another customer who stated that she works for Health and Welfare, I came home believing that I did a service for both that child and his mother. As parents, we all make unintentional mistakes and, instantly, we thank God nothing terrible happened.

I believe that mother will think twice before leaving her child in the car again, as embarrassing as it is, and she might even tell a friend or two.

As for the teenager and her mother, tonight I will pray they never leave a child in a car because there might not be a "nosy" person around that cares about their beloved child.

GAYLE BEAN
Twin Falls

Inmate leaves town with nothing after jail

Recently, a very distraught, clean-cut young man came into my office at First Christian Church of Twin Falls wondering what he could do. He had been released that cold afternoon from our Twin Falls County jail with no money and nowhere to go.

As his story unfolded, I became concerned about several issues.

Evidently, he was originally stopped because the patrolman claimed he was exceeding the speed limit in a school zone. He feels, and so do I, that

he probably aroused suspicion because he was driving a white van with Texas plates.

The drug dogs were called in and they were absolutely no drugs in his vehicle. However, he was driving on an expired driver's license and lacked vehicle insurance.

For these offenses, he was taken to jail, where he spent the next 71 days. Because he was from out of state, he claims that no bondsman would stand behind his bond, which was minimal.

It seems to me that holding someone on a reasonably minor offense for 71 days without a day in court is uncalled for. This certainly is not a speedy resolution to his case.

The real injustice came about when he was released from jail. His mother had sent him some money while he was in jail and, rather than use it on commissary, he saved it in the hope that the money would be there to allow him to go on to his home in Texas.

Upon his release, he found that all of that money had been taken by the jail for board and room. This left him penniless. To take the money is no doubt legal, but I feel it is totally unethical and certainly not in the best interest of the person being released.

He did receive help from the community and especially from a local business and, after a few days, was on his way home. Certainly, my good feelings he has for our town will be because of the community and not our justice system.

MARY NELSON
Twin Falls

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Wild ride continues: Ankiel converting to outfielder

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Rick Ankiel couldn't find the plate, and now he won't take the mound. The left-hander surprised the team Wednesday when he turned his back on a pitching career derailed by injuries and record wildness, saying he'll try to hit his way back to the major leagues as an outfielder.



Rick Ankiel

"The frustration that built up, it seems like it was really eroding my spirit and starting to affect my personality off the field," Ankiel said. "It just became apparent that it was time for me to move on and pursue becoming an outfielder." Manager Tony La Russa and general manager John Jockney said they didn't try to persuade Ankiel to stick with pitching. "Rick's gone through a lot of tough times," La Russa said. "He's had a hiccup here and there, but he's been hurt twice and went through that wildness period, and he just wasn't getting the paycheck for going through all of that, eventually."

"I guess I was in shock," Jockney said of Ankiel's decision. "I didn't see it coming. I'm not sure anyone else did. This guy had a chance to be a top pitcher." Pitching coach Dave Duncan had no warning. "I've been trying to get him ready to pitch," Duncan said. "I wish him the best of luck."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Louisiana Tech eliminates Boise State
RENO, Nev. — Erica Turkay scored 21 points and Lakiste Barikau added 20 as Louisiana Tech defeated Boise State 81-68 in the quarterfinals of the Western Athletic Conference women's tournament on Wednesday. Louisiana Tech (19-9) jumped out to a 26-point first-half lead and cruised to the win. Barikau was a 4-for-4 behind the 3-point line in the first half and Aira Ray-Boyd also hit three 3-pointers during the first half for the Techsters. Boise State (10-18) used a pair of 6-0 spurts in the second half to get back in the game but could get no closer than 11 points from the Techsters. Reserve Nadia Begay to score 18 points for the Broncos. Tasha Harris added 10 points. Tasha Crain scored 12 points for Louisiana Tech.

Coach Pruett retires
HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall football coach Bob Pruett retired Wednesday after 19 years, saying it was time to move on. The 61-year-old Pruett told the team of his decision in the morning and held a final news conference three hours later. Larry Kueck, Marshall's associate offensive coordinator and quarterback coach, will serve as interim coach. The decision comes as Marshall prepares to enter the 2006 season. Pruett moved to Huntington in 1997, a year after it won the Division I-AA national championship. Pruett is the most successful coach in Marshall history, going 94-23 with five MAC championships and five post-season bowl victories.

Armstrong picks Paris over NYC for '12 Games
THIERS, France — Lance Armstrong is picking his country to finish second in the race for the 2012 Olympic bid. The Texan endorsed Paris instead of New York when asked Wednesday which city should win the highly competitive bid for the Summer Games. Armstrong said in an interview with The Associated Press, "I think they were arguably the best candidate in 2008 but for different reasons Paris didn't win, and they went to Beijing."

Dickey Nutt gets 3-year contract extension
JONESBORO, Ark. — Four days after Arkansas State was knocked out of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, the school announced Wednesday it has signed basketball coach Dickey Nutt to a three-year contract extension that will last until 2008. Subject to approval by the university's Board of Trustees, Nutt will be paid \$113,998 per year and will receive additional compensation from his television program, personal services contracts and summer camps.

Big East looking into Auerluma's comments
HARTFORD, Conn. — The Big East is looking into allegations that Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer that Connecticut coach Geno Auerluma made inappropriate comments to a Scarlet Knights player during the conference tournament. Rutgers guard Cappie Pondexter confronted Auerluma after UConn's 67-51 win Tuesday night. Neither commented on what was said during the confrontation.

Weather forces Bogus Basin to drop Freestyle
PARK CITY, Utah — Warm weather at Bogus Basin has forced a change in venue for the U.S. Freestyle Championships later this month. They will now be held March 24-26 at the Utah Olympic Park.

Bonds takes BP, shags flyballs for the first time
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Barry Bonds' spring training was tested in an exhibition game. The status of his recovering right knee remains uncertain. Bonds took batting practice for the first straight day Wednesday and also shagged flyballs in left field for the first time all spring, a sign that he's progressing in his rehabilitation from his arthroscopic knee surgery on Jan. 31.

Malone's mansion will sell at auction in May
SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone's house to dump his white elephant overlooking the Salt Lake Valley. The 24,000-sq-ft estate has a pool, a basketball court, an indoor archery range — has set up on the real estate market for months. Buyers didn't make a move even after Malone, who played 19 years in the NBA before retiring last month, sold the house for \$41 million to \$57 million.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Basketball**
• Big Ten Conference first round, Michigan vs. North western, ESPN, 10 p.m.
• Big East Conference quarterfinal, Providence-New Virginian winner vs. Boston College, ESPN2, 10 p.m.
• Big Ten Conference quarterfinal, Purdue vs. Iowa, ESPN, 12:30 p.m.
• Big East Conference quarterfinal, Pittsburgh vs. Villanova, ESPN2, 12:30 p.m.
• Pacific-10 Conference quarterfinal, California vs. Arizona, FSN, 6 p.m.
• Big Ten Conference first round, Penn State vs. Ohio State, ESPN2, 9 p.m.
• Pacific-10 Conference quarterfinal, Oregon State vs. UCLA, FSN, 9:30 p.m.
• Atlantic Coast Conference first round, Virginia vs. Miami, ESPN, 9 p.m.
• Big East Conference quarterfinal, Seton Hall-Georgetown winner vs. Connecticut, ESPN2, 5 p.m.
• Timewolves at Heat, TNT, 8 p.m.
• Big East Conference quarterfinal, Rutgers-Detone winner vs. Syracuse, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.
• Pacific-10 Conference quarterfinal, Arizona State vs. Washington, FSN, 7:30 p.m.
• Lakers at Mavericks, TNT, 7:30 p.m.
• Pacific-10 Conference quarterfinal, Stanford, FSN, 9:30 p.m.
• Mountain West Conference quarterfinal, San Diego State vs. Air Force, ESPN2, 10 p.m.

Area ski report

Area ski report section containing weather forecasts, ski area reports, and local news items. Includes a graphic of a ski lift.

Golf

European PGA Tour: Masters, first round, TOG, 7 p.m.
PGA Tour: The Honda Classic, first round, USA, 2 p.m.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for National League and American League, listing teams, scores, and game status.

Wednesday's College Basketball Scores

Table listing college basketball scores for various conferences including Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big West, and others.

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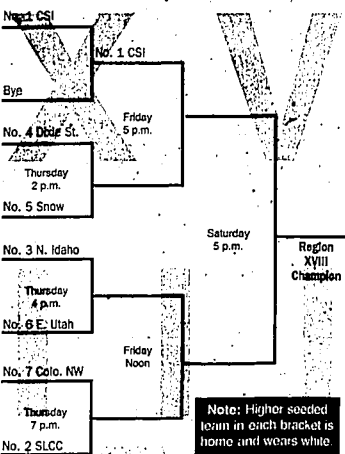
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SPORTS

2005 REGION XVIII WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Single Elimination Tournament



Note: Higher seeded team in each bracket is home and wears white.

CSI

Continued from B1... But it certainly gets your attention more, Rogers said. 'I think (the Eagles) understand that they've been pretty focused and they know we're going to have a tough first-round game.'... 'They're big, strong, especially on the wings and at guard, has been troublesome for CSI. Forward Chelsea DeLaMar backed the Eagles for 18 minutes while also grabbing 15 rebounds in the team's lone game in Twin Falls. Dixie also has a quartet of guards — Charmaine Puhla, Roshanda Hall, Lindsey Karne and Karissa Fernandez — that have taken turns having big games against CSI.

full length.' Zimova, who should see her first significant playing time since suffering a stress fracture in early February, is averaging 8.7 points and 5.1 rebounds per game this season. Should Dixie advance, her presence could be needed against athletic Rebels post Tallia Aguilar, who is averaging a team-high 11.0 points per game. 'Hopefully Lenka can get back at full strength and help us,' Rogers said. 'If not, they'll have the advantage inside.'... 'If Snow beats Dixie, it's almost a lock that CSI won't exactly be licking its chops. The Badgers played CSI tough during the first half of both games last weekend and trailed just 38-35 at halftime on Friday. Snow is especially dangerous if guard Kristina Peterson gets hot from the outside. Her 11.9 ppg ranks fifth in the SWAC.

