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Walk on the wild side



Members of the Twin Falls City Council and city staff look at land Monday afternoon near the Evel Knievel ramp along the south side of the Snake River Canyon rim.

City looks at land to lengthen canyon rim trail

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Mayor Lance Clow offered encouragement Monday as City Councilman David Johnson stood with his arms stretched out atop the ramp where stunt rider Evel Knievel launched an unsuccessful attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon in 1974.

"Apocalyptic" Clow yelled. Johnson, Clow and the rest of the Twin Falls City Council toured about three acres west of Shoshone Falls Park along the canyon rim. The city hopes to acquire the land from two Boise businessmen in exchange for nearby city-owned property and continue development of a trail system.

The trail currently starts at the park but

ends abruptly near the jump site. A "neighborhood" west of the "jump" site makes further development difficult.

"There's been a lot of talk of doing a swap," Councilman Greg Lanting said.

The city first tried getting the land when it was owned by Stutzman Inc. But after it was sold several years ago the new

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Police investigate possible break-in at downtown office

Business improvement district members say files are missing

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It was a "bookkeeper" who "first" noticed that an electronic file appeared to have been downloaded from a computer. Not long after, some hard files mysteriously turned up missing.

Whoever downloaded the information from a computer in the office of Historic Downtown Twin Falls on Main Avenue in late September or early October let themselves in with a key, said Ryan Horsley, president of the board of the downtown business improvement district. Karlin Williams, the agency's executive director, immediately told Horsley about the incident. But who had let themselves into the office that night?

"Quite a few keys were out," Williams said.

Horsley instructed Williams to change the locks and give new keys to

only herself, administrative assistant Kathy Gudgeal and parking administrator Bridgette Baker.

"Then not long after, some hard files went missing," Horsley said. He said that at first, no one was sure if they were really missing or had just been misplaced. But a couple of weeks ago, Williams told Horsley something that alarmed him. It appeared as if someone had actually broken into the office to get the hard files.

"There were pry marks on the door," Horsley said. "Someone had popped the hinges."

Horsley told the rest of the board about the suspected break-in and missing files last week.

"I didn't want to make the decision on my own," Horsley said. "I needed to talk to the board."

Horsley and the rest of the board decided to call the

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Downtown district's finances on the mend

But it's in trouble with state over workers comp

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The good news is that the local business improvement district is almost out of the red.

The bad news is that Historic Downtown Twin Falls is in hot water with the Idaho Industrial Commission for not maintaining workers' compensation insurance from April 14 through Aug. 2.

According to commission documents obtained by the Times-News, the commission sent its first letter to the district's board Sept. 19, stating the commission intended to assess \$3,975 in penalties. The penalty was later reduced to \$2,800, and then to \$900.

"In light of the mitigating factors ... the commission has decided to give you an opportunity to settle this penalty by paying a reduced sum in the amount of \$900," Christl L. Simon, manager of

the commission's Employer Compliance Department, wrote in a Nov. 22 letter.

A Nov. 28 letter informed the board the matter had been referred to the state attorney general's office.

"You will have 15 days from the date of this letter to pay the \$900 reduced settlement penalty offer or contact me regarding arrangements to pay this sum," wrote Deputy Attorney General David Young. "Failure to comply will result in legal action to collect the full penalty of \$2,800 assessed by the commission, along with costs and attorney fees."

When contacted by the Times-News, Young said he couldn't comment on the matter.

"At this point, it's an internal investigation and it's still an open and active file and I can't discuss any details," he said.

Jill Crowell, past president of the district's board and marketing director at Stevens Pierce and Associates, said arrangements have been made to have quarterly payments withdrawn from the district's bank account.

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Canal company cracks down on sediment

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Beginning this year, the Twin Falls Canal Co. is requiring problem irrigators to change management practices or face shut-off.

Shareholders who've traditionally polluted the company's system of canals with sediment are now required to sign a card and promise to reduce sediment levels in their drainage—or lose access to water.

The company spends tens of thousands of dollars to clean mud from its waterway network each irrigation season. Excess sediment also endangers downstream protected species, such as salmon, that rely on Magic Valley water.

"Sediment continues to be an important water-quality issue," said Brian Olmstead, a field supervisor for the Twin Falls Canal Co. "We've made some progress, but there are still a few areas where it's a problem."

The card policy comes after

WATER QUALITY COMMITMENT FORM

This form must be signed and returned along with your 2007 assessment before 2007 water deliveries will be made to your farm

Being the owner of _____ shares of TFCC stock, Bill _____, I understand that my water delivery is subject to Article VI, paragraph 5 of the TFCC By-Laws. This By-Law states that I may be required to construct and maintain, at my own expense, sediment control facilities to insure that runoff water from my farm will meet Company water quality standards. The By-Law further states that TFCC may shut off water delivery to my farm if I am out of compliance.

I realize that if excess sediment leaves my farm it increases maintenance expenses for TFCC and my downstream neighbors by filling their sprinkler ponds or other irrigation systems with mud. I hereby confirm that I am aware of the provisions & consequences of the above mentioned TFCC Water Quality By-Law and I will make necessary efforts to bring my farm/farms into compliance for 2007.

preliminary monitoring results show increased sediment levels in two of the company's major irrigation return drains. Levels in another drain, the East Perrine Coulee, are down this year but still nearly seven times what levels were in 2000. Olmstead said farmers should strive for no more than 1,000 mg/L of sediment in their drainage water. Some farmers in the company's system drain more than 20 times that amount.

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Sediment levels in Twin Falls Canal Co.'s irrigation return drains*

Drain	'90	'95	'00	'05	'06
A-10 (near Hansen)	45	24	39	64	43
Twin Falls Coulee	121	49	50	84	40
East Perrine Coulee	100	78	25	162	174
Main Perrine Coulee	120	68	32	33	25
West Perrine Coulee	223	54	30	60	39
LQ/LS (north of Filer)	215	296	173	152	220
LS-2 (north of Filer)	213	229	88	32	51
Later 30 (between Twin Falls and Filer)	371	157	121	68	37

*Sediment levels are reported as milligrams/liter. Source: University of Idaho

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Once just a birthday treat, the cupcake becomes a cause

By Bridget Schulte
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Once a cupcake wasn't something to think about. It was just what your mom brought to school for your birthday. But this year, as schools across the country begin enforcing new federally mandated "wellness policies," many are banning the little

treats. And parents are fighting back.

When the principal at George Mason Elementary School in Alexandria, Va., explained to the PTA earlier this year that cupcakes were out, a furore erupted.

"A lot of people are really angry," said Karen Epperson, a George Mason parent. "They think this is really stupid."

Mind you, Epperson said, it's not the kids who are upset. Kids are not the ones who are so devoted to cupcakes.

At the same time they're being booted from classrooms, cupcakes have "become the latest hipster chic food. Entire blogs are dedicated to cupcake culture. Expensive Johnny

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Georgia Giannetti, 1, gets a close look at the cupcake selection at Buzz, a bakery and coffee shop in Alexandria, Va. Once just a birthday treat, the cupcake has become a cause.

TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (High 39, Low 29, 44/31).

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Rain showers mixing with some snow at times. Highs, upper 30s to near 40s. Tonight: Precipitation tapering off a little. Lows, 20s to near 30. Tomorrow: Bristle to windy at times with rain or mixed showers redeveloping. Highs, lower 40s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

EXHIBITS

'Native Perspectives on the Trail: A Contemporary American Indian Art Portfolio, Interpretations of the Lewis and Clark Expedition,' the Missoula Art Museum's traveling exhibit, noon to 5 p.m., the Buhl Arts Council at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl, 543-5417.

FAMILY

'Baby and Me' class, focusing on "Looking Good" for young mothers with their babies or toddlers, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome, no cost, 324-7262.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-0058. Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley, 788-5500. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438. Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley, 878-4367. Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 119 E. Second, (208) 366-7416. Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-8441. Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189. Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151. Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 303 Third Ave. E., 735-7267. Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room, 406 N. Park, 544-2102. Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office, 409 N. Apple, 886-2038.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-6475. Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, free for all senior citizens, 737-5946. Exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2126. 'Make a Difference Foods' free taster table, 7 to 9 p.m., samples of freeze-dried meats, 1414 Hayburn E., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-5516.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, 'The Christmas Star' at 7 p.m. and 'Steamrolling' at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

COMING TOMORROW

IN FOOD & HOME

POPULAR PIES

One cook shares her secrets.



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There's no question what makes a cowboy

TWIN FALLS — Baxter Clabby tells a story about the time he was shopping in a Western-clothing store in Elko, Nev., and encountered a horseman of his acquaintance. 'He held up two baseball caps and said, "Which one of these do you like best?" I took him over to the (cowboy) hat counter and said to the guy, "Show this man a real hat."'

Police investigate downtown break-in

TWIN FALLS — Police are trying to determine who used a key to enter the office of Historic Downtown Twin Falls on Main Avenue in late September or early October, and downloaded information from a computer in the office.

City eyes Ewel Knives launch site

TWIN FALLS — City Council members toured on Monday about three acres west of Shoshone Falls Park along the canyon rim. The city hopes to acquire the land — which includes the ramp Ewel Knives unsuccessfully propeled himself from in 1974 — from two Boise businessmen in exchange for nearby city-owned property.

Council keeps facing cost of growth

TWIN FALLS — While growth continues to expand Twin Falls, questions about paying for it pile up as well.

Repairmen becoming a rare breed

TWIN FALLS — A few repairmen in the Magic Valley still fix old televisions, stereos and other electronics equipment. But for many consumers, it's become easier and cheaper to buy a new piece of equipment instead of repairing something when it breaks.

Bridge Academy leading by example

TWIN FALLS — Students enrolled in the Bridge Academy could learn a lot from its brief history. For a school that works with students facing academic challenges, the beginning of the Twin Falls School District's Bridge Academy is an appropriate lesson in perseverance through trial and tribulation.

District sees nurses as key to enrollment

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District is hoping to keep kids in school so it can keep them healthy. Although it might seem like putting the cart before the horse, it's the only way the district can do it.

OBITUARIES

Oren LaVore Gooch, 90 Darrell Wayne Myers, 85 Rhea Rodgers Peavler, 72

IDAHO/WEST

New law ensures snowmobile use

WASHINGTON — A new law will ensure snowmobile use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks this winter season. The language was inserted by Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., into a bill that keeps the government running until Feb. 15 and was signed by President Bush Saturday. It puts into law the current National Park Service plan, which allows 720 snowmobiles per day to enter Yellowstone and 140 snowmobiles a day to enter Grand Teton and the road connecting the two parks.

Potlatch to sell 20 percent of holdings

SPOKANE, Wash. — Finding more value in homes than logging, Potlatch Corp. said Monday it will sell 18 to 20 percent of its timber holdings over the next decade. Potlatch is the largest private timberland owner in Idaho, with about 670,000 acres. The company owns an additional 830,000 acres in Arkansas and Minnesota.

Sex abuse claimants agree on settlement

EGG HARBOR, N.J. — About 150 people who claimed they were molested by priests have agreed to settle their lawsuits against the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia for an undisclosed amount. U.S. District Judge Michael Hogan announced the agreement but would not give a dollar amount. He said the archdiocese, which is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy, could cover all current and future claims without selling off property held by parishes and schools.

Three climbers missing in Oregon

COOPER SPUR, Ore. — Rescue teams headed up the flanks of treacherous Mount Hood on Monday to search for three climbers reported missing in heavy snow, but were ordered off the mountain when conditions became too dangerous. Officials described the three men as experienced mountaineers but said none had climbed Mount Hood before.

Some not going to sell morning-after pill

IDAHO FALLS — It's been three months since the Federal Drug Administration deemed the morning-after pill safe to sell to women 18 and over without a prescription. But some eastern Idaho pharmacies still aren't stocking the drug. Some say there are not enough interested customers. Others still believe the pill is dangerous and should require a prescription. And some won't comment on the controversial contraception.

NATION/WORLD

Palestinian infighting threatens peace talks

JERUSALEM — By threatening to ignite a Palestinian civil war, the killing of three children in the Gaza Strip on Monday has jeopardized Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's efforts to restart long-stalled peace talks. As the violence intensified, Palestinians moved further away from their hoped-for national unity government — seen as a precondition for renewed talks with Israel.

President Bush opens consultations on Iraq

WASHINGTON — President Bush, eager to show he can take advice on Iraq, embarked on a round of public outreach Monday and promised Americans the unpopular war eventually would make their lives safer.

Annan says farewell, criticizes White House

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — In his farewell address Monday, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan criticized the Bush administration's leadership on the global stage, warning that America must not sacrifice its democratic ideals while waging war against terrorism.

Pinochet mourners decry lack of honors

SANTIAGO, Chile — Hundreds of supporters of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, many in tears, filed Monday past the brown wooden coffin for the ex-dictator, who was denied a state funeral normally granted to former presidents. While Pinochet's relatives mourned his death Sunday from heart failure at age 91, his many opponents celebrated with champagne the day lamented that he escaped justice for the torture and killings that marked his 17 years in power after a bloody 1973 coup.

Holocaust deniers gather for conference

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran hosted Holocaust deniers from around the world Monday at a conference examining whether the Nazi genocide took place, a meeting Israel's prime minister has condemned as a "lick phenomenon." The 67 participants from 30 countries included former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke and Holocaust skeptics who have been prosecuted in Europe for questioning whether 6 million Jews were killed by the Nazis.

SPORTS

Erickson introduced as Sun Devils coach

TEMPE, Ariz. — The allure of another Pac-10 job was too much for Dennis Erickson to pass up. Arizona State introduced the well-traveled Erickson on Monday as its new football coach — and the man school officials hope will lead the Sun Devils out of mediocrity. The hiring, announced at a news conference on the ASU campus, marks the third Pac-10 coaching job for Erickson.

CSI volleyball signs four standout players

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho head volleyball coach Heidi Cartisser already has her dream job. After coaching a group of former Golden Eagles coach Ben Stroud's recruits to a 29-1 record in 2006, she's spent November and December assembling the first pieces of her dream team. Monday announced the signing of four Idaho high school standouts that will join the Golden Eagles for the 2007 season: Jereme's Megan Parrish, Rexburg's McKinnis Hawkins, Coeur d'Alene's Riki Moreland and Arco's Savannah Silecock will all don the black and gold as the Golden Eagles seek their 10th NJCAA national championship.

Ex-Golden Eagle shines after move to BSU

TWIN FALLS — One year ago, almost to the day, Reggie Larry dumped 20 points and 10 rebounds on North Idaho College to help the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team to a 4-68 Scenic West Athletic Conference win. Twelve months and 128 miles separate Larry and his new home as a Boise State University Bronco. Larry, but little has changed. Larry is one of a handful of former Golden Eagles players making a significant impact at the Division I level.

NBA decides to go back to leather ball

NEW YORK — Turnover, NBA. The NBA will scrap its new microfiber composite ball and bring back the old leather one beginning Jan. 1. The league sent a memo to its teams Monday, telling them that the change would be made for the remainder of the 2006-07 season. In the memo, NBA president Joel Gilbert said that Spalding had 450 new leather balls on hand for use.

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police and make a report. So what kind of information is contained in the missing files?

"It included financial information and information on employees, both past and current," Horsley said. He added that the information taken was "very specific, but still random."

Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. Craig Stotts confirmed that police were dispatched to the office at 131 Main Ave. S. at 10:51 a.m. on Dec. 5.

The board also informed Mayor Lance Clow and City Manager Tom Courtney about the incidents.

"All I'd heard is someone is suspected of breaking in twice," Clow said. "Nothing was stolen except potentially some files. Tom Courtney called me. He said he'd have

someone check on it." Horsley said two city police detectives are now working on the case. On Monday, police had not yet filed a report. They are still waiting for some documents and statements.

"We've done what we can do," Staff Sgt. Dennis Pullin said. "We won't release any information until the investigation is completed."

Whether or not anything was taken, and what was taken, differs with whom you talk.

"No one took a box of files, but it looked as though someone went through it," said Williams, who added that the box was sitting out in the office instead of in storage because the city had recently completed its annual audit.

"It was a box of bookkeeping files from last year — invoices and statements," Williams said. "They were statements from vendors, regular billings.

"We're not hiding anything," Williams added. "Nothing was taken."

Jill Trowell, past president of the board, had still a different understanding of what happened.

"It was recently they found an invoice missing and files missing," Trowell said.

On the downloading of a computer file, Williams said, "There was a suspicion there was some information taken off our computer. Our bookkeeper could see a disk had been made."

Horsley said no one had to steal the information from those files. They simply could have asked for it. "All of our information is public," Horsley said. "It's no big mystery."

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Penalty

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So how did it happen? "We're not sure," said Karla Williams, executive director of Historic Downtown Twin Falls. "It was a bookkeeping error."

Said Trowell: "It's just one of those things that happen sometimes."

Almost back in the black

The district's bottom line is looking better, however. After being more than \$27,000 in the red in fiscal 2006, mostly due to overspending on promotions, the district showed net income of \$23,474 in October and November. That left its bottom line just a little more than \$3,500 away from being back in the black.

"We've been looking at things and retooling things and keeping a tighter ship," Trowell said. "Karla's really been watching the spending and collections and monitoring it really well."

Trowell said parking administrator Brigitte Baker "is keeping a closer eye on fines and came up with a system of

sending invoices" that has resulted in an increase in parking income.

"Our board is a very creative board — very out-of-the-box thinkers," Trowell said. "We are trying to be creative, forward-thinking and innovative. We're looking at new ways to do things."

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Cupcake

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Cupcakes "Make Cupcakes Not War" T-shirts are in demand. Cupcakes were raved about on "Sex in the City" and rapped about on "Saturday Night Live."

Just last week, the bakery and coffee shop Buzz, decorated with flattened cupcake liners, opened in Alexandria, joining a growing number of high-end cupcake-specialty bakeries from Magnolia in New York to Citizen Cupcake in San Francisco.

Why on earth does this little four-ounce treat — a 19th-century accident of history that was created when a baker poured leftover cake batter into cups — carry such heavy emotional weight? When Texas tried to ban cupcakes in schools last year, the furor was so deafening that legislators passed the "Safe Cupcake Amendment" to protect the right of parents to tote cupcakes to school. After the vote, one lawmaker remarked, "We didn't realize how important cupcakes were."

"A cupcake, it would seem, is classic Americana, up there with hot dogs and apple pie. It's a comfort food, as common as meatloaf and as friendly as mashed potatoes.

But, mostly, cupcakes are about memory.

Derek Bush is a 30-year-old man. Yet the other day at Buzz, he was as excited as a little kid as he carefully chose a red velvet, a chocolate chip and two vanilla cupcakes with bright pink and green frosting.

Cupcakes are "really retro right now," he said. And they make him happy — like when his mom makes devil's food cupcakes with chocolate cream cheese frosting for his birthday. "They just remind



At the same time they're being booted from classrooms, cupcakes have become the latest hipster chic food. Considered 'retro' by some, they are popping up in specialty stores and coffee shops, such as Buzz in Alexandria, Va.

me of special pleasures and my happy childhood," he said.

The cupcake-as-symbol-of-childhood is powerful: It's wrapped in the cultural definition of what it means to be a good mother, something that's a moving target in this society, said Kathryn Oths, an anthropologist at the University of Alabama who studies food and culture.

"I don't have children. But I guarantee that if I did, I'd make them cupcakes for their birthdays," she said. "It's just ingrained in us as the proper thing to do."

So when that cultural norm is threatened by cupcake ban, she argued, people feel compelled to rally to its defense.

"Think about it. Banning cupcakes is almost like an assault on the national identity," Oths said.

"It comes at a time when there are fears of terrorism and the immigration 'brouhaha' that they're 'watering down' our traditional American culture — meaning middle-class white America — that's slip-

ping out of our grasp."