WOMEN'S REGION 18 CAPSULES

No. 1 College of Southern Idaho... Head coach: Randy Foy... Record: 20-10 overall, 15-5 in SWAC... No. 2 Salt Lake Community College... Head coach: Dave Cossack... Record: 18-11 overall, 13-6 in SWAC... No. 3 North Idaho College... Head coach: Chris Dyer... Record: 17-11 overall, 13-6 in SWAC

No. 4 Dixie State... Head coach: Steve Henson... Record: 15-13 overall, 10-8 in SWAC... No. 5 Snow... Head coach: Steve Henson... Record: 15-13 overall, 10-8 in SWAC... No. 6 Eastern Utah... Head coach: Dave Dyer... Record: 14-14 overall, 9-9 in SWAC... No. 7 Colorado State... Head coach: Steve Henson... Record: 13-15 overall, 8-10 in SWAC... No. 8 Oregon... Head coach: Steve Henson... Record: 12-16 overall, 7-11 in SWAC

Congress subpoenas sluggers



NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Canseco, Jason Giambi, Manny McGwire and four other current major league players were subpoenaed Wednesday to testify before a congressional committee investigating steroids policy, a move baseball's leadership opposed to fight all the way to court. Curt Schilling, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro and Frank Thomas also were subpoenaed to appear at the March 17 hearing of the House Government Reform Committee along with players' association head Donald Fehr, baseball's executive vice presidents Ron Manfred and Sandy Alderson and San Diego general manager Kevin Towers. Stanley Brand, a lawyer for the baseball commissioners' office, criticized the committee

Brand and Manfred said baseball will attempt to fight the subpoenas. If the subpoenas are not complied with, the committee could vote contempt citations, which would have to be approved by the full House of Representatives and certified by a U.S. Attorney. If that happened, Brand said the fight over the subpoenas would head to U.S. District Court. Canseco, Fehr and Manfred have agreed to testify. Manfred would speak on behalf of baseball commissioner Bud Selig. The remaining witnesses, however, made it clear — either by flatly rejecting the invitation to testify or by ignoring our repeated attempts to contact them — they had no intention of appearing before the committee, committee

chairman Rep. Tom Davis and Rep. Henry Waxman, the ranking Democrat, said in a statement. Thomas said Monday he would testify, but baseball's formal response to the committee on Tuesday said he was declining the invitation. Stearns, chairman of the House Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection subcommittee, said Selig was invited to speak at the hearing but declined. Stearns' staff's Davis' committee "cannot legislate, they're just an oversight committee." "We can legislate," Stearns said. "We're trying to understand whether legislation is needed. We're obviously disappointed that Selig did not want to show."

Troubles behind him, Williams back with Miami



CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Willie Williams has a past nobody can be proud of, including 11 arrests, full time and two stints on probation. Miami gave him a chance — perhaps his last — at having a bright future and the former high school All-American line-backer, who was one of the nation's most-coveted recruits last year, is trying to make the most of the opportunity. "I'm going to make sure they made the right decision," Williams said Wednesday after Williams' second spring practice. "Everything I did wrong, I'm kind of working to make it right. I know I've done some things in the past. I know I've made some mistakes. But everybody makes mistakes. I can't fault nobody but myself."

Williams is listed behind senior Leon Williams on the spring depth chart at middle line-backer, yet it wouldn't surprise anyone for the redshirt freshman to be in the lineup when Miami opens the season at Florida State on Sept. 5. Some even projected Williams to be an impact player by the end of Miami's 2004 season, but he missed the entire year with an array of injuries. He took a ligament in his right knee during an August practice, then broke his right thumb after slipping while getting out of his truck. He's healthy now, and feels like his old self again. He just won't be going back to his old ways.

"I consider myself a very lucky guy, a very lucky and blessed guy," Williams said. "Who knows someone could have many chances? This is basically a whole 'nother chance for me, and I feel very lucky."

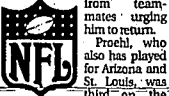
And the 6-foot-3, 230-pound Williams has certainly made quite a few mistakes. His first entry was made on his arrest record in 1989; over the next five years, 10 other incidents — burglaries and thefts, mostly — led to more time in police custody, and his checkered past was some guidance officers insist they were not fully aware of when offering him a scholarship. When he made a recruiting trip to Florida in January 2003 — around the same time an 18-month probation sentence for stealing stereo equipment was set to expire — the product of Miami Coral City High School nearly saw his opportunity to play big-time college football vanish during a wasted weekend. He was accused of setting off his fire extinguisher, getting into a bar fight with another man and hugging a woman without her permission on that Gainesville trip. Williams ultimately pleaded no contest, and was sentenced to three more years of probation in July 2004. "I have a lot of faith in the kid, but he needed some guidance," said Paul Lazarus, Williams' attorney. "The best thing that could have happened to him — and also to society — was that he be allowed to go to UM."

Williams said, "He's followed every rule we've asked him to follow, and when he hasn't, someone has yanked him back and reminded him. He's been a good freshman. "We take character seriously," added Shalala, who was Health and Human Services Secretary under President Clinton. "Of course I had reservations... But I'm pleased he's making progress." That progress is being made both on and off the field. In the classroom, Williams is exceeding expectations. And away from the field, Williams is adhering to all rules passed down by both a Roward County judge and university officials; he's never failed a test; that would deter drug of alcohol use, and has stayed out of trouble.

Williams ultimately decided to admit Williams, but the move also prompted university president Donna Shalala to take an unprecedented step. She sent a letter to the entire university community, detailing strict regulations Williams would follow to stay there, including extra academic and off-campus behavioral monitoring. "I think he does just fine."

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Older receivers McCardell, Proehl have their day



NEW YORK (AP) — It was a good day for over-30 receivers in the NFL. Keenan McCardell got the payday he was seeking in San Diego. Ricky Proehl decided to return to Carolina for his 16th season and fight for the fantasy. Wiggins was rewarded for a career year and re-signed with Minnesota on Wednesday. The 35-year-old McCardell, who caught two touchdown passes for Tampa Bay when it won the 2003 Super Bowl, got a \$4.1 million signing bonus from San Diego, according to a source with knowledge of the deal who asked for condition of anonymity. With the extension, McCardell will average \$3.45 million the next three years. McCardell was the NFL's last holdout in 2004, missing the first six games — and nearly \$710,000 in pay — because he was unhappy the Bucs didn't give him the "fair market" deal he wanted.

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Harold Morrow. Morrow's role diminished when he lost his job to Gary Baxter. Baxter's backup fullback was the team's leading special-teams tackler with 21.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Officials take steps for detox center

BOISE (AP) — Boise officials took the first step to securing a detox center...

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The committee felt very strongly and unanimously that the need is definitely there...

the land or the facility and keep out of its operations. Boise City Councilman Jerome Mapp said he was concerned that if the center is built with money from the HUD...

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadlines is 4 p.m. for next-day publication...

TWIN FALLS — Thelma Kysar, 78, of Kimberly, died March 9, 2005, at Bridgeview Estates. She was born May 23, 1926, at the home of her parents, Elmer T. and Lavina Okey Anderson...

Thelma Kysar



the meals and companionship of the Ageless Senior Center in Kimberly. She was survived by three children - Gary Lee Kysar of Hawaii, Calvin O. Kysar III "Steve" of Champaign, Ill., and Sharon Kay Culver of Wilsonville, Ore.; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren...

grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; one brother, Jack O. Anderson of Boise, Idaho; and one sister, Mary Elsie (Roy) McHughue of Wendell, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents; two sisters, Edna (Donald A.) Brown and Lucille (Ralph) Palmer; and one daughter, Susan Jane Kysar. A memorial graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 11, 2005, at the Falls View Cemetery at American Falls, Idaho...

Ethel Roina Butler Coleman

GLENN'S FERRY — Ethel Roina Butler Coleman, age 93, a native of Idaho and long-time resident of Glenn's Ferry, crossed over to the "Big ranch" in the sky on March 5, 2005. Ethel was born Jan. 24, 1912, to Lester Leroy and Ada Lee Little Harris Butler at Clover Creek near Bliss, Idaho...

wagon and cooking over an open fire. Ethel perfected sourdough cooking but always remembered her first "Company for dinner," a young man riding horseback cross-country stopped to eat. As it happens she had her first-lost with biscuits and they were hard as a rock. Ethel said she had remembered that embarrassment all her life, but she said, "He just ate them, like they were the best he had ever had and never said a word!" Ethel and Herb continued to work for his folks and, at one point they, just the two of them, mowed 250 cattle from the lava flows and down to the Snake River for the winter. Eventually they got their own land and began to ranch and milk cows. They were always milking cows until Herb's horse fell on him and Ethel had to buy a milking machine to keep their order filled. After Herb retired, Ethel started work as a switchboard operator, night operator and then promoted to supervisor for the Ma Bell Telephone Company of Twin Falls. She was with Ma Bell for 27 years until she retired in '63. After losing Herb in 1986, Ethel moved to Glenn's Ferry in 1989. She was very active in the Blue Bird Society and loved to go with her sister, Lucille, to check, clean nests and tally the eggs in the spring. Always an avid bird watcher, Ethel kept all the birds fed around her home - except for the pesky Black Birds! She loved cats and dogs and had a faithful friend for years in her home and always three or four cats plus the outside cats that came from the surrounding area and neighbors. She fed them all. Ethel was an active gardener...

(ran in the family), with considerable wisdom and experience with raising, preserving and canning of fruits and vegetables. Ethel also was an accomplished hunter, shooting, skinning and cutting up her own deer and elk for the family. Along with being a great partner to Herb in work, she also was good at fishing and rock hounding. Not only an artist of the oils and drawing, like her mother, Ada, Ethel painted the great outdoors, cats, flowers and especially her roses. Ethel was also an accomplished crocheter and made her family many wonderful afghans that are real heirlooms and will be cherished forever. Ethel was quiet and soft spoken, a joy to be around and was always pleasant with a great sense of humor. She always made the best of what life had to offer with no complaints. Of the three sisters, she was the quiet, focused one, not known to say anything bad about anyone. Ethel became ill during the latter part February 2005 and passed due to an abdominal infection. She will always be remembered for her smiling, acceptance of all that life brought her way. All her family members loved her and cherished the times they spent together with her. A graveside service will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Hagerman Cemetery, Hagerman, Idaho, followed with a luncheon - for family and friends at 2 p.m. at the Glenn's Ferry Senior Center. Any donations can be made in Ethel's name to the Glenn's Ferry Senior Center.

DEATH NOTICES

Ben Zubizarreta

GOODING — Ben Zubizarreta, 88, a resident of Gooding, died Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa. Arrangements will be made by Demaray's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St. Gilbert Charles Ivie SHOSHONE — Gilbert Charles Ivie, age 91, of Shoshone, died Monday, March 7, 2005, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 11, 2005, at the Shoshone cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Shoshone Funeral Chapel, 404 W. B St. Luis Jauregui MERIDIAN — Luis Jauregui, 88, of Meridian, died Monday at a local care center. A funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 11, 2005, at Holy Apostles Catholic Church, 6300 N. Meridian Road, Meridian. A visitation for family and friends will be held at the church one hour before the service. Burial will follow the service at the Meridian Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Accent Funeral Home, Meridian. Kathleen 'Cass' Barba BUIH — Kathleen "Cass" Barba, 84, of Buih, died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2005, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Buih. Visitation and obituary information will appear in a later edition. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buih. Laverle Humphries MURTAUGH — Laverle Humphries, 86, of Murtaugh, died Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at her home. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary. Claudia Martin Kidd OAKLEY — Claudia Martin Kidd, 91, of Oakley, died Wednesday, March 9, 2005. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

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SERVICES

Lucinda "Cindy" Dale Brown of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS church in Shoshone (Demaray's Funeral Chapel, 404 W. B St. in Shoshone).