The reason school districts are writing wellness policies is because childhood is so much different today from when boomer parents were young.

More children are dangerously overweight. More children are diabetic. More children have life-threatening allergies to everything from peanuts to wheat "to milk."

More children sit around watching TV and playing video games.

While several school districts have outright outlawed cupcakes, candy or anything home-baked, others are just trying to "limit" them.

Technically, Alexandria's wellness policy bans only the use of food as a reward or punishment.

"We don't want to say no to school celebrations, but we want to think of ways to encourage more healthy snacks," said Becky Donokos-Bays, director of food and nutrition services for Alexandria city schools. "There are alternatives."

Sediment

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Olmstead said high sediment levels in irrigation return drains stem from outdated management practices. The continued use of gravity irrigation rather than sprinkler irrigation accounts for the majority of problems. Olmstead said about 70 percent of the company's irrigators still use gravity systems.

Also a factor is reluctance by some farmers to incorporate polyacrylamide, or PAM, in their irrigation systems. PAM is a substance farmers add to irrigation water that binds to soil particles and makes them less likely to wash away.

Not all sediment problems are management-related, however. The steep geographic makeup of the landscape means more dirt gets into Magic Valley waterways. And crops grown in the valley, such as corn and beans, allow more sediment runoff than other crops such as hay.

The company predicts management changes and new wetland ponds that remove sediment before water returns to the waterway network will lower next year's levels.

A \$100,000 wetland system will likely reduce sediment in one of the major problem drains, the LQ/LS north of Filer. The company spent \$40,000 on the system, the other \$60,000 came from an Idaho Department of Environmental Quality grant.

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Canyon

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owners approached the city, according to City Manager Tom Courtney. Before Kneivel's unsuccessful jump across the Snake River Canyon, the land was used primarily for grazing and had horses on it.

The city wants the land not only for a trail but also to preserve the jump site — some call it a Twin Falls landmark — which otherwise would be leveled.

"It's an old mound of dirt

but it's kind of cool," Councilman Don Hall said.

If the city gets the land, it plans to build a small parking lot connected to a street that extends from Hanks Road. The council also talked about creating steps up to the top of the jump site.

After the tour, the council, plus Courtney, City Engineer Jackie Fields, Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer and Community Development Director Mitch

Humble went into executive session.

According to state code, the meeting was to "conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned

by a public agency" and no other information was available.

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AROUND THE WEST

YELLOWSTONE
New law will ensure snowmobile use

WASHINGTON — A new law will ensure snowmobile use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks this winter season.

The language was inserted by Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., into a bill that keeps the government running until Feb. 15 and was signed by President Bush Saturday. It puts into law the current National Park Service plan, which allows 720 snowmobiles per day to enter Yellowstone and 140 snowmobiles a day to enter Grand Teton and the road connecting the two parks.

The law will expire Feb. 15. "With the winter-use season upon us, it was imperative that we give some certainty for visitors and concessionaires about winter activities in our parks," Thomas said.

OREGON
Sex abuse claimants agree on settlement

EUGENE, Ore. — About 150 people who claimed they were molested by priests have agreed to settle their lawsuits against the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland for an undisclosed amount.

U.S. District Judge Michael Hogan announced the agreement but would not give a dollar amount. He told reporters the archdiocese, which is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy, could cover all current and future claims without selling off property held by parishes and schools.

The judge said the archdiocese has more than \$50 million from settling litigation with insurance companies, plus sufficient real estate and other assets of its own to cover the claims.

Portland was the first archdiocese in the nation to seek protection from creditors when it went to federal bankruptcy court to head off massive lawsuits claiming sexual abuse by the late Rev. Maurice Grammond, who worked in several parishes. Other priests also were accused of abuse.

Three other dioceses — Tucson, Ariz.; Spokane, Wash.; and Davenport, Iowa — also have sought bankruptcy court protection from a flood of lawsuits by people alleging sexual abuse by priests. Tucson emerged from the process in 2005.

Three climbers missing on Mount Hood

COOPER SPUR, Ore. — Rescue teams headed up the flanks of treacherous Mount Hood on Monday to search for three climbers reported missing in heavy snow, but were ordered off the mountain when conditions became too dangerous.

Officials described the three men as experienced but said none had climbed Mount Hood before.

The mother of Kelly James, 48, of Dallas, told authorities he had called his son on a cell phone Sunday to say he was

stranded in a snow cave just below the summit of the 11,239-foot peak and his companions had gone for help.

"From the conversation, it left us very concerned for the person's welfare," Hood River County Chief Deputy Jerry Brown said.

Rescuers were unable to re-establish cell phone contact with James, and there was no sign of the other men, identified as Brian Hall, 37, of Dallas, and Jerry "Nikko" Cooke, 36, of New York.

Snow was falling heavily

Monday at a lodge where the three men were supposed to meet friends on Friday or Saturday. Up to 10 inches of snow was expected through Tuesday, along with wind gusts of up to 55 mph that will reduce visibility and raise the risk of avalanches.

IDAHO FALLS
Some pharmacies won't sell morning-after pill

IDAHO FALLS — It's been three months since the Federal Drug Administration deemed

the morning-after pill safe to sell to women 18 and over without a prescription. But some eastern Idaho pharmacies still aren't stocking the drug.

Some say there are not enough interested customers. Others still believe the pill is dangerous and should require a prescription. And some worry about the controversial contraception.

"Some pharmacists don't like it morally or personally," said Kris Jonas, president of the Idaho State Pharmacy Association. "That kind of

medication has always been that way."

The morning-after pill, or Plan B, is not the abortion pill, RU-486 or mifepristone. It is used to prevent pregnancy and will not work on a woman who is already pregnant.

But some have been opposed to making the pill more readily available, saying it "encourages risky sexual behavior."

Mike Merrill, owner of Mike's Pharmacy in Idaho Falls, doesn't sell Plan B — but not because of moral objections. He doesn't want to pay \$10 or

\$40 for a drug with an expiration date that could end up in the trash can.

"I've not had any calls for it in years," he said. "If I did, I wouldn't have any problem selling it."

Walgreens and Rite Aid in Idaho Falls stock Plan B, as does the Savon Pharmacy. Idaho Planned Parenthoods began carrying Plan B earlier this month.

Jonas said most smaller drug stores don't carry Plan B because there's not enough demand.

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EDITORIAL

Treasure Valley's needs won't suffer with rural leadership

When the dust settled over new legislative leadership last Friday, the power in the Legislature went to the lawmakers with dust on their shoes.

Rural legislature held on to its mantle in the Idaho Legislature, most notably in the House where Rep. Lawrence Donney, a Republican farmer from Midvale, ascended to House Speaker.

Just below him are Majority Leader Mike Moyle, a farmer from Star, Assistant Majority Leader Scott Hedke, an Oakley rancher, and Ken Roberts, the new Majority Caucus Chairman, who also farms near McCall.

That probably sounds like high-saddle leadership. But it's no reason for hayseed hysteria. Just because legislative leaders don't hail from the city doesn't mean they'll pass bills on the set of "Hee Haw."

Idahoans are acutely aware that the bulk of state growth is rooted in Treasure Valley. Other areas of Idaho are also seeing heavy growth. But it pales in comparison to what is occurring in Ada, Canyon and Gem counties.

Boise's executive branch, including its governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, superintendent of schools, and practically all other constitutional officers, cut their teeth representing the Treasure Valley in some capacity.

And under those terms, it doesn't matter if the House Speaker is from a ranch or from Mars. The Treasure Valley is going to get its fair share of representation. Addressing the needs of the urban region is inherently understood among all legislators, whatever the issue may be. Talk for instance:

Community colleges — An issue that didn't stoke much interest in past years has now become a crucial debate among legislators. One key reason being that the Treasure Valley doesn't have its own Idaho-based community college.

Transportation — Idaho's network of roads and highways is falling in disrepair. But ask practically any legislator where the highest needs are, and he or she will eventually refer to the I-84 corridor for Canyon and Ada counties.

Education — The Meridian and Boise school districts, two of the state's largest, usually set a high standard for new programs, community investment and local support. This past year was no different with two major bond votes that passed at the polls.

Most legislators were in office four years ago when the economy — mostly the semiconductor industry of Treasure Valley — hit the skids, and created havoc on public schools and the state budget. Most of them know that as the Boise economy goes, so goes state government.

So the trend is obvious. Legislators from all over Idaho know they can't turn their back on urban interests, and rarely do. What's more apparent is when leaders from the Treasure Valley don't give the same attention to matters of relevance to rural Idaho.

But the key difference between rural and urban interests isn't in leaders or in issues, but with the voters. Whereas urban legislative districts tend to see more turnover, Idaho's rural districts stick with representatives over a long haul.

Idaho is still a rural state, even with the modern swell hitting our capital city. The fact that legislative leadership reflects the state's rural roots doesn't mean urban interests are forgotten or sacrificed.

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LETTER

Tax reform courtesy of the GOP stronghold

Before you read the rest of this letter, I want you to know I am a registered Republican voter. I am the middle of the middle class. I am 50 years old and live in a 1,640-square-foot home outside of Buhl in Twin Falls County. This is how my property tax relief worked out: In 2005, I paid \$949.97; now in 2006, I will pay \$695.40; my net income a year is \$34,500. The 6 percent tax now costs me an extra \$345 a year. My tax relief now means that I will have to pay \$80.46 a year more in total taxes than I did in 2005. I want to thank pretend-Gov. Risch and the

Republican senators like Tom Gannon who voted for this great deal. Thanks for screwing my family over. I even tried calling my Sen. Gannon before the "special" session. He wouldn't even call me back to discuss it with me. The one-party system didn't work in Russia and it doesn't work in Idaho. We get a state controller with a GED education. We get an education superintendent with a degree off a matchbox cover. I bet if O.J. Simpson ran for office in Idaho as a Republican, he could win. Maybe Idaho can do better in 2008, and thanks again for the tax relief.
GARY L. WELCH
Buhl

A new element in the spy kit

Former KGB agent Alexander Litvinenko is thought to be the first victim of deliberate poisoning by the element polonium. He is not the first person to die of polonium-210 poisoning, however. A low-dose exposure was blamed for causing the death of Irene Joliot-Curie, the daughter of Marie Curie, who first isolated polonium. Irene died in 1956 of leukemia caused by accidental exposure when a sealed capsule of the metal exploded on her laboratory bench. Polonium's alpha rays damage DNA, although in Irene's case they took more than 10 years to do their deadly work.

JOHN EMSLEY

Litvinenko passed away much more quickly. On Nov. 23, the 43-year-old died in a London hospital from the intense radiation polonium emits having inhaled it sometime in late October. Even though the dose of poison was tiny — maybe no more than the weight of a speck of dust — it was deadly. Litvinenko was admitted to University College Hospital on Nov. 3, suffering from an undiagnosed illness, but clearly he was seriously ill. A week later his hair started to fall out, and soon he was completely bald.

To the doctors treating him, the answer seemed clear: He had been poisoned by thallium. Salts of that deadly metal were used by a serial poisoner of the 1970s, Graham Young, to kill his colleagues at a photo lab. They had died in London hospitals at a time when there was no known antidote. By the 1980s, there was an antidote, and it was needed to treat the victims of Saddam Hussein's secret agents, who used it to poison Iraqi diplomats living in London.

When a sample of Litvinenko's blood was analyzed for thallium, however,



doctors found very little of that toxic element. So they suspected he had been poisoned with a radioactive form of it. This had to be thallium-201, an isotope with an average lifetime of only six days, meaning it would have almost disappeared by the time his blood was analyzed.

Tests showed that Litvinenko was passing radioactive urine, but it was coming not from thallium-201, but from a deadlier element, polonium-210. This would explain his loss of hair — a symptom of high exposure to radiation. This poison has a long residence time in the body, with only 2 percent excreted each day.

Sadly, the doctors could do nothing to save his life. Polonium-210 is made from bismuth in nuclear research reactors, of which there are around 50 in the world. The isotope was used as a heat source to generate thermoelectricity for the Russian moon rovers in the 1970s. Most polonium-210 is produced in Russia.

The maximum safe body

burden of polonium is only 7 picograms (7 million millionths of a gram). It appears that Litvinenko was given something like a milligram (a thousandth of a gram), which is a billion times the safe level. Polonium-210 is regarded as one of the most dangerous substances known because it ejects alpha particles. A milligram emits more than a billion such particles per second, and in the body they wreak havoc with living cells and vital organs. Outside the body these particles cause little damage because they cannot travel very far and they can even be stopped by something as thin as a sheet of paper.

Whoever the assassin was, he or she had some method of concealing the poison (no doubt in some ingenious James Bond-type device) before it was given to Litvinenko. The hidden poison would be undetectable because this isotope emits almost no telltale gamma rays. However, polonium has a tendency to leak from containers. This probably

explains why traces have been found in five airliners, particularly those used for flights to Moscow. (Passengers in those aircraft were not at risk.)

Where Litvinenko was poisoned is still not known, but wherever he went after he was poisoned, he left traces of polonium, including his home in the north London suburb of Muswell Hill, a sushi restaurant near Piccadilly Circus where he dined with a friend, a luxury hotel where he met two unidentified Russians, and the home of Russian billionaire exile Boris Berezovsky. His room in the hospital was most contaminated.

His body will continue to be dangerously radioactive for a long time because polonium-210 has a half-life of 138 days, which means that it will take more than three years before almost all of it has disintegrated away.

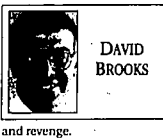
John EMSLEY, a chemist and teacher at Cambridge University, wrote "The Elements of Murder: A History of Poison."

Iraq's future after its fall

In fall 2007, the United States began to withdraw troops from Iraq, and so began the Second Thirty Years' War. This war was a bewildering array of small and vast conflicts, which flared and receded and flared again across the entire Middle East, but which were joined by a common theme.

The essence of all this disorder was that the Arab nation-states lost control. Subnational groups — like Hezbollah and the Mahdi Army — and international groups — like loosely connected terror networks, the new Sunni and Shiite Leagues and the satellite television networks — went from strength to strength while central national governments toppled and fell. The collapse of national governments led to a power vacuum that the more authentic and deeply rooted social groups sought to fill.

This war had several stages. The first was the disintegration of Iraq. No national institutions could survive the onslaught. There was no impartial justice, no effective law enforcement, no political organization that put loyalty to nation above loyalty to sect or tribe. Absent a government of laws, government by death squads emerged. Militias, with their own hospitals, schools and indoctrination systems — sought to impose order through assassination



DAVID BROOKS

and revenge. The Muslim world watched the Sunni-Shiite bloodletting on satellite television and became enraged. Militias, seminars and terror organizations developed transnational alliances. Shiite uprisings occurred in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Pakistan. Furious Sunnis rallied in places like Egypt, demanding that their leaders preserve Sunni supremacy.

The environment was ripe for new sorts of radical leaders, influenced by Muqtada al-Sadr and Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah. These leaders were hot, charismatic and divisive. They had no intellectual ties to the old 20th-century Arab nationalism, which was scorned as the model that failed.

Chaos spread as governments in Lebanon and Jordan collapsed. The Palestinian Authority fell into complete dysfunction as Hamas and Fatah waged a low-boiling civil war. Al-Qaida revealed in the bloodshed and spread it with rapturous fury. The spreading disorder vindicated an observation that the historian Michael Oren had once

made: that there are really only three nations in the Muslim Middle East — Iran, Turkey and Egypt. The other nations are make-believe. The borders are arbitrary and the governments are artificial.

The surviving governments scrambled to stay in front of their radicalized populations and needed desperately in the wars around them. Turkey meddled in Kurdistan. Iran meddled everywhere through Hezbollah and a legion of mini-Hezbollahs. The Saudis tried to buy their enemies off, but only ended up financing them. Egyptians spread out everywhere as foot soldiers and assassins, especially after the end of the Mubarak era.

Westerners had a great deal of trouble understanding the ever-shifting conflicts among sects they didn't understand and tribes they'd never heard of. Early in the war, Americans engaged in a morose debate about whether Iraq was in civil war, which illustrated that American vocabularies were trapped in the nation-state paradigm, and how unprepared Americans were to understand the non-nation-state world.

Parallels were made, some apt, some inapt, to the first Thirty Years' War, which decimated Europe in the 17th century. That, too, was a spasmodic constellation of conflicts not among nation-

states, but among faiths, tribes and local groupings.

This second version of that war produced a Middle East without security, freedom and postmodern at the same time. The core weakness of Middle Eastern nations was that over centuries Arab society had developed intricate social organizations based on family, tribe and faith. Loyalty to these superseded national bonds. Notions of federalism and impersonal administration — the underpinnings of the modern state — were not flourishing in these sands.

The Middle East's weak national ties were ripped apart by the rising forces of the 21st century: religious fundamentalism, global terrorism, economic globalization and transnational communications networks. Efforts to do nation-building without security faced long odds. Efforts to exhort Iraq and other leaders to behave "responsibly" — as defined by Western nationalist categories — were doomed to fail. The American defeat — sealed the deal.

It was a terrible era for those brave patriots fighting for national unity. There was horrific turmoil, and the emergence of socio-political organizations the likes of which the world had never seen.

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LETTER

Howard's flippant fiscal sense tainted her exit

To Dr. Marilyn Howard: Goodbye, Marilyn. I do not assume any ability in assessing how well the Idaho Department of Education has functioned under the

leadership of Marilyn Howard; however, I do take exception to the flippant handling out of more than \$100,000 in unearned or earned bonuses to employees of that department. My wife and I are supporters of quality educational opportu-

nities for Idaho's children, and now we are left with a sour taste of Howard's administration and departure. Whatever her eight-year tenure may have been, she has managed to tarnish her limited reputation and discredit the entire department.

There may be a positive outcome of Howard's total disregard for taxpayer resources if the governor and the Legislature put a stop to these outrageous political gifts.
DENNIS MOORE
Jerome

Uploading American politics

OPINION

Technology won the 2006 election for the Democrats. No, not electronic voting machines, but the power of the Internet, fueled by innovative applications that let citizens create and publish their own content. The Internet not only changed the balance of power in the House and Senate, it also helped sack the secretary of defense. Welcome to viral democracy.

RAUL FERNANDEZ

In 1994, the last time the House changed hands, the Internet was mainly a utility and military application. AOL, with its first 1 million members, was an up-and-coming player in the emerging online world. Marc Andreessen was just leaving school to start Netscape. And Google, eBay and Amazon.com did not exist, even as business plans.

But in 12 short years the Internet has grown to include more than a billion users worldwide and has empowered ordinary citizens to become engaged, active and highly influential participants in democracy. Instead of passive consumers of campaign rhetoric.

The empowered citizens made the difference in the November elections by producing compelling content and distributing it to hundreds of thousands of voters across the country. Almost always without the candidates' consent.

Blogs, YouTube, instant messaging and more played a critical role in many races. YouTube had a direct impact in two of the tight races that decided control of the Senate: Republican incumbent Conrad Burns vs. Democrat Jon Tester in Montana and GOP incumbent George Allen vs. Democrat James Webb in Virginia.

What type of impact? Search "Conrad Burns" on YouTube.com and you get more than 130 videos, most of them unflattering. The most popular is "Conrad Burns' Naptime," set to "Happy Trails." No fancy production values here — just a straight-up camera shot of the senator falling asleep during a campaign event.



ing a congressional hearing in Montana. Montana. That video alone received more than 100,000 views.

Dozens of other anti-Burns videos, detailing such things as "pay-to-play" allegations and key golfers, were seen by many thousands of viewers. In a race that was lost by about 3,000 votes, those YouTube creations had an impact. They may well have pushed Tester across the finish line first.

In Virginia, Allen, who lost by 9,000 or so votes, was the subject of more than 400 videos, 75 of which featured damaging remarks he made at a rally to an Indian American videographer working for WebTV. Naturally, video of this "maccaca" gaffe almost immediately found its way onto YouTube and the computer screens of people across the country, not to mention into headlines. The top video had nearly 300,000 views, while another, "Allen Staffer Attacks Man," had more than 180,000. Again, when the vote is that close, every impression can make a difference.

The immediate, viral nature of the Internet hurts these missteps onto the all-news networks and out to the world with such velocity that it outpaces a campaign's ability to do damage control. An official campaign response in some morning paper is often immediately undermined by additional discoveries that are researched, posted and disseminated by dozens of partisan bloggers who can have hundreds of thousands of daily visitors to their Web sites.

Instant messaging, another technology not widely available in 1994, brought us to

graphic details of inappropriate chats between Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., and male congressional pages. For many voters, these IMs personalized a growing list of morally corrupt members of Congress, stoking outrage nationally. And despite immediately resigning and checking himself into a rehab facility, Foley "started" in more than 450 YouTube videos.

In modern American political history, perhaps only the coming of the television age has had as big an impact on our national elections as the Internet has. But the effect of the Internet may be better for the long-term health of our democracy. For while TV emphasizes perception, control and centralization, Internet-driven politics is about transparency, distribution of effort and, most important, empowerment and participation — at whatever level of engagement the consumer wants.

It's unclear what the impact of technology on elections will be over the next 12 years. But one lesson should already be clear to politicians: In a world where cellphones are cameras and video recorders, every word that you utter (or text), and every nap you take, can and will be used against you on YouTube.

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Open all teams to battle teen obesity

BROOK DE LENCH

One of the most important things that government could do to reduce drug use and the obesity epidemic and deal with a host of other youth problems is quite simple: Include more kids in organized after-school sports.

But to do that, we must first make some major changes in interscholastic sports programs in the nation's public middle and high schools. The goal should be full inclusion: Nobody gets cut from the team.

The current public high school model — one first-year team, one varsity, maybe one sub-varsity — might have made sense when it was adopted some 80 years ago. Back then, in many schools the number of roster spots on a team was roughly equal to the number who wanted to play. But it makes no sense today, when the number of those who want to continue playing sports in middle school and high school far exceeds the finite number of spots available.

According to a Gallup Youth Study in February, one in five teens is now overweight, and only one in five teens say they participate in sports or recreation five to six days a week. Obviously, young people who are cut from sports teams aren't likely to exercise as frequently as they would if they were playing sports; they're much more likely to spend their afternoons watching television, becoming obese and perhaps getting into trouble.

Another recent study found that participation in interscholastic sports significantly increased social ties between students and parents, students and the school, parents and the

school, and parents and parents' and brought about "a reduction in illicit drug and alcohol use."

It's especially important for teen-agers to know that they belong, that they fit in. Cutting teen-agers from sports teams tells them that they don't fit in. It's the wrong message to send during adolescence.

As the most prominent of all high school extracurricular activities, athletics continues to confer on its participants the highest levels of status and prestige in our teen-age culture. The feeling among athletes that they are special tends to lead to disharmony in schools, to the creation of cliques and to reinforcement of the jock culture. It undermines the feelings of community, full inclusion and cooperative learning that schools work so hard to instill.

Adopting a policy of full inclusion would be especially beneficial for teen-age boys, for whom sports provide an outlet for aggression and a means of connecting socially with other boys.

Under a system of full inclusion, teams would be added as necessary to meet the demand, even if it meant fielding, say, two or three junior varsity basketball teams. Every athlete would practice, but only those with good academic standing, good attendance records and no disciplinary problems would suit up for games. To ensure that schools would field the most competitive teams, the most skilled players would still get the bulk of the playing time at

the varsity level. But no one would be cut.

The extra teams could be at least partially funded through additional user fees, with money raised by booster clubs, by donations from local businesses and by the parents of the athletes themselves, some of whom could be recruited as volunteer coaches.

Not only would full inclusion for school sports help our kids, it would eliminate one of the principal reasons for parental misbehavior in youth sports. Given the intense competition for limited roster spots on high school teams, no wonder so many parents are led by our winner-take-all society to act in inappropriate ways — to become violent when they see their child's chances at winning one of the coveted spots threatened by a coach who declines to sit him or her on the bench.

It makes no sense from a public health standpoint to continue a policy that contributes to an overall decline in physical fitness among adolescents and young adults and does nothing to combat drug use by keeping teens busy in after-school programs such as sports.

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LETTER

Criticism of troops was uncalled for

Metaphors are a valuable literary device. They enrich our language by making it dramatic and colorful. But their critical use can lead to confusion and distortion. If attributes of the metaphor are erroneously or misleadingly assigned to a subject and the distortion goes unchallenged, the metaphor may alter the understanding of the subject.

The United States has been called upon many times in the past to defend freedom all over the world. Regardless how you feel about today's conflict, the men and women who serve America's military today and yesterday demonstrate the same values and commitment as those who have served in prior conflicts.

Much has changed in the army after 9-11 as it changed after 12-7. It is now known as an Army of One. Regular forces, Army Reserve and National Guard are now one fighting force working hand-in-hand defending our interests around the world.

For a former soldier in prior conflicts to criticize and demean another soldier from a previous fight reflects poorly on his judgment and his service. To be a skill for a political purpose further demeans and detracts from the major issue of enlisting support for our current conflict and support for our current fighting force.

Whenever the excuse, the metaphors and also used to demean and degrade another military person's service is

totally uncalled for.

The current U.S. Army is the best in the world because of the support it receives from prior service members and citizens. The soldiers who supported, served and sacrificed in the past and helped preserve freedom and protect our nation from terrorism and tyrants deserve our admiration and thanks, not insults and uncalled-for metaphors of a political nature. The truth shall always prevail. May God continue to bless America and her fighting force — past and present.

JOSEPH E. EYRE
Jerome
(Editor's note: Joseph E. Eyre is a retired Army colonel.)

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Idaho AD wastes no time looking for Erickson replacement

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — University of Idaho athletic director Rob Spear said he planned to have a short list of candidates for head football coach in hand by Monday and to hire someone quickly.

"We have a very good list of candidates and I'm very excited about who the next head football coach is going to be," Spear said in a teleconference Monday, less than two hours after former Idaho coach Dennis Erickson was introduced as Arizona State's new head coach.

Whomever is chosen will have to accept a larger buyout clause than the \$150,000 Erickson will pay to get out of his Idaho contract, Spear said. "There are no guarantees in



life. But we want to make sure there is a significant buy-out." Spear said. "We want to make sure if somebody is going to leave after one or two years, it will be a significant financial impact for them."

Erickson left for ASU just 10 months after returning to Idaho, the school that gave him his first head coaching job in 1982.

Spear said he told Idaho's assistant coaches who are staying to sell prospective athletes on the school's positive attributes. With a "dead week" in recruiting coming up, it is important to have a new coach hired before recruiting reopens, he said.

"We need to do it fairly quickly. We would like to have the position filled as early as we can," Spear said.

Erickson's replacement will be someone who can rebuild the Vandals program, "take us forward and be successful," Spear said.

Once the list of candidates is narrowed to two or three, Spear said he planned to bring the top candidates to campus for interviews.

He would not name any candidates, but had high praise for Montana State coach and former Idaho player Mike Kramer.

"Mike's a tremendous coach," Spear said. "He's very

"It is accurate that people are angry and irritated ... We went in with the expectation he would be here longer than 10 months, but he left early."

— University of Idaho athletic director Rob Spear

passionate about coaching. He's very passionate about the University of Idaho."

Spear asked his counterpart at Montana State on Sunday for permission to talk to Kramer, the Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune reported Monday.

MSU Athletic Director Peter Fields did not immediately return a call for comments.

Kramer led the Bobcats to an 8-5 record and the national playoffs this season. In seven years at Bozeman, Kramer's

teams have a 29-22 Big Sky Conference record.

Kramer, a former Washington coach, was an applicant for the Idaho job last year that was given to Erickson.

Under Erickson, the Vandals went 4-8 this season, 3-5 in the Western Athletic Conference.

Spear reiterated he allowed himself about one minute to be disappointed that Erickson left before beginning the task of hiring a replacement.

Vandals fans weren't so easily placated, he said.

"It is accurate that people are angry and irritated," he said. "We went in with the

expectation he would be here longer than 10 months, but he left early."

Erickson coached the Vandals to two more wins than they got in 2005 under Nick Holt, who left after two seasons and a 5-10 record to return to Southern California as an assistant.

The Vandals haven't had a winning season since 1999, when the team went 7-1 under Chris Normy.

Vandals senior linebacker David Vohora told the Lewiston (Idaho) Tribune that rumors swirling around the Vandals locker room include Kramer, former Idaho coach John L. Smith, who resigned at Michigan State, and former Boise State coach Dirk Koetter, whose hiring at ASU opened the door for Erickson.

The next stop



Dennis Erickson is introduced to the media as the new Arizona State University football coach Monday in Tempe, Ariz. The hiring, announced at a news conference on the ASU campus, marks the third Pac-10 coaching job for Erickson. He previously had stints at Washington State and Oregon State.

Erickson introduced as new Sun Devils coach

By Bob Baan
Associated Press writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — The allure of another Pac-10 job was too much for Dennis Erickson to pass up.

Arizona State introduced the well-traveled Erickson on Monday as its new football coach — and the men's school officials hope will lead the Sun Devils out of mediocrity. The hiring, announced at a

news conference on the ASU campus, marks the third Pac-10 coaching job for Erickson. He previously had stints at Washington State and Oregon State.

"It's exciting for me to have an opportunity to come to Arizona State and compete for the BCS championship, to compete for the Pac-10," Erickson said. "I'm looking forward to elevating the program."

The 59-year-old coach has a 149-84-1 record in 14 seasons, that also included stints in Idaho (twice), Wyoming and Miami. He also coached six years in the NFL, four with Seattle and two with San Francisco. He had signed a five-year contract with Idaho a year ago only to leave after one season.

Terms of his Arizona State contract were not revealed, pending

ratification by the state Board of Regents.

Erickson was out of coaching in 2005 after being fired by the 49ers following a 2-14 season. He surprisingly resurfaced in Idaho, where his career as a college head coach began.

His Vandals went 4-8 this season, and his abrupt departure left

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Larry, Jenkins excelling in Division I

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One year ago, almost to the day, Reggie Larry dumped 20 points and 10 rebounds on North Idaho College to help the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team to a 74-68 Scenic West Athletic Conference win. Twelve months and 128 miles separate Larry and his new home State University Broncos from that win, but little has changed. The 6-foot-6 junior forward is still wearing the No. 24 and still proving he's a lead to handle in the post, even at the NCAA Division I ranks.

Larry is averaging 10.9 points and 7.0 rebounds for the Broncos (3-4 through Thursday), good enough to be BSU's third-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder. His 1.4 blocks per game is a team high as Larry has played in all of the Broncos games and



started three. Larry is one of a handful of former Golden Eagles players making a significant impact at the Division I level. Here's a quick peek at how some of the players from CSI's 25-10 2005-06 season and 33-3 2004-05 season are faring on college basketball's biggest stage this season. All statistics and records are accurate through Thursday, Dec. 7.

2005-06 class

Jermaine Calvin, junior, St. Bonaventure

Calvin has joined fellow CSI teammate Zarryon Fereti as a backup point guard with the Bonnies, averaging 2.4 points and 3.4 assists per game off the bench.

Zarryon Fereti, junior, St. Bonaventure

Fereti has taken his high-octane offense east

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Boise State junior forward Reggie Larry defends Brigham Young's Keenan Young during their game Wednesday, Nov. 29 in Boise. Larry is one of a handful of former CSI men's players excelling in the NCAA Division I ranks.

CSI volleyball signs players

Cartisser inks four Idaho recruits for new season

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho head volleyball coach Heidi Cartisser already has her dream job. After coaching a group of former Golden Eagles coach Ben Stroud's recruits to a 29-14 record in 2006, she's spent November and December assembling the first pieces of her dream team.

Monday afternoon, Cartisser officially announced the signing of four Idaho high school standouts that will join the Golden Eagles for the 2007 season. Jerome's Megan Parrish, Rexburg's McKinzie Hawkins,

Coeur d'Alene's Riki Moreland and Arco's Savannah Silcock will all don the black and gold as the Golden Eagles seek their 10th National Championship. "I'm excited to have signed four top Idaho players early," Cartisser said in Monday's press release. "They are quality athletes and students who will represent CSI well and help carry on the winning tradition."

Parrish, a 5-foot-11 senior middle blocker at Jerome High School, will be moved to outside hitter, where Cartisser sees Parrish as a player who could develop into a solid outside attacker and leader for CSI. Parrish is the 2006 Times-News Player of the Year and carries a 4.0 grade-point average at Jerome, where she also plays basketball and track and field.

"She also brings a lot to this team with her leadership capabilities," Cartisser said. "She is extremely athletic and has the ability to put the ball away."

Silcock, a 6-1 middle blocker, has been a three-year standout at Class 1A Butte County High School, where she helped the Pirates to a fifth-place finish in 2005 and 2004 and fourth-place finishes in 2002 and 2006. Cartisser praises Silcock as having a college-ready volleyball body to go along with her excellent jumping ability.

Hawkins is a 6-0 outside hitter out of Rexburg's Madison High School, where she was named the team's captain as a senior after leading the Bobcats to a fourth-place finish at the Class 4A state tournament as a junior.

"McKinzie comes from a winning program, which is important in a program like CSI's," Cartisser said. "She works hard and has a good feel for the game. She is Madison's go-to player."

Moreland, a standout 6-1 middle blocker at Coeur d'Alene's Lake City High School, is an excellent leaper that Cartisser is also excited to have. Her mix of solid ball control and a steady jump serve will be assets for what will be a young Golden Eagles squad.

The four Idaho recruits will join returning sophomore libero Chianelle Esteban for the new season. Esteban will be the lone returning player from the 2006 season. She led the Golden Eagles in digs as a freshman and will be called upon to be an on-court leader during the new season.

With five players already signed, Cartisser will look to add at least seven more for the upcoming season, and will continue to work hard on the recruiting trail to put together her first CSI recruiting class.

"I'm looking forward to the 2007 season and coaching these girls," she said. "I wish we could start today."

Eagle Eyes

2007 CSI volleyball

Head coach: Heidi Cartisser, second year
2006 season: CSI finished 29-14 (8-4 SWAC)
Returning sophomore
Chianelle Esteban, 5-foot-5 libero, Hawaii Kai, Hawaii
Incoming freshmen
Megan Parrish, 5-11 outside hitter, Jerome
McKinzie Hawkins, 6-0 outside hitter, Rexburg
Riki Moreland, 6-1 middle blocker, Coeur d'Alene
Savannah Silcock, 6-1 middle blocker, Arco

SPORTS

Carter sizzles in Nets win Wolves clip Lions in OT Hagerman boys upset Gooding

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Vince Carter put on a long-range show en route to setting a Nets' single-game record with nine 3-pointers in New Jersey's 105-92 victory over the struggling Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night.

Carter finished with 37 points and Jason Kidd moved into sole possession of third place ahead of Wilt Chamberlain for career triple-doubles, registering his 79th with 12 points, 13 assists, 10 rebounds. The Nets also tied a franchise record with 15 3-pointers in snapping a three-game losing streak and winning for the third time in 11 games.

Jazz 101, Mavericks 79

SALT LAKE CITY — Carlos Boozer had 31 points and 11 rebounds to help Utah defeat Dallas and give Jerry Sloan his 1,000th NBA coaching win. Deron Williams finished with 15 points and seven assists, and Andre Kirilenko had four blocks, six assists and 10 points for Utah.

Trail Blazers 81, 76ers 79

PHILADELPHIA — No A.I. no hoops in eight games for Philadelphia. Zach Randolph scored on a driving layup with 2.4 seconds left to lift Portland victory over the Allen Iverson-less Sixers. Randolph had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Juan Dixon added 17 points. Randolph's basket came after Chris Webber hit his second 3-pointer of the season to tie the score. But it couldn't keep Philadelphia from its fifth straight game losing streak since April 1997 — Iverson's rookie season.



New Jersey Nets guard Vince Carter, right, looks to make a move as he is guarded by Memphis Grizzlies guard Dahntay Jones during second quarter NBA basketball Monday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Heat 99, Raptors 77

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 37 points, including individual runs of 11 and 10 points, to lead Miami over Toronto. Toronto took a 25-24 lead at the start of the second quarter on a Morris Peterson field goal. But Miami used an 18-2 run in a 3:21 span to take a 42-27 advantage it did not relinquish.

Celtics 97, Knicks 90

NEW YORK — Paul Pierce scored 30 points, and Boston held on for the win after blowing nearly all of a 30-point lead against New York. Two nights after erasing a 20-point deficit in a victory at New Jersey, Boston led 69-30 early in the third quarter of this one.

Suns 103, Magic 89

ORLANDO, Fla. — Amare Stoudemire scored 30 points to lead Phoenix to its 11th

straight win.

Hornets 95, Cavaliers 89

OKLAHOMA CITY — Chris Paul had 30 points and 11 assists and New Orleans overcame its recent offensive woes to defeat Cleveland.

After starting the season 8-3, the Hornets had lost seven of their last eight games, scoring 80 or fewer points in four of those losses.

Bulls 106, Pacers 91

CHICAGO — Ben Gordon scored 23 points off the bench and Luol Deng added 22 to lift Chicago over Indiana.

Harrington and reserve Marquis Daniels were held out because of a stomach ailment. O'Neal also was sick, but wouldn't have played anyway because of a hamstring injury. Chicago shot 83 percent in the first quarter, converting 15 of 18 field goals to outscore Indiana 42-25.

— The Associated Press

Bears rip Rams in 42-27 blowout

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The dome was rocking with chants of "Let's Be Nice" and Chicago's football team looked right at home in St. Louis. Especially high-stepping rookie Devin Hester.

Hester set an NFL record with his fifth and sixth returns for touchdowns, a 94-yard kickoff runback in the second quarter and a 96-yarder in the final period Monday night. That sparked a 42-27 victory over the Rams.

The NFC North champions (11-2) clinched a bye for the first week of the playoffs as beleaguered quarterback Rex Grossman had a solid effort, and the running attack dominated the second half.

But it was Hester who made the thousands of Bears fans

who trekked from Chicago to cheer from their seats. A second round draft pick, he also has three punt return touchdowns and ran back a missed field goal 108 yards against the Giants to tie the longest play in NFL history.

But he's returned only six kicks all year before his historic romps.

He headed up the middle on the first, then swiftly cut to his left, untouched and sped down the sideline, high-stepping like a drum major the last few yards while holding up the football for the raucous Bears fans.

Hester outdid himself in the fourth quarter when it appeared the Rams might try an inside kick. The only Bear standing deep, he went

straight up the center of the field, again untouched, and tumbled around at the Rams 20 looking for pursuers. No one was there.

Hester struggled to find a position in college at Miami, but has been a sensation with every ball in his hands on kick returns for the Bears.

Carrying a 14-13 lead into the second half, the Bears out-gained the Rams (5-8) 191 net yards in the third quarter, and turned around at the Rams 20 looking for pursuers. No one was there. Hester struggled to find a position in college at Miami, but has been a sensation with every ball in his hands on kick returns for the Bears. Carrying a 14-13 lead into the second half, the Bears out-gained the Rams (5-8) 191 net yards in the third quarter, and turned around at the Rams 20 looking for pursuers. No one was there.

Next

Idaho athletic director Herb Spear "was disappointed." Spear said Saturday night that Erickson had told him he was accepting the ASU job.