James Edward McCue of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 251 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Terry Michael Barth of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 10 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 251 Kimberly Road, in Twin Falls.

Pauline Molyneux of Idaho Falls, formerly of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Idaho Falls First Baptist Church, 665 John Adams Parkway. The family will visit with friends for one hour before the service today at the church (Wood Funeral Home).

Phil N. Ordoz of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 2 p.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls).

Winfred Ellen Stambaugh of Belse, and formerly of Buih, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at Summers Funeral Chapel, Eagle and Ustick in Meridian.

Ani E. Taylor of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the First Christian Church, 1110 Eighth St. in Rupert. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. one hour before the service today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.).

Roy E. Babbel of Twin Falls, funeral at noon today at the 6th Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls. Viewing from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. on today at the church (White Mortuary).

Fern B'Zel Voebug Manning of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Asuncion Catholic Church on Eastland Avenue in Twin Falls. A family inurnment will be held before the service in the Decio Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls).

Betty Jean Reink of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10:30 a.m. today at Peace Lutheran Church, Sixth and Stevens in Filer (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E.

Pilar A. Harris of Halley, Mass of Christian burial at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Halley (Wood River Chapel).

Joseph Carrillo of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Rupert 7th Ward LDS. A view-

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Burley mayor wants second term

By Renee Walls For The Times-News

BURLEY Mayor Jon Anderson has announced he will seek a second term, preempting numerous suitors.

Seats held by Councilmen Chuck Westenthal, Dave Hingle and Gordon Hansen will be up for election...

play landlaid. "We really didn't have a choice," Anderson said. "You just don't turn an opportunity like that down..."

can honestly say the city council probably has about as much on its plate as it can handle. "We are working with people to fill the vacant buildings..."

Kimberly gets grant for new tree nursery

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — The city of Kimberly has received a \$1,500 grant to help establish a tree nursery to provide new trees for city parks.

afternoon. The event will serve as a kickoff for centennial celebrations that will be held throughout the summer.

Feds release report on crash that killed three

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A pilot ferrying four U.S. Forest Service workers to a backcountry camp near Glacier National Park last September had limited experience flying in the wilderness...

Weather that day was constantly changing, with gusts of rain and intermittent poor visibility. Long, described by the agency as "highly skilled" but "limited in documented experience in this terrain in marginal weather conditions," had delayed the flight once for better weather, but eventually took off around 3 p.m.

TWIN FALLS ARRAIGNMENTS

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls included the following:

hearing set for March 22: \$500 bond. John E. Adams, 30, 228 Fourth Ave. E., Jerome; failure to appear; failure to purchase a valid driver's license; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 11: \$200 bond.

evidentiary hearing set for March 17: \$5,000 bond; public defender appointed; failure to provide proof of insurance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; evidentiary hearing set for March 17: \$5,000 bond.

Jasper Ave., Twin Falls; burglary; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 11: \$2,500 bond. Joe Matthew Climer, 27, 623 Morningdale Dr., Twin Falls; forgery; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for March 11: no bond posted.



Court records

Man arraigned for allegedly shooting cop

NAMPÁ — The man arrested in February for shooting and critically wounding a Nampa police officer was arraigned Wednesday in his first court appearance in Idaho since the arrest.

Idaho in brief. Williamson was released from a Boise hospital after one of the four bullets pierced shot at him hit Williamson in the chest.

City requests federal bond for road work. REBURG — Rexburg city officials' request for a federal road bond to help the city connect U.S. Highway's South Rexburg interchange to Brigham Young University-Idaho is inching closer to the top of the federal bond programs list.

of the Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration. TechConnect was one of four programs selected from 19 national finalists at the group's "Putting It Together" conference last weekend in Washington, D.C.

Utah carries anti-nuke waste appeal to DC

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Frustrated at failing to win over federal regulators, Utah officials took their case against a high-level nuclear repository proposed for a Utah Indian reservation to the White House on Wednesday.

under the circumstances and we're going to do everything to help them get there," Hatch said. "But we expect them to help us not have to put up with this type of treatment."

Coal gasification plant proposed for eastern Idaho

POCATELLO (AP) — A coal gasification plant that would generate enough electricity to power 500,000 homes is proposed for a defunct eastern Idaho industrial site, a move that would add jobs and provide a boost for the nation's largest railroad.

The \$850 million coal plant at the former FMC Corp. site, which closed in 2001, would be the first of its type west of the Mississippi River.

beds in Montana, Utah and Wyoming for the plant. The announcement comes after nine months of talks between Southeast Idaho Energy LLC, FMC and Power County.

"We've been evaluating this site for a long time and this is really more favorable than the others in terms of infrastructure," said Ramesh Raman, president of Delaware-based Unbecast Idaho Energy.

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is married to Carissa Castillo. He attends the Gooding Accredited Learning Center, where he is enrolled Tuesday after school.

BOISE — An Idaho program designed to spur entrepreneurship in technology and economic growth has won the "Best Practices" national award

for its growth and provides an environment where new business can prosper. The Nampo-based program combines education, networking, venture capital and government/business collaboration.

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IDAHO/WEST

Senate panel tackles water debate

BOISE (AP) — Debate on the multi-million dollar Nez Perce water agreement slumbered on the details during a Senate State Affairs committee hearing Wednesday with 12 bills pending on the agenda...



by the tribe is that the governor has waived sovereign immunity on behalf of the state, something that is in our state law, Robert said...

to vote late this week or early next week. The agreement calls for the Nez Perce to drop their claims to nearly all the water in the Snake River Basin in exchange for annual rights to 50,000 acre-feet of water in the Clearwater River, \$80 million in cash and land and a pledge from the state and federal governments to provide tens of millions of dollars for fish habitat and other environmental improvements...

much to the Nez Perce Tribe and hinders the property rights of some northern Idaho residents. Mark Pollot, representing the Water Rights Coalition, said the agreement causes more problems than it would solve and could transfer control from the state to the federal courts.

Corporate incentives bill passes House panel

BOISE (AP) — It took three attempts, but a bill designed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to reduce Fortune 500 companies to expand or relocate in Idaho passed the House Tax Committee on Wednesday.

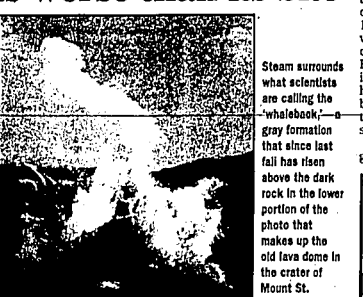
companies that hire at least 500 employees by planning an average of \$50,000 annual tax benefits. The previous bill failed in the committee on Feb. 15 by one vote...

ACLU sues over lease to Mormon church

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit with the U.S. District Court in Cheyenne, Wyo., on Tuesday...

Mount St. Helens: This time, its bark was worse than its bite

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey's volcano observatory here were getting ready to head home when the squiggly line on the computer that tracks seismic activity at Mount St. Helens suddenly turned a solid black.



Steam surrounds what scientists are calling the "whaleback," a gray formation that since last fall has risen above the dark rock in the lower portion of the photo that makes up the old lava dome in the crater of Mount St. Helens on Wednesday.

Volcanologists said they were surprised, but not too worried. It's a strange event by Congress and the Idaho House, but already must pass the Senate and be ratified by the Nez Perce Tribe to go into effect.

Scientists did not know what caused the larger-than-normal plume, but noted that in the hours preceding the incident the seismograph readings had changed. While the peaks, indicating the strength of each seismic burst, were higher than normal, the lines separating them had become "noisier," said Major.

"It's a violation of the First Amendment, and specifically it singles out a church and state because the government has entered into a partnership with the LDS church," said Mark Lopez, an ACLU attorney in New York.

Officials propose labels for modified salmon

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Producers of a genetically modified salmon that would accelerate the fish's growth to maturity say they expect their nine-year federal application to sell the fish in the United States to be decided within a year.

Movie editing bill moves forward

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill that would limit the use of digital camcorders and other devices to film the scene and violence out of movie DVDs moved closer to approval by Congress on Wednesday.

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Teen faces charges for semen prank

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A teenager has agreed to admit to three counts of disturbing the peace after anonymously sending semen-flecked brownies to a fellow student.

could explain," according to the police report. The teen later told School Resource Officer Jeff Walker that he got the idea of putting his semen on the brownies from the movie "National Lampoon's Van Wilder," in which characters send pastries filled with semen to a fraternity house.

On April 4 on the three misdemeanor counts, which are each punishable by up to 90 days in detention, prosecutors said. The victim's parents were notified and the children were tested for anything that could have been transmitted through the body fluid, although Punnett Health spokeswoman Susan Ould said the chance of the students' health being affected would be "extremely remote."

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FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Grant writer loves work behind the scenes

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — At first glance, Monica Castaneda Kessel's job writing grants might not seem very exciting.

But Kessel, the Health Care Development Council grant writer at the College of Southern Idaho, is excited about the work she has been doing for the past two years.

"I want to be one of those people who go to work every day and say 'I get to work on things that are going to be great for our community,'" Kessel said. "It's just exciting."

The Council is a partnership between CSI and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The purpose of the partnership is to develop funding for health-care education and access.

"That makes it really exciting," Kessel said. "It has really been a very successful relationship."

One of the grants Kessel recently wrote will implement ambulatory medical records in doctor's offices and at CSI.



Monica Castaneda Kessel loves her job as a grant writer at CSI.

Kessel likes her job and doesn't mind that she's not receiving much recognition for "behind the scenes" work.

"You're not on the front line working hand-in-hand with students and doctors," she said. "But you know that you're making a difference. I get to be a part

of the change for the better. I think it's great to be able to serve in that way."

From Rupert, Kessel is proud of the fact that she is a first-generation college student. She has earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Idaho State University and a Masters of Arts in educa-

tion, curriculum and instruction, bilingual/English as second language endorsed, from Boise State University. She is currently working toward her doctorate at ISU.

"I do believe in lifelong learning," she said.

Kessel did face obstacles in going to college.

"Being a first-generation student, you don't know the system. You don't know the ropes. I was also a single parent. That made it especially hard," Kessel said. "It's really hard to juggle work and school and kids."

Kessel advises Hispanic students to follow their hearts and find a mentor in the area they are interested in. She started college in pre-pharmacy but changed her major.

"It just didn't speak to me," Kessel said. "So I changed my major to English. I think people get locked into money or what their parents think they should be. Instinctually, we need to educate parents to learn about the way to navigate the system and the variety of career choices."

Hispanic group hears about leadership grant

TWIN FALLS — At its Monday meeting, the Hispanic Business and Professionals Network will hear about a grant for a project called "Partnership to Build Capacity for Latino Access & Leadership."

The College of Southern Idaho received the grant, reported CSI grant writer Monica Kessel, who will speak at the meeting. Part of the project creates opportunities for student involvement in leadership activities.

Hispanic Visions representatives will also discuss reaching out to Hispanics for patients services and employment opportunities.

The meeting takes place at noon Monday in the Azatlan Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North. Anyone is welcome to the no-host lunch.

For more information, call Leticia Coronado at 735-3207 or Pat Marcatonio at 735-3288.



Noticias

Hispanic association honors man at social

BOISE — The Hispanic Business Association will hold its first social event of 2005 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. March 17 at the Cancun Mexican Restaurant, 6919 Overland Road. At 6:30 p.m., Ray Veloz will be honored for his dedication to Hispanic young people and business, the HBA reported.

Food will be provided by the association. There will be a no-host bar.

GIVING A GIFT



The Hispanic Heritage Fiesta Board and its committee members presented a check for \$4,250 to the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley. The Boys and Girls Club then presented the Hispanic Fiesta Board a certificate for the Gold Level contribution.

From left to right are Paula Salinas, Silvia Renova, Alex Castaneda, Don Hall, Roy Villamor, Mike Gasalia and Sue Spain.

For more information, call Leticia Coronado at 735-3207 or 420-0508.

Mexican officials promote 'Silicon Border'

By Mary Jordan
The Washington Post

MEXICO CITY — As soon as next year, Mexico plans to break ground on a 15-square-mile science park in Mexicali, just south of the U.S. border, Mexican officials said. Called "Silicon Border," the project is the brainchild of U.S. entrepreneurs who say Asia is attracting too much of the critical semiconductor industry and who want to keep more of it in

North America.

Asia has not just taken manufacturing, but technology, too, and a lot of people recognize that we need to do something about this," said DJ Hill, chairman of the project, which has the support of Mexican President Vicente Fox. Hill said the park's infrastructure will cost at least \$400 million. "We are not going to turn the tide" with a new high-tech park 100 miles southeast of San Diego, he said, "but we will take some of it

to North America."

Hill said his development company has signed agreements to purchase 6,000 of the park's planned 10,000 acres and is in negotiations for the final parcels. The plans call for Silicon Border to open in phases, and Hill said it may take as long as 20 years to build completely.

Information technology and the latest electronic gadgets are driven by advances in semiconductor technology, a main focus

of the science park.

Because the U.S. economy depends so much on electronics, Hill said he believes it is unwise to let semiconductor manufacturing transfer to Asia unchallenged. Pioneered in Silicon Valley, Calif., an area that served as a hub of research into using wafer-thin silicon chips as the brains of computers and other machines, the semiconductor industry has been migrating to high-tech plants in Asia.

Acapulco becomes new spot for spring break

By Will Weissert
Associated Press writer

ACAPULCO, Mexico — For tens of thousands of college students fleeing frozen campuses for a taste of sun, sand and shots, spring break south of the border has a new home.

Acapulco, the Pacific playground of the 1950s for movie stars like John Wayne and Cary Grant, has become a major destination for their great-grandchildren's generation.

A surge in student interest here comes as Mexico's spring-break boom — the Caribbean resort of Cancun — is taking baby steps to restrict the college crowd's increasingly reckless behavior and to tone down its nonstop party image.

"It's time for a change. People have been coming to Cancun for years," said Jon Lanza, a senator majoring in public relations at Seton Hall University, in South Orange, N.J., who was enjoying pre-noon bottles of Corona on the beach with friends. "This is a nicer place. Cleaner, more mature."

Acapulco, which has always attracted some spring breakers, experienced a college-student boom three years ago — despite the fact that a flight to Mexico's Pacific side is longer and more expensive — for many cash-strapped undergrads.

Mario Ricciardelli, CEO of student-city.com, a Web site devoted to spring-break travel, said Acapulco is now his company's top



Police patrol the beaches of Cancun, Mexico, on March 6 in an operation aimed at maintaining order during the year's spring break tourist season. A surge in student interest in the Pacific resort city of Acapulco comes as Mexico's spring-break king, the Caribbean resort of Cancun, is taking baby steps to restrict the college crowd's increasingly reckless behavior and to tone down its nonstop party image.

destination and that bookings for the resort are up 70 percent from 2004, compared to a booking increase of 10 percent to 15 percent this year in Cancun.

"Word of mouth is critical," Ricciardelli said. "Acapulco has generated a reputation as a fun, high-quality place to visit and that message is spreading."

The granddaddy of Mexican resorts, Acapulco was glorified in Frank Sinatra songs and Elvis movies. Elizabeth Taylor was married here, John F. and Jackie Kennedy came on their honeymoon, and Howard Hughes spent his later years hiding out in a suite at the Princess Hotel, a pyramid-shaped icon on the ex-

clusive Punta Diamante, or Diamond Point.

"We thought half our school would like to get away from them," said Kate Senzarrici, a 20-year-old English major at Providence College in Rhode Island. "It turns out, they're all here too."

UI offers programs reach out to Hispanic Idahoans

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho is reaching out to Hispanic through its Extension Service and 4-H.

An Hispanic 4-H club is helping to improve English skills, grade point average, the UI reported. Hispanic young people often enter kindergarten and the lower grades from homes where no English is spoken. These children may struggle in school and are often at high risk to drop out.

Gooding County's UI Extension Educator Diana Christensen, after consulting with county school districts and the extension advisory board, identified poor English literacy as a barrier to school achievement.

With funding from the Laum Moore Cunningham Foundation and the Idaho Community Foundation, the Hispanic 4-H school mentoring program in 2003 started working with students, individually and in

classes, in all grades. And a bilingual 4-H club started.

Christensen reported that teachers are enthusiastic as they see raising grades for participating students, sometimes from D's and F's to A's and B's.

For more information, call Christensen at diana@uidaho.edu.

As Idaho's Hispanic population increases, UI Extension educators and specialists for agricultural, community, family and youth programs are tailoring their classes, publications

and Web sites to meet needs of people who are often adjusting to a new language and culture, UI reported.

Programs are especially visible in southern Idaho's six counties with 20 to 40 percent Hispanic population — Cassia, Clark, Jerome, Minidoka, Owyhee and Power, UI reported. And they are growing in 11 counties with 10 to 19 percent Hispanic populations.

Most participate in Extension Nutrition Program and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, community-based education programs for low-income adults and children on nutrition, food safety and management of food and financial resources. During 2004, UI Extension nutrition advisers worked with almost 2,200 Spanish speakers. Supervised by UI Extension educators, the programs also reaches young people with basic nutrition and food safety messages taught in schools and at youth clubs.

Audrey Liddell, UI Extension's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program Idaho coordinator said that Power County couple, Thomas and Zenaida from Mexico are trying to cope with the American lifestyle. "Married for 28 years, they told us the lesson about how to manage money really helped them, as did the class on food safety."

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Eduardo Aguilar, left, administers the Oath of Allegiance to U.S. Army Spc. Victor Alfonso Rojas of Aurora, Ill., during a ceremony at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington March 7. Rojas, a native of Zacatecas, Mexico, was seriously injured in Iraq on Nov. 18 and has been recuperating at Walter Reed.

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WORLD

Israelis financed illegal settlements Israel, Palestinians fail to work out Jericho handover

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli governments have helped build and expand 105 illegal West Bank settlement outposts in a flagrant violation of official policy and promises to the United States, an official inquiry for Wednesday — confirming long-standing complaints by the Palestinians. The study recommended investigating civil servants involved in what was described as systematic deception by several government ministries that funneled large sums of public funds to the outposts. However, the report stopped



Ariel Sharon

short of blaming Prime Minister Ariel Sharon or other leading politicians, who settlers say gave them support and money for outposts in the past decade. Settlers established the outposts — usually starting with a few mobile homes, a generator and a water tank — to break up Palestinian areas and prevent the creation of a Palestinian state. In 1998, as foreign minister, Sharon exhorted them to seize West Bank hillsides and build more outposts. Today, about 235,000 Israeli settlers live in some 150 veteran settlements in the West Bank and Gaza. About 2,000 live in the outposts, according to the Israeli settlement watchdog group Peace Now.

However, Deputy Defense Minister Zeev Boim said Israeli troops would be busy in coming months evacuating Jewish settlers from the Gaza Strip and four veteran West Bank settlements. "I don't think this report will be implemented immediately," he told Army Radio. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has denied she agreed to delaying the dismantling of outposts until after the planned Gaza withdrawal this summer. However, it remains unclear how much pressure Washington will exert on Israel.

JERICO, West Bank (AP) — Israeli and Palestinian security commanders failed in two meetings to reach agreement Wednesday on the handover of this West Bank town to Palestinian security control. The dispute, which threatens to deal a setback to a Feb. 8 truce agreement, centers on the scope of the Israeli pullback, particularly whether Israel would remove the main army checkpoint at the entrance of town. With a new envoy heading to the region, an American official raised the possibility of U.S. intervention.

Plans to hand over Jericho and the town of Halkara in the coming days were announced Tuesday after a late-night meeting between Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. Security commanders met for just 20 minutes Wednesday to discuss the details of the Jericho handover. Ismail Jaber, the Palestinian commander, said disagreements remained, and that negotiations would continue. But a second meeting broke up at nightfall with no agreement.

Poisoning kills at least 27 children

MANILA, Philippines — At least 27 elementary school children died and another 100 were hospitalized after eating a snack cassava — a root that's poisonous if not prepared correctly — during morning recess Wednesday in the southern Philippines, officials said.

Francisca Doliente said her 9-year-old niece Ave Thunor was given some of the deep-fried, caramelized cassava.

Her friend is gone. She died, Doliente told The Associated Press, adding that her niece was undergoing treatment.

The roots of the cassava plant, a major crop in Southeast Asia and other parts of the world, are rich in protein, minerals and vitamins A, B and C. However, it is poisonous without proper preparation. Eaten raw, the human digestive system will convert part of it into cyanide. Even two cassava roots contain a fatal dose.

"Some said they took only two bites because it tasted bitter and the effects were felt five to 10 minutes later," said Dr. Harold Gallego of Garcia Memorial Provincial Hospital.