Erickson said the move to a higher-profile program was an opportunity that he didn't want to pass up.

"Every move that I've made has been to meet a challenge in the business that I'm in, which is college football," Erickson said. "When I went to the University of Idaho, I wasn't planning on leaving. Sometimes in this business opportunities come at different times, and that just happened."

"To have an opportunity to come here, whether I was there a year or five years, is something that I wanted to do, so that's why I made that decision."

Erickson replaces Dirk Koetter, who was fired after six seasons.

The Devils are aiming to move into the upper reaches of the Pac-10. Koetter's teams earned bowl appearances each of the last three seasons, but had a 21-28 overall conference mark and was 10 against Pac-10 teams in California.

Koetter will coach Arizona State through its Dec. 24 appearance against Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl.

Erickson's biggest success came at Miami, where the Hurricanes were 63-9 in six seasons and won national championships in 1989 and 1991.

He left Miami for the NFL's Seahawks, where he was 31-3 from 1995 through 1999. Erickson was fired by the Seahawks and replaced by Mike Holmgren.

His best coaching performance might have been at Oregon State. Erickson took over the Beavers in 1999, when OSU had an NCAA Division I-record streak of 28 consecutive losing seasons.

His first team went 7-5 and appeared in the Oahu Bowl. His second Oregon State team capped an 11-1 season with a 41-9 Fiesta Bowl rout of Notre Dame.

"I've been four years at Oregon State were the proudest years of my life," Erickson said. Erickson left the Beavers in 2003, accepting a five-year, \$12.5 million contract with the 49ers.

"He's not only a big game coach, he is a big program coach and he is a big program builder, which we are seeking," athletic director Lisa Love said.

His career, while highly successful, has been clouded at times. Miami faced NCAA sanctions after his stint at Arizona State. Erickson was arrested for driving while intoxicated. His players, especially at Miami, were known for their partying and aggressive and sometimes undisciplined behavior. "You talk about discipline," Erickson said, "I see it happen sometimes but I don't see that something that has happened regularly in Dennis Erickson's program at all. We play hard, we play with a passion, and we play the game the way I think it should be played." Erickson called his DUI experience "an awful mistake, and it's something I've dealt with all my life. It was an awful mistake and I'm more than a little humbled by it."

Love said she looked into all the reported problems he had made and she said the NCAA violations at Miami began before he got there and that he said he was unaware of them while he was there.

She said she talked to compliance officers at schools where Erickson coached.

"We found that they gave him excellent marks of being very, very much involved and very committed to rule compliance," Love said.

Love said she was not concerned about the possibility that Erickson would jump to another opportunity from Arizona State.

"My only concern does not bother me at all," she said.

Times-News

CASTLEFORD — The Castleford High School boys basketball team got it all together against the Lighthouse Christian Lions Monday night at home, but hit enough free-throws down the stretch to come away with a 65-62 overtime win.

The 5-0 (2-0 Magic Valley Southside Conference) Wolves keyed on 6-foot-7 Lions center Ryan DeKruyf, limiting the standout center to zero points and seven rebounds before fouling out.

Wolves head coach Scott Dean's center-by-committee trio of Casey Easterday, Tim Frey and Austin Puschel did the job on DeKruyf, though none is taller than 6-2.

"We did a great job on him," Dean said. "On the same hand, (Austin) Manning and (Cory) Huston were just tougher than he."

Manning scored a game-high 23 points, while Paulson added 20 for the Lions. Dan Hill led the balanced Castleford attack with 16 points, while Zach Klince added 12 and Spencer Vulgamore finished with 12.

The Wolves pushed their advantage to five points in the overtime period before the Lions bucket narrowed the gap to three before the buzzer. Dean praised his players for outbounding the Lions 39-3.

Castleford hosts Oakley on Friday.

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Community School 69, T.F. Christian 29

KETCHUM — The School Outthroats hit 48 percent of

Larry

Continued from page B1 and averaged 12.5 points per game for the 3-5 Bonnies. While he's struggled with his 3-point shooting early, Ferrell has been on target at the charity stripe, hitting over 91 percent of his free-throw attempts.

Travis Gabbidon, junior, Texas-San Antonio

After initially signing with Mississippi State, Gabbidon but being declared academically ineligible there, Gabbidon took his smooth game to the University of Texas-San Antonio. Gabbidon has been sidelined after a suffering a broken foot in the preseason, but is expected to be a major contributor when he returns, likely in the coming two weeks.

Darrell Jenkins, junior, East Carolina

Jenkins has been a major success for East Carolina University after transferring from CSI. He has taken over the point guard duties for the 4-3 Pirates and averaged a team-best 13.1 points per game and 6.7 assists per game, which puts him among the nation's top 30 assist men.

Abray Milson, junior, Louisiana Lafayette

Milson has seen limited playing time for the Ragin' Cajuns of the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, but has contributed 1.0 points and 1.1 rebounds per game.

Steve Neal, junior, Northeastern State

Neal is averaging a team-best 13.4 points and 5.9 rebounds per game for the 2-6 Redmen. He scored a season-high 21 points in a loss to Missouri. Neal assisted the Redmen play in the NCAA

their shots as they defeated the Twin Falls Christian Warriors 69-29 on Monday night.

Senior wing Christian Cairncross hit nine buckets, four of which were for 3-pointers, for 22 points while junior post Mac Whittington also hit nine baskets for 18 points. Cairncross finished with eight steals.

"We just shot really well," Cutthroats head coach Mike Wade said. "Twin Falls Christian played hard, but the ball just didn't fall for them."

The Community School improves to 3-2 (0-1 Magic Valley Northside) and plays Shio-Ban tonight. The Independent Warriors (2-3) host St. Ambrose tonight.

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Hagerman 69, Gooding 54

HAGERMAN — Hagerman seniors wing Tony Novak caught fire as he pumped in 14 of his 22 points during the first quarter of the Class IA Pirates' 69-54 win over the 3A Gooding Senators on Monday.

"They kind of got us on a hot-shooting night, and we carried that to victory," Hagerman head coach Kevin Cato said.

The 5-0 (3-0 Magic Valley Southside) Pirates travel to Wendell on Thursday.

Gooding senior post Tyler Wins set up 20 points. The Senators (2-4) host Wendell on Wednesday.

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2004-05 class Jamaal Brown, senior, Oklahoma State

Brown and the Cowboys parted ways on Nov. 11, when he was dismissed from the team. Brown is expected to continue studying at the college and graduate in May.

Kirk Bunn, senior, Mount Saint Mary's

Bunn, a former CSI reserve, is averaging 1.2 points and 1.2 rebounds for the 2-6 Mountaineers.

Bruno Claudino, senior, Arizona State

Claudino has taken his hustle and muscle to Arizona State, where he is averaging 1.3 points and 1.2 rebounds per game as a reserve center for the 4-3 Sun Devils.

Shaun Davis, senior, New Mexico State

The senior guard is playing his second year for the Aggies and averaging 7.7 points and 3.1 assists per game. Davis has earned a reputation as the best on-ball defender for the 4-3 Aggies.

Abdoulaye Ndiaje, senior, Southern California

Ndiaje followed former CSI head coach Glib Arnold to

Girls basketball Twin Falls Christian 50, Jackpot JV 30

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Christian Academy girls basketball team improved to 5-3 on the season with Monday's 50-30 home victory over the Jackpot, New Junior varsity. Senior Mindy Brown led the way for the Warriors with a 15-point, (6-rebound double-double, while Kristen Miller added 10 points.

"The girls played well," Warriors head coach Rachel Owens said. "We had some of our bench players come in and get some good experience."

The Warriors held a 32-10 advantage at halftime. Twin Falls Christian takes on the Hagerman junior varsity squad at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Hagerman.

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Bowling Bruins win Baker kicoff in Jerome

JEROME — The Twin Falls Bruins boys bowling team won Monday's Baker kicoff event at Jerome Bowl, finishing with a 5-0 record against teams from Filer, Minico, Burley, Declo and Jerome High Schools.

The Bruins team is comprised of bowlers Zach Black, Nick Parsons, Duane Reitsch, Josh Burkhardt, Anthony Best and Kyle Mason.

The Minic Spartans finished with a 4-1 record, while the Jerome boys finished with Monday's high game of 223.

USC and is averaging 4.2 points and 5.2 rebounds per game for the 5-2 Trojans. He has been a mainstay for the Trojans over the last two seasons and is averaging 19.5 minutes played per game.

Clayton Osborn, junior, Cal Poly

Osborn, who attended CSI in 2004-05 but did not play, is averaging 19.5 points per game for the 4-3 Mustangs.

CSI in the NBA

Yakhouba Diawara, Denver Nuggets

Diawara is averaging 5.5 points and 1.9 rebounds in 18.7 minutes played per game as a rookie forward for the 11-6 Nuggets.

Smush Parker, Los Angeles Lakers

Parker, playing in his third NBA season, is averaging 9.4 points and 2.7 rebounds per game for the 13-6 Lakers who lead the Pacific Division.

Coming Sunday

The 2006 Times-News All-Area Football Teams.

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SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Remaining Top 10

1. Anaheim	100-57
2. Boston	97-66
3. Cleveland	95-70
4. Detroit	94-72
5. Houston	93-73
6. Los Angeles	92-74
7. Minnesota	91-75
8. New York	90-76
9. Philadelphia	89-77
10. St. Louis	88-78

Remaining Bottom 10

1. Tampa Bay	73-93
2. Chicago	72-94
3. Pittsburgh	71-95
4. Milwaukee	70-96
5. Washington	69-97
6. Cincinnati	68-98
7. Colorado	67-99
8. Kansas City	66-100
9. Arizona	65-101
10. San Diego	64-102

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

Boys basketball

St. Ambrose at Fair Falls
Creston, 6:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

Burley at Creston, 7:30 p.m.

Murphy at Creston, 7:30 p.m.

Cambs at Creston, 7:30 p.m.

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TV SCHEDULE

NHL

VERUSI - Buffalo at New Jersey

MLB

Chicago at St. Louis

Chicago at St. Louis

Chicago at St. Louis

SKI REPORT

Biggest Ski Areas

Area	Skiers
1. Deer Creek	18,000
2. Snow Valley	15,000
3. Snow Valley	12,000
4. Snow Valley	10,000
5. Snow Valley	8,000

Weather

Area	Temp	Wind	Visibility
Deer Creek	30	10	10
Snow Valley	25	15	10
Snow Valley	20	20	10
Snow Valley	15	25	10
Snow Valley	10	30	10

BASKETBALL

NBA ALL-TIME LEADERS

Player	Points
1. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	38,387
2. Wilt Chamberlain	37,129
3. Kobe Bryant	31,262
4. Shaquille O'Neal	29,746
5. Karl Malone	29,739

COLLEGE

AP TOP 25

Rank	Team	Points
1	Alabama	42.0
2	Arkansas	41.0
3	Florida	40.0
4	Georgia	39.0
5	Mississippi State	38.0

FOOTBALL

AP TOP 25

Rank	Team	Points
1	Alabama	42.0
2	Arkansas	41.0
3	Florida	40.0
4	Georgia	39.0
5	Mississippi State	38.0

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

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HOKEY

NHL ALL-TIME LEADERS

Player	Points
1. Wayne Gretzky	2,859
2. Gordie Howe	2,792
3. Steve Yzerman	2,717
4. Paul Coffey	2,687
5. Mark Messier	2,682

SOCCER

AP TOP 25

Rank	Team	Points
1	Alabama	42.0
2	Arkansas	41.0
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4	Georgia	39.0
5	Mississippi State	38.0

MLB

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MLB

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Tulane hiring Bob Toledo as new football coach

NEW ORLEANS — New Mexico offensive coordinator Bob Toledo is taking over at Tulane as the school's new head coach, the hiring Monday, and said he wasn't surprised to be losing the former UCLA coach after one season.

"I knew that was a possibility. When I coached him out of retirement, I told him if he had some success here he'd probably get a chance to be a head coach again," Toledo said.

Long said Toledo will continue to coach the Lobos' offense through the Dec. 23 New Mexico Bowl against San Jose State. The Lobos went 6-3 this season.

Tulane scheduled a news conference for 7:30 p.m. (EST) on Monday to introduce its new coach.

Toledo will take over for Chris Scelfo, who was fired after Tulane finished 4-8 this season.

Compiling a UCLA from 1996-2002, Toledo is a 49-22 record that included a school-record 20 game winning streak and two Pac-10 championships. Despite his successes, he was fired in 2002 by Dan Guerrero, then in his first year as UCLA's athletic director, who said he felt the program wasn't heading in the right direction after a season.

Scelfo spent eight seasons at Tulane and went 37-57. He also guided the Green Wave during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when the team was displaced, playing 11 games in 11 different cities and finished 9-9.

Long said he probably won't fill Toledo's job until after the season.

Bob Toledo, right, signs an autograph for Al Mingo, 70, a Tulane graduate and season ticket holder, after he was announced that Toledo will be the new head football coach for Tulane University in New Orleans Monday.

MLB

Rangers and Lofton reach preliminary agreement

IRVING, Texas — Free agent Kenny Lofton reached a preliminary agreement Monday on a one-year deal with the Texas Rangers worth about \$6 million.

The deal for the center fielder was confirmed by a person familiar with the negotia-

Sports Shorts

National and Magic Valley briefs

MAGIC VALLEY

Filer boosters meet

FILER — The Filer High School Booster Club will hold a meeting during half-time of tonight's junior varsity home basketball game against Wood River. That game is set for a 6 p.m. start at Filer High School.

T.F. adult indoor soccer meeting looms

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Adult Indoor Soccer League will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the upstairs meeting room at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office (136 Maxwell Ave.).

Items for discussion include rules, fees and setup. Input is vital and all teams wishing to participate are urged to send a representative present at the meeting. A minimum of eight teams are needed for the league to run.

Those interested in forming a team that cannot attend the meeting should contact the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office at 736-2265.

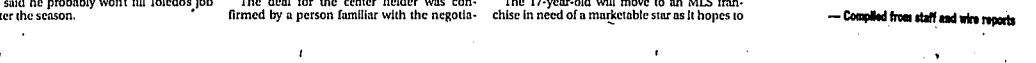
— Compiled from staff and wire reports

Soccer

Adult bids D.C. United aid, traded to Real Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY — Freddy Adu was traded Monday to Real Salt Lake from D.C. United, ending a sometimes tumultuous three-year run in Washington for the highly touted teenager who clashed with his coach and was often frustrated by his role.

The 17-year-old will move to an MLS franchise in need of a marketable star as it hopes to



COMICS

B.C.
 LEAVES ARE SO COLORFUL WHILE THEY'RE DYING, BUT GREEN WHEN THEY'RE HEALTHY.

By Johnny Hart
Baby Blues
 DEAR SANTA, WE'RE VERY SORRY THAT WE HAVEN'T BEEN EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott
Brevity
 WE FEEL TERRIBLE AND HAVE LEARNED OUR LESSON. PLEASE COME AND TAKE AWAY ALL THESE PRESENTS. ZOE AND HANNAH McPHERSON

By Hector D. Canty and Carlos Castellanos
Pitos
 blingadere - all the fancy jewelry your cousin Chevy wears.

By Guy & Rodden
Doonesbury
 THE FIRST ANNUAL PLOVATO WEEK

By Scott Adams
Dilbert
 FLASHBACK INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. YOUR TELEKINESIS GRADES ARE VERY GOOD, YOUNG ASOK.

By Lynn Johnston
For Better or For Worse
 I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE TRYING TO DO THIS. YOU'RE TRYING TO DO THIS. YOU'RE TRYING TO DO THIS.

By Phil Frank and Joe Troise
The Elderberries
 What's this "Mature Driver Improvement Course" you've been talking about? Well, Dusty, it says here. The course shows the driver what effect medication, fatigue, alcohol and physical impairments have on one's driving ability.

By Gary Trudeau
Doonesbury
 I AGREE TO BE PART OF THE GROUP YOU'VE FORMED TO ACT IN GOOD FAITH.

By Bob Thaves
Frank and Ernest
 INSECT POLICE. THERE'S HIS MUG SHOT AND THIS IS A COMPUTER-GENERATED IMAGE OF WHAT HE MIGHT LOOK LIKE TODAY.

By Greg Evans
Luan
 SANTA DOESN'T BRING PRESENTS TO DOGS. HI, PUDDLES, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? TO SEE SANTA DO YOU KNOW WHERE HE LIVES, CINDY? SURE, AT THE NORTH POLE. NORTH POLE, WHAT THE POLES AROUND HERE... MONKEYS ARE THE NORTH ONE!

By Bruce Tinsley
Mallard Fillmore
 Fake Eggnog? YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING THAT SHOULD EITHER BE HOMEMADE OR NOT MADE. THIS PRODUCT WARNS THAT IT CONTAINS NO ALCOHOL... AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT IT'S ONLY TOLERABLE AFTER ONE HAS HAD A GREAT DEAL OF ALCOHOL.

By Stephan Pastis
Pearls Before Swine
 HEY, GOAT, WHERE WERE YOU TODAY? I WENT TO A PETRIFFED FOREST. THEY WERE THERE. THAT ARE SO OLD THEY ACTUALLY TURNED TO STONE. ANNNN. HOW SAD. WHY IS THAT SAD? BECAUSE I THINK THAT HAPPENED TO MY GRANDPOTHEP. NEVER MIND. POOR OL' GRANDMA.

By Brian Crane
Pickles
 WE'RE HALFWAY THROUGH DECEMBER, EARL, AND YOU STILL HAVEN'T PUT UP OUR CHRISTMAS TREE! I KNOW. I THOUGHT CHANGE WOULD GO ONE CHRISTMAS WITHOUT ONE. YOU KNOW, SAVE A TREE, PROTECT THE RAINFOREST, PREVENT GLOBAL WARMING. ALL THAT. IT'S AN ARTIFICIAL TREE. I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO HAVE AN NOTICEABLE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. BUT NICE TRY.

By Pat Brady
Rose Is Rose
 THE JUDGES WILL LOOK FOR A BUFFED SURFACE WITH NO MARKS OR BLEMISHES? MOMMA THINKS IT'S A BIG WASTE OF TIME. SHE SAID THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS BEAUTIFUL PRESENTS IN EXISTENCE! WELL... WHEN THERE ARE... WE'LL BE READY!

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott
Zits
 YOU LOOK TIRRED, JEREMY. I KNOW. I WAS UP UNTIL 3 AM. BUT AGAINST ALL ODDS AND THROUGH SUPERHUMAN EFFORT, I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO FINISH MY HOMEWORK! GO WHATS THIS? TODAY'S PROGRESSIVE HOMEWORK.

Scorpio: You strike the right note now

HOROSCOPE
 Jeraldine Saunders

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You strike the right note now in your relationships with others. You can be that rare type of leader who really listens and cares about the people around you. Just don't think you can push others too hard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This could be the time for a deep breath and a bit of rest and recharging your batteries. Your recent firestorm of activity may have sapped your endurance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The road ahead will be clearer of obstacles (human and otherwise) by tomorrow. Conflicts are still a real possibility today, though. If you can be just a little patient, your efforts will take you much further.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your 15 minutes of fame actually last much longer. You are anything but invisible now, and your actions can be far-reaching. Be impeccable in everything you do and it will be easy to garner devotion and respect.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Move mountains this week and you'll impress others with your determination. People are drawn to you today like bees to honey. Keep both feet solidly planted and don't let wishful thinking lead you astray.