Rebels vow to fight on despite leader's slaying

MOSCOW — Chechen rebels vowed Wednesday to carry on their separatist fight against Russia despite the death of their leader Aslan Maskhadov after special forces cornered him in an underground bunker in northern Chechnya.

Russian legislators hailed Maskhadov's killing as a sign that Russia was on the right track in its anti-terrorist campaign, as they call the fight against Islamic militants in Chechnya and neighboring regions.

Russia's Federal Security Service chief announced Tuesday that Maskhadov had been killed in a special operation in the village of Tolstoy Yul, where television stations broadcast footage of a shielded, gray-bearded corpse, and the rebel leader's envoy in London, Akhmed Zakayev, confirmed the 53-year-old guerrilla commander's death.

The ITAR-Tass news agency later cited the military commander for Chechnya, Lt. Gen. Grigory Fomenko, as saying the body had been formally identified as Maskhadov.

Former prime minister surrenders to war tribunal

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Kosovo's former prime minister surrendered to the U.N. war crimes tribunal Wednesday, a day after the ethnic Albanian resigned to face charges stemming from the province's fight for independence from Belgrade.

Ramush Hamađani arrived at the U.N. war crimes tribunal with a police escort following a special flight from Pristina. He is to face charges of atrocities committed during the 1998-99 war between ethnic Albanian separatists and Serb forces.

Tribunal spokesman Jim Lindale confirmed Hamađani, 36, was in U.N. custody, but declined to give details of his charges. Neither Hamađani, a former commander of the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army, nor court officials gave any details of the specific charges against him, a spokesman from his report

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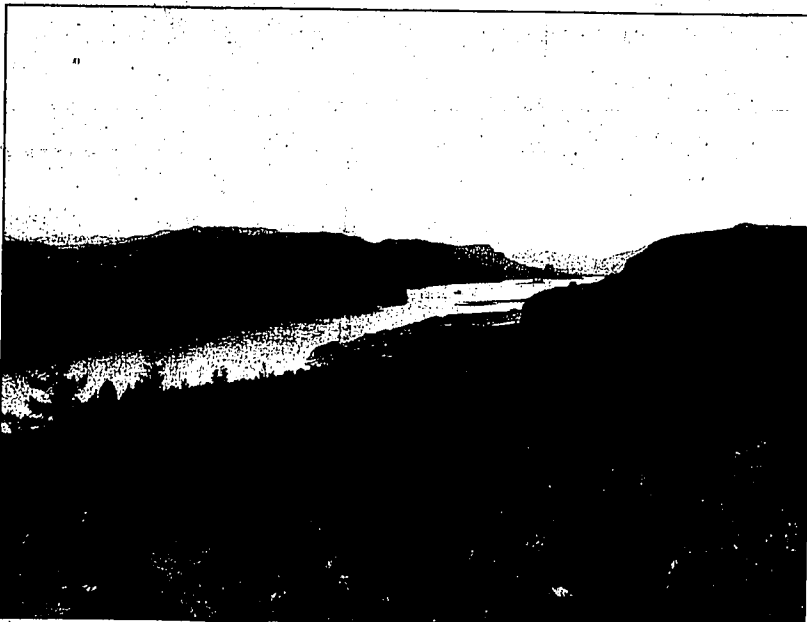
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Above: A panoramic view of the Columbia River Gorge. Below: Mural of Lewis and Clark Expedition at Rock Fort by Robert Thomas in The Dalles, Ore.



By Karla Barnes
Times-News correspondent

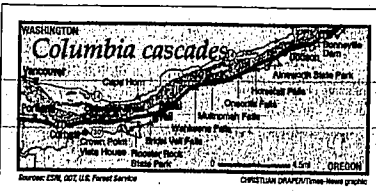
Passageway to the PACIFIC

The Columbia River Gorge and historic Columbia River Highway

The Columbia River Gorge is a 50-million-year-old geologic wonder. This spectacular canyon separates the north canyon of Washington state from the south canyon of Oregon with the mighty Columbia River flowing through the middle all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

This corridor has been explored for centuries, and continues to amaze travelers throughout the world. Well-known adventurers such as Lewis and Clark made note in their journals of the Indians they encountered here as well as the natural beauty they discovered in

the west. The pioneers of the Oregon Trail also found this area remarkable, and many stories remain of their passing through this region as they made their way westward. More recently families like mine have enjoyed this scenic drive and the abundant recreational and his-



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More information on the Historic Columbia River Highway can be found at www.odot.state.or.us/hcrh or www.trips.statetooregon.com

torical opportunities along this treasured route. From The Dalles to Portland, Oregon overflows with one magnificent discovery after another.

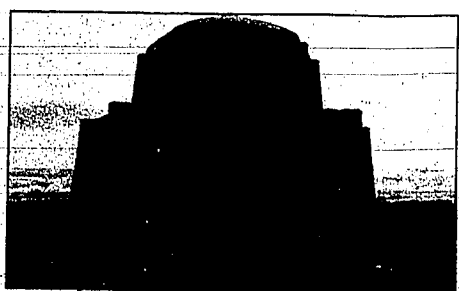
Beginning with The Dalles, travelers can release themselves from the clutches of I-84 and explore the campsite of Lewis and Clark known as Rock Fort. Historic murals cover

many of the downtown buildings in The Dalles on the route to Rock Fort. Rock Fort is thought to be the location of one of many campsites chosen by the Capt. Lewis and Clark and their men. Scientific data at the Columbia Discovery Center shows visitors just how the scientists came to this conclusion. A fabulous display is also on hand to give you a feel of just what the Corp of Discovery went through to get to this point of their journey. Oregon's landscape includes an enormous assortment of natural wonders. When driving through "The Gorge" as locals call it, it is as if Oregon opens its arms to welcome you to this scenic passageway to the Pacific. Hiking, biking, windsurfing, camping, fishing, wildflower watching and photography are just a handful of the opportunities that are accessible through The Gorge. One of my favorite stops along this National Scenic Area is a drive along the Historic Columbia River Highway.

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Rock Fort was a campsite used by the Corp of Discovery in its journey to the Pacific. The spot is on the Columbia River near downtown area of The Dalles.



The Vista House at Crown Point - one of the most majestic panoramic views in the Northwest.

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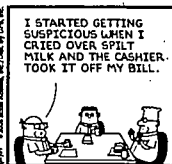
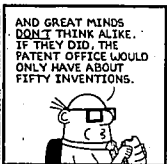
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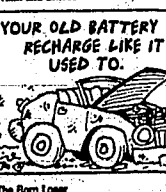
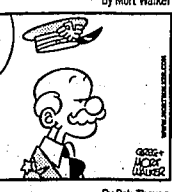
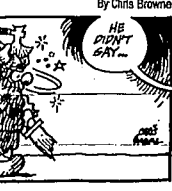
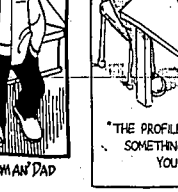
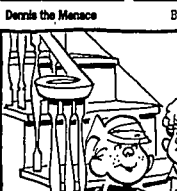
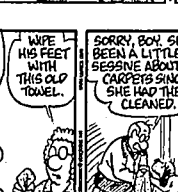
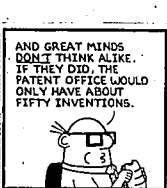


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For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



OUTDOORS

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Pleasant walk in the park

MIDWAY, Utah (AP) — It's a walk in the park. Or in this case, the Olympic Park in the winter.

Right foot forward and slide, then left and slide, right and slide and left... and so on.

The sport's oldest form of skiing has found new roots in the world's newest Olympic cross-country center — Soldier Hollow.

Highway engineer, manager of the park, best described the art of nordic skiing as a "brisk walk."

Which, of course, would explain the growing popularity. Peterson said that during the Olympians have left, roughly 29,000 people have tried the sport for the first time.

About the only difference between cross-country and walking is that there are 6-foot extensions of the feet and 4-foot poles connected to the hands.

parallel tracks for the classical walking style of skiing but also smooth a wide patch for the more technical and newer skating style.

At Soldier Hollow, offered Peterson, "The special attention to grooming. Our groomers are out every night."

There are 10 trails within the park that are groomed, for a total distance of 21 kilometers.

Cross-country skiing starts, of course, with the basics, for some can be challenging and why.

With a good instructor, students learn to move into the natural form of walking. In cross-country, it is about people out on a "power walk" from there the students are given the freedom to explore.

With adults, the learning process is a little different. "What we've found is that most adults are not anxious to go off on their own in the beginning, but want a little more instruction or a guide to help.

Since the Olympics, one of the main focuses of the park has been introducing the sport to youths.

For \$3, youngsters can register for a program that includes a track pass, equipment and lesson.

There is also a program available to introduce people to the basics of cross-country skiing and target shooting.

To ensure equality during the Paralympics, which followed the 2002 Games, the Salt Lake Olympic Committee purchased a number of very expensive competition air rifles.

The biathlon program for kids requires they ski for a half kilometer, then shoot five shots with the air rifle at a target 10 meters away.

"What they find is that it's one thing to shoot when rested and quite another to shoot at a target when their heart rate is up after skiing.

In the summer, said Peterson, mountain biking is substituted for cross-country skiing.

He recommends that those interested in the shooting experience make early arrangements but said that in most cases the park can accommodate requests.

For those who opt not to shoot, he has also introduced a program that mixes skiing with tubing.

The cost of all these activities, of course, depends on an individual's interests.

Its most recent program, good through the end of the season, is intended to introduce the sport. A trail pass and equipment rental for the day for adults is \$15, \$9 for juniors and \$6 for children.

A pass on the tubing hill is \$15 for those 7 and older. A simple trail pass for cross-country skiing is \$17 for the day. Children under 7 need no trail pass.

Technology pushes envelope of the essence of hunting

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Ever since man picked up a rock to kill dinner, hunters have been developing new technologies to put meat on the table.

"I think it's just the tradition that outdoorsmen have always been gadgeteers," said David Draper, spokesman for Cabela's, the Sidney, Neb.-based retailer and mail-order catalogue company that bills itself as the world's foremost outfitter of hunting, fishing and outdoor gear.

"A lot of it stems from the fact that we have less time to enjoy the outdoors. So when we get out there we want more chance of success, more chance to optimize our time in the field."

There are heat sensors to spot wounded game in dense brush, remote-controlled cameras to scout game trails, motorized duck and coyote calls, holographic sights and mechanical broadheads for bows and arrows.

"There's a lot of stuff out there. Technology is improving continuously," said Dave Ware, game division manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. "Go to Cabela's. You'll find it."

An entrepreneur in San Antonio, Texas, has created an upstart Web site, www.Live Shot.com, that would allow hunters to shoot exotic game animals or feral pigs on his private hunting ranch by remote control.

"The idea of sitting at a computer screen playing a video game and activating a remote controlled firearm to shoot an animal is not hunting," said Kirby Brown, executive director of the Texas Wildlife Association, a hunters' group.



Dan Syfart, owner of the Wapiti Archery Pro Shop in Grants Pass, Ore., displays his customized high-tech bow at his business Feb. 16. The custom features include a cam for maintaining firing position, a break-away arrow rest and fiberoptic sights.

or any one of a thousand of them here in Texas," he said. "Ever since we stopped running after our prey and killing it with our hands, we have evolved into distancing ourselves farther and farther from the game and making it more and more efficient, for whatever reason we want to take it."

"Everybody has their own idea of what hunting is," he said. "Just because you don't do it that way doesn't mean someone else can't do it."

When mechanical duck decoys with spinning wings — one of them goes under the bird name Robo Duck — started showing up at blinds in Washington state, the game commission there decided to outlaw them.

"The issue for Robo Duck is similar with some of the other technological advances," said Ware. "They may give hunters an advantage. From a biological standpoint, we can't necessarily show it has an impact on populations in terms of harvest. But we have other ways of managing harvest. We could shorten the season or reduce bag limits to outlaw them."

"When we asked hunters what their preference was, out-law equipment or shorten seasons, they were very definite they would rather see out-law equipment than shorten seasons because time in the field is so important to them."

The next year Oregon went a step further — outlawing electronic deer and antelope decoys as well.

Finlay Williams created Robo Duck in Santa Maria, Calif., after seeing that a kite with shiny metallic pinions would draw the ducks' mistaking the flash for the wings of birds landing on water.

He figures hunters who go out every day, high-tech equipment, "is a better performance than what you can get."

mechanical decoy gives the occasional hunter a chance to have a more satisfying outing. Besides, the ducks that survive one encounter with Robo Duck aren't often fooled again.

"While the purest says, 'I want to make my decoy out of a piece of cork, and make my own blind in the rules, the average guy can't do that,'" said Williams.

"From my point of view, deer hunting in Texas is ridiculous. I load up my horse and pack myself into Colorado or Oregon every year and go hunting with a bow and arrow."

"To justify the longer seasons for archery hunters and muzzleloaders, Oregon outlaws mechanical broadheads, which allow arrows to fly more accurately without the wind resistance of broadheads, and limits the amount of mechanical advantage compound bows provide at let-off. Muzzleloaders must have ignition systems exposed to the wind and rain, and cannot use plastic-jacketed bullets that increase range and accuracy."

"It's back to the intent of maintaining a primitive weapons hunt," said Tom Thornton, game program manager for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. "Rather than going more modern, Walt Christensen, past president of the Washington State Muzzleloaders Association, is heading the other way. He plans to hunt next season with a flintlock, joining friends seeking the challenge and romance of the older technology."

"One of my favorite sayings to people is you can't legislate ethics," he said. "No matter what kind of weapon you use, in hunting you still have to come back to that concept: You don't shoot a game animal that is 4,000 yards away just because you have a high-powered rifle."

Passage

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Road of splendor
This majestic route was the brainchild of lawyer Sam Hill, and engineer Samuel Lancaster. In the early 1900s these two men envisioned more than just an ordinary road through the Columbia River Gorge.

The Historic Columbia River Highway which is also known as the "King of the Roads" has changed the way we drive. Sections of the scenic road have been replaced with modern highway, and other portions closed completely. Thanks to the efforts of many concerned citizens, you can still drive much of the old highway and you also have the opportunity to walk or bicycle along abandoned sections that have been restored and renamed The Columbia River Highway State Trail.

- Horsetail Falls** - A swath of mist is sure to moisten your mane as you approach this 176-foot cascading waterfall. This is a refreshing stop. Hikers will enjoy the hidden treasures of Pony Tail Falls and Triple Indian up the trail from Horsetail.
- Oonoota Gorge** - Rock walls line this mossy canyon area that leads to Oonoota Gorge. Fabulous falls are your reward after venturing through the moist canyon.
- Multnomah Falls** - Plummeting 620 feet, Multnomah Falls is the second highest year round waterfall in the U.S. This stop is a popular tourist destination that draws over two million visitors each year. If you are feeling adventurous, you



Multnomah Falls has a 620-foot drop from the top of Larch Mountain. This popular tourist spot can be accessed from I-84 or the Historic Columbia River Highway.

can hike to the Simon Benson Bridge and then on to the top of the falls. The lodge was built in 1925 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

maintain this memorial to the Oregon pioneers. The House sits atop Crown Point, one of the most majestic overlooks along the highway. Beautiful masonry and stained glass windows adorn this outstanding monument. Travelers can obtain helpful information about the area at this location.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Idaho credit unions post steady gains

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Credit Union League said Wednesday that Idaho credit unions continued to post steady gains during 2004. Membership in Idaho credit unions increased by 1.84 million...

Nation's employment climate improves

WASHINGTON — The nation's employment climate improved, stores rang up sales and factories boosted production last month, fresh signs that the economy is chugging ahead at a respectable pace.

That was the latest snapshot of economic activity presented Wednesday in the monthly survey of business conditions. The survey also found that retail prices were generally flat or up modestly...

Intruders access personal information

NEW YORK — Using stolen passwords from legitimate customers, intruders accessed personal information on as many as 32,000 U.S. citizens in a database owned by the information broker LexisNexis, the company said.

Bush urges Japan to lift U.S. beef ban

TOKYO — President Bush urged Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to end a 15-month ban on American beef as Washington stepped up pressure Wednesday to reopen the once-lucrative overseas market for U.S. beef products.

Room to grow

Banks expand in Magic Valley. SUNDAY IN MONEY

Local paper gets new owner

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer
BUHL — A local weekly newspaper with a 100-year heritage has a new owner, editor and publisher. And all those titles belong to the same woman.

about 2,600, according to the Idaho Newspapers Association. "We just want to cover the people, businesses and events in Buhl," Wisecaver said Wednesday. "We want to keep people informed of what's going on in the West End."

came publisher in 1987 when his father retired. Wisecaver declined to disclose terms of the agreement finalized last month, but said she got "a good deal."

Wisecaver was a Times-News correspondent from 2001 until purchasing the Herald. Wisecaver plans to upgrade the Buhl paper's publishing system from manually "pasting" the pages to computer desktop publishing.

TRYING AGAIN



Delta Air Lines employees in Delta White, left, serve passenger Julie Cooper, a sample of their new food menu, left, at Atlanta Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta.

Delta eliminates food for sale, pillows on some flights

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc. is axing its mainline food-for-sale program and eliminating pillows on many flights as the struggling carrier seeks to improve customer service, become more efficient and further cut costs.

that they wanted more service delivered more consistently across the board," Kennedy said. "So, we eliminated the food for sale to accommodate a more convenient, more consistent snack service for more customers."

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Utah might see Wal-Mart begin banking

SALT LAKE CITY — News that retail giant Wal-Mart is poised to enter the banking business in Utah remained in the realm of rumor this week despite newspaper and banking industry magazine reports that say the move is imminent.

Kmart says Q4 profit rises 14 percent

TWIN FALLS — Among the corporate earnings reports released Wednesday were quarterly statements from a discount retailer with a Twin Falls store, a video rental chain which compares sales in stores open at least a year and we considered a good measure of a retailer's health, fell 4.5 percent in the two previous quarters, the decline was 12.8 percent and 14.9 percent, Kmart said.

Blockbuster

Blockbuster-based Blockbuster Inc., the world's largest video rental chain, reported a slim profit for the fourth quarter and said it would restore certain financials to correct lease accounting errors.

What to do

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed property owners list? To claim your property, do one of the following: Call 1-800-972-7660, ext. 7623 or ext. 7627.

State guards unclaimed property

SUN VALLEY — The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for hundreds of people and businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley. The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which I'd do a business- Unclaimed Property

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

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

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

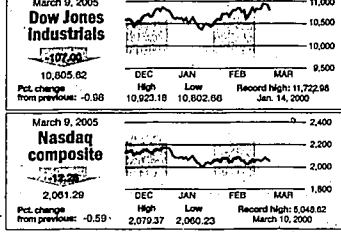
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MONEY

Stocks sink on prospect of higher rates

NEW YORK (AP) — Volatile oil prices and a weak dollar sent stocks sliding Wednesday as the prospect of inflation and rising interest rates sank in Wall Street. Yields on Treasury securities surged to an eight-month high and the Dow Jones industrial average closed 107 points.



ries, but declines in supplies of gasoline and distillate fuel, which includes heating oil.

Thursday. Some of the nervousness was related to an ongoing debate about foreign buyers' appetite for U.S. debt, especially in the face of a weaker dollar.

A gradual acceleration of inflation and in commodities have made investors increasingly nervous about stocks, as many on Wall Street predict a slowdown in corporate profits for 2005. Those concerns were in high relief Wednesday as the feeble dollar and bearish bond market combined with a rise in gold and oil prices to create a storm of selling.

Some traders had speculated that oil prices would climb higher as demand to supply equipment and as cold weather caused shudders in the Northeast. Energy stocks finished sharply lower, however, with the AMEX Oil Index down 2.62 percent.

Michael Strauss, chief economist at Commonwealth, said a combination of solid economic growth and rising inflation risk is "a caution flag that the market's perception that the Fed is going to be close to completing its tightening moves is probably not correct."

The Dow closed down 107.00, or 0.98 percent, at 10,805.62, dominating hopes that the index would soon break the 11,000 mark for the first time in four years.

It was also a challenging day on the bond market, as the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to its highest level since July, settling at 4.53 percent, up from 4.39 percent late Tuesday.

The move on the 10-year note pressured interest-rate sensitive sectors, including banking stocks. The Dow Jones Financial index declined 1.36 percent.

The broader gauges also sagged. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 1.42, or 1.02 percent, to 1,207.74. The Russell 2000 composite index fell 12.26, or 0.59 percent, to 2,061.23.

The selling stepped up after the Federal Reserve released its survey of business conditions, known as the Beige Book. It reported that the economy was "solidly expanding" and that inflation may be starting to rise.

The Fed might take a more aggressive position on raising short-term rates, but suggests that a 25-cent move is unlikely.

Oil futures came within 2 cents of their all-time intraday high, but fell back late in the session, settling up just 6 cents at \$54.65 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Bond traders had already moved to bearish positions as the Treasury auctioned \$15 billion in five-year notes Wednesday, and prepared to sell \$9 billion in 10-year notes.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange data including columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, and NYSE.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (continued)

Table of New York Stock Exchange data for various sectors including Technology, Healthcare, and Energy.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, showing Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Volume.