IF DEC. 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your coming year could pull you in two opposite directions at the outset, but resolution should come fairly quickly. If in doubt, you should probably put home ahead of career temporarily, even if you feel you should do otherwise. As things resolve, you'll have the freedom to advance your career and make needed changes in it. Power struggles are another story; it is better to go with the flow, especially when it comes to dealing with authorities. There is no need to worry, though, so don't waste energy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are thinking big today and will want to move mountains. Make sure to take on only what you can really get done, and pace yourself to avoid burnout later. You are just and could be called upon to mediate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It could be difficult to get off on the right foot with people today, and resolve once made may stick around a long time. Tread carefully and lightly and you can avoid problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You could find yourself torn between a gray-area shortcut and doing something the right way in the first place. Stick to what you know is right, and

don't do anything that could come back to haunt you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This day brings an unusual illumination where your usually reliable intuition may be inaccurate. Go by the accepted and tried-and-true ways of doing things, and ignore out-of-the-ordinary ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Transitory emotions could run away with you for a time today. Don't let these fleeting feelings lead you into doing something out of the ordinary. Your sense of things will normalize quickly, so relax and don't worry.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your frustrations may come to a head today. Don't blame anyone or burn any bridges — the problem has been in your stars. Aside from possible fallout, you will be clear by tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Family relationships could be a bit problematic for the next week or so. Don't be the one to stir the pot, and exercise patience with domestic situations and extended family. Don't make any significant changes now.

By Wiley
Non Sequitur
 THERE'S NO REAL STUCK IN THE MIND THAT BELLA BUNIA ONLY A MURKLE COULD SAVE US NOW... SO, BAD WIGGIE IS A MURKLE? THIS LAND WOULD BE WORTHIER WANS, FLO... HELI... WERE MURKLE... WANS, FLO... HERE.

By John Deering
Strange Brew
 IT'S A GOOD INDICATOR THAT, IN ONE SENSE OR ANOTHER, WE'RE IN FOR A DIFFICULT WINTER AROUND HERE.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Passing showers, maybe mixing with some snow especially early. Highs, upper 30s.
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies. Lows, 20s.
 Tomorrow: Rain, mixing with some snow at times and windy. Highs, upper 30s to mid 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

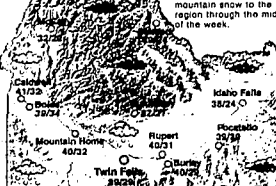
Today: Rain showers mixing with some snow at times. Highs, upper 30s to near 40.
 Tonight: Precipitation tapering off a little. Lows, 20s to near 30.
 Tomorrow: Brrk to windy at times with rain or mixed showers redeveloping. Highs, lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
 Snow will continue to be heavy at times daily today. Totals from this storm could be up to a foot in the highest elevations, with five to nine inches in the valleys. Expect more snow Wednesday and Thursday.

Today Highs: 18 to 24. Tonight's Lows: 18 to 19.
BOISE A very moist to wet and an active weather pattern will stay in place through at least Thursday. Temperatures will hover on either side of the freezing mark, so rain could mix with wet snow at times.

Today Highs: 18 to 24. Tonight's Lows: 18 to 19.
NORTHERN UTAH Passing weather systems and moist conditions will bring mixed showers and mountain snow to the region through the middle of the week.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 48 in Lowell. Low: 15 in Stansbury. Wind gusts: 40 in Burley. Heavy snow: 10 in Burley. Heavy snow: 10 in Burley.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "In life there is only one thing you should expect, and that is to expect only the best."
 Dirty Dave High School Basketball

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 39 Low 29	High 39 Low 29	High 41/31	High 45/30	High 42/29	High 40/19

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 44 Yesterday's Low: 29 Normal High/Low: 38/21 Record High: 61 in 1993 Record Low: -18 in 1972	Yesterday's: 0.32" Normal Month to Date: 0.48" Year to Date: 2.28"	Yesterday's Humidity: 51% Today's Maximum: 65% Today's Minimum: 50%	Yesterday: 30.24 in Today: 30.24 in	Today: Sunrise: 7:58 AM, Sunset: 5:08 PM Yesterday: Sunrise: 7:58 AM, Sunset: 5:08 PM Thursday: Sunrise: 8:01 AM, Sunset: 5:08 PM Friday: Sunrise: 8:01 AM, Sunset: 5:08 PM Saturday: Sunrise: 8:01 AM, Sunset: 5:08 PM

MOON PHASES



NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	41-50	41-50	Chicago	31-40	31-40
Boston	31-40	31-40	Denver	21-30	21-30
Los Angeles	61-70	61-70	Houston	41-50	41-50
London	41-50	41-50	Los Angeles	61-70	61-70
Madrid	41-50	41-50	Miami	71-80	71-80
Mexico City	61-70	61-70	Minneapolis	21-30	21-30
New York	31-40	31-40	Phoenix	51-60	51-60
Paris	41-50	41-50	Portland	41-50	41-50
Rio de Janeiro	71-80	71-80	San Francisco	41-50	41-50
Sao Paulo	71-80	71-80	Seattle	41-50	41-50
Tokyo	51-60	51-60	Washington	31-40	31-40

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	31-40	31-40	Idaho Falls	31-40	31-40
Butte	21-30	21-30	Meridian	31-40	31-40
Coeur d'Alene	31-40	31-40	Pocatello	31-40	31-40
Elgin	31-40	31-40	Rupert	31-40	31-40
Hammond	31-40	31-40	Twin Falls	31-40	31-40
Jerome	31-40	31-40	Walla Walla	31-40	31-40
Malheur	31-40	31-40	Yamhill	31-40	31-40
Mountain Home	31-40	31-40			

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Atlanta	48	30	0.00"
Boston	43	32	0.01"
Chicago	40	30	0.00"
Denver	32	24	0.00"
Houston	47	33	0.00"
Los Angeles	67	50	0.00"
London	47	33	0.00"
Madrid	47	33	0.00"
Mexico City	67	50	0.00"
New York	40	30	0.00"
Paris	47	33	0.00"
Rio de Janeiro	77	60	0.00"
Sao Paulo	77	60	0.00"
Tokyo	57	40	0.00"
Washington	37	29	0.00"

U. S. V. INDEX

City	Today	Yesterday
Atlanta	78.5	78.5
Boston	73.5	73.5
Chicago	68.5	68.5
Denver	63.5	63.5
Houston	68.5	68.5
Los Angeles	83.5	83.5
London	68.5	68.5
Madrid	68.5	68.5
Mexico City	83.5	83.5
New York	68.5	68.5
Paris	68.5	68.5
Rio de Janeiro	98.5	98.5
Sao Paulo	98.5	98.5
Tokyo	78.5	78.5
Washington	68.5	68.5

NBA's new ball a total turnover

League to go back to leather in January



NEW YORK (AP) — Turnover. NBA. The NBA will scrap its new leather composite ball and bring back the old leather one beginning Jan. 1. The league sent a memo to its teams Monday, telling them that the change would be made for the remainder of the 2006-07 season. In the memo, NBA president Joel Litvin said that Spalding had 450 new leather balls on hand for use. "Our players' response to this particular composite ball has been overwhelmingly negative and we are acting accordingly," NBA commissioner David Stern said in a statement. Although testing performed by Spalding and the NBA demonstrated that the new composite basketball was more consistent than leather, and statistically there has been an improvement in shooting, scoring, and ball-related turnovers, the most important statistic is the view of our players. "Players have complained about the new ball since training camp, saying that it bounced differently than the old one — both off the floor and in the gym. They also said the synthetic material cut their hands. "For the league to be successful, obviously the players have to be happy. The basketball is the most important thing to us," said a smiling LeBron James, one of several NBA All-Stars who criticized the new ball. "Like I said before, you can make our shorts shorter, but when you take our basketball away from us, that's not a transition we handle." Stern told The New York Times last week the league should have sought more input from players before introducing the new ball. He also said he would address the players' criticisms with Spalding, the manufacturer. Spalding president and CEO Scott Creelman said in a

statement that the company "will work closely with the NBA to ensure a smooth transition and to determine the best product going forward." The lack of player input about the new ball prompted one of the two unfair labor practice charges filed Dec. 1 by the union with the National Labor Relations Board. Two-time league MVP Steve Nash has said the ball cut up his hands but wasn't looking for a return to the old ball. "I just thought the timing was strange," Nash said Monday about the Jan. 1 switch. The timing will certainly be strange for the Boston Celtics, the league's only team that plays Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Since most NBA teams don't hold shootarounds on the morning of the second game of a back-to-back, they will have little time to adjust to the change. "One day we're going to play with one ball and the next day we're going to play with another one," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "It's just like the park. That's what it's going to feel like. Whoever brings the ball on Jan. 1, that's the one we're going to play with." The NBA made the first change to its game ball in more than 35 years in June. Stern joked at the news conference then that he liked it better because his name appeared on it twice. "But it's been no laughing matter. Shaquille O'Neal compared it to one of those 'cheap balls that you buy at the toy store, indoor-outdoor balls' when the Miami Heat opened camp. "I'm very excited," James said Monday after the switch. "You see my smile right? If we've got practice tomorrow, I'll be shooting with that (old) ball tomorrow." The ball was used in events at the last two All-Star games and was tested in summer league and Development League play. It also is used at the amateur levels, so most players grow up using it. But the league and the players differed on the way the new ball handled. Though both sides agreed it was stickier when dry, the NBA and Spalding said it gripped better when wet. Players said they had more trouble gripping it when it became moist. "The players, it was just

NASCAR champion admits to 'horsing around' when injured

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson was "horsing around" on top of a moving golf cart when he fell off, it was broken his left wrist, his team told The Associated Press on Monday. The version clarifies what happened during the celebrity tournament in Lecanto, Fla., one day after the initial account from Hendrick Motorsports implied that the Nextel Cup champion had fallen out of the cart. "Although Hendrick officials gave no details of the accident, Johnson released a statement that said he was "in" the cart when he fell out. "I was in a golf cart and the driver took a sharp turn," Johnson said on Sunday. "I wasn't holding on tight enough, landed awkwardly on the ground and heard a little pop." That account differed from one in Monday's edition of The Citrus County (Fla.) Chronicle, which had a reporter at the Black Diamond Ranch who witnessed Johnson horsing around during the Mike Hampton Pitching in Celebrity tournament. The newspaper said Johnson was sprawled across the top of the cart Friday as it headed toward the 16th hole when his playing partner hit a beam, throwing Johnson several feet. Johnson was unavailable for comment Monday, but a spokeswoman for the driver confirmed he was on top of the cart when The AP asked for clarification. "Jimmie was horsing around and was on top of the golf cart when he fell off," spokeswoman Kristine Carley said. "He wasn't trying to deceive anyone and is sorry if anyone believes he was being untruthful." The injury, which was to his non-shifting hand, will prevent him from driving for at least four weeks. He is expected to participate in preseason testing at Daytona International Speedway next month and should be fine for the season-opening Daytona 500 in February. Johnson will not be able to compete in the Race of Champions Nations Cup at the Stade de France in Paris next weekend.

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Market Watch

Dow Jones Industrials	12,328.46
Nasdaq Composite	2,442.89
Standard & Poor's 500	1,413.64
Russell 2000	793.07

Stocks of local interest

Dynegy	26.00	▲ .05
Idacorp	26.73	▲ .11
Idacorp	38.94	▲ .19
Lithia Motors	26.58	▲ .70
Micron	14.22	▲ .82
Supervalu	34.55	▲ .18

Commodities		
Jan. Oil	61.22	▼ .82
Live cattle	86.30	▼ .55
Dec gold	850.00	▲ 9.50

For more, see page C2

Jayco expansion gets closer

Urban Renewal Agency OKs working on resolution

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Jayco Inc.'s plans for expansion not only include more travel trailer manufacturing facilities, but also an industrial subdivision that could bring new suppliers to Twin Falls.

On Monday, the company's plans for expansion moved one step further when the board of the city's Urban Renewal Agency approved working on a resolution that would put Jayco's expansion into a revenue allocation area. That

would make the company eligible for tax increment financing. The Urban Renewal Agency sets a base value for the property, and once the property is developed, its worth increases. The dollar amount difference between the base value and the new developed value of the property would go to the Urban Renewal Agency, which could be used to make public improvements in Jayco's area of operation.

"It will be a good thing for Jayco by helping them to expand, and good for the city because it will bring jobs," said

Mitch Humble, community development director for the city of Twin Falls.

Jayco General Manager Dave Yoder was happy with the decision. "I'm very excited and pleased," Yoder said. "The community has been very supportive and that's why we decided to stay and expand our operation."

Jayco Inc. has grown a lot since it first opened in early 2005 with just 10 employees inside the old Norco building on South Washington Street. Today, the recreational vehicle

manufacturer has grown to more than 200 employees and is busy expanding its facilities. Last summer, Jayco Inc. purchased 176 acres between 3200 East and 3300 East bordering the rail line where it's now busy putting up Phase 1 of its expansion. Phase 1, which includes 57,000-square-foot and 88,000-square-foot manufacturing facilities and a 5,000-square-foot corporate office, is expected to be completed in May and should create about 125 new jobs, Yoder said.

Phases 2 and 3 of the expansion will each build 90,000-square-foot manufacturing facilities, one expected to open in 2008 and the other in 2010. Each facility is expected to cre-

ate 200 jobs, Yoder said.

The expansion will allow Jayco to extend its product line. "We could take our product line up to 35-foot travel trailers," Yoder said.

Jayco's expansion will only take up 70 acres of the 176-acre property. Plans for the remaining acreage include a commercial industrial park, which would draw more businesses to the area. Jayco hopes a few of those businesses include some of its suppliers, most of which are now located in the Midwest.

Times-News Business Editor Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Panel to hear plan for free-standing Starbucks

By Matthew Brady
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — You've got to have a lot of Moxie to open another Java shop in what is becoming a Java Jungle.

But the King Kong of Caffeine is willing to give it a shot.

Starbucks has announced plans to open its first stand-alone store in Twin Falls at 509 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. at the northwest corner of Blue Lakes Boulevard and Flier Avenue. It already has locations inside the Target and Fred Meyer stores.

The 1,700-square-foot store would include indoor and outdoor seating and a drive-through window open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Truck Accessories Center is at that location now. Owner Jerry Canille said Monday he has to be out by Feb. 1. His shop has been open 20 years, 17 years at that corner. He plans to relocate, but isn't sure where yet. He sold the land to an investment group several years ago.

He is puzzled that yet another coffee shop would want to build on Blue Lakes.

"Either they won't do well, or a bunch of others will go by-bye," he said.

Starbucks' drive-through and hours of operation require a special-use permit, and that request will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission tonight. City staff has recommended approval. The commission meets at 6 p.m. today at 305 Third Ave. E.

Corn prices keep rising

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Farmers are getting the best prices for corn in more than a decade as strong demand for ethanol and feed, the Agriculture Department reported Monday.

Average corn prices for the year were forecast at \$2.90 to \$3.30 a bushel, up 10 cents from last month's estimate, according to the monthly crop report.

- The last time prices were as good was 1985, when the average was \$3.24 a bushel.
- But there is a big difference in the market this time around, said White Cloud, Kan., corn farmer Ken McCauley.
- "We've got solid demand; it's a demand-driven market. Where it was a supply shortage in the 1995 crop, where there wasn't enough corn because of the drought," said McCauley.

All Christmas, all the time



Operations manager Tim Moore, at WHOM radio station, tests one of the systems in a studio lit up with seasonal lights in Portland, Maine, on Dec. 4. The station has been playing holiday music since the day after Thanksgiving. As of Monday, 359 stations from Maine to Hawaii were playing Christmas tunes around the clock to bring in listeners and advertising dollars.

More radio stations play holiday tunes around the clock

By David Sharp
Associated Press writer

PORTLAND, Maine — The holiday classics have not changed that much — radio stations in the United States still turn to Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole and Burl Ives to spread yuletide cheer. But chances of hearing them on the radio are growing fast.

As of Monday, 359 stations from Maine to Hawaii were playing Christmas tunes around the clock to bring in listeners and advertising dollars. Some cities have as many as five or six.

Most of the programming kicked off after Thanksgiving; the earliest station made the switch in October.

"It's gotten to the point of ridiculousness," said Tim Moore, operations manager at Portland's WHOM-FM, which began broadcasting holiday

programming the day after Thanksgiving.

Ridiculous or not, Americans cannot get enough of it, said Tom Taylor, editor of Inside Radio, a trade publication owned by Clear Channel.

The number of stations playing those timeless holiday songs already outnumbered the previous record of 386 in 2003, the first year Inside Radio began tracking the numbers. Taylor said from his office in New Jersey.

"Christmas music, for most people, puts a smile on your face. Even if you resist it for a while, you can't hold out forever," he said.

For listeners, the nostalgic music creates a soundtrack as they shop, wrap presents, decorate trees, bake cookies and go to parties.

"It's like a counterpoint to all of the misery in the world.

That's the only thing I can figure out," said Phil Crosland, executive vice president of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in New York.

The holiday change can make sense for a radio station trying to stand out. Radio advertising has been flat, and radio executives worry about listeners migrating to podcasts, MP3 players and satellite radio.

"A 30-day music format change is evidence of the need by radio stations to envelope in a shrinking ad environment," said Laura A. Martin, senior media analyst at Soleil Securities in California.

Portland's WHOM sees a 38 percent bump in listeners after it switches its format from adult contemporary to holiday music.

In New York City, WLTV-FM sees a 25 percent increase in

listeners, even in one of the nation's most diverse markets, said Jim Ryan, programming director.

In Milwaukee, WMYX-FM saw a jump of nearly 50 percent last year despite holiday competition from three other radio stations, said Brian Kelly, operations manager. The year before that, the station's listenership grew nearly 100 percent in December.

"People from the outside may ask why we do this," Kelly said. "The answer is because it works, and that's what our listeners want."

It's hard to say exactly when the trend began, but one consultant traces it to the 1980s, when he began recommending that radio stations play holiday music on the day after Thanksgiving, a time when Americans flock to malls to begin their Christmas shopping.

Fed will likely leave interest rates alone

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economy is in pretty good health despite the ailing housing and auto industries, allowing the Federal Reserve to feel comfortable about leaving interest rates alone.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his central bank colleagues are expected to keep their fingers on the interest rate pause button when they meet today, their last such session for the year. It would mark the fourth meeting in a row in which the Fed left an important rate unchanged at 5.25 percent.

As a result, commercial banks' prime interest rate — for certain credit cards, where they are in credit and other loans — would stay at 8.25 percent, once again giving borrowers some breathing room.

The Fed believes slower economic growth will eventually lessen inflation pressures. Bernanke and his colleagues also are fairly confident that the slumping housing and auto sectors won't sink the economy.

To be sure, policymakers will keep close watch for any danger signs — namely a pickup in inflation or a sharp rise in expected housing swoon that could damage the entire economy and throw it into recession. For now, though, they feel it is appropriate to leave rates where they are and continue to monitor the patient.

Economist think the Fed could stay on the sidelines through much of next year.

"I suspect the Fed is on virtual permanent hold," said Gregory Miller, chief economist at SunTrust Banks Inc.

Bank parent may buy up to \$400M in stock

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The parent company of Zions Bank said Monday it has approved to buy up to \$400 million of its own stock.

Zions Bancorporation, which has branches in the Magic Valley, suspended a stock purchase program last year while preparing for the acquisition of Arcey Bancorporation. Directors have authorized the company to resume it.

At current prices, the stock repurchase would amount to roughly 5 percent of the company's outstanding shares.

Zions chairman and chief executive, Harris Simmons, said the repurchase program earnings "make the buyback possible."

Potlatch plans to sell up to 20 percent of holdings

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Finding more value in homes than logging, Potlatch Corp. said Monday it will sell 18 to 20 percent of its timber holdings over the next decade.

Potlatch is the largest private timberland owner in Idaho, with about 670,000 acres. The company owns an additional 830,000 acres in Arkansas and Minnesota.