INDEXES

Table of market indices including S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial, and various sector indices.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table of local stock market data including company names, prices, and changes.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Explanatory text for the Market Report section, detailing how to interpret the data and understand market movements.

Wal-Mart workers reject union

MISSISSAUGA, Ontario (AP) — Workers at a Wal-Mart store in Windsor, Canada, have rejected being unionized by the United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

Wal-Mart, the world's biggest retailer, said store associates in the union's proposed bargaining unit voted 167 to 50 on Tuesday against joining the union, representing a 74 percent vote against certification.

Workers turned down the first contract proposal. The Canadian Auto Workers eventually represented them, but also failed to win a subsequent contract in 2000.

Insurance companies, chambers of commerce offer discount health plans

BOISE (AP) — The Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce is teaming with the state's two major health insurance companies to offer low-cost health insurance plans targeted at small businesses that do not provide health insurance to their employees.

The 24-month requirement is to ensure the plan reaches the truly underserved — people who are currently insured and are simply downgrading.

Regence BlueShield president John Stellman said the flexibility meets individual needs.

The Blue Cross "Chamber Blue" plan will be offered to Boise chamber members in April and will then expand to small businesses in Meridian, Eagle, Nampa, Caldwell, Emmett and Kuna.

The second plan, "Regence Chamber Select," became available statewide this month.

The 24-month requirement is to ensure the plan reaches the truly underserved — people who are currently insured and are simply downgrading.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Large table of NASDAQ National Market data, including columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and various market indices.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

	High	Low	Close	Change
Man Commodity	82.00	81.75	81.90	+0.15
Jan Gold	118.10	117.80	117.90	+0.10
Apr Gold	118.05	117.75	117.85	+0.10
Jun Gold	118.00	117.70	117.80	+0.10
Aug Gold	118.00	117.70	117.80	+0.10
Nov Gold	118.00	117.70	117.80	+0.10
Mar Treasury	118.00	117.70	117.80	+0.10
May Treasury	118.00	117.70	117.80	+0.10
Jul Treasury	118.00	117.70	117.80	+0.10
S&P 500 Index	1500.00	1495.00	1495.00	+5.00
Oil (WTI)	60.00	59.50	59.75	+0.25
Wheat	3.00	2.95	2.98	+0.03
Corn	3.00	2.95	2.98	+0.03
Soybean	3.00	2.95	2.98	+0.03

NEW YORK (AP) - Key currency exchange rates Wednesday, compared with Tuesday

Currency	Exchanged	Price	Tuesday
Canada	Cdn\$	70.33	70.33
Japan	¥	109.25	109.25
UK	£	1.42	1.42
France	€	65.75	65.75
Italy	€	103.75	103.75
Spain	€	166.67	166.67
Switzerland	Sfr	71.50	71.50
Australia	A\$	72.50	72.50
South Africa	Rand	14.50	14.50

CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Wednesday.

Commodity	Settle	Chg
CATTL		
Apr	89.00	+0.20
Jul	88.50	+0.10
Oct	88.00	+0.00
Jan	87.50	-0.10
Apr	87.00	-0.20
Jul	86.50	-0.30
Oct	86.00	-0.40
Jan	85.50	-0.50
Apr	85.00	-0.60
Jul	84.50	-0.70
Oct	84.00	-0.80
Jan	83.50	-0.90
Apr	83.00	-1.00
Jul	82.50	-1.10
Oct	82.00	-1.20
Jan	81.50	-1.30
Apr	81.00	-1.40
Jul	80.50	-1.50
Oct	80.00	-1.60
Jan	79.50	-1.70
Apr	79.00	-1.80
Jul	78.50	-1.90
Oct	78.00	-2.00
Jan	77.50	-2.10
Apr	77.00	-2.20
Jul	76.50	-2.30
Oct	76.00	-2.40
Jan	75.50	-2.50
Apr	75.00	-2.60
Jul	74.50	-2.70
Oct	74.00	-2.80
Jan	73.50	-2.90
Apr	73.00	-3.00
Jul	72.50	-3.10
Oct	72.00	-3.20
Jan	71.50	-3.30
Apr	71.00	-3.40
Jul	70.50	-3.50
Oct	70.00	-3.60
Jan	69.50	-3.70
Apr	69.00	-3.80
Jul	68.50	-3.90
Oct	68.00	-4.00
Jan	67.50	-4.10
Apr	67.00	-4.20
Jul	66.50	-4.30
Oct	66.00	-4.40
Jan	65.50	-4.50
Apr	65.00	-4.60
Jul	64.50	-4.70
Oct	64.00	-4.80
Jan	63.50	-4.90
Apr	63.00	-5.00
Jul	62.50	-5.10
Oct	62.00	-5.20
Jan	61.50	-5.30
Apr	61.00	-5.40
Jul	60.50	-5.50
Oct	60.00	-5.60
Jan	59.50	-5.70
Apr	59.00	-5.80
Jul	58.50	-5.90
Oct	58.00	-6.00
Jan	57.50	-6.10
Apr	57.00	-6.20
Jul	56.50	-6.30
Oct	56.00	-6.40
Jan	55.50	-6.50
Apr	55.00	-6.60
Jul	54.50	-6.70
Oct	54.00	-6.80
Jan	53.50	-6.90
Apr	53.00	-7.00
Jul	52.50	-7.10
Oct	52.00	-7.20
Jan	51.50	-7.30
Apr	51.00	-7.40
Jul	50.50	-7.50
Oct	50.00	-7.60
Jan	49.50	-7.70
Apr	49.00	-7.80
Jul	48.50	-7.90
Oct	48.00	-8.00
Jan	47.50	-8.10
Apr	47.00	-8.20
Jul	46.50	-8.30
Oct	46.00	-8.40
Jan	45.50	-8.50
Apr	45.00	-8.60
Jul	44.50	-8.70
Oct	44.00	-8.80
Jan	43.50	-8.90
Apr	43.00	-9.00
Jul	42.50	-9.10
Oct	42.00	-9.20
Jan	41.50	-9.30
Apr	41.00	-9.40
Jul	40.50	-9.50
Oct	40.00	-9.60
Jan	39.50	-9.70
Apr	39.00	-9.80
Jul	38.50	-9.90
Oct	38.00	-10.00
Jan	37.50	-10.10
Apr	37.00	-10.20
Jul	36.50	-10.30
Oct	36.00	-10.40
Jan	35.50	-10.50
Apr	35.00	-10.60
Jul	34.50	-10.70
Oct	34.00	-10.80
Jan	33.50	-10.90
Apr	33.00	-11.00
Jul	32.50	-11.10
Oct	32.00	-11.20
Jan	31.50	-11.30
Apr	31.00	-11.40
Jul	30.50	-11.50
Oct	30.00	-11.60
Jan	29.50	-11.70
Apr	29.00	-11.80
Jul	28.50	-11.90
Oct	28.00	-12.00
Jan	27.50	-12.10
Apr	27.00	-12.20
Jul	26.50	-12.30
Oct	26.00	-12.40
Jan	25.50	-12.50
Apr	25.00	-12.60
Jul	24.50	-12.70
Oct	24.00	-12.80
Jan	23.50	-12.90
Apr	23.00	-13.00
Jul	22.50	-13.10
Oct	22.00	-13.20
Jan	21.50	-13.30
Apr	21.00	-13.40
Jul	20.50	-13.50
Oct	20.00	-13.60
Jan	19.50	-13.70
Apr	19.00	-13.80
Jul	18.50	-13.90
Oct	18.00	-14.00
Jan	17.50	-14.10
Apr	17.00	-14.20
Jul	16.50	-14.30
Oct	16.00	-14.40
Jan	15.50	-14.50
Apr	15.00	-14.60
Jul	14.50	-14.70
Oct	14.00	-14.80
Jan	13.50	-14.90
Apr	13.00	-15.00
Jul	12.50	-15.10
Oct	12.00	-15.20
Jan	11.50	-15.30
Apr	11.00	-15.40
Jul	10.50	-15.50
Oct	10.00	-15.60
Jan	9.50	-15.70
Apr	9.00	-15.80
Jul	8.50	-15.90
Oct	8.00	-16.00
Jan	7.50	-16.10
Apr	7.00	-16.20
Jul	6.50	-16.30
Oct	6.00	-16.40
Jan	5.50	-16.50
Apr	5.00	-16.60
Jul	4.50	-16.70
Oct	4.00	-16.80
Jan	3.50	-16.90
Apr	3.00	-17.00
Jul	2.50	-17.10
Oct	2.00	-17.20
Jan	1.50	-17.30
Apr	1.00	-17.40
Jul	0.50	-17.50
Oct	0.00	-17.60
Jan	-0.50	-17.70
Apr	-1.00	-17.80
Jul	-1.50	-17.90
Oct	-2.00	-18.00
Jan	-2.50	-18.10
Apr	-3.00	-18.20
Jul	-3.50	-18.30
Oct	-4.00	-18.40
Jan	-4.50	-18.50
Apr	-5.00	-18.60
Jul	-5.50	-18.70
Oct	-6.00	-18.80
Jan	-6.50	-18.90
Apr	-7.00	-19.00
Jul	-7.50	-19.10
Oct	-8.00	-19.20
Jan	-8.50	-19.30
Apr	-9.00	-19.40
Jul	-9.50	-19.50
Oct	-10.00	-19.60
Jan	-10.50	-19.70
Apr	-11.00	-19.80
Jul	-11.50	-19.90
Oct	-12.00	-20.00
Jan	-12.50	-20.10
Apr	-13.00	-20.20
Jul	-13.50	-20.30
Oct	-14.00	-20.40
Jan	-14.50	-20.50
Apr	-15.00	-20.60
Jul	-15.50	-20.70
Oct	-16.00	-20.80
Jan	-16.50	-20.90
Apr	-17.00	-21.00
Jul	-17.50	-21.10
Oct	-18.00	-21.20
Jan	-18.50	-21.30
Apr	-19.00	-21.40
Jul	-19.50	-21.50
Oct	-20.00	-21.60
Jan	-20.50	-21.70
Apr	-21.00	-21.80
Jul	-21.50	-21.90
Oct	-22.00	-22.00

FOSSIL FUELS

Commodity	Settle	Chg
WTI	60.00	+0.25
Brent	63.00	+0.30
Gasoline	24.00	+0.15
Heating Oil	23.00	+0.10
Diesel	25.00	+0.20
Coal	12.00	+0.05
Natural Gas	3.50	+0.10

BEANS

Commodity	Settle	Chg
Yellow Beans	12.00	+0.05
White Beans	11.50	+0.05
Green Beans	10.00	+0.05
Black Beans	9.00	+0.05

CHEESE

Commodity	Settle	Chg
Cheddar	1.50	+0.02
Mozzarella	1.40	+0.02
Swiss	1.30	+0.02
Blue	1.20	+0.02

POTATOES

Commodity	Settle	Chg
Idaho	1.00	+0.05
Washington	0.90	+0.05
Wisconsin	0.80	+0.05
Michigan	0.70	+0.05

METALS/MONEY

Commodity	Settle	Chg
Gold	1180.00	+10.00
Silver	10.00	+0.10
Copper	3.00	+0.05
Platinum	800.00	+10.00
Palladium	1200.00	+20.00

SUGAR

Commodity	Settle	Chg
Sugar	20.00	+0.20
Soybean Meal	30.00	+0.30
Wheat	3.00	+0.03
Corn	3.00	+0.03
Soybean	3.00	+0.03

LIVESTOCK

Commodity	Settle	Chg
Live Cattle	100.00	+1.00
Hog	50.00	+0.50
Pork	15.00	+0.15
Chicken	10.00	+0.10
Dairy	8.00	+0.08

PHILADELPHIA - Verizon Communications Inc. says it will no longer serve as collection agent for the high-tech criminals known as "modem hijackers".