Officials for Spokane-based Potlatch recently finished a six

month review of its land holdings and found that in some cases the development value of the land is four times higher than its value for growing trees, Mike Covey, Potlatch's chief executive officer, said in a conference call with financial analysts.

The company wants to capture that value for its shareholders, he said.

Parcels near lakes and rivers, with easy driving access, experienced the biggest increase in value, he said.

"Were all aware of the Baby Boomer influence," Bill DeRou, Potlatch's vice president of land sales and development, said during the conference call. "Three out of five of those boomers want to retire in a rural area or a small town. That's a sweet spot for us."

The company expects to sell between 15,000 and 20,000 acres of land next year, spokesman Mark Benson said.

Over the next decade, Potlatch has identified 100,000 to 120,000 acres for sale in

Idaho; 100,000 to 120,000 acres for sale in Minnesota; and 50,000 to 60,000 acres for sale in Arkansas.

Potlatch put its land holdings into a real estate investment trust on Jan. 1.

Earlier this year, Potlatch announced that it planned to start charging for recreational use on the nearly 670,000 acres in northern Idaho that the company says draws 200,000 visitors each day annually from hikers, birdwatchers, hunters, anglers and trail riders.

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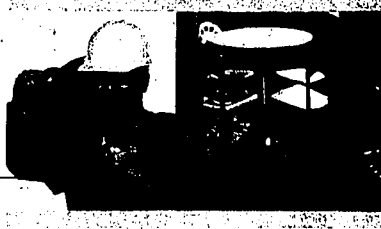
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee's Sale No. 02-FWG-4399 Notice is hereby given that, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on March 22, 2007, at 10:30 A.M., of said day, in the lobby of Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Avenue East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to-wit: Lot 4 of Hillwood subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereon recorded in book 11 of plats, page 36, records of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 80-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of said Katherine Street, Buhl, ID 83316. It is sometimes associated with real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Donna S. Lawrence, an unmarried woman, as Grantor, to Titlefast, Inc. an Idaho Corporation, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of First Federal Savings Bank of Twin Falls, as Beneficiary, dated 8/15/2002, recorded 8/15/2002, under Instrument No. 2002-018710, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Bank of America, N.A. The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(A)(4), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. The default for which is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 8/15/2002, the monthly payment which became due on 8/15/2006 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of November 10, 2006 Delinquent Payments from June 01, 2006 3 payments at \$ 68.58 each & 1,814.04 3 payments at \$ 588.10 each \$1,758.30 (80-01-06 through 11-10-06) Late Charges: \$ 63.35 Beneficiary Advances: \$ 264.70 Suppose Credit: \$ 0.00 Total: \$ 3,692.29 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$ 689,810.34, together with interest thereon at 6.825 % per annum from 5/1/2006 to 8/1/2006, 6.825% per annum from 8/1/2006, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell the real property to be sold at public auction at said public sale. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale. Filed: 11/10/2006 Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC Trustee By Mark L. Yermasek-Morper, Vice President or Regional Trustee Services Corporation, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 200, Boise, WA 98701, (206) 340-2550 Sale information: <http://www.trustee.com> ASAP# 805040

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302 Homes For Sale

BURLEY
 \$124,900 Overized yard with huge sand box for the kid. Interior was repainted in 2005 year. All windows with oak trim. Call Alex 539-5755 or Juana 733-0878/186 PCF7881

STATE REALTY, INC.
 208-734-0400

GOODING 3 bdrm.
 1 bath home. Owner carry - \$110,000 down. \$79,500.

GOODING 6500 sq ft.
 shop. Owner carry, \$39,000.

SHOSHONE 160 acre
 with lower pivot, \$159,900.

WENDELL New 2,000 sq. ft. custom home.
 Call Anthony 731-9800 Triple 7 Realty

GOODING
 New home for sale in Willow Sage Subdivision. Call construction and time to pick colors, 1751 main st, 2 1/2 bath, living room and family room. Call 208-308-8804

JEROME 4 1/2 West Rd.
 3 bdrm., 2 bath on a acre. Gina 539-1130 Westside RE Group

JEROME New construction
 3 bdrm 2 bath 1250 sq ft. available for immediate occupancy. Call 208-228-8133 Jerome Homes

JEROME New construction
 3 bdrm 2 bath 1500 sq ft. By Forsyth Park \$189,900 Jerome Homes

JEROME New subdivision.
 New construction. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, large garage, 1344 sq ft. \$138,500. Call 208-425-8495

KIMBERLY 2,000 sq. ft.
 4 bdrm, 2 bath, family room with gas fireplace, storage deck, sprinklers, RV parking, fenced yard, landscaping, \$174,500. 226 Park 428-5435

SHOSHONE 10 acres.
 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Great horse property. \$172,500. Call 280-0754

TWIN FALLS \$69,900
 Cute manufactured home on a furnished home large open great room. Spacious kitchen and lovely master suite with bath, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, all appliances. Call Caroly 422-3381 or Jim Comer 280-3057. MLS #9271593 PC #7481

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TWIN FALLS 1,788 square feet.
 4 bdrm., 2 bath, \$117,500. We must sell! Now! Please call 208-308-0703

TWIN FALLS 208-809591
 Call this number to hear about all the homes we have for sale. We are not agents, but we have so many great deals for homeowners and investors. Single family, multi-family, reconstructed, fix-uppers winnery offered. Please call the equity that you'll walk in to. We must sell this home. Please call 208-989-6095 or 208-308-0703.

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 our home. Please see readers will understand you will completely. Spel # 4. Contact, 733-0531

Property being offered for sale by sealed bid:
 Idaho Properties for Sale by Sealed Bid
 Gooding 40 Acres (35.8 Irrigated)
 Honey 320 Acres
 Paris 40 Acres (Irrigated)
 Paris 80 Acres (Dry Land)

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 New commercial buildings ready for occupancy 2007. Located in the hub of Magic Valley's new 250 acre Center. Junction of US 93 & Hwy 84. Shopoffice, light industrial, commercial & retail. Lease or buy. Call as soon as possible so we may get these new buildings to suit your business needs. Feel free to call for more information or for turn-key estimates 208-404-4345 drag@construction.com/crossroads.htm

303 Homes For Sale

TWIN FALLS BRAND
 new 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch style water shavers. Asking \$120,000. Call 208-496-5511

TWIN FALLS BY OWNER
 1993 Twin Falls Amaral, less than \$300 a 5 bedroom, 3 bath home. 3087 sq ft. with fully finished main & basement. 3 car garage. Snowthorn School Dist. Call 208-212-6554

TWIN FALLS
 Free MLS Search with instructions on Free list of foreclosure www.homesforrealestate.com

TWIN FALLS Log home.
 Just minutes from town, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, new kitchen/dining room & new yard. Overized garage, fireplace, Call Clay Nannini 539-3624 or Westera 733-7953.

TWIN FALLS N.E.
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304 Investments

DRACO INVESTMENT CORP
 CASH for Deeds of Trust, Mortgages and Real Estate Contracts. Call today for a free, no-obligation quote. (208)733-3621

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 Position opening for a Welder. Rebuilding of steel tractors and heavy equipment. Must be helpful, Benefits. Must pass drug test. 206-800-3474, Fred the Builders, Konny or Mary 208-438-5598

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RT. 216, Burley
 W. 5th to W. Main St. & Overland to Park Ave.

RT. 220, Burley
 Almo to Meriden Park & E. 18th to E. 22nd St.

RT. 312, Burley
 Burley Hill to Burley Highway & N. Main St.

RT. 48, Haysden
 W. 10th to S. 19th Rd to Altesros Rd

RT. 181, Rupert
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305 Acquire and Loss

TWIN FALLS
 Ave. near 3400 E. 15 acres, 2 ranch water shavers. Asking \$280,000 324-5477

Mobile Homes
 BUHL 13 Marlette 26x56 3 bdrm, 2 bath attached 1 car garage. Call for price to call of Moon Glen Village. \$55,000. Ron Brown 208-539-6582

CASH NOW
 for 3 and 2 bedroom mobile homes. Call 208-212-6554

CASTLEFORD
 91 single wide, must be moved, good cond. \$57-6708 or 420-1747

TWIN FALLS/RUPERT
 What's the color you find out how extremely affordable. 3 bdrm 2 bath country home is. 410-2332.

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 cutting edge professionals in Twin Falls

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704 Horse and Tack

HORSES for Christmas 2 gentle kids broke to ride... HORSES for Christmas 2 gentle kids broke to ride... HORSES for Christmas 2 gentle kids broke to ride...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies

FREE Border Collie puppy 2 months old... FREE Boxer mix, about 1 1/2 years old... FREE Cocker Spaniel 2 1/2 years old...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies

LAB Chocolate Lab (female) puppy... SHIH TZU adorable Poodle puppy... SHIH TZU purebred puppies...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies

TOY POODLES (1) Male, white, 6 mos... MIRE HAIRE AKC Griffons AKC reg... YORKSHIRE TERRIER- (2) Just in time for Christmas!

713 Farms/Pasture Rentals

EEDEN Dairy for rent. 6000. Double-breed Friesian milk for sale... WATERFALL Vandy owned, natural wood...

801 Antiques and Collectibles

1960V PERIGNON 18 bottles... GLOBE-WERNER (2) Banister bookcases... GAS STOVE Whirlpool 2 burner...

802 Appliances

HITACHI 575700 Projection Color Integrated HDTV 57" with 720... IPOD VIDEO decks Lot of 10... PLAYSTATION 3 Just in time for Christmas!

802 Electronics

COAT Beautiful Mahogany Ranch Mink coat... FOX Fur coat new & length beautiful for \$800... IPOD VIDEO decks Lot of 10...

802 Computers

COMPUTERS Christmas sale... COAL LUMP & Sinker... FIREWOOD Cut & Split... BED, KING size, 7'6" x 8'0"...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies

AREDALE pups, pure bred, no papers, tails docked... ALASKAN Malamute puppies giant breed... AUSTRALIAN MCNABB pups 3 blues, 2 black...

704 Pets and Pet Supplies

FREE Lab female good home, brown and black... FREE Lab X to a good home, 8 months old... FREE Lab X to a good home, 8 months old...

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704 Farm Equipment

WANT TO BUY or SELL? We are interested in all makes & models of wheel loaders... HESSON 4900 Big baler with accumulator...

704 Birth Photos

Have you forgotten to pick-up your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want to toss...

704 Remembers

REMEMBER that special someone some time ago in The Times-Herald? Now it's time to bring back those memories...

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#10 Furnishings & Carpet

BEDROOM SET 8 pc., solid wood, new heavy...
BUNK BED solid oak...
CANOPY BED, black...
CRAFTSMAN BED...

#11 Exercise Equipment

ELLIPTICAL Machine, Gym Tronic Fitness...
HOT CROSS BUNS...
SPIN BIKES in good...

#12 Miscellaneous For Sale

STORAGE TRAILER 30 foot...
TOTAL QW...
Miscellaneous For Sale

#24 Guns & Rifles

BROWNING A-BoB, stainless stalker, 7mm...
GUNS Mauser 30.06...
HOLIDAY SPECIAL Kids Socv ATV...

#90 Snow Vehicles

ARCTIC CAT '92 & SH-DOOD '94...
ARCTIC CAT '98 Power...
POLARIS '00 RMK...

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"If you want something very, very badly, let it go free. If it comes back to you, it's yours for ever. If it doesn't, it was never yours to begin with."
The captain of the winning squad in the American trials to select the second team to go to Bermuda in 2000 was Jeff Wolfson. He was actually playing his last serious tournament...

On this board from the quarter-finals of the trials, Mark Lair as South found a neat swindle to steal his two-heart contract. Life would have been easy on a black-suit lead, but the defense found the challenging trump lead...

However, the key to the hand is the 10 of clubs in dummy. Lair appreciated that when he advanced the spade queen to the club two!

ANSWER: It is tempting to bid two or three no-trump, but your clubs are really not strong enough. Additionally, a 5-3 or even a 5-2 heart fit might be best. So temporarily with three clubs, the fourth suit, to let partner raise hearts or bid no-trump himself. It could easily be right for him to be declarer with a doubleton club honor.

#13 Musical Instruments

DRUM SET complete...
GUITAR electric, Peavey...
Organ Work MX2...

#14 Miscellaneous For Sale

ANTIQUE Table and chairs...
BOAT Stearns motor...
CASH REGISTER like new...

#15 Classifieds

It pays to read the classified ad print...
WULFERTS ORGAN...
Tools & Machinery

#16 ATVs

EXTREME '02 100 ATV...
HOLIDAY SPECIAL Kids Socv ATV...
Looking for ATVs

#17 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

#18 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

#19 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
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#20 Mattresses

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Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

#21 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

1002 Auto Parts and Accessories

DODGE '98 Charger head gasket broken...

1003 Trucks

CHEVY '04 Diesel 4200, 4DR, 55K miles...

1004 Trucks

DODGE '04 Dakota Ext. Cab, CD, air, bed in color...

1005 Trucks

FORD '01 F-250 Lariat 4x4, crew cab, diesel short box...

1006 Trucks

DODGE '04 Dakota crew cab, PW, FL, 2nd bed, interior, cruise, CD, Stocker # 2755 \$19,995

1007 Trucks

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1008 Trucks

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1009 Trucks

DODGE '04 Dakota crew cab, PW, FL, 2nd bed, interior, cruise, CD, Stocker # 2755 \$19,995

1010 Trucks

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King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

#23 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

#24 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
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#25 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

#26 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

1000 Trucks

DODGE '98 Ram, 2500, 2WD, 3375, 324-455 or 324-277 for more information...
TRUCKS WANTED! Sell your vehicle for immediate CASH TODAY!...

#27 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

#28 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

#29 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

#30 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
Mattress set, Queen...

#31 Mattresses

King size Memory foam...
Mattress set, King...
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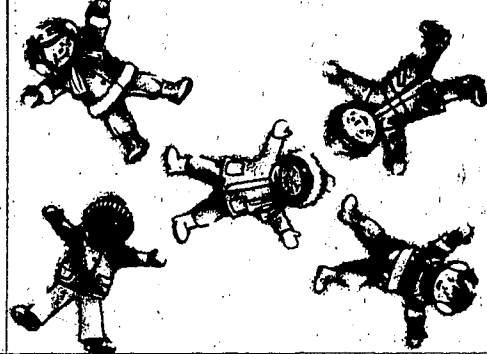
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Cowboy hats line the south wall of Vickers Western Store in Twin Falls. While the hats on display are mostly white or light tan, black is also a highly sought-after color for the younger customer.

Boots and horses notwithstanding, there's no question what makes a cowboy

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Baxter Black tells a story about the time he was shopping in a Western clothing store in Elko, Nev., and encountered a horseman of his acquaintance.

"He held up two baseball caps and said, 'Which one of these do you like best?' I took him over to the (cowboy) hat counter and said to the guy, 'Show this man a real hat.'"

"Oh, I can't wear a cowboy hat," the horseman said.

"Don't do it for yourself, do it for your horse," Black replied. "Because if you wear that cap you're going to embarrass him."

So it goes in the quirky, highly formalized world of cowboy hats.

"I've met guys who've worn the same cowboy hat for 40 years," said Sandy Vickers, who with her husband, Jim, owns Vickers Western Store in Twin Falls. "And I know guys who replace them every year."

Meet Craig Hawker, Oakley rancher since he retired from the corporate world in 1992. He favors working hats and doesn't baby them at all.

"I don't own any of those plastic hat coverings," said Hawker, 58. "I figure I buy a hat to keep the snow and rain off my head."

But Black, 60-year-old cowboy poet, humorist, newspaper columnist and National Public Radio contributor, has a more complicated relationship with his hats.

"I have a felt hat that I got from (former rodeo champion turned milliner) Larry Mahan

that I wear on occasions when I dress up. And I have a straw hat that I use to work with the cattle." Black, a former Magic Valley resident, said in a telephone interview from his Arizona office.

"I'm pretty hard on those straw hats, but I put the felt hats through a lot, too, in my act."

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Ranchers like Black and Hawker are the mainstay of the cowboy hat business in these parts, according to Jim Vickers.

"Western hats have a lot of appeal in the South and in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona," he said. "But in our area, the farmers have switched to baseball caps. It's ranchers who still wear cowboy hats."

Ranchers and some city slickers.

"We do sell a fair number to people who live in town," Jim Vickers said.

That's just fine with Black. "When that John Travolta movie ('Urban Cowboy') came out, everybody started wearing a cowboy hat," he said. "I knew cowboys who said, 'They're gonna drive up the cost of hats! Not me. I think anybody who wants to should wear a cowboy hat.'"

There are dozens of criteria that folks use when they're choosing a cowboy hat, but the most important is color.

"Younger people buy black hats," Sandy Vickers said. "Older guys, well, they like lighter hats."

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Charly Liesen, an employee at Vickers Western Store, said he wasn't sure whether he wanted to pose wearing this hat because "this isn't my good hat." However, Liesen didn't have his good hat on hand Thursday afternoon at the store.

Cowboy hats 101

Wearing

The top of your head should touch the inside top of the hat. This prevents the hat from blowing off in heavy wind, in extreme wind, the hat can be pulled down lower across your forehead to prevent it from flying off.

It's normal for a hat to fade with time and lose some of its fur.

While putting your hat on or taking it off, any handling will cause flexing or bending of the brim and crown, which will gradually weaken the hat. The more severe the bending, the sooner your hat will lose its ability to retain its natural shape.

If the hat is a little loose, place insulation tape around the inside of the brim to take in the slack.

Care

Never store a cowboy hat right side up on a flat surface; it could flatten the brim. Store upside down on a clean surface or in a box.

To remove surface dirt from a straw hat, wipe with a clean, damp cloth. For a felt hat, use a soft brush starting at the left side of the hat and brushing counter-clockwise toward the back.

Because heat and perspiration will shrink the sweatband, avoid exposure to stoves, radiators, lamps and car windows.

If your fur felt hat gets wet, turn down the leather sweatband and stand the hat on the sweatband to dry. Avoid resting the hat on its brim while wet.

To keep the sweatband dry of sweat and hair dressings, occasionally turn down the

sweatband to dry when not being worn.

Clean water and grease spots on fur felt with baby powder or cornstarch. Avoid all liquid cleaners.

Hold your cowboy hat at the brim, in front and back, when taking it off. Avoid handling the crown as much as possible.

Etiquette

Whenever you enter a building, you should remove your hat. If it's an informal event you may put the hat back on again; however, it should be left off at a formal event.

Take your hat off indoors, except in public buildings, in entrance halls and entrances to hotels or office buildings, and in elevators of public buildings or offices.

When sitting down to dine, you should remove your hat before you eat provided that there is somewhere safe to place it. If you're sitting down at a counter for a meal, however, it is acceptable to keep your hat on.

Tipping your hat is done by barely lifting it off your head (by the crown of a soft hat or by the brim of a stiff hat). It's appropriate to tip your hat when walking with a friend who passes a woman whom only your friend knows; when a woman who is a stranger thanks you for some service; when you excuse yourself to a woman stranger; when you ask a woman or elderly man for directions; and when a stranger shows a courtesy to a woman you are with.

Sources: Hat Brands Inc.; western-cowboy-hats.com

In Nashville, cowboy hats can reveal more than the lyrics do

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Hank Williams wrote a white cowboy hat. His son, 1980s Nashville outlaw

Hank Williams Jr., favored black cowboy hats.

And his son, contemporary honky-tonker Hank Williams III, sports a white hat.

That's about all you need to know

about the history of country music. Actually, the cowboy hat has come and gone — and come and gone again — in the 60 years that Nashville has been producing records for a mass audience. Dozens of Country

Music Hall of Famers — ranging from Roy Acuff to Faron Young — never wore a hat onstage. But plenty of country legends, from backgrounds as diverse as Bill Monroe and Bob Wills, rarely straggled out three

chords and the truth without a Steison on their heads.

The cowboy hat came to country from western music, a genre now

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Among the top 10 male artists on the current Billboard country singles chart, four wear white hats onstage, three favor dark colors and Rodney Atkins and Trent Tomlinson prefer baseball caps. Kenny Chesney performs in both black and white hats.

COUNTRY ROADS



A Vickers Western Store worker cleans a cowboy hat.

Spread your holiday generosity to making life easier for wildlife

Times-News
TWIN FALLS — You've remembered everyone else this time of year — now don't forget the wildlife.
 You can make life easier for your backyard critters, and they'll be grateful recipients of your goodwill.
 "Although wild animals are able to adapt to help them survive winter cold temperatures and food limitations, there are also many small things that people can do to help them this time of year," said Laura Simon, field director of urban wildlife for The Humane Society of the United States. "We suggest several 'gifts of the

season' that can give wildlife a warm boost during the holidays."
 The Society's suggestions:
 • Keep bird feeders full in the winter as food availability is limited for nonmigratory birds.
 • Fill large pine cones with peanut butter and roll them in sunflower seeds, then attach a string to the top and hang them outdoors from trees for birds.
 • Get a heated birdbath and keep it filled all winter, while most of birds' natural water sources may be frozen.
 • Put decorative snowflakes 4 inches apart on any windows birds might hit.

• Use window well covers around your house to prevent animals from falling in.
 • Use only environment-friendly slug/snail bait for melting ice, such as Safe Paws Ice Melter. Regular sidewalk salts pollute the environment and can irritate cats' and dogs' paws.
 • Appreciate your backyard wild neighbors. Take a walk around your yard in the snow and try to identify different species' tracks. Buy a good wildlife tracking guide for yourself — or as a gift — such as "Tracking and the Art of Seeing: How to Read Animal Tracks and Signs" or "Peterson Field Guide to Animal Tracks."

Battling black rot in your grapevines

**By Scott Aker
 Special to The Washington Post**
Question: The fruit on my 3-year-old grapevines shriveled and blackened during the summer. I used Savin to no value. Would horticultural oil help in battling this problem?
Answer: Your grapes have black rot. This is a fungus, and both Savin and horticultural oil are insecticides. You will need to practice some thorough sanitation and treat the vines with a fungicide if you want to make any headway against this disease.
 Sanitation is the first step. Remove all the blighted grapes and prune off any vines that

appear to have been blighted. In late winter, prune to promote an open growth habit. This will increase air movement through the leaves. You can apply Bordeaux mixture in the spring before new growth starts to kill overwintering black rot spores. After growth has begun, spray your grapes with a fungicide containing myclobutanol — such as Immunox as directed by the label. Black rot is not a problem during dry weather, and you may be able to limit your spraying to wet periods during the growing season.
Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

Hats

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When Black worked as a J.R. Simplot veterinarian in Idaho, his supervisor wouldn't have hired anybody who wore a black hat, he said. "So I've worn a white hat ever since. I call it a silverback."

"They buy them in different colors."

After color, the biggest factor is cost. At Vickers, you can spend from \$29 up to \$1,000.

Manufacturers use an "X" system for rating hat quality, but the only real gauge is money, Jim Vickers said. "You get the hat that you pay for."

For felt hats, the higher the content of beaver, mink, chinchilla, rabbit or other specialized fur, the better the hat. Cheap felt hats are made of wool.

"Cheap felt hats have a cardboard feel to them," Jim Vickers said.

The straw hat market is dominated by hats made of palm fronds. "Palm has just about crowded out every other material," Jim Vickers said.

A "20X" hat will cost you about \$300, he said, while a 10X model is about \$150, and a 3X to 5X between \$100 and \$135.

"The first consideration when you're looking for a hat is how much you want to spend," Jim Vickers said. "Then within that price range, look for the best quality you can find."

Style plays a role, of course. High-crown hats have given way to medium crowns, and 4 1/2- to 5-inch brims — easy to roll up or square — are popular at the moment.

"People shape their hats in all kinds of ways," Sandy Vickers said. "A hat is a personal thing."

"I just try not to embarrass my horse," Black said.

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Music

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largely forgotten. Gene Autry and Roy Rogers, who took the country by storm about the same time they conquered Nashville in the early '50s, were soon supplanted by a slicker vibe. The pop-influenced Nashville sound of the 1960s.

Chet Atkins, Eddie Arnold, Jim Reeves, Floyd Cramer, Patsy Cline, Dottie West, Roger Williams and other artists stripped the honky-tonk roughness from traditional country and added jazz production and pop song struc-

tures. A hat would have messed up their carefully coiffed images.
 Outlaw Country was a reaction to what musicians from places like Bakersfield, Lubbock, Austin and Tulsa thought was Nashville gone astray. Black-hatted Merle Haggard and Waylon Jennings were the prophet and the founder, respectively, of the Outlaw sound. Willie Nelson, who wears both black and white hats when he's not sporting a do-rag, quickly became Outlaw country's high priest. Haggard, Jennings and

Nelson are — and were — hugely influential, inspiring country neo-traditionalism, the school of music practiced by George Strait, Vince Gill, Alan Jackson, John Michael Montgomery and others during the 1990s. All the neo-traditional male artists wore cowboy hats on stage — invariably, white cowboy hats.

Then came Tim McGraw, who in an attempt to distinguish himself from all the other "hat acts" in Nashville started featuring a black Stetson. McGraw became a

superstar, and to this day, black hats remain the standard for country music's male performers in their 20s and 30s.

But not for everyone. Many of the hottest crop of current Nashville hit makers — Gary Levox, Jay DeMarcus and Joe Don Rooney of Rascal Flatts; Troy Gentry of Montgomery Gentry; Ronnie Dunn of Brooks and Dunn; Craig Morgan; Jason Michael Carroll; and, famously, Keith Urban — go hatless.

Among Nashville's female stars, the hat era peaked with

the release of Canadian country diva Terri Clark's hit album in 1995. None of the top 10 women now on Billboard's country singles chart ever wear a hat onstage.

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'Buy-in' fees proposed

Some City Council members skeptical

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — While growth continues to expand Twin Falls, questions about paying for it pile up as well.

As the latest symbol of conflict — and skepticism — over how to pay for growth, the Twin Falls City Council on Monday heard a proposal from the city finance department to increase by 355 percent the cost for new users to connect to city services.

The city hopes to recover from unprecedented growth in Twin Falls by implementing "buy-in" fees when new homes or buildings connect to the city's water and sewer systems, Twin Falls Finance Director Gary Evans said.

The idea of such fees — first mentioned in the preliminary budget over the summer — encountered skepticism from some council members, who last month approved \$7,500 for the first phase of a two-part study on impact fees.

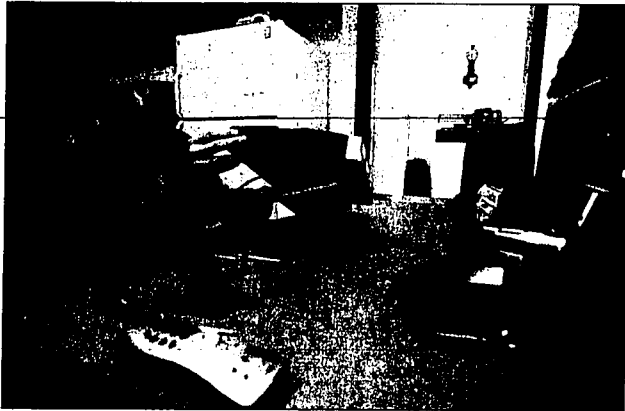
Before recommendations from a 1998 study, new users paid a \$50 permit fee to connect to the city water services. Since then, users have been charged as follows: single-family residences, \$293; duplexes and apartments, \$233; new manufactured housing, \$173. "That fee that was set in time was intended to recover a portion of the additional costs we incurred following that study," he said. "There's a lot of us in this room that have come here in the last 30 years and not paid anything when we hooked onto the system either."

But because of growth, Evans said, current fees charge customers 22 percent of the value of their share of the city water plant and there are only a few major water lines in the city. Further, of the 11 largest cities in the state, Twin Falls charges the least for water and wastewater hookups, with the exception of Idaho Falls, which charges less for wastewater, according to a list provided by Evans.

"It's my estimate this would raise somewhere around a million bucks in a given fiscal

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Fix it or fling it?



Ken Gooding works on electronics at his home Monday in Twin Falls. Gooding is planning to open a business this spring that will specialize in repairs, from vintage radios to modern equipment.

Man tries to restore lost art of repair

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Your husband will love it.

A brand-new DVD player — 30 bucks!

It's the perfect gift, but six months from now that "on sale" DVD player you bought him for Christmas likely could end up in the upper stratum of the Twin Falls County landfill.

Stereos, DVD players and VCRs work great for an ever-shrinking time. Then you toss them out and hope next Christmas comes fast.

Manufacturing companies are competing with cut-throat prices out of Korea and China. But are these companies offering us a great bargain?

Less of one than you think, said Ken Gooding.

"A single-disc DVD player will last six months and then it will be great for the trash," said Gooding, whose passion is repairing machines at reasonable cost from his home. "But they don't want to use that old stuff. They want a brand-new one. And they are manufacturing it so cheap now it's a lot easier to buy a new one. But it doesn't last. It's manufactured so cheap it breaks."

Planned obsolescence is the name of the game.

"Generally speaking, anything that costs less than \$20 to \$50 dollars to buy brand-new is probably not going

to be worth getting repaired," said Brad Richards, owner of Precision Video/Audio Service on Main Avenue, one of the few stereo repair shops in the Magic Valley.

Richards charges a \$40 to \$50 diagnostic fee to inspect the item.

"There's not too many people around anymore that either know how to or want to work on those kind of things," he said.

Repairing an antique TV, an old transistor radio or a favorite alarm clock usually is not lucrative. So stores that retail, as well as repair may push those clients onto the sales floor, where they can make more money, according to Gooding.

"If they can't make \$50 to \$100 dollars then they don't want to do it," Gooding said. "Their goal is to sell you a new one unless you agree to their repair charge."

Gooding recently decided to go into business for himself after 13 years of working for repair shops. He said when he opens his own repair shop in the spring, he will charge a \$15 to \$25 dollar diagnostic fee. One of his goals, he said, is to make having something repaired affordable, and to encourage people to do it.

"If something is easy to repair you just don't need to be charging that much," Gooding said. "Most of your repair shops want to make a certain amount. They have to make money to stay in business. They have families. I don't. I'm just me."

Thirty-two years ago when Richards was 18 years old, he entered the repair business. In 1993, he opened his business on Main Avenue in Twin Falls. At that time, he did not charge a diagnostic fee. But he was losing too much time inspecting unfixable items, he said.

"Kodak, Memorex, they are all made offshore," Richards said. "You can't get parts."

Some items cost the client more to fix than they wanted to pay. "If it's going to cost \$50 to 60 percent of a new one, it's not worth going after," Richards said. "I would put that money toward a new unit."

For Richards as for Gooding, the work is more personally rewarding than it is financially gratifying.

The difference is Gooding will take on nearly any project from a room in his home, while Richards, over the years, has evolved by necessity into more of a financial realist.

Both men face the problem of a production market that is averse to their profession.

"They don't build them to last," Richards said. "They don't want them lasting 15 to 20 years anymore."

Newadays, he said, to buy something that lasts you have to pay a lot more for it.

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Growing pains

Bridge Academy struggles to overcome obstacles

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Students enrolled in the Bridge Academy could learn a lot from its brief history.

For a school that works with students facing academic challenges, the beginning of the Twin Falls School District's Bridge Academy is an appropriate lesson in perseverance through tribulation.

"Oh yeah, we've had some challenges. Let's see, should we start with the physical challenges?" asked Kelleen Chapman, the head teacher at the Bridge Academy. "First, we found out that there was a bomb shelter underneath the senior center where the school was being built. That had to be removed, so it put the construction schedule behind, which is why the whole school was temporarily placed in a classroom that was more like a storage closet."

And that was only the beginning. Chapman described a series of setbacks that the district faced to build the Bridge Academy, which is located across the street from Vern C. O'Leary Junior High and serves as an alternative junior high school.

But one of the academy's biggest challenges is still yet to come.

With the construction of a new high school and the conversion of the Junior high system to a middle school system, the district was hoping to rebuild the academy as a sixth-through eighth-grade alternative middle school.

But the state only allows alternative school funding for seventh through 12th grades, which leaves the sixth grade without an alternative program.

"When you start a school like this, there are going to be some growing pains," said Wiley Dobbs, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District. "We are working with area legislators to revise an Idaho code, which only allows seventh through 12th-grade alternative school funding."

Without state assistance, the district cannot provide a sixth-grade alternative program.

"The rule threw us for a loop because what we really wanted was to have a sixth-through eighth-grade school," Chapman said.

Twenty-three students are enrolled in the Bridge Academy. The academy offers core classes such as math, science and language arts inside three modular classrooms.

But even installing a phone in the

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Castleford to take 'hard-nosed' approach to delinquent bills

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — Castleford maintenance employee Brigg Vulgamore doesn't like having to turn off residents' water, especially in the winter.

Even if people aren't paying the

bill, Vulgamore takes no pleasure in doing what has to be done.

The action has long been a last-ditch resort by a city that has taken pride in giving residents some slack and support when hard times hit.

"I hate to shut off anyone's water. It's horrible," Vulgamore

said.

However, as of Wednesday's council meeting the city was still out more than \$1,500 in accumulated late water bills, nearly a third of the city's monthly water income.

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Library celebrates holiday

By Candace Baltz-Smylie
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Leave it to the library to focus on the historical side of an otherwise sugar-plum filled holiday.

In the front lobby stands a large Christmas tree decorated with historical Twin Falls, Blisbee photographs. Nearby, in a circular case is a display of "The Night Before Christmas" showcasing many different versions of the classic story.

"The Twin Falls Public Library has a half-dozen Christmas trees, one in nearly every section. There are multiple displays of holiday books, music, movies and crafts and even a special gift schedule to drop by Dec. 20.

"We have tons of decorations."

said Jennifer Hills, reference librarian. "The windows are decorated in the front, there is a little Charlie Brown tree that I guess someone thought looked like a Charlie Brown tree and went all out with Charlie Brown items."

There is a steady flow of curious families that come in to check out the craft books and magazines, and to quilt and and papercraft. But, even if crafting isn't someone's forte, Hills said the library has had a lot of success

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School Nurse Kyle Hodges uses the Stollen eye chart to perform an eye examination on a student earlier this year at Oregon Trail Elementary in Twin Falls.

Healthy outlook

District hopes to help itself by helping students

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District is hoping to keep kids in school so it can keep them healthy. Although it might seem like putting the cart before the horse, it's the only way the district can do it.

If the district can increase attendance

by 1 percent, it will receive an additional \$300,000 from the state. And that is money the district would use to hire a full-time nurse.

But school officials say it won't be easy, so district and building administrators will meet Wednesday to brainstorm ways of increasing student attendance at each school.

Wiley Dobbs, superintendent of the Twin Falls School District, said it will be a challenge, but it's a challenge that would benefit both the students and the schools.

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Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg*	% Season
Salmon	71%	19%
Big Wood	65%	15%
Little Wood	62%	16%
Big Lost	62%	16%
Little Lost	66%	19%
Honey's Fork/Teton	65%	15%
Upper Snake Basin	66%	19%
Oakley	96%	23%
Salmon Falls	82%	21%
As of Dec. 11		

* A comparison of basin snowpack, on an average, with a 30 year average.

† A percentage of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.



OBITUARIES

'Coach' Oren LaVere Gooch

JEROME — "Coach" Oren LaVere Gooch, 90 years old, passed away peacefully on Dec. 10, 2006, with his wife, Erma Lee, by his side on their 57th wedding anniversary after a long illness.

"Coach" was born Feb. 8, 1916, at Chesterfield, Idaho (also known as Kelly, Idaho). His parents were John O. and Matilda Folkman Gooch. LaVere was one of eight children. He attended schools at Chesterfield, Idaho (known as the Gooch School), Burley, and here. He graduated from high school in 1933.



In between high school and college, he worked for several years for Western Union; also as a grocery delivery person and at a laundry in Wyoming.

His youngest brother, Robert, encouraged him to go to college, so he started Albion Normal School, a two-year college at that time. In 1942, LaVere received his "Greetings and Uncle Sam" certificate, which allowed to finish his second year of college before he had to be inducted into the U.S. Army. So he was then inducted into Uncle Sam's "Greetings and Uncle Sam" Division of the Company. He served as a communication specialist in the Army and his division was in Africa, Italy, France, Germany, and Japan.

After he left the Army and returned to Albion College, which was then a four-year school, he graduated with a degree and became a teacher. He moved to Jerome, where he returned to 30 years teaching and coaching, all in Jerome. He retired in 1977 as a junior high school teacher. Many students and athletes wrote to him and called on him over the years, praising him and thanking him for the fun, fair, guidance, fairness, trust and respect he had in

their lives. He gained a lot of respect from everyone who knew him. He received many awards in his profession as well as in his community, some of them being Teacher of the Year, Superintendent's Award, Idaho Hall of Fame, Wes Lowe Memorial for "Outstanding Teacher who had and impact on students," Robert Matthews Memorial Award, Elk's Distinguished Citizen Award, American Legion Award, as well as many others.

He was a member of the Jerome Country Club for 32 years and served on the board of directors. Lions Club serving as an officer, American Legion where he also served on the board of directors, and several other community projects such as summer education programs for kids in the early '50s.

"Coach" LaVere married Erma Lee Skaver on Dec. 10, 1949. They were blessed with two daughters, Debra and Linda; three grandchildren, Tighe, Sky and Erin; and two step-grandchildren, Casey and Paul, all of whom survive him, as well as his brother, Robert Gooch; and many nieces, nephews and other family members; as well as an uncle Gary and aunt Barbara Skaver. He was preceded in death by his wife and three brothers and sisters.

A celebration of life will be conducted for "Coach" at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the 1st and 3rd ward LDS Church on East Avenue "B" in Jerome.

A very special thanks to Dr. James Irwin, Lori Butters, Jeanie Benson and all the staff of First Choice Hospice, the Alpha House, family, friends and neighbors for their loving and caring concerns.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Bertha Skiver Teaching Scholarship in the name of Coach, in care of the College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83338, the Idaho Youth Ranch or a charity of one's choice. Services are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Superhero creator Martin Nodell dies

By Joseph D'Onofrio
News Director

For most illustrators, creating a new, iconic character is a dream come true. Martin Nodell, however, helped invent two of the superhero Green Lantern and baker's hero the Pillsbury Doughboy.

Nodell, one of the few surviving artists from comic books' Golden Age and a former Huntington, N.Y., resident, died Saturday in Wisconsin after a brief illness. He was 91.

It was a subway ride in Manhattan that inspired Green Lantern. En route to his Brooklyn home in 1940, Nodell noticed a trainman waving a lantern along the darkened tracks. He coupled the imagery with a magic ring — akin to Wagner's "Ring Cycle," which also inspired "The Lord of the Rings" — and the hero was born.

But when Green Lantern debuted in All-American Comics No. 16 in 1940, the Philadelphia-born artist felt obliged to name the new nominee Mart Dellon.

"Comics were a forbidden literature, culturally unacceptable," Nodell told Newsday in 2000. "It wasn't something you would be proud of."

Two months later, he met his future wife, Carrie, in Coneoy Island. Carrie died in 2004 after 63 years of marriage. In 1941, they moved to

Huntington to live with his brother, Simon.