Users of the software are typically stunned by hundreds or thousands of dollars in charges for computer-generated calls to far-off countries such as Sao Tomé.

The software settlement announced Wednesday by Verizon and Pennsylvania Consumer Advocate Irvin "Sonny" Popovsky says Verizon has agreed to pay a full refund or credit if they complain about long-distance charges—usually the first indication that a computer modem has been hijacked.

Verizon said the refunds would be available to all its long-distance customers even those who never previously complained or are no longer Verizon customers.

Verizon helps modem hijack victims

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Reports

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us to achieve a solid fourth quarter. Full-year results for fiscal 2004, however, fell short of our expectations primarily due to weaknesses in several key areas of our wholesale business and a poor performance at Naturalizer in the year. Brown Shoe Chairman and CEO Tom Fromm.

"Looking at the full year, Famous Footwear's momentum built through the year, increasing its sales by 4.0 percent and operating earnings by 16.3 percent, as its new format and improved product offering began to gain favor with consumers."

Full-year net sales rose 6.0 percent to \$1.94 billion.

The year's net earnings were \$43.3 million, or 2.23 percent of sales, down from \$45.6 million, or 2.48 percent diluted share, in 2003. Net earnings were \$8.5 million, up from \$4.7 million. Both quarters included a number of special items.

Famous Footwear ended this report.

Banking

to not comment on what Wal-Mart may or may not do in the future. But he said the company is not staying from its policy to provide some financial services such as loans and credit.

Under an ILC charter, a retail company could process some financial transactions, like debit card purchases, internally.

Wal-Mart could "operate like almost any other community bank," he said, offering a number of services with the exception of a checking account, Leary said.

About 60 companies nationwide operate as ILCs and hold licenses from those states, and have assets amounting to more than \$115 billion, Leary said.

Federal law prohibits common-law entities from also owning banks. However, Utah is one of five states exempted from some 1990s federal banking regulations, allowing the startup of ILC charters.

Stores published over the past week in a Salt Lake newspaper and in the nationally circulated American Banker show a chart of applications from Wal-Mart is on the horizon.

Wal-Mart would not discuss its plans.

He has been widely reported. We have not confirmed any of this yet," Wal-Mart spokesman Mary Helms said Tuesday.

He said the company policy is to not comment on what Wal-Mart may or may not do in the future. But he said the company is not staying from its policy to provide some financial services such as loans and credit.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Name	Assets	Change
Admiral	\$1.2B	+10M
AIM	\$1.1B	+12M
AIM Growth	\$1.0B	+15M
AIM Income	\$900M	+18M
AIM Tech	\$800M	+20M
AIM Energy	\$700M	+22M
AIM Healthcare	\$600M	+25M
AIM International	\$500M	+28M
AIM Dividend	\$400M	+30M
AIM Bond	\$300M	+32M
AIM Real Estate	\$200M	+35M
AIM Short-Term	\$100M	+38M
AIM Money Market	\$50M	+40M
AIM Cash	\$25M	+42M
AIM Commodities	\$12M	+45M

of Jonathon Luke Toth... of the petition... to terminate the parental rights... of the County of Twin Falls...

RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On the 13th day of April, 2005, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), the undersigned...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BONAVILLE... Case No. CV-04-0122 NOTICE TO CREDITORS...

IN THE DISTRICT JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BONAVILLE... Notice of Public Hearing regarding zoning and commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho...

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on March 22, 2005...

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by Gooding County and the Gooding County Industrial Development Corp. (the "Gooding County")...

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the 11th day of February, 2005...

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GOODING COUNTY OODING COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORP. NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by Gooding County and the Gooding County Industrial Development Corp. (the "Gooding County")...

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the 11th day of February, 2005...

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed proposals will be received by the Division of Public Works, State of Idaho, at 502 N. 4th Street, Boise, Idaho 83724, on or before 10:00 A.M. on March 29, 2005...

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF MITIGATION PLAN Notice is hereby given that on February 8, 2005, the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, has received a mitigation plan for the proposed development of the Gooding County Industrial Development Corp. (the "Gooding County")...

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40 JOBS 40 JOBS

JOSLIN FIELD, MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL... RUNWAY#725 LIGHTING & SIGNAGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS... OWNER - Twin Falls City and County, Idaho. Separate sealed BIDS for the Runway 725 Lighting and Signage Construction Project located at the Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, consisting of, but not limited to, the following:

- 23 E.A. Runway Signage
14 E.A. High Intensity Runway Light
23 E.A. Runway Threshold Light
3 E.A. Remove/Replace Runway Light
8 E.A. Remove/Replace Runway Threshold Light
1 L.S. Lighted Wind Cone Assembly
... Also includes contact information for bid opening and award procedures.

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managers for senior, young, disabled and educational groups... DAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

For election of three members to serve on the Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District Board of Directors. The elected members shall be representatives of a water users within the district.

NOTICE OF ELECTION... NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on the following dates: 28, 2005, from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS... OSJLIN FIELD, MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL... 2005 SNOW BLOWER ATTACHMENT PROCUREMENT PROJECT

OWNER - Twin Falls City and County, Idaho. Separate sealed BIDS for the 2005 Snow Blower Attachment Procurement Project located at the Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport, consisting of, but not limited to, the following:

- 1 LS Snow Blower Attachment with Accessories
... Also includes contact information for bid opening and award procedures.

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three to the applicant... PUBLISH: March 10 and 17, 2005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO EXCLUDE BUSINESS WITNESS BUSINESSES WITH AN APPROVED PUD.

ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, THIS 10th day of March, 2005.

PUBLISH: March 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2005... NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Permit to Divert water from the Idaho Department of Water Resources to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game...

PUBLISH: Thursday, March 10, 2005... PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 14-1405, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is holding a public meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission...

PLACEMENT OF THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT... PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

A Commission Work-item was scheduled for March 21 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. MST at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Headquarters.

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PURPOSE/AGENDA: The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is holding a public meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission...

PUBLISH: March 3, 10, and 17, 2005... NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that an Application for Permit to Divert water from the Idaho Department of Water Resources to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game...

PUBLISH: March 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2005... PUBLIC NOTICE

ACTIONS planned and taken by your government will be included in public notices. They are part of your right to know about your government's actions.

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701 LIVES/LUCKY BULL, Angus/Balor cow... 702 HORSES & JACK 4 FOOT SHOENAE...

FREE Border Collie/Rud... Golden Retriever AKC pup...

IH SWATHER, 375 series, 14 foot deck... INTERNATIONAL 400 21' disk...

DIETRICH back property... JEROME 58 acres for up road...

WANTED Pasture... ROCK REMOVAL Manual rock picking...

ACROSS 1 Beverage pick... 7 Small vipers... 11 Coffee server...

ACROSS word search grid with 15 numbered squares.

FREE (Q) Quarter Horse... HORSE TRAINING You need your horse...

GOLDEN Retriever pup, AKC... IRISH SETTER puppies...

LAB AKC puppies, 6 weeks old... IRISH WELSH CORGIE puppies...

READY FOR PASTURE WORK... SWATHER Heater 8450, 14' deck...

BIRTHDAY PHOTOS Make it fun to pick up your birthday photos?

UPPER MERCHANDISE 301 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

DOWN 1 Kubrick's computer... 2 Bo in dobt... 3 Australian island...

WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE SOLVED MATAMOTE ANTILES ODOROURS TIBIANA VETOUSES LEARN ELEMENTS SACRED DEMANDS BIASRIBI EMBAISSIES SPIES GALS TESTS SCAM ALWOOD VORACIOUS ARENES ENUDES CANGLO POLE NASAA ERRIET ALMS ATOM SALES LOSS RIMS

THE SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Heidi Arnold and Mike Arpman. Includes puzzle grid and answers: RAVEN, COVEY, GULLET, YEARLY.

HORSES 1 year old mare... HORSES 2 year old Colonel Frickles...

PIT CROSS dog 1 year old... QUAKER PARROT 2 1/2 year old...

SWATHER Heater 8450, 14' deck... TRAILER 170 1/2' by 72'...

ANTIQUE RECLINER and camel back trunk... RAILROAD TIES 8 & 9 ft...

706 SUPPLIES FARM RANCH... 707 IRRIGATION

COMPUTERS Excellent refurbished computers... 808 COMPUTERS

RECLINER small beige... SLEIGH BED solid wood...

809 APPLIANCES OVEN, new w/white-copper...

703 FARM EQUIPMENT 4x6, 5x7, 6x7... 704 PETS & PET SUPPLIES

705 FARM EQUIPMENT 2x8, 2x10, 2x12... 706 SUPPLIES FARM RANCH

707 IRRIGATION... 708 SEED & FERTILIZER

709 HAY, CHAIN & FEED... 800 BUILDING MATERIALS

801 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES... 802 APPLIANCES

803 ELEGANT BED & MATTRESS... 804 BUILDING MATERIALS

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME. Includes puzzle grid, instructions, and answers: RAVEN, COVEY, GULLET, YEARLY.

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805 ELECTRONICS... 806 HOT TUBS & POOLS

807 MISCELLANEOUS... 808 COMPUTERS

809 APPLIANCES... 810 BUILDING MATERIALS

811 JEWELRY... 812 AUCTIONS & AUCTIONEERS

813 MEDICAL SUPPLIES... 814 HAY, CHAIN & FEED

815 MISCELLANEOUS... 816 HAY, CHAIN & FEED

817 ANIMALS... 818 MISCELLANEOUS

819 MISCELLANEOUS... 820 BUILDING MATERIALS

821 JEWELRY... 822 AUCTIONS & AUCTIONEERS

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