Green Lantern's prominent fans include Jerry Seinfeld (who joked about the hero in several episodes of his sitcom), sci-fi author Harlan Ellison, singers Donovan and Eminem, DJ Green Lantern, and director Francis Ford Coppola, who said the character stoked his desire to tell stories.

"As a child, Green Lantern was my favorite superhero," Coppola said in 1999. "It brought me imagination. Whether it was the notion of coming into possession of a magic talisman ... or the dashing character I identified with, I don't know."

After stints at DC and Marvel Comics (where he drew Captain America and Human Torch), Nodell joined the Leo Burnett Agency as art director. In 1965, his design team had an idea: a pop-art, fresh idea, actually: the Pillsbury Doughboy.

"They wanted something in 3-D for live stop-motion," Nodell said. "Most commercials don't last more than a second. He's still going," Pillsbury officials say the jiggly mascot has been poked about 60,000 times in hundreds of ads.

World's oldest person dies at 116

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bolden, recognized as the world's oldest person, died Monday at a nursing home, the obituary administrator said. She was 116.

Bolden was born Aug. 15, 1890, according to the Gerontology Research Group, a Los Angeles organization that tracks the ages of the world's oldest people.

Guinness World Records recognized Bolden as the oldest person in the world in August after the death of Maria Esther de Capovilla of Ecuador, who also was 116.

Bolden died at the Mid-South Health and Rehabilitation Center, a nursing home where she had been living for several years, the center's administrator, Charlotte

Darrell Wayne Myers

of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Corey Myers, Wayne Myers and Jeff Myers, all of Oregon; one sister, JoeAnn Thrall; four nieces, Debra Jackson of California, Michelle



Freeman of Jerome, Idaho, Terry Thrall of Colorado and Tammy Thrall of Keetchikan, Idaho; and a nephew, David Heaton of Twin Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life will be held for Darrell at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the FreeWill Baptist Church in Jerome, Idaho. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, Idaho.

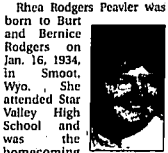
Darrell is survived by his four children, Alisha Murphy

HAGERMAN — Our dear sweet wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend went to the arms of her Heavenly Father on Dec. 8, 2006.

Rhea Rodgers Peavler was born to Bert and Bernice Rodgers on Jan. 16, 1934, in Smoot, Wyo. She attended Star Valley High School and was the homescoming queen her junior year. She was sealed to William Fredrick Peavler in the Idaho Falls Temple on March 29, 1951.

Rhea R. Peavler

Her many accomplishments were fulfilling many callings: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a never-ending knowledge to help others with holistic healing. Most importantly, bearing and raising 11 children. Before her illness, Rhea enjoyed cooking, canning, making quilts and loving her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and community.



She is survived by her husband, Fred; children, Mike and Joanie Peavler of Albuquerque, N.M., Matt and Barbara Peavler of Kempter, Wyo., Mark and Janet Peavler of Tremonton, Utah, Derrick and Judy Peavler of Green River, Wyo., Connie and Terry

Shy of Honeyville, Utah, Zed and Marilyn Peavler of Bliss, Idaho; Kip Peavler of Logan, Utah, Lex and Mary Peavler of Northridge, Calif., Myrann and Mike Holbrook of Concrete, Wash., Crystal and Cleo Tannous of Manassas, Va., and Spring and Herb Runyan of Castleford, Idaho; sisters, Ada Gardner and Ann, Alfred, both of St. George, Utah, and Valene Cheney of Hagerman, Idaho; and brother, Bert Rodgers of Oregon. She will be missed by her grandchildren, Isaac, Amanda, Nathaniel, Marla, Jean, Mackenzie, Cynthia, Jason, Melissa, Jennifer, Shelayna, Kaylor, Shelby, Tiffany, Rustie, Kellie, Austin, Randi, Robert, Teresa, Kamilee, Cody, Tanya, Aaron, Eric, Brad, Chad, Tara, Casey, Colton, Bailey, Jackie, Kirsten, Emily, Hayden, Sam, Emma, Marie, Zachary and Amy; and her great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Bert and Bernice Rodgers; and brother, Scott Rodgers.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Hagerman LDS Church by Bishop Jay Hauser. Burial will follow at the Hagerman Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Domsy Funeral Service in Gooding.

DEATH NOTICES

Kenneth G. Dean

BURLEY — Kenneth Guy Dean, 85, of Declo, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Candice L. Wood

TWIN FALLS — Candice L. Wood, 41, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 1, 2006, in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Juanita A. Romero

GOODING — Juanita A. Romero, 93, of Gooding, died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Domsy Funeral Service in Gooding.

Hilda Wilson

BURLEY — Hilda Wilson, 92, of Burley, died Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

William O. Baker

DECLO — William Ottis

Onar Eldredge of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; graveside service at 1:30 p.m. today at the Bellevue Cemetery on Chestnut Street in Bellevue. Friends and family may call one hour before the funeral today at the mortuary.

Ralph H. "Kelly" Poulton of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 355 N. Center Ave.; friends may call 10 to 10:40 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Ethel Alleen Combe Loweday of Kimberly, funeral at noon today at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E.; viewing one hour before the service today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Frances Gale "Fran" Gooch of Murtaugh, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Oakley Cemetery; friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the Pacific Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Charles Justin "C.J." Gose of Boise, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Lutheran Church; inurnment at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Fielding Memorial Cemetery in Idaho Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Marion Pugmire of Hagerman, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Hagerman Cemetery; a gathering of friends will follow at the Hagerman LDS Church (Demary Funeral Service in Gooding).

Blanca Chalez of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Little Flower Catholic Church in Burley; viewing from 5 to 7 p.m., with rosary at 6 p.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Leola Faye (Norris) Deatherage of Idaho Falls and formerly of Kimberly, funeral at 10 a.m. Friday at the Berean Baptist Church, 2975 E. First St. in Idaho Falls; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Home in Idaho Falls).

Shirley Rebecca Clark of

Jolenta E. "Minnie" Halfhide of Jerome, memorial Mass at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 584 W. Sexton St. in Blackfoot; a second memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Eula Anita Brady of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 740 Sixth St.; viewing for family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service Wednesday at the mortuary.

Steven T. Lammers of Nampa and formerly of Buhl, memorial service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Ten Mile Community Church, 4440 E. Columbia Road in Meridian (Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel in Nampa).

Bernice Reynolds of Gooding, funeral at 3 p.m. Thursday at Demary's Gooding Chapel; friends and family may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary.

Leola Faye (Norris) Deatherage of Idaho Falls and formerly of Kimberly, funeral at 10 a.m. Friday at the Berean Baptist Church, 2975 E. First St. in Idaho Falls; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Buck-Miller-Hann Funeral Home in Idaho Falls).

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SERVICES

Twin Falls, private family service in Twin Falls; funeral at 1 p.m. Dec. 19 at the First Presbyterian Church on State Street in Boise (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, and Summers Funeral Home in Boise).

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Health

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"We've done the calculations, and if we can improve our average daily attendance by 1 percent, that would bring in over \$300,000 dollars to the district," Dobbs said. "Our average is already pretty high — right now it's around 95 percent, and that's pretty high — but we would like to raise it 1 percent."

During a meeting Monday, the school board proposed to use any additional state money from increased attendance to pay for a full-time school nurse.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, South Central District Health and Idaho Health and Welfare domestic part-time registered nurses to work in the elementary schools.

"Our district does not provide adequate nursing services when you look at other districts around the state or even the nation," Dobbs said. "So what we would like to do is match what (St. Luke's) Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is giving us so that we can provide a full-time school nurse."

Kyle Hodges, a registered nurse with St. Luke's Magic

Here or there

Schools with the highest and lowest average daily attendance:
Elementary schools
Highest: Sawtooth Elementary School: 97 percent
Lowest: Pertine Elementary School: 94.7 percent
Middle schools
Highest: Vera C. O'Leary: 96.5 percent
Lowest: Robert Stuart: 94.5 percent
High schools
Highest: Twin Falls High School: 95.9 percent
Lowest: Magic Valley High School: 94.6 percent
*Average daily attendance report for month of November
Source: Twin Falls School District

Valley Regional Medical Center, works between 20 to 30 hours per week at seven elementary schools.

She screens for vision problems, checks for head lice, treats minor injuries and communicates with parents.

"There is a real need for a full-time nurse in the schools, so over 40 hours per week is

just a drop in the bucket," she said.

Like all states, Idaho helps fund local schools based on each district's average daily student attendance.

Dobbs said increasing student attendance could be as simple as promoting frequent hand-washing to avoid the spread of cold and flu viruses.

Student attendance in the district has declined by about 1 percentage point since last year. Dobbs said the district does not know why attendance declined.

"This is the first year that we have compiled this data, and what we have noticed is that some schools are up and some schools are down," he said. "In the future, I see the district tracking this data more closely and working to improve the results."

But Bill Southwick, director

of behavioral health and post-acute care at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said a full-time nurse can help the school district meet the attendance goal by keeping kids healthy and in the classroom.

Even though 1 percent might seem like a small

amount, it means that 666 students would have to attend one more day each year — and that's not exactly a friendly number.

Times-News writer Justine Palmer covers education. She can be reached at jpalmer@magvalley.com or at (208) 420-0526.

Fees

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year," Evans said.

The impact fee study approved by the council is not looking at water or sewer impact fees because of the buy-in fees presented on Monday. Community Development Director Mitch Hamble said.

"This is essentially an impact fee without being defined as an impact fee," he

told the council.

Another option is to charge all residents a fee depending on their length of residency. Buy-in fees are different from impact fees because they pay for current growth while impact fees are estimates of what is needed in the future, City Manager Tom Courtney said.

Councilman David E. Johnson, however, did not

completely agree and wanted more information about buy-in fees.

"I conceptually buy into this but I don't like what looks like huge increases, and what really is huge increases, and I think before we do this we need a big picture," he said.

Councilman Greg Lanting said popular reaction to growth falls into three camps: that growth should pay for

itself, that its cost should be shared and that it should be rejected — but he said a solution is needed.

"I just don't want to see us in a train wreck down the road because we didn't have any idea the Blue Lakes trunk was in trouble," he said. "I don't think we can wait on impact fees. I don't think we can wait on everything else. I think we need to get it going."

Bills

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It is an ever-present problem for the city and the council decided they would change how they dealt with late payers.

"I don't want to be a horrible person. I understand that some people are always past due," said Mayor Rita Ruffing. "As a city, we have always worked with those who couldn't pay, but do we need to continue

handling this in the same way?"

The city allows residents up to two months' delinquency before shutting off the water and in some cases accepts partial payment to keep the water flowing.

"We have to draw that line somewhere, said newly sworn-in Councilman Richard Schlund. The rest of the council agreed.

Ruffing presented the council with Ordinance 34, showing that the city already has the authority to shut off water five days after the first delinquent bill.

The city doesn't want to take its new guidelines to that extreme, but will tighten the reins all the same, allowing one month delinquency before taking steps to turn off water.

"It is hard because we have

to run the city like a business, that's our job," said Councilwoman Pansy Pettit. "But we do have our residents' best interests at heart. But we have to do something. At first people might be upset, but they will call around and hear that everyone else in the valley has a high water bill too, and that they have to have their bill paid in much the same time frame."

Academy

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school was a challenge.

"We just received phones last week, and we had been waiting on one computer until a month ago because the district couldn't lay lines under

the street," Chapman said. "Then about four weeks ago, we lost one of our teachers, so that threw another wrench into the wheel."

As if it wasn't hard enough, Chapman also was undergo-

ing chemotherapy during the beginning of the school year.

But she said the academy has managed to do what it set out to do, which is to help struggling students return to a normal, classroom environ-

ment.

"Many students consider this to be a new start, but obviously we want them to return," she said. "You might say that we hope to work ourselves out of a job."

Library

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fitting visitors with items to check out.

"We usually can find something for anybody... There is a big copy of Santa Claus," said Hills. "It's called 'St. Nicholas from Saint to Santa Claus.' I think I might check that out."

The holiday selection features new items like pop music versions of holiday songs, as well as classics like the stop-animation Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer movie. The collection also has things many probably wish they'd copied out of a magazine

when they first saw it a decade ago.

"We've saved magazines from previous years that have crafts and recipes for the holidays," said Hills. "It took a while to go through everything, but we have a really nice collection."

The big thing to see, though, will be 10:30 a.m. Dec. 20 when a "special guest" stops by for stories and songs as part of the weekly Thrive Time. Toddlers up through 5 years old and their families are invited to take part. No reservation is required.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bluegrass association will meet and jam today

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Sawtooth Bluegrass Association will hold a meeting and jam session at 7 p.m. today at Gertie's Brick Oven Cokery (downstairs), 602 Second Ave. S. Dinner will begin at 8 p.m. The event is open to the public.

For more information, call Rod at 326-5224.

Santa to visit Paul on a fire truck

PAUL — The firemen at West End Fire and Rescue will take Santa around Paul on a fire truck, beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday.

American Legion to hold Christmas party

TWIN FALLS — The American Legion Post 7 and Auxiliary will hold a Christmas party today at the Post Home, 447 Senstrom St.


Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Items for the Christmas baskets and new toys or games for the

Mountain States Tumor Institute toy barn. There will be entertainment and drawings.

Veterans, wives and widows of veterans is invited. New

transfers from Post 85 are very welcome.

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AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON

Bush seeks advice on new course in Iraq

WASHINGTON — President Bush, eager to see how he can take advice on Iraq, embarked on a round of public outreach Monday and promised Americans the unpopular war eventually would make their lives safer.

Preparing for a major speech on the war's future, Bush took the short trip to the State Department to review options with advisers there, then hosted a handful of experts on Iraq policy in the Oval Office.

"Like most Americans, this administration wants to succeed in Iraq because we understand success in Iraq means success in the United States in the long run," Bush said after his State Department briefing.

The White House remained tightlipped on how Bush is likely to change strategy, saying the president is awaiting reports from his national security team before announcing a plan to the nation. That is expected to happen before Christmas.

MISSOURI

Annan critical of White House in farewell speech

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan took his criticism of the Bush administration to the nation's heartland Monday, saying America must not sacrifice its democratic ideals while waging war against terrorism.

In the hometown of President Harry Truman, who helped found the United Nations, Annan said "human rights and the rule of law are vital to global security and prosperity."

When the U.S. "appears to abandon its own ideals and objectives, its friends abroad are naturally troubled and confused," Annan told a packed audience at the Truman Presidential Museum and Library.

Annan also said the U.N. Security Council should be expanded to better reflect today's world.

Annan, an increasingly vocal critic of the war in Iraq, leaves the United Nations on Dec. 31 after 10 years as secretary-general. He chose the Truman museum for his final major speech in part because it is dedicated to a president who was instrumental in the organization's founding.

NEW YORK

'Peace mom' Sheehan convicted of trespassing

NEW YORK — Cindy Sheehan, who emerged as one of the most vocal opponents of the Iraq war after her son was killed, was convicted Monday of trespassing for trying to deliver an anti-Iraq war petition to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

Annan and three other women were acquitted of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and obstructing government administration. They will

not face punishment as long as they stay out of trouble for the next six months, and were ordered to pay \$95 in court surcharges.

"They had faced up to a year in jail for the same offense," Sheehan said in a statement. "It's George Bush and his cronies who should be on trial, not peaceful women trying to stop this devastating war."

Verdict, however, will not stop us from continuing to work tirelessly to bring our troops home."

NASA

Shuttle docks with orbiting space station

The shuttle Discovery docked with the International Space Station on Monday at 2:12 p.m. PST, beginning a weeklong visit to deliver a major structural component, rewrite the station's electrical system and deliver astronaut Sunita Williams for her six-month stay in the orbiting laboratory.

Two days after the craft's nighttime launch from Kennedy Space Center in Florida, commander Mark Polansky eased the orbiter's docking port against the space station's port high over Southeast Asia.

"You've got a resident and six houseguests that are ready to come aboard," Polansky radioed the space station.

The station's commander, NASA astronaut Michael Lopez-Alegria, responded: "You guys won't even have to wipe your feet when you come in."

Five of the seven astronauts are making their first visit to the station. An hour before docking, Polansky flipped over the shuttle to expose its belly to the station so crew members could photograph the heat-shield tiles crucial for the craft's scheduled reentry Dec. 21.

The digital photos were transmitted to the ground for examination. So far, there has been no indication of damage to the shuttle or its tiles during the Saturday night launch.

IRAN

Holocaust doubters gather for conference

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran hosted Holocaust deniers from around the world Monday at a conference examining whether the Nazi genocide took place, a meeting Israel's prime minister condemned as a "sick phenomenon."

The 67 participants from 30 countries included former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke and Holocaust skeptics who have been prosecuted in Europe for questioning whether 6 million Jews were killed by the Nazis or whether gas chambers were ever used.

"The number of victims at the Auschwitz concentration camp could be about 2,007," Australian Frederick Toben told the conference, according to a Farsi translation of his remarks. "The railroad to the camp did not have enough

capacity to transfer large numbers of Jews," said Toben, who was jailed in 1999 in Germany for casting doubt on the Holocaust.

The two-day conference was initiated by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in an apparent attempt to burnish his status as a tough opponent of Israel.

GAZA

Gunmen kill 3 children of Palestinian official

JERUSALEM — Gunmen in Gaza City opened fire Monday on the car of a senior Palestinian intelligence official, killing his three children as they were being dropped off at school. The intelligence officer, Bahar Abu-Dousha, was not in the car during the morning attack. He is closely identified with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah party, and participated in a crackdown in the 1990s against members of the rival Hamas movement in Gaza.

The incident came a day after gunmen fired on the convoy of Interior Minister Sa'ad Slyam, a powerful Hamas official who was not injured in the shooting.

Taken together, the incidents raised the prospect of renewed partisan fighting in Gaza after several months of relative calm between the armed wings of Fatah and Hamas.

The flare-up comes as Abbas and officials of Hamas, which refuses to recognize Israel, have reached an impasse in talks to form a power-sharing government acceptable to for-

ign donors, who cut off aid to the Palestinian Authority following the radical, Islamic movement's election victory in January.

CHILE

Pinochet mourners angry about lack of honors

SANTIAGO, Chile — Thousands of mourners honored Gen. Augusto Pinochet on Monday, many weeping openly as they kissed his glass-topped casket in a military ceremony that exposed deep divisions over the legacy of his 17-year dictatorship.

The ceremony followed a violent night of clashes that left 44 police officers injured and 99 demonstrators arrested. The scattered fights between Pinochet's supporters and opponents capped a jubilant evening for thousands of Chileans who took to the streets to celebrate his death Sunday at age 91.

This is a time "to pray for the soul of Gen. Pinochet, but also for the soul of Chile," Santiago Archbishop Cardinal Francisco Javier Errazuriz said. Waiting for hours to view his coffin inside the Santiago Military Academy, the crowd sang the national anthem and criticized President Michelle Bachechet for denying Pinochet a national mourning period and full state funeral befitting a former president.

Bachechet relegated the former army commander to his military past by ordering flags flown at half-staff only at military barracks, and sending her defense minister to the ceremony in her stead.

"Chile cannot forget," Bachechet said in her first public comments about Pinochet's death. "Only then will we have a constructive vision of our future, guaranteeing respect for the fundamental rights of all Chileans."

Like tens of thousands of

other Chileans, Bachechet was herself a victim of the Pinochet security state. Her father died after being tortured by Pinochet's forces. She and her mother were jailed, mistreated and forced into exile.

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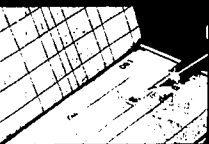
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Su 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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705 Highway 30
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M-Su 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.

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937 E. Main St.
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M-Sa 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Su 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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M-F 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sa 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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